

more than himself, and he feared not death while he thought that, if I died without baptism, I would be lost forever."

This Christian, who was baptized in the midst of alarms and in view of a thousand inevitable cruelties to him who begat him in Jesus Christ, [15] has since received the rites of baptism here and the name of Bernard, which Monsieur de Montmagny, our Governor, had destined for him when—after his escape from the Iroquois, and while on his way here—he was present at the blessing of fort Richelieu, and at the Mass that was celebrated there for the first time, on the feast of St. Bernard. His surname is Atieronhonk. Since then his conduct has been such that we see in his person that charity alone can work miracles in making, out of an infidel and a barbarian, an excellent Christian.

But let us return to the Father. When he saw himself in the hands of the enemy, and when they wished to bind him in their usual manner, he said to them: "No, no; those French and Hurons whom you have taken with me are the bonds that will keep me captive; I will leave them only at death. I will follow them everywhere, and you may be assured of my person so long as one of them remains with you." He said this to those barbarians so emphatically that they saw that his words came more from his heart than from his lips; and they therefore contented themselves for the [16] time with giving him a severe beating, and tearing some nails from his fingers; then, they left him at liberty. But his steps, his actions, and his thoughts were all for the poor Huron captives. He thought only of their salvation, and so well did God bless so holy and so active a zeal