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AND NAVAJO RESERVATION, SHIPROCK
1925

January 6, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Troester, O.F.M.,
Waterflow, New Mexico.

Dear Father Troester:

I have an offer of a set of Stations from Rev. John Pinnel of Texas, and it has occurred to me that perhaps you may be able to use them. I would like to take advantage of this offer as soon as possible, and for that reason I would ask you kindly to let me know if you need these Stations. I will not send shipping instructions to Father Pinnel until I hear from you.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:lg

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January 9, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Troester, C.F.M.,
Waterflow,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Marcellus:

Your letter of December 29 in reply to mine of December 8 has been received. In the conference Mr. Lusk and I had with Commissioner Burke concerning the Shiprock affair, the matter was gone into quite thoroughly. The Commissioner had received reports from Superintendent Kneale and ex-Governor Hagerman, and I handed the Commissioner a copy of your last letter on the subject. The Commissioner indicated that he had an open mind on the matter and that he was going into it thoroughly. What will be the outcome I would not venture to predict, but I am quite hopeful that he will reach a conclusion satisfactory to you.

In the meantime, I would suggest that you let matters rest as they are.

I do not think it would be wise or politic to make an effort to secure land at Shiprock at this time. It would be necessary, in order to secure favorable action on an application for land, to have a petition from a reasonable number of Indians, and from what you write it would seem to be doubtful if this could be obtained now. I think it would be better for you to defer such a step until later on when you have become better acquainted with the Indians and are able to secure such a petition as will receive consideration from the Commissioner.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CSI/JR

Rather confidential information to you. Keep so please.

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Promise letter

January 23, 1925.

Rt. Rev. J. Henry Tihen, D.D.,
Bishop's House,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Bishop:

I have your letter of November 17. I understand from your letter, first, that you have engaged to pay one-half of the salary of Father Marcellus, your one half being \$750 per annum, and, secondly, that you have paid for the months of September, October and November.

As I am not clearly informed as to the arrangement made between you and Father Marcellus, I will be pleased to hear from you the terms of the arrangement.

The understanding between yourself and the Bureau is, I believe, that you are to receive for the Ute mission, the total of Father Huffer's collections in the Diocese of Denver. The total is \$3028.94. I enclose a detailed list of his collections.

You will observe, dear Bishop, that the Bureau is not charging against Father Huffer's collections any of his expenses.

The total amount, \$3028.94, will be sent to you upon demand, either as a whole or as needed, according as you may desire.

I hope that Father Marcellus can make this amount of money go a long way, because it is so difficult to secure money and there are so many missions making urgent demands.

Assuring you, dear Bishop, of my gratitude for the permission given Father Huffer to collect in the diocese, and the privilege granted the Bureau to cooperate in the Ute mission, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

Letter to Rev. Pinnel 6/15/25
Arch. 6/15/25
D. 1925 Amt.
and by *Rev. Pinnel letter sent 6/11/25*

Waterflow, N.M., Feb. 2, 1925.

Copy to S.S. ☐ Sten. comp'd ☐ Men. ent. ☐ Messes
Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Letter to Fr. Lusk 7/29/25 about peyote literature. sent to him 7/29/25. J.L.
Dear Father Hughes:

Your letter of Jan. 6, in regard to the offer of a set of stations from Rev. John Pinnel of Texas, was duly received. At first I feared I could not accept them, not having any place to keep them until I get a chapel which, it seems, is a long ways off. However, the Sisters here have kindly offered to store them for me in their attic. So I will be glad to get them, and thank you for your solicitude in the matter. When they arrive I shall write a letter of thanks to Father Pinnel.

Thank you also for your letter of Jan. 9, and the information it contains regarding the conference you and Mr. Lusk had with the Commissioner. I am wondering whether you gave the Commissioner a full copy of my letter of Dec. 1. If so, I fear Kneale has a copy of it by this time. If I had known that I would have written it different.

Return forwarded
I am enclosing a letter of thanks to Miss H. Eugenie Delamare and one to Mr. Ignaz Thiery for articles received. Please send me Father Huffer's address. I owe him a letter but don't know where to find him.

I am not giving instructions or anything at Shiprock, as I want to get more children first, but on account of the deep snow, which has now turned to mud, I cannot visit the Indians. Most of the Indians go to the woods for the winter and I cannot reach them with the auto, so must wait till they return to their regular homes.

The mission at Towaoc, however, is progressing nicely, and though the antagonism of the Shiprock Indians had reached over to Towaoc, this was checked in time, and things are going smoothly again. Though I do wish I had some lantern slides for my instructions.

Do you happen to have some literature on the Peyote religion or Peyote eating, or could you get me some. An Oklahoma Indian has been among the Utes, introducing this thing, and even some of the Navajos are using it, and I would like to learn all about it so as to be able to fight it, and prevent the Utes and Navajos being ruined by it.

Very sincerely yours,

Fr. Marcellus

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Bishop's House
DENVER, COLORADO

Febr. 5. 1925.

My dear Monsignore:

I have your letter of January 28 and wish to thank you most sincerely for the generous sentiments you express therein. You are human and Christian and a keen business man all rolled into one. My reason for emphasizing the business end in this particular is that you are keeping priests and people on your side by sending the money back to the diocese. When I publish the matter in my diocesan paper, as I shall, and the fact that I have received your Check for the full amount you may be certain that your society will be welcome to make a second and third appeal.

On my part I assure you of my personal appreciation and of my being strictly guided in the disbursement by your wishes. So send on your money. I enclose Check for general needs of your Society. \$100.00

Gratefully and cordially yours,

+ Jimmy Lihon

Bishop of Denver.

1536 Logan St.

Dear Father Hughes:

I accept your offer of 100 cents on the dollar.

I will send names and addresses for you to appeal to them.

I am sending herewith names and addresses for you to appeal to them.

If you are already enjoying some benefits of this offer, please try to get more. Will you?

Name of person Rev. Marcellus Troester O.F.M.

Name of Mission to benefit Shiprock and Towaoc

Postoffice of sender Waterflow State New Mex.

Mark X
opposite

X

X

February 10, 1925

Rev. Marcellus Trooster, *C.F.M.*
Waterflow,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Marcellus:

I am glad to know you will co-operate with me in getting help for your mission by means of subscriptions to THE INDIAN SENTINEL. The names you send will be credited to you and every cent received from these persons, either in donations, subscriptions, or designated gifts, will be refunded to you. I would be glad to be able to refund to every missionary in the field, as much as was refunded to one missionary during December, from whose list of names I had received over 24,000.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

SF:KN

February 19, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Troester, O.F.M.,
Waterflow,
N. Mexico.

Dear Father Marcellus:

I enclose herewith a list of articles furnished by The Tabernacle Society of Kansas City, Missouri. This Society has offered to supply the needy missionaries with the articles listed. Here is an opportunity to get all you need. You will sign the attached form in the space after "signed by Rev." I will fill in the space signed by the "ordinary." Do not send to the Bishop but return to me with your signature.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

JS/JR

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 Ans. 4/25/25 Order Filled
 Foll'd Sent comp'd
 Not'd Sent out
 Copy to I. S. Messrs

Waterflow, N.M., Feb. 23, 1925.

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Father Hughes:

The mission at Shiprock is still in statu quo, or worse. Mr. Kneale, the superintendent, had sent for all the Indians, who had signed the request to have their children instructed in the Catholic religion, and he tells me that all of them, with one exception, either said they did not give their signature or recalled it. That leaves me with two children on my list. Of course, I was not there, nor any one else whom I could trust for correct information on the matter, and I have not yet seen those respective Indians myself. The roads have been very bad, but soon I shall hunt them all up myself and get the facts. In the meantime there is nothing doing in the line of instructions, but I am not worrying, as I am getting in some work indirectly and the attitude among the Indians is not so universally antagonistic as it was in the beginning.

Last week the Protestant minister of Shiprock and some of his assistants went to Towaoc and tried to stir up trouble there. He had his interpreter tell the children they should not go to the Catholic instruction as that is bad and they learn bad things there. But he did not make much of an impression on the children for they said they never heard Father Marcellus tell them anything bad in the instructions. Then the interpreter went to the dining room, while all the children were at breakfast and told the Navajo children they should all go to the Protestant instruction because all their parents want them to be Protestants. Of course, this is a lie, because I have some signatures for Navajo children in the Towaoc school. The interpreter spoke in Navajo and the employees in charge could not understand what was said. They found out after the preacher and his crew were gone, and they greatly resented it, even the Protestant minister at Towaoc himself. I am mentioning this just as a matter of news and for your own information, but please don't mention it to the Indian Office, because we can handle this matter at Towaoc ourselves. There has always been such a friendly feeling at Towaoc between Catholics and Protestants that they will not stand for anything that will cause discord and dissension among the children or employees, and I do not think the Shiprock bigots will get another chance to repeat their tactics.

I don't suppose you know what Mr. Kneale and Mr. Hagerman reported to the Commissioner, but I was told that Mr. Hagerman remarked that I had gone about the matter at Shiprock in the wrong way and had taken children out of the ranks, which, of course, is not true. There is no telling what other lies were told Mr. Hagerman and the Commissioner. The things mentioned above, that were told the children at the Towaoc school are mild in comparison with the children at Shiprock get to hear. I am told that Mrs. Morgan, who is an employee at Shiprock, went to the girls' building and told the girls that if they go to the Catholic church, as soon as they are baptized, the priest takes them to another room and ravishes them. What do you think of filling the minds of those young children with such filth. No wonder that the girls were scared half to death when they came to my instructions. The Indians in the camps around Shiprock were told that I would go around to visit them and when I found that a woman

was alone, I would point a gun at them and force them to have intercourse. These things are spread by the educated, Protestant Indians, but they are not concocted by them. These lies are pumped into them by their Protestant, white advisers, and they call that christianizing the Indians, - all for the honor and glory of God.

OK
CWG
I am enclosing two letters of thanks acknowledging receipt of goods, one to Mrs. B. Parker for a box of clothing she sent, and one to the Gaspar Mission Society for a Requiem missal and a nice chalice they sent. There was no card enclosed with your letter announcing the shipment of Mrs. Parker's box.

OK
CWG
I am also enclosing cards of persons of whom nothing was received. They are more than a month old. On Nov. 21, I wrote a letter of thanks to Miss Mary E. Griffin she was to send, but this was never received. Not that I need it exactly, but just to let you know in case it was sent and perhaps lost.

Very sincerely yours,

Fr. Marcellus Troester.

Rec'd MAR 30 1925 Am
Waterflow, N.H., March 23, 1925.

Ans. Dear Father Hughes:

Pol'd. ☒ Sent, comp'd

Not L.S. ☐ None m'd

Copy to I. H. ☐ Please
Besides my mission work
I have been obliged to attend to this parish
here at Waterflow, which, during Lent, means
three sermons every week, so there is not much
time for letter writing. I have received
some boxes of mission goods, which remained
unopened for days. One small box of knitted
goods calls for 10 letters, one to each of so
many members of the Knitting Society.
Tomorrow I leave on a trip of over 300 miles.
I just mention this so that you have patience
with me until I find time to answer all those
letters. Sincerely yours, Fr. Marcellus.

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April 16, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Troester, O.F.M.
Waterflow, New Mexico.

Dear Father Marcellus:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 12, in which you enclose the
needed application to the Tabernacle Society of Kansas City, Missouri for as-
sistance. I have forwarded your application and trust that it may be the
means of gaining such help for your mission at Waterflow, New Mexico.

Yours frater ally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LG

April 23, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Trooster, O.F.M.,
Waterflow, N.M.

Dear Father Marcellus:

I understand from your letter of December 9, 1924, that the Bureau is to pay you \$250 a year, that Mother Katharine pays you \$500 a year, and that Bishop Tihen pays you \$750 a year.

I enclose herewith check for \$145.85, to cover the seven months beginning with September 1, 1924, and ending March 31, 1925. I regret exceedingly that I have been delayed in sending this money to you.

I also regret that I have been delayed in sending to Bishop Tihen the total amount of the collections of Father Huffer. I am today sending that amount to Bishop Tihen. It is \$3,203.34.

I enclose herewith confidential copy of my letter to the Bishop/

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

*Confidential copy
Sent to Fr. Marcellus*

APR 23 1925

April 23, 1925.

Rt. Rev. J. Henry Tihen, D.D.,
1536 Logan St.,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Bishop:

I regret exceedingly my delay in sending to you check to cover Father Huffer's collections in your diocese from July 6 to November 28, 1924. I have daily feared and deserved a sharp letter from you. You have heaped coals of fire on my head by your very generous donation of \$100, contained in your letter of February 5.

In keeping the rest of the office force up to the rule of acknowledging the receipt of money on the day of receipt, I have broken the rule myself in the case of your letter, which was set aside for personal answer.

I enclose herewith check for \$3,203.34, together with a list of the collections. You will note that the amount is greater than that stated in my previous letter. You will also note that I have not subtracted anything for Father Huffer's expenses.

The disposition of the money is entirely in your hands. I understand that you have agreed that it is for Indian missions.

I hope that you will not be offended by the suggestion that Father Marcellus could use every cent of it at this time to advantage. Possibly you may be willing to send this amount to Father Marcellus now without any condition, or with the condition that it covers your portion of his salary of \$750 for the year 1925. In the matter of this suggestion, I find myself in the position of the colored bellboy in the story. The boy had carried a commercial traveler's grip to the latter's room. The boy made some veiled remarks about a tip. The commercial traveler said to him severely: "You know that it is against the rules of this hotel for you to hint for tips." The boy answered: "Yassah, Yassah, Boss, but they aint nothin' to keep me from insinuat'in'."

You have been so good in the whole matter that I presume to write so freely. Whatever you decide as to the disposition of the money will be perfectly satisfactory to me.

Your obedient servant,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

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Bishop's House
DENVER, COLORADO

May 1. 1925.

copy of V. J. L. to Marcellus.

My dear Monsignore:

A man with your sense of humor is *a* good fortune for such an office as you are creditably filling; in fact you will do for a Bishop.

I thank you for your Check of \$3203.34 covering the collections taken up in this diocese last year by Father Rueffer. This entire amount you give back to the diocese for distribution, without deducting collector's expenses which is a gracious and generous deed. Suppose I send Father Marcellus three years portion of salary \$2250.00 and give the balance to the Thetine Fathers, who, as you know, have been attending San Ignacio. They have not received any money from the Bureau in the past, I take for granted, if they have, set me right. If you think that the division ^{should} be different feel free to tell me so. I shall await your answer.

Cordially yours,

+ Jimmy L. L.

Bishop of Denver.

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May 4, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Troester, O.F.M.,
Waterflow, N.M.

Dear Father Marcellus:

The enclosed copy of my letter of today to Bishop
Tihen, promises you \$750 additional during 1926 and 1927. You
are absolutely free in the disposition of the \$1500. This may
provide the catechist which you desire.

Meantime, write us and give us some articles for THE
INDIAN SENTINEL. It is surprising what the magazine will get
at times, even though at other times it misses.

Yours fraternally,

WH:J

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

Are the Theatines doing any Indian work? My memory is that you
said, No.

Copy to Fr. Marcellus
- 1925

May 4, 1925.

Rt. Rev. J. Henry Tihen, D.D.,
1536 Logan Street,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Bishop Tihen:

I have your letter of May 1. The disposition of the money is most satisfactory to me.

You state that you will send \$2250 to Father Marcellus as your portion of his salary for three years. That is agreeable to me. The Bureau will continue to send \$250 a year to Father Marcellus. As long as the Lord spares her, Mother Katherine, I am confident, will send \$500 a year. As poor Father Marcellus will find it extremely difficult to hold your \$1500 for 1926 and 1927 while so many demands stare him in the face, I will arrange it so that he can spend the \$1500 as he sees fit. It probably will be in part for a catechist-interpreter. I will engage to pay him for the second and third years \$750 a year in addition to the Bureau promise of \$250. This makes \$1500 of your \$2250 immediately expendable.

With regard to the Theatine Fathers, I have been under the strong impression that they were working exclusively for Mexicans. Understand, dear Bishop, that I have the greatest sympathy for the Mexicans. Soon after my ordination, I went to Mexico for six months to get Spanish. I got it so that I preached in Spanish for two years. So I know and love the Mexican character. Furthermore, as early as 1908, I tried to prevail on Father Ketcham to take over the care of the Mexicans who were then so terribly neglected.

The Bureau records show that nothing much has been done for the Theatines. In 1906 they received only \$82; in 1909, \$200. From 1914 to 1918 the Mass intentions were furnished them which were requested.

I would be pleased to know if they are doing any work among the Utes or Navajos. I will write Father Marcellus. I understand that the Theatine Fathers do not know English well enough to attend to the instruction of the children in the Government boarding school at Ignacio. The priest giving instruction in a Government school should speak English perfectly.

I am perfectly satisfied with your assignment to the Theatine Fathers of the portion you name of the collection.

Yours faithfully,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

Fr. Procter, O. F. M., BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
Do. C. M. J. 2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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MAY 2 - 1925

Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$ 10.00
covers donation received by the Bureau
for you through the INDIAN SENTINEL. up
to and including April 1, 1925

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Rev. Marcellus Troester, O.F.M.,
Waterflow,
New Mexico.

May 13, 1935.

Dear Father Troester:

On January 6, you received a letter from me in which I mentioned that I had a donation of a set of stations of the cross from Rev. John Pinnel of Texas. Since that time I have heard nothing from you. In my letter I mentioned that I wished to take advantage of this offer as soon as possible and also that I would not send shipping instructions to Father Pinnel until I heard from you.

Kindly let me know whether you need these stations or not.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LG

1114 Willow St
San Antonio Texas

*Letter 8/25/25 asking
for letter-requests.*

May 20, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Treaster, C.M.M.,
Waterloo,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Treaster:

The Marquette League requests the names and addresses of missionaries in need of Church articles.

These articles are the gift of a Sanctuary Society. I have given your name for the following articles: Vestments of all colors for the different missions.
2 tabernacle crucifixes.
30 pieces of altar linen. (No pieces unless Franciscan's, i.e., larger pieces than secular's.)
1 ciborium.
2 pairs of candle-sticks.
1 ostensorium.

You will kindly forward to me a letter of acknowledgment for the Marquette League, upon the arrival of the articles. If you do not actually need these articles, not say so but express your thanks. You can give them to another missionary. I was compelled to supply the names and addresses immediately.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:LG

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May 27, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Troester, O.F.M.,
Waterflow,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Marcellus:

I have read in one of your letters your request for stere-
opticon pictures. Have you any pictures? Did you not receive The
Life of Christ?

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR

40-49
June 2, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Treester,
Waterflow, New Mexico.

Dear Father Marcellus:

Your letter of February 23 has not been answered. I am glad that you are not worrying. You will win. The victory will be more complete. Such reactions always are.

Lies told about you and the Church by Government employees can be prosecuted under the Service regulation against proselytizing. If you wish to proceed at any time, be careful to get the facts. Affidavits are the safest. An inspector will be sent to investigate.

Governor Hageman's report to the Commissioner was not favorable to you. But in conversation with the Commissioner, I dissipated any bad impression the Governor made on the Commissioner. This paragraph is confidential.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

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June 11, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Treaster, O.F.M.,
Waterflow,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Marcellus:

I inclose copy of a letter which I wrote Father Adrian. It contains information of interest to you about increases in Navajo schools. I have no late information about Ignacio School. The last I heard was that there would be 100 children only.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR

June 15, 1925.

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Rev. Marcellus Troester, O.F.M.,
Waterflow, N.M.

Dear Father Marcellus:

I am enclosing herewith check for \$5.00, made payable to your order, which I have received from Mr. Charles E. Troester of Detroit, Michigan. I am also enclosing copy of Mr. Troester's letter and copy of my reply to him.

Please send me a letter of thanks addressed to Mr. Troester. I will forward it. And please continue to conduct all correspondence in the future through this office.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

SEYMOUR & TROESTER
GENERAL REAL ESTATE
DETROIT, MICH.

ENCLOSURE

June 5, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Troester,
Indian Missions.

Dear Father:

Enclosed please find my cheque for \$5.00 this is in addition to \$100.00 given Father Stapleton, of Annunciation parish, which will find its way into the basket a week from Sunday, when the "Indian Mission Collection" will be taken up. The \$100.00 given by Seymour & Troester. Well thats that!

Now, you will no doubt be surprised at the familiar though rare signature at the end of this note. Have been reading your short articles with pleasure, since receiving the Sentinel recently and was at once struck with the name "Troester." Have only such one other of that name, outside of our own family, and he was a Jewish fish pedler; he tried to establish a relationship, but I did not give him a chance, well; just for fear he might, maybe you'd better look him up, father.

My grand parents came from Alsace-Lorraine and together with my parents, who were born here, have always lived in Detroit. We belong to St. Rose of Lima parish and our pastor is Fr. Edw. J. Taylor. It is comparatively new, and is the third one I have actually grown up with from the start. Wonder if you have ever been in Detroit? It sure is a wonder city; not only industrially, but the church here grows just as fast, and sound.

After a cold spring, we are now having one of the hottest spells in the history of the weacher bureau.

When I forget the Indian wars, the word "Indian" always spells romance to me, but I suppose my dream would be shattered upon closer acquaintance, and then, may be not. Never saw so many Indians as on my trip to California, over the Santa Fe, and especially at Needles, California.

Should you have a few moments leisure sometime, I would be glad to hear from you.

With best wishes to all the Troester's, even including our J.f.p. I am

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) CHARLES E. TROESTER,
1514 Harding Ave.,
Detroit, Michigan.

Copied by H. S.

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July 1, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Tbooster, O.F.M.,
Waterflow, New Mexico.

Dear Father Marcellus:

I enclose herewith check for \$62.50, covering
your salary for attending the Ute-Navajo Mission during
the quarter ended June 30, 1925.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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40-49

July 19, 1925.

Rev. Marcellus Rochester,
Waterflow,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Marcellus:

In your letter of February 2, you asked for some literature on the
Peyote religion or Peyote eating. I am sending you under separate cover,
two pamphlets which I received from the office of Indian Affairs. They are
fairly comprehensive, and I trust that they will supply you with the infor-
mation you wish. If they are insufficient let me know and I will try again.

The matter of the lantern slides I will take up with you later. I am
going to do some begging for them.

Yours fraternally,

I have not yet heard from Father Pinnel about the stations offered through
Miss McGill. I wrote to him again on July 15.
JS:LG

St. Rev. Messr. William Hughes,
Director.

August 28, 1935

Rev. Marcellus Troester, O.F.M.,
Waterflow,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Troester:

On May 20, I notified you that you would receive: Vestments of all colors for two different missions, two tabernacle crucifixes, thirty pieces of altar linen. (No amices unless Franciscan's, i.e., larger amices than seculars.) One ciborium, two pairs of candle-sticks, one ostensorium. I also advised you that these articles were donated through the Marquette League by a Sanctuary Society in Pennsylvania, and I asked you for a letter of thanks to be forwarded to me for the Marquette League when you received these gifts.

As I have received no acknowledgment from you up to this time, I do not know whether you received the above articles. If you did, kindly forward me a letter of thanks for the Marquette League as soon as possible. If you did not receive them, notify me at once so that I may trace the shipment.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William H. Ghes,
Director.

JS:LG

September 30, 1925.

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Rev. Marcellus Troester, O.F.M.,
Waterflow, N.M.

Dear Father Marcellus:

I enclose herewith check for \$62.50 covering allowance for your salary for attending the Ute-Navajo Mission during the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

I am enclosing also two report blanks. I will ask you to fill out and return the one for the September quarter now, and at the end of December to fill out and send me the one for that quarter.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CMJ

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Waterflow, N.M., Nov. 28, 1925.

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Father Hughes:

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Conditions at Shiprock have now reached the stage of a veritable persecution and I think it is time the Indian Office puts a stop to Mr. Kneale's highhanded methods. Not content with discriminating against me in acknowledging the signatures of the Indians to have their children instructed in the Catholic faith, he has even begun a campaign of terrorizing the Indians, arresting some of those who side with the Catholics, and it is the general talk among the Indians that it will go hard with those who give their signature to the priests.

I had been hoping that an inspector might be out here to look into this matter but it seems the Indian Office is not aware of the real state of affairs. On Nov. 22, I had a short interview with Chief Inspector Roberts at Ft. Defiance, and, after telling him a few things about Mr. Kneale, he said: "I see you need an inspection over there." But he said he could not take up the case since he is on his way visiting the different schools, had been at Shiprock already, and did not care to go back there. But he promised that he would recommend to the Commissioner to send a man out here to investigate this matter, and he also advised me to write to and ask you to take it up with the Commissioner. (There might be a more personal reason why he does not like to investigate Kneale. Mr. Roberts, I know, is a mason and perhaps Mr. Kneale is also one.)

I let Mr. Roberts understand that I did not consider Mr. Hagerman the right person to conduct this investigation, since he is implicated in the case himself, would have to pass judgment or at least report on his own actions, and therefore is not without bias in the matter. Mr. Roberts made a note of it but said he could not well recommend to Mr. Burke whom to send or whom not to send. Father Jerome was present at this interview. (All the Fathers out here and our Indian friends are fully convinced that Hagerman sympathizes with the Protestants in this religious fight and that we cannot expect a fair deal from him.)

Please take up this matter with Mr. Burke and try to induce him to send an inspector out here for an investigation. I hope they have a man who is without prejudice and who can be fair. He could reach me from Shiprock by phone at Waterflow or by long distance at Towaoc.

Thanking you for the favor, I remain

very sincerely yours,

Rev. Marcellus Troester.

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