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SANTEE RESERVATION, SACRED HEART MISSION  
1925

40-41

January 2, 1925.

Rev. John D. Goergen,  
Santee,  
Nebraska.

Dear Father Goergen:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check for \$30 covering Marquette League allowance for your catechist for the quarter ended December 31, 1924.

Trusting that the New Year will bring you many blessings, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

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

CSL/JR

P.S. Please send me, for transmittal, a letter of thanks addressed to the Marquette League.

Rec'd FEB 4 1925 *✓*  
Ans'd *✓* Order Filled  
FOL'D *✓* Sent. comp'd  
Not I.S. *✓* Sent. out  
Copy to L.S. *✓* Mailed

Refund \$85<sup>00</sup> to Santee *✓*

Refunded

Bishop O'Connor Hall,  
25th & Cass Sts.,  
Omaha Nebr.,  
Jan. 31, 1925.

Right Rev. William Hughes,  
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
2021 H St. N.W.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes;

I am returning the check for  
\$3.50 covering donations received by the  
Bureau through the Indian Sentinel for me.  
I have recently been given a new appointment  
and hence am no longer in need of the help  
which you have so generously given me in the  
past.

You will also find enclosed  
my personal check for five Dollars (\$5.00)  
One Dollar for a years subscription to the  
Indian Sentinel and the rest to be given to  
Santee Mission as soon as my successor, who  
will be named some time in the future, takes  
charge.

Thanking you for all past favors  
and hoping to do more for the Missions after  
I draw a little salary,

I remain,  
Sincerely yours,

Rev. John D. Goergen

Rec'd FEB 9 1925 Amt.....  
Acc. 4/14/25 Order Filled.....  
P.O.D. Stan. comp'd.....  
Not L.S. Stan. ext.....  
Copy to I. S. Masses.....

Bishop O'Connor Hall,  
25th & Cass Sts.,  
Omaha Nebr.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hughes;  
Catholic Indian Bureau,  
2021 H St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Monsignor;

In my last communication I  
notified you of my transfer( having been  
appointed secretary to the Bishop).

At present there is no priest in  
charge of the Santee Indian Missions, though  
the bishop told me he would appoint one some  
time in the future. Antoine Trudell, the catechist,  
is still on the job, doing faithful work, including  
those duties usually performed by a catechist in  
the absense of a priest.

During the Christmas season he sold  
the clothing sent in by some friends of the  
mission, and the proceeds he has in his possession,  
awaiting instructions as to its disposal. The sum  
amounts to Ten or Twelve Dollars.

Henry Carney is paying rent for the  
house in Niobrara at the rate of Twelve Dollars  
(12.00) per month. He owes for December and  
January. 1924

During my absense the Catholic  
Church Extension Society sent a beautiful Mass Kit  
to Santee to be used in the work there. The receipt  
of it has not yet been acknowledged.

Trusting that these points of  
information may help you,  
I am,  
Fraternally yours,

Rev. John D. Gergen

February 11, 1925.

Rev. John D. Goergen,  
Bishop O'Connor Hall,  
25th & Cass Sts.,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Father Goergen:

I am in receipt of your kind letter of January 31 and the inclosed checks in the sum of \$8.50, \$3.50 covering donations received by the Bureau through THE INDIAN SENTINEL for you and your personal check for \$5. THE INDIAN SENTINEL will be sent to you at your new address and the remaining \$4 of your check will be given to the Santee mission as soon as your successor takes charge.

I wish to congratulate you upon your new appointment and to wish you every success and happiness. I know that you will not forget to remember the cause of the Indian missions in your prayers.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

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

JS/JR

At the instruction of Msgr. Hughes, the total amount, \$8.50 will be sent to Santee.

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Santur, Neb.  
Febr. 13/25.

Greetings: 40-41.

Perhaps it is  
our turn to  
bagge. we are  
in need of some  
old clothes here  
for the mission.  
Please recommend  
us to your friend  
we would be  
very thankful  
for any kind of  
clothes. Sincerely:

Sacred Heart Mission  
Santur, Neb.

REC'D MAR 5 1925 APR  
MAY 25 1925 *W*  
Under Filled  
Off'd \_\_\_\_\_ Sent comp'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Off'd \_\_\_\_\_ Sent out \_\_\_\_\_

Letter, receipt & copy of Fr. Goergen's  
letter sent Catholic Extension Soc.  
*3/20/25 JHS*

Bishop O'Connor Hall,  
25th & Cass Sts.,  
Omaha, Nebr.  
Feb. 28, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hughes,  
2621 H St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes;

The enclosed letter which I  
received from Extension Society will explain itself.

I was in the hospital for two months  
during which time the kit reached Santee, and therefore  
I knew nothing about it. I was back to Santee lately  
to 'set things in order' for my successor and  
found the kit in good order. I left it in the  
hands of our faithful catechist, Antoine Trudell,  
who will keep it until the next priest is  
appointed.

Would you kindly send  
acknowledgment of receipt to Extension as per  
instructions given in their letter? The kit is  
a beautiful one, and I regret that I have not had an  
opportunity to use it.

With all good wishes, I remain  
Fraternally yours,

*Rev. John L. Goergen*

March 20, 1925.

The Catholic Church Extension Society,  
180 North Wabash Avenue.  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Friends:

I am in receipt of a letter from Rev. John D. Goergen of Santee, Nebraska, telling me of the generosity of the Catholic Church Extension Society in supplying him with a Mass Kit. I enclose herewith receipt of this shipment, signed by Father Goergen. This zealous missionary has been confined to the hospital for the past two months and until his return to Santee, did not know of your gift. This will explain his delay in acknowledging it to you.

Father Goergen has been appointed to Omaha, Nebraska, and knowing the need of a Mass Kit at Santee left your gift there with his Catechist to be given to the priest who will take his place. I enclose herewith copy of Father Goergen's letter.

I appreciate greatly your cooperation with me in caring for the Indian missions. The needs are many and my funds are small, but with such help as you give me I will be able to lighten the burden resting on the shoulders of the good missionaries who are devoting their lives to the salvation of the souls of the Indians.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

JS:LG  
After Father Goergen's successor has used the Mass kit for one month I will have him send you a letter of thanks for the donor.

April 2, 1925.

Rev. Antoine Trudell,  
Santee,  
Nebraska.

Dear Friend:

Heretofore we have sent to Father Goergen check for your salary as catechist on the Santee Mission. As he is no longer stationed at Santee, and, so far as I know, no priest has yet taken his place, I am sending the check (for \$30) covering your salary for the March 31, 1925 quarter to you direct.

You will notice that the check is drawn to "Rev." Antoine Trudell. Our Treasurer was not aware that Father Goergen had left Santee and took it for granted that Antoine Trudell had succeeded him and was of course a priest. In indorsing the check sign simply, "Antoine Trudell." If anyone raises a question as to your right to the check, you should show him this letter.

Yours in Christ,

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

CSL:JR

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April 29, 1925.

Rev. John B. Goergen,  
Bishop O'Gorman Hall,  
25th & Cass Sts.,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Father Goergen:

Father Hughes requests me to say that he would like you to instruct Antoine Trudell as to the disposition of the \$10 or \$12 he has in his possession as proceeds of the clothing sent in by some friends of the mission which he sold, and to collect the rent of the house in Niebrara and dispose of it as you see fit. He thinks that probably Trudell deserves some part of this money, but that he leaves to your judgment.

If a successor at Santee has been appointed, kindly let us know his name and who he took charge of the mission. We would also like to know the date of their retirement from Santee.

Asking this favor an early reply, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,  
Secretary.

CSL:JR

Rec'd MAY 7 1925 Atm.  
ns. MAY 29 1925) W/M Order Filled  
all'd. \_\_\_\_\_ Sent comp'd.  
otLS \_\_\_\_\_ Sent act.  
Copy to E. S. \_\_\_\_\_ Marcus.

Bishop O'Connor Hall,  
418 No. 25 St.,  
Omaha, Nebr.,  
May, 4, 1925

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hughes,  
2021 H. St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Monsignor Hughes;

I have the letter of Mr. Charles S. Lusk regarding the money collected by Mr. Antoine Trudell at Santee Nebraska, and the rent due on the house in Niobrara.

Mr. Trudell has been doing good work at Sante during the absence of a priest. Hence I would suggest that, if he has not yet received his salary for the quarter ending March 31st, that the sum he has collected be apportioned as part of it. Among other things he has been holding prayer services regularly on Sundays.

I will write today to the tenant of the house in Niobrara for the rent due. Being in close touch with the Archbishop (his secretary) I have learned that there will be a priest appointed to the Santee missions after the next class has been ordained. I will keep this money in my possession awaiting directions from you, either to send it to you, or turn it over to the priest who will next be appointed,

I was relieved of the care of Santee on the first of February, but was laid up in the hospital during the two months previous.

Very sincerely yours,

*John J. Goergen,*

40-41

May 29, 1925.

Rev. John D. Goergen,  
Bishop O'Connor Hall,  
418 North 25th St.,  
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Father Goergen:

I have your two letters of February 28 and May 4.

Copy of your letter of February 28, together with the  
receipt for the Mass Kit, was sent to Extension Society.

In your letter of May 4, you suggest that the sum which  
Antoine Trudell has collected be applied to his salary for the  
quarter ended March 31. I wish you would write him to tell him  
that the amount gotten from the sale of clothing is for himself,  
in addition to his poor salary.

I understand that the rent from the house in Niobrara  
has always been retained by the priest in charge. You need not  
send it to the Bureau. You can give it to the new pastor or dis-  
pose of it as you see fit.

I am glad to hear that a new pastor will be appointed  
from the new class.

Yours fraternally,

WH:J

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

40-41

May 29, 1925.

Mr. Antoine Trudell,  
Santee, Nebraska.

Dear Antoine:

I enclose herewith a letter from the Extension Society, dated November 18, 1924, to Father Goergen. When a new priest is appointed, will you kindly give this letter to him and call his attention to the P.S., which asks that he send a note of appreciation to Extension Society for them to send to the donor of the Mass Kit?

I am happy to express my great appreciation for the services which you render for your good people. You may be sure that the blessing of God is upon you.

Yours in Christ,

WH:J

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

June 5-25

Rec'd JUN 8 1925 Amb.

Acting Rev. Miss. G. P. F. Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. 40-44

Revd. Fr. Mgr. J. J. C. Comptd.

Not L.S. Washington D.C.

Copy to L.S.

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Dear Fr. Hughes

i have received both of your letters and  
was most glad to hear from you.

Dear Father we have the Mass Kit

there at the mission and i will  
inform the new priest of it when  
he comes. Then Father about miss

Anna Keekdriss sending the mission  
here first of March was just released  
about two weeks ago as it was missent  
to Springfield So. Dak. with no

Name address on it so it laid there  
for long time 1 Box of manuscript

1 sack of old clothing. <sup>and 10 lbs</sup> <sub>now</sub> GR.

Thank your letters dear Father  
yours sincerely friend  
Antoine Trudeau.

Ho\_41  
June 29, 1925.

Mr. Antoine Trudell,  
Santee, Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Trudell:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check for \$30, in payment of your salary as catechist, for the quarter ending June 30, 1925. I note our Treasurer has again made the check to Rev. Antoine Trudell. As you were able to cash the previous check, I take it you will have no difficulty in cashing this check.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,  
Secretary.

CSL:JR

P.S. Request to send letter of thanks direct to  
Marguerite League, 105 6<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y.C.

40-41  
October 2, 1925.

Mr. Antoine Trudell,  
Santee,  
Nebraska.

Dear Mr. Trudell:

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

Besides your acknowledgment to us, please  
send a letter of thanks direct to the Marquette League, address-  
ing it to Rev. William Flynn, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City.

Yours in Christ,

We have not heard that any Father has been appointed to take  
charge of the Santee Mission. Please let us know if any other  
has been appointed.  
JR

48-41

Recd. ~~15~~ 16<sup>th</sup> A.M.  
Rev. Msgr. William Hughey.  
Sten. comp  
Sten. out  
N.Y.S.

Director.

Dear Rev. Father. I received the  
check you sent me for the  
last quarter. Many thanks for  
it dear Father. No priest here  
yet. we did not have a priest  
here for about 7 months now  
no confession or communion since  
Father Goergen left us. if we could  
have a priest come once a month.  
Father it be alright for us here.  
I wrote a letter to the Bishop in  
Omaha about two months ago  
But did not get any answer  
yet. we are still hoping for  
a priest to come.  
I remain your Catechist in Santee  
Mission Antoine Drudelle.

40-41

January 2, . . . 1925

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Thirty & 00/100-----Dollars

Payment due for catechist at Santee Mission.

For quarter ended February 28, 1924.

Order Filled.....

\$30.00

Not I.S.

Copy to I.S.

Masses.....

Sten. comp'd.....

Sten. out.....

Masses.....

*Rev. John H. Goergen*

40-41

APR 11 1925 Amt.

Order filled.....

April 6, . . . 1925

Sten. comp'd.....

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Thirty 00/100-----Dollars

Payment due for catechist,

For quarter ended March 31, 1925.

\$30.00

*Antoine Trudell*

40-41

Rec'd JUL 14 1925 Amt. ....Santee, Nebraska.....

Order filled.....

Ins. ....Sten. comp'd.....

Tell'd.....

Not I.S. ....Sten. out.....

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Copy to I.S. ....Masses.....

THIRTY-----

Dollars

July 3, . . . , 1925.

Payment due for salary as catechist. (Marquette League allowance)

For quarter ended June 30, 1925.

\$30.

*Antoine Trudell*

40-41

Rec'd OCT 15 1925 Amt. ....Santee, Nebraska.....

Order filled.....

Ins. ....Sten. comp'd.....

Tell'd.....

Not I.S. ....Sten. out.....

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

THIRTY-----

Dollars

October 12, . . . , 1925.

Payment due for catechist salary on the Santee Reservation (M.L. allowance)

For quarter ended September 30, 1925.

\$30.

*Antoine Trudell*