

sumption, 1650, as she prayed before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, Our Lord manifested Himself to her under the form of a beautiful little Child. Divine love then took complete possession of her heart. She was ready for any sacrifice. The time had come for the revelation of God's Will to the soul which He had thus gradually prepared.

In 1653, Paul de Maisonneuve, Governor of the newly founded Canadian colony of Ville Marie, came to Troyes to see his sister, a religious of the Congregation de Notre Dame. The latter with her companions pleaded earnestly to have an active share in evangelizing the New World. De Maisonneuve declined the services of a cloistered order. The nuns then suggested taking with them the President of their Sodality, whose virtues and practical ability would be invaluable to the new settlement. When, at the Governor's request, Mademoiselle Bourgeoys was summoned to meet him, she cried out in amazement: "This is the man