

June 20, 1935

Mrs. John F. Downey,  
906 Ridge Avenue,  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Downey:

It was exceedingly generous of you to surrender into our keeping such a precious heirloom as an early autograph letter of Father Sorin written to one of your relatives. I can well understand his anxiety for students, when he was looking forward to bleak Civil War years.

The letter will be placed in the Archives and guarded carefully. The historian who does the Centennial History of the University will doubtless find it of value. The reference to Mother Aquinas makes the letter doubly interesting for local history.

Yours very sincerely,

(Rev.) John F. O'Hara, C.S.C.  
President