

To the Public.

All the inhabitants of Indiana and Illinois, as being deeply interested, must know, that on the 30th of the present month, that is, on Thursday in Easter week, the Corner Stone of the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Vincennes will be laid, the ceremony commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M. The two adjoining States will soon form but one diocese, of which Vincennes, being the most central town, will become the residence of a Prelate—His beneficence however will not be confined to this spot. No; all shall feel the effects of it; Catholics and Protestants shall be the objects of his ardent zeal and tender charity.—Henceforth then, it is to be hoped, they will be strictly united by the engaging ties of charity and fellowship; May the pathetic & earnest prayer the Saviour of mankind, made to His Heavenly Father for all his followers, and most particularly for his Apostles, be heard in our behalf, viz: that they might become one together, as He and his Father were one. We shall do all in our power, to give to this most awful and sacred ceremony, due solemnity.—Dear Catholic brethren, beloved brethren of every persuasion, attend—you will thereby afford me the greatest pleasure, by testifying that holy joy and congratulation with which every heart should exult, whenever Temples or Monuments are to be raised, to the glory of the Almighty.—Attend all, you will to your great satisfaction feel, tho' we may disagree in points of belief, yet we look upon ourselves and others, as all children of the same Father; and bound to the same eternal bliss.

From well bred and enlightened persons, nothing but what is decent and becoming needs be expected—As we consider you as such, it would be needless to notify, that on this occasion, the greatest order and decorum are to be observed; Oh may we be able to say in truth, in imitation of a celebrated pagan orator, "that there is not a State (if not a town) of N. America, which does not testify to the curious traveller the existence of a Supreme Being"—and moreover proclaim to the aazing eye that the Gospel has reached every part of the Union—at present this with propriety, could not be said of Indiana—the only temple in it, deserving that appellation, having of late, been converted into a ball room. All are desired to come very early, to give time to arrange them in order of procession.

Respectfully yours,

J. L. CHAMPOMIER.

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