LETTER 1
St. Bonaventure’s College
Allegany, N. Y. July 26, 1865
Dear Sister Alfred-
On my return home I have found your letter of the 10th inst. I shall be now at home until the 5th of August next. You may come at any time, and bring your candidate and shall be glad to comply with your request.
Meanwhile I remain
Your servant in Christ
Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano, O.S.F.
V.C. Provincial

LETTER 2
(Letterhead from St. Bonaventure’s College)
August 28, 1865
Dear Sister Alfred -
I do not wonder if you complain against the people of Allegany who receive letters and do not answer them promptly. As for my part I must apologize that I have been absent from home for a while, as for others they must apologize by themselves. I however can assure you, Sister, that although there seems to have been a lack of prompt correspondence in letter there is here a true correspondence in the sentiment of recognizing you and yours as Sisters of our Order.
You must have patience for the beads until we can send them.
I congratulate you on the new gift of Providence which you have got in the present of one acre of beautiful land. All that means prosperity to your holy undertaking.
The two ladies who have been there for their Hospital in Buffalo although they may call themselves Sisters of St. Francis, I do not know whether they can be in reality. As far as I know they are not connected in any way with the Order of the Holy Patriarch.
Just at this moment I have received a telegram from Buffalo that Rev. Fr. Celso one of our Priests is dead. I must go there immediately. Pray for his soul.
Your servant in Christ
Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano, O.S.F.

LETTER 3
(Letterhead St. Bonaventure’s College)
September 7, 1865
Sister M. Alfred -
I regret that you are in some trouble with the Priests who attend the Missions where you are. My advise under the circumstances would be to conciliate the Fathers who attend the Mission there, and to avoid by all means to call in the very beginning my interference with the Bishop. If the Bishop is aware that you have joined our Third Order it is enough without my writing to him. The Benedictines belonging to an Order themselves will not oppose you if you can make them better informed about your doings. You ought even ask one of them as your Director and I would delegate to him the necessary faculties. From the fact that they have encouraged those Sisters from Buffalo it is evident that they, the Benedictines are well disposed, as
they always were towards the Order of St. Francis. I told you already that those Sisters from Buffalo notwithstanding all the good that they may be doing, they cannot be recognized as belonging to the Order of St. Francis. As Archbishop Kenrick of Baltimore said once about them, they can be called an association of pious women and nothing more, because they are in no way constituted as required by the Apostolic Constitutions concerning the Third Order of St. Francis. If you like I might write to some of the Benedictine Fathers that you will indicate to me. In hope that you will overcome all difficulties I remain Your servant in Christ
Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano, O.S.F. V.C. Provincial

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LETTER 4
(Letterhead St. Bonaventure's College)
Dec. 18, 1865
Dear Sister Alfred -
Sisters Benedicta and Angela came back home and related to me all that had happened to them in their errand. I wonder very much that Fr. Vanderpoel should have treated them so unkindly. I pity then Sister Barbara and her Community. Just at present I would not give my advise, but as soon as I shall see our Bishop of Buffalo I shall give my advise in regard to Sister Barbara. Nevertheless it is proper to abound in patience and prudence under trying circumstances. You will please to tell this to Sister Barbara and to participate her my blessing. Should I at any time delay in answering your letter you must not attribute it to any other cause but to my absence from home or to some other similar cause. Indeed I am generally very busy because I have upon myself the principal responsibility not only of the Province but of the College, Missions, etc. and therefore you must make some allowance in my case. I do not think that I can make a visit to you before vacation, not before July or August. Sending to you and to your Community St. Francis blessing, I recommend myself to your prayers and remain Your humble servant in Christ
Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano, O.S.F.

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LETTER 5
Allegany, N.Y. January 10, 1866
Dear Sister Alfred -
I saw the Bishop in Rochester not long ago, and spoke to him about receiving some Sisters of my jurisdiction into his Diocese. He assented to my request and proposed even some place, but I told him that I would prefer some place in the City of Buffalo. As in the German Church of St. Bonifacius there is no Sisterhood so I hinted at that. He consents for his part but wishes that I should speak myself to the Pastor of the Church. You will please to let know how Sister Barbara is and whether I shall speak with the Pastor of St. Bonifacius the next time I go to Buffalo.
I am glad that you have got a Pastor who is kind to you. If you like that I should write to him you will please to give me his name. I return to you for your prayers the Seraphic Blessing, but you will please to continue to pray for your devoted Servant in Christ
Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano O.S.F.
LETTER 6
St. Bonaventure's College, Allegany, N.Y. August 2, 1866
Dear Sister Alfred -
I have been absent for over two weeks and on my return I
found your letter and that of Rev. Ferd. Allgayer kindly
inviting me to be present there at the laying of the
cornerstone for the new Church. Had I known this in time
I would not have appointed the 15th of the month for the
celebration of the congregation or Chapter of our Province.
I cannot change it now and therefore I cannot possibly be
there on that day. I promised to go to see you some time
in August, but I am sorry that the Bishop is not at home.
I would have wished to see the Bishop on my going there.
Will you please to let me know that is the meaning of the
enclosed letter that Fr. Vanderpoel has sent to me? and let
me know also whether would it be better to defer my visit
there until the return of the Bishop?
To day we are busy with the Indulgence of Portiuncula.
Continue to pray for your Friend in Christ
Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano O.S.F. V.C. Provincial

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LETTER 7
JMJP
IN VIRTUE OF THE PRESENT AND WITH THE MERIT OF
HOLY OBEDIENCE WE PERMIT TO SISTER BENEDICTA
FABRY OF THE REGULAR THIRD ORDER OF OUR HOLY
FATHER ST. FRANCIS TO GO TO JOLIET ILLINOIS AND
THERE REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY PRESIDED OVER BY
SISTER ALFRED.
GIVEN AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S
ALLEGANY N.Y. APRIL 29, 1867
FR. PAMFILO DA MAGLIANO O.S.F.
V. CUSTOS PROVINCIAL
*Notice the imprint of the seal, did not copy well.*
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LETTER 8
St. Bonaventure's College
Allegany N.Y. May 13, 1867
Dear Sister Alfred -
I am glad to know that Sister Benedicta arrived there safe.
If you think that Mendota is a place better suited for the
Novitiate, you may have it there, and I think that Sister
Benedicta will make a good Mistress of Novices. As for the
Retreat that you wish to have I shall let you know before
long whether I can go or some other.
It is not necessary for me now to write to any body in
regard to the Asylum. When you consider that you have
strength enough to undertake it then you can arrange
yourself. With God's blessing to you all I remain
Yours truly in Christ
Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano O.S.F.
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LETTER 9
Roma, S. Francesco,
Oct. 15, 1868
My dear Sister Alfred -
I received your gracious letter of the 8th of August ult. and I need not say how glad I was for the news you gave me. Thanks be to God that the Institutions under your charge and care prosper so well.
As for myself I am in good health, and no doubt I attribute it to the efficacy of your prayers and of the others. But as to my return to America it is adjourned indefinitely on account of certain circumstances. Kind Providence has sweetly disposed that I should take a little rest, which perhaps I needed and which I could never take for about thirteen years there. When Providence will dispose for my return then I will be satisfied that my rest will have been enough. However, since I cannot now go to see you personally behold I send you enclosed here in myself in picture. You will have thereby a kind of standing remembrance not to forget to remember me always in your prayers and to remind the other sisters to do the same. of course it will be my duty to remember you at the Holy Sacrifice.
In regard to the Rules to be observed you will do well to continue the same, and as you have been corresponding already with Fr. Diomede, so he can inform you of any thing else that you want.
Last June I had the happiness to go to Padua and to celebrate Mass over St. Anthony's tomb in the very day of his festival. I had long wished to visit the home of our great Patron and certainly I realized a good spiritual comfort. Enclosed I send you also a picture representing the precious relic of St. Anthony's tongue which still remains incorrupt. There printed behind the picture the anthem composed by St. Bonaventure when he discovered it to be incorrupt while all the rest of the body had returned into dust. As I have a particular devotion to our St. Anthony, so you may imagine how much I would like that you would occasionally recommend me to him that he may ever bless, my good patron and intercessor with God.
You will excuse if I do not prepay the postage, because I have not as much at my disposition here as the missionaries have generally there in America.
I shall be ever glad to hear from you. Meanwhile I implore upon you and your Sisters the choicest of God's blessings and remain
Yours devotedly in Christ
Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano
LETTER 10
Rome, S. Francesco, February 2, 1869
Dear Sister Alfred -
I have received your welcome letter which you began in the old and finished in the new year. First of all I must thank you and all the Sisters for having not ceased to pray for me. I hope that you all continue to do so; and of course, it will be my duty to remember you all at the Holy Sacrifice also often. Although I had not the pleasure of being personally acquainted with Fr. Dunn, yet I knew that he was a good friend. I sympathize with you in mourning his death. May he rest in peace. You can however console yourself for having such a kind Bishop as the Rt. Rev. Dr. Duggan is. You will please to present to him my respects when you will have the opportunity. As to the Priest that you have now got there, I have no doubt that when he will have got better acquainted with the good you and your Community are doing there, he will be more agreeable and more friendly. Under the circumstances I think that it would not be proper for me to write to him.
I congratulate you again on the great progress that you have made. Only in two years, increased your pupils from 278 to 1000! That is going ahead indeed. May the Almighty God bless ever more your good work, and prepare for you and your sisters a great reward in the next after having obtained the grace of serving him faithfully in this world.
My advise in regard to Sister Bernard is to be charitable with her to the last. Charity covers a multitude of sins. At present I have no relic of St. Francis, our Holy Father, on hand, but I will try to procure one for you. Meanwhile I make the trial of sending you by mail a relic of St. Leonard, and another of St. Germaine Cousin two of the last canonized Saints, as you know. I send you also packed together some small pictures of our Holy Patriarch St. Francis. I believe that this kind of small picture of St. Francis is the best to my knowledge because I have tried to get it engraved here in Rome under my direction in order to get it made as veritable a picture of St. Francis as possible. Should you find out that these pictures would serve to aliment the devotion toward our Seraphic Father I could send you any number of them because I have got the plate myself. As yet I cannot tell you anything about my return. Should I get short of means I will let you know, and avail myself of your kind offer. For the present I only would recommend to you to have Thirty Masses celebrated for your Community. I would have them celebrated myself if you would send to me the corresponding alms for 30 intentions. You can send the amount in paper any way that you like. The easiest way however is to get a draft for the amount payable, if not in Rome, either in France or in England, or even in New York. There must be surely some Bank or Banking House there in Joliet, that could give a draft payable to my order as I have said. There is an American Bank here in Rome, that would cash any kind of draft or paper.
With God's blessing I remain
Yours affectionately in Christ
Fr. Pamflio da Magliano, O.S.F.
LETTER 11
Rome, S. Francesco a Ripa,
March 18, 1871
Dear Sister Alfred -
I received your kind note of the 3d. ult. and was glad to
know that you have opened so many schools, and built a
large Convent in Joliet. As to the request you have made I
must say that for me it would not be very proper to speak
of the matter to our Most Rev. Fr. General. You can write
yourself directly to him what you have written to me. He
has the Secretary for the Missions who knows English well
and therefore you can write in English and represent to the
General the state of things, and your wants as freely as
you wish, and no doubt you will receive an answer from
him also in English through the said Secretary. My health,
thanks to God is very good, and certainly I must be
thankful to you and the other Sisters for remembering me
in your prayers, and I hope that you will continue to do
so. I shall think it my duty to remember you and all your
Sisters at the Memento in the Holy Sacrifice. You will
excuse me if I forbear to enter into any particulars of other
matters and believe me still
Yours devotedly in Christ
Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano O.S.F.

AGGREGATION TO THE FRANCISCAN ORDER, 1867
(THIS DOCUMENT WAS LENT TO THE FRANCISCAN
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MN, AROUND THE BEGINNING OF THE CENTURY,
1900's, AND NEVER RETURNED TO JOLIET.
THIS IS CopIED FROM A COPY IN JOLIET.)

I, THE UNDERSIGNED DO HEREBY TESTIFY THAT SISTER
M. ALFRED AND THE OTHER SISTERS OF HER
COMMUNITY ARE AGGREGATED TO THE THIRD ORDER OF
OUR HOLY FATHER ST. FRANCIS UNDER THE RULE OF
SAID ORDER AS REARRANGED AND APPROVED BY LEO X,
CONFIRMED AND EXPLAINED BY BENEDICT XIII AND
LATELY NEWLY CONFIRMED BY POPE PIUS IX WHO
DECLARED VALID THE CONSTITUTIONS OF BENEDICT XIII
IN FAVOR OF THE THIRD ORDER NOTWITHSTANDING THE
CONSTITUTIONS OF BENEDICT XIV OF THE 1751 OR ANY
OTHER TO THE CONTRARY IN DATE OF APRIL 14, 1856.

GIVEN AT ST. BONAVENTURE'S ALLEGANY, N.Y.
AUGUST 8, 1867
FR. PAMFILO DA MAGLIANO O.S.F.
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