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In the absence of static, fixed, dominant Catholic hierarchy, mobile English Catholics sought other means to uphold their faith and sustain their community. Central among these were commemorative practices, through which Catholics simultaneously fulfilled their charitable duties to their ancestors, created belonging in the present, and ensured their community was sustained for the future. This paper will look at how expatriate English Catholics’ veneration of relics, observance of calendars, careful preservation of letters and records. These all formed the basis of their religious lives and ensured that their community would continue into the future, despite its dislocation.