Head Quarters of the Army  
Washington May 13th 1861

To his Grace  
The Right Reverend Arch bishop of New York

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:—

Your kind  
I most considerate letter of the 7th instant  
has been several days before me.  

The tender of a number of priests,  
to act as chaplains, is on the part of the  
North, thankfully received, but as the  
New York 69th Regiment, composed of patriotic  
citizens of the Catholic faith, is now quartered  
at Georgetown College, where, of course,  
as ministerial wants are duly attended to,  
& as in this city, there are, often several  


catholic churches, I am not aware that there is any want of priests for the catholics scattered over the other regiments.

The services of the Sisters of Mercy and of Charity, whose devotion to the sick and suffering of every condition, humane and religious, has endured them to the world, may soon be very acceptable, when our hospitals shall begin to be crowded by the diseases incident to this climate in July, August & September, independent of wounded men.

I have the honor to remain,

With high respect,

Your most obedient servant,

Winfield Scott.