

Port Wayne May 29th 1858

Father E. Corin

Very Res. & very Dear Sir,

I do not write frequently, it is true; but, when I write, I have something to say, and I never forget to apprise my friends of injuries that have been done them, or of threatening danger. Hear therefore what I will communicate to you personally, and be sure to keep it for yourself.

The Bishop of Vincennes has spoken strongly against your establishment in general, and against you especially not only to Bishop Liers; but to all the Bishops in Council assembled. It has made a deep impression on Bishop Liers, and it has altogether changed his appreciation of South Bend. You have been represented as rendering yourself independent of the Ordinary, and as having obtained ordinations from strange Bishops, when the Bishop of the Diocese did not know any thing about them several months afterwards. You have congregations entrusted to you, and the revenues of those congregations go to build up your establishments, and in consequence the congregations suffer.

You have neglected your principal object, the brothers,
to multiply fine fine Sisters that can be obtained
every where, and almost to any number. You have
squandered thousands and thousands of dollars for a
University, the good of which is questionable. The
Fathers of the Council, in a public session, asked me
what I thought of your establishment of brothers,
and how far you had succeeded. My answer was:
I highly praise the efforts of Father Loin to forward
the establishment of his brothers; I must confess
however that so far he has not been very successful;
but I think he has not been helped and encouraged
by the Clergy as he should have been, and every one
knows that such vocations are very scarce in this Country.
Nean Bishop Liers who does not seem to have ever been
favorably impressed concerning religious orders and congregations,
soon after the Council began to find fault with you.
You have commanded your priests to make a collection
for the Orphan children of the Diocese, and you have
kept the collections, when it should have been sent
to the Bishop of the Diocese. You called him to
ordain one of your subjects, and what did you give
him for his trouble? a few sheets of ginger paper;
but not one dollar for his traveling expenses. He
begged of you to take his seminarians as cheap as you could
possibly afford, and you asked as much again, and more too,
than the Bishop of Vincennes or the Benedictines of Lathrop,
your brothers will cost more than lay teachers, and they are

not half as well qualified. He told me lately, he had written to you for brothers, and then I said; we must build them a small house, and good school rooms. If such be the case, did he reply, I do not want any brothers, and I shall have lay teachers. Much has been said concerning your enormous collections on rail roads, and the little that has been effected with them. Rev. John Dore, the late lascivious drunkard, and now the great friend and confident of Bishop Siers, poisoned as much as he could the mind of the Bishop. When he came back from his last missionary tour, he had much to say about moneys collected by father Kilroy to pay his traveling expenses to Rome, his expenses during his stay in Orbe Orbis, and his expenses in coming back. He related as a ~~probable~~ fact the following; Some hands on the rail-road had been killed, and some other badly hurt. They were suing the company for Damages. The company seeing they would have to pay heavy Damages went to father Kilroy and told him: We will give you a free ticket on our road, as long as you will be employed on our line, and besides we will give you five hundred dollars, if you will speak to those Irish families and prevail on them to receive so much. Father Kilroy accepted the bribe and thus helped in swindling those poor families. Thus spoke father Dore, he who was expelled from the house of Carrington as guilty of habitual drunkenness, of sacrilegious adulteries, and of sacrilegious stealing.

The Bishop accepted all as words of the gospel,
and it never occurred to his mind to question the
veracity of the evingful and malicious slanderer,
I say nothing; should I speak, they would say again
as they have repeatedly said before; He takes the
part of Father Serio, because he is a Country man of
his. Every thing is Dutch here, and low Dutch as that.
I am in the way, and they do every thing they can
to disgust me and force me to go, I have ^{been offered} already
a better place; but before leaving I will witness
their manuevers a little longer, and laugh to scorn
such mean and degrading policy. Gore is gone again,
he has the charge from the Bishop to go to Plymouth,
to say nothing; but to enquire what has been done there,
what is doing now, and what are the prospects. The
next thing will be, it is only a guess of mine, but
the next thing will be to take Plymouth from you.
The next will be Laporte, the next Michigan
city, Walpavaiso and St John. Turkey Creek
is occupied, Goshen and Elkheart are gone overboard
and finally you will ^{be} confined within the limits
of your own premises, where you will find no
money. — I have written this for your own good
and guidance. You may keep it for reference, and
convince yourself that I am good at guessing; But
keep it from the public eye, for some time at least,
Yours as ever J. Denovis