

cruelly. Our savages are always at war with the chicachias, and from time to time they bring in a large number of slaves; but instead of retaliating by burning them at the stake, they adopt them in the village, instruct them in our mysteries, and by Holy baptism place Them in The way of reaching heaven. By this means our mission increases greatly every year, as well as by outside families coming from a distance who willingly settle down among us. The continual instructions, The care of the sick, settling The quarrels of the savages, and all the other affairs of the village, which must needs be seen to by the missionaries, keep us so busy that it is sometimes far into The night before our breviary is said or our other prayers attended to. The flemish Jesuit, whom Father saint Pé had the kindness to send us, will be able only after a year to be of some service. By that time he will have acquired some knowledge of The Language. To accomplish all the work to be done would require a more robust constitution than mine. Ask our Lord to give me the strength I need, and be assured of The esteem, affection, and filial respect with Which I have the honor to remain,

My dearest Mother,

Your most humble and most

obedient servant and son,

F. NAU, of the Society of Jesus.

LORETTE, april 23, 1742.

I HAVE read over and over again, my very dear sister in Jesus christ, the kind and edifying letter that you did me the honor to write. No one could be more sensible of all the marks of friendship you