

he endeavored to join one with the other, and proposed expedients for that to the Council. But, as these could not be accepted by those who presided thereat,—the two affairs having been incompatible,—he begged they would not take it amiss should he not engage in the Public business, making a solemn protestation, that whenever [25] it was a question of the service of God or of ourselves, there was no business which he would not defer thereto.

His wife, who has a very good mind and a beautiful disposition, having become a Catechumen at the same time that her husband was baptized, was finally herself baptized last Easter, and named Catherine: we hope much from her. May it please God to bless with all desirable stability this marriage which has been confirmed in a Christian manner.

It is not only upon the family of the deceased Joseph Chihwatenhwa, that the blessings of Heaven have fallen favorably since his death; but we see its effects, full of consolation, on all the other Christians who compose this little Church; for we could hardly desire more content and satisfaction than we receive from this little flock. It appears to us like a little lump of gold refined in the furnace of many tribulations, which have at last separated the true from the false; so that we scarcely see any person among our Christians [26] whose sincerity we have reason to doubt.

The report having reached the village of la Conception, about the middle of January, that our Fathers of the Mission of the Apostles to the Khionontatehronons had been lost in the snow, in returning here to make a trip, a few of these good Christians immediately set about going to seek or aid them; but