

Ward, yet we cannot refrain from reproducing in our first issue such a loving tribute to our Dear Mother, the pious and gifted author of this poem having duly authorized us to do so, as may be seen from the following extract of one of his letters ;

" Dear Reverend Father,

Please find enclosed the poem which I promised you. If you think it worth publishing, you may do so, when you give out the Annals of St Anne, for which I am willing to give you all the assistance in my power.

M. S. B.

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PASTORAL LETTER

PROMULGATING A PONTIFICAL RESCRIPT OF THE 26th OF APRIL
1887 RAISING TO THE RANK OF AN ARCHCONFRATERNITY,
THE CONFRATERNITY OF ST ANNE DE BEAUPRÉ
WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE 27th
OF SEPTEMBER 1886.

ELZEAR-ALEXANDER TASCHIEREAU, CARDINAL PRIEST,
OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH OF THE MITH OF ST MARY OF
VICTORY, BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE APOSTOLIC SEE
ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC.

*To the Clergy Secular and Regular and to all the Faithful of the
Archdiocese of Quebec, Greeting and Benediction in Our Lord.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

The ever growing devotion towards the Good Saint Anne, patroness of the civil province of Quebec, prompted Us last year, to establish in the Basilica of St Anne de Beaupré, a confraternity destined to glorify this great Saint by rendering her worship more general and practical, and also to enable a greater number of souls to profit by the graces which God is pleased to bestow upon her devoted servants. It is likewise a means of offering to parishes and christian families, the opportunity of drawing down upon themselves her beneficent protection, and of procuring for the faithful, especially for poor sinners, for the sick, the infirm, and the dying, the precious advantage of participating in the merit of an immense union of prayers, and numberless masses in her honor.