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My dear Lord Cardinal,

A question has arisen in
the Crimea to which, it is de-
sirable, to send an answer,
by the next Mail, as to who
is the "Senior Catholic Chap-
lain."

Your Eminence may re-
member that the Chaplains

Reports are to pass through
the Senior Catholic Chaplain
at the Hospitals & in the
Camp respectively.

Now this constitutes two
local Senior Chaplains.

The question raised is whether
that Seniority arises from the
date of appointment at
the War Office in England:

or from the date of enter-
ing upon the local duties
in the Hospitals or the
Camp respectively.

If your Eminence approve,
I would suggest that the
date of service on the spot
should constitute the local
Seniority.

It appears to me that in

This way the man of greatest
local experience will generally
be the Senior. And it will
avoid personal inconveniences
new-comers
of superseding those who are
on the spot.

If your Eminence should sanction
this answer, one word before
tomorrow morning will enable
me to write. Believe me,
My dear and Cardinal
Your affectionate servant
A. S. Manning.