

Eric, July 17, 1862

My dear Father Superior!

I am sorry I neglected to acknowledge your kind invitation to your diocesan Festival till it was out of season, but it seems that I did. - You will overlook it, because I could not have come at any rate. -

Professor Beke was for 26 years continuously employed at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. - I was there during the first three, and I have known him by occasional visits & by report of his pupils pretty well ever since. - I have known him to be singularly enthusiastic in his devotion to his pupils

and in grounding them com-
pletely in whatever he un-
dertook to teach. - I don't
know why he became tired
of his position, or what mo-
tive perhaps of ambition
prompted him two years
since to accept a position
as Professor in the Unive-
rsity of the City of New York. -
But it turns out that he is
not satisfied with that, &
he is disappointed in the
application, best backed of
all, for the Professorship of
German at West Point, by
the delay of Congress in passing

the law establishing it, He
writes me that having been
from childhood (having the
last two years) connected
with Catholic Colleges, he can
desire nothing better still,
- Mount St. Mary's would receive
him again, but it suffers
from the Rebellion, and from
the seceding proclivities of its
President with whom Prof. Blake
can have no sympathies. -
If you want him for your
institute, I think you could
easily procure him, and
on easy or reasonable terms.
He has requested me to lay

the application before you
as I have heretofore done. If
you choose you to address him
directly, you could find him per-
haps for the next two weeks
at St. Marystown, Elk County,
Pennsylvania, or you could
address him through me.

I am glad to hear that Sister
Angela and her companions
are doing such a noble
work. — God speed their ef-
forts, and also grant
us the crushing out thro
unholy rebellion, & the end
of Slavery — Faithfully yours
Wm. A. Brown + S. M. Young, Secy