INT. HURON LONGHOUSE, MISSION ST-JOSEPH.

ISAAC SLEEPS on a mat on the dirt floor.

**BREBEUF** 

(gently)

Isaac, wake up. The fever is spreading. Ahatsistari's mother has died. Half of the families in the longhouse are ill. Joseph's daughter is sick. We need to help them.

JOGUES rouses himself. He's awake.

**JOGUES** 

Oui, Jean. What can I do?

Sounds of keening, grieving, coughing, groaning. Someone throws up close to us as we move through the longhouse to...

## **BREBEUF**

Check on petite Genevieve and get her fever down. Ahatsistari, I'm going to give your mother a special blessing to help her soul go to the Great Spirit. This is sacred oil, it has been blessed by the hands of a holy man from my land across the waters. I place it on Jeanne's forehead...on her hands...In

Nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spi—

## HURON WARRIOR

Move off Blackrobe, what do you give us but disease and attacks from the Mohawks? We convert to your God and are punished for it. You are demons, sent to harm us.

## **AHATSISTARI**

No Donnacona. The blackrobes are our friends. We must trust them.

## BREBEUF

De profundis clamavi ad te Domine. Domine, vocem meam fiant aures tuae intend entes in vocem deprecationis meae...

As the prayer fades we cut to...