

Los Angeles, Sept. 19, 1876.

DEAR BRO.

I received your circular lately sent to us. I heartily approve such plan, and pray God that he may bless the same and multiply the members of said order, so that you may, through his mercy and blessing, be able to send some even to the farthest West of our Republic—even to this western coast and golden region.

Yours truly,

†THADDEUS AMAT, C. M., *Bp. of Monterey and Los Angeles.*

†FRANCIS MORA, *Bishop Coadjutor.*

The above circular meets with my cordial approval

†J. J. KAIN, *Bishop of Wheeling.*

Marysville, Washington's Birth-Day, 1878.
VERY REV. BRO. ALEXIUS.

I am at a loss to know why you are not content with the approbation of your Novitiate, by so many distinguished dignitaries, both in Canada and the United States, without my humble name being attached to the "proud throng." But as you insist on my sanction of a noble undertaking, I give it freely. The only fault I find with the Novitiate and with yourself in connection with it is that you have refused to transfer a branch thereof to this diocese. My Vicar General, Very Rev P. Manogue, Rector Magnificus of "St. Mary's in the Mountains," Virginia City, repeatedly invited you, and you declined his invitation. May God forgive and convert you!

Yours in Christ,

†E O'CONNELL, *Bishop of Grass Valley*