

Persons the most eminent for their influence and their high dignity have come to lay at the feet of St Anne the homage of their devotion and of their profound respect.

Pope Urban II, in 1096, when he came to preach the crusade in France ; Urban V, en 1365 ; queen Jane, countess of Provence, and her royal husband ; James of Aragon, from 1373 to 1376 ; King René, in 1470, have made the pilgrimage of St Anne of Apt. Francis I, King of France, come to prove his devotion in 1527 ; countess of Tende, in 1553 ; cardinal di Conti, bishop of Aucona, on the 18th of December, 1604.

In 1617, the marquis of Malostata presented to St Anne a beautiful reliquary in silver to enclose her precious relics.

In 1653, Marshal de Vitry presented a gold lamp of five pounds in weight and of the richest workmanship. He went a second time to Apt, on the 15th of April, 1635. The following day the duke d'Angoulême visited the shrine.

In 1645, the constable de Lesdiguières and the vice-legat of Avignon came to Apt to venerate the relics of St Anne.

In 1660, the wife of Louis XIII, Anne of Austria, went to the tomb of her august patroness. On the 28th of March the bishop of Apt, Modestus de Villeneuve, having received the queen at the head of his clergy, spoke an address in her honor, and gave her a solemn reception. After having assisted at mass, the queen venerated the relics of her holy patron saint, visited the two crypts, and did not retire without leaving behind her noble testimonies of her royal munificence. She presented to St. Anne a statue in massive gold representing the Saint, about six inches in height, an eagle of the same metal, of about the same proportions, enriched with emeralds, and a