

his married sister, Madame de Choly, to meet him there and to take Sister Bourgeoys with her. Concealing her plans from all save a few intimate friends, the latter set out without money or luggage, trusting blindly to Providence for all future needs. In Paris, she gave up all her worldly goods to her brother and sister, and then continued her journey to Nantes. From Saint Nazaire she set sail for Canada on July 20th, 1653. During the long crossing, sickness broke out on board the St. Nicholas. Sister Bourgeoys labored night and day beside the sick and the dying, taught catechism to the soldiers and sailors, and recited public prayers morning and night throughout the sixty days of the tedious voyage. At last, Quebec was reached on the 22d of September 1653, and the arrival of the colonists was greeted with a glad Te Deum.

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