

*videbitur infra.* Casot, who is not a fool, has perhaps good reasons for not absenting himself from his post. You know that Father Girault travels a little in imaginary space (if you did not know that, do not say that I told you); and the absence of Father Casot, during even a fortnight only, might give some one opportunity to meddle. The present circumstances are very delicate for him, for he must be regarded as the only living Jesuit.<sup>26</sup>

Apropos of the Jesuits, the novena is just finished. It has been as solemn as usual. I preached three fine sermons therein, for my part; Monsieur Gravé two, and Monsieur Robert and Monsieur Pâquet each one. The curé officiated at its close. The crowds at confession were immense. To-day Monseigneur preached in the Cathedral an eloquent and strong sermon upon fasting. Nothing so pleases the people as to hear him.

I have remitted a portuguese<sup>27</sup> to mother Ste. Ursule. I shall release you from all obligation, if you will take upon yourself the 40 masses for the late Madeleine Blouin, widow of Joseph Dion, of Sainte Famille, isle of Orléans. I shall await an answer from you upon this matter before considering myself freed from it. Do it for me promptly.

Not long ago I sent 720 masses to Monsieur Guilimin for the Seminary. They say that your vicars are in need of some. I could easily procure them about 150, which happened to come to me a little while ago. Speak of them to Monsieur Courval, while offering to the said Sieur Courval my very sincere compliments; for I love him, — yea, above all when he preaches in conversation, which is not seldom. My compliments to Monsieur Archambault.