

Detroit Feby. 20<sup>th</sup> 1848

Res. & Dear Sir.

I duly received your note of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. offering me the first chance to purchase from you the Lot adjoining the one on which the Church now stands in Niles. I very much regret to reply that, as I have full reason to believe, & am under the full conviction that, long before & after the purchase of said Lot, several Clergymen under your direction, have, at various times, on the line of the Central R. Road & within the Diocess of Detroit, collected monies to far over & above the full amount for the expressed & avowed purpose of purchasing said Lot & paying for the same for Church & educational purposes. I could not therefore conscientiously purchase said Lot which in all justice already belongs to the Church in Niles, or at least should belong to it.

Yours very respectfully  
+ Peter, P. Lefevre Esq

Rev. E. Sorin }  
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Lettre de M<sup>rs</sup> de J. J. de  
au P. Loren  
au sujet d'un lot  
à Niles.

