Frequently, it is said, his great spirit of faith led him to go at night to kindle at the lamp burning in the sanctuary the taper that was to give him light while he wrote his mandements and pastoral letters. . . . .

All who approached Bishop Bourget, all who knew him are unanimous in praising his inexhaustible stock of charity and of kindness. Often prejudiced persons were seized with admiration after a few seconds conversation with the amiable pontiff. Just as he remained firm against vice and error, so was he tender and compassionate for persons without regard to their fortune or social condition. . . . .

His death was that of a saint ; his funeral was a triumph ! Never had Montreal witnessed so grand or so touching obsequies. We can recall these recollections with emotion but cannot attempt to describe them.

Let us therefore silently praise the Lord for the glory he grants to his great servants. Let us praise him for the universal reputation for sanctity enjoyed by Bishop Bourget during his life and which did but increase after his death. And without in any way forestalling the decisions of the only competent tribunal in these matters, may we be permitted to hope that this glorious survival will one day be consecrated by the infallible judgment of the Church. »

Yes, and we are pleased to think that Good St. Anne will not be a stranger to the realization of the wishes of Bishop Bourget's worthy successor. Everybody knows the great and sincere devotion of the saintly bishop for the great Thaumaturga of Canada. In 1873 he solemnly consecrated his fine and vast diocese of Ville-Marie to her. And how often did he not come to pray to his favorite saint in the shrine of Beaupré. We may therefore be permitted to hope that the glorious and powerful Patroness of our country will interest herself in heaven in the cause of that illustrious son of Canada and help him to attain one day the supreme honor of the altars.

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