Portmague  Feb. 19, 1872

Rev. F. Porter Gen'l. Co. P. Co.,
Rev. Father,

Received your last long communication concerning your New project, I am glad you do not ask my advice for my present situation I could not give it. As administrator, I do strongly what I cannot help doing, and go no further. Your undertaking is something so important for the present and future, that though I would be wise, I should not go one step without consulting some. You need some thing of the kind in your establishment with the grace of God it may work well; but a special assistance of God is necessary to establish it and to keep it working in harmony.
With you all went in this, as in every thing else; till I obtain from all advice concerning it.

You are a wicked father, you have placed me in a terrible predicament with the Bishop of Rochester. It is concerning that priest, you are in Wisconsin, and you wanted me to receive in the diocese of Fort Wayne. He had written to me before you did. I had written to the Bishop of Rochester to know what intended. When I had received the letter of the Bishop, I wrote to the priest, truly, that I had not place for him in the diocese of Fort Wayne, and it was true. But when you wrote to me, I let you know the answer of the Bishop of Rochester. Now here is your
guilt, and you must certainly atone for it. You saw that point again after you had received any communication, and you let him know what the bishop of Rochester had said concerning him. This is not fair, it is not just, and if you feel like atoning for your transgression, you will write to the bishop of Rochester that the accusation committed did not proceed from me, but from yourself.

On this condition, I will grant you full pardon and absolution, and I will remain your devoted friend forever.

W. Benoit

Adm.