

into America with them, to apply themselves to the instruction of youth in religion and literature, as worthy not only of the praises of the faithful who are desirous of the propagation and increase of religion, but also of their favor and co-operation. This desirable end he will no doubt accomplish, if the most excellent and Reverend Bishop of Bruges will deign for the future to favor his design with that pastoral and fatherly care, with which he has already so affectionately cherished it. As to us, if Providence deign to send us any brothers, we will affectionately embrace them, and most willingly commit to their care and instruction the youth of our Asylum who at the present time number fifty boys. The brothers will also deserve much of religion, if some among them well instructed in the method of teaching the deaf and dumb should devote their time to their education.

Given at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, in North America, this 17th day of February, 1838.

(SIGNED) † JOSEPH, *Bishop of St. Louis.*

On the 1st of February, 1839, Bishop Rosati again wrote to Mr. Ryken as follows :

DEAR MR. RYKEN :

I received both your letters and I learn with pleasure of the perseverance in your resolution of coming to America, and the choice you have made of establishing yourself in the diocese of St. Louis. Under the protection and guidance of your venerable prelate, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Bruges, this good work cannot fail to be successful, and be the means of doing much good in this country. Our orphans increase day by day and they will pray for this beautiful work from which they will reap such great advantages. The establishment of the Sisters, for the instruction of