

New York, Nos. 49 & 51 Chambers Street

October 28th 1888.

Very Rev. and Dear

Father General

Your much esteemed favor of 12th instant was duly received; I cannot express adequately my sense of pleasure and gratitude at being the recipient of so beautiful a tribute from the Bishops' Memorial Hall of the University of Notre Dame, as the Gold Cross awarded on the occasion of the publication of the Lives of the Catholic Bishops. I do not feel worthy of so distinguished a compliment. I beg you to thank the gentlemen who took part in its award most sincerely for me and in my name. To you I return my thanks in an especial manner for the kind and generous terms in which you have conveyed the notice to me.

Allow me again to congratulate you on your fifty golden years at the altar, and to wish you the continuance of many more; ad multos annos et felices.

Remaining your prayers I remain, Very Rev. Father General
Your sincere & devoted friend

Richard A. Clarke

Very Rev. Edward Sorin, Sup. Gen. C.S.C.