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Rt. Rev. Bishop of Dubuque

My Lord

I do sincerely regret that a mistake in the direction of your last favor of the 5th Aug. has prevented me, so far, from getting in its due time your good request; it is almost two years since we have moved the Novitiate from St. Peter's to this place. The supposed silence of your Lordship made me think that you were not in need at present of any one of our Brothers, and before the end of Aug. it became one of my duties to give an obedience to every member of the Community, which I cannot change now. We shall open a new Novitiate by the 1st 9ber. If you could procure for that time some good postulants I might probably give you one or perhaps two Brothers, early in the spring, if then needed.

With the most sincere respect and devotedness, I remain, my Lord, the humble & obedt. servt of your Lordship.

C. Sorin

Endorsed by Bp. Loras:-

Revd C. Sorin, St. Joseph College and Co.

South Bend. Ask positively for 2 brother in spring 1845 5

both in Dubuque, or separated. given hope for 2 novices.

*Among historical materials assembled by Rev. J. P. Kempker.
This seems to be a copy rather than Kempker made of the original letter.
Such was his practice, and the writing agrees with other such supposed copies,
to be found in the collection of Kempker manuscripts in the files of
the Reverend Charles J. Griffith, St. Ambrose College.*

see letter of Sister M. Jane Coogan, B.V.M. Sep 9, 1913