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Most Rev Edward Ziegler D.D.

Most Rev and dear Father

You will doubtless remember two of our Sisters calling on Your Grace, last September, to represent our inability to supply all religious teachers in the parochial schools of Joliet. At that time we offered to share the work with any other Community coming, and are still willing to do so, but Rev. F. Murray, Pastor of St. Mary's Joliet signified that no Community would come under those conditions.

We have no fault to find with the Rev Pastor who has been uniformly kind to our nuns, nor with the place in which we have labored for over a quarter of a century, with, we trust, results pleasing in the sight of God, but we cannot promise to provide all religious teachers, as we are obliged to engage some secular help in all our schools. Trusting that your Fatherly wisdom may instruct us what to do and praying God to bless you in all your work this new year, and with best wishes

I remain
Your Grace's most obedient child,
Mary J. Stanislaus

Copy of letter to Cardinal Merry del Val

Loretto Abbey
Toronto, May 2, 1914

Your Eminence,

Owing to our inability to provide a staff of teachers composed exclusively of Religious, as desired by the Reverend Pastors of the Schools in Joliet, Illinois, where our nuns have labored for over a quarter of a century, we shall be obliged to relinquish that mission. Will you have the goodness to lay

this matter before the Sacred Congregation.

Begging a blessing for myself and each member
of the Community

I remain
your Eminence's devoted child,
Mary J. Stanislaus

Copy of letter to Archbishop Mc Neil of Toronto, Ont.

Most Rev. Neil Mc Neil D.D.

April 15, 1914

Your Grace,

I beg to state that owing to our inability
to provide a staff of teachers composed exclusively of
Religious, for the Schools in, Joliet, Illinois, as desired
by the Rev. Pastors of that place, we shall be obliged
to relinquish that mission. This is our sole reason
for withdrawing from the field in which our members
have laboured for more than thirty years.

Craving your blessing on this as on all
other occasions.

I remain,
your Grace's devoted child,
Mary J. Stanislaus

Sale of St. Mary's Academy, Joliet, and Property
connected with it July 26, 1917

"On July 26th, the Feast of St. Anne, 1917, the Archdiocese of Chicago through Most Reverend George W. Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, purchased the building and property known as St. Mary's Academy, for \$70,000. On August 1st, 1917 formal possession was taken.

St. Mary's Parochial School moved in.
Some building changes were made

for both boys and girls.

St. Mary's Academy continued there ~~for~~ ^{also}
for another year.

The interest on the \$70,000 was at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$.
On November 1st, 1917, the Community of St. Mary's Academy asked for and received \$10,000 of this money, and with it paid off the mortgage left on the property before sale, amounting to \$9.00 and interest \$2.25, also a note of \$400, interest 2. Total \$96.33 and the balance \$367 on the Coal bill.

The interest on the \$10,000 at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ was from August 1st, 1917 to November 1st, 1917 (3 mos.) amounting to \$112.50.

The interest on the \$60,000 is from August 1st to February 1st, amounting to \$1,350 which sum and \$112.50 due from the \$10,000 was paid on May 27th, 1918."

(signed) Teresa Prindiville
Secretary

Plan was to build another Academy in Joliet
for girls. Need for money in Chicago changed
the plans

in Joliet Annals

Loretto Abbey

Toronto, Ont. July 19, 1918

To

The Most Reverend George Mundelein, D.D.
Archbishop of Chicago

Most Reverend and dear Father,

After discussing, maturely and exhaustively, all phases of our schools in Joliet, we have concluded that we cannot longer continue as at present; therefore, with much regret, we ask your Grace to release us from our offer of building a High School for Girls. We are earnestly desirous of relinquishing our Joliet High School classes entirely, retaining only the classes in St. Mary's Parochial School and applying the sum realized on the sale of St. Mary's Academy in relieving our two Chicago houses. One entirely, the other partially from their burdensome debts.

Trusting that this course of action will meet with your approval, thanking you for your gracious and fatherly interest in all our projects, and begging a continuance of the same,

I am with deep respect,

Yours sincerely and devotedly in C. J.

Mary J. Stanislaus

p. 56 Book of Records of the Corporation of
Ladies of Loreto

Copy of letter from Mgr. E. F. Hoban, Chancellor,
regarding Joliet property.

Apr. 10, 1919

Reverend and dear Mother:

I beg to inform you by this that the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, assumes in the name of St. Mary's Church, Joliet, Illinois the second Mortgage on the Academy at Woodlawn amounting to \$43,500. We also assume the obligation to the extent of \$10,000 on the note and indebtedness of the Academy of the Ladies of Loreto, which notes are endorsed by the Catholic Bishop of Chicago and held by the firm of Cremin & O'Connor. The above amounts \$53,500 together with the check of \$6,500 from the Catholic Bishop of Chicago to the Ladies of Loreto total the \$60,000, which is the balance due on the purchase of the school and land in Joliet.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the deed to this Joliet property made in favor of the Catholic Bishop of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) The Catholic Bishop of Chicago

by Edward F. Hoban
Chancellor

(Original letter at the Abbey.)