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Nineteen Sixteen.

The Rt. Rev. J. W. Shaw, D.D.,
Bishop of San Antonio,
San Antonio,
Texas.

Dear Bishop Shaw:

His Grace, the Archbishop, spoke to me the other day about placing the Mexican Seminary more directly under your charge. He thought it would be a good idea to do so. I hesitate, however, about putting the financial burden upon you, especially about purchases. I would feel easier about it if Father Constantineau would relieve you of the actual buying. He is the most economical buyer I know of, and while he has a great deal to do, somehow he seems to eat up work. His Grace thought that that would be a satisfactory solution of the difficulty. If you would accept the position of visitor, in that case the Society would send the monthly checks to you; and all the trouble you would have would be in signing your own checks for disbursements. This is a time when we could do it, because the Bishop of Chiapas, who was Treasurer, is gone; and it is up to us to make a new arrangement.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter, asking us to help pay what is due the Sisters for board. This letter was addressed to Father Ledvina, but it was referred to me.

Now, I have in mind getting together the money to pay that bill, only I would like to have the Sisters carry it for a while, until I can get



around to make an appeal that will do the work. These appeals cannot be turned out at will. Somehow, when the time is ripe, the Lord shows me the way--at least I have a great confidence that He does. I have been stewing over an appeal for a month now, but it does not come right to me. Any day may see the inspiration cross my threshold, and I will get the appeal out within a week after. I want you to have confidence that we are not going to desert you; so just pray that the inspiration will come.

With best wishes and regards, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Francis C. Kelly
President.

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