

1677: *To Archbishop Carl August von Reisach*  
*Munich*

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June 13, 1854

J! M!

Your Excellency! Most Reverend Archbishop!

Our whole being praises God who has graciously looked upon us in our poverty and made today's ceremony a celebration of joy for our entire house, for our entire order.<sup>1</sup> It was a day of blessing, an unforgettable day for us! Our hearts are so moved that we cannot help but present Your Excellency with the expression of our profound gratitude. We will never forget the favor bestowed upon us by a visit from you once again and how your presence in our midst added to the solemnity of our ceremonies. How long we yearned for this moment!

All the sisters—with whom we will share this news immediately—will certainly rejoice with us and join us in offering our prayers of gratitude to God.

We are already rejoicing and looking forward to welcoming you and the apostolic nuncio to our house again on Thursday.<sup>2</sup>

Respectfully yours in the name of all the sisters,

*M. Ther. of J.*  
Poor School Sister

*Letters of Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger*, translation and notes by Mary Ann Kuttner, SSND, vol. 4, *Vigorous Growth* (Elm Grove, Wisconsin, 2009), 125.

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1. A reception ceremony took place in the Munich Motherhouse on Tuesday, June 13, 1854.

2. Archbishop de Luca and Archbishop Reisach were expected to visit the motherhouse on Thursday, June 15, 1854.

Archbishop Antonino Saverio de Luca (1808-89) was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Bavaria on December 24, 1853, and held this position until September 6, 1856.