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c. October 5th 1896

To the Most Rev. Dr. Riordan
Archbishop of San Francisco
United States of America.

My Lord Archbishop,
Owing to my absence from Turin when Your Grace's esteemed fathers arrived, I was unable to reply immediately as I should have desired. I now undertake to fulfil this duty.

My grateful thanks are due to Your Grace for the kind welcome my letter received at your hands. For the present two priests, a cleric, and a lay-brother, have been destined for the Mission Your Grace deigns to confide to our humble Society. Their labours will be confined to the Italian population of San Francisco, in whose behalf they will exercise their sacred ministry. They will, moreover, attend to their moral and religious education by means of the Festive Oratory and Night Schools; and build an Institute, as soon as they are in a position to do so, for Artisans and Students from among the poorer classes. In compliance with Your Grace's desire I have drawn up a form of Agreement which I enclose with the present letter and submit for Your Grace's inspection. Although it bears my signature, it will be my care and duty to see that

those additional items or modifications Your Grace deems it convenient to make, be attended to.

With regard to the journey I think the best way will be from Genoa to New York by sea, thence to San Francisco by rail. The sum expended by the Government of Columbia, a few years ago, in behalf of our Missionaries, was 2,000 francs per head, for the journey alone, without taking into consideration the expenses involved in providing outfits, linen, books, etc. for the Missionaries. As Your Grace will doubtless be able to obtain a greater reduction on the fares, etc., I leave the whole affair in Your Grace's hands.

Begging to be excused for my delay in replying, and humbly imploring the pastoral blessing, I have the honour to be,

My Lord Archbishop,

Your Grace's devoted servant in C.F.

Michael Rua
Superior-General

P. S. I have just received Your Grace's letter of the 15th of September, and I beg to assure Your Grace that our bonfires shall not set out until the end of December or the beginning of the coming year.

Form of Agreement.

The following Form has been drawn up between the Most Rev. Patrick W. Riordan, D. D., Archbishop of San Francisco and the Very Rev. Michael Rua, Superior-General of the Society of St. Francis de Sales in order to contribute to the religious welfare of the Italian population in the Diocese of San Francisco;

1. His Grace Dr. Riordan: (a), will consign to the Salesians the Italian Parish Church of San Francisco; (b), will provide for the four Salesians who leave Turin for San Francisco in December, 1806, the expenses of the journey and their indispensable outfit.

2. The V. Rev. Michael Rua; will send, for the present, two priests, a cleric, and a lay-brother to take charge of the aforesaid Parish Church, and, when circumstances permit, to open a "Festive Oratory", Day and Night Schools, to be followed by an Institute of Arts and Trades especially for poor and abandoned boys; (b), obliges the Salesians to confine their labours to the Italian portion of the population of San Francisco

Signed

Signed Michael Rua