



KNEELING ALONE BEFORE THE ALTAR, Father Isaac Jogues experienced an overwhelming desire to suffer for God, offering himself — body, mind, and soul — as a clean oblation for the sins of men. He heard a voice within him saying over and over, “Thy prayer is heard. Be it done to thee as thou hast asked. Be comforted; be of strong heart.” Jogues had no doubt that God had spoken to him. “These words,” he wrote, “had issued from the lips of Him with whom saying and doing are only one and the same thing.”