

In the battle of this life,
 Foes are strong and threaten loss ;
 Give me vict'ry in the strife
 'Neath the banner of the cross.

Holy Mary, lend thine aid,
 When the hour of death shall come ;
 When this world from me shall fade,
 Mother, call my spirit home.

M. S. B.

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PASTORAL LETTER

OF THE BISHOPS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,
 PROMULGATING THE BRIEF WHICH CONSTITUTES ST. ANN
 PATRONESS OF THE SAID PROVINCE.

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IV .

WORSHIP OF RELICS AND IMAGES.

According to the holy council of Trent (Sess. XXV), we should honor the dead bodies of the martyrs and of the other Saints who reign with Jesus Christ. Their bodies were His living members and the temples of the Holy Ghost, and are preordained to an eternal and happy resurrection.

We also honor the instruments of their penance and of their martyrdom, because such things recall to us their examples, their virtues, their merits, their glorious death. We keep with respect the articles which belonged to them, because of the remembrance of their piety which they awake in our soul.

Pious images, finally, are dear and venerable to us, because they serve to recall more easily and more vividly the mysteries, or the Saints we honor.

In truth, O. D. B. B., these dry bones, these inanimate things, these paintings and sculptures have of them-