

point of conferring it, when he was killed by the Iroquois. That good Father was unwilling to break his promise, and like a good Pastor he brought it about, by his intercession, that I should arrive here before she died. I visited her on all Saints' day, and, after refreshing her memory concerning all our Mysteries, found that the seeds of God's word, implanted in her soul so many years before, had there borne fruits [79] which awaited only the Baptismal waters in order to attain their perfection. Accordingly I conferred this sacrament upon her, after I had thoroughly prepared her; and on the very night of her receiving this grace she rendered up her soul to her Creator.

"The third person was a girl, fourteen years of age, who applied herself very assiduously to all the catechisms and prayers which I caused to be recited, and of which she had learned a great portion by heart. She fell ill; her mother, who was not a Christian, called in the sorcerers, and made them go through all the fooleries of their infamous calling. I heard about it and went to see the girl, broaching to her the subject of Baptism. She was overjoyed to receive it; and after that, mere child although she was, she made opposition to all the jugglers' practices, [80] which they were bent on executing in her presence. She declared that by her Baptism she had renounced all superstitions; and in this courageous contest she died, praying to God until her very last breath."