

work made such progress that barely three years had elapsed from the death of that praiseworthy chief when not even one person in the whole nation remained obdurate.

Regarding the present, Most Reverend Father, all is, I hope, placed in safety. That savage nation seems to profess the faith with unfeigned heart. The sacred house hardly contains the multitude of christians, although it is seventy brasses long. Thrice a day they assemble to pray and listen, and even four times on feast-days, when barely a brief moment is left to take food; this is due to their burning ardor in approaching the sacred tribunal. The day's labor consists in visiting the sick, in settling disputes, in correcting those who are delinquent, in giving sermons, in instructing the children, and in administering the sacraments. Reverend Father St. Pé, the superior of the mission, taking pity on me, who am nearly sixty, has provided me with a companion who may devote himself entirely to the work in this vineyard of the Lord. Being now old and having but little health, I greatly lament to find myself unfit to learn the tongues of the savages who live in my neighborhood, and who have not yet been cleansed in the sacred font.

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[Endorsed: "Letter of Father Armand de la Richardie from the Mission of l'Assomption among the Hurons, june 21, 1741, to the Very Reverend Father General."]

[Endorsed: "After having been 2 years among the Hurons (at Quebec?), Father Duparc sent him among the Hurons, of whose sad condition regarding religion he was aware.⁴ Fruitless labors, during many years."]