MY DEAR CONTERERE:

You have had for predecessors at the Lake, not only the saintly Priests Deselle and Petit, but this point of South Bend is perhaps the first point in the West ever visited by missionaries, and which ever possessed resident missionaries. At least it is certain that Father Marquette was there in 1669, that he lived there until his death in 1675, and that he was replaced there by Father Allouez, who himself had seen the Pottowatomies and Manies as early as 1669. It is astonishing to see how many "Souvenirs" center around that point. I shall send you all the informations I can procure.

Rev. E. Sorin, Notre Dame.