

[1] Relation of what occurred in New France,  
in the Year 1642.

MY REVEREND FATHER,  
Pax Christi.

The state of affairs in this country having compelled me to send one of our Fathers to France, that he might represent the condition to which the incursions of the Hirocois reduce this newborn Church, I was convinced that he who had labored the most to establish it, would be the best person to explain the importance of the aid which we need to resist the efforts of these Barbarians.<sup>1</sup> And, in truth, I was not mistaken; for, during the short time [2] that he remained in France, he saw many persons of quality to whom he made known the great store of spiritual treasure that may be expected in these vast countries wherein are found a number, almost beyond count, of Nations who await but the preaching of the Gospel, to embrace the Faith and to acknowledge their Creator. He also explained to them that this would have been done, at least in part, had it not been for the great obstacles arrayed against us by the demons, who—seeing that all the French at this far end of the world live in a much more holy manner than they did in France; and that the Savages, their former subjects, abandon them daily—arm all their forces for the defense of their Empire.

Inasmuch as vigorous aid was needed to subdue the insolence of these demons, he had to apply to persons