**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.

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| Page 1 [tipped-in] | At PerceNear RomeAt Peoria - 1200 inhab - several Catholic families, individuals and wives of prot. husbands or husb of prot. wives in the country many moreAt Wesly\* [Wesley] City some At Pekin, several families - L. Doyle, M. Copiski, Pallesbery M.D., M. Kelly, F. KeislerAt Muais d’ozier\* manyAt Naples - Major Lee and family and othersAt Pittsfield many CatholicsAt Morganfield 6 miles from Pittsfield Catholics |
| Page 1 | [Paraphrased calculations:]Probable population of Diocese of St. Louis in 1840: 700,000Surface in square miles, including ⅔ 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. CraddickAt Peron, Lasalle County, Illinois - a large number of Catholics apply to William ByrneParacleftsIn Sevier Co. Arkansas - Mr Gaaffe and Mr. Foran desire a priest, offer to entertain himIn Pitsfield [Pittsfield] Pike Co. Illinois - there is a small congregation of 20 Catholics, Mrs. Balfour, Mrs. Worthington wife of Dr. WarthingtonA 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 Rosati1831, Jan 19 By Cash 183Illmo ac Rmo D Eduardo Vincentio MildeArchip. Viennensia 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 Croty 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 AltonBill of Morton against Mr. O’Neil, which I shall have to credit him/Morton 1621838 April 18th Lettre No. 3Rue du Perat No. 6 Cerit a Mr Meynis Lyon je l’ai prevenu de payer 1. ff 525 a Mme de Ste Marie2. 500 francs a Mme Saulnier3. l’abonnement de l’ami de la Religion de l’Universite Catholique de Annales de Philosophie ChitienneMai 9 Paye au Seminarie le compte de Mr. Mallet 79.25Pour les Messes (200) 38.75 |
| Page 5 | Paid [illegible] Subn. For the Apple Creek Church. ff 50.001838 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. OfficeRolla 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. LouisX 3me Dim. apr. pent. Confirm a FlorissantX Mardi Suivant Confirm a PortageX Jeudi Suivant [ditto mark] a DardennesX 4me Dim. Conf. A St. CharlesX 5me Dim. Conf. a GravoisMr. RahoTit. De l’eglise a la Salle Holy CrossTit de l’eglise a Ottowa, Lasalle County Holy TrinityTit. de l’eglise near Bardstown – Morgan Co. AnnunciationN.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) Hancocke County Ill. S. Timoteus ~~The Saviours~~ [strikethrough]Mr St. Cyr Tit of the Church of Peoria, Peor ( St. Philomena [Crossed out:] Christ ChurchTit. church of Marseilles St. LazarusJoannes Marie St. Cyr Addresserles lettres de Mr. St. Cyr a Fountain green Hancock du IllinoisAddresser les lettres de Mr. Raho a Lasalle, Lasalle County Ill.X Maredosia = On desire batir une eglise, on offre un terrein et de faire une souscriptionX pour le buttisse = ecrire a Mr. January = contracteur. Il n’est pas Catholique |
| Page 7 | Springfield IllinoisMr. 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 churchSt. ~~Taddeus Ap. SS Simon & Jude~~ [strikethrough]St. Taddeus = S. Libori FayettevilleShoal Creek = title of the church St. BonifaciusBelleville, 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. PetersThe church at Napoleon Arkansas County, Arkansas State St JosephIn 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. Harwey offers a room in his House for the Priest. I have promised to send the Rev. Mr. Ostlangenberg who will attend Shoal Creek, Fayettesville 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 40From [ditto mark for “Springfield”] 14 In Sugar Creek [ditto] [ditto] [ditto] 32From Springfield 6 miles In Round Prairie [ditto] [ditto] [ditto] 2220 miles from Sugar Creek In Bear Creek [ditto] [ditto] [ditto] 120Addresse de Mr. PetitRevd. Mr. Petit, Pottowatomie village at Osage RiverCare of Rev. Mr. Eysvogels [Eijsvogel] – Fort Leveno indian territoryPetit Canada, St. Francis County = St. AnnePremier habitant Catholic Mr Aime Lahaie venu en 1823, ensulte ses Freres Touisaint & 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 yearDe St. Louis a Herc. [Herculaneum, MO?] et d Herc. A St. Louis 60De St. Louis a Ste. Genev. Par [illegible] 60De St. Genevieve au Petit Canada 20 millesDu Petit Canada a St Etienne Richwood = 31 millesDe St. Etienne a la Vieille Mine [Old Mines] 12 milleDe la Vieilla Mine a Potosi 6Mr. 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 milleRev. Francis Simonin C.M. died at the Seminary the 15th Septr. 1838 aged 28 yearsThe 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 CanadaOn doit batir une eglise a la grand riviere qui on appellaer d St. Grgoire Pape – elle sera ddesservie par les pretes a la Vieille MineA Church is to built at West Philadelphia on the Mississippi river 25 miles from Cape Girardeau, Scott Co, MO = under the appellation of St. BernardL’eglise a la Riviere Aux Vases = St. Philomina [Written in pencil below:] AntoineL’eglise a la Riviere etablissement St Matthias [Written in pencil:] (this is wrong!) [and] PhilomeneTeresur Mr. Benoit en faveur de Mr Bequet pour ff 100, paye de plus ff 20 pour le chevalThadeus Lipski Episcopus Diocesis Minsienvi in Russia – Minsk |
| Page 12 | [In left margin:]Rev Raho & ParodiThe missions of Ottaway = Lasalle Co. Illinois 200 miles from St. LouisHoly TrinityLasalle, Lasalle Co. Ill. [strikethrough in right margin:] ~~188~~Holy CrossPekin Peoria Co.Macon Putnam CoPeoria, PeoSt PhilomenaCass Co. IllVirginiae = Annunciation 34 from Springfield stageAddress Honble. Louis F. Linn U.S. Senator from MissouriRappellez vou d’envoyer a [illegible, Chackaell?] the Imitation of the Blessed Virg.Cherches ;’Obituaire de Mr. Simonin dans le du Thelegraphe 25 OctThe 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 BulandoLitteree encyclice de disp. ab obit. Tempore quadr missee D. 18 Lefevre, 19 Donnely, 20 Helias, 21 Loisel1 Smedts, 2 Paquin, 3 Wiseman, 4 Brands, 5 Elet, 6 Kenny, 7 Heim, 8 Dahman [correct?]9 Tucker, 10 Conway, 11 VanCloostere, 12 Brickade [Brickwedde?], 13 Cellini, 14 Doutreluinga15 Meinckmann, 16 Paillasson, 17 Raho, 22 Meier, 23 Gleizal envoyee, 24 Walters envoyie25 Van Assche envoyie 26 Aelen, 27 Schoenmaker, 28 vide poche 29 Eysvogels envoyie30 DeSmet & J. Verreight [Verreydt], 31 Hoecken evoyieAndrew 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 =[In margin:] Highest on the RiverIn Clarkes County Missouri = Waterloo County Seat = 12 miles from the Mississippi River. There are 35 families of Catholics = The 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 York1839 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 Commerce1839 Litter le convocationis Synodi Diocesance misseeR. P. Donnely Pine Bluffs ArkansasR. A. Heim, New MadridVy. Rev. J. Timon St. Mary Semy.D. Wiseman communicandeRev. 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. IllinRev. John Brands Cape Girardeau MOthe letter to Mother Benedicta enclosed |
| Page 16 | Rev. Francis Cellini FredericktownRev. Timothy Conway, KaskaskiasRev. F. X. Dahmen St. Genev.Rev. A. Brickwedde, Quincy Ad. Co. IllinoisRev. L. Tucker – PotosiRev. P. DoutreluingneRev. E. SaulnierRev. F. HeliasRev. J. H. Meinkman W Wash.Rev. F. J. B. Smedts St. Charles to be communicated to theRev. F. Walters DardenneRev. V. VanCloostere Prairie du RocherRev. John Kenny Prairie du LongRev. Charles Meyer BellevilleRev. 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 AcctsMr Brancomier charpentier desire etre employe par Mr Mathews & |
| Page 17a[tipped-in page, front] | Ordo Anni 1840Rev. D. Cellini 1 2mDahmen 1 2mGandolfe 1 2m+ L. Tucker 1 2mRolando 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 1Lutz 1Donnelly 1Fortmann 1 2mFontbonne 1Fischer 1Renaud 1+ Paris 1 2-M.+ Richard-Bole 12-M+ Heim 12 M.Ostlangenberg 1Mejer 1 2mKenny 1+Van Cloostere 12 M.Brands 1 2mT TimonRev. J. B. Smedts 1MRev. Gliezal 1MRev. F. Helias 1MR. T. Bruchette 1MR. Van Assche 1M932 |
| Page 17a[tipped-in page, back] | 937 |
| 18 | 1839 MarsRetruite du Portage des Siouxe 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. McDonnald & William ShepperdMasses for Richard Breen |
| 19 | Received 12 copies of the Primary & Received 21 copies of the 1st Volume of Bp. Kenrick TheologyMr. Lutz on copy paid 2.00Mr. Mazzucchelli [ditto mark] paid 2.00Mr. Hamilton [ditto] paid 2.00Bp. Rosati [ditto]~~Mr. Fontbonne~~ [strikethrough]Mr. Fisher5 Mgr. Loras five copies paid 101 Mr. Raho 1 copy paid 2.006 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] VillagePeoria Co Ill. S. Patrick[ditto] West Pha. S. Francis of Sales[ditto] Ottawa Holy Trinity[ditto] Westport St. Francis Regis[ditto] Potowatomie [Potawatomie] Mission – ConceptionWrite to Col. Cissell Florida MonroeMOMathen-Ellied Esqr.Cincinnati Ralls CountyMORobert Abell CincinnatiRalls County MOAbout 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 200Written to Mr. Paris to Celebrate 300 of themWritten 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 8Myself, MM. Fontbonne, Lutz, Fisher, and Renaud 2 each 10Mr. Brickwedde 2Mr Saulnier 2Seminary 20Kenny, Loisel, Hil. Tuck 6Rev. Mr. Ostlangenberg 2 |
| 23 | Mr. DuigneireArrive de la Belgique huit sujets pour les Jesuites don’t un Pretre le P. Florian Seutois, et Novice len Diacre et le clers postulans donni les faculte minores au P. SautoisMgs. 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. FortmanShoal 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 JeffersonMr. B. Duluc occupies one of my houses near Trinity Church since the 28th Decr. 1828 |
| 25 | Associat. De la Prop. De les Foi1840 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-GallienRue du pot defer, no. 8, ParisUne Copie a Mr. DahmenUne copie au P. UetLe 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. SaulnierVan AsscheGleizalHeliasLoiselBuschotts |
| 26 | A S. Excell. Mr. Le BaronVon Mareschall Ministre d’Austrich. a Washingtonrapellez. vous de payer pour le R. P. Verhaegen ff 3.00 a l’Ed. Du Cath. Press. |
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| 28 | H. B. DickinsonMillier, 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. England1838 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 519 Cahokias 521st Sr. Francis Supr. of the Hospital 10[ditto] Mme. Thieffry Supr. of the S.H. 10[ditto] Mr. Scherval Organ Maker 10August 9th – St. Charles 9.50Gravois 3.84Dardennes 3.93St. Louis University 50.12 ½Florissant 24.00English Settlement 15.00Cape Girardeau 12.25-St. Michael French-Town Mo 16.56 ½  |
| 32 | St. Genevieve 15.00Portage 2.00St. Mary’s Barrens 19.50St. Joseph’s Apple Creek 14.00New Madrid 8.00Vieille Mine 10.00Nezu depuis l’envoi fait des romes susditis pour Mgr. EnglandDe Mr. VanCloostere, Prairie du Rocher 6D. Mr. Saulnier, Carondelet 5Pietro Pellizaro demuire pres de la Maison de Mr. McDonnald = desicterue assiffare la casa |
| 33 | [upside down]Cap. Girardeau / St. Vincent de Paul 150St. Simon Crooked Creek 50Ascension Quincy 50 50 50 50Alton 50Kaskaskias 100St. Aug. 100St. ThomasMiss. Kenny 50Apple Creek St. Joseph 50John P. McMeal |
| 34[tipped-in page, backside] | [general calculations] |
| 34 [tipped-in page] | Fr. Helias Revd. F. Helias – Westphalian Settl. – Gasconade Cty Mo – Lyle-town’s P.O. –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 LeavenworthH. Meinkman Revd. J. H. Meinkman – New Washington – Franklin Cty. Mo – Bassoro’s P.O. –  |