

alone I have recourse." He was the first to be taken prisoner, as he was the foremost in the fight; but the great God whom he invoked assisted him in a much more pleasing fashion, for he died a good Christian; and, in the midst of all the cruelties that he endured from that time until the final torture, he manifested a courage greater than the torments, and worthy of the children of God.

Father Isaac Jogues was also one of the first taken, for indeed his thought was not to save himself, but to provide for the salvation of so many poor souls for which God reserved him. At least, his first impulse when the enemy approached was to baptize his Pilot, who was the only one in that canoe that was not a Christian. This was the last act that he performed while still at liberty, but God has so blessed it that this good Neophyte, who has since [14] escaped from peril, cannot understand such an excess of charity. He relates it to every one; he consoles himself and blesses God for having called him into the Church in a manner for which he would never have hoped; he cannot forget that day; and through it he confirms himself in the faith, and incites the others to believe through that motive of charity. "It must be," he says, "that these people who come to instruct us have no doubt whatever of the truths that they teach us. It must be that God alone is their sole reward. Ondesonk"⁷ (that is the name by which Father Jogues is called here in the Huron country) "forgot himself at the moment of danger; he thought only of me, and spoke to me of becoming a Christian. The arquebus balls whistled past our ears; death was before our eyes. He thought of baptizing me, and not of saving himself. It was because he loved me