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OF THE

Very Rev. SUPERIOR GENERAL

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NOTRE DAME, INDIANA,

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REV. FATHERS AND BELOVED CHILDREN IN JESUS CHRIST:

To-morrow evening I intend, *D. v.*, to start once more for Europe, in company with our dear Father Franciscus, who has been appointed Superior at Sta. Brigida, in Rome. We shall sail next Saturday, the 11th inst., on the French Line, and expect to reach Paris on Sunday, the 19th, and Rome on the 25th. In a few weeks I hope to transact all the business upon which I go, and return home for the 20th of June. The realization of this fond hope, however, rests entirely, not on my own resolution, but much more on the fervent prayers with which every member of our dear Family will accompany us through the perils of the sea and of the land.

Next Sunday, the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, everyone, I trust, will pray that our glorious Patron may take us under his especial and paternal protection. If the weather permits, we shall have the consolation to say Mass for all our companions; and as you will accompany us in spirit and in heart, it will be offered also for all the precious souls left behind. Thus, though separated by thousands of miles, we shall remain closely united in the Sacred Heart of our Blessed Lord, in the Holy Family, where alone we find peace, blessing and lasting joy. What a delight for me to remember each one of my beloved children at the holy shrines I may visit again! May God inspire us with renewed fervor in our common desire to meet again to serve Him and glorify Him!

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Superior-General.