

Fort Wayne, March 30, 1869.

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Very Rev. and Dear Sir!

I heard from father Benoit that you will return to the United States this spring. Now my dear father Louis, I have made arrangements for my brother to come to America, but as he is young and without experience, you would do me a great favour, if you would bring him with you. I have sent him sufficient money to pay his way, but if you should have some expenses on account of him I will repay that to you as soon as you arrive here.

I have written to my brother to go to Paris and meet you at your College. But if you should

from Paris  
you should be absent the most  
of your time, please leave word  
at home to receive my brother  
and keep him there at the  
College until you will  
be ready to leave Europe, the  
expenses of his board during  
the time he stays in your  
house I will pay to you  
when you come here.

He is as yet a protestant  
(Lutherian) as I myself  
have been, but by the grace  
of God I am a catholic  
now. I am the assistant of  
father Benoit, and you  
have seen me at the time  
when you were lost in  
Fort Wayne, My brother  
will have a letter addressed  
to you and to your house  
in Paris, by which you may

know him when he arrives.  
He speaks neither french nor  
english but speaks <sup>the</sup> german  
language, I suppose you  
have some germans in your  
house to make yourselves  
understand.

Please treat him well  
as your own brother and you  
will oblige your unknown  
friend & brother in Christ

Joseph Henry Brammer  
assistant of Very Rev. Father Reint  
Cathedral  
Fort Wayne,

Indiana,

Please excuse me for the trouble  
I hereby cause to you.

If you cannot go for some  
time please give my brother  
Directions how to get on  
the steamer, and arrange  
matters in Paris if you  
can in regard to paying the  
passage, as he would not  
be able to do that by himself.

Jos. H. Strauss