

Description of Memoranda book kept by Judge Marie-Philip Leduc during Rosati's absence to Europe 1840-1843

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Bishop Joseph Rosati prepared for a long absence from St. Louis in 1840, first heading to the Fourth Provincial Council of Baltimore and then embarking for France and Italy where he would try to raise money for the Diocese of St. Louis, which had found itself in steep debt. Before leaving, he entrusted the financial operations of the diocese to Judge Marie-Philip Leduc. This memoranda book contains detailed instructions from Rosati on the state of finances in the diocese.

When Rosati gained an audience with Pope Gregory XVI, the pope appointed Rosati on a diplomatic mission to Haiti. The pope appointed Peter Richard Kenrick as coadjutor bishop in St. Louis. Bishop Rosati returned to Europe in 1843 and became seriously ill, unable to make the voyage back to St. Louis. He died in Rome on September 25, 1843. Upon his death, Kenrick was elevated to archbishop, and he worked with Judge Leduc to transfer the finances to Kenrick. The second half of this ledger contain notes by Kenrick and Leduc on Rosati's final assets and debts.

The ledger is in French and English. The physical pages are only numbered up to page 22. Provisional page numbers were assigned by staff to the digitized PDF version for better navigation. There are sections of blank pages in the ledger that were not numbered.

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- 3 Devoir (Duty) Further instructions, bills, and obligations
- 6 Notes in Bank and When Due (May-August 1840), Billets dus a des particuliers
- 7 A Recevoir ou percevoir
- 9 Depense Pourquoi, April 29, 1840-December 2, 1841
- 13 Suite de la Recette May 1840-December 8, 1841
- 14 Transcribed letter from Leduc to Rosati, December 8, 1841, in which he reports the state of finances, including of the Cathedral and the Schwab organ. He also notes that he has been ill for a long time.
- 18 Suite de la Depense transporte de la page 13, December 11, 1841-February 8, 1842

- 19 Suite de la Recette transporte de la page 14, December 1, 1841- February 8, 1842. Note signed by Leduc that he checked the accounts of the Bank satisfactorily.
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- 22 A List of debts due by Right Rev. Dr. Rosati, as of the a/c, given to Bishop Kenrick by the Honorable Judge LeDuc, the 8th day of February 1842 and other documents, February 8, 1842-December 1, 1843
- 24 Amount of Interest, etc. to be paid, and when, December 30, 1841
- 25 Revenue from various sources, 1841-1843
- 26 Amount of Interest, etc. payable each month in 1842
- 28 A list of debts due by Bishop Rosati 1843
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- 55 Annual Interest Thereon, and when due
- 58 List of real and personal estate belonging to the late Bishop Rosati at the time of his death (p. 58-75 property in Missouri; p. 76-78 property in Illinois)