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Dear Father Sotine,

The Bishop told me positively that he had not given his consent to the telegram in question. Mother Angela says that the matter was well understood between the Bishop and herself. I believe the latter, though it is a poor compliment to the former. Of two matters attested in which the Bishop having given his consent for this and that, and afterwards seeing some troublesome consequences arising from this hasty, and undisguised consent, denied positively having given said consent. What he has done in so many other circumstances, he may have done in the present case. Hence my settled inclination to believe him only on good proof of his actual veracity. I would not write this to any body else, but it may prove useful
to you, as you are and will be, in constant and close relation with him.

If will go to St. Albans, start for Europe in the latter part of April, say ten days after Easter, and take the Steamer on the first of May. This is my settled determination. I will moreover resign the Rectoryship of the Cathedral, and when I will come back, I will act either as assistant Priest, or as a private individual. The way of the Bishop is so far apart from mind that we never can meet, and then it is better for us to agree to disagree, and to live independent of one another.

Should you have made up your mind to go to France, and even to Rome, I would willingly go with you; if not, I will go alone.
The Bishop will pay my traveling expenses. He may well do that, this very year just, my outlay is $1,670—while my receipts have not exceeded $1,500. Hence I am out of my pocket to the amount of $170. If I had kept half of that sum, I could well pay my expenses.

The School of the Brothers is doing well, even better than I expected. It will pay this year, and I have no doubt, next year it will yield a handsome profit. From School Societies, deliver us, O Lord.

Father Louis Conmier was much disheartened in the beginning; but he has more courage now. The members of his congregation were not willing to rent the farm, and to give him a sufficient salary, he told me to. Then I went to give church on the day the farm
were to be rented, and I spoke to them in such a manner that the rent of the farm was raised to $500, while it was only $600, and to Foster Adams, I am glad to hear that Father Carrier will come. There is plenty work for both, and if they are industrious, they will get a sufficient support, and they will do an immense amount of good among those poor French people. I told the Bishop to advance them a few hundred dollars, that they may put themselves in trim from the beginning, but he cannot understand that kind of language — I would advance myself, but I want to pay all I owe before I leave. If it is not in my power, therefore, advance them two or three hundred dollars. They will be able to repay after a short time.