

that it was the divine will that the mother of Mary should be honored anew in the same place as where she had been venerated nine centuries previously. Furthermore, that the ancient statue which had stood in the old chapel should be sought for and would certainly be found. After many difficulties from the pastor and the Bishop, it was finally decided to undertake the necessary excavations, and, as had been promised, the gladsome result was that the old statue was discovered. This was on march 8th 1625.—Such was the miraculous origin of the Shrine and pilgrimage of St. Anne d'Auray, now so deservedly celebrated throughout the whole catholic world.



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