

through our beloved missions of North Dakota, it is edifying and consoling to find that in more than three fourths of our new missions, among the whites and among our poor Indians, we find the loveable statues and shining little altars of good St. Anne and of good St. Anthony. They seem to be on an equal footing. Edifying instances of miraculous cures with the bread given to the poor in honor of St. Anthony, follow one another everywhere

The question of a grand pilgrimage to Ste Anne de Beaupré is strongly discussed among the twelve or fifteen groups of Canadian farmers in North Dakota. Of course several Canadian missionaries will accompany them and your humble servant greatly hopes to be of the number. *Au revoir* therefore and may our great Patroness and Thaumaturga assist and bless these splendid demonstrations of faith and piety so fruitful in happy results for your fine and beloved Canadian population, abroad as at home.

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The Venerable Cæsar Sportelli C. SS. R. — The servant of God, Cæsar Sportelli of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer has just been declared Venerable by the Holy See.

To this holy religious is due the honor of being the first companion of St. Alphonsus and consequently the first born of the Alphonsian family. An advocate at first, a vision of the last judgment made him resolve to abandon the world and embrace the religious life. He was one of the finest supports and one of the purest glories of the nascent institute. St. Alphonsus bears this fine testimony in his favor that he practised all the religious and apostolic virtues to a heroic degree.

Born at Mola, in the kingdom of Naples on the 19th June 1701, the Venerable Sportelli died at Pagani on the 19th March 1750.

Several marvels followed closely upon his death and served for the glorification of his holy remains. Thrice in the space of a few years his tomb was opened, and thrice was his body found intact, flexible and beautiful as if alive, exhaling a most agreeable odor. When somebody opened a vein in his arm, the red blood flowed freely. These facts as well as many cures obtained through the intercession of God's servant determined St. Alphonsus to ask the Holy See for authority to take steps to secure his beatification ; but the misfortunes of the time prevented this from being carried out. They were resumed in 1894 and, on the 4th December last, Leo XIII set his signature