

their 1st fervor. They are of great assistance to the missionary, and do more than I—or rather they do all, and I do nothing, or almost nothing. If people were really convinced of what the chief of the *Kaskaskia* does here to induce all to be instructed and to abandon infidelity, I am quite sure that—far from giving any credence to all the calumnies with which he is threatened by all here who are angry at his having become a christian—they would manifest to him the joy they feel, or should feel. That would encourage him to preserve his first fervor and to urge the whole nation to know and to worship the true God; and the French would thereby call down God's blessings upon themselves and upon the whole colony. From all these details that I give you respecting this nascent church, you will be able, my Reverend Father, to judge how much these new flocks of Jesus Christ need to be protected against the wolves that seek to scatter them, and to be aided by the prayers of all who take an interest in the glory of God and in the salvation of souls. You who take such a part in it will please have the charity to commend them to the great pastor of souls, to beg the Reverend Father Provincial to send some courageous and zealous missionaries, and not to forget in your Holy sacrifices,

My Reverend Father,

Your very humble and very obedient

Servant in Our Lord,

JACQUES GRAVIER.

*To Quebec.*