

They have been increased during the year, not only by the baptism of fifty-five persons, but also by the influence given to them by several chiefs, from some new nations. Among others are some from the Mistassins, who, notwithstanding the diseases wherewith God has afflicted them since their baptism, have remained steadfast in the faith, have made a public profession of it, and have died very good Christians.

These Savages have a special veneration for the sacraments, and so great a desire to receive them that many have come expressly to the Father from distances of ten and twenty leagues, solely to confess themselves. One, among others, was brave enough, with that object, to undertake alone a long journey of forty leagues in a canoe, amid many dangers and fatigues, but also with such joy that he could not sufficiently manifest it on all occasions. Another had no less trouble, and no less consolation when, after hauling his sick son over the snow for a distance of twenty-five leagues in very bad roads, he saw him die happily in the arms of the Father, as soon as the latter had administered the sacraments to him.