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Rev^d and dear Sir,

I have before me your interesting letter in relation to the Brothers of St Joseph's. Preparations for the visitation of my Diocese and other occupations prevented me from answering it sooner.

I hail the establishment of the Brothers of St Joseph's as a circumstance which may prove extremely beneficial to this country. They may do for the boys what the Sisters of charity are doing with so much success for the girls.

I shall answer your questions to the best of my knowledge.

I think that boys and girls

ought not to be admitted in the same school. Indeed, I would in general leave the tuition of girls to the Sisters of Charity. I do not approve that men should have the tuition of them.

2^d The tuition should be gratuitous where this can be done. But there are cases when a small compensation might be required, either for the support of the school, or to show the feelings of the Parents.

3^d I would be very happy that the labours of the Brothers were not confined to one diocese, for it would give me great pleasure to see them in mine. On this subject I would be glad to learn from you, if you have the prospect of being able soon to form Missions, and whether you have brothers who could take charge of English Schools.

The travelling expenses of the Brothers ought to be paid by those requiring their services; the additional \$40 a year is not unreasonable.

Very respectfully

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