

Wilmington, ~~Jan~~ 11/08

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Rt. Rev. P. J. Touchette S.S.

Rt. Rev. and dear Bishop.

I write to inform your Lordship that I gave assistance at St. Mary's Magdalen's, New York City, since October last, until the Most Rev. Archbishop had a young priest of the Archdiocese for the place. — Though my leave of absence, according to the wording of the Cebet, does not expire till May 22^d, 1908, I write now to let you know that I am the guest of my former Professor (St. Vincent College & Seminary) the Rev. Dr. Herzog Raff, S.S.P., in memory of older times and of the kindness she him on his journey to Rome by my father, is very kind to me. As my father is reported to be gone well, I shall use the last three months of my leave of absence to visit him once more although the state of my finances would

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...dissuade me from taking this trip.
Whilst the letter, which you sent me with the
Celebret, dated May 22^d/07 gives me unlimited
leave of absence, (with permission to look for a
position in another diocese), the Celebret itself
expires May 22^d/08. If the state of health of my
father should make it advisable to prolong my
stay with him somewhat beyond that day
would you, upon my application, which I would
send you from Munich, kindly send me another
Celebret? And would your Lordship also, on my
return, if you have no place for me, lend me your
kind assistance, ~~to~~ to get an appointment in
another diocese? A favorable reply would greatly
relieve my depression of spirit, which is increased
by the news of my father's state of health.

Wishing you, though late, a very Happy New Year, I
remain
Yours

humble servant
J. Trauer
St. Heart Church

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