

Rev. & very dear Sir

The Bishop having appointed me to take a journey to the North this summer, has also informed me that it is your desire that I should assist at the retreat of your community. However incompetent I feel myself to afford you any assistance, I must at least assure <sup>you</sup> of my goodwill, and the pleasure it will give me in paying you a visit, to manifest the same in any way I can. — I trust there is no necessity of repeating, that my poor services, such as they are, are entirely at your command. The chief difficulty which suggests itself is — whether I shall be able to reach South-Bend at the time you may have appointed for the retreat. I fear it will be impossible for me to be with you much before the 25<sup>th</sup> August, and perhaps that is too distant a date for your convenience. Pray favour me with a line by return of post. I shall at all events have the pleasure of spending a short time with you soon, en attendant — accept the assurance of esteem and regard with which I am

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Your entirely devoted

Michael Edgar Stone

Vincennes July 24. 1843.

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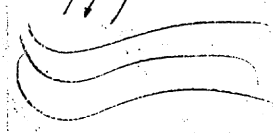

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