

St Joseph, Mo  
Dec 10. 1873

Very Rev and Dear Sir

Prohibiting interment in the Old Cemetery to families owning burial lots in it would only result in litigation and animosity and therefore do no good but on the contrary much evil. I can, when you open the new Cemetery, make a public announcement of the fact, and advise that all future interments be made in it, and that the bodies be removed to it from the Old Cemetery as soon as possible. This way of influencing men to cooperate with us when it is to their interest to do so, as we can show in this case, will I am confident work well and before long bring about the desired result.

Hoping you are well and that you will be pleased to come to see us soon, I remain

Very Sincerely Yours  
+ John J. Hogan  
Bp of St Joseph

Very Rev E Souin. C.S.C.  
Promised.