

consulting with his superior, determined that they should be baptized on the morrow, as an offering to God, through the Virgin, on the feast of the Assumption, and as a dedication of the nation of the Iroquois to Christ under her invocation. Accordingly he placed the two females under the protection of the nuns of the Ursuline convent, with directions that the maiden should be further instructed and prepared, by means of an interpreter, for the reception of baptism and the sacrament of penance. In their own house Kiskepila and his two companions were sheltered—Father Laval that same evening attending the necessary preparations on the part of the young chief.

With the dawn of morning rang out the joyous peals of the church bells for the festival of the Assumption. The city was thronged; many of the colonists from the country had assembled to celebrate the festival in the capital. Crowds of