

Such evidence, I am sure, leaves no doubt as to the disease ; the proof is manifest and I do not think anything more can be desired.

If the disease is certain, the cure is no less so. It was sudden, complete and lasting. It was effected at a time, in a place, under circumstances which show that God, touched by the pleadings of the sick person, was pleased to manifest His power and the strength of His almighty arm. The manner in which the miraculous cure of Marie Josephte Arcand took place, under my eyes, is given below. I will state nothing but what I know to be true because I saw it myself.

On the 14th August 1768, that woman, who had been ill for a long time, came to our church in fulfilment of the vow she had made during her illness to come on a pilgrimage to St. Anne, if God gave her some relief in her suffering. She was brought from Deschambault to this place by her husband who carried her into the church and put her in a pew. She could not use her legs at all ; she could not get up or walk even with her crutches which were brought with her. After praying for some time in the church, she asked me to confess her, which I did at once. I asked her if she could kneel and she replied that it was impossible. After confessing and praying for half an hour, her husband carried her to the vehicle and conveyed her to a house in the neighborhood where she passed the night.

On the following morning her husband brought her to the church, as he had done on the previous day, so that she might hear holy mass which I said for her and at which she assisted with great devotion, and during which she did not cease to shed tears. When the moment of holy communion came, she felt relieved and as if her strength were returning. To approach the holy table, she took her