

Rev. & very dear Sir

During my sojourn at Notre Dame du Lac last summer, you may recollect that you said to me — "If you should ever change your relations with Vincennes, I shall receive you with welcome here" — That time has arrived, and the object of my present communication is to inform you thereof, and to ask of your kindness, if you be willing to receive me.

There will be no difficulty as regards the Bishop — I have his consent in writing. — It would be superfluous to make any observation on the services I might render to the Community, or the Missions with which it is charged — You know me sufficiently to judge if such could be made available for either — Of my desire to do so, to the utmost of my limited powers, I trust you will not entertain a doubt. — I am at present spending some weeks with my excellent friends the Jesuites in Cincinnati. — If the arrangement meets your approbation, I propose to commence my journey to the North, as soon as the roads are practicable, which may be expected in perhaps about four or five weeks. I must beg the favor of as immediate a reply as your leisure will possibly admit:— in the mean time with best regards to all the members of the Community, and begging a share in your and their prayers, I request you to accept the renewed assurance of how much I am

With warmest esteem & respect
Your most entirely devoted

M. E. Norwell

S. J. Xavier College
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