

Superior General of our Congregation, has just granted a great favor to our Canadian vice-province. The latter had a juvenate for some years but had not yet a novitiate. Now our first Superior has decided upon establishing a novitiate which will shortly be opened at Hochelaga. In future young men who feel called to the religious life in the Institute of St. Alphonsus may serve their apprenticeship to that life in this country.



Echo of the Missions.—The flourishing mission of St Cyrille de Wendover in the diocese of Nicolet, was lately evangelized by Rev. Fathers Hoyois and Barolet of our house of Ste Anne de Beaupré.

About the same time a mission was also preached in the parish of Buckland, county of Bellechasse, by Rev. Fathers Lamontagne and Manise of the same community.

Favorable weather, the generosity of the parishioners and the grace of God made these missions completely successful.

Several subscriptions to the *Annals* came in to us, from these parishes after the holy exercises of the missions.

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The origin of a famous Church.

The Church of Saint Mary Major, in Rome, owes its origin to a miraculous event. A wealthy Roman patrician, being childless, could not decide on whom to bestow his riches, and prayed to our Blessed Lady for direction. In answer to his request, she appeared to him in a dream one summer's night, commanding him to go out the next morning, and when he found a place covered with snow, to build a church in her honor. To his wife and to the reigning Pope the same vision was vouchsafed. On the top of Mount Esquiline they found, in spite of the heat of the weather, a snowy mantle spread; and there Pope Liberius, with his crosier, traced the outlines of the church afterward so celebrated. This happened on the 5th of August, just at that season when the heat of an Italian summer is most intense. Saint Mary Major is also called Saint Mary of the Snow.