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OF THE
VERY REVEREND SUPERIOR-GENERAL
TO THE
Congregation of the Holy Cross.

NOTRE DAME, November 3, 1874.

REV. FATHERS AND DEAR BROTHERS IN JESUS CHRIST:

I received the subjoined letter from the Very Rev. Provincial in Canada, apprising me of a new loss which will take the Congregation by surprise:

"MEMRAMCOOK, OCTOBER 30, 1874.

"VERY REV. FATHER GENERAL,—Very Rev. Father—By a telegram just received from our Rev. Father Geoffrion, I learn the death of the excellent Bro. LOUIS GONZAGUE, who breathed his last at St. Laurent, on the 28th inst., after a few days' illness. This good Brother had the happiness of receiving all the helps of religion ere he returned his precious soul into the hands of his Creator. This priceless blessing he had never ceased to pray for; he often was heard to say, the only thing he feared was to die suddenly, and thus be deprived of the consolation of receiving his Divine Master and the Sacrament of the dying. Brother Louis was one of the first who joined the Congregation in Canada. He had been Professed twenty-two years.

"C. LEFEBRE, C. S. C."

The dear departed was a member of the last General Chapter, held here in 1872, which alone is a proof of the general esteem and confidence he enjoyed in his Province. May he promptly receive from his fellow Religious the aid and assistance to which he is entitled by his long devotedness, still more than by the Rule. *Requiescat in pace.*

E. SORIN, C. S. C.