

to these peoples, and for having given us a Church that I can assert to be filled with his Spirit, and to be possessed of a Faith as strong and an innocence as holy, in the majority of those who profess it, as if they were born in the midst of a people composed entirely of believers.

The Mission of la Conception is the most fruitful of all, as regards both the number of Christians and their zeal. Their Faith shows to advantage; their godliness is respected even by the Infidels. Three of the chief Captains, and many persons of consideration, give an example by their lives that preaches more eloquently than our words. In a word, the Faith in that Church spreads throughout the remainder of the country a fragrant odor of Christianity.

The Mission of Saint Michel maintains itself vigorously, and increases daily in spite of the opposition of the Infidels, which will never fail a nascent Church.

The Mission of Saint Joseph is still the most populous, as it is the oldest.

The Mission of Saint Ignace, which is of more recent establishment [59] than the others, manifests a fervor and an innocence that astonish the Infidels, and which we would never have expected to see in so short a time at the beginning of a Church.

In these four Missions, the Faith has increased beyond our hopes, so that our Chapels are everywhere too small for the number of Christians even outside of the Feast-days; and in some places a Missionary is obliged to say two Masses on Sunday, so that all the people may be able to attend. Though at each Mass the Church is filled *usque ad cornu altaris*, there are still a great many who have to remain outside