

never equaled that of Catherine, whom they tried to imitate." Some of these excesses are described: "almost continual austerities . . . reduced them so low that it was not possible for ill-fed men to persevere further." Fortunately, "the Holy Ghost soon intervened in this matter, enlightening these persons." Frémin does not return from France until late in the year; but he has been able to accomplish much for the mission—especially in securing the vindication of the Jesuits from the slanders that have been circulated about them. "This greatly increased the confidence which the Christian savages have in the fathers who teach them."

"Rumors of war kept all Canada in suspense" in 1681; and the sight of a great comet disturbs many hearts. Marvelous cures begin to be wrought by the intercession of the late Catherine Tegakwita. Some cases of drunkenness occur, but the worst delinquent is "denounced and ignominiously expelled," which proves sufficient to correct the evil. A scandal also happens at the Sault, a young married man being led away by a designing woman. In the end, both these persons are converted; the man dies piously, and the woman, now married, is living in the fear of God. The standard of morals is remarkably high; "the fair mirror of chastity is so clean at the Sault that people there cannot endure the least spot on it; and the savages are delicate on this point, even to excess."

Little is noted in 1683. Drunkenness is still kept from entering the village. Praise is bestowed upon the confraternity of the Holy Family, whose works of piety and charity sustain the mission. They