

Fort Wayne Nov. 10. 1873

U. S. Gen. E. S. Gorin Gen = Ft. Y. C.

Dear General,

I would have answered your favor much sooner if I had not been much absent from home. The triduum has kept me busy here and elsewhere, and I am very glad it is over. No doubt you could spend profitably thousands and thousands if you had them, and so it is with us. Dear in mind that Bishop Luers has left a burden of more than sixty thousand dollars for his successor. A new grave yard has been procured and 17,000 have been adressed on it. The towers of the Cathedral are completed, and six thousand

To show that \$1000 - in my opinion, the principal will be

Others have been disbursed,  
The sanctuary window, and  
the red set of retainer cuts you  
bought in Paris will require  
of 3000 more, A new orphan  
asylum must be erected  
immediately, and will necessitate  
another expense of \$40000 -  
if not more.

When I resigned I thought  
I owed only \$2000, but  
my indebtedness amounted to  
more than \$4000 £ If I  
had not made some money,  
these 18 months past, I would  
be quite involved. I have  
some claims to be sure and  
some valuable real property,  
but I cannot sell now, and  
all the income I receive  
from it, consists in paying  
enormous taxes, placed in

Such narrow circumstances,  
how can I contribute for  
the purchase of a most  
beautiful altar, which  
purchase would be most  
desirable, but is not at all  
necessary? Should I be able  
to contribute for such a  
purchase, I would do so in  
favor of our poor Cathedral.  
Your church will no doubt  
be of great importance, the  
Cathedral, however, has the  
right of precedence. When  
I will realize some means,  
I will not forget you, and  
your establishments, in the  
disposition of them. Meanwhile  
Dear General, do, as I do myself,  
wait with patience

Yours truly  
C. J. Bennett