

the Gospel will not avail less for the conversion of these tribes than even they who announce to them the word of God. It is God alone who can be there for the just reward; we pray that so it may be.

On the 2nd day of November, we all left the house,—separating, in order to begin our Missions, with as much joy as we had experienced in finding ourselves all together. [16] Father Pierre Chastelain was left there quite alone, to receive and entertain the Christians, and provide for peace and quiet within and without when the Savages should arrive,—which he did with a special blessing of God.

The care of the Mission which bears the name of this House, and which includes four or five of the nearest villages, fell to Father Isaac Jogues, and to Father François du Peron; having had therein the same employments and the same difficulties that we shall see in the following Missions, they have likewise participated in the consolations that there are in laboring in the vineyard of the great Master who employs us therein.