

are also blessed by God, who can doubt it ? Thanks to their zeal, thousands upon thousands of pilgrims visit the sanctuary of Beaupré, who would never have enjoyed such a privilege without the advantages of an organized pilgrimage. And during those pilgrimages, how many prayers, how many fervent communions, how many privations and fatigues borne in a spirit of penance, how many firm resolutions to lead a more Christian life, in a word, how many good works, which redound to the glory of God, the good of souls and the edification of our neighbor !

Of these priceless advantages, the Sovereign Pontiffs and the Bishops have always had a very high opinion. They have always encouraged, and blessed these public manifestations of piety, because they strengthen faith, excite fervor, and increase in souls all that attaches them to religion and to God.

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LINES ON A PICTURE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
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O Mother of the Child Divine !
O Virgin ever blest !
What joy that lovely smile of thine
Awakens in my breast.

Thy radiant face, how pure and mild,
Replete with heav'nly charms,
While gazing on thy holy Child,
Reposing in thy arms.

And Jesus seems to say to thee,
So grateful for thy care,
Ask, Mother, what thou wilt of me
And I will grant thy prayer.

Oh, ask for me, then, Mother dear,
That I may be forgiven ;
That when I leave my exile here,
My home may be in heaven.

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