

nations publicly profess the Faith, and live in a very Christian manner: the former are under the direction of Father Pierson, who displays much zeal and skill in instructing them; the latter have Father Nouvel and Father Marquette for pastors.

No sooner was the fine chapel that was finished a year ago opened than it was consecrated, as it were, by sixty-six baptisms. There were fourteen adult Hurons, with thirteen children; and fifteen adult Algonquins, with thirty-four children of the same nation. On Good Friday, the Passion was preached in three different languages. The adoration of the Cross was performed with much piety by five or six different Savage nations; and on Easter Sunday sixteen Hurons, both men and women, made their first communion.

The ceremonies that took place at Christmas, by which these good Savages honored the Infant Jesus in the cradle, are astonishing; it is impossible to witness them without being touched with devotion at seeing Our Lord cause his infancy to triumph in the midst of infidelity.

The third Mission is that of Saint François Xavier, a short distance beyond the bay des Puants. It is a sort of center for a great many nations dwelling in its vicinity.

Father André ministers to those who live on the bay des Puants; by his firmness he has succeeded in subduing their minds, which were most ferocious and superstitious, by gradually, and with unswerving constancy, subjecting them to the yoke of the Faith. Thus it may be said that he has a church fully formed; it consists of four or five hundred Christians.