

Fort A. Lincoln D.T.  
March 28th 1883

My Dear Virginia

Yours of Feb 5 was duly received & I immediately wrote to Saint Louis and asked if Father De Smet had left any record of those he baptised in this country it appears not, but you can rest assured that you were baptised by the Rev. P.J. De Smet. Mrs Virginia Maher was your God Mother.

Nothing could have given more pleasure than to have been present at your taking your last vows & receiving the black veil, as it could not be that I should witness it believe me that I was with you on that day in spirit. I am sorry that your Sisters did not join in the Sacred order of Sisterhood.

I have been intending to send the Sisters some money and shall do so in April, please tell the Lady Superior so, I have been so cramp that I could not possibly send them any sooner, I have been lawing over some land which has kept me busy to get enough to eat.

I will always be pleased to hear from you & if I can do anything for you do not hesitate in makeing you wants known I want you to remember mo in your prayers

Yours Affectionately

F.F. Gerard