


Patrons of Parishes & SAINT ANNE


 OW grateful should we not be to God for having given each church a holy Patron as protector and benefactor ! We should be still more grateful when we see that He communicates his powers to those holy patrons for our good ; that He attaches the virtue of miracles to their images and relics and seems to place their persons between Him and us, as a channel whereby He is pleased to cause His blessings and His gifts to flow towards us. We see this above all in the places of pilgrimage where the saints whom we venerate seem to be ever openhanded and to give bountifully.

How many churches that have St. Anne for their patroness should be filled with this gratitude to God ! Ste Anne d'Auray, Ste Anne d'Apt, Ste Anne of Jerusalem, Ste Anne de Beaupré and hundreds of others vie in acknow'edging the greatness, the power and the goodness of Her who is the mother of God's mother and the grandmother of Jesus.

One of the most remarkable among privileged shrines is that of Beaupré in Canada. There the Author of all good has caused a source of marvelous graces to open wherein every one may obtain what is needed in this life and for salvation. Of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Anne's blessed daughter, it is said : *de Maria nunquam satis*, Mary's praises cannot be too often sung ! We might also say : *de Anna nunquam satis*. Although for over twenty-six years, the *Annals* have been publishing the praises and the goodness of St. Anne, they will never say enough. They are but a faint echo of the praises that have resounded through all the ages of the Church and for over two hundred years on the *côte de Beaupré*. As the popular hymn says : « Towards her shrine for over two hundred years, the Virgin leads her children to her mother. »