

[3] MY REVEREND FATHER,

During the first Years in which we labored for the Faith in this Country, the prevalence of diseases compelled us to devote our greatest attention rather to the Souls that soared at once to Heaven than to Adults in good health, who might form a Church in the midst of this Barbarism. We therefore received letters from France telling us that Adults were expected, who, receiving the Faith, would leave it as an inheritance to their posterity. Our Lord has been pleased during the past Year to grant the fulfillment of such reasonable desires by the accession of a goodly number of Adults, who have not only embraced the Faith but have gone through trials which have shown us that the Angels [4] have worked more for it than we have, and that we may hope that this Work, which is of Heaven, will continue to improve more and more, even to the degree desired by those who pray that God may be adored throughout the whole Earth. This is what we especially hope from the assistance of the holy Sacrifices and prayers of Your Reverence, and, through you, of those of the entire Province, to which we recommend ourselves with all our affection.

Your Reverence's

*From Sainte Marie
among the Hurons, the
10th of June, 1642.*

Most humble and most obedient servant in Our Lord,
HIER. LALLEMANT.