

Transcription of

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

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Rt. Revd. Sir

The common enemy of souls
and good is at this time very busy in St.
Louis. Our hospital is very weak and requires
your supporting arm, good Mr. Saulnier
does all he can yet things do not go well.
With grateful hearts we received your kind
letter books and umbrella. the last article
mentioned I felt much inclined to return
to you, so fully was I persuaded that you had
deprived yourself of it for us. The heads of our
cloaks would answer the purpose of an umbrella
for us. However Brothis 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
courage, and we assure that while
your protecting arm is extended
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 bellowed 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 of offering them as our morning
sacrifice—we are anticipating
your arrival. Please not to disappoint
us. Till then adieu Rt. Revd. Bishop.
Your child in C. J. [Christ Jesus]
Sr. F. Xavier