



Archdiocese of Chicago
Chancery Office
740 Cass Street

Chicago, Ills., September 10th, 1917.

Rev. Mother Mary J. Stanislaus,
Loretta Abbey,
Wellington Place,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Mother Provincial:

I beg to acknowledge herewith the receipt of your letter of the 31st ult. which reached me some days ago and in which you inform me of the decision of your Community to make application for the establishment of a High School in the city of Joliet under the care of the Ladies of Loretto.

Supplementing the conversation I had with you, I herewith approve of this offer of yours and I grant to your Community the permission to establish such a High School which, however, shall be in a section of Joliet easily accessible to all parts, this institution to be erected at the expense of your Community. Naturally I shall be glad to give you every assistance that I can, both by my counsel and by my support, for your Sisters are thereby relieving me, to some extent, of the burden that I must bear of the responsibility that I have to provide for the proper religious education of the children of that city in which your Community has labored so long. With the zealous care of the Sisters and with the support of the local clergy and the cooperation of the faithful, so many of whom have been your pupils in the past, I have no doubt whatever that the new High School will prove a success not only for the good of religion but also for the good of your own Community.

I pray that God may bless you and your Sisters in all your work and especially in this new undertaking of yours. With every good wish, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

George A. Mundelein

Archbishop of Chicago.