

June 13, 1978

Sister Susan O'Connor

Dear Sister,

Thanks for your encouraging and newswy letter of June 3, 1978. I'm especially grateful for the information about Sister Seraphine Meaney whom I will keep in my prayers. I had thought about trying to visit her next week, but I'll abandon that plan until I hear more from you about her condition. YES, I would like a photograph of Sister for the Federation Archives.

Thanks for your suggestions about my seeking materials on our common spirituality and any cooperative activities before 1966. While I haven't pursued either in a conscious effort, the information appears in the background of the Federation. In the future it would probably warrant further investigation. One of our Sisters, Sister Elizabeth Patricia, worked on the Legacy.

Please send me the name of the seminarian--and his address-- who is researching the educational work of the Sisters of St. Joseph. I will write and try to get any information I can since, as you remarked, education was the principal ministry of most of our Sisters.

The meetings you plan to attend sound very interesting, for sure. I recently had a note from Sister Marie Emily and I have tentative plans to visit Rochester while I'm on vacation in August. Is either of the Sisters from Watertown the Archivist, do you know? I've tried to set up a file of all Josephite Archivists. I would love to visit the new State Archives in Albany and I'll try to arrange to do so, perhaps in the fall in combination withan interview with Sister Seraphine and a visit to Latham.

Congratulations on your success in locating some information on Sister Evangeline Sheehan. I think they'd appreciate knowing those facts. If you can spare a copy, I'd appreciate seeing your Province Directory. Thanks.

Last week I had a very pleasant and profitable visit to Chestnut Hill to see their archival set up and to do research on our foundress, Mother Austin Kean, who came from Philadelphia to Brooklyn in 1856. They have a beautiful abramgement and an extensive card catalogue of their collection.

Again, thanks for your letter. Let's keep in touch! Happy summer!

Sincerely yours,