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Rev dear Sir Maria

Your favor of the 5th ult came to hand in due time, the acknowledgem^{nt} of which has been delayed some time in consequence of my absence from home.

I have long wished to have some of the Brothers of St Joseph in my Dioc^{es} & am glad to indulge the hope that my wishes may be realized. Should it be possible to send me some please inform me in order that I may make preparations for them I will cheerfully bear their travelling expenses & give the annual pension you demand

With regard to the several questions proposed to me for solution - 1st Altho. I should prefer having the two sexes separated yet where there are no means of teaching the girls separately, it would be hard to deprive them of the benefit of education for their cause

1st With strict vigilance on the part of the teacher all the difficulties on this head might be obviated & they might be taught in the same school with boys.

2nd Where parents are able to pay for their childrens education I think they ought to do so. leaving those free who are too poor to pay.

3rd I am decidedly of the opinion that this excellent institute should not be confined to any one place but that it should be spread as widely as possible. convinced that the most beneficial results will follow from it.

A letter at your first leisure informing me whether I may hope to have some of those good Books will much oblige me.

I am

Rec^d dear Sir

your obt serv^t

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