

to me with his wife to confess,—which I had expected. In order not to be precipitate,—after reminding them of what I had said to them respecting the sacrament of penance, in the instruction that had preceded their baptism,—I put them off to the following day, and told them to come one after the other, which they did. Their daughter was so pleased at this that, on the very same day, she went to her father and mother separately to rejoice with both of them, and to encourage them to maintain themselves in God's grace. In the month of September, I had drawn up for her a daily order to regulate her prayers and occupations, from the hour of rising until night. I was exceedingly surprised on the following day on hearing her repeat all that I had explained to her at great length, even to the shortest prayer, and word for word as I had told her. It is the same as regards everything that she hears about the life of Our Lord and the lives of the saints. That which I most approve in her is the great distrust and the little esteem that she has for herself. Her most frequent prayer consists in saying: "My God, I am still but a child; I am weak. If you cease to sustain me, the Devil will deceive me and make me fall into sin."

Inasmuch as, after the departure of the Illinois to their winter quarters, there remained only some cabins of *Kaskaskia* in which were several children, I applied myself especially to having them taught the catechism. I chose her house wherein to gather them together, hoping to satisfy her zeal by charging her with the duty of teaching them. I had the pleasure of listening while she questioned them, to see if they answered well. All the children of the