

duous in hearing mass and coming to confession. They still keep all the feasts that were kept in their own country.

On the feast of the Sacred Heart, I was at Hunsvalley and the church was full of people. A new church is wanted there, for the present one is too small and moreover, its site is unsuitable. A teacher knowing both English and Polish would also be needed to teach the children properly and make them learn the Catechism, for the present generation of children is very backward.

The material condition of these people is as a rule very wretched. Frequently two, three and four families live in a single room which serves at the same time as kitchen, dining and sleeping room.

The Galicians are eager for small crosses, medals and similar articles of devotion. I do not think there is a single man or woman who does not wear a small crucifix hung on his or her neck. Others, especially the women, wear their rosaries openly. They go thus among the Protestants who frequently laugh at them. This is all the more remarkable that, in their own country, the *Ruthènes* have no rosary and do not even know what it is.

At Easter, as it is their custom to have their food blessed, many of these good people wept because there was no priest to give that blessing."



St Jean Baptiste de la Salle. — The Archbishop of Montreal published on the 4th September last a pastoral letter announcing to his diocesans the canonization of the holy Founder of the Brothers of Christian Schools and ordering the celebration of a solemn *triduum* in honor of the new Saint. We would like to lay this masterpiece in its entirety before our readers. They will at least, be pleased to read the principal passages.

The eminent prelate begins by recalling the canonization feasts celebrated in Rome on the 24th May last; then he gives a succinct summary of the admirably fruitful career of St Jean Baptiste de la Salle. Then he continues :

« Where must we look for the secret of so great a force, in a man devoid of all human means and the constant object of the liveliest opposition? We find it in the humility of Jean Baptiste de la Salle, in the piety and austerity of his life, his spirit of mortification and his conformity with all the designs of Providence, which God rewarded by blessing all his undertakings. Let us profit by the lesson and take the resolution, so opportune in our days, to renounce this soft and sensual life, those habits of pleasure and enjoyment which paralyse the life of