

It is only my sins, and my Ingratitude, and my Continual Unfaithfulness, in which You have no part; I nevertheless beg you with all my Heart to take some part therein for charity,—not burdening yourself with them, but holding Yourself obliged to make Continual Efforts to Abolish them by means of your Holy Sacrifices, prayers, etc.; and I can assure You that by So doing you are indeed promoting the glory of God among the Hurons. For God, in his goodness, having given me some Advantages of grace and nature, to serve him in This Mission, I am sure that the abuse which I make of His Graces, and the negligence that I bring to his Holy service, greatly hinder a fruitful employment of the Talent that he has given me. Howbeit, my dear brother, I beg You to treat Your Heart gently, and never to humble it by the Survey of Your imperfections without at the same time uplifting it by a filial Confidence in our good Master. But I hope to receive letters from You This Year, in which you will send me word that Our Lord has put Your Heart in a condition of Stability and firmness; I pray him that he so dispose mine As soon as possible. I have perceived, by the grace Of God, that one of the things which hindered me from serving God, was that I required too much of myself; and that, in the plans which I formed, I rather considered What was to be desired by me than to be undertaken; and that I had not sufficient Respect for the state of perfection and Virtue that I was in, and for the measure of grace which God was giving me; undoubtedly I Believe that one should certainly Consider this, and not anticipate the sole guide of our Hearts. If I could receive from Our Lord some good word for your weal and for your