

Description of Rosati's Memoranda notebook regarding missions, priests, and laypeople 1838-1844

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Bishop Rosati took notes in this small notebook from around 1838-1844 regarding outlying missions across the Diocese of St. Louis, which at this time included Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kansas, Dakota, Nebraska, Utah, Oregon, Washington, the Indian Territory and two-thirds of Illinois. In his memoir, Bishop Rosati estimated the population of the expansive diocese was half a million in 1826. That population grew substantially by the 1840s. In this notebook, Bishop Rosati recorded the places where Catholic families had settled with details of the population, directions on how to travel to the place, specific individuals who had requested that priest visit their area, and the names of priests who were assigned to mission there. Most of the entries in this notebook are for towns in Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas. Rosati wrote in a mix of English, French, and Latin.

- Page 1 At Perce
[tipped-in] Near Rome
 At Peoria - 1200 inhab - several Catholic families, individuals and wives of prot. husbands or
 husb of prot. wives in the country many more
 At Wesly* [Wesley] City some
 At Pekin, several families - L. Doyle, M. Copiski, Pallesbery M.D., M. Kelly, F. Keisler
 At Muais d'ozier* many
 At Naples - Major Lee and family and others
 At Pittsfield many Catholics
 At Morganfield 6 miles from Pittsfield Catholics
- Page 1 [Paraphrased calculations:]
 Probable population of Diocese of St. Louis in 1840: 700,000
 Surface in square miles, including $\frac{2}{3}$ Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas is 158,000
- Page 2 At Shelbyville, Shelby Co, Illinois - a small Catholic congregation to be visited apply to Mr
 Thomas W. Craddick
 At Peron, LaSalle County, Illinois - a large number of Catholics apply to William Byrne
 Paraclefts
 In Sevier Co. Arkansas - Mr Gaaffe and Mr. Foran desire a priest, offer to entertain him
 In Pitsfield [Pittsfield] Pike Co. Illinois - there is a small congregation of 20 Catholics, Mrs.
 Balfour, Mrs. Worthington wife of Dr. Warthington
 A Mr. J.B. Nezo, superior general of the Congregation of the Mission, No. 95 Rue de Sevres,
 Paris
- Page 3 Agency Comt. Bank of Cinti at St. Louis in a/c with Joseph Rosati
 1831, Jan 19 By Cash 183

 Illmo ac Rmo D Eduardo Vincentio Milde
 Archip. Viennensi

 a number of about 300 Catholics are working on the railroad between Maredosia [Meredosia, IL],
 Jacksonville and Springfield. They wish to have Mass. Thomas Maloney within 3 miles of
 Maradosia – Jeremy Crotty four miles of the above. Thomas Cavenaugh three miles from
 Springfield.
- Mr. Adelsperger, Monroe County, Illinois wishes that Catholics who inquire about a place where
 land can be found convenient to Church should be diverted to him.
- Page 4 Give letters of recommendation to Michael H. Moony and Bernard O'Hara = for collecting money
 to build the church in Alton

 Bill of Morton against Mr. O'Neil, which I shall have to credit him/Morton 162

1838 April 18th

Lettre No. 3

Rue du Perat No. 6

Cerit a Mr Meynis Lyon je l'ai prevenu de payer 1. ff 525 a Mme de Ste Marie

2. 500 francs a Mme Saulnier

3. l'abonnement de l'ami de la Religion de l'Universite Catholique de Annales de Philosophie
Chitienne

Mai 9 Paye au Seminarie le compte de Mr. Mallet 79.25

Pour les Messes (200) 38.75

Page 5 Paid [illegible] Subn. For the Apple Creek Church. ff 50.00

1838 September 9

[the following crossed out with X's in pencil:]

Jour fixe pour la Confirmation a S. Paul Salt River = ecrire a Mr Lefevre le jour du de part par
Stage a St Charles = addresser la lettre Dry Fork p. Office

Rolla Cr Mo.

~~On trinity Sunday Confirm a Gravers~~ [strikethrough]

[the following crossed out with X's in pencil:]

X Sunday infr. Oct. Corp. Christ. Process. a St. Louis

X 3me Dim. apr. pent. Confirm a Florissant

X Mardi Suivant Confirm a Portage

X Jeudi Suivant [ditto mark] a Dardennes

X 4me Dim. Conf. A St. Charles

X 5me Dim. Conf. a Gravois

Mr. Raho

Tit. De l'eglise a la Salle Holy Cross

Tit de l'eglise a Ottowa, Lasalle County Holy Trinity

Tit. de l'eglise near Bardstown – Morgan Co. Annunciation

N.B. Mr. Quigg a Catholic 8 miles from Beardstown on the Road to

Mr. St. Cyr The church in the Town of St. Augustin, Fulton County, St. Augustin

Page 6 Mr. St. Cyr The Church in the Town of Commerce(Rapides) Hancock County Ill. S. Timoteus
~~The Saviours~~ [strikethrough]

Mr St. Cyr Tit of the Church of Peoria, Peor (St. Philomena [Crossed out:] Christ Church

Tit. church of Marseilles St. Lazarus

Joannes Marie St. Cyr Addresserles lettres de Mr. St. Cyr a Fountain green Hancock du Illinois

Addresser les lettres de Mr. Raho a Lasalle, Lasalle County Ill.

X Maredosia = On desire batir une eglise, on offre un terrain et de faire une souscription

X pour le buttisse = ecrire a Mr. January = contracteur. Il n'est pas Catholique

Page 7 Springfield Illinois

Mr. Conway to be visited = apply to Mr Doyle – Mr. Alvay =

Title of the church – St. John Ev.

Little Muddy Creek

~~Silver Creek~~ [Strikethrough] = title of the church

St. Taddeus Ap. SS Simon & Jude [strikethrough]
St. Taddeus = S. Libori Fayetteville

Shoal Creek = title of the church St. Bonifacius

Belleville, St. Clair's Co., title of the Church St. Barnabas Ap.

James Mills. title of the Church St. Philip & James

Page 8 The church at little Rock, Arkansas Pulaski Co.
St. Peters

The church at Napoleon Arkansas County, Arkansas State St Joseph

In St. Clairs Co. Illinois 34 miles from St. Louis near Little Mud Creek 5 miles from Kaskaskia River there are (et. 1838) now 16 families German, other 4 families are expected – on this side of the Creek there are seven families of which 3 Irish, in a little town called Fayetteville – they wish to build a church (St. Liborius) on the other side of the River – Bernard Dingworth has given 10 acres of land for the Church. Wm. Harvey offers a room in his House for the Priest. I have promised to send the Rev. Mr. Ostlangenberg who will attend Shoal Creek, Fayetteville and St Lucas [or Louis?]

Page 9 Washington = St. Fr. Regus = 60 [number slightly illegible] familles Allemandes
Mr. Meinkman =

100 miles In Springfield, Sangamon Co. Ill. No. of Catholics 40
From [ditto mark for "Springfield"] 14 In Sugar Creek [ditto] [ditto] [ditto] 32
From Springfield 6 miles In Round Prairie [ditto] [ditto] [ditto] 22
20 miles from Sugar Creek In Bear Creek [ditto] [ditto] [ditto] 120

Adresse de Mr. Petit

Revd. Mr. Petit, Pottowatomie village at Osage River

Care of Rev. Mr. Eysvogels [Eijsvogel] – Fort Leveno indian territory

Petit Canada, St. Francis County = St. Anne

Premier habitant Catholic Mr Aime Lahaie venu en 1823, ensuite ses Freres Toussaint & Vincent & Amable la haie, on a apelle cet endroit Petit Canada pas ce que leur pere etait Canadien.
Mr. Dahmen cure de Ste. Genevieve

Page 10 Remember to examine a note of ff 50 was paid last year
De St. Louis a Herc. [Herculaneum, MO?] et d Herc. A St. Louis 60
De St. Louis a Ste. Genev. Par [illegible] 60
De St. Genevieve au Petit Canada 20 milles
Du Petit Canada a St Etienne Richwood = 31 milles
De St. Etienne a la Vieille Mine [Old Mines] 12 mille
De la Vieilla Mine a Potosi 6

Mr. Etienne Roussin a une ferme de 500 acres deteure don't alus de cont en cultivation a 8 mille de la Vieille Mine et 12 milles de [strikethrough an illegible word] St. Etienne quil coudrait vendre pour cinq mille

Rev. Francis Simonin C.M. died at the Seminary the 15th Septr. 1838 aged 28 years

The Sisters = Benedicta Supr., St. Frances, Sr. Mary, Leocadia, Lucille and Theresa.

Augustin started from Bethleem to begin the Academy of St. Vincent at the Cape on the 25th and arrived there the 26th. The school will be commenced on the 2nd Novr. 1838.

On the 18th of October a boys school was begun, under the direction of Mr. Brands.

Sr. Agnes Heart with Sisters Alodia & Lululia started for Arkansas le 27 Septr. 1838

Page 11 Les Pretres de Ste. Genev. desserviront une fois par Mois La Congn. De St. Anne, Petit Canada

On doit batir une eglise a la grand riviere qui on appellaer d St. Grgoire Pape – elle sera ddesservie par les pretes a la Vieille Mine

A Church is to built at West Philadelphia on the Mississippi river 25 miles from Cape Girardeau, Scott Co, MO = under the appellation of St. Bernard

L'eglise a la Riviere Aux Vases = St. Philomina [Written in pencil below:] Antoine
L'eglise a la Riviere etablissement St Matthias [Written in pencil:] (this is wrong!) [and]
Philomene

Teresur Mr. Benoit en faveur de Mr Bequet pour ff 100, paye de plus ff 20 pour le cheval

Thadeus Lipski Episcopus Diocesis Minsienvi in Russia – Minsk

Page 12 [In left margin:] Rev Raho & Parodi

The missions of Ottaway = Lasalle Co. Illinois 200 miles from St. Louis

Holy Trinity

Lasalle, Lasalle Co. Ill. [strikethrough in right margin:] 188

Holy Cross

Pekin Peoria Co.

Macon Putnam Co

Peoria, Peo

St Philomena

Cass Co. Ill

Virginiae = Annunciation 34 from Springfield stage

Address Honble. Louis F. Linn U.S. Senator from Missouri

Rappellez vous d'envoyer a [illegible, Chackaell?] the Imitation of the Blessed Virg.

Cherches ;'Obituaire de Mr. Simonin dans le du Thelegraphe 25 Oct

The Church at Louisville Lincoln Co. Mo 30 by 20 feet 8 Cath. Families 55 miles from St. Charles

Page 13 1838 Dec 15 = Facult Minor date O. Hieronymo Sarcos P.M. Edwardo Estany, Michaeli Calvo, Francisco Jacobo Bulando

Litteree encyclice de disp. ab obit. Tempore quadr missee D.

18 Lefevre, 19 Donnelly, 20 Helias, 21 Loisel

1 Smedts, 2 Paquin, 3 Wiseman, 4 Brands, 5 Elet, 6 Kenny, 7 Heim, 8 Dahman [correct?]

9 Tucker, 10 Conway, 11 VanCloostere, 12 Brickade [Brickweddde?], 13 Cellini, 14 Doutreluinga

15 Meinckmann, 16 Paillasson, 17 Raho, 22 Meier, 23 Gleizal envoyee, 24 Walters envoyee

25 Van Assche envoyee 26 Aelen, 27 Schoenmaker, 28 vide poche 29 Eysvogels envoyee

30 DeSmet & J. Verreight [Verreydt], 31 Hoecken evoyee

Andrew James Murphy, born in St. Louis 16 years old =

Mr O'Conway Dentist – wishes to be recommended & & & lives in Green Street between 5th & 6th

Page 14 Fayetteville St. Clair's Co. about 30 miles from St. Louis & 36 miles above Kaskaskias

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[In margin:] Highest on the River

In Clarkes County Missouri = Waterloo County Seat = 12 miles from the Mississippi River. There are 35 families of Catholics = They have a Church in North Santa Fe = log building 42x20 feet now (Jan. 21st) covered.

In Lewis Co, MO, there are five Catholic families about ten miles from the Church = Monticello Co. seat.

Landing for the Santa Fe and Monticello in the Town of Tully in Lewis Co two hundred miles by water from St. Louis & twenty above Quincy

Page 15 Addresse de Mr. Barelet = Rowes Point = Clinton Co.
State of New York

1839 Jan. 25th – The Rev. Mr. Kenny will officiate in the Church of St. Augustin the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th and 5th Sundays of every month = He will officiate in St. Thomas the 1st Sunday of every month & the four festivals in the year –

Martha Tanner at Mr John Browns in the town of Commerce

1839 Litter le convocationis Synodi Diocesance missee

R. P. Donnelly Pine Bluffs Arkansas

R. A. Heim, New Madrid

Vy. Rev. J. Timon St. Mary Semy.

D. Wiseman communicande

Rev. P. P. Lefevre Dry Fork P.B. Rolla Co.

Rev. J. M. St. Cyr – Fountain Green – Hancock Co, Illin.

Rev. B. Raho, Lasalle, Lasalle Co. Illin

Rev. John Brands Cape Girardeau MO

the letter to Mother Benedicta enclosed

Page 16 Rev. Francis Cellini Fredericktown
Rev. Timothy Conway, Kaskaskias
Rev. F. X. Dahmen St. Genev.
Rev. A. Brickwedde, Quincy Ad. Co. Illinois
Rev. L. Tucker – Potosi
Rev. P. Doutreluingne
Rev. E. Saulnier
Rev. F. Helias
Rev. J. H. Meinkman W Wash.
Rev. F. J. B. Smedts St. Charles
to be communicated to the
Rev. F. Walters Dardenne
Rev. V. VanCloostere Prairie du Rocher
Rev. John Kenny Prairie du Long
Rev. Charles Meyer Belleville
Rev. H. Ostlangenberg Belleville
[scribbled word, illegible]

Page 17 A 16 miles au dessus de l'embouchure de la Riviere des Illinois sur la meme veviere demaire Mr Piquet et plurieurs autres familles Catholicques francois – Il faut les faire visiter.
At the corner of Walnut & fourth street

[written in pencil:] Heiram H Baber And of Public Accts

Mr Brancomier charpentier desire etre employe par Mr Mathews &

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Rev. D. Cellini 1 2m
Dahmen 1 2m
Gandolfe 1 2m
+ L. Tucker 1 2m
Rolando 1 2m
+ Raho 2
+ Parodi 1
+ Estany 1
+ Escoffier
+ St. Cyr 1 2m
+ Hamilton 1 2m
+ Conway 1 2m
+ H. Tucker 1
+ Lefevre 1 2m
+ Sulnier 1
+ Loisel 1
Lutz 1
Donnelly 1
Fortmann 1 2m
Fontbonne 1
Fischer 1
Renaud 1
+ Paris 1 2-M.
+ Richard-Bole 12-M
+ Heim 12 M.
Ostlangenberg 1
Mejer 1 2m
Kenny 1
+Van Cloostere 12 M.
Brands 1 2m
T Timon
Rev. J. B. Smedts 1M
Rev. Gliezal 1M
Rev. F. Helias 1M
R. T. Bruchette 1M
R. Van Assche 1M

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1839 Mars

Retruite du Portage des Sioux donnee par les R. P. Gleizal et Paillasson, pendant dix jours entier. Conferences & grand coneours 180 confessions generales, 40 personnee que n'avaient pas fait les Paques depuis 3, 5, 8, 15 et deux 30 ans ont approche. Il n'ya que 4 ou 5 personnee qui n'ont pas approche promesse solemnelle de renoneer aux Bats-

Communion generale le jour de St Joseph. 180 personnes communie = les danseur et danseuse renvoyee au 2n Dimanche apres paques.

Sigr. Ceresa = Pitte. In Louisville = KY

\$1.75 to Mme. Seilone for Mr. McDonnal & William Shepperd

Masses for Richard Breen

19 Received 12 copies of the Primary & Received 21 copies of the 1st Volume of Bp. Kenrick
Theology

Mr. Lutz on copy paid 2.00

Mr. Mazzucchelli [ditto mark] paid 2.00

Mr. Hamilton [ditto] paid 2.00

Bp. Rosati [ditto]

~~Mr. Fontbonne~~ [strikethrough]

Mr. Fisher

5 Mgr. Loras five copies paid 10

1 Mr. Raho 1 copy paid 2.00

6 R. Pere Verhaegan 6 p 12.00

20 Mr. William Ryan has deposited with two certificates of Mm. L. A. Benoit & Co. of money
deposited & which I will return him. In the case any thing should happen to him he has a
Brother living in Quincy Illin, called Daniel Ryan, and a Sister named Bridget married to Mr.
Martin Burke.

Write to John O'Brien about the Church land cutting = Colombia P.O.
St. Clairs County Illinois

21 Title of the Church Kikapoo [Kickapoo] Village
Peoria Co Ill. S. Patrick
[ditto] West Pha. S. Francis of Sales
[ditto] Ottawa Holy Trinity
[ditto] Westport St. Francis Regis
[ditto] Potowatomie [Potawatomie] Mission – Conception

Write to Col. Cissell Florida Monroe
MO
Mathen-Ellied Esqr.
Cincinnati Ralls County
MO
Robert Abell Cincinnati
Ralls County MO

About the support of the Priest. And some of the expenses of write, marriages, burials, qu

22 1839 Novr.
Received of Bp. Chabrat 1,000 masses the honorary of them at twenty cent ff 200
Written to Mr. Paris to Celebrate 300 of them
Written to Mr. Raho to celebrate 23 Masses of the 50 which I had promised to pay according the
intention of Mr. Timon.
Received of Bp. Blanc 50 Masses for the Ordos of these Mr. Raho & companions will say 8
Myself, MM. Fontbonne, Lutz, Fisher, and Renaud 2 each 10
Mr. Brickwedde 2
Mr Saulnier 2

- Seminary 20
Kenny, Loisel, Hil. Tuck 6
Rev. Mr. Ostlangenberg 2
- 23 Mr. Duigneire
Arrive de la Belgique huit sujets pour les Jesuites dont un Pretre le P. Florian Seutois, et Novice len Diacre et le cler postulans donne les faculte minores au P. Sautois
Mgs. McGuire wishes to find a situation to teach children as dress maker &
On the 27th Septr. Drawn on Lyons for 10,000 francs
- 24 Address of Rev. H. Fortman
Shoal Creek Clinton Co. Illin.
Philip S. Durbin a Catholic who lives in Gasconade County on the Dry Fork of the Bourbeuse on the road leading to Rollins's ferry on the Gasconade 30 miles from St. Joseph's Church there are seven or eight families in his neighbourhood – desires a visit from F Helias – enquire of Mr. Tongs 15 miles from Union on the State road to Jefferson
Mr. B. Duluc occupies one of my houses near Trinity Church since the 28th Decr. 1828
- 25 Associat. De la Prop. De les Foi
1840 Fevr. 14 Envoye la Circulaire a Mr. Paquin Seme. et charge de faire des copies et les envoyer a MM Brands, Heim, et Cellini –
Envoye une Copie a Mr. Choiselas-Gallien
Rue du pot defer, no. 8, Paris
Une Copie a Mr. Dahmen
Une copie au P. Uet
Le cg. Feo. un cop. au P. Smedts S. Ch.
[ditto mark] a Mr. St. Cyr Kask.
[ditto] a Mr. Van Cloostere Prair.
[ditto] a Mr. Rolando Vieilla Mine
[ditto] Mr. Saulnier
Van Assche
Gleizal
Helias
Loisel
Buschotts
- 26 A S. Excell. Mr. Le Baron
Von Mareschall Ministre d'Austrich.
a Washington
rapellez. vous de payer pour le R. P. Verhaegen ff 3.00 a l'Ed. Du Cath. Press.
- 27 [blank]
- 28 H. B. Dickinson
Millier, Entrepr. de travany en bitume = chez M. Viguir, first street
- 29-30 [blank]
- 31 Monies Collected for the Church of Charleston S. Carolinee, to be transmitted to Bp. England

1838 July 15 In the Cathedral Church of St. Louis 110
[July] 16 Given by Sr. Angela Supr. of the Asylum 10
[ditto] Send by W. 5
[July] 18 Cash 5
19 Cahokias 5
21st Sr. Francis Supr. of the Hospital 10
[ditto] Mme. Thieffry Supr. of the S.H. 10
[ditto] Mr. Scherval Organ Maker 10
August 9th – St. Charles 9.50
Gravois 3.84
Dardennes 3.93
St. Louis University 50.12 ½
Florissant 24.00
English Settlement 15.00
Cape Girardeau 12.25-
St. Michael French-Town Mo 16.56 ½

32 St. Genevieve 15.00
Portage 2.00
St. Mary's Barrens 19.50
St. Joseph's Apple Creek 14.00
New Madrid 8.00
Vieille Mine 10.00

Nezu depuis l'envoi fait des romes susditis pour Mgr. England
De Mr. VanCloostere, Prairie du Rocher 6
D. Mr. Saulnier, Carondelet 5

Pietro Pellizaro demuire pres de la Maison de Mr. McDonnald = desicterue assiffare la casa

33 [upside down]
Cap. Girardeau / St. Vincent de Paul 150
St. Simon Crooked Creek 50
Ascension Quincy 50
 50
 50
 50
Alton 50
Kaskaskias 100
St. Aug. 100
St. Thomas
Miss. Kenny 50
Apple Creek St. Joseph 50

John P. McMeal

34 [general calculations]
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34 Fr. Helias Revd. F. Helias – Westphalian Settl. – Gasconade Cty Mo – Lyle-town's P.O. –
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page] Fr. Eysvogels Revd. A. Eysvogels – Kickapoo Village – Mo terr. Fort Leavenworth's P.O. –

Fr. Hoecken Revd. C. Hoecken – Pottowatomie Village on the Osage river – Mo terr.
Westport's, Jackson's Cty Mo. P.O.

Fr. De Smet & Verregut Revd. P. J. De Smet and Revd. F. Verregut – Pottowatomie Village
near Council Bluffs Mo. terr. Care of the Mr. Hamilton – mercht. Fort Leavenworth

H. Meinkman Revd. J. H. Meinkman – New Washington – Franklin Cty. Mo – Bassoro's P.O. –