

Bishop's Palace, Rimouski 16th May 1900. — Reverend Father, I have just received bound volume of the *Annals* of Ste Anne de Beaupré XXVIIth year, which you have been good enough to send me. Pray accept my sincere thanks therefor.

The work of publishing these *Annals* which you carry on so zealously, is esteemed and useful through the attraction they possess for and the edification they produce in the reader. May your work therefore continue to increase and to be strengthened for the glory of God, the honor of St Anne, the welfare of souls and the encouragement of your religious collaborators. With this hope I also wish you every personal prosperity and I remain your most devoted in Our Lord.

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Bishop of St. Germain de Rimouski.



A fine example of Christian charity. — A generous Catholic of Baltimore has just bequeathed the handsome amount of \$30,000 to various charitable institutions of that city. His legacy was accompanied by the following declaration :

« God has blessed my undertakings and I recognize that the possession of wealth is a sacred trust. Therefore I wish in the first place to give to the poor people who are cared for by the holy nuns in charge of charitable institutions. They devote their time and I deem it a special privilege to give my money to facilitate the continuation of their good work.

« So that nobody may cast a doubt upon my right to thus dispose of my money I declare that my fortune is the result of a laborious and frugal life and my pleasure lies in disposing of it where it will do the most good by sharing it firstly with God's poor and secondly with His suffering and afflicted children in the hospitals.

« Finally I wish to give freely and not the least share to institutions wherein young men are brought up and trained for the priesthood, being convinced that the dearest interests of our moral and social life are bound up the priest's ministry. My pleasure consists in disposing of my fortune where it will do most good. »



Letter from the Emperor of China to the Sovereign Pontiff. — The following letter written by the Emperor of China himself was handed to Monseigneur Favier, Vicar Apostolic of Peking with a request to send it to His Holiness, Leo XIII :