

Vespers; and at the end was sung the *Tantum ergo*, etc.; and, after the prayer of the Blessed Sacrament, some penitential prayers, and then the usual prayers to the Holy Ghost, *In gratiarum actionem*, and *pro devotis amicis*. On the next day, between three and four, the benediction was held at the hospital: the nuns began the *pange lingua* and the *magnificat*, and the parish said the other verse. The *magnificat* was sung in *faux-bourdon*,—that succeeded very well; the parish sang the Anthem *o sacrum*, etc. On Tuesday, the same was done at the Ursulines', except that they sang before the *magnificat*, the Anthem *o sacrum*, and we after it. For signal to leave one's house, the 1st stroke of the benediction was rung at the parish church, and the 2nd at the religious houses. On tuesday, our fathers at Sillery came to dine with us; the Day was very appropriate for Inviting them.

The 2nd thing of which they were informed was, that on ash wednesday there was no obligation to cease from work, to hear mass, and to take ashes, under penalty of *peccatum mortale, sed tantum sub veniali*: and that such Days—as also that of all souls, and Thursday, Friday, and saturday in holy week—were feasts of devotion until after the office, *Ubi Consuetudo aliud non Induxit, nihil autem aliud hic induxit*.

The 3rd was to satisfy all difficulties about Fasting in Lent, which was done by reading what the small manual of bertaut gives on this subject.

*Feasts of devotion
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*Details explained
concerning the Lent-
en Fast.*