

In 1692, Father Louis Hyacinth Simon went as missionary to "St. Louis," Peoria; went from there in 1694, to visit the different establishments and posts on the Mississippi; returned to Quebec in 1699.

Father Florentin Flavre, Jesuit Priest, went to the Illinois in 1694; established a mission on the Mississippi; descended that stream in 1708 to Natchez; returned to Illinois in 1709; remained there until his death in 1713.

Father Julien Benettan, Jesuit Priest, went to the Illinois in 1696; labored at the mission of "St. Louis" with great success; died there in 1709.

M. Francois Joliet de Montigny, Priest, in 1696 was sent to Louisiana in the character of Vicar-General, by the Bishop of Quebec. He visited the missions in Illinois, "St. Louis," the "Tamarois or Cahokias," while M. Bergier was there; traversed the whole country, and returned to Quebec in 1718.

M. Michael Antoine Gamelin, Priest of the Seminary of Quebec, accompanied him. They descended the Mississippi, and went as far as Mobile.

Father Gabriel Marest, Jesuit, went to the Illinois in 1699; fixed his residence at Kaskaskia; died there in 1727.

Father Antoine Darion, Priest, went in 1700 on a mission to the "Tunicas," a tribe living on the Mississippi, and adjoining the Natchez. He went from Quebec.

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ADDITIONAL NOTE.—This list of Illinois Missionaries is very imperfect, according to the table given in the Appendix to Shea's *History of the Catholic Missions*.

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Justice to Marquette

To the Editor of the Catholic Telegraph:

As one who has written somewhat on the early Catholic Missions, I venture to come forward as the defender of the fair fame of Marquette, and to assert his claim as the first great explorer of the Mississippi, and to a certain extent as its discoverer.

Judge Law, in his recent lecture, published in your columns, says: "It is to be presumed, that Marquette was not ignorant, as late as 1673, when he left Green Bay, that missions had been already established in the Illinois some years before; and the eclat attending the discovery might have induced him to withhold all the sources of information which