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### Current Events



ventide of the pilgrimages. — The dawn of the pilgrimages shone brilliantly and hopefully. The parishes mentioned by us last year came back to bring to St. Anne the homage of their prayers. New parishes, especially from the United States, added themselves to their number. The number of pilgrims has been greater than ever. The months of June, July and the first half of August, which I shall call the noontide of the pilgrimages, gave us a touching series of pious manifestations. Now we come to the end of our statement, to the eventide of the pilgrimages. However brief it may be it will edify our readers by showing them how strong is the love for St. Anne in the hearts of her chosen people. The period covered is from the 16<sup>th</sup> August to the 17<sup>th</sup> September.

#### August (Continued)

His Lordship Bishop F. X. Cloutier and the pilgrimage from Three Rivers.— On the 16<sup>th</sup> August in the afternoon, the fine and numerous pilgrimage from Three Rivers came here under the distinguished presidency of Monseigneur F. X. Cloutier, the new



MONSEIGNEUR CLOUTIER

bishop of the diocese The pilgrims numbered 1300 and came in the steamer « Trois-Rivières. » About 8 o'clock in the evening there was a splendid torchlight procession. His Lordship, with his clergy and people, escorted the relic of St. Anne while a concert of prayers and hymns arose to heaven. Strangers from the United States were astonished at seeing the piety and faith of the Canadian people. But all eyes were chiefly attracted by Monseigneur Cloutier, the worthy successor of Bishop Laflèche of sainted memory.

His Lordship celebrated a pontifical mass on the following day and many pilgrims received communion from the hands of their first pastor. The new bishop has inherited the devotion of his predecessor for the patroness of Canada. Thus his first and most earnest wish was to consecrate his diocese to St. Anne and place it under her powerful and motherly protection. He would have come on St. Anne's feast but as his consecration only took place on the day before, he was unable to do so. May St. Anne preserve this new pastor to his flock during many years and bless the diocese of Three Rivers which has ever been most devoted to the Thaumaturga of Canada.



Triduum in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.—On the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August there was solemn benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament every evening in accordance with the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff and the act of consecration of all mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was read. Rev. Father Jacquin preached a sermon in French and in English every evening.



The 20<sup>th</sup> August.—The shrine was never empty from morning till night. St. Anne's children had flocked from the United States and Canada vying with one another in piety and giving the same edification. It was truly beautiful to see on that day the students of the Plattsburg Summer School to the number of 125 who had come to place their studies under St. Anne's special protection; the *Sillery* pilgrims to the number of 528, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Mc Guire; the members of *L'Union St. Joseph* of St. Jean-Baptiste (Quebec), to the number of 500; many pilgrims from St. Sauveur, Quebec and hundreds of private pilgrims. Processions defiled in splendor through the walks in front of the basilica to the sound of hymns chanted with much harmony and expression.

Pilgrimage from the Island of Orleans — We are always happy to see the pilgrims of Ste. Famille and St. François I. O. Those from Ste Famille numbered 400 under the direction of Rev. Mr. Gagnon their pastor; those from St. François 260 under that of Rev. Mr. Leclerc. On that day a host of strangers added to the splendor of the ceremonies and of the procession. We must also mention the pilgrimage of a section of the C. M. B. A. of Quebec.



Tourists from Philadelphia, Pa. — We receive not only pilgrims but every day we see American tourists visiting the shrine. Rev. Father Holland frequently acts as their guide. On this day, the 20<sup>th</sup> August, more than 200 excursionists from Philadelphia spent a considerable time here and on the departure of the train gave three cheers for St. Anne.



A paralyzed hand cured.—22<sup>nd</sup> August.—A young girl from Bedford, Ont., was unable to use her hand for writing and could not even hold a pin. After the holy Relic had been applied to her stricken right hand, it became as flexible as the left; it had been paralyzed since October last year. The young girl with her aunt, who was a witness of her cure, signed the register of thanksgivings.



Tourists from New York and Missouri.—24<sup>th</sup> August.—The yacht Dana of Oswego and the train brought us more than 200 distinguished visitors.



The Mayor of Buffalo at Ste. Anne de Beaupré.—25<sup>th</sup> August.—More than 100 excursionists, headed by Mr. Deal the mayor of Buffalo, experienced very great pleasure in visiting the shrine and its dependencies.



The 27<sup>th</sup> August.—The steamer «Trois Rivières» brought us the Catholic Foresters of St. Joseph, Montreal. On the same day we received 800 pilgrims from Notre Dame de Levis, being the Congregation of men and young men. Moreover hundreds of private pilgrims came to have recourse to St. Anne and to receive communion in her shrine.



Pilgrimages from St. Hyacinthe and Sherbrooke.—29<sup>th</sup> August.—If prizes of honor could be given to the finest pil-

grimages, the two that came on this day would assuredly have deserved one. They consisted of over 3,000 pilgrims and were accompanied by more than a hundred priests and religious. Forgetting the fatigues of a long journey, they insisted on having torchlight processions. The long line of ecclesiastics and religious alone was an eloquent manifestation; but thousands of pilgrims chanting with much expression made the solemnity perfect. Enthusiasm reached its height when it was learned that a miracle had been worked in the basilica.



Cure.— A lame woman walks.— A pilgrim from St. Hyacinthe, Mrs. James Boyte of Montpelier, Vt., left the crutch that she had been compelled to use since last winter. She was cured after receiving holy communion. The thousands of pilgrims who witnessed the miracle, chanted the *Magnificat* as a mark of their admiration and gratitude. The lady signed her name on the register of cures.



Silver Jubilee of Reverend Father Barolet.— 30<sup>th</sup> August. — The monotony of the pilgrimages was agreeably broken by the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sacerdotal ordination of Reverend Father Adelard Barolet, a Redemptorist of Ste Anne de Beaupré. He chanted a solemn high mass. Rev. Father O'Shea, Kansas City, Mo., officiated as deacon; Reverend Father Wittebolle as subdeacon and Reverend Father Guillot as master of ceremonies. The entire community, a considerable number of parishioners and many pilgrims assisted. After mass the priest whose jubilee was celebrated and all present intoned the *Te Deum* in thanksgiving.

### September

Returned from Europe. — The 1<sup>st</sup> September R. Father Allard, Rector of the Community of Saint-Anne de Beaupré and Pastor of the Parish returned from Europe. The Reverend Father left on the 1<sup>st</sup> July for Belgium to recover his health. He returned with renewed vigor which he will devote to the glory of the great Thaumaturgà of Beaupré. The following Sunday September the 3<sup>rd</sup> the Reverend Father chanted the parochial mass to thank a Good Saint Anne for her protection during his journey.

The organ choir of the church of the Congregation St. Roch (Quebec). — 3<sup>d</sup> September. — Rev. Mr. Dionne, vicar of St. Roch, led 700 pilgrims to St. Anne's feet. They sang mass and benediction in a manner worthy of the organ choir.



Pilgrimages from l'Ange Gardien and St. Joseph de Levis. — 10<sup>th</sup> September. — At 7 a. m. the train brought us hundreds of pilgrims who approached the Holy Table. They were the forerunners of 500 pilgrims from l'Ange Gardien and 1000 from St. Joseph, Levis. These two pilgrimages had separate ceremonies. The torchlight procession and the band of music from St. Joseph de Levis gratified the hearts of all.



Pilgrimage from Lake St. John. — 11<sup>th</sup> September. — The pilgrims from Roberval and the toher parishes of the northern region of Lake St. John came to ask their Patroness to bless their labors. Several priests accompanied the 400 pilgrims. Rev. Mr. Lisotte was the director of the pilgrimage.



The Quebec Provincial Exhibition. — From the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> September, owing to the many strangers attracted to Quebec by the Exhibition, we registered several hundred pilgrims every day.



Visit of His Lordship Bishop Paul Larocque of Sherbrooke. — At the 12<sup>th</sup> September His Lordship made his pilgrimage to Ste. Anne. When he was parish priest he used to bring a thousand pilgrims to St. Anne every year.



The Chicago delegates. — On the 14<sup>th</sup> September, the Chicago delegates who came to Quebec to invite His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the Chicago Federal buildings, came to Ste. Anne de Beaupré. They visited with deep interest the basilica, the treasury, the *Scala Santa* and the commemorative chapel.



Golden wedding of the Sisters of Charity of Quebec. — The Sisters of Charity (Grey Nuns) celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of their convent in Quebec. One of the foundresses,



Reverend Sister Perrin, was present. The festival began at Quebec and was concluded at the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupré. Nearly one hundred nuns came to the feet of St. Anne with the remaining foundress at their head. The sisters were anxious to pray as long as possible; they arrived in the morning and at 4 p. m. they had benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and venerated the relic of their patroness.



**Statistics.** We have still two months during which pilgrims will come to visit the shrine of St. Anne. Even at present we can assert without fear of being mistaken that the total number of pilgrims this year will greatly exceed the highest ever attained. It will not be less than 175,000. Glory to St. Anne!



**Echo of the missions.** — Lower Grand Isle, Me. — A fine and numerously attended mission was preached in this parish from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> July, by the Reverend Fathers Barolet and Guillot of Ste Anne de Beaupré.



**Rimouski.** — From the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Reverend Father Manise of Ste Anne de Beaupré preached the retreat of the Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary.

**Congo, (Africa)** — Reverend Father Jos. Billiau C. SS. R., writes us from *Matadi* on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. «We are beginning a retreat for children; it is an interesting but hard work. Imagine all our little black people, restless, full of tricks, regular savages we may say. . . And yet these are our future men.

We have already three families of Christians and eight Christian children; the others are still pagans. Now we have to shelter all these people, to feed them and above all, to teach them to work.

We are now in the good season; it is cool during the night and morning. On some mornings, the fog is so thick that we cannot see the sun, but although invisible, it heats the air and we have a temperature of 35 degrees. This is a little better than in the hot season when it is at 39.

I think that at this moment you are occupied with pilgrimages. May they increase more and more for the glory of God and of St. Anne.

P. WITTEBOLLE, C. SS. R.



SAINT JOACHIM, by CHS. GLEYR

## Patrons of Parishes

### SAINT JOACHIM

**I**T was the feast of St. Anne. No less than 6,000 pilgrims had flocked to the shrine of Ste Anne de Beaupré ; they were astonished at the beauties of the Basilica and the devotion to the Thaumaturga of Canada. A group consisting of Catholics and Protestants had separated from the crowd and had come to visit a side chapel dedicated to St. Joachim. At the sight of St. Anne's spouse, a pious discussion arose and a missionary was selected as umpire.

« My father, said a pilgrim, we are having some slight difficulties, will you kindly help us to solve them? We see for instance, that St. Anne is greatly honored but does it not seem to you that St. Joachim is too much forgotten? »

« My friends, replied the missionary, calm your minds. Remember that at Rome a new church has been built and dedicated to St. Joachim. This monument, as you know, has been erected by the Catholics of the whole world in memory of the sacerdotal and episcopal jubilee of Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII. His Holiness has expressed his joy and gratitude for this sublime testimonial of veneration for his heavenly patron. Is it not providential to see St. Joachim glorified at Rome and to see the festival of that saint elevated to the double rite of the second class for the whole Church? Moreover the saint is venerated not only in Rome but in Jerusalem, in the church of the Holy Sepulchre, where his tomb is situated ; at Cologne where a portion of his head is preciousy preserved ; at Bologna in Italy where there are other relics of the father of the Blessed Virgin. Then is there not the devotion to him in Canada and the United States? Has he not a church or an altar in many Catholic countries? St. Joachim is a very illustrious saint and more venerated than you think ! »

« But how is it, father, that the Holy Scripture does not once mention the name of St. Joachim or that of St. Anne, those glorious parents of the Most Blessed Virgin ? »

« I will tell you still more », replied the missionary. Not only does the Gospel say nothing of St. Joachim or of St. Anne, the father and mother of the Blessed Virgin, but it does not even speak of the birth of their glorious daughter or of her youth or of her education. Is there not some mystery in this ? St. Thomas of Villanova answers that « the Holy Ghost has placed in relief, by *written* predication, only Jesus the divine Founder of the Church, making up Himself by *oral* tradition for the studied silence of the Scriptures ». Moreover Christians were destined to make up for it by their devotion.»

« By their devotion say you, father ; we admit this willingly but when did this devotion to St. Joachim and St. Anne begin ? Did not many centuries elapse before their feasts were celebrated ? »

« I grant it, my friends. It was only in the year 1584 that Pope Gregory XIII instituted the solemn feast of St. Anne and it was only in 1623 that Pope Gregory XV instituted that of St. Joachim. But this was not a first institution ; it was rather a confirmation of the devotion to those great saints, for there can be no doubt that this devotion is of very ancient date both in the oriental and the occidental Church. To be convinced of this, one has but to read the admirable pages written on the subject by the holy Fathers and by the Greek and Latin authors. Among these writers we may mention : Eustatius of Antioch, St. Jerome, St. Augustine, St. Epiphanius, St. Sabas, St. Andrew of Crete, St. Cyril of Alexandria, St. German of Constantinople and St. John Damascene. Then modern authors, historians, poets, sculptors and painters have devoted their talents to the glory of St. Joachim and of St. Anne. »

« What do the holy Fathers tell us of them ? »

« They praise the excellent morals and wise conduct of St. Joachim and St. Anne. According to them, those holy spouses led a most innocent life before God and an irreproachable one before men. They were rich, not in treasure of gold and silver,

but in flocks. They divided all they received into three portions: one for widows, orphans, poor and travellers; the second was for the Temple and the last for themselves and their servants and for the maintenance of their house.

« They add that St. Joachim always faithfully performed his devotional exercises; redoubling them on festival days; giving on those days twice as many presents to the Temple as on other days. This, without his knowing it, earned him the esteem and friendship of the good but excited the envy and jealousy of the wicked? »

« Why had these two spouses, so holy and so just, to undergo trials? »

« Many are the tribulations of the just, » says the psalmist. For the just of the old Testament there could be no greater tribulation than to be deprived of posterity. Such, for many years, was the trial that St. Joachim and St. Anne had to endure. According to tradition twenty years passed before their union was blessed by the birth of a child. This sorrow was all the greater for these descendants of David that they had a right to hope that the promised Saviour would be born of their race. At last God granted the prayers of the two spouses by giving them Mary. »

« What was the reason of this long waiting? »

« There were many reasons all of which were glorious for their blessed daughter and for themselves. It was proper that the birth of a child such as Mary should be of a miraculous character, as well as those of Isaac, Jacob, Samuel and John the Baptist. Holy as Joachim and St. Anne already were at the time of their marriage, they were still not holy enough to give to the world such a daughter as Mary. By multiplying their prayers, their vigils, their fasts, their alms during so many years, with the intention of obtaining this gift from the divine goodness, they made rapid progress in perfection and in the love of God and finally attained the degree of purity, of sanctity required by the Holy Ghost. Moreover, by granting this blessed child to their prayers and good work; God made them appreciate the value of the gift. He granted them, and, at the same time, compelled the entire

human race to feel deep gratitude toward them. He further covered them with glory in our eyes. We would admire them less, would be less indebted to them had Mary's birth cost them nothing » (1).

« What does the name, Joachim, mean? »

« Joachim, says St. Epiphanius, means *The Lord's Preparation*, because by him was prepared the temple of the Lord, namely the Virgin; and Anne means *Grace* (love, prayer,) because she and her husband obtained by their prayers the grace of producing a fruit such as the Blessed Virgin Mary. For Joachim prayed on the mountain and Anne in her garden. »

« Whence do St. Joachim and St. Anne derive their glory? »

« As Mary derives her glory from her title of Mother of the Son of God, so also do her parents owe their greatness, their sanctity and their merits to Mary, their daughter, and to Jesus Christ, their grandson. The Blessed Virgin does not derive her nobility from her parents; they, on the contrary, are ennobled by her. And probably it was in order to make us better observe this reflection of the glory of the daughter upon the person of her parents, that we have seen their glory shine forth only long after that of the august Mary had been admired! Demosthenes said to Philip of Macedon: « It sufficeth thee, for thy glory, that thou hast had Alexander for a son. » It suffices Mary, for her glory, that she has had Jesus-Christ for a son. It suffices St. Joachim, for his glory, that he has had Mary for a daughter. His praise may be resumed in these words: « *Father of Mary, Grandfather of Jesus Christ.* »

« Could you, father, indicate some motives to lead us to place our confidence in St. Joachim and St. Anne and to pay them our homage? »

« Here are some. After Mary and Joseph, nobody on earth has been raised to a dignity more sublime than that attained by St. Joachim and St. Anne. They gave birth to her who was destined to give the world a Saviour; they were her protectors and her guides. No saint, after the mother of the

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(1) *Manual of devotion to St. Anne* p. 93.

divine Jesus and her chaste spouse, therefore deserves our veneration, our confidence and our love to the same degree as they. »

Then we cannot give greater delight to the immaculate heart of Mary than by honoring her father and her mother as she has herself declared to one of her faithful servants.

« She herself, says a pious author, continually renders thanks unto God because He gave her such holy and such perfect parents. »

Finally God Himself manifests His will that His children should render homage to St. Joachim and St. Anne by promptly granting us all that we ask of Him through their intercession. In fact how many sick have recovered their health at the feet of these holy patriarchs! How many afflicted ones have found there the balm of consolation! How many sinners are indebted to them for a sincere return to God! Happy thus a thousand times are the Christians who place unbounded confidence in saints so powerful and so generous and who have a true devotion to them.

P. WITTEBOLLE, C. SS. R.

## OCTOBER

BY JOHN FRASER

The leaf is dying on the tree,  
 But not with sad solemnity,  
 But clothed in all the various dyes  
 That ever gladdened human eyes,  
 From crimson deep to palest green,  
 And sombre fir arranged between.  
 The Nature breathes her parting breath,  
 She's trebly beautiful in death.

October's pencil paints the leaf,  
 In hues how beautiful, tho' brief!  
 Man's grand achievements brighter grow,  
 When seen thro' Life's October glow.  
 And Life's fair conquests seem sublime,  
 When looming through the haze of Time.  
 Ah! live so that thy life, my friend,  
 May glorious as October end.

## Good Saint Anne

**P**ilgrimage of the St. Ann's Cadet Band. — So often has the beautiful and sacred shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupré and its picturesque surroundings been described, also so famous has that spot become through long years of holy pilgrimages from all over America, and for miracles incontestably avouched, that it is almost superfluous to attempt any general description. The only variety that exists is to be found in different circumstances surrounding each special pilgrimage. There have been thousands of faithful seen flocking at one and the same time to that far-famed shrine of devotion ; but it may be fairly said that, despite numbers and the distances travelled, few pilgrimages have presented more interesting and attractive features than the first annual one of the St. Ann's Cadet Band of Montreal. Under the direction of the kindly and zealous Father Billiau, C. SS. R., this devotional excursion was remarkable for the piety displayed, the faith evinced, the enthusiasm created, and the many special and attractive features accompanying it.

On Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, the Redemptorist Fathers of St. Ann's parish, Montreal, started with the annual Irish-Catholic pilgrimage for Ste. Anne de Beaupré, and, after a successful and prosperous trip, landed early on Sunday morning at the glorious shrine.

St. Ann's Cadet Band, forty strong, accompanied the pilgrimage, headed the procession, and lent the charm of their magnificent music to the solemnity of prayer and the silence of devotion. It being the first occasion on which a band of youthful musicians attended in a body, special mention is consequently made of them. All the way down the usual instructions were given, devotions held, and ceremonies performed. It was a grand sight, on that July morning, as the steamboat, loaded with a human freight of faith-inspired passengers, ploughed its majestic way between the historic heights of Sillery and the



slotting shores of St. Romuald. The gray battlements of old Quebec frowned down upon the great river from one side, while the fortified declivities of Levis looked equally as threatening from the other. But not with Quebec and its memory-haunted surroundings had they to do; their goal was miles further down the stream.

The confusion of antiquated and more modern buildings that form the city of Champlain faded away—even as a grand scene in some panorama disappears as gradually as it had recently appeared. Past the white cataract of Montmorency, past the verdant Isle of Orleans, with its seven parishes and its countless charms of landscape and surroundings; past the frowning precipices of Cape Tourment; on glided the vessel, and expectancy grew more intense as the purple summit of Mount St. Anne loomed up against the northeastern sky.

An eagle sailed away in the far distance, like a messenger bearing into the unknown regions of God's glory the petitions that were presented in the magnificent temple at the mountain's base. At last the long wharf was reached—that wharf over which have walked tens of thousands, over which the decrepit, the halt, the lame, the suffering, have gone up to the shrine of Ste. Anne, and over which they returned cured and «made whole», over which hundreds have past landward making the air vibrate with their groans and petitions, over which they came back chanting the undying «Te Deum» of gratitude. The procession of pilgrims being formed, headed by the Cadet Band, and followed by the relic of St. Anne, taken from their parish church and carried by eight cadets, the long line wound its way up to the door of the Basilica and entered, as conquerors in the hour of triumph, to the sound of clarion and drum.

It was a beautiful spectacle to behold those young lads in uniform, marching with military precision into the sanctuary and kneeling devoutly during the holy sacrifice of the Mass and then and there receiving the sacraments of the Altar. Truly did they appear soldiers of the Church Militant. When the first and important visit to Ste Anne's holy shrine was paid, they enjoyed a splendid breakfast in the convent of the Rev. Fathers, where a hearty welcome was extended them by the

superior. After breakfast the sanctuary, the grotto, the fountain, and all the places of sacred interest were visited. Some had come for a first time, and their astonishment knew no bounds; others, who had visited the place before, still marvelled at the grandeur and beauty of the rich temple; and all felt the contagion of devotion they imparted by the thousand pilgrims that they saw.

At 10 a. m. the bugle sounded and the rally, the manœuvres, the music of the band, seemed to create a wonderful and most favorable impression upon the great number of strangers gathered to pay homage to the good St. Anne. For the first year are the large and beautiful groves that surround the fountains of Ste. Anne's gardens open to the public, and the Cadet Band took advantage of the great privilege to make the echoes swell with strains at once devotional and grand.

At 10,30 a. m. the meeting in the church took place, when a touching and eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. Father Heffernan. The Benediction was admirably sung by the choir of St. Ann's Young Men's Society; after which three hundred pilgrims venerated the relic of the powerful and glorious saint.

At noon, amidst the sound of flutes drums and bugles, and devotional cheers, the departure was taken. Down that famous long wharf marched the happy procession, and soon the twin spires of the grand Basilica of St. Anne de Beaupré were lost behind the huge spur of the great intervening headland. Back, upstream, homeward proceeded the vessel, soon the bocages of Orleans were passed and the grand commanding harbor of Quebec spread out before the gaze. From such a position, in 1608, did Champlain contemplate the giant cliffs of old Stadacona. At last the city began to appear in well defined proportions. The citadel, the triple-towered dome of Laval, the rare old Basilica's cupola, and the Chateau Frontenac seemed to crown the vast confusion of houses that appeared to have been flung without order or method against the side of the hill. Landing at the ancient market-place the cadets, with colors flying and band playing, climbed the historic windings of Mountain Hill. Through the narrow, crooked medieval streets they marched until the home of the Christian Brothers at St. Patrick's School

was reached. There a former St. Ann's boy, the Rev. Director, Brother William; extended them one of those genuine Irish welcomes that can only be expressed in the Celtic «Coed mille failtha», and which is untranslated. It would be too long to relate all the pleasant and happy incidents that marked this visit to Quebec, and the homeward journey; but the members of St. Ann's Cadet Band, were they to live far beyond the allotted three score and ten, can never forget their first magnificent pilgrimage to the shrine of Ste Anne de Beaupré.

BR. PRUDENT.

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### The Manner of saying the Rosary

There are different manners of saying this prayer well. The first is to attach ourselves to the sense of the words to enjoy them, to penetrate into them; the mind tires and is wearied, the heart never. A second manner is to propose to ourselves, before commencing each decade, a special intention, which by occupying the mind and the heart whilst reciting it, obviates the weariness of repetition by means of the particular interest attached to each intention. For example: One decade may be said for some fault which needs to be corrected. Another for such or such a virtue to be acquired; the third for such or such a grace which we desire; a fourth for the conversion of sinners or some particular sinner, and a fifth for the souls in purgatory. A third manner is to occupy ourselves with the mysteries of the rosary; one day with the mys-  
 tics—the Annunciation, the Visitation, Christmas, the Purification, and the finding of Jesus in the Temple; the second day a meditation may be made on the sorrowful mysteries—Jesus in the Garden of Olives, scourged, crowned with thorns, bearing His cross, crucified; the third day it will be the glorious mysteries—the Resurrection, the Ascension Pentecost, the Assumption, and the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin in heaven. Is there not abundant and varied matter for our meditation in all these great mysteries, and shall we still dare to speak of monotony? A fourth manner of reciting the rosary is to consider the Blessed Virgin in the first decade as daughter of the Father; the second, as mother of the Son; in the third, as spouse of the Holy Ghost; in the fourth, as Queen of the Church Triumphant; in the fifth as Queen of the Church Suffering; in the sixth, as Queen of the Church Militant. These are new points of view eminently suited to sustain piety during the recitation of each decade. Have we recourse to these different means for saying the rosary well?

(*St. Boniface Calendar.*)

## Correspondence

**A** pilgrim has written us an account of the pilgrimage from the Western States which we print in full.

Pilgrimage from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Ste Anne de Beaupré.→ In the month of July 1898, Father Le Gardeur conceived the idea of leading the Minneapolis Catholics to Ste Anne de Beaupré. The Catholics in the Western States do not seem to be aware of the mercies that God pours forth in honor of St. Anne down at Beaupré. Father Le Gardeur wished to make this devotion popular among the Catholics of the ecclesiastical Province of St. Paul and to secure for them the many blessings that flow from it.

Father Le Gardeur was revolving this pious project in his mind when Bishop Ireland sent for him and said to him: « Father, the parish of St. Clothild is dwindling away ; we wish to place its destinies in your hands. We will give this parish to St. Anne as its new titular. With the help of that great Saint, save that church built for the French Canadians. » Father Le Gardeur accepted the task imposed upon him by Providence but he first obtained permission from Bishop Ireland to make a pilgrimage to Ste Anne de Beaupré. To spread the devotion to St. Anne through the Western States, to save the Canadian church of St. Clothild, now called St. Anne of Minneapolis, was the two fold intention of the zealous organizer of the pilgrimage of which we are about to give an account.

We must observe in the first place that Father Le Gardeur encountered a thousand obstacles at the outset. We do not wish to relate them all. Some said that there were misunderstandings ; others asserted that there was unwillingness somewhere in the offices of the Soo-Line. We do not wish and must not blame anybody. But Father Le Gardeur was so deeply touched by the kindness and liberal treatment of Mr. Hall of Quebec and Mr. Ussher of Montreal that he envies the good fortune of his friends in Canada who have to deal

with those courteous and polite agents of the C. P. R. in connection with pilgrimages.

The pilgrimage from Minneapolis was a success. Three comfortable tourist cars left the station in Minneapolis on the 14<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon with a hundred pilgrims, besides children.

Thirty of these pilgrims were in bad health. While the train ran day and night to cover the 1300 miles between Minneapolis and Ste Anne de Beaupré, fervent were our pilgrims' prayers and great their hopes:

On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> July the Minneapolis pilgrims solemnly entered St. Anne's basilica to the sound of the organ and the singing of St. Anne's canticles. Then burning words of faith and love inspired in all hearts the most faithful confidence in St. Anne. And during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament our pilgrims, deeply moved, considered that they had entered the peace, the peaceful joy of heaven. This sweet rapture in all the hearts grouped around St. Anne's statue and making their vows before the altar of the shrine, made itself felt throughout the following day which was spent in an uninterrupted series of pious exercises: high mass, communions, veneration of the celebrated relic of St. Anne, prayers at the *Scala Santa*, reception of the Nicolet pilgrims, torchlight procession at night on the splendid esplanade, the whole amid unceasing supplications and chants repeated a hundred times by thousands and thousands of pilgrims.

Our faithful from Minnesota followed the evolution of these spectacles and splendors of Catholic worship. Oh! here in this Protestant and cold country we are almost completely deprived of these holy manifestations of popular faith and piety. Our people were therefore in such a state of holy content that at the hour of departure on the 18<sup>th</sup> July a number of them decided not to take the train. We left them at Beaupré tasting the heavenly affections that compelled holy king David to sing: How beloved are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts. Ps. 83.

On their return our Minneapolis pilgrims had the advantage of visiting Quebec and Montreal.

Quebec 18<sup>th</sup> July. — Father Pouliotte, a priest of Quebec,

exercing his ministry in North Dakota, who knows Quebec as well as his parish of Langdon, was kind enough to pilot our pilgrims in the city of Champlain as well as in Levis and Sillery. Our pilgrims were especially moved when they knelt at the tomb of the Venerable Monseigneur de Laval. Among their recollections of all the religious and splendid things in Quebec, our pilgrims will retain that of their kind *cicerone*.

Montreal 19<sup>th</sup> July. — At an early hour our pilgrims proceeded to Notre Dame de Bon Secours. The sight of this ancient monument of our forefathers' religion, the great numbers of the faithful who flocked to the shrine very early in the morning filled the hearts of our pilgrims with a flood of holy thoughts.

Notre Dame with its majestic towers, St. James', St. Patrick's the Cathedral, that imperishable monument erected by the Catholic generosity of Montreal under Monseigneur Bourget and Monseigneur Fabre, bishops of blessed memory, astonished our pilgrims. Could they imagine that Canada, that the Province of Quebec, reputed so poor and indigent, possessed such a wealth of chapels and churches, such splendid basilicas and temples?

At last a portion of the pilgrims reached Minneapolis on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> July. All were joyful, edified, cured. God be praised! St. Anne is now celebrated in the Western States and will yearly become more honored there.

*Viator.*

### ANOTHER LETTER

*Belcourt, N. Dakota.*

Religious demonstration in honor of St. Anne at Belcourt, N. Dakota. — As in previous years, the festival of St. Anne was celebrated at Belcourt with all possible pomp. Rev. J. S. Dupont, the pastor of the parish, whose zeal knows no bounds when the salvation of souls is at stake, had caused the feast to be preceded by a preparatory retreat. It was preached by Rev. Father Verlooy, a Redemptorist from Brandon, Manitoba. The preacher's voice reached the hearts of all and thousands of pilgrims flocked from all sides: from Tarsus

Willow City, Dunseith, St. Anthony, Rolland St. John. Thus the fine church of Belcourt, although vast and spacious, could hardly contain the persons who had come there to commend themselves to St. Anne. High mass was sung by Rev. Father Dupont, pastor of the parish, assisted by Rev. Father Chornière, pastor of St. John, as deacon and Rev. Father Turcotte, pastor of Tarsus, as sub-deacon. The *Bordelaise* mass was very beautifully sung by the three combined choirs of Belcourt, Maryville and St. Anthony, under the able direction of Mr. Louis Ledoux of St. Anthony. Miss Rolette of Belcourt played the accompaniment on the organ. A considerable collection was taken up by one of the priests. The sermon was preached by the Reverend preacher of the retreat and the tears that flowed in abundance from the eyes of all present testified to the profound impression produced on their minds by the sermon.

In the afternoon the solemn procession took place with the holy relics of St. Anne and St. Joachim; then an eloquent sermon was preached in English by Rev. Father Verlooy. The sermon was followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, by the closing exercises of the retreat, the singing of the *Te Deum* and finally by the veneration of the relics by all the people.

A happy eye-witness.

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### The Scapular

The Scapular is the livery of the Queen of Heaven and earth, the sovereign of angels and men. It is, if I dare say it, the uniform of soldiers, who profess to fight under the standards of the Mother of the King of Kings and the God of armies. To wear the scapular is a constant testimony of love and devotion to Mary. The Blessed Virgin regards the children of Carmel, as Jacob regarded his cherished son Joseph. He gave him a garment of precious material and of different colors to distinguish him from his brothers; and the greatest monarchs have worn this mark of protection and love of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, deeming it an honor, to add to their titles, the still more glorious title of associates of Mount Carmel and Children of Mary.

Signal favors



M. LOUIS BEAULAC

CURE OF Mr LOUIS BEAULAC

July 18 1899.

ON HIS RETURN FROM A FILGRIMAGE



WHAT is more painful for an old man than to be tormented by sciatica? Mr. Louis Beaulac, a rich farmer of Nicolet, aged 64 years, was a victim of this cruel malady which the greatest care could not eradicate. Soon fever affected his left ankle. Mr. Beaulac



became infirm, and for four months and a half he was unable to walk without the help of two crutches.

Mr. de Carufel, the pastor of Ste Angèle and Mr. L. H. Lavallée, the pastor of the cathedral of Nicolet, had announced a large pilgrimage to Ste Anne de Beaupré. Suddenly, a ray of hope penetrated the heart of Mr. Beaulac: « Oh! cried he, « I want to go to St. Anne's also. She can cure me, and I believe that she will. »

The much-wished for day of the pilgrimage dawned at last. It was the 17<sup>th</sup> of July. The infirm man had himself driven in a carriage to the steamer « L'Etoile » and he took his place among the pilgrims of whom there were about 400. They started at 7 o'clock, joyfully reaching the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupré, in the afternoon. Mr. Beaulac had himself carried immediately before the miraculous statue. In the evening, he witnessed a splendid torchlight procession which he tried to follow, dragging himself along on his crutches. The next day, July 18<sup>th</sup>, he received Holy communion during the pilgrims mass, and prayed with all the fervor of his soul. But the moment of grace had not yet come. He felt no change, and even believed that God did not wish him to be cured. He reached the steamboat again at 9 in the morning, somewhat discouraged, though resigned. About 4 in the afternoon, when the rosary had been said, his brother-in-law asked him, « Do you believe that St. Anne is able to cure you? » « I believe it! » answers Mr. Beaulac. On making this act of faith, the sick man felt an electric shock, as it were, through all his limbs and all the pain he had endured so far ceased completely, to give place to fresh strength. He arose, and without the help of his crutches, walked here and there with a firm step, and went all over the boat easily. He even climbed, without difficulty, the stairs that led to the saloon. . . . He was cured!

Reverend Father Pampalon who accompanied the pilgrimage, on learning that there had been a miracle, came in haste, took Mr. Beaulac's crutches, and placed them on the harmonium as a trophy to St. Anne. Then the missionary reminded the pilgrims of the goodness and power of the great Thaumaturga of Canadians, and exhorted them all to sing the

*Magnificat.* The hymn was sung with great enthusiasm by priests and faithful. During all this time the object of the miracle remained standing; when invited to sit down, he replied that he was not tired.

The physician who had attended Mr. Beaulac found the fact extraordinary, and did not hesitate to affirm that this instantaneous cure was supernatural.

Mr. Beaulac's wife wept with joy, and the pilgrims sincerely congratulated him who, on the eve of the pilgrimage, had been so miserable and who could now follow them freely and easily. When the «L'Etoile» was about to touch at Port St. Francis where Mr. Beaulac was to land, Reverend Father Pampalon asked for the now useless crutches; they were destined to inspire confidence in the pilgrims of Ste Sophie de Levrard, next day, and then to be placed in the Basilica of St. Anne at Beaupré. The request was granted. On the morrow, the crutches were borne at the head of the pilgrimage of Ste Sophie, and placed at last at the feet of the miraculous statue of St. Anne.



#### CURE OF MISS LAMARCHE.

In July 1891.

*Saint-John the Baptist, Montréal*

*14 July 1891*

Reverend Father,

**S**AINTE Anne did me a great favor once, and, with your permission, Reverend Father, I desire to take advantage of your kindness to render public homage to the power of our great Thaumaturga, and also to ask your readers to help me in thanking her. I will relate the facts simply as I know them and as I believe them to be true. It is a testimony that I bear in all sincerity of mind, and with overflowing heart. I leave to others who are holier and more learned than I, I mean those who have authority to decide such grave questions, to judge, if necessary what name should be given to the favor, which St. Anne conferred upon me.

In 1891, I was eighteen years old. At thirteen years of age, I had fallen down a staircase of three or four steps, and my right foot had since been crippled. For two years, the injury became worse; I could hardly walk, without a crutch and a cane, and even then with much difficulty. For two years, also I was under the care of able physicians; but their efforts had been fruitless, and I continued to be lame.

In July 1891, the pastor of the parish where I lived and still live, Rev. Mr. M Auclair of St. John the Baptist, Montreal, organized, as he does every year and always with success, a pilgrimage of married and young ladies to Ste. Anne de Beaupré. I resolved to go. My pastor approved of it, and blessed my resolution. My doctor, to whom I spoke of it, was not opposed to it, but he told me I could not be cured. I had so much confidence in the goodness of the Mother of Mary that I answered, showing him a slipper, that I would put it on my lame foot at Ste. Anne's and that, in spite of the assertions of science, I would return cured.

I prepared for the momentous journey by a novena. During the voyage, from Montreal to the côte de Beaupré, I suffered a great deal. At Ste. Anne's, I had to be carried to the church, for I could not walk alone. At the communion, I had to be brought to the holy table in the same manner. I had always great confidence, for which I again thank him who knew so well how to direct my will. His prayers were to be heard, and my confidence was not to be in vain. *After receiving the Blessed Host, I felt myself cured, suddenly, completely cured.* I told those who assisted me to let me return alone to my place. I suffered no more pain. How did that happen? I know nothing about it. Or rather, I know that *I felt at that blessed moment, one of the sweetest emotions of my lifetime!* Never will I forget it.

After mass and thanksgiving, near the spring that flows not far from the old chapel of Beaupré, I recited aloud the last part of the rosary, in the midst of a number of relations and friends who wept with joy. I went from the church to the steamer without fatigue though perhaps with a little hesitation; it was so long since I had walked so easily. St. Anne had thus

allowed me to fulfil my prediction, and my physician was destined to be not a little surprised on seeing on my foot the slipper I had showed him.

On the steamer, all the pilgrims could see the change that had taken place in me, and all were charitable enough to thank God and St. Anne with me.

Oh! how happy I was that our Lord had chosen my poor self to manifest, once more, the power of Her who on earth was His glorious ancestress. How happy I was to proclaim and to prove that the prayers of my good parish priest, of my relatives, and of my friends had been powerful in Heaven. For, without a doubt, it is to all the fervent prayers of those who were kind enough to interest themselves in me, that I am indebted for having gained my cause from the great Thaumaturga of Canada.

We are now in 1899. It will soon be eight years since I have walked on my two feet. I have not, for all that, the privilege of never feeling any pain; but my foot formerly so crippled is perfectly well. I oblige no one to believe me; but I have the right, it seems to me, to know and to say that I do not suffer any more, and I am completely cured, and also to thank St. Anne.

AZILDA LAMARCHE



#### AN INDIAN CURED AT STE. ANNE DE BEAUPRÉ

ON Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> July from the 6 o'clock train there landed at St. Anne de Beaupré a man aged about 56 years. He was an Indian of swarthy hue belonging to the Micmac tribe. His name was Peter Jacques. He came from Gaspé accompanied by his wife and provided with a letter of recommendation from his pastor. Judging by his stature and the breadth of his shoulders he must have been a very powerful man before his illness, for when he came to the shrine of Saint Anne, 18 months had passed since an attack of paralysis had deprived him of the use of his right arm and leg. For two months he had been confined to his bed. When he tried to rise he could only walk a few steps. And then he could only move

by leaning on a chair and pushing it before him. A doctor had attended him and had tried all the resources of his art in vain. At last he was discouraged and said to him plainly: « There is no one in this world who can cure you. » Very well answered the sick man ; « you cannot cure me, but God and Saint Anne can. I am going to Saint Anne's. » — « Do ! » answered the Doctor.

Our Indian arrived, leaning on a stick, a mere branch of a tree, on Thursday evening the 21<sup>st</sup> July, without waiting till the morrow he went to confession. After confession he said to his wife. « I feel better already. » But he was not yet cured. It was on the morrow that Saint Anne wished to show her kindness to the confiding pilgrim. He received communion with great fervor. After his thanksgiving, he breakfasted, and then returned to the church to pray until mid-day. He remained nearly all the time before Saint Anne's statue reciting all the prayers suggested to him by his faith and his confidence. In rising, he said to his wife: « Now I am cured. » And he left his stick behind him. Then he walked without any support, continuing his devotions all Friday afternoon and all Saturday, visiting the different chapels, and twice ascending the steps of the Scala Sancta, he who before could not bend his knee without great difficulty. Every symptom of paralysis had disappeared. His strength returned with movement and he said he was able to work. For his part he never courted publicity by making his cure known, and he would have gone away without speaking of it, had not his wife suggested to him, that he should call on one of the Fathers and relate to him what had occurred.

On Monday morning at half past seven, he returned home to show by his example, that Saint Anne makes no distinction between her devoted servants ; that she notices only their misfortunes and their confidence. The stick remained at Saint Anne's. It can easily be recognized among a number of other crutches, left this year by others, who were also objects of the compassion of our Mother of the afflicted.





which she has granted me. I beg to remain a friend of St Anne.» Mrs. E. Donville.

Kingston. September 4<sup>th</sup>: «Thanks to St. Anne for a favor received after promising to publish it in the *Annals*; also for many other favors obtained through her intercession.» B. P. K.

«My little girl was taken with shaking spells, and I promised to have it published in the *Annals* if she was relieved. I thank St. Anne for it, and many other favors which were granted.» Mrs. W. Bales.

Enterprise. August 22<sup>nd</sup>: «Enclosed you will find the sum of two dollars for four masses in honor of St. Anne which I promised her if my petition was granted. My petition has been granted, so I now fulfil my promise. I want you to please pray for my wife who was down at St. Anne's this year and who has been unable to walk for nine months, but is improving all the time.» A. C. Finn.

Nashua, N-H., August 18<sup>th</sup>: «I now fulfil my promise as one of my sons obtained the position, he was striving for, when we least expected it. We know it was through the intercession of Good St. Anne and her blessed daughter the B. V. Mary and St. Antony. Inclosed find \$ 1.00 for Masses in honor of St. Anne; that my son may be successfull in his new undertaking and my other son may obtain the position he wishes. Many thanks for other favors myself and my family have obtained through the intercession of St. Anne which I promised to publish and for which I am sincerely thankful.» Mrs. J.F.

Spalding, Mich. August 4<sup>th</sup>: «I accomplish a promise made to the Sacred Heart of Jesus of a publication in the *Annals* and a promise to pay for a low Mass in honor of St. Anne, so that my husband will stop drinking. Many thanks to St. Anne for favors obtained already.» A Subscriber to the *Annals*.

Stillwater, Minn., August 29<sup>th</sup>: «Last winter I made a novena in honor of St Anne, in order that my Son should get a good steady place, with the promise to have it published. Thanks to St. Anne, my prayers were granted! and also I thank her for many other favors received.

Enclose \$1. 00 to thank St. Anne a hundred times.» Mrs. J. Hamel.

## Bulletin of the Archconfraternity

Affiliation. — The parish of Rochester, N. H. through its pastor Reverend C. J. Paradis on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1899.

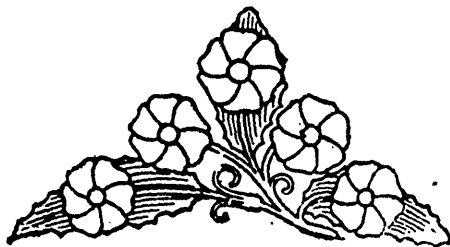
Beauport, 20<sup>th</sup> June 1899. — His Grace the Archbishop wrote to Reverend A. Deziel, pastor of Beauport: « I heartily approve the statutes of the confraternity of St. Anne that you are about to found for mothers in your parish. I authorize the affiliation of the said confraternity with the archconfraternity of Ste Anne de Beaupré. »

« It seems to me that this pious association will do a great deal of good in your parish, and I pray God for this with all my soul. Upon the mothers of families, the future of society depends. »

« I trust that before long all your good ladies in Beauport will be enrolled under the banner of St. Anne and will be models of all the Christian virtues. »

† L. N. Archbishop of Quebec

This letter of His Grace the Archbishop fully expresses his ardent desire to see the confraternity of St. Anne established in all the parishes, on account of the great good he expects therefrom.







## RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRAYERS



### General Intentions

THE triumph of the Holy Catholic Church and of his Holiness Leo XIII.  
The Catholic Hierarchy of Canada and the United States.

The canonization of the Venerable François de Laval, Marie de l'Incarnation, Marguerite Bourgeois, Mother d'Youville, John Nepomucene Neumann, and others who have died in odor of sanctity in North America.

### DECEASED

BELGIUM, BRUSSELS, July : The Reverend Father Mallengier  
Rédemptorist.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS. June 18<sup>th</sup> : Mrs. W. Magee. — July 24<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Patrick Martin.

LONG PRAIRIE, MINN. August 27<sup>th</sup> ; Mr. Jos. Paquin. — Rosa  
Smith. — Mary Spalding.

SOUTH DARTMOUTH, MASS, July 17<sup>th</sup> ; Mrs. Mary Triggs.

### Special Intentions

HAVERHILL, August 29<sup>th</sup> ; « Enclose you will find \$5.00, to obtain a cure which the Doctor here failed to do ; I went through a terrible operation fifteen months ago, which left me in very poor health. A friend advised me to pray to St. Anne for help. I do trust in her, She will help me. » Mrs. A. K. — HOUMA August 22<sup>nd</sup> : « I made a promise to St. Anne if she will relieve my dear sister, who has three little girls ; I promise to offer a gold ring which I appreciate very much and to have the favor published in the *Annals* if granted. » M. L. V. — LONG PRAIRIE, MINN. August 28<sup>th</sup> « A mother of eight little children ; she is a widow and very afflicted. » Mrs. J. P. — Several families. — Many children. — Conversion of fathers of families addicted to drunkenness. — Many young men neglecting their Christian duties

