

5159: To Father J. Berger, OSF
 Maria Schmolln in Upper Austria

Munich
July 7, 1876

JM!!

Very Reverend Father!¹

In accordance with your wishes, we have already written to Vienna. The superior² there will inform you of the day and the hour of her arrival in Altheim-Obernberg.

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate your second expressed wish. To apply for the teaching position in Roßbach contradicts our faithfully held principle that we only go "where Divine Providence calls us." We have never applied for a place and we cannot do so now. Nevertheless, we will pray that if the pastor requests that the teaching position in Roßbach be given to the Poor School Sisters, all will take place in accordance with God's holy will.

In case you would like to correspond with the superior in Vienna about the trip, we are enclosing her address. We gave her the directive to wait for another call from you.

Recommending ourselves to your devout payer at the shrine of our Blessed Mother, I remain respectfully yours,

The most obedient Poor School Sister,
M. Theresa of Jesus

5168: To Father J. Berger, OSF
 Maria Schmolln in Upper Austria

Munich
August 30, 1876

JM!!

Very Reverend Father!

We just received word from Vienna asking that we would send the certificates for the sisters proposed for Roßbach. We have them here and therefore I hasten to send them directly by return mail.

M. Evarista (Margaret) Endres is the appointed teacher because she passed the examination for elementary subjects and needlework in Austria, as her certificate indicates.

¹ Father J. Berger, OSF, was stationed at Maria Schmolln, a Marian shrine located west of Vienna in Upper Austria. His letter to Mother Theresa has not been located and the reason for the requested journey cannot be determined.

² Sister M. Mathilde Petri

We are also enclosing Sister Clara Kraus's certificate, which she acquired after working five years in Orb.³ She is also a certified teacher, but she passed her examination in Prussia and not in Austria. We are sending her as a companion sister because, in accordance with our statutes, we do not send one sister alone. Sister Clara can assist the appointed teacher.

Recommending this cause to the dear Lord and his most holy Mother, I remain respectfully yours,

The most obedient General Superior,
M. Ther. of Jesus

PS. Please send us the district authorities' reply. We are waiting to see what their response is before we make a personal inspection of the site.

5197: To Father J. Berger, OSF
Maria Schmolln in Upper Austria

Munich
November 14, 1876

JM!!

Very Reverend Father!

We received Sister M. Clara Kraus's certificate, which was enclosed with your letter expressing your sorrow over the hopes that have come to nothing.⁴ Our times are not right for carrying out such plans and so we entrust the cause into God's hands. We want nothing more than to work for the glory of God and the salvation of children's souls. Perhaps our unworthiness prevented us from doing this.

We thank you for the trust you have given us and recommend our order's intentions to your prayer at the shrine of our dear Mother of God.

Respectfully yours,

The most obedient General Superior of the Poor School Sisters

³ After the Austro-Prussian War in 1866, the town of Orb fell to Prussia. Sisters were then sent to Orb from the motherhouse in Westphalia until the *Kulturkampf* laws forced them to leave in 1872.

⁴ Sisters never went to Roßbach.