

prepared a handsome niche above the tabernacle, to elevate therein your holy relics. The next day, all the people having assembled in the chapel of the Virgin, Father Potier,<sup>18</sup> who shares with me the care of the mission, made a speech to the French people about the esteem in which the relics that we had received from you ought to be held, and on the chemise which enclosed them. He said the same in Huron to the Savages, adding that they were under a third obligation to you, because you had adopted them by sharing with them, as it were, all your spiritual goods, as with their real children. Then the Father put on a beautiful cope that Madame the wife of the Governor of Caen sent us this year; and, accompanied by two acolytes in robes and surplices, he incensed the reliquary and the relics, which were in the middle of the altar. Then, to thank the Blessed Virgin for having come, accompanied by a goodly number of her servants, from her old home to take possession of this one lately erected here for her honor, he intoned the hymn *Ave, maris stella*, etc. The prayers finished, the Father opened the reliquary, to give the people the consolation of seeing the sacred relics that it contained; he even permitted many to kiss them. Afterward, he put them back in the niche, where they were displayed all the rest of the day. Immediately they sang the high mass, which was said for you; and all those whom the celebration of the feast and pious curiosity had attracted to our chapel were invited to offer for you the communion which they were about to make. All our neophytes did the same; all those who could not, on that day, render you this duty have since acquitted themselves of it. In the afternoon, the