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20th Dec. 1843. Steam-Boat Monongahela

Ohio River

Rev. & Dear Sir,

I am ashamed of myself for not answering y^r favor long ago. My excuse is that my hand was almost palsied, but thanks to God it is better now. 2^{dly} I cou'd no ways answer than y^r wishes, and I write now to inform you that I have a good prospect to see printed at last a kind of history of the Catholic Church in our western countries.

It is now my turn to challenge you to furnish me with y^r own notes. It appears that Father Chardon S. J. was the founder of the mission of St. Joseph, which flourished about 120 years, & expired within 20 years after the conquest of Canada by the British whose abominable policy w'd not suffermit the Indians to enjoy the instructions of Catholic Priests. I have heard my good 'interpreter, miss Siquette Campaux, say that her uncle (M^r. Chevalier, si bene meminisse) was good Cathol. was the last French Commandant at Ft. St. Joseph, near Niles, where there was a chapel. The American Gov^t has not been much favorable to Catho. Miss. If it had done for us the 10th or 20th or . . . of what has been done in favor of Prot. minist. Oh . . .

I am on my way to the South, there to remain till
May, si Deus voluerit. My health is good, but accidents
~~have~~ of age (I am in my 76th) have brought on
some infirmities.

many times I have been solicited to digest or leave
some Memoirs: at last I have yielded, when the
Rev. Dr. Martin Spalding, cura de la cathed. de Bardst.
& a talented & excellent 'Miss^{er}' offered to be my Amanu-
ensis. I have searched into my papers, (but not yet
all) & giv'n good many notes. ^{Mr.} Alexis Coq^d his ignor-
his carelessness &c. have caused me many losses &c.
you have mentioned him in y^r lett. my own exper.
& my good wishes for the Ch. . . . compel me to say
confidently & confidentially to you Cave ab hominibus.

A Bernacotta (Laudes . . . SS^{ae} Trinitatis) has been
lately published by the printer of the Cathol. Advoc.
which I w'd be glad to ^{personally} present to you; if I could
next summer answer y^r kind invitation.

N.B. There was sent from the City of Washington
or Ft. Wayne a Patent in my name for 80 A^s of
Congress land, bind^d on the Michig. Line, near S^t. Jos. Riv.
which never was in my possessⁿ, & should be in yours.

In union to y^r prayers & SS. and the good Deeds
of y^r relig^s Communit^y I remain respectfully
Totus tuus in viscerib. Xⁱ

S. T. Badin

Protosa. Balthora.

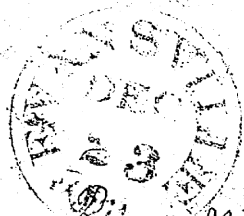
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Give my compl. to Mrs. Coq. with the earnest request to make good
Cathol. Xens of the youth providentially committed to her care
satisone reddat pro animabus

My fingers are tired, sed non animus nec cor -

If you favor me with lett. this winter, address 'em to Bp. Chandler
(Chisacve) at Natchez

I had the pleasure of seeing the good Brother of Madison
some months ago. Please to remember me kindly to him & his excell^t
Pastor.



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Pile am

Rev. M^r. Sorin of N.D. du Lac

Near South Bend

S^t. Joseph C^{ty}

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