NOTRE DAME, INDIANA, Oct. 13, 1892.

Reverend Fathers and Beloved Children in Jesus Christ:

As I look over the unusual number of festal greetings lying on my table, which every mail increases, I feel more than ever grateful for such admirable expressions of filial and heartfelt affection. Indeed, I wish I could reply to each and every one of these precious letters and telegrams whose sentiments fill my heart with a joy beyond what words can express.

What a delight it would be for me to acknowledge to my dear well-wishers the pleasure they have given me by their beautiful congratulations which speak so well of the noble heart that gave them inspiration. This alone would prove what I notice every day, namely: that our dear Congregation is evidently increasing in piety and perfection. May God continue to bless it! Success will thereby follow in all directions, and all will feel happier.

E. Sorin, C. S. C.
Superior-General.