

Rich - March 21 '81

My dearest Maggie,
My letter
to you today will be of a
business nature.
Having consulted a few
weeks ago our Administrator
as to the advisability of giving
over this school property to
some good Community; he
approved of the idea, and
gave me a Carte-Blanche
to do as I choose. Could it
be possible that the Loretto
Sisters would come to Illinois?
I went to see Dr. McMillen
(our Administrator) yesterday on
the subject but he was not home.
I have a perfect understanding
with the good Father Burke

pastor of St. Mary's in this City
Whatever sisters I get will be
his also. We have in this City
one thousand English
speaking Catholics. Four
Central rail-roads with two
others coming in, this ought
to be a grand Central point
for an academy.

Before any official Communica-
-tion is sent to Rev. Mother Teresa
I should like to know what do
you and Sister Delphina
think of the subject could
there be any possibility of
getting the Loretto nuns in
this diocese. I can do much
with our good Administrator.
The population of Wichita is
16,000. I will take no steps
towards getting the Sisters of
Charity from Vinitburg Mo. &

until I hear from you.
The reason we contemplated
a change here is as follows.
I have lately consulted the
Administrator ~~about deciding~~
about deciding over this
School property to some
good teaching Community
and the Assoc being
averse to giving it to the
South Bend Community
needs a change of Sisters
necessary. Besides the Sisters
of South Bend have during
the past two years opened
so many new Houses & bought
so many places throughout
the State they seem to have
enough to do to keep them
afloat, - Mother Angela has
been spreading her Community
a little too much.

I consider this a first class
point - for an academy.
There are German sisters here
but they will never and can
never be in the way. This
City is 38 miles from Chicago
with four trains running to the
last mentioned & the same number
returning every fore and after-noon
even if the Sisters were to
form a novitiate here - see
what an amount of good they
could do. There are as good
Catholics in Illinois as ever lived.
This little parish of mine has given
quite a number of zealous young
priests to the diocese during the last
few years.

Your affectionate Uncle
H. H. Power