

he gently expired on the 19th March, the very day consecrated to the honor of St. Joseph.

The history of the barefooted Carmelites tells us that the venerable sister Anne of St. Augustine, a Theresian, was at the point of death and several nuns saw her assisted by St. Joseph and St. Theresa and quite transported with joy. It was afterwards learned that another nun, in another convent, had seen her ascend to heaven between St. Joseph and St. Theresa.

Finally Father John of Allosso relates in his book on St. Joseph, that a religious of St. Augustine appeared after his death to one of his companions, and told him that God had delivered him from hell owing to his particular devotion to St. Joseph. He afterwards declared that the Saint, as the putative father of Jesus-Christ, has great credit with God.

(St. Alphonsus of Liguori)

BAPTISMAL NAMES

IN 1878, His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau wrote to the director of the *Annals* as follows: « I would like to see in each number an abridged history of some Saint, especially of the patrons of our parishes. This would greatly contribute to putting a stop to the custom, which is becoming only too universal, of giving children strange names which have nothing in common with Catholic traditions. »

Unfortunately this abuse which His Eminence wished to suppress, has become more general. In vain does the clergy oppose it. Look over the baptismal registers and you will find on nearly every page names that would cause our fathers, in the faith to blush. Beside names disfigured and distorted you will find those of celebrated criminals, of infamous authors or heroes of novels, or again of horses, dogs, vessels, stars, birds, nay even of pagan goddesses or idols. If we do not give a full list it is because we fear to hurt the feelings of those who bear such names; for you may be sure that the