

Eric, Pa. Nov. 27, 1861

My Rev. Father Superior!

I received your Roman document, and forwarded it to Monsig. de Buffalo, as you requested. - I received also the Circular with the engraved view of your "Home". - I will present the case, as opportunity serves, to the clergy of this Diocese, with the most earnest of commendations. - I doubt, however, whether this time of year will prove favorable to any great amount of pecuniary success from the appeal. -

Might I criticise your elevation, I will tell you that when you become old, so as to need the Rest which you are so laudably preparing for others, you will find it tedious, especially if you are rheumatic, to go up and

down stairs as much as you have provided for. - Much better it would seem to me to occupy with a two story building more space on the ground; and even not forgetting a suggestion I have heretofore

made to you, namely, that it will be better in case of fire, to have several detached structures rather than one continuous pile. This certainly is worthy of consideration where the ground is as cheap as with you, and not as costly as in a crowded city where builders are forced heavenward for amplitude. - The world is taken with outside show, and naturally would people wish grand & lofty piles for the purpose of show. - But we

spiritually minded people ought to regard an old maxim of our thrifty ancestors "Build not your house too high," and seek, by keeping nearer the earth, the exaltation by and by which is promised to those who humble themselves. Pardon these suggestions. —

I hope some day to renew the pleasure of my former visits to your interesting locality, especially when I can see realized, or nearly so, all that your zeal promises. I am sorry I have been precluded by other engagements from accepting some of the ~~communications~~ ^{communications} I have from time to time received, — I promise myself an indemnity for this all some future day.

I am particularly pleased that

Community is responding so nobly to the calls of patriotism and charity. - We had a regiment forming here under command of a Catholic, for which I expected to be called on for a Chaplain. - I should have looked to you in the emergency; but I have been mortified to find that a Methodist has been selected. -

I beg a commendation to all your Rev. Conferes, and to Sister Elizabeth and all her pious community, and to all old friends.

A share in your good prayers

Faithfully yours in Christ

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Rev. Rev. Father Lorin