

Beauce from St Com and the neighboring parishes. There were two more than last year. May Good St Ann shower down blessings on this pious host and on the worthy priests who led it to her shrine.

The Beauce pilgrims carried the relics in procession and heartily sang the hymns in honor of St Ann.

**Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>.** — In the afternoon silence reigns throughout the monastery; the religious in their cells are engaged in reading or in prayer; it is the hour for recollectedness after the arduous labors of their holy office. Suddenly the rattle of drums, the music of a band and the flapping of banners are heard. Once more St Ann is besieged; two battalions are at the door of the basilica, with rosaries in their hands, confidence in their hearts, and prayers on their lips fully resolved to lift up to the throne of Her who reigns here as a queen the peaceful cry of their earnest supplications or the joyful hymn of their well-earned thanksgiving. These are the pilgrims from *Stanford* — 15 priests and 780 pilgrims — and from *Ste Geneviève de Batiscan*, 450 in number. Both bodies unite the better to perform the exercises. The great clamor of united prayers rises powerfully to heaven while the music of the bands wakes up the least enthusiastic and adds to the effect of the hymns. St Ann cannot resist the pleadings of her children. Yes, Christian disciples and soldiers of Christ, your prayers are heard. Divine grace is poured into your souls; faith revives, hope grows stronger and your hearts are penetrated with horror of sin and with love for God. Bad habits must be uprooted; occasions of sin must be avoided; persistent temptations must be overcome; hearts must be given up to God wholly and forever. Sing, pilgrims, sing the marvellous triumph of grace. *Magnificat anima mea Dominum*. My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. He that is mighty hath done great things to me and his mercy is from generation unto generations to them that fear him.

Stanford left the shrine at 7. 30 and Ste Geneviève at 9. 30 p. m.

**wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.** — Reverend Father Jodoin, Provincial of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and the Reverend father who is the pastor of *St Pierre, Montreal*, brought 464 married women of that parish to the shrine. Many were heard praying in a strange language which was found to be Italian, as several groups of Italian women had joined the pilgrimage.