

everything stands out. The eye can contemplate with ease the magnificent medallions on which are painted various subjects and scenes relating to the devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Most Blessed Virgin.



**Religious Coremonies.** — The parishioners St Anne, who are so busy during the summer season and are obliged to content themselves with what is strictly necessary in devotional matters, in order to place themselves at the service of the pilgrims, find ample compensation during winter. Every morning several masses are said in the Sacristy, which is converted into a winter chapel. Every evening, benediction is chanted before the Most Blessed Sacrament which is exposed. On every Sunday and Holiday, the solemn services are celebrated in the Basilica itself.

That is not all. In addition to the Divine Bread that is abundantly distributed to them at all times, the parishioners yearly enjoy the benefit of a Retreat that lasts two weeks: the first being for men, and the second, for the women. And, while holy sermons are preached in the Basilica for the parishioners residing in the village and its vicinity, others are given at the same time, during five days, for those who reside in the Concession called « Les Sept-Crans. » This year, the retreat was preached: in the Basilica, by Reverend Father Fiset, of our Hochelaga Convent, and, in the Concession, by Reverend Father René, of St Anne de Beaupré. Our parishioners always derive great benefit from these retreats. They feel that they need to provide themselves with spiritual strength before beginning the work connected with the pilgrimages.

This year, at the close of the second retreat, with the permission of His Grace Archbishop Bégin, the administrator of the Diocese, a new ceremony was here introduced, which however is habitual in the houses of our Order: that is, the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the days that immediately precede Lent. The faithful thus have an opportunity of making reparation by their prayers, for the many sins committed during that period of disorder by bad Christians.

