

Near him was his elder brother, a Catechumen, whom we are told he baptized; and they were the first two to fall. Their mother and all her family have embraced the Faith since their deaths; and we see clearly that that young [22] Christian has left them heirs to his piety.

That young man was so innocent that, when his marriage was in question, and his parents mentioned to him a match that seemed to them to be a good one, he answered them: "I dare not look any girl in the face, and therefore I do not know her. I am afraid to offend God, and become involved in sin, by a glance that might perhaps carry my heart further than either you or I intended."

One day, two of our Fathers were traveling with him through snow that was four feet deep, while the cold was excessive and the wind high. One of the Fathers, who was exhausted, asked him to relieve him of his load; and, seeing that he was shivering with cold, and very thinly clad, he gave him something wherewith to cover himself. The young Christian told him that he would willingly take not only his load, but that of the other Father also,—and, indeed, he loaded himself with those two very heavy burdens. But he would not put on any other covering, saying that he would be too comfortable if he were so well clad; that he had already offered to Our Lord all that cold, which he would continue to endure, as well as all the fatigues of that difficult journey, [23] in order to prepare himself for Communion on the morrow; and that he found comfort in the thought that, some day, in Heaven he would praise God that he had suffered such a trifle for love of him.