Very Rev. Father General,

Next Sunday it will be three weeks, I have spent in the Black Hills, where I find a large number of Catholic families & bachelors & everybody well disposed towards the Church. The influence of the two Fathers is very good & would be still more beneficial if supported by at least one good Catholic School. The Sisters of Notre Dame have a building in Deadwood which, without great expense, could be utilized for that purpose & if one of the teachers knew French well & the other German their expense would at once be abundant.

From Yankton the Sisters have also received an invitation by Fr. Rev. Father Willard. The building there is very beautifully located, as solidly constructed & would make an excellent point to begin from which gradually many & at last even all the prosperous parishes of Southern & Middle Dakota could be supplied with Catholic Teachers. The welfare of the growing generation & the future of the Church cannot be secured in any other manner than by placing Sisters in charge of a school, whereas we have a resident pastor. If Eastern Catholics would do only one tenth of what Eastern Protestants do for Dakota, we would accomplish this easily.
If you could comply with both these invitations you would contribute more than anybody has done yet towards the development of Catholicity in this Diocese & secure the perpetual gratitude & cooperation of

Your willing & grateful servant

+ St. Mary

G.A.D.