

CORRESPONDENCE

of saint Michael Garicoïts

(New Letters: 580 - 629)

NEW LETTERS Year 1862

580 - To Jean Hayet

1862

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You will do well to decline the invitation of your cousin.¹

1 because Monsignor doesn't want anyone leaving college in these sort works.

2 If we were to give such precedents, the consequences would be too numerous and too frequent as one can easily see.

3 Thank you very much with you have let me know about our dear sick brethren; a the good Lord strengthen them more and more.

Garicoits.

581 - Act of Reparation²

January 1862

Because of the violation of rules, I have deserved some blame. These reproaches have ruffled my pride. I had decided to leave the community. In this frame of mind, I should have:

1 redoubled my zeal.

2 disposed myself

3 renounced

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5 ...

6 etc.

The good Lord has given me the grace to recognize my outstanding folly, my truly grave and scandalous fault. I recognize it and I ask pardon of God, and of you my brothers. Do not imitate me!

Now I wish to live and die as a true religious, by the grace of God, by love for the will of God and so as not to bring about my own damnation.

582 - To Jean Hayet

Betharram 3 Jan 1862

My Dear Friend

1. Thank you for your good wishes; do not doubt, those that I prepare for you are the best and most ardent.

2. I am quite concerned with all your troubles with your domestics. But they are still a real need at any time.

M. Cazaban has still not been able to find three brothers for inside.

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits, Priest.

583 - To a religious³

Betharram 6 January 1862

Dear and Venerated confrere

The superior of the house asked me to tell you.

1 that the fixed stipend for masses each day has been set by the Bishop and that it applies to all priests of the society and as a consequence all residences.

However where someone asked for a mass for a special day, it is necessary to let him know the stipend is two francs. Nota Bene: in allowing them to give only 30 sous, his mass will be said in turn.

As every amount given without instructions for the number of masses will be two francs each. If one is sure the person intends to give 50 frank stipends because they've always done that sort of thing, then the number of masses is fixed at 30 sous, and these masses are said by yourself or others in turn, which must be made known to the faithful.

The retreat began yesterday evening; pray and ask others to pray for us.

My good wishes to M Castetnau, greetings to MM Cazdepats and Sagorre.

Etchecopar, Priest.⁴

Dicté par le Supérieur:

Other celebration of masses at 30 sous, it is necessary still the way note that there is an obligation of justice for our members doesn't matter where to celebrate masses in arrears, be they from Betharram, before those which have been given later, either at Sarrance or elsewhere. Our members receive masses everywhere but they can also save them anywhere.

For the celebration of masses at 30 sous, it is necessary still that we note that there is an obligation of justice by our members, no matter where, to celebrate masses in arrears, be they from Betharram, before those which were given later, either at Sarrance or elsewhere. Our members receive masses everywhere but they can also say them anywhere. For that reason, wherever they may be they must not commit the injustice of preferring recent masses to those which are already in arrears. Everyone can understand this, even the

faithful; and so they will understand the fairness of the stipend of 40 sous for masses on a special day, novenas etc, etc which one celebrates before the others.

It is quite understood that one she would not explain to the faithful the stipends of indeterminate sums of money since it is on the Bishop's authority that the tariff is fixed. For what end? All the more reason that these masses are said before those with stipends of 30 sous.

584 - To Victor Paradis

20 January 1862.

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Before replying to your letter, I must ask you, to reflect and to consult those in authority. Having said that we are decided that you must give up your work with the military and confine yourself to the orphanage, retreats in communities, associations, confraternities, etc... and if you can be of any help at Saint-Louis either for confessions or preaching.

This is now quite clear! Understand within these limits you will find you are able to exercise boundless charity. At the moment I will only be able to add work with the class of the poor, when it is possible and that when it will be asked for by those responsible.⁵ I think that from the moment it is not required and you must wait.

All yours.

Garicoits.

585 - To Jean Hayet

22 January 1862.

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In spite of all the means used to discover whether the young Dartigues has the germs of vocation to the ecclesiastical state, we do not recognize any trace of it. On the contrary, after having considered it in full Council, it has been decided as a matter of conscience to ask him to return to his parents, so that they will be able to give him another direction suitable to their position. Could you inform them and make them understand that we will send him to them at the first opportunity. Be patient always!

M Cathalogne⁶ getting better, although slowly. Let us pray that from the trials at Sainte Marie's happier days⁷ will come.

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

586 - To Jean Hayet

End January 1862.

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How it is necessary to correct disorders?

- Qu'il soit auxiliaire...

I have been witness of considerably more disorders, I used to be teacher, bursar and responsible unofficially and by request for the whole community.

I used to warn M Lassalle; if he put things right, all the better; if not, patience.

You have not been requested to govern M Minvielle as much as God and the Bishop to keep him straight. You have no responsibility for this..

On the other hand the superior tells me:

They say to me: "M Lassalle is an old man."

But as I had not been officially appointed and as I was the youngest, I used to warn, and then I kept calm and content.

587 - To a missionary⁸

February 1862.

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It's necessary to avoid too great a familiarity with laypeople, and especially not to be involved in criticising or supporting criticism in case you make the work of mission impossible and give the society a bad name. It's necessary to make this known frankly when there is need for it.

You must tell laypeople that through himself, his position, and his age, etc. he is in a position to appreciate more than others the true state of affairs, and know what he must do for the best; as a missionary, he must remain entirely outside these sort of things.

588 - To Angelin Minvielle, superior of the seminary of Oloron

February 1862.

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I have seen with much satisfaction the concession to the minor seminary at Sainte Marie⁹. The college requires a legal head who used to run into difficulties if he was a named priest. Now you can act as a true superior, be able to oversee with firmness and particular sensitivity whether the bursar of the Bishop, conforms to his wishes which will always be the sole reason for the greater good of the establishment, of the individuals and things, and for the greater glory of God. This is true from experience as well as faith. The most important thing is to convince oneself of it. May all good spirits be convinced of this.

All yours.

Garicoits.

589 - To Jean Florence

1 February 1862.

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I am happy beyond words about your recovery. Now without inconvenience, you will be able regain your former apostolic strength.

In passing, you can spend some days with your parents; three or four days for example, at the most. But for all the rest I leave to yourself. M Cathologne is getting better and better. Come to join him.

Looking forward and always yours.

Garicoits.

590 - To Didace Barbe, Superior of the College of St Joseph

4 February 1862.

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*Sursum corda*¹⁰! Your letter reminds me of the passage from Psalm 65: *imposuisti homines*, etc...¹¹. 2000 years ago, it was always like that; that you feel the weight of this burden.

But the Prophet knew as we do, the means of bearing it *corde magno et animo volenti*¹² *et hilariter*¹³. *Transivimus per ignem et eduxisiti nos in refrigerium*¹⁴.

What is to be done? Men are and always will be men, you need to draw the best you can from them.

Let us pray, trembling and carrying the weight of the day and the work with humility and with an entire abandonment to God, always being persuaded that it is he who governs us and guides all things and as a consequence nothing will be lacking to us; that his blessing will always accompany us. Go ahead as the good God wishes.

I have received as you have guessed, with great pleasure the thousand francs that you sent me. It will not be long changing into wheat.

The good Lord manifestly blesses your work: five taking the exam, five passed which is very good! Tell these children how much I've been pleased by their application, their success, five presented, five admitted of their 320 *optime*¹⁵.

All that deserves a day off. All that supposes especially how much God wishes their well-being and spiritual progress. I like to think that through this report, they will give you even more satisfaction than they have already. At Oloron, thanks be to God, the epidemic has ended. M de Baillencourt is the same! M Bernede¹⁶ always the same.

Are you going to receive M Cazaubon? He really wants to come, he has learned that this was in the mind of the Bishop and he has accepted it with all his heart. It is good that these dispositions join with the rest. He understands and will understand even better what an assistant is, I have every reason to believe he will know how to be and show himself such. I await your response. You must have understood that he was presenting himself as an assistant for teaching, for our house.

Garicoits.

591 - To Mgr Lacroix

15 February 1862.

Monseigneur,

I thank your Excellency all the new and the wise advice that you deigned to give me.

1. M Bourdila¹⁷ wrote to your Excellency to thank you for the help¹⁸ that you have the given him.

2. In my opinion, M Casau would be the most suitable to do prison Ministry at Oloron and stay with M Lassus. Your Excellency will decide about it.

3. I have learnt with great pleasure the concession to the minor seminary of Oloron¹⁹. Without speaking of other valuable advantages, it will bring to an end a legal superior²⁰ which proved divisive.

4. I have written to the superiors of the Daughters of the Cross about the bequest of Dogne and the authority that is required.

I send your Excellency the note which M Perguilhem gave me who presided at the missions in Montaut, Bordes or Angais. I will continue to repeat your wise and simple advice. I sincerely regret what has been said against this line of conduct, that our rules so strongly and frequently demand. I will make every effort to see that they are followed in the future.

I have the honour of being, etc

Garicoits, Priest.

592 - To Pierre Barbe, Superior of Moncade

Betharram, 18 February 1862.

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I have thought about your plan for M Dartigues. Firstly you do not need to go back to to what has been destroyed with so much violence, as incompatible with Moncade and the free school.

You say that the realisation of your plan wouldn't harm Moncade; that remains to be seen.

But would it be the same for the free school? You know what has happened already! You know what has been said about all the discussions inside and outside: that you did everything for those who paid and neglected those who didn't pay.

You must make sure that you do not let the same thing be said again. That is clear! What I think you can do, in my opinion, is to hold on to all the children and care for them equally as much as possible, outside meals and board. If you need more people and money, speak to the mayor for more help.

Once again, when will they understand that those who pay must be mentioned as paying, and those who do not, must be kept free not to pay. I'm saying to you that I can scarcely see your plan working! Recognize this!

Valete.

Garicoits, Priest.

593 - To Didace Barbe, Superior of the College of St Joseph

22 February 1862.

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1. I received your two letters, of 26th December and 2nd January. I was very pleased to know about the ordination of our members²¹. May they always be at the service of the Holy Spirit whom they have received by the imposition of the Bishop's hands.

2. Poor Lalanne!²² May he also be able to say a sincere mea culpa on this side of the grave.

3. As for M Casaubon. Patience! The initiative for my proposition comes from the Bishop himself. I didn't think of it! Once again be patient! And then whatever the good Lord wishes will happen.

4. I will deal with the dimissorial letters.

5. As for the exams, all is well: the good Lord is visibly protecting the College. I see what you have done for the College is very appropriate.

6. You will give the enclosed letter to M Larrouy from his brother.

7. Also a letter is enclosed for Brother Jean-Marie²³.

8. M de Bailliencourt is in the same condition, saying mass from some time to time. M Bernede has received extreme unction; he is very weak, worn out.

9. In regard to the political situation, we are no longer able to know anything; pray and wait for events. While we are waiting, Oloron has ceased to be a college so as to become a minor seminary. It's a very good thing.

10. The apparition of the Immaculate Conception in the grotto of Lourdes has been proclaimed by Monsignor Laurence who is going to build a beautiful chapel and consecrate the new pilgrimage²⁴. Seven of our members already been there, notably M Perguilhem with our little offering²⁵. It will be perhaps good if you could also send something to Mgr Laurence to help with the construction of the new chapel, with a letter to Mgr Laurence so that he may realise our joy in learning about this great and new blessing bestowed upon our Pyrenees.

I have learnt with much pleasure that you have been able to send dear M Harbustan²⁶ a companion for a short time. Would that I could send others! I do not know when I will have this pleasure!

Wishing that you be double your zeal, according to the needs to become true auxiliaries of the Sacred Heart.

Je suis tout à vous, dans ce cœur adorable.

Garicoits, Priest.

594 - To Didace Barbe, Superior of the College of St Joseph

21 March 1862.

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1. I have taken note of the 182 masses that you have set aside for me.

2. I also made good use of the bill of exchange that you have sent me. Thank you very much!

3. Regarding Canon Pinero²⁷ it is for you to judge this business before God. I'd leave this matter entirely to your discretion.. You know that in these circumstances if prudence is necessary, it is also necessary to have well placed generosity.

4. I have sent by courier three dimissorial letters.They will complete what is missing; a dimissorial for M Cazaban²⁸, for his deaconate and dispensation from patrimonial title as they give here for MM Castainhs and Cazaban.

5. We are sorry to announce the death of M Bernede. Here we have said the Masses for our members that each of you will have to celebrate for him. We would like the prayers to be said by the brothers, that is five rosaries and five communions. Bernede died saint as he had lived.

6. I have learnt with much sorrow of M Harbustan's illness. You have done very well in leaving M Pommès²⁹ with him and recalling M Harbustan as soon as he is able to make the voyage without danger. But I add that, at the same time, it would be necessary to send

him to us, as his condition demands a long repose, everything leads us to wish that our members come here to convalesce in their native air, etc.... I hope that you will not lose sight of this recommendation both for yourself and for ourselves.

7. Today I return to Bayonne. His Excellency will consent to send M Irigaray³⁰ to Montevideo. But it is necessary for M Harbustan to be superior or better still than M Sardoy³¹ might replace him in this post, after having examined before God everything and being settled with the Bishop of Buenos Aires and the Vicar Apostolic of Montevideo. We intend to send a brother³² with M Irigaray whose sight is always weak but whose health has improved since his ministry at Sarrance where he is very appreciated and he is doing much good. We will decide about this business after your next letter.

8. Fr Ramiere³³ would like some useful and edifying information about your mission; on the state of the faith in those countries, on the good which is being done there, about the native people in the area, etc... see if you can do this yourself or by someone else who has time. e.g. for the Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

9. The parish priest of Argeles has died³⁴. He was an uncouth saint, much tried during his life.

*Crescite in gratia et in cognitione domini nostri et salvatoris Jesu Christi. ipsi gloria et in diem aeternitatis. Amen*³⁵. Pray also for our sick. M de Bailliencourt, Coumerilh for whom we do not see any immediate danger.

Adios, Amigos.

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

595 - To Jean-Pierre Vignolle³⁶

Betharram, 22nd of March 1862.

My dear friend

I have heard that the parish priest of Pontacq³⁷ has been very upset by something which you have said. "I do not know who, nor where, nor when; this parish will never be any good as long as M Noel is there!"³⁸ I do not know what to make of it...

Garicoits.

596 - To Jules Auge³⁹

Betharram, 22nd of March 1862.

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It has been noticed that you walked to Pontacq with M Lero⁴⁰, the enemy of the parish priest. On this occasion the rumour has been repeated ad nauseam that you have made remarks either at Pau or at Pontacq that leads them to understand that you will not stay in the society; more so that you have been irresponsible etc.. etc.

Say what I will that I believe nothing of it, this is not the first time that they have spoken about you in a similar way; and the fact is you have given that impression; it is obvious.

However you have whatever is necessary to be the joy and glory of the Society totiusque Ecclesiae⁴¹. I beg you, leave these impressions of camaraderie, of discontent,

which compromise the Society, yourself and your Ministry, and offend good sense and religion. Get rid of these nothings for ever which prevent you appearing as a reliable person, as you ought to be, and a man of God, *exemplum fidelium, in conversatione verbum sanum et irreprehensibile ut is ex adverso est vereatur, nihil habens malum dicere de nobis, ut nemo adolescentiam tuam contemnat. Hoc faciens teipsum salvum facies et multos qui te audierint et viderint! Amen.*⁴²

All yours.

Garicoits

PS It appears that people pay attention to our behaviour; they check it, they make it known over and over again and with all kinds of disagreeable. not to mention very scandalous interpretations. And often friends, by playing this unfortunate game join the enemy. Be always prudent everywhere. Do not forget this: watch and pray. Hell deploys its rage and formidable power particularly against auxiliary priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, *cui resistamus fortes in fide.*⁴³

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits

597 - To Edouard Pointis

27 March 1862.

My dear friend,

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All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits, Priest.

598 - To Michel Fradin⁴⁴, Superior of the Daughters of the Cross

Betharram, 9 April 1862.

Very Reverend Father,

Do not doubt the pleasure I would have had in accepting your very generous offer; I would have had much to gain from it, but you know better than anyone we are not in this world to do what we would like. On the other hand the devil doesn't exercise his rage among us in a very obvious way, I know that Monsignor himself would not be happy with my absence. He has made us understand this through some of our members, which leads me not to accept. So I will remain here and pray.

As for M Cazaubon it will be a great pleasure for him to go and see his sister at La Puye. Please let me know a convenient time for it. He is doing very well. It is quite annoying that the Bishop feels he cannot employ him in the this region. The previous business, the unfortunate affair of M Laplace⁴⁵ once more in prison, etc... unfortunately concurring make it impossible for him here.

I have really tried my best to employ him as a helper with M Barbe at Buenos Aires but this has fallen through, because of the strict regulations that the Bishop there takes

against foreign priests, against the admission of priests whose past has not been without reproach.

However his conduct for a year, has been so regular and committed that one would have wished that such rehabilitation be recognised by keeping him. A good community, dedicated to teaching in a country distant from here would seem to be the right place for that. See whether your many connections could help this good cause. You can easily understand how happy I would be. He is capable and well disposed. And his good sister would be so happy! He needs work in suitable surroundings. I hope that bringing this to your attention will suffice. Amen! If you believe it useful ask Sister Saint Victor⁴⁶ to help.

All yours in Jesus Christ.

Garicoits, Priest.

599 - To Angelin Minvielle, Superior at the Seminary at Oloron

Betharram, 24 April 1862.

My dear friend,

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All yours in Jesus Christ.

Garicoits.

600 - To Angelin Minvielle, Superior at the Seminary at Oloron

Betharram, 25 April 1862

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1 I shudder over the behaviour of M Hayet⁴⁷ which I can't account for. This is influenced of Satan's rage.

My wish before everything else is to have recourse to prayer. You have already received a 40 days prayer which I recommended all our members to say from a circular addressed to the superiors of all residences; that is to say I would like each member of the Society to say this prayer to Our Lord which you all received.

2. We would have been very happy to see you again here. We regret that a similar reason has prevented you giving us the pleasure and that advantage. Have patience! God doesn't wish it. Continue to do your duty in all simplicity, doing what you can to dissipate these black clouds and storms which our enemy doesn't cease to create. Go forward always!

3. I approve of your visit to Buzy⁴⁸ on this occasion.

4. I believe that M Florence unfortunately is still not able to take up his work for some time. So it will be necessary to find someone else for your retreat. M Pourteau⁴⁹ is at present probably at Bergouey, near Labastide-Villefranche. Try to speak to him. You also have M Vignolle. Can't he do it before going elsewhere?... Find out.

5. I would like to agree to the price of a filly or to send you a 30 month old colt; but I think the brother has in mind a mare which he would feed. Let us see.

6. I will reply another time about land. It would be a good acquisition.

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

601 - To Jean Hayet

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You are losing your head, common sense and faith. Is there not another way between your post at Oloron⁵⁰ and the decision to leave the Community? You are only justifying what others thought of you: that you have been a poor fellow causing all kinds of trouble. For me I have sought to justify you by assuring others, as I have always believed, that up to now, you were full of commitment, a right-hand man. You then contradict this. What's more I appeal to you without any prejudice. I have done everything.

Garicoits

27 April 1862

602 - To Angelin Minvielle, Superior of the Seminary of Oloron

Towards the 30th of April 1862.

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Without a doubt one always shudders when one witnesses similar scenes. But once you can say that you have honestly done everything you could to prevent it, be patient! Leave it in the hands of Providence and redouble zeal and courage in your work.

What has happened to M Hayet? He tells me that he has given his accounts to Monsignor and has made known the facts, which facts I do not know.

What I know is that he has made known things of no consequence which, from his sick mind, the devil has presented as being unbearable.

Once more, be patient and go-ahead! In a short time I will go to Bayonne and see what he has written and said.

All yours in the Lord

Garicoits, Priest.

PS M Taret has told me of his visit to his aunt, of the settlement of her affairs. He tells me that M Lassus does not find it inconvenient. See for yourself, if for particular reasons instead of inconveniences, it is quite appropriate, and, in this case, we will give these permissions quite freely; but you must avoid abuses which are to be feared like those for M Pointis and Peyret, etc...

603 - To the same person

9 May 1862.

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Peace and happiness is very nice; but I fear that it may not be the peace of God, which alone is desirable, durable, eternal, good like charity; its first and most precious fruit, for which each of our members should ask of the Lord during these 40 days, for our poor community; peace within the sole good pleasure of God.

2. I am painfully shocked by the way our members are publicly showing intense dislike against a superior, whoever he may be, sent to them by authority. What will be the

outcome of this behaviour? It makes all religious societies impossible! For every religious society is a union of men governed by other men, who take the place of God, yet are always men with human weaknesses. Do we need to always be slow of heart to believe the will of God, where it is presented for us to embrace, and find in it our happiness? Do we need to look for a Seraphim instead of M Hayet? And those with this attitude, which I deplore, would find a Seraphim even more unbearable than M Hayet, because this Seraphim would be a friend of order, obedience, humility and charity, etc...etc., and would not hesitate to upset those with this spirit, where nothing can bring satisfaction except when each does what he pleases.

In the presence of these claims which I regard as a plague in the community, this is what I see one should do. When one person-ally feels like this: 1 far from speaking about it, promptly drive it away with the same speed as you would impure temptations; 2 replace it with sentiments of humility and charity for others, as we admire in St Frances Xavier and to those I have drawn our members' attention in the circular you have received.

As for an assistant superior⁵¹, it is useless speaking about it, you have been charged to do everything. It is your business to man-age the children and our members, to foresee their needs, both spiritual and temporal by yourself and by the people given to you for it; to know what concerns the bursar of the Bishop and the bursar of Betharram.

In the case of disagreements between these two bursars and yourself, you must speak to someone in authority, and no one else must know about it. Having understood and followed this, you can only pray for God's blessing and the protection of those whom the good Lord has sent us, and who are fit to glorify him in practising this rule of common sense and faith, which I have traced here for you. Ignorance or omission of this rule can certainly lead to apostasy, etc... which changed the apostles of Jesus Christ into veritable ministers of Satan. Absit! Absit!

Read to M Carrerot⁵² what concerns him in this letter, and if you have difficulties write to me.

Let them speak to you for all their needs; as for the implementation, each will do what concerns him. I like to think that you will not have any trouble with M Carrerot; but you can always write to me and once again in case of disagreement write; and you must certainly not resort to serious measures over trifles. What makes people shrug their shoulders in pity; the bread is a little too fresh or less fresh, people are brusque or gracious which perplexes others, what does that show? Lack of humility, obedience, charity, faith.

Fight against it all! Oh! I hope you understand!

Garicoits.

604 - To Mgr De Garsignies, Bishop of Soissons

Betharram, 30th of May 1862.

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I very much regret not being able to send you the help that you request. The reason is that in general people who give us Masses wish that they be said in our chapel, which is a very ancient place of pilgrimage and consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. If we do have an occasion to send you some masses, I will be happy to do so but this is rare.

At present we have sent them to Mgr Bailles⁵³ for his urgent needs in Rome.

I have the honour, etc...

Garicoits, Priest.

605 - To André Casaubon

606 - To Didace Barbe, superior of the College of St Joseph

4 June 1862.

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1. I am very interested in the two brothers who wish to come to France, but can they really procure for themselves what t⁵⁴hey need in case they return and how?

They must not leave any debts behind. But again if they wish to come here without inconvenience, why not admit them with you? That appears to me much simpler. And then what will their parents, acquaintances and friend say? So whatever happens, being on the spot you will see better than I can see here what God's designs are for these young men. I leave it in your hands entirely having carefully thought about it . So what you do, will be well done.

2. We have lost Brother Hippolyte from typhoid; it was a matter of four days. We are celebrating the masses as required for us and you.

3. M Hayet is chaplain to the Brothers at Bayonne.

Garicoits.

607 - To Dominique Mariotte⁵⁵

Betharram, 30 June 1862.

My dear friend,

5th line: it follows naturally from his state of health, his organisation, etc...
everything through which he must pass...

8th line: inevitable conditions of our journey or our passage here below...

13th line: either the region of reason or the region of faith...

20th line: the three other regions or stages (see St Francis of Sales, volume 2, page 270, edition Petit in 4, sermon on prayer).

25th line: I have not congratulated you on your new position. I believe that with the grace of God you....

27th line: you will advise this good man, as M Guimon said....

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

608 - To Mgr Lacroix

June or July 1862.

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I humbly thank your Excellency. You have agreed to leave me for an unspecified time at Betharram and by unexpected goodwill, to make me an auxiliary for the residence at Buenos Aires. For that I owe your Excellency eternal gratitude.

I would have been happy, Monsignor, to have been an auxiliary of your congregation. This position could have answered all my desires. But in spite of illusions that one can entertain, I have become convinced of all the difficulties that can be encountered in the conscience of the Bishop to rehabilitate me completely.

Therefore I am not able to insist on that, . I dare to say to your Excellency only, that the good Lord gave me the grace of feeling the need to be under obedience. I abandon myself into your hands, asking your advice and hoping to find, if possible, some position where I can work and save myself.⁵⁶

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609 - To M Dufau⁵⁷, Cure of Pontacq

Betharram, July 1862.

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I deeply share your painful feelings when you heard about the remarks made at Benejacq by M Vignolles⁵⁸ and at Betharram by M Paradis⁵⁹. I cannot stop blaming them and apologising for those who have said these things.

At the first opportunity I will repeat what I have already said more than once: auxiliary priests of the Sacred Heart, by making these remarks become obstacles rather than auxiliaries.

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All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

610 - To Honore Taret⁶⁰

Betharram, 3 July 1862.

15th line:

20th line: write down and understand this, and in this light, recall whatever you thought, suffered and said about persons and things of the Congregation, especially since I sent you to Orthez.

Do as I've told you before God and seek advice from M Minvielle if you need to correct yourself and to say mea culpa both for what and about what. And then you will let me know me about it in all honesty.

Certainly I am not asking better.....

611 - To Honore Taret

Betharram, 16 July 1862

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I hasten to reply to your letter, but I will have more to say later.

1. I have always acted justly over your plain speaking to your superiors although there may other ways of saying things.

2. You don't need to justify yourself over being reproached about ambition which I have never even thought about. I see this is one of the thousand things you have the misfortune of picking up here and there and which distort your judgements and leave you with the wrong impression, and lead to most regrettable indiscretions.

3. We have had no responsibility for particular facts which have made you very angry. You must satisfy yourself by speaking about this to your superiors, and never speak about these impressions to confreres.

4. You ought to know that what we do, every enterprise that God and his ministers entrust to us, we must begin and pursue as if it has the promise of immortality a fortiori. In fact every undertaking of this kind has a veritable promise of eternity, although it is of earthly duration. Oh! How we need to think about this! Nothing must compromise its earthly duration, in the way you see it, preoccupations, etc... etc...

The duration is hidden, God's business, we must leave this in His hands, without any assumptions, compromises, but respect it, devote ourselves to it, each by himself, without preoccupying himself with anybody else's business, and then what the good God wishes will come about. Make sure you understand this.

5. Our rules are explained so often! And if you need any explanation, can you not consult me in case of doubt? You have caused so much trouble and so much cruel trouble! You ought to understand only what you can't avoid is not manifestly sinful, and even this case is foreseen. Do you need to be unhappy from being troubled when you are sheltered from all trouble!

So there are clear and simple things that you have not understood. So get working! Pray and consult M Minvielle, who like myself cares about you; and then God will give you the grace to see and desire what you cannot even suspect, what not to see or need to see or believe and desire.

And so in this way you will become our joy and crown; what I desire with all my heart; and then nothing will prevent your ordination.⁶¹

Read this entire letter to M Minvielle. He will help you understand it.

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

612 - To Didace Barbe, Superior of the College of St Joseph

22 July 1862.

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1. Ask Brother Joannes to tell his parents not to send his young brother to Buenos Aires, without a trade, without having any provision. This would be to abandon him. He will be worth more when he learns a trade. And then, will he not be useful to his parents in their meagre occupations? It is quite dangerous to lower ones status. Brother Joannes should understand.

2. It would be better to have a reunion rather than a separation; but Montevideo is so far! I would also like to strengthen Buenos Aires; I haven't even spoken to Monsignor about it; but it is always the same difficulty: lack of subjects especially Basques.

3. As to the chaplaincy at St Juan, you know what I think. We must allow ourselves to be precious auxiliaries, but never an embarrassment, never obstacles...

While waiting for the reply of Monsignor from Montevideo, we have made M Irigaray parish priest at Sarrance. I am going to replace him. I approve your project: that you keep these two young people at Montevideo with a good teacher⁶². M Harbustan has spoken to me of a Basque who has a school but who would not be happy with this college⁶³. Furthermore this Basque is under an obligation himself; one must hope that he will arrange everything for the best. On the other hand you will find out everything for yourself and you will see what is best to do. You will always have help from these men there, and then you will speak with the apostolic Vicar who seems favourable towards us. Kindly tell Brother Fabian⁶⁴ that I have received his letter with much pleasure; but I always see in it brother Fabian, with his openness which I praise, expecting that I could recall him if need be when I have read his letter⁶⁵. May he always be a good brother. By that he himself will obtain the precious crown.

I will write to brother Joannes. Say to him: *bedi bethi bici, jesus gure bihotcean. Botcea secula.*⁶⁶

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits, Priest.

613 - To Didace Barbe, Superior of the College of St Joseph

[Before 22 July 1862]

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We do not quote our real or alleged Constitutions as a way of presenting ourselves to the Bishop, not as auxiliaries, but as embarrassments. May we know what we are and of what spirit we are and never have an air of mistrust; but practice the great rule of brotherly love: to be more prone to see good points rather than to blame, to justify the intention when it is impossible to justify the deeds; and to practice charity without omitting its duties and accepted behaviour.

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614 - To Didace Barbe, Superior of the College of St Joseph

21 August 1862.

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Without doubt it would be good to have our own church; but why have it in this great town, where there are so many churches? It seems to me that the difficulties or trouble would count for little for apostles⁶⁷; and at present this situation seems much more convenient for auxiliaries, whereas building, etc.... appears to me unnecessary. Before everything else continue to do as much good as possible where you are and as you are. The field appears certainly vast and quite likely to attract God's blessings. Changes require some providential sign, like adopting the project suggested by Monsignor of Buenos Aires which on the other hand makes me smile. I am certain that Monsignor of Bayonne would be of the same opinion.

I embrace you and bless you with all my heart.

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PS I note with much displeasure the miserliness, at least apparent, of M Larrouy. You need to keep an eye on that, so that, in the case of sickness especially, none of our members suffer, and also all our members are provided with everything they need.

It seems to me that M Sardoy would be happier in all respects. It will be necessary to think how to seize some favourable and providential occasion to employ M Larrouy under your immediate direction, or to send him here, where he will be a very useful missionary once more.

615 - To Carmel Souverbielle⁶⁸

[21 August 1862]

Continue to be the right-hand man of M Barbe.

It is the way to be *gaudium et corona nostri Dei totiusque Ecclesiae suae sanctae*⁶⁹.

616 - To brother Joannes

[21 August 1862]

I have received your letter with great pleasure. It has given me great hope in you, the desire to watch your character and to advance as you are doing.

So go forward! Be humble, obedient, happy and reliable; and God will bless you and through you, all your family. See to it! Already you have two well established sisters as religious and the others, he will protect them. I have no doubt! Oh! Only be much more faithful!

617 - To Jean-Baptiste Harbustan

[21 August 1862]

I'm sending you a helper that you already know.⁷⁰ I hope that he will be a great help to begin your work, which could become so important.

We are praying and having others pray more and more for Monte-video.
All yours in the Lord.

618 - To brother Fabian

[21 August 1862]

I have received your letter with great pleasure. I recognize only too well brother Fabian in it. In spite of all the troubles that you have told me about, you have nothing to fear by being obedient.

In extraordinary cases you must speak with M Barbe. Put yourself in the hands of Divine Providence, if you fall ill, you will want for nothing. M Barbe will come to your help, as he does for all of ours. It is our duty, but also our pleasure, believe me. Be patient about the hair! The important thing is to be seen to serve God and the society of the Sacred Heart. The best recipe for that, is to be humble, as a little child, obedient, happy and reliable.

619 - To Jean-Baptiste Harbustan⁷¹

22 November 1862.

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So you are there as Confessor!!! We hope that the good Lord will bring about whatever you have said to me to his greater honour and glory. We will not fail to pray for this at Notre Dame.

M Barbe, after having spoken with the Vicar Apostolic will certainly let you know what you have to do. I only approve under all the report's on the one side of your fidelity to your duty and on the other side on showing consideration to our good compatriots. I encourage you once more to always follow this line of conduct *fortiter suaviterque disponens omnia*.⁷²

I have received for you part of M Quevedo's⁷³ money of 180 francs. If you have some masses you do not need from this sum, I will keep and use those you have the kindness to give me, let me know how things are shaping in Montevideo. You ought not to doubt the impatience with which we await the next steamer.

Be brave! *Virtus in infirmitate perficitur, and then beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter justitiam. Gaudete et exultate orantes etc...*⁷⁴

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

620 - To Andre Casaubon

Betharram, 25 November 1862

F.V.D.

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M Etchecopar and I, pray and will continue to pray for the success of your efforts. ⁷⁵Have courage! The good Lord will speak when and how he sees fit. Oh! Only redouble your zeal to be more and more faithful to him; certainly he will not be outdone in generosity. M Etchecopar is getting better and better, I have explained your letter to him. We earnestly hope soon to receive another which tells us that you have been accepted, directed according to the designs of the good Lord, and that you have accepted your new life and that *rationem tuæ vitæ institutam*⁷⁶. Amen. Amen.

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

621 - To Jean Bellocq

27 November 1862

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And M Sagorre how is he? Is he better? On the occasion of the ordination, I was thinking of this dear sub-deacon. But I dare not present him for ordination; I cannot guarantee his suitability. See if you can tell me*: *scis illum dignum est?*⁷⁷ It is true that he is only at Sarrance for reason of his health. But I need to be right. Give me a clear answer.

All yours.

Garicoits.

622 - To Fulgence Franchisteguy⁷⁸

December 1862.

Dear and Venerable Friend,

I pray you to read the enclosed note⁷⁹ and show it to the Bishop and let me know his opinion about this work to be confided to us at Pau. M Labourdette⁸⁰ has already been doing it at Poitier at least.

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Garicoits.

623 - To Didace Barbe, superior of the College of St Joseph

[Towards November 1862]

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I have received by courier today your important news⁸¹ which has arouse much interest, *Sit nomen Domini benedictum*⁸², and all that is happening and especially the example that has inspired you all and which you have had the happiness of following. I can only encourage you to march along the same path

1. As to the College of St Ignatius⁸³ such as it is, the society cannot accept it.

2. the Bishop cannot at the moment send any teacher: we scarcely have enough here.

If Monsignor wish to offer it to the society, we would have to consult the Bishop of Bayonne. I do not think, for the moment, that he would accept it, especially because of the shortage of missionaries and teachers.

3. and so my thought is that what has been begun and begun by us and at Montevideo must be followed through as a priority.

4. Also I would wish that the College of St Joseph increases and not postpone entrance to all those who are waiting to come in. Patience!

The papers of M Castainhs have been sent by M Irigaray as those of M Casaban. Given to them in any case and then write.

What you tell me about brother Joannes consoles me very much. I'm addressing the letters to you of these two the safety.

All...

Garicoits.

624 - To Angelin Minvielle, Superior of the Seminary of Oloron

1 December 1862.

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It is impossible to do here the same as at Saint Pe. The reason is that the Bishop has always wanted during these last years our ordinands to make their retreat at Bayonne, like those of Larressore, Saint Palais, etc... it is a real privilege that his Excellency has given us to have the Ordinands make their retreat at Betharram after their examinations. It is a favour which is very much appreciated. We must make ourselves worthy of it as his Excellency has half promised the ordination here during the holidays in future. Let us then keep to what he wants.

For this time we will do what we can. If in need call on M Lassus⁸⁴, M Bellocq⁸⁵ and if you wish I will send M Labourdette on this occasion who appears ready for it. And moreover it will be an occasion to see his performance and abilities. (This is between you and me).

So on Monday of Lent they will bring you 1 M Goailhard, 2 M Labourdette; M Bourdila⁸⁶ if you want him and some others. Just one word if you please.

All yours.

Garicoits.

625 - To the same person

Betharram, 4 December 1862.

My dear friend,

1. Since M Bellocq is a minor and that his parents are opposed to his entry to Betharram, prudence demands that he continues to give satisfaction to his parents.

2. When he is of age, he will enter Betharram, his parents will not be asked to bear the expenses of his board. In general, when a vocation is evident, it is necessary to help the parents in this way, especially under present circumstances and in our regions

3. In following this procedure, you will avoid another inconvenience; taking on ourselves the responsibility of vocations and of exposing them to a miserable failure: *durum est contra stimula calcitare*.⁸⁷

Furthermore it is a truth based on striking daily experience. Do not forget then these things concerning vocations.

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

626 - To Jean Florence

18 December 1862.

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1. Most willingly I give authorisation to use these powers received from Rome.

2. Without doubt you must not allow them to make unfavourable impressions on the young against religion⁸⁸; on the contrary they must take from our houses healthy memories. It is a point of the utmost importance, to judge how whosoever conveys the great work of the salvation of souls. Hence it is always necessary to cry without ceasing: have mercy on us! Help us! And to plant and water at the same time.

3. Certainly it's necessary that one works seriously with vocations; and I see nothing better in this matter, nothing more admirable than the Directory⁸⁹ and the Industries especially the first chapter.

4. Choices in general are treated perfectly in the directory; the difficulty is to exercise prudence.... and to apply it all:

1) to be the instrument of the Holy Spirit, just that and nothing but that;

2) to help souls help themselves, by putting them under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in order to make the complete decision which requires that you leave to souls great spontaneity.

At the same time when you direct someone in holding yourself in different to direct them in the direction where the Holy Spirit blows, who blows where he will, neglecting nothing to direct them on this side in overcoming obstacles. (First and second point of the Method)⁹⁰

To read and practised the exercises oneself waiting on the goodness of God.

As the vocation to be clerical state the world, it needs more signs, more reflection, more trials and discipline than for the vocation of the religious state.

The director must show himself more difficult in giving a definitive decision on the secular vocation than that of a religious (always *suaviter in modo*⁹¹).

St Alphonsus Liguori insisted on that, and the reason that he gives is that experience shows that good priests in the holy ministry are rare.⁹²

627 - To Mgr Dupont des Loges, Bishop of Metz⁹³

Betharram 10th of December 1862.

Monsignor,

Mr Genot⁹⁴, son of..... domiciled at Talange, Canton of Metz, engaged as a volunteer, etc... has finished two periods of service and obtained his release. He asks to enter our little diocesan congregation, called auxiliary priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I very humbly ask you Monsignor to grant testimonial letters to Mr Genot which he needs to be admitted.

I have the honour of being etc...

Garicoits.

628 - To Florent Lapatz⁹⁵

Betharram 14 December 1862.

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So the answer from Bayonne has arrived.

1. You can prepare for the doctorate, or at least occupy yourself with it, taking account of the times, do not forget that this University grade has no value, it is much more necessary, to obtain another doctorate that I would want you to pass one day or another....

2. Your brother can prepare himself also for the degree and read the set authors, provided that you conscientiously oversee him in studying these dangerous authors.

All yours in the Lord.

Garicoits.

629 - To Angelin Minvielle, Superior of the Seminary of Oloron

Betharram, 31st of December 1862.

My dear friend

If the convalescence of MM Florence, Cathalogue must last a long time, send them when they can face the journey. So they can convalesce here.

9th line: and forced from error several days

12th line: what good you know

13th line: as the apostolic superior to M Honnert used to write joyfully to him... he used to add: so here I am..

20th line: the month of May...

I do not know if these good people were able to finish at the seminary which had just ceased to be a barracks.

Go forward then! In all situations...

Garicoits, Priest.

¹ His cousin invited him to a first Communion.

² A Labour brother who had left the community asked to return. St Michael Garicoits agreed, but he composed this act of repentance and obliged him to read it in full chapter.

³ Probably at Sarrance Dominique Irigaray.

⁴ Signed and copied by Fr Etchecopar but ordered by St Michael.

⁵ This term usually refers to the Bishop.

⁶ Jean-Daniel Cathalogue born 26 October 1835 at Castetis,(P-A) pupil at the minor seminary of Larressore in 1854 to 1855; he entered the major seminary in 1856 at Bayonne, during the holidays he made a retreat at Betharram under the direction of St Michael Garicoits and decided to enter the Society of the Sacred Heart. He made his profession on the 25 October 1858, ordained priests 6 July 1860, he was a professor at the seminary of Oloron from 1860-1862, at Betharram from 1862 to 1874, at Bayonne from 1874 to 1877, at this stage he entered the general administration as bursar to 1897, in 1903 during the expulsion he retired to Lestelle where he died on 8 September 1910.

⁷ The seminary of Sainte Marie at Oloron had an epidemic of typhus during the winter.

⁸ A missionary had consulted St Michael about what sort of reply he should give to a lay person who wanted him to condemn his parish priest.

⁹ At the request of Monsignor Lacroix, who, after the new laws of 1828,asked that the school become a church secondary school, like a minor seminary of Larressore. Before this it was a church boarding school.

Fr Rossigneux was appointed legal headmaster from 1855 to 1857, succeeded by Fr Minvielle with the full powers of superior.

¹⁰ Lift up your hearts.

¹¹ You have place men over us.

¹² With a great heart and a generous spirit. 2 Mac 1,3

¹³ With joy. Wis 4:17.

¹⁴ We have gone through fire and water and you have led us the land of promise. Ps 65,12

¹⁵ top marks

¹⁶ See Letter 565

¹⁷ Pierre Bourdila born in 1803 at Lestelle(B-P) pupil of St Michael at Betharram, ordained in 1827, curate at Monein 1827 to 1829, ministering at Borderes from 1829 to 1839, entered the society of the Sacred Heart during that period, left to care from his mother, ministering at Buziet from 1841 to 1843, then at Bruges 1843 to 1857, re-entered the society 25th of February 1857, a missioner, chaplain of our Lady of Sarrance from 1860 to 1861 and then at Betharram until his death 12 December 1880.

¹⁸ He applied for a government grant. So as to be more successful, Monsignor Lacroix decided it was better that Fr should no longer appear in the diocesan register as parish priest of Sarrance.

¹⁹ The decree of the 11th of January 1862 restored to the College of St Marie of Oloron officially as a church secondary school which made it like a minor seminary like Larressore.

²⁰ The authority of legal headmasters as in the case of Father Rossignau and Fr Hayet occasionally caused trouble for the religious superior, M Minvielle.

²¹ Fr Barbe presented Auguste Dulong and Pierre Pommès for ordination to the priesthood Ordained Dec 21 1861.

²² M Lalanne came to Buenos Aires as a teaching Brother but soon gave up.

²³ Br Jean Marie Toulouse, born 15 November 1823 at Audaux(B-P), entered Betharram 12 November 1844, professed October 1846, sent to Buenos Aires in 1860, where he took charge of the House in the country at Almagro and Caseros; he had the reputation of a saint; the pupils as old pupils often came back for his spiritual advice. Died 12th October 1902.

²⁴ See Vol 2 L 385. In the past pilgrimages into the grotto were banned by the local authorities and the Bishop. From this time they were officially sanctioned.

²⁵ See Vol 2 L385 Vol 1 L 19.

²⁶ Jean-Baptiste Harbustan Vol 1 L 125.

²⁷ Canon Pinero See Vol 2 L 380.

²⁸ Isaac Casaban left the Society in 1864 and died as a Pontifical Zouave in defence of Rome.

²⁹ Pierre Pommès Vol 2 L188

³⁰ Vol 3

³¹ L542 troopships only

³² Br Maurice accompanied Fr Irigaray to America. No information has been found about this Brother. It seems he may have left.

³³ Vol2 L269

³⁴ Vol 2 L 322. 87 Antoine Lauga, born 27 April 1800 at Benacq (H-P), subdeacon 12th of June 1826, priest 22 December 1827, parish priest Lourdes in 1832, Dean of Argeles from 1832 to 23rd of February 1862. He was Canon of Tarbes. Argeles owes to him the building of the church.

³⁵ Growing grace and in knowledge of the Lord and of the Saviour Jesus Christ. To him the glory now and forever. Amen

³⁶ Jean-Pierre Vignolle, See Vol1 L 80

³⁷ Parish Priest of Pontacq from 1831-1866 was M Dufau, born 1800 at Morlasse(B-P), ordained 1823, curate at Orthez 1823-1830, at Pontacq and same canton from 1831-1866.

³⁸ Seems to be a church student.

³⁹ Jules Auge born at Pontacq 28th of November 1828, ordained 10 June 1854, entered the society of the Sacred Heart 28th of December 1858, teacher at Betharram from 1849 to 1862, missionary from 1862 to 1872, Bursar and general councillor from 1872 to 1877, died 27 January 1877.

⁴⁰ Abbe Lero born at Ger (B-P) in 1830, ordained in 1858, appointed curate in his home parish up to 1862 then that of Lagor from 1862 to 1865, parish priest of Os-Marsillon from 1865 to 1896.

⁴¹ And of all the church.

⁴² "A faithful example, wise and irreprehensible in conversation so that one is proved blameless against his adversary, no one has any evil to speak against him and no one condemns your youth. Do this and you will be safe and those who listen to you and see you." Not sure where this text is from.

⁴³ Strong in faith let us resist him.

⁴⁴ Vol 1 L 116

⁴⁵ Priest of the Diocese

⁴⁶ Sister Saint Victor, Daughter of the Cross, born Jeanne-Marie Salaberre, 26 August 1830 at Monein, professed 27 October 1854, died at Igon in 1890.

⁴⁷ See following letters to Fr Hayet.

⁴⁸ Note the importance St Michael places on Community prayer when a member is causing pain.

⁴⁹ M Pourteau born 1824 at Prechacq, ordained 1851, curate at Gan in 1851, entered the society of the Sacred Heart in 1856, missionary, left the society parish priest of Jasses in 1869, of Bedous from 1879 to 1885.

⁵⁰ Up to the decree of the 11th January 1862 which made the college at Oloron into a minor seminary, M Hayet was both Bursar and headmaster; from this date he was no longer bursar and he had written to Fr Garicoits that his position was intolerable and that he was resigning and leaving the community.

⁵¹ Not sure of what St Michael means by 'proministre' which I have translated as assistant superior?

⁵² Antoine Carrerot Vol2 L399 had just been appointed bursar of the Seminary of St Marie Oloron replacing Jean Hayet who had left the Community.

⁵³ Jacque-Marie-Joseph Bailles born at Toulouse 1798, ordained 1821, secretary to Mgr D'Arbou at Verdun 1823, Vicar General of Bayonne from 1834 to 1835, of Toulouse from 1841-1845, Bishop of Lucon from 1845-1856, resigned, while on retreat in Rome died 14 November 1873.

⁵⁴ Two orphans wished to become Brothers.

⁵⁵ Dominique Mariotte born 1850, pupil of the mind of seminary of Saint P 1823, then teacher the same house from 1836 to 1844; he wanted to enter out the society of the Sacred Heart at Betharram, but St Michael directed him towards the Oratory where he became a teacher, then superior of the College of Saint Lo, then Master of novices and then superior of the society, died in 1899.

He had at the time of writing to St Michael a priest under his direction who although in some ways humble and virtuous, behaved at times to appear strange. He at times he was plunged in deep depression and showed other psychological conditions which made him being irresponsible for his actions. Hence this letter asking for advice. St Michael does not seem to have been aware in any psychology, just common sense.

⁵⁶ This kind of letter has been traced to Abbe Casaubon when Mgr Lacroix became his bishop.

⁵⁷ Abbe Dufau born at Molanne in 1800, ordained in 1823, first curate at Orthez up to 1830, then Parish Priest at Pontacq from 1833 to 1866.

⁵⁸ Vol 1 L 80

⁵⁹ Vol1 L 166

⁶⁰ Vol 2 L 311

⁶¹ Honore Taret was to be presented for ordination on 20th December 1862.

⁶² This refers to the two orphan brothers; see letter 4th June.

⁶³ In the building rented by Fr Sarrote which serves at the same time as residence for himself and a Chapel for the Basques, a cleric in minor orders from Briscous in the Basses Pyrenees, abbe Dospital, who was the guest of Fr Harbustan, had opened in 1861 a school which he directs; he was hoping to be ordained priest in September 1862 by Monsignor Vera.

⁶⁴ Br Fabien Lhopital born in Pau 21st of January 1821 entered the society of the Sacred Heart 20th of July 1846 at Betharram and then went to Orthez. He volunteered for America where he worked for the fathers at Saint Jean. He died on the 8th April 1871 a victim of his devotion at the bedsides of those dying from yellow fever during the terrible epidemic.

⁶⁵ Brother Fabian had written a long letter to St Michael telling him about the illness and death of father Guimon on the 22nd of May 1861

⁶⁶ Written in Basque; " may Jesus always live in your heart; never anybody else."

⁶⁷ He uses this word for the Society in America as they missionaries or teachers.

⁶⁸ Jean-Carmel Souverbielle born 26th of May at Coarraze, pupil of Betharram, entered the society in November 1853, ordained in 1858, volunteered for America in 1859, one of the best teachers in the College of St Joseph. Founder of the College of the Immaculate Conception at Montevideo, where he resided from 1863 to 1871, before finishing as parish priest at Livron from 1871 to 1893. said Michael Garicoits had prophesied his departure from society after his day.

⁶⁹ the jewel and crown of God and of all his holy Church.

⁷⁰ This was M Irigaray. See letter 534. See letter 602.

⁷¹ Jean Baptiste Harbustan Volr Letter 125.

Confessor of the faith, a title St Michael gave him; previously he noticed the courage of this priest from his behaviour. In Montevideo there was at that time a conflict between the government and the church. The public authority sent the vicar apostolic in the capital, Monsignor Vera, into exile. He took refuge in Buenos Aires. On the 10th of October 1862, the Minister of worship had assembled the clergy to invite them to recognize as vicar apostolic someone of his own appointment, a priest, Domingo Fernandez. With four other priests Fr Harbustan in a few words indicated his refusal and left the assembly banging the doors. The following Sunday when he was celebrating Mass at seven o'clock, the commissioner accompanied by police came to arrest Fr Harbustan. He fled to the French consulate who escorted him to a French warship, La Fortune, anchored in the harbour of Montevideo. From there he sailed to Buenos Aires.

⁷² Arranging all firmly yet gently Wis 7:1

⁷³ Jean Marie Barnabe de Quevedo born 11 June 1816 at Guadalaxara, Mexico, ordained 30th of June 1840 at Bayonne, bursar at the seminary of Larresorre from 1842 to 1846, chaplain to the Daughters of the Cross from 1848 to 1873, Canon of the Cathedral from 1849 to 1890; died 27th August of the same year.

⁷⁴ virtue is perfected in weakness...2Cor 9 blessed are those who endure persecution for the cause of right. Matthew 5, 10 and 11.

⁷⁵ Abbe Casaubon desiring to re-enter the Benedictines had received a certificate from Monsignor Lacroix; "We, Bishop of Bayonne, know the good dispositions of M l'Abbe Casaubon, priest of our diocese, who has never incurred censure, recommend him sincerely to the most reverent Fr Abbot of Fontgombault. Francis, Bishop of Bayonne"

⁷⁶ An established state of life

⁷⁷ Do you know if he is worthy?

⁷⁸ Jean Baptiste Fulgence Franchisteguy born 31st of May 1809 at Hasparren, pupil of St Michael Garicoits at Laressorre, ordained 22 December 1832, secretary of the Bishop of Bayonne from 1831 to 1869, prison chaplain from 1833, Canon from 1837, Vicar General from 26 September 1869 to 25th of August 1882 date of his death. In 1883 in view of his beatification appeared at Lassarre that they are short biographical notes on Fulgence Franchisteguy.

⁷⁹ Here is a summary:

The work of travelling fairground people, founded in all the big cities of France in favour of this nomadic population, totally deprived of religious care, offers to the zealous priest an abundant harvest:

1 infants of both sexes above seven years of age that they place in their moral peril body and soul in peace circuses or fairgrounds.

2 Some young adults, beginning life under the shelter of unsafe environments, becoming beggars, bad example of forced into brothers and sisters orphanages.

3 First communions of persons of 15, 18 or 20 years or even more.

4 sinners from the age of 10, 15, 20 or more who returned to God, charged by the kindness and interests that they find offered to them.

5 conversions even of heretics

6 marriages of concubines and legitimisation of their children.

7 I do not speak of normal circumstances, behaviour, respect and religion which penetrates into these groups of travellers from the visit of the priest and of his touching care.

⁸⁰ Jean-Pierre Labourdette, born in 1824 at Pau, entered the society of the Sacred Heart in 1862, but he did not persevere.

⁸¹ This was the arrest of Fr Harbustan by the police in Montevideo, and his being freed by the French consul.

⁸² May the name of the Lord be blessed

⁸³ The old Jesuit College of St Ignatius was offered to the society but St Michael could not accept it not having enough members.

⁸⁴ Louis Lassus, see volume 1 letter 153.

⁸⁵ Jean Bellocq see volume 1 letter 38

⁸⁶ Pierre Bourdila volume 3 letter 591

⁸⁷ it is hard to kick against the goad

⁸⁸ Is St Michael referring to permission to teach works of French literature on the Index like Voltaire, Rousseau etc...

⁸⁹ It seems that this priest had direction of vocations. He was advised to use the Directory and the Industries of Fr Aquaviva, see vol 1 L 22.

⁹⁰ First and second points of St Michael's Method.

⁹¹ In a gentle way.

⁹² This part of the letter is written by St Michael but by Fr Etchecopar who would credit to the founder before sending it.

⁹³ Paul-George-Marie Dupontdes Loges born 11th of November 1804 at Rennes, pupil of the Royal College, of the seminary of our town, of St Sulpice, ordained 20 of December 1828, Bishop of Metz from 13 September 1842 to 18th August 1886.

⁹⁴ Brother Joseph Genot born 1828 at Talange, Moselle, entered the society of the Sacred Heart in 1864, died 6 of November 1906.

⁹⁵ Florent Lapatz. See volume 2 letter 241.