Nauvoo, Ill. Aug. 24, 1844.

My dear sir,

I have received your interesting letter in relation to the Brothers of Joseph's. Preparations for the visitation of my diocese and other occupations prevented me from answering it sooner.

I have the establishment of the Brothers of the Prophet, as a circumstance which may prove extremely beneficial to this country. They may do for the boys what the Sisters of Charity are doing with so much success for the girls.

I shall answer your questions to the best of my knowledge.

I think that boys and girls
ought not to be admitted in the same school. Indeed, I would in general learn the duties of girls to the ladies of charity. And we hope that more charity have the duties of them.

2^d. The Fathers should be gratitudious when this can be done. But there are cases where a small compensation might be required, either for the support of the school, or to show the feelings of the parents.

3^d. I would be very happy that the letters of the Brothers were not confined to those chiefs, for it would give me great pleasure to see them in mine. On this subject I would be glad to learn from you, if you have the prospect of being able to come to Mississipi, and whether you have Brothers who could take charge of English schools.

The travelling expenses of the Brothers ought to be paid by those requiring their services, the additional $40 a year is not unreasonably.

Very respectfully,

Your humble 

Bishop John Joseph Chanche of Natchez.