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SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS
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Reverend Thomas T. McAvoy, C. S. C.
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dear Reverend Father,

Still in the Infirmary—this explains my delay in answering your letter of the 22d inst. When I can get around better I shall get the record of letters lent us by Notre Dame and send you a copy.

I remember telling Brother Aidan, to whom I sent the box given me to select from, that those I retained were connected with the Process of our holy Foundress, Mother Theodore Guérin, and the Jurex^{Max.} of the Commission, then Coadjutor Bishop Chartrand, directed me to keep them with the other documents. The Cause is still in suspension, so you see, dear Father McAvoy, we are not free just yet to return the letters.

The letters you specified are not very lengthy (those to the Bishops of Cincinnati and New Orleans). I could copy those for you soon, I think. The others would take more time, and my pen movements are very slow; nevertheless, it shall be a pleasure for me to do it. How soon

would you need the copies? I cannot use a type-writer any more; you probably could have typed copies made from my script.

It is interesting to know you found Father Sorin's penciled note of historical importance. An item in Mother Theodore's diary is connected with the removal of Holy Cross from St. Peter's to Notre Dame, which you may find useful too. It reads: "1841, December 1. Today Trone (Theodore) leaves for Vincennes with a yoke of oxen which we are giving to Father Sorin." Elsewhere I have read that a wagon and two oxen carried the belongings of the Brothers to the North.

Father Sorin was very appreciative of this assistance, and later on, sent valuable books and some pictures to St. Mary-of-the-Woods. He and Mother Theodore were like brother and sister. We like to remember this.

You certainly are welcome to my translation (a copy), but I really would like to have mine back, with your approval indicated on it. It was so hard to decipher the penciled note that I did not feel sure that I had made it out correctly. I thought some of your aged French Fathers or Brothers might help out on it. Does the photostat make it any plainer?

During the coming month of the Rosary and the Holy Angels let us be closely united in prayer for all the works of zeal of our two communities; and I beg the favor of a remembrance sometimes in your Holy Mass.

Humbly yours, in J. M. J.,
Sister Mary Theodosia