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To His Excellency Governor
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The Directors of the Catholic Institution for the instruction of indigent Orphans, by the organ of the undersigned, address themselves respectfully to you to obtain of your benevolence and justice an annual allowance of three thousand dollars in favor of the said Institution. They have the honor to represent to you that this Institution situated on the corner of Union and Greatman Streets, 3rd District, receives two hundred and fifty children, of both sexes, residing in all parts of the city — to whom a good instruction in French and English is given, Seven professors are attached to this Institution with the following annual salary.

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1 Principal	\$ 720
" French Teacher	480
" Assistant french teacher	480
" English Teacher	480
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Description: The directors of the Catholic Institution for the Instruction of Indigent Orphans wrote to George F. Shepley seeking support to keep the institution open.

To meet the above named expenses, the Institution can now only count an income of Eighty eight dollars a month of rents, badly paid in this moment of property belonging to it, for it can not count on the annual sum which the Legislature of this State allotted to it. Neither can it count on the small sums received from children having parents considering the actual state of business at the present moment, nor of bequests which it received from time to time from generous persons of this city.

This is the reason why your petitioners wishing to maintain a so useful an Institution, would like to have it placed on the same footing as the other Public Schools of this city, where all children would receive a gratuitous instruction whatever might be the means of their parents.

They will be able to attain this, if you will grant immediately for so useful a usage the sum which they ask above. But if you should not make right to their petition, they will find themselves forced to close the door of an Institution whose sacred mission is to propagate the blessings of an instruction amongst children, whereof the population to which they belong, pay a heavy part of the taxes imposed in this Department by the competent Authorities.

The whole is respectfully submitted to you

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