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VINCENNES, April 18, 1843.

MY DEAR CONFRERE:

You have had for predecessors at the Lake, not only the saintly Priests Desille and Petit, but this point of South Bend is perhaps the 1st point in the West ever visited by missionaries, and which ever possessed resident missionaries. At least it is certain that Father Marquette was there in 1669; that he lived there un-til his death in 1875, and that he was replaced there by Father Allouéz, who himself had seen the Pottowatomies and Mianies as early as 1669. It is as wishing to see how many Souvenirs center around that point. I shall send you all the informations I can procure.

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