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V. Rev. Father General
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Yesterday in presence of V. Rev. F. Provincial
I read your letter of the 10th Jan. as directed
all the Sisters feel very sorry that you have
been put to so much trouble and they were
unanimous in wishing to follow the directions
you gave and protest against their Circulars.
I am sending the whole by this mail to Mr.
Provincial, I only ^{have} one Circular as yet, it is
directed & sealed ready to mail, but I think
I will wait to have a few more to send
at the same time — + Certain things
have occurred here lately which have grieved
me very much, V. Rev. F. Pres. has no doubt
informed you of the whole, but as I felt it
a duty to inform him of what I considered
a wrong I wish to tell it you also — But
I must say first that none of these transac-
tions have been spoken of in Council, they
have been done privately between a few individ-
uals of which see Mr. Emily is I ~~the~~ think
the second prominent one, I learned of run

News of the hearing that Mr. Pres. intended to
build a Church here this year - a few days after
by chance I learned from Pres. S. Lemmon, the
difficulty there was between Notre Dame & St.
Mary's in consequence of Mr. Pres. having already
commenced a subscription among the persons in
whom Notre Dame had relied, things were so
when we stay last week Mr. Pres. came here
during our dinner with a box full of envelopes
& large printed sheets of addresses & requested
me to have these envelopes directed as she
requested these sent before she left for Wash-
ington, she said it is a secret, but I hope
it will bring us something - She did not tell
me what the secret was - In the meantime
I learned these envelopes were being filled with
printed Circulars by three Secretaries in the
Sisters Parish, these Secretaries had been pro-
voked with for sovery - As I recognized the
sheets of addresses left in the Mercantile to
be the names & addresses of all the sub-
scribers of the "Our Maria" I felt it was
wrong for St. Mary's to appropriate
itself the right of calling upon them for
help to build a church here when you

intended doing so years since & that it was
being published in the "Luce Maria" I could
not stand without ascertaining if Notre
Dame had given St. Mary's the right
of doing so - consequently I went to St. Paul
St. Francis asking him if he had autho-
rized what was going on - as he knew
nothing about it, he took whatever was
sure he thought proper - Father, I could
never see any injustice done by us to the
Congregation of the Fathers, as I have too
much of the old spirit, especially when
this would be attempted in your absence
& unknown to you. The sisters may think &
say of me what they please, I will never
change - But allow me to tell you, &
pray do not consider me uncharitable
because what I say is the truth, a truth
I know for years, that there are some
here & Sr. Emily is one of them, I know
it from her own lips, who think we
are imposed upon by Notre Dame that
our progress has been retarded, that Mr.
Angeli always used his influence in favor
of Notre Dame - In speaking of the

subscriptions. Sr. Lammie's sister Mr. Lutzke
had acquired her popularity thro' her Father
this may be, but yet a number of Sisters
here think & speak differently, they say you
have thro' her, by her influential connections
& - - - God help us! but I think she
believes this herself some times - - -

We have not had our Statistics presented
to Council yet, but I hear that the
expenses of food up to date equal the
expenses of the whole of last year -
Grand indebtedness is \$60,000 - \$45,000 of which
bear interest, which is \$4,500 - \$16,000 of this
money at interest is laid out in St. Joseph,
Academy South-Bend, the \$29,000 in the
Sacred Heart Fort-Wayne - The Mission
have given a bond of \$3,000 this covers the
interest of the Provincial debt less \$1,500
& thus St. Mary's has a floating debt of
\$15,000 - We have made to my knowledge
the following extraordinary expenses

A Portico about	\$1000-00	
Blinds for Academy	500-00	
Castle & Garden house	1,500 00	and more
	<u>3,000 00</u>	

but the expenses of hired men, teams & ground improvements are considerable & are not weight before - Sr Emily is constantly asking for this or that of the sort & when she brings it to Council it is so far decided that she places persons under the necessity of saying Yes - Yesterday she asked for an order to Our Lady of Peace, the grapes were platted but Mother had said not to speak of it till the time came, the grapes would be lost if they were left on the ground - Sr Granger asked - Will this be a benefit to you? After discussion it was left undecided, thus the money goes - And if Mr. Charles & I say any thing, we are told that we have squandered at Fort - Wayne & need St. Mary's, has to suffer - It cannot be that Our Lady of the Sacred Heart will have a house which bears her name crumble another - Sr Arsenia wrote they sold their Lapp a higher price than she had ever expected, the only trouble is the

want of snow to delude them, we are
praying for snow & to-day the ground
is covered here. I hope it is there too -
these Loops will bring \$1500 probably
~~more~~ dear of expense. Our financial con-
dition is not perhaps entirely alarming,
but it will not tatter long ere it becomes
so, especially as there is no economy pri-
vated any more, and there can be no
economy where there is no discipline
but on the contrary a very loose religious
government. I feel seriously concerned
about our moral as well as temporal
situation & pray earnestly that God in his
goodness may give us a remedy -

+ We do not know if any person writes
to France, when I heard Dr. St. Joseph die
I told you - Dr. M. Luyherine feels very
badly often, & speaks of going on - but I do
not think she writes. I always advise her
to await your return - she is not happy
I hope + you will in charity find a way
to please her more to her taste - I think it is
not salutary nor pleasing to God to have so many
persons suffering in consequence of your ^{toilet} ^{toilet} & ascension