

*much work to do for God and much suffering to bear. Therefore we expect additional aid from those brave hearts who are stirred at the prospect of peril, and who fear nothing where there is everything to fear,—in their confident belief that to lose one's life in God's service, for the saving of souls, is a blessed way to find it. For selecting such as these we look to your Reverence. Meanwhile I ask your blessing for all our Fathers and Brethren, and for myself, who am the least of all.*

MY REVEREND FATHER,

Your very humble and obedient  
servant in Our Lord, FRANÇOIS  
LE MERCIER, of the Society  
of JESUS.

*Kebec, November 10, 1667.*