Dec. 1843. Steam-Boat Mononga
Ohio River

Rev. & Dear Sir,

I am ashamed of myself for not answering yr favor long ago. My excuse is that my hand was almost palsied, but thanks to God it is better now. 2ly I could no ways answer then yr wishes, and I write now to inform you that I have a good prospect to see printed at last a kind of history of the Catholic Church in our Western countries. It is now my turn to challenge you to furnish me with yr own notes. It appears that Father Chardon S.J. was the founder of the Mission of St. Joseph, which flourished about 120 years, & expired within 20 years after the conquest of Canada by the British whose abominable policy we did not permit the Indians to enjoy the instructions of Catholic Priests. I have heard my good interpreter, Miss Liguette, Campaux, say that her uncle (Mr. Chevalier, sibene memini) was a good Catholic, was the last French commandant at Ft. St. Joseph, near Niles, where there was a chapel. The American Govt has not been much favorable to Catholic Miss. If it had done for us the 10th or 20th or... of what has been done in favor of Prot. Minist. Oh...
I am on my way to the South, there to remain till May, si Deus voluerit. My health is good, but accidents have & age (I am in my 76th) have brought on some infirmities.

Many times I have been solicited to digest or leave some memoirs; at last I have yielded, when the Rev. Dr. Martin Spalding, curé de la Cathédrale de Bardstown, a talented & excellent Miss offered to be my amanuensis. I have searched into my papers, (best not yet all) & given many notes. Alexis Coq his ignorance, his carelessness, &c. have caused me many losses &c.

You have mentioned him in yr. letter, my own expen. & my good wishes for the Ch. compell me to say confidently & confidentially to you Cave ab hominibus.

A Poem, (Laudes SS. Trinitatis) has been lately published by the printer of the Catholic Advocate, which I will be glad to present to you; if I could next summer answer yr. kind invitation.

N.B. There was sent from the city of Washington or Ft. Wayne a Patent in my name for 30 A. S of Congress land, binds on the Michig. Line near St. Jos. Riv, which never was in my possession, &c should be in yours.

In union to yr. prayers & SS. and the good deeds of yr. religious community, I remain respectfully,
Tutus tuus in viscrob. et S.J. Badin
Soto Sr. Baltimore.
Give my compl. to M's. Coq. with the earnest request to make good Catholic xans of the youth providentially committed to her care. 

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My fingers are tired, sed non animus nec cor.

If you favor me with lett. this winter, address 'em to Bp. Chandle (objective) at Natchez.

I had the pleasure of seeing the good Brother of Madison some months ago. Please to remember me kindly to him & his excell. Pastor.
Rev. Mr. Sorin of St. D. du Lac
Near South Bend
St. Joseph City
Ind. —