

St. Louis.

5th March 1886.

Very Rev. Dear Sir.

I thank you for your invitation to visit your establishment and be present at the imposing ceremony which is to take place on the 30th of next May. I beg you to believe that my declining to do so is the result of my inability to leave the diocese even for a short time, except in case of absolute necessity, and not a want of appreciation of the kindness which prompts you to invite me. Some occasion may present itself in which I may be able to visit Notre Dame and

witness the success with which God
has blessed your labours for the
promotion of His glory.

I remain, Very Respected,

Your Obedt. Servant,

H. Peter Richard,

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Very Rev. E. Sorin.