

Who will not be filled with zeal after reading the following eloquent appeal from a mother in favor of her son who is a missionary priest.

TO THE LADY DIRECTRESS OF THE HOLY  
TABERNACLE ASSOCIATION.

Reverend Madam,

Having heard of the great advantages to be derived from becoming members of the Holy Tabernacle Association which assists poor missions, I thought you would be good enough to accept of the following names and the enclosed contributions. The object of these Associates is to come to the assistance of Reverend ..... Missionary Priest on the Island of Anticosti and part of Labrador. You will have some idea of the poverty and extent of his missions when I tell you that they are eleven in number, and that they extend from two hundred to two hundred and forty miles on the North Shore, including St. Margaret, Moisie, Seven Islands, &c.

Of these eleven stations, only two have Chapels: Moisie and St. John, both are entirely devoid of altar linen, vestments and Sacred Vessels; in a word, of every thing necessary for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The poor Missionary must carry from place to place, the single white vestment which he possesses; and travelling there, is by no means easy, for there are neither horses, nor vehicles, not even roads. In summer, he may go in a barge or on foot by the sea shore; in winter, on snow shoes, when the snow is deep enough, or drawn in a sled by dogs, when the weather is very cold. It is most inconvenient to have any baggage. If this poor priest had a few sets of vestments, he might leave some at his principal missions, and thus travel with greater facility, but above all, be able to treat Our Lord with greater reverence. The people on the North Shore are in a state of extreme poverty. Their only resources are hunting and fishing, and for the last few years both of these have completely failed. The soil might be cultivated, but the inhabitants have not the necessary implements, nor the means to purchase them.