

New York May 1st 1864.

Rev dear sir

I have been deferring my answer of your esteemed favor inviting me to the interesting ceremony soon to take place at your institution, in the hope that I might be able to give a favourable one - I find, however, that the applications for Confirmation & other duties are so numerous that I shall have to deny myself the honor & pleasure of being among your privileged guests -

Thanking you for your kind invitation
I wish you health & blessing

I remain, Rev Sir,
Very sincerely yr. obed Servt. in Chr

John Abbe of New York

V. Rev. E. Sorin

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