

On the Island of Anticosti, within an extent of about three hundred miles, there are eight or ten posts to be visited by the missionary priest during the months of June, July and August. The poverty of the people here is still greater. There is no chapel at all; and, on the 4th of last November, when all communication with the island and the mainland ceased for a period of five or six months, the poor missionary was obliged to leave quite a number of families in the greatest distress, separated, as it were, from the entire world. What his feelings were cannot be described, any more than the hardships, the dangers and the privations to which he is constantly exposed. This, the most extensive mission in the Province, belongs to the diocese of Rimouski, which is the poorest of all dioceses, and one in which everything has yet to be done, without either means or help to do it. Please excuse the length of this letter. My object in giving you so many details is to excite your interest in favor of these poor, far distant missions. I have the honor of being acquainted with your Reverend Mother Assistant General whom I had the pleasure of meeting at St. Roch's Convent in last October, and to whom I made known my intention of applying to the "Holy Tabernacle Association." The Reverend Lady was kind enough to encourage me, and to promise me her assistance; so, for all reference, you will please apply to her whose name is so high a recommendation for me. The missionary for whom I am soliciting aid is my son. He could not do so himself this year, as there will be no means whatever of communication during the whole winter, and his letter would only reach you in spring when it would be too late, I thought I would apply for him, relying on the protection of the very Reverend Mother Assistant.

Believe, me, Reverend Madam,

Very respectfully yours,

To work then, once more, generous friends of Him who dwells within our Tabernacles! To work with renewed ardor! Increase your gifts! Redouble your activity! Let consolation and joy go forth from our dear Association to all those that need them; and let us strive to obtain new