

magnificent statue, are the fruits of your liberality and zeal for the glory of Mary. It is therefore incumbent on you, above all others, to honour her in this sanctuary. To you is given the privilege of gathering the first fruits and choicest favours she wishes to bestow on her children. On you, above all others, devolves the obligation of displaying your zeal and fervour in her behalf, by your visits to her temple, and your assiduity in paying to her the grateful tribute of your devotion. To you it should be a constant practice, never to pass before her Sanctuary, without entering to visit her, and offer her your homage.

To induce, as far as in us lies, you and all the faithful who occasionally visit Quebec, to honour, according to our expressed views and intentions, the Blessed Virgin, in her church of our Lady of Victories, in the Lower Town, after having invoked the holy name of God, we have declared, and do hereby decree, what follows:—

1. In the name of the City and Diocese of Quebec, whose venerable Pastor we now represent, we dedicate and consecrate anew this Church to the Blessed Virgin, as an eternal monument of our gratitude for her protection and blessings, of our joy and of our hope, on the auspicious occasion of the publication of the solemn decree of the Immaculate Conception in this province.

2. It is our wish and desire, that this venerated Sanctuary be resorted to, as a place of pilgrimage, by all the faithful who may be anxious to obtain any special favour through the intercession of Mary; and we implore her, in our capacity of Pastor of Souls, to condescend to hearken to their vows and supplications.

3. We re-establish, in the aforesaid Church, the Festival of our Lady of Victories, which will be celebrated with the rite of a double-major festival, as hitherto, on the Sunday before the 22nd October; its celebration will be duly announced both in this Church and the Cathedral, on the previous Sunday.

4. We appoint the fourth Sunday of each month for the solemn Benediction, hitherto observed on the 25th of each month.

5. For the greater convenience of citizens and pilgrims, we desire that a Low Mass be celebrated on Sundays, festivals and week days, at 7 o'clock in Summer, and between 7 and 8 in Winter.

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