

Indianapolis 23^d July 1848

To the R^t Rev. Dr. Durcell

Cincinnati

My Lord

Before I proceed any farther on my way home permit me to address you a few lines

Since the short space of time I have left your City, I have visited a portion of the Diocese of Louisville & again a portion of ours; what a striking difference from the cheering Diocese of Cincinnati! Never in my life, had I better understood & more clearly seen with my own eyes, what an immense influence a man can exercise around him, when he knows how to devote his own talents, & how to use the tools he may dispose of. Great indeed, my good & venerated Bishop, is the debt of gratitude of your City towards you & many days yet, I sincerely hope, will continue to increase it. Go yourself chiefly, will every one readily assign the prosperity of your Religious Institutions in particular. Oh! how happy I would feel to see my dear St. D. du Lac somewhere about Cincinnati! I did not say much; scarce by did I speak to your Lordship while I was in your City; I was even under the supposititious necessity of leaving your house without tendering you my thanks for all your kindness; for which, I trust you will excuse me; it may not be totally lost. May I candidly declare you the dispositions in which my visit has left me? I heartily desire you procure me as soon as possible, an introduction into your Diocese; of its being a blessing for our Society, I remain perfectly confident, & I feel equally certain that I will do my best to make it beneficial to the cause of Society to which I have devoted my life. May the Almighty bless our humble efforts!

I do not mean that I would abandon N. D. as
be entirely; but I must admit that the same
exertions might be far more useful in Cincinnati
therefore I shall content myself with keeping up
what already exists there, without laying out any
more. I hear that our property in this City
may within a few years become worth a great
deal of money. Should this be the case, you
should be timely made aware of it. In the mean
time, I hope you will not lose sight of my
request nor of your promise concerning the
Candidates you may find for our Associates.
I have made arrangements in order to leave
at St. Mary's, Ky. the 4 Sisters of whom we
spoke for your orphan Boys & 3 nuns, when
the Germans have made up their minds, likely
I shall be informed of their resolution

Repeating my humble & sincere thanks
& once more asking your paternal blessing for
myself & my little flock, I remain

My Lord

Your humble & devoted
Servt. in J. M. I.

C. Weiss

~~G. S. May I request of your Lordship~~
to remember me to your excellent
Cherishers of the Cathedral



Rev. Dr. J. B. Russell
Bishop of Cincinnati

Ohio

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