

735: *To Fr. Matthias Siegert*  
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*Excerpt*

Reverend Father Confessor!

Without excusing myself, I only want to call to mind that my religious superiors, or anyone else, should have patience with me. May no one cast into the grave after me the accusation that I have undertaken too much here, that I have begun too grandly and extended the work of God too widely! The future will give a fuller explanation. . . .

Praised be Jesus Christ!

*M. Th. of Jesus*

*Letters of Mary Theresa of Jesus Gerhardinger*, translation and notes by Mary Ann Kuttner, SSND, vol. 6, *Mission to North America, 1847-1859* (Elm Grove, Wisconsin, 2008), 164.