

The Life of a Montagnais Missionary, presented  
to his Successors in the Montagnais mission  
for Their instruction and greater consolation.

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Servant of the Missions of canada from 1671 to 1697,—which  
completes the 26th wintering in The Service of The  
Tadoussak Mission, and the 4th at The Mission of  
st. Xavier,—at chegoutimÿ, April 21, 1697.*

THE Life of a Montagnais Missionary is a Long  
and slow Martyrdom;

Is an almost continual practice of patience  
and of Mortification;

Is a truly penitential and Humiliating life, especially in The cabins, and on journeys with The Savages.

The cabin is made of poles and Birch-bark; and  
Fir-Branches are placed around it to cover the Snow  
and The frozen Ground. 1

During nearly all the day, The Missionary remains  
in a sitting or kneeling position, exposed to an  
almost continual smoke during The Winter. 2

Sometimes he perspires in the day-time and most  
frequently is cold during The Night. He sleeps in  
his clothes upon The frozen Ground, and sometimes  
on the Snow covered with Fir-Branches, which are  
very hard. 3

He eats from an *ouragan* (dish) that is very seldom  
clean or washed, and in most cases is wiped with a  
greasy piece of skin, or is Licked by The dogs. He 4