Very Rev. P. Searle C. S. C.
Superior General

Very Rev. dear Sir

Have you heard of any
of your institutions of a Priest, of fine English education &
good writer— with a taste for teaching? — There is a Priest of
my diocese possessing these qualifications — But, the Bishop
who at the same time is not well suited for our Congregations.

He goes contrary to the reason — it has sometimes used too much
strength. His letters to one express excellent sentiments, but only
of repentance, but he relies on divine grace more than
by his own resolutions. But the Congregations are far separated
from a great deal of travelling to be done — & consequently to
place him there, would be to expose him to previous temptations.

Whereas a house with fellow Priests to encourage him, & facilities
to admonish him strictly to direct him — but is capable of rendering
great service to education & religion.

If you know of any place where his services are desirable,
I will be thankful to learn of it.

Please present one to the Revd. Gentlemen around you —
& tell them mentioned in the Holy Sacrifice
your servant in Christ

+William Henry Elder
Bishop of Natchez