

Letter from Sr. Xavier (Sisters of Charity) to Bishop Joseph Rosati, January 28, 1829, regarding the first hospital in St. Louis.

From the Bishop Joseph Rosati Papers (RG 01 B, Box A4842)

Rt. Rev. J. Bishop Rosati

Sr. Mary's Seminary Barron Ferry

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for us, however Brother will not consent to
take it. we are all well and comfortably
situated. we have had five sick since
we had the pleasure of seeing you, two have
recovered, one died, and the other two are still
with us. we recommend ourselves to your
prayers and beg your blessing and I
in the names of my dear Sisters promise to
give you all the comfort in our power while
in this Country, — you desire us not to lose
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over our heads we feel no fear of any-
thing. we feel that we have in you
a Father friend and Superior. if we
had a regret it would be that we cannot
see and consult you more frequently.
under these circumstances beloved Father in
Christ we remember with tranquil minds
that we are fifteen hundred miles from
our dear community. And if we have not
as many comforts and spiritual blessings
as we had there -- here we can have the
daily merit offering them as our morning
sacrifice -- we are anticipating
your arrival please not to disappoint
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