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Rev. Peter Rocca, C.S.C.
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Dear Peter,

Enclosed you will find a copy of a report from Provincial House files concerning relics and other things belonging, not to Notre Dame, but to "Priests" as the notice from McDonald explains.

We have agreed that the Archives should keep the original documentation, since it is deplorable condition and requires reconstruction and archival preservation.

So for your information: the letter from the asst. Provincial is a copy and you are free to file it away in your office. This letter does describe the documentation itself.

We will keep in the Archives the original documentation since we have climate control and these documents are already crumbling from lack of attention. Once reconstructed and preserved, they will of course be open to anyone interested, but they will remain here for preservation.

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January 20, 1995

Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
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Dear Dan,

After having consulted with Fr. Carl F. Ebey, C. S. C., Provincial of the Priests of Holy Cross, Indiana Province, about the matter of transferring relics and religious objects belonging to the Indiana Province to the care of the staff at Sacred Heart Church, I am sending you this letter to confirm the substance of what we discussed by telephone and in person. As I said to you in our telephone conversation, I hope to secure a more dignified resting place for these relics than the petty cash drawer at the Provincial House where they have rested for some twenty years. At the same time the Province has no intention of transferring its ownership of these relics or objects to Sacred Heart or to the University of Notre Dame, but wishes to entrust them to your care. Accompanying this letter, which I am delivering to you personally, are those relics and religious objects whose inventory I have described below. I wish to express the Province's gratitude for your help in securing a dignified place for these objects and relics.

The 1967 agreement between the Indiana Province and the University of Notre Dame in relevant parts states that, 'it is understood and agreed that title to the Church will remain with the University and that the religious of the "Priests" will continue to staff it as well as the Chapels on the Campus... Those articles of artistic and historic interest relating to the members of the "Priests" and presently kept in the treasure of Sacred Heart Church and the Log Chapel, including the prie-dieu of Fr. Sorin, are recognized as the property of the "Priests".' Because this agreement refers only to those articles "presently" kept i.e., 1967, I wish to make it clear that these articles of artistic and historic interest as well as the relics included in these two boxes are to be recognized as well as property of the priests as "Priests" are defined in that agreement.

The inventory of these two boxes are as follows:

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| one relic of St. Joseph B. Cottolengo (ex ossibus) (in its leather case) | one relic of St. Agnes (in cloth sack) |
| four relics of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus (in cloth sack) | one relic of St. John the Evangelist (in paper envelope) |
| one coin of tribute (in ring box) | one relic of St. John Vianney (in cloth sack) |
| one relic of St. Pius X (in wood tryptych) | one relic - unknown (enclosed in red tryptych) |
| one relic of the Little Flower (encased in silver crucifix) | one relic of St. Catherine Laboure (in small white ring box) |
| one relic of Blessed Brother Andre, C.S.C. (cloth that touched the body of Brother Andre, C.S.C.) | one relic of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus (enclosed in silver case) |
| one relic of St. Pius X (encased in bronze monstrance) | one Roman coin |
| one relic of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus (ex pulvere) (encased in bronze monstrance) | one relic - unknown (incased in tear-drop bronze holder) |
| one relic of Fr. Basil Anthony Moreau, C.S.C. (ex Ossibus) (from Theodore J. Melling, C.S.C.) (encased in bronze crown and in blue ring box) | two relics of the Ugandan martyrs (in small white stered ring box) |
| one small rectangular box with six relics: a) St. Maria Goretti, b) St. Jerome the Great, c) St. Vincentti, d) St. Maria de Paredes, e) St. Vincent de Paul, f) St. Pius X (each in silver encasement) | one stone from the tomb of Fr. Moreau opened July 21, 1955 (in airmail envelope) |
| one relic of Fr. Basil Anthony Moreau, C.S.C. (in small red ring box) | one relic - unknown (from olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane (no casing) |
| | one relic of Blessed Brother Andre (enclosed in envelope to Fr. Martel) |
| | one relic of St. Maria Theresa of the Infant Jesus Virgin (enclosed in copy of authenticating document) |
| | one relic of St. Aloysius Gonzales (in silver encasing) |

one relic St. James the Great
(encased in silver crucifix)

one chalice, inscribed to Fr. Boisvert,
C.S.C., (gold encased with family
jewels)

one relic St. Willibrands (ex Oss.)

one relic St. Francis Xavier (in note
saying "cloth that was touched to the
head of St. Francis Xavier at Goa,
December 3, 1952, by his grace
Archbishop Grainer, in presence of
Rev. J. M. Reit, C.S.C., December
26, 1952

The authenticating documents for these relics are kept in the Provincial House of the Indiana Province of Priests, Inc. in a new file entitled "Relics - Entrusted to the Care of the Basilica of Sacred Heart, February 1, 1995".

Dan, I leave it to your discretion how best to transfer and/or display these relics in the most dignified fashion.

Thank you for helping the Province in this matter. Please count on me for anything you might need in this and any other matter.

Fraternally yours in Holy Cross,

(Rev.) James E. McDonald, C.S.C.
Assistant Provincial/Steward

bcc: Rev. Carl F. Ebey, C.S.C.
Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.
Rev. Paul F. Doyle, C.S.C.