

according to the expression of Monseigneur Freppel, are "places chosen by God", to manifest therein the marvels of His power and goodness. Thus, by the hand of Providence, are opened the most abundant sources of graces for all the necessities of life and salvation. Happy he who draws from that source with sincere piety and the fervor of firm confidence. There lies the whole explanation of the admirable affluence of pilgrimages to Ste Anne de Beaupré. The number of pilgrims, always on the increase, surpassed 90,000 in 1887. From year to year, there is a holy ardor of pious zeal towards Good St. Anne, an ardor which seems to expand by degrees from one end of the country to the other, which spreads more and more in the United States, and develops everywhere the devotion of pilgrimages. Private pilgrimages, pilgrimages of confraternities, of parishes, of counties, this devotion has adopted many forms, and what salutary fruits has it not borne! How many souls strengthened in virtue, how many sinners converted, how many sick and infirm healed, how many hearts consoled amid the sorrows of life, how many families soothed in their trials! "Yes, I will return on a pilgrimage with the faithful of my diocese, lately said a Canadian Bishop, "I owe too much to Good St. Anne to refrain from giving the example of piety, of confidence and of gratitude towards her, to the flock of which I am the Pastor."

"A pilgrimage rightly made, said another Bishop, "prepared by prayer, devoutly accomplished, produces in a parish fruits similar to those of a retreat."

Therefore the populations, that live at a greater distance from Ste-Anne de Beaupré, are incessant in their praise of the zeal of those courageous priests, who do not shrink before the obstacles and fatigues of the organisation of a pilgrimage of a parish or a county, to reduce to the means of nearly every purse the expense of a journey to St. Anne. Blessed by the souls of their flock, these valiant servants of St. Anne