

Head Quarters of the Army
Washington May 13th 1861.

To his Grace

The Right Reverend Archbishop of New York

Right Reverend and Dear Sir;—

Your kind
& most considerate letter of the 7th instant
has been several days before me.

The tender of a number of priests,
to act as chaplains, is, on the part of the
troops, thankfully received, but as the
New York 69th Regiment, composed of patriotic
citizens of the Catholic faith, is now quartered
at Georgetown College, where, of course,
its spiritual wants are duly attended to,
& as, in this city, there are, open, several

catholic churches, I am not aware that there is any want of priests for the Catholics scattered over the other regiments.

The services of the Sisters of Mercy and of charity, whose devotion to the sick & suffering of every condition, clime and religion, has endeared them to the world, may soon be very acceptable, when our hospitals shall begin to be crowded by the diseases incident to this climate in July, August & September, independent of wounded men.

I have the honor to remain,

With high respect,

Your most obedient servant.
Winfield Scott.

