

example to Believers and Unbelievers, to the end that the holy Name of God may not be blasphemed.

The fear of God and of sin is so perceptibly impressed upon the hearts of these good Neophytes that even the children begin to take the side of virtue; [114] if their fathers and mothers, through inadvertence or through old habit, let any bad words escape from their lips, these poor little ones tell them that they ought to confess, and that they are offending God and chasing him from their cabins, so as to let in the wicked Manitou.

On Sundays and Feast days they are all present together at a Mass, which is said expressly for them; for, as the Chapel is too small to hold the French and the Savages, they are called separately to divine Service. First, they are made to pray aloud, then they are given a little instruction in their own language; afterward, they chant the aspersion. During the elevation of the host they are made to perform some acts of faith, of hope, and of charity; and, after the holy Office, they are made to sing some spiritual Hymn, which fosters devotion in their hearts.

A worthy woman, recently baptized, having been invited to a feast, and seeing that they talked of eating everything, according to their old superstition, wished to decline, saying that Christians were not permitted to partake of feasts by which God was offended. [115] She who made the feast said to her: "The Fathers do not forbid you to be present at these feasts, but forbid you to make them." "The Fathers," replied she, "forbid us excess." "Very well then," said she who had invited her; "commit no excess; eat only what you please;" the good creature agreed to this, protesting that she would