

Bulletin of the Archconfraternity

Affiliation. — 1st The parish of St John the Baptist, Frenchtown, United States, through Rev. Father A. Quesnel, parish-priest, on the 19th September 1899. This association will be inaugurated on the 1st November next. There will be a great celebration on this occasion in honor of St Anne.

2nd The parish of St. Agnes, county of Charlevoix, through Rev. Louis Gagnon, parish-priest.

The two new associations bring up the total number from the beginning of the year to 12. Last year the number was 13.

The Circumcision.

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WHEN I behold the Saviour Child ascend —
An humble Babe to Judah's sacred shrine,
Meet awe and love within my soul combine.
Why should the Holy One submission lend
To laws not made for Him? Why condescend,
As child of sin, unto the law's design,
And to the legal knife Him meek resign,
In Whom no guile nor aught of sin could b'end?

At! Love for man would thus the Saviour Child
In this first shedding of his blood reveal —
The primal curse of earth at once repeal,
Which Adam's sin begat and us defiled.
O Sacred Shedding! be thou pledge most bless'd,
Of pardon here — in heav'n eternal rest.