Regarding title (legal?) of the new church of St. Joseph [Bertrand?] not the title to the land, but of the building; it is all that the Congregation (?) parish? community has been able to do so far here; the parish?

Three adjacent lots have been set aside for the church structure, should not exceed a church having the value of $3,000, the new building is not worth $3,000. Until the Catholics of St. Joseph (mission, Bertrand) have obtained a lot of their choice for their church. I do not think that another title could ever be

If your Lordship cannot dispense of the diocesan canons which ordain that the Ordinary [Bishop] and Lefevre was not the Ordinary only the titular of Zela and Coadjutor - Administrator of Detroit ought to be in possession of the title [property title ought to be in name of Ordinary for the Diocese]. I do not see that one can make these poor people who - nothing less than... actually buy a lot and - move their church. That is not all...? that I have been told myself regarding these circumstances.

1. 2. The benediction - blessing? approval? - to the great disappointment of the Congregation [Holy Cross?] parishioners?] and Fr. Cointet who is about to leave for Calamazoo [Kal...told me you decided? he asked that this be (ought to be) done. I... that it will be extremely difficult? if he is unable to get permission? and usage.

We await you for the distribution of? - - until the value.

I sincerely regret that your duties will not permit you to accede to my invitation. Accept, my Lord Bishop, the assurance of the respect and deep veneration of your Lordship

of your Lordship

Your very humble and devoted servant

E. Sorin.