

Fathers in charge of the Savages and asked him for Baptism, as calmly as if nothing had happened, and with such persistence that he was utterly astonished and greatly pleased. The consciousness of having submitted to that punishment [68] with much courage gave her greater liberty to speak than the affront caused her shame. A holy action performed in ignominy rejoices the soul as much as one performed in glory. The Father questioned her and found her very well instructed. He wished, however, to defer her Baptism; but, as she had submitted to the torment in the hope that her humility and obedience would gain her that favor, she urged him persistently, protesting that she would never have an affection for any Pagan, and would never cause sorrow to her relatives. "Very well, then," said the Father, "come to-morrow morning to the Church of the Ursuline Mothers." These words filled her with joy greater than the sorrow that she had felt at being so harshly treated.

She returned to her cabin quite joyfully, and before the Sun rose, she had already walked half a league, to be present, with her companions, at the place assigned to her. The Mother Superior, who was quite astonished to see her so glad, and so early in the morning, asked the reason thereof. "I am to be baptized to-day in your Church. [69] That is the cause of my coming, and of my joy." "But," said the Mother, "do you really know what Baptism is?" "It is a water," she replied, "which will wash away all my sins, will beautify my soul, and make me a child of God." "Has not what happened yesterday left some remnant of sorrow in your soul?" "The thought that I had of suffering for JESUS