

Louisville - Feast of the Circumcision

Rev. dear Sir

I received two letters from you, to which I should have given a full answer; But at present, time is short with me. Before midday I will have to ^{be} on board the boat which I am on my way to the south, according to the advice of my Physicians. I beg yours prayers that my journey in this world & in the next may be prosperous. I wish you & your valuable institutions may enjoy Gods blessing for his honour & the sanctification of souls. I saw two of your children the tutors of Catholic youth in Madison; & put them many questions about St. Mary of the Lake &c. I remember having written to you about twelve months ago, & gave you a necessary advice about a certain man, in whom you should not place much confidence: for he has not grace enough to arrange his own affairs temporal or spiritual after many toils & dangers. I wish much to see you & I had promised to visit you last summer, an interview might be of some service to you; God knows whether I shall ever enjoy that happiness. you requested me to send you, at least my portrait. the rev. Mr. Drew who is becoming your neighbour at Chicago is the bearer of one lithographic copy for you

He can tell you whether it is correct or not. I have not seen it
As he will be a missionary in a diocese contiguous to yours
he will have the opportunity & happiness to make your
acquaintance, he is a good Latin & Greek scholar, has an
Irish heart, & an amiable disposition, I have been
obliged to make use of an amanuensis, because though
I enjoy good health I write with difficulty, osculote osculote

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My best Compliments - to Mrs Coquillard
and to my good Indians; I beg their prayers.

P. S. Should you wish to write to me address your letter
to the care of Rev Mr. Manhaut, pastor St. Louis
Cathedral. N. Orleans -