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Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Voy Rev Wm Hughes

Washington D.C.

Voy Rev and Sr. Felix Hughes

Many thanks for check of \$75.00

It comes very handy at the end of the year.

I wrote a letter directly to the Rev. Mr. Klein
thanking him for the two thousand. I sent the
letter through the Indian Bureau. Mr. Klein told me
the amount would be made at the time I flew you
were away. Try hard to be at our Indian Congress
next summer. We desire you more and more success
and a prosperous year.

I am gratefully yours

Fr. Vincent O.S.B.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION.
FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.,

McLaughlin, South Dakota.
January 2, 1925.

Very Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

Very Rev & dear Father Hughes:

Many thanks for check of \$75. It comes very handy at the end of the year.

I wrote a letter already to Mr. & Mrs. Klein thanking them for the two ostensoria. I sent the letter through the Indian Bureau. Mr. Lusk told me the ostensoria would be made at the time I believe you were away. Try hard to be at our Indian Congress next summer. Wishing you more and more success and a prosperous New Year, I am,

Gratefully yours,

(Signed) Father Vincent, O.S.B.,

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January 2, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin,
So. Dakota.

Dear Father Frech:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check for \$75 covering Marquette League allowance for your salary for the quarter ended December 31, 1924. Please send me, for transmittal, a letter of thanks addressed to the Marquette League. Wishing you and all at McLaughlin a prosperous New Year, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

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

GSL/JR

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O. S. B.,
Ft. Yates, North Dakota.

January 4, 1925

Dear Father Bernard:

I enclose herewith a copy of the letter received from Mr. Henry Murphy, Catechist of Shields, North Dakota together with a copy of my reply. Is this a worthy appeal? If so how much is needed to repair the meeting house? Of course, I will not send any money to Mr. Murphy but to you. Please give me railroad station and railroad via which freight shipment of organ would reach this chapel. Of course, you understand that I can make no definite promise to supply these needs, but I will do so if possible.

Wishing you every joy during the New Year, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:MLB.

Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

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FORT YATES, N. D.

Jan. 5. 1925

Hon. Chas. S. Lusk
 Secretary Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lusk:

I have thanks for your noble endeavor in being of Mrs. Helen Tamm's permanent position. She has received her notification from Washington and feels most happy over the result. She thanks you very much in doing her that great favor.

Concerning Mr. Kubie's farm I must say that owing to the cold weather, Father Vincent could not as yet inspect the land, but promised to do so, as soon as the condition of season allows it. December was the coldest month here in 34 years.

We are all well here and wishing you good health in like manner and God's choicest blessings for the year 1925. I am as ever

Yours most sincerely
 Rev. Bernard Strassmair O.S.B.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION.
Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B., Pastor.

Fort Yates, North Dakota.
January 5, 1925.

Hon. Chas. S. Lusk,
Secretary, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lusk:

Many thanks for your noble endeavors in behalf of Mrs. Helen Tahnk's permanent position. She has received her notification from Washington and feels most happy over the result. She thanks you ever so much in doing her that great favor.

Concerning Mr. Kuhrie's farm I must say that owing to the cold weather, Father Vincent could not as yet inspect the land, but promised to do so, as soon as the condition of the season allows it. December was the coldest month here in thirty-four years.

We are all well here and wishing you good health in like manner and God's choicest blessings for the year 1925, I am, as ever,

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,

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Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

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Rev. Bernard Strassmeyer, O. S. B., Pastor

FORT YATES, N. D. January 5th 1925

H. Rev. Magr. Wm. Hughes
 Director Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
 2021 K Street N. W.
 Washington D. C.

H. Rev. dear Father Hughes:-

Having been so very busy of late and not feeling extra well I could not answer all my correspondence at an earlier date. I am, however, somewhat late in my replies to you. Above all I wish to thank for all the favors bestowed upon this Mission of late. All the \$1,000.00 checks from \$2.35, \$200 and a \$1,000.00 have been received. They were the greatest surprise to me. We are now well fixed and we can buy desks, and other useful articles for the school, besides giving the children at some distance from the school a noonday meal. The school is prosperous and new pupils are coming ever more and then. Your noble support frees us from many a worry.

I most gratefully acknowledge all your benefits. Concerning the gift of a Reo automobile I must

wrote this
 during my
 absence

Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmeyer, O. S. B., Pastor

FORT YATES, N. D.,

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inform you that neither Father O'Connor nor myself
are proficient in automobilizing and I am very much
afraid if we had it in our possession, could not do
very much ^{good with it} for it. I wonder if Father Ambrose Hattingsly
from Fort Totten could make good use of it.
He is quite an expert driver and Sprucewood would
not be so far from home. Even if we would accept it,
we could hardly get it at this time of the year. I certainly
appreciate your kind proposal and I hope some favor
Missionary will avail himself of such a generous offer.
Thanking you again for all courtesies extended
to us, I am with the wish of a very prosperous
and happy New Year.

Yours

Very sincerely in Christ
Father Bernard O. S. B.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION.
REV. BERNARD STRASSMATER, O.S.B. PASTOR.

Fort Yates, N. D.
January 5, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Rt. Rev. dear Father Hughes:

Having been so very busy of late and not feeling extra well. I could not answer all my correspondence at an earlier date. Therefore, please, pardon me if I am somewhat late in my replies to you. Above all I wish to thank for all the favors bestowed upon this mission of late. All the different checks from \$2, \$5, \$200 and a \$1,000 have been received. They were the greatest surprise to me. We are now well fixed and we can buy desks, and other useful articles for the schools, besides giving the children living at some distance from the school a noonday meal. The school is prosperous and new pupils are coming over now and then. Your noble support frees us from many a worry. I most gratefully acknowledge all your benefits.

Concerning the gift of a Ree automobile, I must inform you that neither Father (thor) nor myself are proficient in automobiling and I am very much afraid if we had it in our possession, could not do very much good with it. I wonder if Father Amorse Mattingley from Fort Totten could not make good use of it. He is quite an expert driver and Spiritwood would not be so very far from him. Even if we would accept it we could hardly get it at this time of the year. I certainly appreciate your kind proposal and I hope some ~~missionary~~ missionary will avail himself of such a generous offer.

Thanking you again for all courtesies extended to us, I am with the wish of a very prosperous and happy New Year,

Yours very sincerely in Christ,

(Signed) Father Bernard, O.S.B.,

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Fort Yates, N.D.

Jan. 6th 1925

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hughes,
Rt. Rev. and dear Father:

"Magnificat anima mea
Dominum." Our Cath. day school
is safe. I could not have received
a more welcome present than
your donation for our school,
for my heart and soul is in
this school. A thousand times
"thank you." Now I will be able
to get some decent desks, maps
etc. I also thank you for the
kind donation to our teacher.

- During Christmas I
had a rather tough mission
trip, which lasted six days.
I travelled on everything except
the railroad, vid.: with closed

and open automobile, truck,
buggy and lumber wagon,
while the temperature was
constantly between 20° and 32°
below zero. On Christmas and
St. Stephen's I could get neither
a piece of bread nor a drop
of milk to my meals. But
I did not mind. Unfortunately
I did not have enough covers
during one night and thus
caught cold. But in spite of it
I am again ^{all day} at my job in
school teaching the 4th, 5th, 6th
and 7th grades. And I am
happy to tell you that the
number of our Indian pupils
is constantly increasing.

Thanking once more
and wishing you God's blessing
in the new year

Yours most gratefully yours
Fr. Othmar Bunkler, O.S.B.

STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION.
FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.,

40-22

McLaughlin, South Dakota.
January 7, 1925.

The Marquette League;
New York City,

Dear Miss Byrne;

Received check of \$75.00 from the Marquette League through Father Hughes.
Many, many thanks. May God bless you for your noble work. May the year 1925 be
a year of success and blessings for you. I hope you will be able to attend our
Indian Congress in Wapala next summer.

Gratefully, yours,

(Signed) Father Vincent, O.S.B.,

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January 8, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Freck, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin,
So. Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I duly received your letter of December 23 and thank you very much for your kind Christmas and New Year's greetings. I trust that the New Year will bring you many blessings.

Very Rev. Dr. Dyer, the secretary of the Distributing Board of the Lenton Collection, in reply to my inquiry, advises me that Bishop Lawler, in his application for an allocation for the Indian missions of his diocese, made no mention of any special amount for you and therefore no special allocation was assigned for you. This being fact, the Bishop can use the funds assigned to him as he sees fit. It might be well for you to write the Bishop on the subject but I certainly would not advise you to bring the matter to the attention of the Apostolic Delegate.

Our monthly allowance of \$25 to you will be continued.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. McGr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

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Fort Yates, N.D.

Jan. 9, 1925

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
 Washington, D.C.,

Reverend and dear Father Hughes-Your generous
 check has been received and now sincerely do we thank you. It
 helps give us an assurance for the continuing of our school
 which, though small, is already showing that we are doing a work
 for God which will help to establish forever our holy faith in
 the hearts of this race.

May Our Lord richly bless your life and
 your labors.

Yours in Christ Jesus
Benediction
Sisters

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Fort Yates, N.D. 40-45
 Jan. 12th 1925

Re. Rev. and dear Father:

I thank you for your kindness of sending forty Mass Stipends. I shall say the bk. Masses as soon as possible. — The number of pupils in our school went up to 42 after New Year. In Sept. we had started with 23. I think next year we shall have from 60-70 children.

Most gratefully yours Fr. Thomas Buckley
 P. S.

ST. B. JAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
McINTOSH, SO. DAK.

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January 12, 1925.

Right Reverend William Hughes.

2021 H. Street

Washington D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes: - I have been quite sick and just getting back into condition. I will write you tomorrow and enclose letters in your care to the benefactors to my poor missions. I thank you dear Monsignor for your many kindnesses to me. I trust you are well and I pray God to grant you many happy years of service in the work of The Vineyard.

Gratefully yours in X to.

John H. Vigneron.

40-21

January 12, 1925.

Rev. John Vigneron,
McIntosh, S.D.

Dear Father Vigneron:

The enclosed check for \$60 covers the salary of your catechist, Fred White Cost, from June 1 to November 30, 1924, at \$10 a month. This is the donation of Miss Lauretta McCabe.

Please send me a letter of thanks addressed to Miss McCabe and I will forward it to her. I do not think it is necessary for you to tell her how much you have received, as some of this money should have been sent you before this.

Wishing you every blessing and success in the New Year, I remain

Yours fraternally,

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

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ST. DONAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
MONTGOMERY, SO. DAK.

January 14, 1925

Right Reverend William Hughes
2021 H. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes:-

Enclosed I am sending
letters of thanks to my benefactors and I regret
the delay in sending these messengers.

We have had some very severe weather and
I was unfortunate enough to get an attack of
grippe from which I am just recovering.

High Mass was celebrated at Black Horse
Indian Church at Christmas and New Year.

At Christmas we had mid night Mass.
The little church was decorated also the altar
and a little crib placed inside the altar
railing.

In our prayers Holy Communion, Holy
Mass and visits to the Crib, you was not
forgotten Monsignor, and I assure you in my
prayer, letters and Masses I will
remember you and your dear ones and all
our benefactors. In the meeting house I held

a little Christmas program. The children recited appropriate poems, the tree was decorated and gifts for all the Indians were distributed.

Christmas was indeed a happy day for the Indians. I was delighted to see all the Indians of my district at the altar railing to receive The King of Kings.

The clothing and other articles reached me in time Monsignor to distribute at Xmas and I ask God to bless and to prosper you Monsignor for your great zeal, charity and generosity in aiding our poor red brethren in Christ.

I am grateful for the check of \$300.00 you sent me to procure a Ford car for my mission work. My journey to Black Horse is a long and hard one. It takes me from 3 to 5 hours Monsignor to make the trip by team, my only means of transportation. This spring I will get a Ford and while the riding may not be more comfortable at least I will not be so long on the road to and from the missions.

I have just received your check of \$60.00 as salary for the Cacopuat and also the check of \$214.00 to be used for the Indian work.

Accept my humble thanks dear Monsignor for these and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon me and upon the

ST. DONAVENTURE'S CHURCH
McINTOSH, SO. DAK.

Indians of Black Horse S. Dakota.

In a few days I will send you a list
as you have requested of those whom I feel
would subscribe to The Sentinel.

I trust you are well. Monsignor and I pray
God to favor you with this great blessing for
many years.

With gratitude and good wishes I am,
sincerely yours,
John Vigneron.

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COPY FOR:

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
MCINTOSH, SOUTH DAKOTA.

January 14, 1925.

Mt. Rev. William Hughes,
2021 N. Street, N. W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes:

Enclosed I am sending letters of thanks to my benefactors and I regret the delay in sending these messengers.

We have had some very severe weather and I was unfortunate enough to get an attack of grippe from which I am just recovering.

High Mass was celebrated at Black Horse Indian Church at Christmas and New Year. At Christmas we had mid-night Mass. The little church was decorated also the altar and a little crib placed inside the altar railing.

In our prayers Holy Communion, Holy Mass and visits to the Crib, you was not forgotten Monsignor, and I assure you in my poor prayers, labors and Masses I will remember you and your dear ones and all our benefactors. In the meeting house I held a little Christmas program. The children recited appropriate poems the tree was decorated and gifts for all the Indians were distributed.

Christmas was indeed a happy day for the Indians. I was delighted to see all the Indians of my district at the altar railing to receive the King of Kings.

The clothing and other articles reached me in time Monsignor to distribute at Christmas, and I ask God to bless and to prosper you Monsignor for your great zeal, charity and generosity in aiding our poor red brothers in Christ.

I am grateful for the check of \$200 you sent me to procure a Ford car for my mission work. My journey to Black Horse is a long and hard one. It takes me from 3 to 5 hours Monsignor to make the trip by team, my only means of transportation. This spring I will get a Ford and while the riding may not be more comfortable at least I will not be so long on the road to and from the missions.

I have just received your check of \$14 to be used for the Indian work.

Accept my humble thanks dear Monsignor for these and for the many blessings you have bestowed upon me and upon the Indians of Black Horse, South Dakota.

In a few days I will send you a list as you have requested of those whom I feel would subscribe to THE SENTINEL.

I trust you are well Monsignor and I pray God to favor you with this great blessing for many years.

With gratitude and good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) JOHN VIGORON.

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Dear Father Hughes.

This will acknowledge receipt of
your check for \$14.00 covering donations
received through THE INDIAN SENTINEL up
to and inclusive Dec 31, 1924

Rev. John G. Vignone

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ST. DONAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
MONTOSH, SO. DAK.

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January 15, 1925.

Right Reverend William Hughes:

2021 H. Street. N.W.

Washington. D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes:-

Enclosed I am

sending a letter and respectfully ask that you
send this letter to Sister.

It is impossible for me dear Monsignor
to find words to adequately express my
gratitude to you for all you have done for
me and these poor people.

For all my prayers and Masses you
and all your dear ones and our benefactors
are always remembered.

I trust you are well Monsignor and I
ask God to favor you with this great blessing
indefinitely and to prosper all your undertakings.

Gratefully Yours in X^{to}.

John Vigneron.

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ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
MONTICEN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

January 15, 1925.

Rev. William Hughes,
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes:

Enclosed I am sending a letter and respectfully ask that you send this letter to Sister.

It is impossible for me dear Monsignor to find words to adequately express my gratitude to you for all you have done for us and these poor people.

In all my prayers and masses you and all your dear ones and our benefactors are always remembered.

I trust you are well Monsignor and I ask God to favor you with this great blessing indefinitely and to prosper all your undertakings.

Gratefully yours in Xc,

(SIGNED) JOHN VIGHERON.

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Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates,
North Dakota.

January 15, 1925.

Dear Father Bernard:

I thank you for your letter which I received on January 13, together with the enclosed check in the sum of \$60.00 representing the contributions from the persons listed.

I enclosed herewith check in the sum of \$60.00 and I thank you for sending these donations through the Bureau. I would suggest that you hold the cards which you already have as it may be that shipments from the persons who promised to make them have been delayed, due to congestion in the mails at Christmas and the New Year. THE INDIAN SENTINEL will be sent to the donors mentioned in your letter.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:lg

Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

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McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Jan 16-25

Very Rev Wm Hughes

Washington

Very Rev and Dear Father:

Received your kind letter with
10 dollars for 10 Holy Masses. Many thanks to you
and the donor.

I also want to thank you for giving me \$25.00
a month again. May God bless you and the
Marquette League. I have one White mission from
which I get some help. so I will be all right.

I am much particular to me. The Holy Spirit says the
Bishop can do with money what he pleases, although
de facto he does it. I thought the money was collected for
Indian missionaries and Father Work and Kuffner
go and plead for Indians and the missionaries
and the money ought to be spent for them. I am conscious
if people know the money would not go to the Indian
missionaries people would not be generous.

The Bishop promised me hundred dollars when
I saw him accidentally two weeks ago but he has
I have not heard from him, and I think I never
will, but it is not matter as you promised me
help. I know one Bishop who received a thousand
dollars for Indians and yet not ~~one~~ one cent
went either to the Indians or Indian missions
in this right? I know also a mission in Bishop
Webster's diocese but never received any help nor
did Father ^{Anthony} Bernard. I am not complaining
I am simply stating the facts. I understand those
who have only one Indian mission, and a few Indian
get the bulk of the money. I think it is good for
you to know these things.
May God bless you and your work. It is a great
consolation for the Indian missions to know
that they have a staunch friend in you Rev
Father

Respectfully yours

Fr Vincent O'S.B.

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STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

McLaughlin, South Dakota.
January 16, 1925.

Very Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Very Rev. and Dear Father:

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May God bless you and your work. It is a great consolation for the Indian missionaries to know that they have a staunch friend in you Rev. Father.

Gratefully yours,

(Signed) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.,

Copied by L.C.

40-45
January 22, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, P.O.
North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

I enclose herewith a check in the sum of \$25.00 which I received from Rev. Joseph Husslein, S.J. This donation was given to Father Husslein by readers of the AMERICA magazine with instructions that it be divided between you and the Sisters at Fort Yates.

Kindly forward through this Bureau a letter of acknowledgment to Father Husslein for this gift.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:lg

MAILED JAN 30 1925

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Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

MCLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Vy Rev Father Hughes
Washington D. C.

Vy Rev and Dear Father:

OK 855
a few days ago, I received two
beautiful and very nice letters from Sullivan.
I wrote Mr. Klein, the donor, or rather I wrote to
the Indian Bureau and thank him. But I
want to thank you and the donor again.
May God bless you.

We are very busy about the Indian Congress in
Wash. D. C. We endeavor to make it a success.
I think beginning of July will be a good time.
I hope you will be able to come.

Very gratefully

Fr Vincent O.S.B.

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STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

McLaughlin South Dakota.

January 27, 1925

Very Rev. Father Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

Very Rev. and Dear Father:

A few days ago, I received two beautiful and very nice ostensoria from Daleiden. I wrote Mr. Klein, the donor, or rather I wrote to the Indian Bureau and thanked him. But I want to thank you and the donor again. May God bless you.

We are very busy about the Indian congress in Wapala. We endeavor to make it a success. I think beginning of July will be a good time. I hope you will be able to come.

Very gratefully,

(SIGNED) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

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Rev. Vincent Frech, O. S. B.,
McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Jan. 1925

Dear Father Frech:

I enclose herewith copy of your letter of January 16. You are under a misapprehension as to the source of the money distributed by Dr. Dyer. That money is from the Lenton Collection. It is allocated by the Commission of the three Archbishops, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, at the annual meeting which will be held this year in October. Requests are sent by the priests through the Bishop to Dr. Dyer.

The money collected by the priests of this Bureau, Fathers Woods and Huffer, do not pass through Dr. Dyer's hands, but are allotted by myself. Dr. Dyer is Treasurer of the Bureau as well as Secretary of the Commission. But the Bureau has asked Dr. Dyer to act as Treasurer only in the endorsement of Government drafts for contract schools. It would be very confusing if the Bureau had to send to Dr. Dyer every check for his signature.

What I have told you is in confidence. Please do not repeat it.

As the Bishop of Lead does not seem to offer you the encouragement which he should and since you have a mission in Bishop Wehrle's diocese, I would suggest that you apply through Bishop Wehrle asking him to forward your application with his recommendation to Very Rev. E. R. Dyer, S. S., D. D., Secretary of the Commission, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md. Bishop Wehrle could apply for salary for each of the three priests. If he were to ask for \$100 each, I believe it would be granted. Better ask for \$300 each. Make the request for a definite amount. Have your letter typewritten. Let Father Bernard make the request to the Bishop. Tell Bishop Wehrle I suggested this. But leave my name out of the letter which goes to Dr. Dyer. I will be at the meeting in October and will recommend your request to the Archbishops.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

40-21

February 4, 1925.

Rev. John Vigneron,
McIntosh,
So. Dakota.

Dear Father Vigneron:

You have been receiving through The Bureau \$10 a month for the salary of your catechist, Fred Whitecoat. Miss Lauretta McCabe, 17 Margin Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts, is the donor. She is assisted by her brother Fred.

Miss McCabe announces that hereafter she is going to send the money directly to you instead of through the Bureau. The reason is that she wishes to write to and hear from you direct.

This arrangement is perfectly satisfactory to the Bureau, principally because Miss McCabe desires it. Our relations are most cordial. I called on Miss McCabe and her brother in Lawrence in November. They are giving \$960 a year to two priests and two catechists. I will include this in my annual report. If you get any other donations from Miss McCabe, I would be pleased if you would inform me so that I can include them in the report. As she desires it, her name is never mentioned in print.

I would advise you to write as fully as possible to Miss McCabe. She is a school teacher. Her brothers own a factory which makes boiler heads for locomotives.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH/JR

40-45
February 10, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.A.,
Fort Yates,
No. Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

I inclose herewith a check in the sum of \$10 which I received from Rev. R. H. Tierney, S.J., Editor of America. This donation was sent in to his office for the Sisters at Fort Yates.

Kindly forward me a letter of acknowledgment for Father Tierney. You might mention in your letter that you are grateful to the kind readers of America who so generously devoted their charity towards the Sisters and children at Fort Yates.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. Hughes,
Director.

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Reverend William Hughes,
Washington D.C.

Feb 17th 1925

Dear sir

I have wrote to you some time
ago. I am waiting for a reply
and there others that are waiting
for this answer to from you.

And for the reasons on account
of a inspector we have ask for

we like to get a inspector
that aint friends to the agents

on farmers because if they send
one that is friends to the agents

we never can get no benefit
from them. So please try and

send one inspector that will
do us some benefit that what

we wanted. This is all for
this time I am hoping to hear

from you at early date.

I am your friend

Maurice, Bob, tail Bull

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St. Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Sicamousier, O.S.B., Pastor

Feb 15 1925

FORT YATES, N.D. Feb. 17, 1925

At. Rev. & dear Father Hughes:

Enclosed please find a little note to the Rev. Editor of the America. I avail myself of this opportunity to notify you that Mrs. Louis Pri-Tean resigned as matron of the girls of the Fort Yates Indian Government school and that Mrs. Jones, up to date laundress of the school, takes over care of the girls' department. It would be very desirable to get a Catholic girls' matron for the school, but if this cannot be accomplished Mrs. Jones would fit quite well for the position, as she is a woman of mature age and judgment and very friendly towards the Catholics - she herself

being an Episcopalian. If either you or the
honorable Mr. Chase could visit the
Commissioner over Board and lay the matter
before him with the sincere wish of getting
a strong, powerful and energetic woman
for the position I think the school would
be benefited greatly. There are about 150
girls at the school and they need a
moral support. I know Mr. Weyman would
be giving a letter if an American could
occupy that position.

I also wish to mention yet, that R. C. Allen
of Marlboro. S. D. kindly requested me to aid him
in procuring a permanent position in
the Indian Service. So far he has been
employed temporarily only, sometimes as
clerk and sometimes also as day school teacher.
It seems he has the good will of the Superin-
tendent, John Sledge, the priest Father Keller
and appears to be his friend and is desirous of
holding him to a permanent position.

I know Mr. Allen to some extent and whilst
residing at Fort Yates found him to be a quiet
and active mixed blood Indian. If an opportunity
presents itself and you can be helped to him
I will be glad to do it. Mrs. R. C. Allen is a Catholic.
Thinking you give so many favors granted I am
Yours very faithfully, R. B. March 21/3

Ft. Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Straumeier, O.S.B., Pastor

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FORT YATES, N. D. Feb. 17, 1925

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being an Episcopalian. If either you or the
honorable Mr. Chas. Lusk could visit the
Commissioner Burke and lay the matter
before him with the sincere wish of getting
a strong, forceful and energetic woman
for the position, I think the school would
be helped wonderfully. There are about 130
girls at the school and they need strong
moral support. I know Mr. Wetzlar would
be highly advocated if an able person could
occupy that position.

I also wish to mention yet, that R. C. Allen
of Martin S. D. kindly requested me to aid him
in procuring a permanent position in
the Indian Service. So far he has been
employed temporarily only, sometimes as
school and sometimes also as Day school teacher.
It seems he has the good will of the Superin-
tendent of Pine Ridge, the Jewish Father Keller
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and active mixed blood Indian. If an opportunity
presents itself and you can be helpful to him
I highly appreciate it. Mrs. R. C. Allen is a Catholic.
Thanking you for so many favors granted I am
Yours very faithfully J. B. Bernard O.B.

FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
REV. BERNARD STRASSMEYER, O.S.B., PASTOR

Fort Yates, N.D.,
February 17, 1925.

Rt. Rev. & dear Father Hughes:

Enclosed please find a little note to the Rev. editor of the America. I avail myself of this opportunity to notify you that Mrs. Louis Primeau resigned as matron of the girls and the Fort Yates Indian Government School, and that Mrs. Jones, up-to-date laundress of the school, takes care of the girls' department. It would be very desirable to get a Catholic girls' matron for the school, but if this cannot be accomplished, Mrs. Jones would fit quite well for the position, as she is a woman of mature age and judgment and very friendly towards the Catholics--she herself being an Episcopalian. If either you or the honorable Mr. Charles Lusk could visit the Commissioner Burke and lay the matter before him with the sincere wish of getting a strong, forceful and energetic woman for the position. I think the school would be helped wonderfully. There are about 130 girls at the school and they need strong moral support. I know Mr. Witzleben would be highly delighted if an able person could occupy that position.

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Yours very fraternally,

(Signed) Father Bernard, O.S.B.,

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ENCLOSURE 40-4V-
Ft. Yates Catholic Indian Mission,

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B., Pastor.

Fort Yates, N.D. Feb. 17, 1925.

Rev. R.H. Tierney, S.J.
Editor of the America.
(39 W. 86th St. N.Y.C.)

Rev. and dear Father:

In the name of the Sisters and our dear Indian children I express my sincerest gratitude to you and all the readers of the America who so gratefully contributed their mite to the support of our Catholic Indian Mission School. We greatly appreciate the charity of such donors and pray for their happiness and spiritual prosperity. May a hundredfold also be their temporal reward.

Wishing you in like manner for your noble endeavor in our behalf the richest blessings of God, I am

Yours very fraternally,

(Signed) Bernard O.S.B.

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Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

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MCLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Feb 17-25

Very Rev Wm. Hughes.
attention to Mrs. Gertrude Madden
" " Miss Mc Lennan
Washington D C.

Very Rev and dear Father Hughes:

Kindly find enclosed two letters of thanks. Some others I thank personally, because by word letters to me and asked for an acknowledgment. I did not hear from you and people wanted an answer, so I thought the only thing to do was to write to you.

The Indian Sentinel is fine. I will try to get subscribers for it.

I will write a little article again for next issue and if possible have some little pictures.

Do you think the "Indian Compass" is a propitious for it would make an interesting subject?

Very sincerely

Fr Vincent O.S.B.

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STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

McLaughlin, S. Dakota.
February 17, 1925.

Very Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Very Rev. and Dear Father Hughes;

Kindly find enclosed two letter of thanks. Some others I thank personally, because they wrote to me and asked for an acknowledgement. I did not hear from you and people wanted an answer, so I thought the only thing to do was to write to them.

THE INDIAN SENTINEL is fine. I will try to get subscribers for it. I will write a little article for next issue and if I am able have some little pictures. Do you think the Indian Congress i.e. preparations for it would make an interesting subject?

Very Sincerely,
(Signed) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

Copied by L.S.

Misc. 28

Fort Yates, N.Dak.

Feb. 23, 1925.

Dear Mr. Lusk:

It is a long time since I took occasion to write to you. This letter is written from a selfish motive as it relates to something I am personally interested in: I hope you will pardon me for troubling you, but I am much concerned about the passage of the amendment to the retirement law.

I am now over 65 years old, have been over 38 years in the Indian School Service. Last November I had pneumonia which brought me near to death's door. I am no longer strong and able to work as in other years. This lack of strength and good health will no doubt lessen my efficiency in the work. I feel it due to myself to rest more and to work less strenuously. All this causes me to look anxiously for the amendment to the retirement law which will enable me to retire and to rest for the few years which may be allotted me. Would you let me know your views about the prospect of the passing of this amendment during the present session of Congress. Also if not asking too much would you exert your influence with members of Congress and of the Senate to help to get

it through this session. Three of the Sisters who were
retired from the service from here some time ago are also
interested in the matter, and perhaps the Sisters at Fort
Totten may be benefited by it also.

Rev. Father Bernard's school is doing nicely. It
has a splendid reputation in the community here and
does good work among white and Indians. - One of
the greatest misfortunes that came to me in life befell
me when the Good Sisters withdrew from this school,
where they had been my helpers for 28 long years. It was
one of those sorrows which must be borne, but cannot
be described.

I hope that this will find you in good health.
Wishing you all success and with sincere regards I
remain as always

Very respectfully,

E. B. McLeben.

40-22

February 26, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Froeh, O.S.B.,
Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission,
McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 17, together with the enclosed letters of thanks to Miss Florence McInerney and Mrs. Gertrude Madden for clothing received from them.

I am very pleased to be able to forward these letters because I know that these kind donors will be very much interested at hearing from you and will want to assist you when ever they can in the future. Letters of acknowledgment help me to get friends for the missions. I am especially thankful to you for sending your letters through this office. When making acknowledgments to friends who have written to you directly and not through this Bureau, I hope that you will mention that when writing to you they conduct all correspondence through this office. I repeated in my letters to them, and perhaps the repetition coming from you will gain their compliance.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes
Director

JB:lg

40-21

February 27, 1925.

Rev. John Vigneron,
McIntosh,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Vigneron:

I enclose herewith a letter for you which I received from Miss Mary E. Griffin of Boston, Mass. Miss Griffin has donated \$300.00 for a second hand car for you. Enclose please find check for this amount.

I will ask you kindly to forward through this Bureau a letter of acknowledgment to the donor, and I hope that you will continue to conduct all correspondence through this Bureau.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:lg

[ENCLOSURE] 40-21
Mary E. Griffin
3 Dayton Avenue.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Father Vigneron:

I read in the Indian Sentinel that you needed a car, and I hope you will be able to get one with the \$3000 I am sending. Will you kindly pray for my brother Frank Griffin. He is leading a bad life, and it worries me.

Please ask the children to pray for him. With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely

(Signed) Mary E. Griffin,
3 Dayton Ave.
Roxbury, Mass.

Copied by L.G. 2/27/25

40-45
February 28, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates,
No. Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 17 and have forwarded to Father Tierney your letter of thanks to him.

The Indian Office instructed Superintendent Mossman to continue Mrs. Jones as matron of the Standing Rock Government School until April 1. If her work proves satisfactory at that time, she will be allowed to take a noncompetitive examination. If she passes the examination, there is no doubt she will receive a permanent appointment as matron.

The case of R.C. Allen has been taken up by the Indian Office with the superintendent at Pine Ridge. I think Mr. Allen will be permitted to take a noncompetitive examination, and if he passes it he will receive a permanent appointment as teacher.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

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40-21

Mar. 3. 1925.
Right Reverend William Hughes
2021 H. Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes:-

Enclosed I am
sending letters of acknowledgment for clothing
received from these good friends of the Indian
Missions.

Your letter has just reached me dear
Monsignor containing a check of \$300.00 sent
by Miss Mary E. Griffin of Boston, Mass.

I am deeply indebted to you Monsignor
and I appreciate and heartily thank you for
the many favors you have so generously
bestowed upon me. Some time ago you
generously sent me \$300.00 for a second
hand car and I have procured one. Now
as I have my car such as it is, I will
not need this \$300.00 to procure another one.

I respectfully ask Monsignor whether or
not I may retain this money for repairs

and running expenses of my car?

I appreciate more than words express, Monsignor this change from an open wagon to a car, saving me much time and exposure to severe weather on the work of the mission.

I trust you are well Monsignor and pray God to favor you for many years with this blessing.

In all my prayers, labors and Masses you and your dear ones are always remembered. The work is going along nicely although we have had some severe weather this winter.

With gratitude and good wishes, I am, dear Monsignor, sincerely and fraternally yours.

John Vigoreaux

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ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
MCINTOSH, SO. DAKOTA.

Copy to #3

March 3, 1925.

Right Reverend William Hughes,
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely and fraternally yours,

(Signed) John Vigneron.

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ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH
McINTOSH, SOUTH DAKOTA

ENCLOSURE 40-21

March 3, 1925.

Miss Mary E. Griffin,
3 Dayton Avenue,
Boston, Massachusetts.

c/o Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
Bureau of Catholic Ind. Missions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Friend:

In a letter just received from Monsignor Hughes, I received your gift of \$300 you so generously sent me to procure an auto for my work. I am very grateful to you, dear friend, for this great kindness and I realize the many and great sacrifices you must have made to bestow this favor upon me.

I am sure our dear Lord will reward and bless you dear friend, in His own good way and in His own good time.

As for myself dear friend, I thank you from the depth of my priestly heart and I assure you I will remember you, dear friend, all your intentions, and all your loved ones in my prayers, labors and Masses. These good Indian people will also pray for you, dear friend and remember you and yours in their Holy Communions.

May God bless you and prosper you dear friend and all your loved ones, granting you the fulfillment of all your intentions and shower upon you and yours, His choicest graces and blessings in abundances.

With gratitude and my blessing, dear friend,

Gratefully yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

(Signed) Father Vigneron.

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Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmair, O. S. B., Pastor

40-45

FORT YATES, N. DAK., March 4, 1925

H. Rev. & Dear Father Hughes:

Your letter of the 2nd inst. came to hand yesterday and I thank you most
 sincerely for your valuable information and your noble
 endeavors in our behalf. The goods of Mrs. Betty B. Adams
 finally arrived and I enclose letter of appreciation and
 acknowledgment. Your share in this work I also praise.
 Wishing you very many years of great success in the work
 I am

Yours
 very fraternally
 Father Bernard O. S. B.

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Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission
FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA March 11-25.

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Vig Rev Father Hughes

Washington D.C.

V. Rev and Dear Father:

Next July we will have the Indian Congress in
Wabfala. (July 10, 11, 12) at Smith's Bishop. Our meeting
house is much requiring very badly. We have so many expenses
for the Congress so it is hard to collect the money.

Could you help us with a hundred dollars? We would
appreciate it very much.

I did not get any blanks from the Messrs. Hayes
for my 75 dollars for two months. or do I not need them
this time. I hope you will be able to collect our congress.

Vig Vincent

to Vincent O.S.B.

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COPY FOR: BUREAU

STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.
McLaughlin, South Dakota.

March 11, 1925.

Very Rev. Father Hughes,
Washington,
D. C.

Very Rev. and Dear Father:

Next July we will have the Indian Congress in Wapala, (July 10, 11, 12) if it suits the Bishop. Our meeting house needs repairing very badly. We have so many expenses for the Congress so it is hard to collect the money. Could you help us with a hundred dollars? We would appreciate it very much.

I did not get any blanks from the Marquette League for my 75 dollars for this month, or do I not need them this time. I hope you will be able to attend our Congress.

Very sincerely,

(SIGNED) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.,

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40-22

Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

MCLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA March 26-25

Very Rev. Wm. Hughes:

Kindly find enclosed report of my Indian mission. I was in the Clinic, my left eye is badly owing to my general poor condition. I need a rest I am told. Also find enclosed letter to Miss Wriggester. The camera is a cheap one. As I have not much more a better one I will gladly accept it too. Hope you are well.

Very Sincerely

Fr. Vincent O. S. B.

Letter forwarded to donor

St. Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev'd APR 6 1925 AM
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FORT YATES, N. D. April 1, 1925

Rev. Rev. & dear Father Hughes:-

Miss Lucy O'Neill sent me a few days ago a package of clothing. I acknowledged the receipt of goods yesterday and now to-day I received your slip and register receipt of the same person. Today also I received three packages from Miss C. Keating Hama, Penn. I have no notification of her shipment from your Office, so I send the letter of thanks to you with the request of forwarding it to her.

Oftentimes I receive packages without any further information from unknown parties and I am at a loss what to do

at times. We are now well provided with goods and I thank you for your many noble endeavors in this regard.

The conditions at the Fort Yates Industrial Boarding School are becoming such, that Mr. D. C. White, when sees no other way, but to retire soon and to resign from office. He is now sick from care and has no immediate hope of a furlough. I like to ask you a question concerning this matter, namely, Does the Government grant a furlough and how can the furlough be given? Can it be granted for a longer or shorter space of time - say from 1 month to 1 year or more? If you could make an inquiry you would highly please me.

Wishing you the best of health and much prosperity I am

Yours

very sincerely

Father Bernard C. S. B.

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Rt. Rev. and dear Msgr. Hughes:

Our new school is doing fine. We have forty pupils. Next year I expect to have about 70. I suppose you know, that I have been teaching and am still teaching the upper grades although I would have more than enough to do at my three missions Fort Yates, Kenel and Bullhead. I did not receive any salary so far and do not expect any, but I would kindly ask you to do all you can that our Sister teacher will receive her salary and that I may be able to procure enough coal for the coming school-year and enough school-desks, books, blackboards and so on. I enclose a "Conversation" for the Indian Sentinel and also a list of subscribers for the Indian Sentinel. All these subscribers have given the subscription-money to me for the benefit of our school. Please, send them the Indian Sentinel for one year. Many of the subscribers are Non-Catholics.

Sincerely yours

Fr. Othmar Buehler,
O. S. B.

St. Bernard's Indian School, Fort Yates, N.D.

Conversation of two pupils.

Lily: Oh say! our new school-house is almost finished!
 Rose: Be sure, we are going to have a nice school!
 Lily: But I just wonder how Father Othmar will get enough school-books and school-desks for next year. He surely can't take the money out of his sleeves.
 Rose: Well, is he not teaching in our school? And don't you know, that teachers get a hundred dollars a month?
 Lily: Why, the idea! --- Father Othmar does not get a cent for teaching and do you think he will get rich out on his Indian missions, where he often does not get one dollar in his Sunday collection. But Father Othmar does not care to get any salary. He is satisfied to get some money to buy books and desks and other school supplies.
 Rose: But how is he going to get that money, if he has no salary? And how will he get coal for next year? And what about the Sisters? Are they not to receive at least a little salary for their hard work in our school?
 Lily: I think we tell our trouble to the Indian Sentinel. Lots of friends of the Indian missions will read it and perhaps somebody will donate us also something to play with, so that we may keep out of mischief.

40-22

April 2, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin, S.D.

Dear Father Vincent:

Enclosed please find our Treasurer's check for \$75, covering the Marquette League allowance for your salary for attending McLaughlin for the quarter ended March 31, 1925.

Please send us a little note of thanks addressed to the Marquette League, which we will forward.

Yours frtennally,

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

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Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

April 7 - 25

Vy Rev Wm Hughes
 Washington D. C.

Vy Rev and Dear Father:

Received check \$75.00. Thank

you very much for your kindness. It came mighty handy. I had some expenses of late on account of my eyes. My left eye is almost blind. I will have to see a specialist after Easter. I was in Rochester and was told my poor eyes are the consequences of my poor condition. I need a vacation I was told told and improve my condition. However Fr Bruno will take my place if I get permission to lay off.

Enclose some Indian pictures, you may be able to use. Christ and Virginity of St. Men Church of La Crosse. and mother and Baby and crying Baby all of La Crosse.

Very gratefully

Fr Vincent O.S.B.

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COPY FOR: FATHER VINCENT

STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

McLaughlin, S. D.
April 7, 1925.

Very Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

Very Rev. & Dear Father:

Received check of \$75. Thank you very much for your kindness. It came mighty handy. I had some expenses of late on account of my eyes. My left eye is almost blind. I will have to see a specialist after Easter. I was in Rochester and was told my poor eyes are the consequences of my poor condition. I need a vacation I was told and improve my condition. However Fr. Bruno will take my place if I get permission to lay off.

I enclose some Indian pictures, you may be able to use. Church and congregation of the New Church of La Gonyute, and mother and baby and crying baby all of La Gonyute.

Very gratefully,

(SIGNED) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

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STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

McLaughlin, S. D. April 7, 1925

Miss Byrne,
Marquette League,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friend:

Received check of \$75 for my support.
Thank you very much. May God bless you and your
noble work. I hope you will be able to attend our
Indian Congress in Wapala next July. I surely
would be glad to see you again. I have some trouble
with my eyes, and the doctors told me I will have
to lay off for some time.

Wishing you a very happy Easter, I am,

gratefully yours,

(SIGNED) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

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40-45

April 3, 1925.

Benedictine Sisters,
Fort Yates, N.D.

Dear Sisters:

Enclosed please find check for \$150, covering
your salary for teaching in the Fort Yates day school
during the quarter ended March 31, 1925.

Yours in Christ,

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

J

40-45

April 8, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates,
North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

Your letter of April 1 has been received.

From what Mr. Lusk learns at the Indian Office I do not think Mr. Witzleben will have any trouble securing a furlough for one year. All that is necessary for him to do is to make application to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, through the Indian Superintendent, for the furlough he desires. While the granting of the furlough will result in the filling of his position by pre-arrangement of someone else, he will be eligible for reinstatement, at the end of the year, and will be regarded as constructively in the Service during that time, and thereby will receive the benefit of the Clerk's Retirement Bill which is expected will become a law during the next session of Congress.

Yours fraternally,

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

CSL:JR

40-45
Fort Yates, N.D. April 9. 1925

Rt. Rev. and dear Msgr. Hughes:

I enclose a letter of thanks for the benefactor, who sent us the school-desks. It is needless to say that I am exceedingly well pleased with this practical and very useful present. I was busy this morning to put up the desks. The schoolboys helped me. They are all proud of these new desks and think: next year all children will try to come to the mission-school. The desks are fine for my room, i.e. for the upper grades. But I need also a good number of small desks for the children of the lower grades. I ordered ten ~~sixteen~~ small desks this morning from a Chicago Co. hoping that God will send me some benefactors in due time.

Thanking you for all your kindness

I am most gratefully yours

Dr. Othmar Bunkler,
O. S. B.
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April 17, 1925

Right Reverend William Hughes.
 2021 H. Street. N. W.
 Washington. D. C.

Dear Monsignor:- Enclosed please find the letters for benefactors and a list of persons who will, I believe, subscribe to The Sentinel. I have been very busy during Lent, Holy Week and Easter, and was unable to send you these letters sooner.

I trust you are enjoying good health. Monsignor and I assure you that you and your dear ones living and deceased are not forgotten.

During Lent the Indians were quite faithful in the stations and I am well pleased with the responses they have made to my requests.

On Easter we had High Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and all went to Holy Communion.

I am very grateful and heartily thank
you Monsignor for the clothing you have
so kindly sent me for these poor people
and also for the food by which I am
able to make my mission in shorter
time and visit the Indians in their
respective homes.

The Indians of Black Horse join
with me Monsignor in thanking you and
in sending our greetings and good wishes.

Gratefully yours in The S. H. of J.
John Vigneron

40-9
April 20, 1925.

Rev. Francis Gerschwyler, O.S.B.,
Sacred Heart Church,
Golen, North Dakota.

Dear Father Francis:

The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions will be pleased to supply the Benedictine Indian missionaries with Mass intentions. Whenever you are in need of intentions, please send us a request for fifty at a time. Do not wait until you are entirely out of Masses, but send in the request in time so that you may receive more stipends from us by the time you have said all the Masses you have on hand. In this way you will keep fully supplied.

Yours fraternally,

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

J

40-5

April 20, 1925.

Rev. Boniface Simmen, O.S.B.,
St. Philomena's Church,
Selfridge, North Dakota.

Dear Father Simmen:

The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions will be pleased to supply the Benedictine Indian missionaries with Mass intentions. Whenever you are in need of intentions, please send us a request for fifty at a time. Do not wait until you are entirely out of Masses, but send in the request in time so that you may receive more stipends from us by the time you have said all the Masses you have on hand. In this way you will keep fully supplied.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Em. Hughes,
Director.

J

M. Gates, N. Dak. 40-45
April 21, 1925

Mr. William Hughes:

Dear Father:

Received the check which you sent us, and for which I am forwarding receipt as we just received it from the mother. Thanking you most heartily for your kindness to us, and will answer you our prayers.

Very sincerely,

Respectful sister of Mr. Gates

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April 24, 1925.

Rev. John Vigneron,
McIntosh,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Vigneron:

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 sent 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 \$4,000.

Yours in Christ,

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

SP:ER

good-hearted man. We live together
in the same poor house.

He speaks highly of your great interest
to work for the Indian Missionaries.

May God bless you with generosity.

Kindly accept my heartfelt good
wishes for a Felix Parsha season.

Yours sincerely in Christ

F. Boniface O.S.B.

Rev. Boniface Simmen O.S.B.

40-22

April 25, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin, S.D.

Dear Father Vincent:

Mrs. L. A. Whalen, of Rochester, N.Y., generously offers to provide \$5.00 each month for six months for support of a catechist for your mission. If you have a catechist in mind who is ready to begin active work, let me know. The salary will be sent to you quarterly.* Kindly also let me know the name of the catechist.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

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

J

* at the end of June and September.

Write a letter of thanks to the donor. Send the letter to me to forward to her.

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Solen, N. Dak. Apr. 24/25
Right Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes.
Dear Rev. Father:

You may send me 50 masses.
I also herewith wish to invite you to the Catholic
Indian Congress to be held at Cannon Ball, N. Dak.
on June 27, 28 & 29. Right Rev. Bishop Vincent Walsh
promised to be there one day. I likewise expect
our dear Right Rev. Abbot Philip Ruggie O.S.B. of
Conception Mo. Wishing you all the graces & joys
of a happy Easter season I remain yours
fraternally in Christ

J. Francis O.S.B.
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April 28, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strausmaier, C.S.B.,
Fort Yates,
North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

Have you yet been able to arrange for Father Vincent to inspect the farm that Mr. John G. Kuhrie desires to donate to this Bureau? We wrote Mr. Kuhrie some time ago that such an inspection would be made, and we would like to be in a position, if possible, to let him know definitely whether we can accept his property.

Thanking you for an early reply, I remain, with
all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

40-22

April 28, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
Maltaughlin, S.D.

Dear Father Vincent:

I enclose herewith check for \$5.00, made payable to you, which I have received from Mr. W. Harry Monks of Fall River, Massachusetts. Mr. Monks says you may use this for one of your catechists.

Please forward to me a letter of thanks addressed to Mr. Monks. I will send the letter to him.

Yours fraternally,

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

J

40-L.
April 30, 1925.

Rev. Boniface Simon, S.S.B.,
Selfridge, North Dakota.

Dear Father Simon:

I thank you for your letter of April 25, enclosing \$1.00 for your subscription to THE INDIAN SENTINEL. I am returning check for \$1.00 herewith, as the Indian missionaries receive the magazine free. I am putting your name on our complimentary list.

I am also enclosing check for \$50.00 covering many Mass intentions.

I am extremely sorry to hear of the trouble Father Vincent Frech is having with his eye. Perhaps he needs a good rest to build up his rundown system.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,
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MCLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

May 1-25

Very Rev Wm Hughes

Washington D.C.

Very Rev and dear Father Hughes:

Kindly find enclosed letters of thanks to the monks. Also accept thanks for the Whalen for her support of a catechist for six months. I will help every one of my catechists a little. I think I cannot pay one particular and not pay the others. and I am afraid I could not keep it up. So I insist the Indians pay the catechist. but I like to help them once and a while to encourage both the Indians and the catechist. So I expect to give each of my catechist 5 dollars. and if I get some more help from you again.

Dear Father could you help us some to repair and paint our meeting house before Congress. I hope you will be able to attend our Congress and I hope Bishop Lusher will go to Rome and the Bishop will come. I know we will get more priests to attend. I have written to Bishop Lusher but not heard from him. I will write again.

Dear Father. I had promised to write something

to write something for the Indian Sentinel and I could
not keep my promise, because I am almost blind in
my left eye. I had multiple hemorrhages of the left eye
and I saw several doctors and I was thought examined
I have to give my eyes absolute rest and I was told
my circulation is run down. I need absolute rest
so you will kindly excuse me for a time. Father
Barnes is helping me temporarily.

Very gratefully

E. Vincent O.P.S.

STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION,
Fr. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,

McLaughlin, South Dakota.

May 1, 1925.

Mr. Harry Monks,
Fall River, Mass.

Dear Mr. Monks:

Received \$5.00 today from you through Rev. Father Hughes. Many many thanks. I thank you in the name of my Catechist whom I can help now and them. May God bless you for your kindness,

Gratefully,
Father Vincent, O.S.B.,

(Signed)

Copied by L.G.

May 4, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I have your letter of March 11. I have an offer of \$500 to complete a chapel provided that the chapel can be named after The Little Flower of Jesus, who will be canonized May 17th. Bishop Lawler, I am sure, will consent to the change of name of the meeting house or chapel if it has already been named after some other saint.

Please wire me right letter if you can accept this gift. If you cannot, I am confident that I can prevail on the Bishop to make the change.

The donor will also supply the chapel with altar linens and whatever else you may need for the divine sacrifice. After you telegraph write me a letter telling the great need of the chapel, the furnishings which will be required and the fact that the Catholic Indian Congress will be held there in July. Do not speak of it as a meeting house, but as a chapel. Meeting house is a Protestant word and means nothing to Catholics. I know that it has a special meaning among Catholic Sioux Indians. The benefactor says that he or she desires to "complete a chapel." You should speak of your chapel needing completion rather than repairs.

Please let me know if the Bishop agrees to the dates of the congress. I will then take the matter up with the Indian Office and the Indian Office will notify the superintendent. Do not these dates fall within the harvest time? If so, I fear it is a mistake to hold the congress at that time. It means a neglect of crops.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the congress.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

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May 5, 1925.

Honorable M. E. Meritt,
Asst. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Meritt:

Rev. Francis Gerschwyler, Catholic missionary
on the Standing Rock Reservation, advises me that this
year's Congress of the Catholic Indians of the reservations
in Montana and North Dakota, will be held at Cannon Ball,
Standing Rock Reservation, June 27, 28, and 29.

I would thank you to let me know if the dates
and place selected meet with your approval and if they do
would be pleased if you would send out the usual instru-
ctions to the superintendents of the several reservations.

Very truly yours,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. W. Hughes,
Director.

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Intention
North Dakota Congress
May 5, 1925

May 5, 1925.

Rev. Francis Gerschwyler, O.S.B.,
Sacred Heart Church,
Solen, North Dakota.

Dear Father Francis:

The fifty Mass intentions which you requested were sent you April 30.
Before you run out of intentions, notify me in good time.

The dates for the congress at Cannon Ball, North Dakota, June 27, 28
and 29, seem to be at a season which will not interfere with the harvest. The
Bureau will, as usual, request the Indian Office to O.S.B. these dates and instruct
the superintendent that they are agreeable.

I regret that I will not be able to attend the congress. It is very
kind of Bishop Wherle and of Abbot Ruggie, O.S.B. to attend.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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COPY FOR: FR. BERNARD

FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION

REV. BERNARD STRASSMAIER, O.S.B., PASTOR

FORT YATES, NORTH DAKOTA

May 7, 1925.

Hon. Chas. S. Lusk, Sec'y,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lusk:

Your kind letter of inquiry has reached me a few days ago and now I am in the happy position to give you a correct answer. Rev. Father Vincent Frech returned this morning from his trip to Mr. John G. Kuhrie's farm near Dickinson, N. D. He makes the following statement. Mr. Kuhrie's $\frac{1}{2}$ section of land is one of the best farms around that locality and worth at least \$3,000.00 in each or \$3,800.00 in deferred payment. Mr. McCabe is willing to pay \$2,700.00. Father Vincent thinks it a good proposition and well worthy for the Catholic Bureau to accept it. The property is worth the money at any time. So it will be advantageous for the Bureau to go ahead in the matter and make satisfactory arrangement with Mr. Kuhrie. I hope you will succeed and may good results be the final end of the bargain.

With best wishes I am

Yours very sincerely,

(SIGNED) FATHER BERNARD, O.S.B.

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Fr. Herschweiler, O.S.B., BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
To: C. M. J. 2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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MAY 7 - 1926

Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$1.00
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Fr. Strassmaier, C.S.B.

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Dear Father:

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*Fr. Vigneron,
P. C. M. J.*

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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MAY 2 - 1923

Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$1.00
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for you through the INDIAN SENTINEL. up
to and including April 1, 1923

*Mr. Freedy
For Com J*

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
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Dear Father:
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FR VINCENT O S B.

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Mr Langferris J. S. May 11-25.
O Very Rev Father Hughes.

Received your kind letter and I suppose
you received my message.

I can use anything for the completion of the chapel.
Altar linens, vestments, albs, candles etc..
I can use it in two places.

I suppose you received my letter, I was almost
blind in my left eye. The doctors ordered a vacation.
I can spare only two Sundays, but in full I will be
about a month at home. My general condition is
run down and my stomach in bad shape owing to
my missionary trips. But an offer one like to you
made makes me feel good. The Bishop will be at the
congregation on Sunday. He will come one day stay over
night and leave the next day. I hope you can attend.
Very gratefully
Fr Vincent O.S.B.

Solen, May 12/25 40-9
Right Rev. William Hughes!

Many thanks for the
Dollar you sent me yesterday.
Wishing you all the graces from
the Queen of May I remain yours
fraternally in Christ

Fr. Francis ^{Verachylen} OLB
Box 446

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Dear Father Hughes,

This will acknowledge receipt of
your check for \$28. covering donations
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Carl Yates, D. D.
May 12, 1925

Rev. Bernard Stravinsky

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Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O. S. B., Pastor

FORT YATES, N. DAK. May 13, 1925

copy to Bernard
Bureau

Re. Rev. & dear Father Hugh

Your generous offer of \$28.00
I received two days ago. I am so appreciate your
noble endeavor in our behalf. Most sincerely and
wished I had a way to repay you. Frank Riehl took
yesterday various chapters of our Mission school. He is on
on that charge and reports are ready. I shall forward
them to you. Our St. Bernard's school has splendid
this year. She was two first prizes and six second
prizes in the state contest. In the contest of spelling
and declamation. The entertainment she gave us last week
was a great success and very enjoyable. You may rest
of the school and the mission for a while.
Thank you very much for your offer and saying the
very best to you.

Yours
very faithfully
R. Bernard Strassmaier

P.S. This afternoon Father Othmar will leave for
Bismarck to visit his parents at St. Paul, Minn.

40-22

May 16, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin, S.D.

Dear Father Vincent:

Enclosed please find check for \$500 for the chapel at
Wakpala. Kindly send me a letter of thanks addressed to Rev.
T. C. Klimke, Catholic Missionary Aid Society, Pittsburgh, Pa.
I will forward your letter to him. Ask him to thank the donor,
whose name is withheld at her request. Father Klimke requests
that you send a photo of the chapel.

Father Klimke tells me that he will interest Circle
#34 of the Maria Mission Circles, of which he is the Diocesan
Moderator. He will ask them to keep the chapel supplied with
linens.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:J

Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmeyer, O. S. B., Pastor

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FORT YATES, N. DAK. May 19, 1925.

Request ticket of

Rev. & dear Father Hughes.

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Southwest 5/25/25

Herewith send you the desired
photos of St. Bernard's school with such other photos
as might interest you in the publication of your next
July issue of the Indian Mission. I am glad I can help
you a little bit in this matter. Are you coming to our Indian
congress at Cannonville and Gallup? The one for North
& the other for South Dakota. We would consider it a great
favor if you could honor us with your presence, especially
in your new capacity as President.

As I was writing these few lines to you I received your letter
to Father Thomas - who has now gone to Europe to visit his
parents at St. Gall, Switzerland - and in which you inquire
about the desks he purchased of late. The ten desks arrived and
have been paid for - their cost was \$56.00 without freight charges.
This item need not be considered any more, but we have bought
4 slate blackboards for both schools - one, they are on their
transit and when they arrive here we have to pay \$12.05 including
freight or without freight charges \$8.65. These are not posted
yet and if you could give us a lifting hand in this matter
we certainly would highly appreciate it. We needed these blackboards
very much, as all other blackboards were entirely unsatisfactory and
if you see the expense is quite heavy.

Hoping we are not bothersome too much with our begging
 return I am with best wishes

Yours

and fraternally

Father Bernard L.

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FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, C.S.B., Pastor.

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Fort Yates, N. Dak.
May 13, 1925.

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At Rev. and dear Father Hughes:

Herewith I send you the desired photos of St. Bernard's School with such other photos as might interest you in the publication of your next July issue of the Indian Sentinel. I am glad I can help you a little bit in this matter. Are you coming to our Indian congresses at Cannonball and Wapala. The one for North and the other for South Dakota? We would consider it a great favor if you could honor us with your presence, especially in your new dignity as Monsignor.

Just as I was writing these few lines to you I received your letter to Father Othmar and who has now gone to Europe to visit his parents at St. Gall, Switzerland and in which you inquired about the desks he purchased of late. The ten desks arrived and have been paid for their cost was \$56.00 without freight charges. This item need not be considered any more, but we have bought 4 slate blackboards for both schoolrooms, they are on their transit now and when they arrive here we have to pay \$112.05 including freight or without freight charges \$85.63. These are not paid for yet and if you could give us a lifting hand in this matter we certainly would highly appreciate it. We needed these blackboards very badly, as all other blackboards were entirely unsatisfactory and of course the expense is quite heavy.

Hoping we are not bothering you too much with our begging letters I am with best wishes,

Yours very fraternally,

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(SIGNED) Father Bernard, C.S.B.

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McIntosh, S. Dak
May 18/25.
40-21

Dear Father Hughes,

This will acknowledge receipt of
your check for \$/20 covering donations
received through THE INDIAN SENTINEL up
to and including April 1, 1925.

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May 20, 1925.

Rev. Francis Gerschwyler, O.S.B.,
Solen, North Dakota.

Dear Father Francis:

According to our custom, which is appreciated by the Indian Office and which is really a necessary one, I wrote May 5 to the Indian Office asking their O. K. on the dates of the Congress at Cannon Ball, North Dakota, June 27, 28 and 29. The Office has given its O. K. and notified the Superintendents of Fort Peck, Standing Rock and Fort Totten Reservation to that effect.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

Added 8/31/25 asking
for return of articles
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May 20, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Frech:

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:

- 2 sets of vestments.
- 1 lace surplice.
- 1 alb.
- 1 cassock.
- 1 pair candle-sticks.

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

Yours Fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
McINTOSH, SO. DAK.

Printed similar letter in Spring District
May 31st 1925.
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Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
3021 H. Street,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes:-

On account of the many cares and duties of the past few weeks I was unable to send you these few lines as I intended, asking you to thank my delegates through the pages of The Indian Sentinel for the good which proves a boon to me and to my mission. I have been able to visit the people in their homes and to visit parts of my district that were impossible to visit before. I have been able to round up more of the children and am working hard to have my class of First Communicants ready for Trinity Sunday. I am very grateful to you Monsignor for the blessings you

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and will send you the list of names
as soon as I can make it out.

I trust you are well. Monsieur and
I assure you that you and your dear
ones and our benefactors are remembered
in my prayers and Masses.

Gratefully yours in The Sacred Heart.
John Vignier

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ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH
McIntosh, So. Dak.

May 21st, 1925.

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
2021 H Street,
Washington, D.C.

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Gratefully yours in The Sacred Heart

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(SIGNED)

John Vigneron

7-45
May 26, 1925

Rev. Bernard Strassmair, C.S.B.,
Fort Yates,
North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

I enclose copy of correspondence with Joshua Tetkit. The Indian seems to be reasonable. I am sending this correspondence to you, rather than to Father Vincent. You can show it to him. But if I send it to him direct, he might explode.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:MR

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May 26, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O. S. B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

I have your letter of May 13. In my letter of yesterday I covered all the points except your request for \$112. 05 to include also freight charges. The Bureau has not the money ~~at~~ present for this purpose. The best I can do is to insert the request in the Indian Sentinel.

When Mr. Lusk returns to his desk from his slight illness, I want him to settle the matter of the offer of the farm by Mr. John G. Kuhrie. I hope to turn over the profits to Fort Yates Mission School. I will also want to turn over the sale to you or Father Vincent. I will write you further about it.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

Wh/MCS

40-45
May 26, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

I have your letter of May 18. I have also received the pictures taken by the Fisk Studio. I return herewith check for \$5.00 today with Fisk Studio's bill. Try to secure the negatives. They should belong to us for this price. The pictures of Sister Seraphine posed with two Indian children and the pictures of yourself and the two children as also the picture of the three Sisters, are the kind that we like to get. They are almost like motion pictures.

I am pleased to get the news of the successor of St. Bernard's School. I am happy to know that Father Othmar has the pleasure of a trip to his parents in Switzerland.

In your letter you spoke of a generous offer of \$28. I assume you meant offering. You had me guessing and searching to see if we have failed actually to send you the check for \$28.00. If you have not received the check, kindly inform me. Our check #7907 was sent you.

Yours fraternally,

WH/MCS

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

Ft. Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rec'd JUN 1 1925

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Copy to

Rev. Bernard Strasburger, O.S.B., Pastor

FORT YATES, N. D. May 27, 1925

Rev. & dear Father Hughes:

As Father Ottmar has left for Europe I shall endeavor to attend to Adrian A. Pagan's Mass stipends. If convenient I am well provided with Masses. Thank God.

I enclose a letter of acknowledgment for Miss Mary R. Grossman of Reading, Pa. Her package of clothing has been received.

Most faithfully Yours
Father Bernard

40-22
May 27, 195.

Rev. Vincent Froeh, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I received a letter dated May 21, from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lawler, in which the Bishop says, "I have no objection to calling the church 'The Little Flower of Jesus', on condition of course that it has not already been incorporated according to the laws of this state. In that case it would be impossible to change the old name. I have no record of its being incorporated but this fact would not be conclusive proof owing to the carelessness of some of the old missionaries in returning the incorporation papers to the Bishop's house in those days. By writing to the Secretary of State we can get correct information." You should write the Bishop to get his permission for the change of name and to determine whether the church is incorporated under another name. The Bureau always leaves it to the pastor to secure the Bishop's permission especially as in this case where there was such a rush demanded by the donor. You should state to the Bishop that the donation of \$500 is for repairs and improvements in the church at Wakpala.

I am sending the Bishop copy of this letter.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

40-22

June 2, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B., O. P.,
McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I enclose herewith copy of your letter of January 26. You are under a misapprehension as to the source of the money distributed by Dr. Dyer. That money is from the Lenten Collection. It is allocated by the Commission of the three Archbishops, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, at the annual meeting which will be held this year in October. Requests are sent by the priests through the Bishop to Dr. Dyer.

The money collected by the priests of this Bureau, Fathers Woods and Huffer, do not pass through Dr. Dyer's hands, but are allotted by myself. Dr. Dyer is Treasurer of the Bureau as well as Secretary of the Commission. But the Bureau has asked Dr. Dyer to act as Treasurer only in the endorsement of Government drafts for contract schools. It would be very confusing if the Bureau had to send to Dr. Dyer every check for his signature.

What I have told you is in confidence. Please do not repeat it.

As the Bishop of Lead does not seem to offer you the encouragement which he should and since you have a mission in Bishop Wehrle's diocese, I would suggest that you apply through Bishop Wehrle to forward your application with his recommendation to Very Rev. E. R. Dyer, S. S. D. D., Secretary of the Commission, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md. Bishop Wehrle could apply for salary for each of the three priests. If he were to ask for \$100 for each, I believe it would be granted. Better ask for \$300 each. Make the request for a definite amount. Have your letter typewritten. Let Father Bernard make the request to the Bishop. Tell Bishop Wehrle I suggested this. But leave my name out of the letter which goes to Dr. Dyer. I will be at the meeting in October and will recommend your request to the Archbishops.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

June 3, 1925.

Honorable Charles H. Burke,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Rev. Vincent Frech, Catholic Missionary on the
Standing Rock Reservation, advises me that it has been
decided to hold this year's Catholic Sioux Indian Congress
at Sisseton, on the Standing Rock Reservation, South Dakota,
on ~~June 10~~ 10, 11, and 12, 1925.

I would thank you to let me know if the dates
and place selected meet with your approval and if they do
would be pleased if you would send out the usual instructions
to the superintendents of the several reservations.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Rec'd JULY 8 1925
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 Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission
 FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.
 McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA
 "For Vincent"
 "Bureau"

Very Rev. Father Hughes:

I came home last Friday
 and started my necessary
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 Hence the delay in writing.
 Received two dollars donation
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will be too much damaged.

Under separate cover, I am
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and pictures which I took in
Wakapala. They are not developed
yet. I will have to send them
away to have them developed
and printed. They represent Indians
and Celebrations, Decoration
Day, Office of the Catholic Congress
and our church in Wakapala.
We have not made the program
for the Congress yet but the
Congress will be represented
by Indians of the Standing
Rock, Cheyenne, Lower Breton,
Crow Creek, Yankton, Pine Ridge

Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

MCLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

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Rosebud, Fort Peck, Besselon
and Fort Totten Reservations.
We expect between four and
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and I am confident I can
promise reduced rates on
the railroad. I hope you
will be able to attend.

The Indians are ~~more~~ ^{very} anxious
to see you personally. We will
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Fr. Vincent O.S.B.

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COPY FOR Bureau

STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
Fr. Vincent, S.S.B.
McLaughlin, South Dakota.

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Under separate cover, I am sending you some films and pictures which I took in Wakapala. They are not developed yet. I will have to send them out to have them developed and printed. They represent Indian and celebrations Decoration day. Office of the Catholic Congress and our church in Wakapala. We have not made the program for the Congress yet but the Congress will be represented by Indians of the Standing Rock, Cheyenne, Lower Brule, Crowe Creek, Yankton, Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Fort Peck, Sisseton and Fort Totten Reservations. We expect between four and five thousand Indians. We expect missionaries from all these reservations. The special purpose of Congress will be to exhort Indians for the Mass on Sundays and against divorces. All the trains will stop at Wakapala and I am confident I can promise reduced rates on the railroads. I hope you will be able to attend.

The Indians are anxious to see you personally. We will try to make it pleasant for you. The whole town of Wakapala is helping us to get ready. Next week we will try to make our program. We are advertising the Congress strongly and expect a large number of white people. I will send some more information soon.

Yours gratefully,

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(SIGNED)

Fr. Vincent, S.S.B.

40-22
June 8, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O. S. B.,
McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I received your letter today. I am sorry I will not be able to attend the congress. I will ask you kindly to send all photographs, copy of the program and every available detail you can add so that I can make a good article for the Indian Sentinel. I received the roll of films which I will have developed. I will return the negatives to you.

If you will send the program and all other available information by letter as soon as possible before the congress and will then send a night letter of 100 words collect, and give in the telegram facts like the names of dignitaries, the Bishop etc, I can make a news article of it for the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Have the telegram typewritten or legibly written. Your handwriting has the mark of genius: it could not be read by the telegrapher operator.

Whether you replace the old chapel or build a new one is for you to decide with the Bishop. . . Either is agreeable to the Bureau and the donor.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

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Copy to L. S. _____
Right Reverend Mgr. William Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
621 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Monsignor Hughes:

Referring to your letter of June 2d, you are
informed that the dates ~~June~~ ^{July} 10-11-12 set aside for
the Catholic Sioux Indian Congress, to be held at Wak-
pala, on the Standing Rock Reservation, for the State
of South Dakota, meet with the approval of this Office.
The Superintendents of the Pine Ridge, Sisseton, Rosebud,
Crow Creek, Yankton, Standing Rock and Cheyenne River
Reservations have been notified to that effect.

Sincerely yours,

Chas. H. Burke
Commissioner.

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Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O. S. B., Pastor

FORT YATES, N. DAK.

Jun. 10. 1925.

Rev. & dear Father Hughes

My sincerest thanks for all the different Mass stipends. I shall try to say or have them said as soon as possible. At present I have quite a number of them on hand.

Concerning your letter of May 26th about the Indian Catholic Congresses I can say that the matter is all settled. North Dakota and Montana will have their congress and South Dakota in the manner. The one in North Dakota will be held in Cannon Ball - June 27, 28 & 29, and the one in South Dakota July 10, 11, & 12th at Deadwood. We need for many things. I tried hard to persuade our bishops to hold only one congress at Standing Rock Agency - on account of its many difficulties and loss of time & money - but as no Government aid was available, I dropped the matter and let them have their own ways. I know the Government officials do not like it, but what can you do when you are up against it?

I enclose one dollar for a subscription to the Indian Catholic to be sent to Miss Bernice Strassmaier, Fort Yates, N. D.

STENCIL MARK

Enclosed also find return slip for clothes received from
Miss Josephine Ryan.

Thanking you again for all your courtesies
I am

Yours

humble Confidant

Bernard Strass, Indian Missionary C. S. C.

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COPY FOR: BUREAU

FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
REV. BERNARD STRASSMAIER, O.S.A. PASTOR
FORT YATES, N. DAK.

June 10, 1925.

Re. Rev. and dear Father Hughes:

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I enclose one dollar for a subscription to the Indian Sentinel to be sent to Miss Florence Wright, Lorrain, Ohio. Enclosed also find return slip for clothes received from Miss Josephine Ryan.

Thanking you again for all your courtesies I am

Your humble Confère

(SIGNED) BERNARD STRASSMAIER, O.S.A.

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Wakpala (Sioux) Congress

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June 10, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frechy, S.S.B.,
McLaughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I am inclosing, for your information, copy of letter of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated June 9, advising of his approval of the dates of the Sioux Congress at Wakpala, and of his having notified the Superintendents of the several reservations in South Dakota, to that effect.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Mr. Eugene D. Mosman,
Supt., Standing Rock Agency.

My dear Mr. Mosman:

In Office letter of June 9th, you were notified that the dates selected and approved for the Catholic Sioux Indian Congress for the State of South Dakota, to be held at Wapala in that State were June 10, 11 and 12.

This was an error, as the dates should have been July 10, 11 and 12.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Chas. H. Burke

Commissioner

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Copy to the following:

Bureau, Catholic Indian Missions
Cheyenne River Agency
Yankton "
Crow Creek "
Rosebud "
Sisseton
Pine Ridge

North Dakota & Montana Congress

Miss Florence

June 18, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates,
North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

Your letter of June 10, inclosing Miss Florence Wright's subscription to THE INDIAN SENTINEL, has been received. Her name has been enrolled on our subscription list, beginning with the Summer number.

The Commissioner raised no objection to the two Congresses being held this Summer on the Standing Rock Reservation. He has given his approval of the dates and places they are to be held, and sent out the usual notification to the Superintendents of the reservations in Montana and North Dakota and South Dakota.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JH

June 20, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

I wish you or any priest that you designate would settle with Mr. Kuhrie the business of accepting his offer of the farm. I enclose copy of my letter to Mr. Kuhrie, in which the Bureau engages to pay the cost of the transfer, that is any necessary legal fees such as registration.

When the property is sold, the money will be turned over to you for your mission, to be applied as you direct, preferably for the support of the Fathers and the school. It will not be necessary for Mr. Kuhrie to know of this detail. You will be the judge of whether the sale should be made and at what price. I hope this matter can be settled this summer, so that the money will become available for the opening of school. The Bureau would expect to subtract from the sale price the necessary legal costs. I enclose herewith a formal letter giving you authority to act for the Bureau.

You had better write Mr. Kuhrie and arrange to call on him. This business should be settled soon.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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June 22, 1925.

R.F. Rev. William Hughes
 2021 H. Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes: - I am working upon
 my list of subscribers to The Indian Sentinel
 and expect to send a good list soon.

I trust it may be my good fortune to
 meet you at The Indian Congress - July
 10-12 in South Dakota.

I will offer an anniversary Mass for your
 dear father, God rest his soul, and ask the
 prayers of my Indian people for him.

Very truly yours in Xto.

John Vignier

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COPY FOR: FATHER VIGNERON

ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH

MCINTOSH, S. DAK.

June 22, 1925.

Rt. Rev. William Hughes,
2021 M Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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(SIGNED) JOHN VIGNERON.

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June 22, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmair, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

You, or any person designated by you, are hereby
authorized to act for and in behalf of the Bureau of Catholic
Indian Missions in the matter of the proposed gift of Mr.
John C. Kuhrie.

Our legal title is: Bureau of Catholic Indian Mis-
sions, a corporation created and existing under the laws of
Maryland.

I assume that the person designated will probably
be Rev. Vincent Frech or Rev. Othmar Buerkler.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

40-45
June 22, 1925.

Mr. John G. Kuhrie,
Valley City, N.D.

Dear Mr. Kuhrie:

Your very generous offer of the farm for the benefit of the Indian missions is greatly appreciated by me. I know of no mission that needs the benefit of your charity more and none that would put it to better use than the Fort Yates Indian Mission, Standing Rock Reservation. Accordingly, I have written a letter to Father Bernard Strassmeier, copy of which I enclose herewith. This will authorize him to act for the Bureau.

I think it would be well to have the title vested in this Bureau. However, if you prefer to turn it over direct to Rev. Bernard Strassmeier, I will be perfectly satisfied.

The Sisters and Fathers at Fort Yates have a day school, where before they were at work in the Government Boarding school. While the Government employees were all very nice to them, still the Sisters were practically servants of the Government employees. We all agreed that it would be best to open a day school. This was done last year. It has been so satisfactory that it is evidently the Will of God. This Bureau has done the best it could to help the Sisters and the Fathers. The first year they got through all right. Except for your gift, I do not know how they would fare next year.

I want Father Bernard or one of the younger Fathers, Father Vincent Frech or Father Othmar Buerkner, to call on you to arrange the details of the transfer. You will hear from the Father who calls on you something about the wonderful work they are doing. But I am sure you already know this or your charity would not be directed towards Indian missions.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

40-45

June 22, 1925.

Rev. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Othmar:

I have your letter of April 2. I thank you for the list of subscribers. They will be used for your benefit. The amount will be refunded to you at the end of the quarter.

You can be sure of the salary of the Sister, \$150 a quarter. I have it on my permanent list.

I wish I could provide salary for yourself and Father Bernard. I will continue to appeal in THE INDIAN SENTINEL for the adoption of priests by lay people.

I hope that the sale of the Kuhrie property will provide you with the money for coal. If there is any delay in that sale, you can order the coal and send us the bill. We will later subtract the cost of the coal from the Kuhrie proceeds.

Yours fraternally.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

June 22, 1925. 40-22

Rev. Vincent Froeh,
McLaughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I have left the four reels of The Life of Christ with the Scientific Cinema Supply Company to inspect, that is, to read and re-wind so that they will be ready for immediate use. I have given orders for these to be shipped to you at McLaughlin. I will see that these orders are carried out in the next day or two.

After you have used the pictures at the Congress, please hold them until Father John O'Hara at Piedmont or Rapid City sends for them. He will want them sent either to Piedmont or Rapid City, likely the former.

I am sorry that I cannot attend the Congress. Father Huffer has gone to Europe and Father Woods will be engaged in collecting.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR

June 29, 1925.

Rev. John F. Wigner,
McIntosh,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Wigner:

I am glad to know, from your letter of June 22, that you are preparing a list of subscribers for THE INDIAN SENTINEL.

It will not be possible for me to attend the Indian Congress in July. I would be grateful if you would write your impressions of the Congress and send them to me for the October INDIAN SENTINEL. If you can get any good pictures to illustrate your article I will welcome them also.

I appreciate more than I can say your faithfulness in remembering in holy Mass the soul of my father on the anniversary of his death.

Yours fraternally,

Rev. Rev. Mr. Hughes,
Director.

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June 29, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Frech:

I inclose our Treasurer's check for \$75, covering
your salary for attending McLaughlin, for the quarter ending June
30, 1925.

Please furnish us with your Report for the current
quarter.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

*Request to send letter of thanks direct to
Marquette Monastery, 105 E. 2nd St., St. Louis, Mo.*

Rec'd JUL 6 1925 Amt. Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Ans. 7/7/25 Order filled Rev. Bernard Stronach, O. S. B., Pastor

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FORT YATES, N. DAK.

July 1, 1925

Rev. Mr. Wm. Hughes
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
2021 H. R. Walter
Washington, D. C.

Rev. & dear Father Hughes:

In answer to your last letter of June 22nd I will say, that as soon as the Catholic Sioux Congress is passed, I shall endeavor either to see Mr. Harris and Valley City personally or to make such arrangements that the sale or transfer of the Harris property near Belfrage can be effected without much difficulty. Wahpeton will hold its congress July 10, 11 & 12th and as I intend to be present on that auspicious occasion will confer with Father Vincent again concerning this matter.

The Catholic Sioux Congress of Cuvamaball of the State of North Dakota and Montana was a decided success. The meetings were very spirited, but after all very harmonious. Rt. Rev. Bishop White of Bismarck headed the Congress by his presence and gave some very good and timely advice to the assembled Indians numbering about 500. He also composed the sacrament of Confirmation to 30 people, among them being one dozen adult Indians.

The Indians on their part showed their appreciation by presenting His Lordship with a nice sum of money for his journey to Rome in the near future and a very fine and well painted canoe with some beaded bags for his friends, or the Vatican exposition. The preparation of the holy sacraments was very good during the three days session and great credit is due to Samuel Eagle, priest at Cannon Ball for the many acts of kindness before and during the congress and his noble exertion to bring many stray Indians back to the church. The curate is the right hand helper of the priest and honorably secures all the good deeds of the priest.

The Catholic Indians of Cannon Ball also understood how to entertain their guests and I am sure were left the congress with the best feelings of gratitude and appreciation for all the good that was done to them.

Hoping that the next year's congress, no matter where held, will be as good and successful as Cannon Ball congress, I am with feelings of sincerest regards

Yours

most faithfully in Christ

Arthur J. Bernard D.D. S.T.D.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR: FATHER HUMPHES

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FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B., Pastor.
FORT YATES, N. DAK.

July 1, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Rt. Rev. and dear Father Hughes:

In answer to your last letter of June 22nd, I will say that as soon as the Catholic Sioux Congresses are passed I shall endeavor either to see Mr. Kubrie of Valley City personally, or to make such arrangements that the sale or transfer of the Kubrie property near Bellfield can be effected without much difficulty. Wakpala will hold its congress July 10, 11 and 12 and as I intend to be present on that auspicious occasion will confer with Father Vincent again concerning this matter.

The Catholic Sioux Congress of Cannonball of the State of North Dakota and Montana was a decided success. Its meetings were very spirited, but after all very harmonious. Rt. Rev. Bishop Wehrle of Bismarck honored the Congress by his presence and gave some very good and timely advice to the assembled Indians, numbering about 500. He also conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation to 30 people, among them being one dozen adult Indians. The Indians on their part showed their appreciation by presenting His Lordship with a nice sum of money for his journey to Rome in the near future and a very fine and well tanned cowhide with some beaded bags for his friends, or the Vatican exposition. The frequentation of the holy sacraments was very good during the three days session and great credit is due to Samuel Eagleboy, catechist at Cannonball for the many acts of kindness before and during the congress, and his noble exertion to bring many strayed Indians back to the church. He surely is the right hand power of the priest and honorably seconds all the good deeds of the priest.

The Catholic Indians of Cannonball also understand how to entertain their guests and I am sure none left the Congress, but with best feelings of gratitude and appreciation for all the good that was done to them.

Hoping that the next year's congress, no matter where held, will be as good and successful as Cannonball Congress, I am with feelings of sincerest regards,

Yours most faithfully in Christ,

(SIGNED) FATHER BERNARD, O.S.B.

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July 1, 1925.

Benedictine Sisters,
Fort Yates, N. Dak.

Dear Sisters:

I enclose herewith check for \$150, covering
your salary for teaching the Fort Yates day school
during the quarter ended June 30, 1925.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

J

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Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

MCLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

July 3-25

Vy Rev Wm Hughes

Washington D. C.

Vy Rev and Dear Father:

Many, many thanks for \$75.00 May God bless
you. We are disappointed that no one can attend
from the Indian Bureau. Many thanks for motion
picture.

Vy gratefully

Fr Vincent O.S.B.

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COPY FOR:

STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
FR. VINCENT, O.S.B.,
MCLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

July 3, 1925.

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

Rt. Rev. & dear Father:

Many, many thanks for \$75. May God bless you. We are disappointed that no one can attend from the Indian Bureau. Many thanks for the motion pictures.

Very gratefully,

(Signed) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.,

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STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
FR. VINCENT, O.S.B.,
MCLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA.

[ENCLOSURE] 40-22

Original sent to
Marquette League
7/10/25
July 3, 1925.

Miss Byrne;
Marquette League, N.Y.,

Dear Miss Byrne:

Received \$75 for three months salary. Many, many thanks.

May God Bless the Marquette League. I wish you could attend our Congress
in Wakpala July 10-12.

Very gratefully,

(Signed) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.,

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40-22
July 3, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin, S. D.

Dear Father Vincent:

I enclose herewith check for \$15.00, covering
the donation of Mrs. L. A. Whalen of Rochester, New York,
for the support of your catechist for the quarter ended
June 30, 1925.

Please send me a letter of thanks for Mrs. Whalen.
I will forward it to her.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

J

Rec'd JUL 13 1925 Amt. _____
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Rev. William Hughes

Dear Father:

Received
 your letter with the welcome
 check, for which accept our
 most sincere thanks, for your
 kindness to us and we will
 always remember you in our
 prayers as we also pray every
 day for our dear father.

May God bless you in all
 your undertakings, is the wish
 of your grateful,

Benedictine Sisters.

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Copy for: Bureau

40-45
Ft. Yates, N.D.
July 8, 1926.

Rev. William Hughes,

Dear Father:

Received your letter with the welcome check, for which accept our most sincere thanks, for your kindness to us and we will always remember you in our prayers as we also pray every day for all our benefactors.

May God bless you in all your undertakings in the wish of your grateful,

(Signed) Benedictine Sisters.

Copied by L.E.

July 21st. I received a letter from the Mission
 the Catholic Indian Mission dated June 18th
 and that a priest would come to see me about the
 Jan 19th by a party on a contract for
 I had to find in books and loose papers
 for years the contract was under
 the it could not find an record but
 he got it on some way. I did
 not know it through the hard time
 it took for the boxes and did not get
 him to find but last spring I had
 him find the contract in the book the
 contract then I see that he put the
 contract on record. I got my ab-
 stract continued and my abstract
 shows that party got judgment against
 him so they are on one land I see
 a lawyer he says as he thinks an error
 got the taking of the record by law
 according to law the contract could
 not be taken record he says only by law
 it can be take of but I am the earliest
 and the judgment against that party are right
 to keep on the land as the law is on
 for a priest to come till that is clear I hope
 young John S. B. Bally to get that

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY for Father Hughes.

Rufous Lane
Valley City, North Dak.,
July 8, 1925. *46-45*

I have received a letter from the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, dated June 22, 1925, stating that a priest would come to see about the land. In January 1910 I gave a party a contract for deed. He paid interest and taxes for a few years. The contract was written so that it could not be put on record, but he got it on record some way. I did not know it. Through the hard times I paid the taxes and did not ask him for interest, but last spring I made him give the contract up. He sent me the contract and then I saw that he had put the contract on record. I got my abstract continued and my abstract shows that a party got judgment against him, so they are on my land. I saw a lawyer. He says he thinks we can get that taken off the record by law, as according to law the contract could not be put on record. He says that only by law can it be taken off. But it seems the parties who got the judgment against that party are fighting to keep it on record.

I write you this as it is no use for a priest to come until that is cleared up.

Yours,

(Signed) JOHN G. FUHRIE,
Valley City, N. Dak.

Copied by CMJ

40-45
July 8, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strasmeier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

Your letter of July 1 to Father Hughes has been received.

We are much pleased to know that you will take steps at an early day to arrange for the transfer and sale of the Kührle property. We hope you can put the matter through in a manner satisfactory to all parties, and with as little delay and trouble as possible.

What you write about the Sioux Congress at Cannon Ball will be inserted in the Autumn issue of THE SENTINEL.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

Kuhrie Land

40-45

July 13, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

From the inclosed letter (copy) of Mr. John G. Kuhrie dated July 8, it is apparent that some complications have arisen that will probably delay for some time the transfer of his farm to this Bureau. Just what the trouble is, Mr. Kuhrie does not make clear. Although he says it is not necessary for anyone representing the Bureau to see him until after the matter is cleared up, it seems to me that it would be well for either you or Father Vincent to visit Valley City and learn just what the status in the matter is. Kindly advise us of the result of such visit.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

40-45
July 13, 1925.

Mr. John G. Kuhrie,
Valley City,
North Dakota.

Dear Mr. Kuhrie:

In the absence of Father Hughes I have received your letter of July 5 to him. We are very sorry to hear of the complication regarding the farm you are willing to donate to the Bureau, and sincerely hope that the matter will be cleared up satisfactorily at an early day.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles P. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

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Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Very Rev. Fr. Hughes
Washington
D.C.
July 14, 1925.

Rev. dear Father,

I am writing a report of our Congress which all say was a great success. I sent you some films last week and I am sending some more today. If they are good send me several prints as the missionaries expect some. I would have written before but I was busy with Congress and because of my eyes I have a private secretary. Next Thursday I will go to Congress at Sisseton. I enclose two letters of thanks. We missed you very much about our Congress. The Bishop did not make a good impression on the Indians and

they talked about him in the
meeting and they weren't willing
slowly expressing their dis-
approval. He gave a very offensive
speech. I guess Fr. Bernard will
write you about it. He promised
to have confirmation Saturday
morning but had it Friday
evening. Consequently many
missed Confirmation.

Very sincerely, R. Vincent O.S.B.

P.S. Make the report of Congress
over to suit yourself. I just
sent you a few notes. Be sure
to send me several copies or
if you prefer I will send you
the address to send The Indian
Sentinel.

I had received two cameras. I expressed my
thanks, but I cannot see it in The Sentinel.

R. Vincent O.S.B.

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Copy for: Bureau

Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission.
Father Vincent, O.S.B.
McLaughlin, S.D.

July 14, 1925.

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Washington, D.C.

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Very sincerely,

(Signed) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.,

P.S. Make the report of Congress over to suit yourself. I just sent you a few notes. Be sure to send me several copies or if you prefer I will send you the address to send THE INDIAN SENTINEL.

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Copy for: Bureau
Orig. To Donor
JUL 20 1925 Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission,
Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.,

McLaughlin, S.D.

July 14, 1925.

Mrs. L.A. Whalen,
Rochester, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Whalen:

I received a check of fifteen dollars for my catechists.
Thank you very much. The three catechists I helped are very
happy and they want to thank you very much.

Gratefully,

(Signed) Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

Copied by L.G.

40-45

July 17, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates,
North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

I have just forwarded to you by prepaid parcel post
the following articles donated by Miss Catherine Kaufman of Cam-
den, New Jersey.

Kindly forward me a letter of thanks for the donor
through this Bureau.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

40-45
July 18, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates,
North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

In my letter to you dated July 17, I failed to give the list of articles sent to your mission and donated by Miss Catherine Kaufman of Camden, New Jersey. These were forwarded to me to be sent to you. They went by prepaid parcel post. The articles are as follows:

100 first prayer books.
5 dozen rosaries, colored beads.

Kindly forward me a letter of thanks for the donor through this Bureau.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmeyer, O. S. B., Pastor

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To Hughes

Reverend

Bureau

FORT YATES, N. DAK.

July 22, 1925

Rev. & dear Father Hughes:

Having returned from my trip to the Catholic Indian Congress at Sisseton via Valley City, N. D. I found your kind letter of July 13rd 1925 on my desk. When at Valley City I called on Mr. John G. Kuhrie for the purpose of learning some particulars about the land in question. As far as I can understand from Mr. Kuhrie's conversation, I find the land indebted and so no clear title could be given for the present. It seems the party to whom he sold the land in 1916 and who gave a contract for deed, kept the contract on record, though the contract as it read, could not then be put on record, but through the help of some friends it was put on record and was contrary to Mr. Kuhrie's wish. The man, who purchased the land never paid for it, so Mr. Kuhrie recalled the contract last spring and to his astonishment found the contract on file in the registry of deeds office and also an indebtedness of \$4000.00, the purchaser having borrowed that amount by giving a mortgage on the land. According to this statement he could not get the release of the judgment against the land and a court proceeding; Mr. Kuhrie has engaged a lawyer from Valley City to look after this matter and I hope in the

course of time the affair can be straightened out and a
decision be arrived at. As the matter is somewhat compli-
cated I cannot get the entire meaning of Mr. John G. Rufous's
mind, still I know he will persevere for the right.
Enclosed please find letter of acknowledgment to Miss Hall
Lumman and also to the Executive Board of the Society.
Thanking you ever so much for your kind interest in
the matter I am

Truly

Respectfully
Richard S. Stearns, Jr.

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COPY for Fr. Hughes
Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission,
Fort Yates, N. Dak.

July 22, 1925.

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Enclosed please find letter of acknowledgment to Miss Kathryn Kaufman and also to the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville, Ky.

Thanking you ever so much for your kind interest in the matter,
I am

Yours fraternally,

(Signed) BERNARD STRASSMAIER, O.S.B.

Copied by CMJ

July 24, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I have your letter of July 14, also
films of pictures taken at the Congress at Wakpala.
I appreciate very much the trouble you have taken
in your present condition of health to prepare and
send these to me. I will send to you one print of
the negatives, when I receive them from the photogra-
pher.

Yours fraternally,

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

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Rec'd JUL 31 1925 Amt.
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Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

McLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

July 28-25.

Very Rev Wm Hughes

Washington D. C.

Very Rev and Dear Father:

Kindly find enclosed letter of gratitude to
 Wm. Cole, who sent me a beautiful Allen cloth.
 Through Father Reinkens.

Dear Father could you in least anyone to give us
 \$500.00 or more to build a Church in Wabqala. We need
 one very bad.

I am not feeling well yet. I cannot sleep at night.
 I had the whole management of the Congregation in Wabqala.
 I had handled the money and all, and we came out
 all right. I will write you more later.

Very gratefully

Fr. Vincent O.S.B.

Copy for: *McLaughlin*

Craig and down
8/18/25

STANDING ROCK CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION,
Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.

[ENCLOSURE]

McLaughlin, S.D.
July 28, 1925.

Mrs. Mathilda E. Cole,
1320 Illinois Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Cole:

Received your altar cloths and offering. Many, many thanks. May God bless your generosity and good will. Everybody admired the beautiful laces on the altar cloth. I used the altar cloth in church today. Kindly give also my best regards to Rev. Father Klimke. May God bless you both. We will surely not forget you in our prayers.

Very gratefully,

(Signed)

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.

Copied by L.G.

Kuhrie's land
July 28, 1925. *Hughes*

Rev. Bernard Strassemaier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

Your letter of July 22 to Father Hughes, regarding the Kuhrie farm, has been received. It is too bad that we have run up against the snag of which you advise us. Of course, the matter of turning over the property to the Bureau will have to wait until after Mr. Kuhrie is able to settle the question of the mortgage in the courts. In the meantime, we will have to accept the situation as philosophically as possible, in the hope that eventually we will have the benefit of Mr. Kuhrie's proffered donation.

With all kind regards and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:J

July 30, 1925.

Rev. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Othmar:

I am enclosing herewith check for \$5.00, made in your favor and signed by Sister M. Hiltrudis, of the Sisters of St. Francis, Glen Riddle, Pa. This check covers the donation of Mr. James Kelly of Glen Riddle, which he says is to help you pay the salary of the Sisters at your school.

Please send your letter of thanks to Mr. Kelly through this office. It will be forwarded to him promptly.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

J

40-45
July 31, 1935.

Rev. Othmar Burkler, C.S.B.,
~~St. Ignace, Park Notes~~
~~St. Ignace, North Dakota~~

Dear Othmar Burkler:

I have just received a donation in the sum of \$50 to be forwarded to you for Sister M. Seraphine from Mr. John Witte 869 Academy Avenue, Price Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio. You will receive refund of this amount at the next distribution of refunds. Mr. Witte asked me to have you send him an acknowledgment of this gift. Kindly do so through this Bureau.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

St. Rev. Mgr. William Rogers,
Director.

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40-45
Ft. Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmeier, O.S.B., Pastor

FORT YATES, N. D., Aug 14, 1921

Rev. R. & dear Father Hughes:-

I have found enclosed
letter of thanks to Mr. James Kelly for
his contribution to our school.

Many thanks to you for your trouble
in the matter.

The sisters have received a very nice
shipment of valuable articles from
St. Joseph's Hospital East 148th Str.
Brook and St. Ann's Ave. New York, N.Y.
last week. They became acquainted with
our mission through the Indian Scholastic.

With many regards

Yours
very paternally
Bernard O.S.B.

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COPY FOR: BUREAU.

FT. YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION

Rev. Bernard Strassmeier, O.S.B., Pastor.

Fort Yates, N. D., Aug. 4/25

Rt. Rev. and dear Father Hughes:

Please find enclosed letter of thanks to Mr. James Kelly for his contribution to our school. Many thanks to you for your trouble in the matter. The Sisters here received a very nice shipment of valuable articles from St. Joseph's Hospital East 143rd St., Brook and St. Ann's Ave., New York, N. Y. last week. They became acquainted with our work through the Indian Sentinel. With many regards,

Yours, very fraternally,

Bernard O.S.B.

Copied by H.C.

COPY FOR: *to I.S.
Aug. 10/25
8/21/25 JR*

FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
REV. BERNARD STRASSMAIER, O.S.B.
FORT YATES, N. DAK.

ENCLOSURE

40-45-

August 4, 1925.

Hon. James Kelly,
Glen Riddle, Penna.

Dear Sir:

In the name of Rev. Othmar Guerkler, who is still with his people in St. Gall, Switzerland, I express my sincerest thanks for the nice contribution to our Indian school at Fort Yates, North Dakota. The Sisters also appreciate your kind donation very much as it helps them to defray the necessary expenses for the school. Realizing your goodness of heart I in like manner feel myself greatly obligated to you and I wish as a sign of recognition all the blessings of God to you and yours and I pray the Lord that continued good health be your lot in this life and eternal happiness hereafter.

With feelings of highest esteem, I am,

Yours very devotedly in Christ,

(Signed) Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,

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Filed AUG 12 1925

SACRED HEART CHURCH
 REV. J. E. CREAHEN, PASTOR
 THUNDER HAWK, SOUTH DAKOTA

Order filled _____
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 August 12, 1925
 No. _____

Re. Rev. Messrs. William Hughes, Dir.,
 Bureau of Cath. Indian Missions,
 Washington, D.C.,

My dear Messieurs Hughes,

I want to thank you very much for your kind reply of June 8th to my previous letter regarding my friend Miss Henrietta Long of St. Vincent Sanitarium, Santa Fe New Mexico. It is good of you to venture any information that might be helpful and to offer cooperation on your part in our efforts to try and place her in something permanent in or about the city of Santa Fe. I pray God to bless you and reward your kindness a hundredfold.

It was my good fortune to be present at the Indian Congress of the Sioux held at Wapala S.D. the latter part of July. I was certainly pleased to meet those Reverend Gentlemen who are doing such great work for the Indians and also to be able to take part in the Congress.

Well my half-breeds are good, bad, and indifferent. Our trouble in this section is that we have too many pests in our houses for the number of souls. I have but 21 families in all my missions and here, and that makes it hard for the priest to try and make ends meet. I had hoped to be able to liquidate at least part of my six hundred dollar debt on this church property here this fall, but lo, man proposes and God disposes. The last Sunday in July, a terrific hailstorm hit us north of our little town and left its devastating effects everywhere. It covered an area of 300 or more miles in length and from 5 to 12 miles in width. Fields of grain ripe unto harvest were mowed down as clean as any machine could do it - thousands of chickens and turkeys were killed - hundreds of cattle and pigs and horses were cut, bleeding and bruised about the faces and backs -

SACRED HEART CHURCH

REV. J. E. CREAHEN, PASTOR
THUNDER HAWK, SOUTH DAKOTA

many windows in houses and barns were broken, and in general, the estimate is that the damage to crop is one hundred percent. The sorry plight of it all is that the most of the people around my district didn't have a cent's worth of hail insurance, that for them at least, it means a total loss. And so it goes: It's either one cross or another! Not no cross - no crown! I trust you will give us a waiver in your Manager and prayers and ask our dear Lord to open up a way for us that things will come around OK and that we may be able to clear off our debt in good shape - or at least pay off the sixty dollar interest on our mortgage.

I could not have burdened you with an account of my own little troubles and feel sure you have so many greater ones of your own to take care of! But you know how human nature is constructed - always kicking against the wall!

I will feel grateful if you kindly give my best regards to Father Elmer of your staff, whom I met while visiting friends in Pittsburgh after Confirmation some few years ago. He is a splendid man and I feel sure that he is doing great work with the Bureau.

Let me again thank you, my dear Monsignor, for your former kindness and I pray God to bless and prosper the noble work entrusted to your care. With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

J. E. Creahen

42 71
30 Avenue 33,
Venice, California.
August 10, 1925.

Rev. John Vigneron,
McIntosh, South Dakota.

Dear Father Vigneron:

Copy of your letter of June 22 was forwarded to me in California.
I regret that I was unable to attend the congresses. But I want especially to thank you for offering an anniversary Mass for my father.
It was very thoughtful, indeed, of you.

I hope that out of your list of subscribers you will obtain regular profits.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Ft. Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Stranamer, O.S.B., Pastor

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FORT YATES, N. D. August 11, 1925

Rev. & dear Father Hughes:

Rev. Father Ottmar is expected home the latter part of this month. His journey in Europe was delayed on account of a severe attack of pneumonia and a two week confinement to bed. He is now on the ocean on his return trip. Our new school is now beautifully renovated interiorly and undoubtedly the St. Bernard's school pupils will enter it next month with a new zeal and force of energy. Owing to the death of the Mother Superior of what it was, delay the arriving of the new teacher.

for a while; for I expect two teachers this
year, as we have ample room and
I do not doubt the willingness of the
scholars to come.

With best wishes I am

Yours very fraternally

Richard Strawn O.S.B.

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FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
REV. BERNARD STRASSMAIER, O.S.B.
PASTOR.

Fort Yates, N.D.
August 17, 1925

Rt. Rev. and dear Father Hughes:

Rev. Father Othmar is expected home the latter part of this month. This sojourn in Europe was delayed on account of a severe attack of rheumatism and a two weeks confinement to bed. He is now on the ocean on his return trip.

Our new school is now beautifully renovated interiorly and undoubtedly the St. Bernard's school pupils will enter it next month with a new zeal and force of energy. Owing to the death of Rev. Mother Xavier of Yankton it will perhaps delay the arriving of the new teacher for a while; for I expect two teachers this year, as we have ample room and I do not doubt the willingness of the scholars to come.

With best wishes I am

Yours very fraternally,

(SIGNED) BERNARD STRASSMAIER, O.S.B.

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FORT YATES CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSION
REV. BERNARD STRASSMAIER, O.S.B.
PASTOR
Fort Yates, North Dakota

[ENCLOSURE]

40-45-

August 17, 1925

Mr. John Witte,
859 Academy Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Rev. Father Othmar Buerkler, my assistant, who is still in Europe visiting his aged parents, I address these few lines to you to thank you for your magnanimous offering to Sr. M. Seraphine, the self-sacrificing teacher of our little Indian mission school. We are working hard to establish a first class Catholic school for our Indian pupils and with the help of God and those of good friends we are succeeding very well. Appreciating your great benefaction and thanking you again for your kind treatment and noble disposition towards our school, I am, with feelings of sincerest gratitude,

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) Bernard Strassmaier, O.S.B.,

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40-22

August 12, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Prech, O.S.A.,
McLaughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Prech:

I have your letter of July 28, together with the enclosed letter for
Miss M. Cole of Pittsburgh, Pa. I have forwarded your letter to Mrs.
Cole.

With regard to your need of \$500 for a church in Lakota, I would sug-
gest that you write me an appeal for publication in THE INDIAN SENTINEL.
I will do the best I can to get this amount for you.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:10

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Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmair, O. S. B., Pastor

FORT YATES, N. DAK., Aug. 22. 1925

Refunded \$10.00 to Fr. Bernard of 8/25/25

Act. D. L. Chubbitt, Rt. Rev. Wm. William Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Ind. Missions
Washington, D.C.

Rt. Rev. dear Father:

As per return from Yankton,
Sr. Chubbitt handed me a small envelope with a gift
to the Catholic Bureau. I was impressed by the present
moment and transmit this donation to you donated
by the good sisters of Yankton community. They see the excellence
of your work and are glad to acknowledge this wonderful
effort on your part as a insignificant contribution.
may the good Lord multiply these gifts a thousandfold
and the success of your noble endeavors be assured.
Thanking you again for past courtesies and gifts
I am

Yours

very sincerely in Christ

Father Bernard O. S. B.

some reader of The Indian Sentinel would send me Edison, Victor or Columbia Records, for a little recreation for myself as well as for the mission.

The work in Black Horse District is progressing and Priest and people thank Monsignor Hughes and our benefactors for the charity and generosity bestowed upon us. In our prayers and in my labors and daily Mass you are remembered that God may bless and prosper you and all your undertakings.

On September 28th there will be High Mass and the opening of the 13 hours devotion at Black Horse and I assure you Monsignor that you and all your dear ones and all our benefactors and all the benefactors of the Indian missions will not be forgotten. We cannot have the 40 hours exposition and the privilege has been granted for 13 hours.

Trusting that you are enjoying good health, Monsignor, and with kind personal regards, I am, gratefully yours in Cristo.

John Vigneron

40-45
Fort Yates, N.D. Aug. 31, 1925

Rt. Rev. and dear Msgr. Hughes:

I just returned from Europe. I am glad to be at home again and to resume my work among the Indians. We have now two Sisters for teaching and the school-rooms look fine since we got the new slate-blackboards and had the school-rooms painted. But these things have made a big hole in our pocket-book and now I have to buy coal and many new school-books as we shall have many new school-children this fall. And as we shall start school on the 1st of Sept. I need the school-books soon. Could you not help us a little now?

Hoping for good news and thanking you for past favors I am most sincerely yours

Fr. Athanasius Buckler, O.S.B.

P.S. I did not get the July number of the "Indian Sentinel". Would you be so kind and sent me a copy?

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August 31, 1925.

Rev. Bernard Strassmeier, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission,
Fort Yates, N.D.

Dear Father Bernard:

I have your letter of August 22, in which you enclosed a donation
in the sum of \$10 from Sister Cherubin. I enclose herewith check for
this amount. I am acknowledging this gift to Sister Cherubin.

I thank you for forwarding this gift through the Bureau.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LG

August 31, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
Laughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Frech:

On May 20, I notified you that you would receive: two sets of vestments, one lace surplice, one alb, one chalice and one pair candlesticks. 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. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Re: letter
dated 9/11/25

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ST. LUKE HOSPITAL
ABERDEEN
SOUTH DAKOTA

Sept 14 - 1915

Reverend Chm. Hughes.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter were forwarded here at the Hospital.
I am sick now for two weeks with nephritis.
My left eye is in very bad shape. I am not
feeling well since the Indian Congress. I
will have to be in the hospital for some
time. I will send the address of Miss
Mahmeim when I get home.

I received the vestments, candle
sticks and chalice, and if I am not mistaken
I had sent you a letter of thanks which
may have been lost.

I include another one.

Best regards and very Sincerely,
Father Vincent - O.S.B.

(Lredtke)

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Copy for: Bureau

St. Luke Hospital
Aberdeen,
South Dakota.

September 14, 1925.

Reverend Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letters were forwarded here at the Hospital. I have been sick now for two weeks with Nephritis. My left eye is in very bad shape. I am not feeling well since the Indian Congress. I will have to be in the hospital for some time. I will send the address of Miss Mannheim when I get home.

I received the vestments, candle sticks and chalice, and if I am not mistaken I had sent you a letter of thanks which may have been lost.

I enclose another one. Best regards and very sincerely,

(Signed) Father Vincent, O.S.B.

Copied by L.G.

By Leedtko.

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orig. sent Dr. L. 9/15/45

(ENCLOSURE)

St. Luke Hospital,
Aberdeen,
South Dakota.

September 14, 1945.

Marquette League,
New York.

Dear Friends:

Received package with chalice, vestments and candle sticks. Many many thanks. I wish I could thank each one of you personally.

I used the surplice in the Indian Congress, and the vestments are very beautiful and useful. I have used the candle sticks for a long time.

Very sincerely and gratefully,

By L. Leutke.

Father Vincent, O.S.B.,

Copied by L.G.

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ST. LUKE HOSPITAL
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 SOUTH DAKOTA

Mrs. J. J. J.

Sept. 21, 1925

Very Rev. St. Hughes
 Washington D. C.

Very Rev. dear Father

Your request of Miss Manheim
 of which I write a letter thanks, here
 3509 Shadeland Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Reverent Father I have about one
 hundred and fifty dollars debt owing
 to the new Indian Church of Great Health I
 intended to collect some money and see
 some of my friends get busy and now
 I am in the hospital and intend to be here
 for some time and after I come out I
 will be very weak for a time so I wish
 the Indian Bureau could help me pay off

11/16/25
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 to P. J. J.
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ST. LUKE HOSPITAL
ABERDEEN
SOUTH DAKOTA

some of the debt. Father Bernard has
taken care of my Indian missiaries for
I cannot tell out my bank for three
months salary this time so kindly sent it
my way.

I hope you wrote a nice article in the
Congress Shabbata and my note were
sufficient. I hope you are well.

Very Sincerely

Father Vincent

Rev Miss Lonski.

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ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL,
ABERDEEN,
SOUTH DAKOTA.

September 21, 1925.

Very Rev. W. Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

Very Rev. dear Father:

Your request of Miss Monheim of which I wrote a letter thanks, there it is
3509 Shadeland Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Reverend Father, I have about one hundred and fifty dollars debts on my new
Indian church of Sacred Heart. I tended to collect some money and see some of my
friends get busy, and now I am in the hospital and I intend to be here for some time
and after I come out I will be very weak for a time, so I wish the Indian bureau could
help me pay off some of the debt. Father Bernard has taken care of my Indian missions
so far.

I can not fill out my blank for three months salary this time, so kindly send
it anyway.

I hope you write a nice article in the Congress Wapala, and my notes were
sufficient. I hope you are well.

Very sincerely,

Father Vincent,
per Miss Lanski.

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40-22

September 21, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Wrech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

Sometime ago you received four reels of motion picture films of
"The Life of Christ" the property of this Bureau. If you have no fur-
ther use for them, I wish that you would kindly return them to me at
your earliest convenience.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LE

September 22, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin,
South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 28. I wish to assure you that I have not forgotten your appeal for \$500 to build a church at Wakpala. I will appeal for a donation in the Autumn number of THE INDIAN SENTINEL.

I hope that by this time you are feeling better.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

JS:ER

September 22, 1925. 40-22

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Dear Father Vincent:

I am enclosing herewith check for \$50, which amount I have received from Rev. T. C. Klimke of the Catholic Missionary Aid Society of Pittsburgh. He says it is contributed by Maria Mission Circle #34, to be used for missionary purposes in connection with your Little Flower of Jesus mission. You will remember that it was through Father Klimke that you received the \$500 for your Little Flower chapel. He says that the donor of that \$500 promised to keep the chapel supplied with linens and whatever other needs may arise.

Please send to me for transmittal a letter of thanks addressed to the members of Circle #34. I will forward the letter to Father Klimke. I think it might be well to mention in the letter some of the needs of your chapel.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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 St. Jates, N.D.
 Sept. 26. 1925
 Rt. Rev. and dear Mage:

I received a notice that clothing
 will be sent to my missions.
 I am very glad to receive clothes
 for my Indians and I shall
 send a letter of thanks to you
 as soon as I shall receive them.
 Some time ago I sent a letter
 to you asking for help for our
 Cath. Indian Missions school.
 I wonder if you did receive
 the letter. Of course I know that
 you receive many begging letters,
 but on the other hand I
 must tell you that we are
 here really struggling for
 our existence. I am, Dear

time when I went to Bullhead
Indian Mission. I had to spend
for trip and meals \$5.⁰⁰ and
the income (church collection)
was \$1.⁹⁵. And thus it is
almost on every trip. Still I
am not begging for myself.
I gladly suffer hunger & thirst,
if I only can keep our school
going. Our school is now
crowded. People & children like
it. But if I cannot get enough
school-books, it will be very
hard on teachers & pupils and
if I cannot get enough coal
for the winter in cold North
Dakota, what shall I do? It
would be a pity to interrupt
school work after we made so
many sacrifices to start it.

Hoping that you will be
able to help us at least a little
as soon as possible

I am most sincerely yours
Fr. Athanasius Kuehn, O.S.B.

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Fort Yates, North Dakota.
September 26, 1925.

Rt. Rev. and dear Mgr:

I received a notice that clothing will be sent to my missions. I am very glad to receive clothes for my Indians and I shall send a letter of thanks to you as soon as I shall receive them. Some time ago I sent a letter to you asking for help for our Catholic Indian Mission school. I wonder if you did receive the letter. Of course, I know that you receive many begging letters, but on the other hand I must tell you that we are here really struggling (four) for our existence. F.i. last time when I went to Bullhead Indian Mission, I had to spend for trip and meals \$5.00 and the income (church collection) was \$1.95. And thus it is almost on every trip. Still I am not begging for myself. I gladly suffer hunger and thirst if I only can keep our school going. Our school is now crowded. People and children like it. But if I can not get enough school-books, it will be very hard on teachers and pupils and if I can not get enough coal for the winter in cold North Dakota, what shall I do? It would be a pity to interrupt school work after we made so many sacrifices to start it.

Hoping that you will be able to help us at least a little as soon as possible, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) Fr. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B.

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September 30, 1925. 40.45

Benedictine Sisters,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Sisters:

I enclose herewith check for \$150 covering your salary for teaching in the Fort Yates day school during the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WMJ

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September 30, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O.S.B.,
St. Luke Hospital,
Aberdeen, S.D.

Dear Father Vincent:

I enclose herewith our Treasurer's check
for \$75.00, covering Marquette League allowance for
your salary for the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

I hope your health will improve rapidly.
When you are able, I would suggest that you write a
note of thanks to the Marquette League for this salary.
Send the letter direct to Rev. William Flynn, Marquette
League, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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" " Fr Vincent

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ST. LUKE HOSPITAL
ABERDEEN
SOUTH DAKOTA.

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Rev. Father Klinke,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

October 2, 1925.

Rev. & dear Father:

Received a check of \$50 and want to thank you
very much for your kindness and I want to thank every member of
the circle personall. It is, indeed, very nice of you to adopt
me for your protegee;

I'm in the hospital. Am sick for over a month
now and will be here for some time yet, I expect. When I recover
I will start with full vigor at my missions again. Intend to
have a nice church of The Little Flower.

Kindly thank all the members of the society for
me.

Very gratefully,

(SIGNED) FATHER VINCENT.

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To Oct. 6, 1925
By LS
Clerk

Rt. Rev. and dear Magee:-

I received the clothing from
Mr. W. E. Smith yesterday. Hence
I wish to thank you and
him enclosing a letter for
the kind benefactor. I am
very glad to receive such do-
nations. —

Our subscriber to the "Indian
Sentinel" changed his address
to Mr. Fasthorse; he lives
not at Ft. Yates, but at Cannon-
ball. Hence send the magazine
to Mr. Harry Fasthorse,
Cannonball, N. Dak.

With best wishes
I am sincerely yours
Fr. Otthmar Bueckler, O. S. B.

October 8, 1925.

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Promise listed

Rev. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Othmar:

I have your two letters of August 31 and September 26. I have not answered them sooner because I have been up against it for money. As time has gone on I have been up against it more instead of less.

But I know that that news does not buy coal and books for you. Accordingly, I am borrowing \$200 and sending you check herewith. It is against the rule of the Bureau to borrow, but because of your need I will violate the rule. I will send you check for \$200 more by December 1st.

I have put a general appeal for school supplies in the Fall number of THE INDIAN SENTINEL, which is now in press. I will have to consider any donation received from this appeal for your mission as being covered by the \$400 mentioned herein.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

October 8, 1925.

Promise listed

Rev. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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October 8, 1925.

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Rev. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Father Othmar:

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Yours fraternally,

WH:J

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

October 10, 1925.

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Rev. Othmar Guerkler, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates,
North Dakota.

Dear Father Guerkler:

I have your letter of October 6, informing me of the change in the address of Mr. Harry East Horse, from Fort Yates to Cannonball, North Dakota. The Fall issue of THE INDIAN S WITNESS will be addressed to Mr. East Horse at Cannonball.

Yours fraternally,

Re. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

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Fort Yates, N.D.

Oct. 13. 1925

Rt. Rev. Msgr. W. Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Rt. Rev. and dear Msgr.:

Your check for \$200 has come
just in time to save the situation.
I cannot express in words
how delighted and how thank-
ful I am to you for your noble
generosity. Your gift and
your noble heart are cheering
us up. The success of our
school and the consequent
decline in numbers of pupils
in the public school has caused
(th) jealousy among the Free-
masons of Ft. Yates.

In order to get ahead of us
in number of pupils the
school-board of the public school
closed two country-schools
and brings ^{take} the children to
the public school at St. James
with omnibus. But Fr. Bernard
thinks, that it will not last
very long. In any case, they
cannot hurt us, we are
bound to win out with
our Sisters school. - Fr. Bernard
has completely recovered from
his sickness; but I am sorry
to say, that Fr. Vincent, O.S.B.
is still sick in the Sisters'
hospital at Aberdeen.

Thanking you once more
and recommending Fr. Vincent
and myself to your kind prayers
I am most gratefully,
Fr. Othmar Buckler, O.S.B.

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COPY FOR: BUREAU

Fort Yates, N. Dak.
October 13, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. W. Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

Rt. Rev. and dear Msgr:

Your check for \$200 has come just in time to save the situation. I can not express in words how delighted and how thankful I am to you for your noble generosity. Your gift and your noble heart are cheering us up. The success of our school and the consequent decline in numbers of pupils in the public school has caused jealousy among the Freemasons of Fort Yates. In order to get ahead of us in number of pupils the school-board of the public school closed two country schools and takes the children to the public school at Fort Yates with omnibus. But Father Bernard thinks, that it will not last very long. In any case, they can not hurt us, we are bound to win out with our Sisters school. Father Bernard has completely recovered from his sickness, but I am sorry to say that Father Vincent, O.S.B., is still sick in the Sisters' hospital at Aberdeen.

Thanking you once more and recommending Father Vincent and myself to your kind prayers, I am,

Most gratefully yours,

(SIGNED)

Fr. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B.

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ST. DONAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
MANTOSH, SO. DAK.

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Oct. 20, 1925

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes
2021 H. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes:

I received the box you so kindly sent me from Sister Mary of the Rosary, and I am very grateful Monsignor for the many favors you have so generously bestowed upon me and upon my mission.

I enclose a letter to Sister Mary, and respectfully ask you Monsignor to forward it to Sister.

At present I am busy making necessary preparations for the long and severe Dakota winter. I trust you are enjoying good health. Gratefully yours in Xts.

John Vagnerius

Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmair, O. S. B., Pastor

FORT YATES, N. DAK.

Oct. 26. 1925

Rev. & dear Father Hughes:

The box containing about 8 copies of arithmetics sent by Miss Delia Regan to the wrong address, arrived here safely about a week ago. At first we did not know what to make of the confusing address, but finally we opened the package and found the above mentioned items. As the contents did amount ^{to} very much, we kept the gift and we hereby express our thanks to her.

St. Bernard's school has now nearly an enrollment of sixty children and the two teachers assisted by Father Othmar have all the work they can possibly do. Mr. Wossman, who though very friendly to me, feels it keenly that we started a parochial school and we have quite an opposition from certain quarters, but we steer ahead trusting in Divine Providence and your great charity. The non Catholics here think that there is no school like the 'Public School' and when we get ahead of them they feel like reacting it, but ^{have} not do it publicly. Watch and pray our dear Lord said and we surely have to do it here. There are about 250 children at the Government school and of this number 160 are Catholic children, about 65 are in the Public school - of these 47 are Catholics - and 60 in our Mission school - all Catholics - Fort Yates

is quite a resort for school children. The children at the Boarding School and our Mission children are well taken care of ^{spiritually}, but I find great difficulty ~~with~~ our Public School children. Lack of cooperation on the part of parents. Well dear Father Hughes, I hope your prayers will help us, for I see difficulties ahead also with the Government school as regards the reception of the holy sacraments on the First Friday of the month, a practice which has been kept up the last 30 years.

Hoping you are well and enjoying the cool breezes of October, I am with best wishes

Yours

very fraternally

F. Bernard O.P.S.

OCT 30 1925 Am.
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BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
McINTOSH, SO. DAK.

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Oct. 27. 1925

Dear Monsignor Hughes:

Your letter has just been received asking a special remembrance in my Masses and prayers for the intentions of the benefactors of Indian Missions during the month of November. I am highly comfortable with your request Monsignor and assure you that in all my prayers and Masses our benefactors are not forgotten.

You and your loved ones are also remembered. Monsignor both living and dead. I have just received the Indian Sentinel and congratulate you Monsignor on this number. All the numbers of the Sentinel are fine, but this one with its many pictures I am sure will arouse new interest in the Mission cause.

With gratitude and kind personal regards,
I am, Monsignor, sincerely yours in Xto.

John Vignone

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" " Missionary _____
" " _____

Right Reverend Monsignor Wm Hughes

2021 H. Street N.W.

Washington, D.C.

St. Bonaventures Church

McIntosh, S. Dak

Nov 8, 1925

Dear Monsignor Hughes:

Many thanks for your kindness in sending my name to Miss O'Neill of 242 Clark Street, New Jersey, for phonograph records. I am very grateful Monsignor for this favor and blessing.

I am enclosing a letter to Miss O'Neill and respectfully ask Monsignor to have it forwarded to her.

For the past 6 weeks I have had many requests for clothing from my poor Indians both children and adults. We have had some real winter weather, and many are in great need of clothing. I realize the many demands Monsignor on your charity from all the missions and only in case you could send us some help in this regard do I ask.

I trust you are well, Monsignor and that

success crown all your undertakings.

During this month as you have requested
Monsieur, special prayers and Masses are
offered for all our benefactors.

With gratitude and kind personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally Yours in X^{to}

John F. Vigneron.

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Kenel, S. Dak.

November 14, 1925.

Rev. Father Hughes.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear father:-

We the undersigned newly elected officers of the
 St. Joseph society located at Kenel, S. Dak., under the charge of
 Father Bernard of Fort Yates, N. Dak., wishing to make further
 progress in our church work in this community, but under the
 existing conditions we are some what in the dark on some questions
 which we request that you make more clear for us that we may go
 ahead. Under the present conditions it is impossible to make any
 progress.

One of the main reasons why the community, the members of
 this societies are lacking interest in church work is because we
 have been denied a resident priest. We have been allowed a
 resident priest for this place by the Bishop in charge four times
 in four years but up to this present time we are still unable to
 have a resident priest here. You may ask why we have been denied
 this privilege. It is because the priest in charge of this place
 claimed that we could not contribute to the support of a priest
 here. He ~~has~~ ^{has} made this statement without ever making any effort
 in trying out the wishes of the people of this community.

This request for a resident priest has been taken up with
 Bishop Lawler of Lead, S. Dak., at the last Indian Catholic
 Congress held at Wakpala, S. Dak., July 10 11 12 1925. Elected
 delegates were present in conference with Bishop Lawler on this
 subject. I am glad to state that I as interpreter heard all of
 what was said. Father Bernard in charge of this place was present.
 The decision made by the ~~p~~ Bishop that day was to let us have a

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resident priest, in other words to try us out for one year. The bishop was willing to help out with \$500.00 from the Bureau of Indian Missions provided we collect \$300.00 among the community. We have started to get up a fund of \$64.00 to start with but when the people heard we were denied a priest here lack of interest was seen among the workers. We are confident that if our request is granted we can all work together and get results. All we ask is a chance. We have a good church, a good priest house, a store on the church ground which pays \$80.00 lease every year. Where does this money go? It is of no benefit for our church here, it is used for the church and priests in Fort Yates, N. Dak.

Whynot keep a priest here and the money where it belongs, people will be satisfied. We intended to send this letter to Bishop Lawler but as he is away we are forwarding our request direct to you. We will appreciate whatever you may do to straighten out our difficulties.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

President:- Ben Wefender
Vice-Pres:- Louis Crawford
Treas:- Charles Marshall
Secretary:- George Sleeps

Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O. S. B., Pastor

FORT YATES, N. DAK., Nov. 16, 1925.

Rev. & dear Bishop:-

Yesterday I returned from a Mission trip with Louis Endres to namely Porcupine Substation. I had divine services there and quite a crowd of Indians and whites turned out. It was a good sized congregation. As I had not been there the last three years I looked the situation ^{over} pretty well. I found the church and priesthouse in fair condition, but a coat of paint on both buildings is absolutely necessary to prevent decay. Formerly Father Abbot Cronin gave me a great many privileges as regards using money for the benefit of Indian Missions. However these grants have been curtailed under Abbot Philip's administration and so I do not know, if I can spend any personal or Monastery funds for repairing churches, priesthouses and so forth among the Indians any more. The Indians are poor and can do but little in the line of repairs or improvements.

I also find that an able catechist, at Porcupine, could do an immense good among the children, many of whom are attending a close by Public School. But he should receive a small stipend or at least some remuneration for his work. Formerly I gave the catechist five dollars per month, but now no funds are on

hand any more. I wonder if not some means could be devised
where some help could be extended to such men or Indian
Catechists. I like to assist them all I can to make the good work
keep on moving.

Congratulating you on your happy return from your long and tedious
journey and hoping I can meet your Grace soon I am as ever

Your obedient servant and son
in St. Benedict
Father Bernard O.F.S.

P. O. A letter received from St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago,
Ill., states that Father Vincent's left eye was removed
last week and that the stumps of his tonsils must be
taken out yet before any sound recovery of his health
can be expected.

I miss Father Vincent's services very much. Two and
a half months already Father Vincent and myself have
suffered for his missions. Thank God, that my health
is good again.

F. B.

Rev. Vincent Frech, O. S. B.
McLaughlin,
So. Dakota.

November 16, 1925

Dear Father Frech:

I have ordered for you a set of stations of the cross from John P. Daleiden Co., Chicago, Ill. This set is the gift of Miss Mary Campbell, Mrs. Benjamin Lynch and Miss Anne T. Wallace all of Brooklyn, N. Y. Kindly forward through this Bureau a letter of thanks for the donor.

Yours in Christ,

JS:MLB.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

November 17, 1925.

Rev. Othmar Buerkler, O.S.B.,
Fort Yates, N.D.

Dear Father Othmar:

On October 8, I promised to send you \$200 on December 1, for coal and books for the Fort Yates day School. I am now enclosing check for \$200 to cover this promise. I know you can use the money a little in advance of the date promised.

Yours fraternally,

CMJ

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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12/7/25 ack to Dr Walburga

Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

Rev. Bernard Strassmiller, O. S. B., Pastor

Rec'd NO. 27 1925 Amt. 5-00
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Copy to I. S. Masses

FORT YATES, N. DAK., Nov. 21, 1925.
Refunded \$5.00 to Rev. Bernard Strassmiller, O.S.B.

Rev. & dear Father Hughes:

Mother Breyer
I herewith enclose a check of five dollars from Dr. Walburga of Bonaparte, S. D. She is still interested in the Indian Sentinel and the Preservation Society and she now desires 24 English, 12 German and 24 Bohemian Certificates. Considering herself a promoter she intends to get as many subscribers as possible. I certainly appreciate her energy and good will. Father Ottmar is trying very hard too in getting subscriptions to the Sentinel. The Fort Yates people as a rule respond very well to any missionary call.

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that Father Vincent O. S. B. lost his left eye, it being removed by Dr. Hayden of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago, Ill. The past three months Father Vincent could do no mission work at all being mostly confined to his bed at St. Luke's Hospital, Aberdeen S. D. I feel his absence most keenly, as he was a very active priest, and I do not know yet, who will fill his place. Meanwhile Father Bruno and myself do the best we can for the missions. It is good that my health is good at present, otherwise the different places would be but poorly served.

late Mrs. John B. Abraham of Covington Ky. sent a box of old clothing to the Benedictine Sisters here and I have

enclose a letter of thanks to said party.

Hoping everything is prosperous with you and your
hardworking Bureau I am.

Most gratefully Yours

Rev. Bernard Stammier O.F.S.

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Fort Yates, N.D. Nov. 24. 1925

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Rt. Rev. and dear Msgr. Hughes:

Your check for \$200 for our mission school has removed a heavy stone from my heart. Now we do not have to be afraid of the coming Dakota blizzards. Our schoolrooms will be warm. A thousand thanks and three cheers for our kind benefactors! -- Our school is rapidly growing. To accommodate the ever increasing number of pupils, we will have to get a third teacher next year and make an addition to our schoolhouse. The Sister has already been promised. -- Since I have been in Europe my health is rather poor. Father Vincent Frech is still in a hospital in Chicago. His left eye has been removed. His whole constitution is in a poor condition. I have therefore more work than ever. I hope we will soon get re-enforcement from the monastery.

Thanking you once more and wishing you God's blessing for your noble work,

I am most gratefully yours

Fr. Othmar Bueckle,
 O. S. B.

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DEC 8 1925 Amt. **Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission**
 Order filled Rev. Bernard Strassmaier, O. S. B., Pastor
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 Notes ✓ Stan. out Fort Yates, N. Dak., Nov. 27, 1925
 to I.S. ✓ Masses

At. Rev. & dear Father Hughes:-

I received your very kind letter and enclosure of ten dollars. Six dollars for freight and four dollars for holy Masses. The entire freight bill was \$8.62 which we paid. The box was very heavy and contained many articles perfectly useless to us. But the sender showed good will and so we received them with thanks and appreciation. I enclose a letter written in German to Mr. Frank Knapp. It is both a letter of acknowledgment and thanks. Sometimes we receive very nice and useful articles, but at times also very old shavers and books and entirely worn out clothing. I suppose we have to accept the goods as they send them.

Sending my best regards to you and Hon. Mr. Lusk
 I am

most fraternally Yours
 Bernard Strassmaier O. S. B.

40-45
December 4, 1910.

Rev. Bernard Strassmeyer, S.M.,
Port Yule,
North Dakota.

Dear Father Bernard:

I enclose copy of the agreement made with the Indians at
Kamul. I feel able to judge their ability to support a priest. If
they support one and there is even a work for him to do, they have
it to a resident priest provided one can be found.

I am very sorry to hear of the operation removing Father
Vincent's eye. Poor fellow, it gives him another cross to bear.

Yours Sr. cordially,

St. Ray. Mag.
Director.

11:35

P.S. My opinion is that Bishop Lawler is inclined to speed too fast the
process of Indians becoming like white parishioners. But I also know or
believe that some missionaries are too conservative. Time will justify
the right opinion, whichever it is.

June 1, 1900.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst., in relation to the matter of the proposed sale of the land at the mouth of the River, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. M. Smith, Secretary.

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ST. BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
 McINTOSH, SO. DAK.

Dec. 9th. 1925.

Right Reverend Monsignor Hughes.
 2021 H. Street. N.W.
 Washington. D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes:

I am very grateful to you Monsignor and heartily thank you in my own name and in the name of my poor Indians for the many blessings you have so generously bestowed upon us.

Through your kindness I have received quite a number of phonograph records, and we are now able to have music and recreation. I received the Mass intentions you sent for the Uncle of Miss Phil.

Enclosed you will find letters dear Monsignor of appreciation and gratitude to my kind benefactors. I would appreciate very much dear Monsignor if you would have these letters forwarded to these kind patrons and benefactors. I would also

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appreciate Monsignor if you could print a
small article for me of appreciation and
gratitude to my benefactors, and the benefactors
of my Indian people in the next number of
The Indian Sentinel

(In December 15th, 1920th there will be a
conference held at Black Horse and delegates
will be present from all the Districts.

I will send you an article in the
Conference and what has taken place therein.

I extend to you dear Monsignor and to all
your assistants in my own name and in the
name of my Indian people, gratitude, good wishes
and a fervent prayer for A. Happy Xmas

In my Xmas Masses, you dear Monsignor
and all your loved ones, and all the
benefactors of The Indian Missions will be
remembered.

Trusting you are well, Monsignor and
with kind personal regards, I am, yours
sincerely in Xto. John F. Vigneron.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPIED FOR the Bureau

ST. BOYAVENTURE'S CHURCH,
MONTICELLO, CO. DAK.

Dec. 9th, 1925.

Right Reverend Monsignor Hughes,
2021 M Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes:-

I am very grateful to you Monsignor and heartily thank you in my own name and in the name of my poor Indians for the good blessings you have so generously bestowed upon us.

Through your kindness I have received quite a number of phonograph records, and we are now able to have music and recreation.

I received the good intentions you sent for the Uncle of Miss Uhl.

Enclosed you will find letters dear Monsignor of appreciation and gratitude to my kind benefactors. I would appreciate very much dear Monsignor if you would have these letters forwarded to these kind patrons and benefactors. I would also appreciate Monsignor if you would print a small article for me of appreciation and gratitude to my benefactors, and the benefactors of my Indian people in the next number of THE INDIAN SUNDAY.

On December 18th, 19th, 20th, there will be a conference held at Black Horse and delegates will be present from all the Districts. I will send you an article on the conference and what has taken place therein.

I extend to you dear Monsignor and to all your assistants in my own name and in the name of my Indian people, gratitude, good wishes and a fervent prayer for a happy Xmas.

In my Xmas message, you dear Monsignor and all your loved ones, and all the benefactors of The Indian Mission will be remembered.

Trusting you are well, Monsignor and with kind personal regards, I am

Yours sincerely in Xeto.

John S. Wigneron.

ENCLOSURE

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COPY ~~for the Bureau~~ to missionary

"
to agent to donor. 1/16/26 m.B.

ST. DOMINICUS'S CHURCH,
WILMINGTON, DE. DAK.

Rev. Uhl, 1026

Wlad. Delator Uhl,
de Cautia, Pa.
c/o St. Rev. Mr. Hughes, Director.
2021 H Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Uhl:-

I received your offerings for masses to be said for your dear uncle from
Monsignor Hughes, Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions at Washington, D.C.

I appreciate and heartily thank you and also Monsignor Hughes for
their great kindness and charity towards me and my poor missions.

The masses are being said dear friend as you have requested for your dear
uncle.

I was sorry to read in your letter dear friend that your uncle has been
suffering so long. Not only will the masses be said by me as requested but I will
remember your dear uncle in my prayers, later and masses asking God to help and to
bless your dear uncle in his suffering.

God is good and in His own good way and in His own good time, He will reward,
and bless His children for their love and sacrifices.

In my visits to the Trib and in my Masses I will remember your dear
uncle, yourself and all your loved ones, and all the benefactors of the Indian Missions.

With gratitude, a fervent prayer and my friendly blessing, upended and upon
your dear uncle,

Gratefully yours in the S. of Jesus,

Father Vigueres.

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes
 2021 H Street
 Washington D.C.

Dear Father

To day I am going
 to write you in behalf of
 my Societies the St Joseph
 and St Marys of the West
 of Parcupine. Shields N.D.
 We are doing all we can
 to up hold our Societies
 but it is truly hard task
 Now Dear Father, we
 the Societies are very poor
 and the Indians have
 hardly any money.
 There fore Dear I ask you
 for a Donation of what
 ever could be spared

Second

for the benefit of our
meeting house which
is in pretty shape
please ^{us} some good Catholics
and see if they can help
rebuild our Society's Dear
old father Bernard O.S.B.
Int. was with us to-
day, and it has been
2 years since he has been
here, and we are glad to
see him again
Now Dear father if you
can find some second ^{hand}
Organ for our meeting
house as one is needed
for our meeting house
also James is near
and pretty near half
to have me (over)

please do what you
can, for the sake of
us poor Indians and
help us every way that
should be done so we
can rebuild our society.
There are only 28 good Catholics
at present time but of
course many others
but are lost coming back
so please write me
and tell me or please
send a donation and we
be thankful
No good-bye for yours
Very Resp.

Henry Murphy
Catechist
Shields, N.D.

40-22

December 14, 1925.

Rev. Vincent Walsh, S.S.,
Washington,
D.C.

Dear Father:

I enclose herewith check for \$100.00 - in full of the \$100.00
questio. Please kindly send acknowledgment direct to Rev. William J. Flynn,
105 E. 42nd St., New York City, N. Y. You know that Father Flynn is the
Secretary General of the American League.

I am sincerely sorry to hear of the operation which had to be
performed on your eye. We can be reassured that this good deed will have
its due reward.

I wish you every blessing at Christmas and in the New Year.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. Rev. John M. Hughes,
Director.

WJH

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St. Bernard's School
 Ft. Yates, N. Dak.

December 20, 1925

Right Rev. Monsignor William Hughes,
 Washington, D. C.

Right Reverend, dear Father,

Kindly receive our humble thanks for the fatherly care with which you remember us and our Indian Mission.

The \$25 caused great joy and will help to cheer the humble dwelling of the Missionary during this happy Christmas tide.]

Wishing you, Right Reverend dear Monsignor, and all other kind benefactors a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Yours gratefully

Benedictine Sisters.

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DATE DEC 28 1925 AMT
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 FR. VINCENT, O. S. B.

Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission

MCLAUGHLIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

Dec 21-25

Rev. Rev. N. Hughes
 Washington D. C.

Q1 Rev. and Sister Mary

A Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May God
 be with you and may you and the Indian Bureau prosper and
 be good to the Indians in the past year.

I returned home last Thursday and I feel good but naturally
 weak yet. I had to be careful for a time but soon I will
 be strong again and go with the priest and several vigils & work.
 I went to Father Flynn's day and thanked him
 for the money he gave me and I am glad to report
 that the money was used for the Indians and by signs.

I cannot fill up the blank for 3 months salary as Father
 Bernard and Brother Louis are away but I will settle with
 you as soon as I receive the money for salary & Father
 Flynn wrote they were a present.

Very gratefully

F. Vincent O.S.B.

Copy for Bureau

Standing Rock Catholic Indian Mission,
Belleville, South Dakota.
December 21, 1926

Miss Mary Campbell, Mrs. Benjamin Lynch and Miss Anne Wallace,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year and a thousand thousand
thanks for the beautiful set of stations I received a few days ago. They
are certainly beautiful. May God bless you a thousand times. I told the
Indians and they rejoiced and soon the stations will adorn the new chapel
of Sacred Heart.

I was sick for almost five months and lost one of my eyes, but
such generosity makes me forget my troubles and makes me soon well again.
Again may God bless you.

Gratefully yours,

(Signed) Vincent, O.S.B.

Copied by SW

Mr. Henry Murphy,
Shields, N. D.

December 22, 1945

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I have your welcome letter which I received December 14.

I am glad that you are so anxious to repair the meeting house at Shields. I cannot promise to repair it for you, but I will try to get some money and also to provide a second hand organ. I hope that you will pray God may provide me with the means of repairing this meeting house for you and providing you with the organ.

Wishing you every joy during the New Year, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JEH:JL

Rev. Bernard Strassmiller, S.M.,
Fort Yates
North Dakota.

December 30, 1925.

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Dear Father Bernard:

I find that your letter of November 21, enclosing check for \$5.00 was acknowledged to Sister Alburge, and certificates were sent to her. I am sorry that acknowledgment to you was overlooked at the time.

I have been told of what you say regarding shipment by Mrs. John P. Abraham.

Wishing you a prosperous New Year, and with kindest personal regards,
I remain,

Yours fraternally,

St. Rev. Fr. William Hughes,
Director.

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December 31, 1925.

Benedictine Sisters,
Fort Yates Indian Mission.
Fort Yates, North Dakota.

Dear Sisters:

I enclose herewith check for \$150, covering
allowance for your school, for the quarter ending Dec-
ember 31, 1925.

Yours in Christ,

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

JR

*To Straesmaier,
No. 12.*

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
2021 H Street, N.E.,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$3.00
covers donation received by the Bureau
for you through the INDIAN SENTINEL. up
to and including DEC 31 1925

Father Vigneron
To J.R.

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$126.⁰⁰
covers donation received by the Bureau
for you through the INDIAN SENTINEL up
to and including DEC 31 1925

Fr. Peter Stueck, O.S.B.

L. R.

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BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$6.⁰⁰
covers donation received by the Bureau
for you through the INDIAN SENTINEL up
to and including JULY 31 1925

PROMISE

Benedictine Sisters, Ft. Yates,
Salary at \$50 a month, for 12
months, beginning Sept. 1/24
and ending Sept. 30/25
PAYABLE QUARTERLY

\$150 a quarter.

PAID

Dec. 2/24 - Rev. Othmar Buerkler,
Donation for coal, \$275,
and books, \$200.

\$ 475.

Dec. 31/24 - Benedictine Sisters,
salary, Sept. 1/24 -
Dec. 31/24

200.

Dec. 31/24 - Rev. Bernard Strassmaier,
Donation

1000.

(This covered promise
of \$1000 to Father
Othmar Buerkler)

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Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Seventy-five 00/100-----Dollars

Payment due Salary for attending McLaughlin Mission.

For quarter ended December 31, 1924.

\$75.

Rev. Vincent French

Recd APR 11 1925
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McLaughlin, S.D., *April* 6 . . . 1925

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

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Payment due for salary for attending McLaughlin Mission (M.I. allowance) Dollars
 For quarter ended March 31, 1925.

\$ 75#

RW Vincent Fred O.D.B.

McLaughlin, South Dakota.....
.....July 3....., 1925.

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----SEVENTY-FIVE-----

Payment due For attending McLaughlin. (Marquette League allowance)

Dollars

For quarter ended June 30, 1925.

\$75.

Rev Vincent Fresh O.S.B.

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McLaughlin 40-22
Oct 9, 1925.

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----SEVENTY-FIVE-----

Dollars

Payment due for salary for attending McLaughlin Mission (Marquette League allowance)

For quarter ended Sept. 30, 1925.

\$ 75.00

By Vincent O'SB