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November, Fourteenth, Nineteen Fourteen.

The Rev. J. J. Condon, Pastor, Church of the Assumption, Churchville, Iowa.

Dear Father Condon:

Your kind letter regarding the Mexican refugees was held awaiting my return. There was so much to do in giving actual help in money and clothes, that I could not take up the question of sending any of them North, except in a general way. The situation is about as follows: the Bishops want to keep the priests around them so as not to lose them. There are hundreds of vacant parishes in Mexico, which will need priests and Sisters as soon as the persecution is over. They are averse to letting any one go. Another difficulty is that scarcely one of them speaks English. There are a few Germans, but very few. They seem to be a high class of men.

I am going to send your letter to Bishop Shaw, and let him use his judgment in the matter. Several have written in the same way.

Thanking you sincorely and with best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

President.