

Saint Joseph, brother to a Captain of the Savages who are in the Interior, inviting him to come and see their fields and their grain, so that he might incite him to cultivate the land, the latter responded: 'Work courageously; beg the French to aid you energetically in clearing the land; as soon as you shall have grain, so that you can assist us, we will all go to see you and remain with you; but we fear the Hiroquois.'

Some time after this, Charles Meiachkawat went, on his own account, to invite another Tribe to believe in God; he found these people so well disposed that he was surprised. This is the way in which he entered upon the subject with them: as they had already heard of our faith, by the report of it which had spread throughout these great forests, they asked him if he had any knowledge of it: "Yes, indeed," said he; "I myself have been baptized, and I believe in him who made heaven and earth." "Then," said they, "instruct this poor sick man whom thou hast visited, and who is dying." He approached him, spoke to him of the power of God over all men, and of the recourse he should have to him, and caused him to pray [200] and to ask aid of God's goodness. The sick man after this prayer was half cured; he arose and walked, to the astonishment of his Tribesmen. Charles, seeing them attentive, told them of the creation of the world, of the Incarnation of the Word,—in short, he taught them what he had learned from us. Being weary of speaking, he went away alone, recited his rosary, and communed with himself in holy thoughts,—walking apart, regardless whether his people were astonished at it or not, imitating what he had seen done by the Father who instructed the Savages at