

Isaac Jogues and two others of our French. But Your Reverence will also see, at the same time, that God has turned our losses to our advantage; that our Church has increased, both in number and in godliness; that many Captains and persons of authority have adopted the Faith; that the fire has been lighted at the four corners of the country, and that Christianity [3] is held in higher honor and respect than ever. I beg our Lord not to spare us such crosses, to send us many similar ones, and to try us even to bloodshed, provided that they be none the less for his glory, and that our lives, expended in his holy service, continue ever to increase for his behalf that Kingdom of hearts that he has acquired through the merits of his blood. Such are the desires of all our Fathers who are here, and for this we need the prayers of all France. We beg Your Reverence to obtain them for us, and to add to them more particularly your prayers and your Holy Sacrifices.

Your Reverence's

*Very humble and very obedient
servant in our Lord,*

HIEROSME LALEMANT.

*From the Huron country,
this 21st of September, 1643.*