

+ St. Patrick's Church, Washington City  
October 1<sup>st</sup> 1849

My Dear Friend:

Your kind favor of the 22<sup>d</sup> ult. was the intimation that I had of the demise of your lamented Father. Would that I could afford some substantial comfort and consolation to your afflicted Mother and her bereaved Children.

My Dear Friend, I have complied with your request most cheerfully by offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of your dear Father's soul, and I shall endeavor to remember him daily at the Altar of God in the adorable Sacrifice - How great a happiness it must be for you dear Mother and for you all to witness his happy departure out of this world, his resignation to the holy will of God, his patience, his sweetness, his confidence & hope of salvation -

Our merciful & good God, even when he sends his Children their heaviest afflictions, always remembers