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MISSION SCHOOLS-20
NEW MEXICO
PICURIS PUEBLO, EMBUDO AND PENASCO SCHOOLS
1925

File under P. Peter Koppers 40-29

January 3, 1925.

File under P. Peter Koppers

Miss Melva Gardiser,
Penasco, N.M.

Dear Miss Gardiser:

I thank you for your letter of December 22,
enclosing check for \$33.00, covering subscriptions to
THE INDIAN SENTINEL of the ladies whose names you give.
The subscriptions will begin with the January number of
the magazine, which will be in the mails in about a week
or two. Check for \$33.00 has been sent to Father Koppers.

I thank you also for the names of the new members
of the C.L. of C.

Wishing you every blessing during the New Year,
I remain

Yours in Christ,

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

J

January 10, 1925

Rev. Peter Kuppers,
Penasco,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Kuppers:

There will, no doubt, be more money, I do not know how much, to be sent to you as soon as I can finish up the Christmas mail received from your friends. As this requires some detail work, you can understand the delay. I hope to finish it by the end of January.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:ER

Rec'd JAN 20 1925
Ans. 22/25 m.b.
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Not L.S.
Copy to I. S.

Proviso: Town Co. N. M.

January 16th 1925.

Rev. Mr. W. W. Hughes
Director of Bureau of P. I. M.
Washington, D. C.

At. Rev. our dear Father,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt
of checks of \$ 33, then salary for
teachers \$ 150, again \$ 10.00, then
also \$ 6.00 maintenance, which
we started to pay this morning.

I thank you with my whole heart.
I am enclosing list of your Catholic
people as suggestive names for
Indian National. I will get many
more, especially from Philadelphia Pa.

About the shipment of Mr. Hanson,
it did not come to Tucson, may
be it was delivered at Embury
and sometimes I do not get
the reports from them in time.
I will ask

of about it anyway as soon as I get
There and then I will report and clear
and letter of acknowledgment.

I am going to tell you something
that is only between us. You know
already that I had some troubles
with Mrs Brooks, and father Mueller
also in fact she is at present
more down on father than on me.
It is the consequence of enviousness
I placed in that woman. About 10
days ago I went to see His Grace
after I had written to him and
received the answer, that it was
just a parish affair and that he
would not mix up. When I told Mr
His Grace, I got the same answer
and I told His Grace firmly: Well,
if it is so, I have nothing to say
any more and I resign as parish
priest of Peñacab and go someplace
else. Then I got what I wanted;
he listened attentively and he

I cooperate with me. He even wrote
and will try to get letters for Lindner
and Putman. I have the copies of letters
here. No matter, who thinks different,
but I have worked day and night and
my parish is improving every day. By
September I want by all means to
have my school in Putman and
Hickman finished. The house of
protestant mission will be for 2
catechists, starting after Easter to
visit my children in the missions.

There is a problem here with my
Indian children: I will have to take
these children in as boarders by all
means. This schoolroom in Peenies
the teachers changed 3 times and
at present they have no teachers.
No one wants to stay there on
account of the lone place, no
roads etc. I will write to the deacon
Mr. Crandal in Albuquerque, as
I will insist for a good teacher

To settle the question for September
I will have to take 25 children
as boarders for nine months. How
to support the children and how
to get furniture for dormitory? How
to dress them? I know you do what
you can, but may I suggest to write
to Mother Brevel? If you help me
I will get support from her. You
know the situation.

I will see that I get plenty
subscriptions for Indian material
also in this parish.

With many, many thanks
for all your kindness and
nothing to be remembered to
Mrs. Schulte

Yours faithfully

Rev. Peter Kuppens.

(over)

Please send 50 copies of
Indian Sentinel to
Miss Barbara Popows
3579 Stanton Street
Philadelphia
Pa.

as she will take subscription
and please drop her a line
and tell her that the money
is for Penrose school.
Per - P. 19.

Rec'd JAN 26 1925 AM
Ans. FEB 17 1925
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Noted
Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes

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

Rt. Rev. and Dear Father :

I wish to thank you for your kindness in sending me again
\$ 38.00. I placed that for my Penasco School. This year I wish to
finish it by all means. Did you get my last long letter ?

Can I sent you photos , I mean films and have lanternslides made
from them ? His Grace has written to Milwaukee in order to get the
permission for me to collect for Penasco School and I am trying to get
into St. Louis too, as Father Garecne , I know personally will help
me . I will get then also subscriptions for the Indian Sentinel .
Please send me an application Blank for the Eastern States in order to
get half fair ticket for traveling . His Grace tries to get me a
free passage from here to Chicago.

Again my sincerest thanks .

Yours fraternally

Rev. Peter Kuppens

P.O. 166

Penasco Taos Co. N.M.

Dear Father Hughes:

Mark X
opposite

I accept your offer of 100 cents on the dollar.

X

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

X

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

X

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

X

Name of person..... *Rev. Peter Thuppers*

Name of Mission to benefit. *Potunco - school*

Postoffice of sender. *90-166 Potunco-Tanla* State. *N. M.*

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January 22, 1925.

Rev. Peter Koppers,
Penasco, Taos Co.,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Koppers:

I have your letter of January 16. The list of names will be used for your benefit. Fifty copies of the Indian Sentinel for January, which are not yet off the press, will be sent to Miss Barbara Ropars, 3579 Stanton Street, Philadelphia, Pa. I presume that it is agreeable to Miss Ropars.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

40-29

January 22, 1925.

Rev. Peter Kuppers,
Penasco, New Mexico.

Dear Father Kuppers:

Referring again to your letter of January 16 in regard to taking in boarders from Picuries Pueblo at Penasco, I believe you would make a great mistake. Why should we pauperize these Indians by feeding and clothing their children?

The Day school is the only proper school for these children. I am already giving you \$150 for teachers. This money should be used for Indians. The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions is devoted to Indians of the United States. And while I have the greatest personal liking and sympathy for those of Mexican blood, I cannot after this school year, that is after September, send you money for anything but an Indian school, or a school actually attended by Indians in sufficient numbers.

Why should you not establish a teacher at Picuries Village? Since the Government school has difficulty in securing a teacher, I have no doubt that the Indian Department would rent the school plant to this Bureau at a nominal rent, say \$60 a year. I suppose the plant includes a house and school building. The contents of this paragraph should be kept to yourself. The business of securing a lease from the Government should be conducted by the Bureau. Please inform me of the facts and your wishes.

Our offer to you of one hundred cents on the dollar of subscriptions holds. How the money is spent, whether exclusively for Indians or partly also for Mexicans is up to you.

Yours fraternally

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WB/HCS

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 Ans. 2/16/25 J.N.
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 Penasco Ind Co
 New Mex
 Jan 27-25

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

Rev and dear Fr Hughes.

Enclose find names and
 address for paid Indian Pentecostals
 a check for \$28.00

Could you father send out a January
 number to these names.

These are donations for Penasco school
 and Fr Kuppens thinks it a good idea to
 send the money to you.

Father is in Santa Fe now.

Respectfully

Yours sincerely,
 Melvin Gardner
 Peter

Rev Fr. Kuppens.

P.O. Box 166,
 Penasco Ind Co, N. Mex.

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February 16, 1925.

Rev. Peter Kuppers,
Penasco,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Kuppers:

Inclosed please find check in the sum of \$28 covering the subscriptions to THE INDIAN SENTINEL which you sent me in your letter of January 27th.

The January number of THE INDIAN SENTINEL has been sent to the subscribers. I am very pleased to be able to make this refund to you and I hope that during the year 1925 many such substantial lists may be received from Penasco.

Yours fraternally,

Re. Rev. McGr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

JS/JR

40-29

February 17, 1925.

Rev. Peter Kuppers,
Penasco, New Mexico.

Dear Father Kuppers:

I have your letter of January 20. I believe that I covered the questions raised in your letter in my recent reply.

You can send me photographic films to have lantern slides made. I can have the work done cheaper and better than you could.

I would advise you to make a careful selection of pictures which will cover your subject. The lecture should contain about 40, and not more than 50, pictures. Forty pictures would give you a minute and a half to each picture, making a lecture one hour long.

I would advise you to have the lecture broken midway by a song or instrumental music.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:J

40-29
March 31, 1925.

Rev. Peter Koppers,
Penasco, N.M.

Dear Father Koppers:

Enclosed please find check for \$150, covering
salaries of the teachers in Penasco School, for the quarter
ended March 31, 1925.

Yours fraternally,

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

J

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Copy to I. B. _____
Penasco Taas Co. N.M. April 13th 1925

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nt. rev. Msgr. Ma Hughes

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

My Dear Msgr and Father :

You have not heard from me for long time . I have been very sick and I went to Pueblo Colorado under the care of Drs. Heller and Lew . I did not know what was the matter with me first , but the Drs. told me that there is something wrong in my throat that poisons my system . I was long time under treatment and only last week I came back . I have been feeling better and I only hope that I can work and finish what I have to do here.

In about two weeks two Sisters from Marywood , Dominican Sisters are coming to visit my place with the intention of locating here . They want to take the School at Embudo and also in Penasco. Help me pray so that they come. Their Bishop is encouraging them very much to take up the work in this place . After their visit I will let you know the result. I only wish that I can work many years yet.

Now I wish to thank you for your kindness in sending me the \$ 150 .00 . You do not know how I appreciate it . As soon as I am able to write I will write a long letter , almost this letter is too much for me. Many . many thanks .

Yours in gratitude

Rev. Peter Kuyppers.

P.O. 166

Penasco Taas Co. N.M.

May 5, 1925.

Miss Lena Brooks,
Embudo, New Mexico.

Dear Miss Brooks:

On November 18, 1924, I sent to you a check for \$1.00, as refund of your subscription to THE INDIAN SENTINEL. The number of the check was 6938.

As this check has not cleared through our bank up to April 30, 1925, I am writing to ask if you ever received it. If not, I will send you a duplicate. But if you did receive it, kindly deposit it in your bank as soon as possible.

I would thank you for an early reply about this matter.

Yours in Christ,

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

J

Fr. Huppen,
To: C. M. J.

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

40-29

MAY 7 - 1928

Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$ 115.50
covers donation received by the Bureau
for you through the INDIAN SENTINEL. up
to and including April 1, 1928

Rec'd MAY 16 1925 Amt.

Ass.

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to

Masses

Albuquerque N.M.

Rev. William Hughes,

Washington, D.C.

Right Rev. and Dear Father:

Please pardon me for not writing about that check. Thought it would just take up your time. The check was misplaced or lost. Father Kippers told me, that it was alright, as long as I didn't cash it, the money remained in the fund. Kindly credit it, to Embudo School fund.

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Have been very sick; am resting
in Albuquerque. No doubt you have
heard that Sisters will take charge of
the school next fall. I am so pleased
and hope the Archbishop will be able
to secure them.

Kindest regards to Mrs Schulte

Thanking you for past favors

I remain

Most sincerely,

Lena Brooks.

letter nice follow, many, many
thanks .

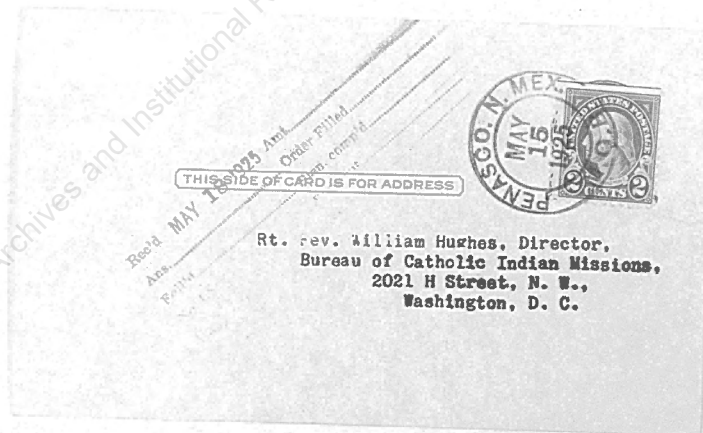
40-29

Dear Father Hughes,

This will acknowledge receipt of
your check for \$15⁰⁰ covering donations
received through THE INDIAN SENTINEL up
to and including April 1, 1925.

Rev. Peter Kuyper

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May 18, 1925.

Miss Lena Brooks,
Embudo, N.M.

Dear Miss Brooks:

I thank you for your letter stating that the check for \$1.00 which we sent you in November was lost or misplaced. I have sent check for \$1.00 to Father Kuppers to cover it. If the original should ever turn up, I would thank you to either destroy it or return it to me.

Thanking you for your interest in the missions,
I remain

Yours in Christ,

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

J

40-29

May 18, 1925.

Rev. Peter Koppers,
Penasco, N.M.

Dear Father Koppers:

On November 18, 1924, I sent to Miss Lena Brooks a check for \$1.00, as refund of her subscription to THE INDIAN SENTINEL. The check was never returned to our bank for payment and I wrote Miss Brooks about it. I have received a letter from her stating that the check was misplaced or lost and to credit it to the Embudo school fund. I am therefore making the check out to you and enclose it herewith, to close the matter out.

Yours fraternally,

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

20-21
July 1, 1925.

Rev. Peter Kuppens,
Penasco, New Mexico.

Dear Father Kuppens:

I enclose herewith check for \$150, covering allowance for the salaries of your teachers for the quarter ended June 30, 1925.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

J

40-29
Penasco Taos Co. N.M. July 7th 1925

Rev. Msgr. William Hughes

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

My Dear Msgr , Father Hughes :

I knew that I owe you a good apology for not writing to you but I can not help it . Father Muller is not with me anymore . He left about two months ago and went to the Hospital in Denver - St. Anthony's Hospital - he is sick there and we all think that his lungs are too much affected. I think that he will never come back as his last letter to me a few days ago was pretty discouraging and he told me to see that I could get another priest to help me . From that I see that he must be very sick. I feel that very much as I always liked him , in fact we all did here in Penasco , the people the same.

I do not have much time yet to write a long letter , but I will do so in a few days and give all news to you. I am inclosing some pictures from the Corpus Christi Procession in Penasco - this year. I hope you like them.

I am going to have Sisters for my School in Embudo and next year also for my school in Penasco. I am going to have the Dominican Sisters of Marywood , Grand Rapids Michigan. I went there personally, then the Rev. Mother came to see and to look everything up and she will send me four Sisters for Embudo at the end of this month and next year also the necessary number of Sisters for Penasco School. This certainly is a blessing and you can not imagine how happy I am about that .

Last not Least I have to thank you for your kindness in sending me yesterday such a nice check for teachers salary. I am glad

that I got the money as I was completely broke. I paid off everything and nothing was left. Many, many thanks for all your kindness. As soon as I can I will write a long epistle. I have to go to Embudo as I am building a well and I just heard that we get water at a depth of 31 feet. I am going to see now if we will have enough water. The contractors had to dig the well by using spade and shovel. I am glad nothing happened. Then also did I buy a house opposite the school - three rooms and I am going to fix these rooms for me, when I make my regular visits at Embudo.

Well, I have to close, as I have to go to Embudo, other wise I will get there too late this evening. I will write more in a few days. This letter is only to thank you for all your kindness and to tell you: Que Tade esta caminando muy bien y que tenemos la Bendicion de Dios.

Come siempre en gratitud

Su afmo

Padre

Pedro Kuipers

P.O. 166

Penasco- Fawn Co. N. M.

Penasco Taos Co. N.M. July 15th 1925

Rt. Rev. Msgr. W. Hughes

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

My Dear Father Hughes :

Just a few lines today. I had promised you a long letter but can not do it yet as I am very, very busy. The priest from Mera, Rev. Father Olier has begged me to help him to get two layteachers for a catholic school he opened last year in Hellman, one of his missions where the protestants have conducted a school for years. The poor Father is overrun with protestant propaganda in his parish, even in Mera itself, where he has even a Sisters school but they have the public school in Mera. I was laughed at when I started the fight against protestantism in my parish and I swore I finish protestantism here or they finish me. I have my work almost done and I will not rest until I crush them completely. I am glad to note that some Fathers see that the only salvation for our Mexican people are good catholic schools, I am only afraid that in some places it is too late.

Please, see if you can get two catholic teachers for Father's school in Hellman. The teachers will have a good house to live in and there is an Irish family, the main support and help for Father. Father will pay salary, but he did not tell me how much and that the teachers should communicate with him concerning that point. Father had a school in Hellman last year and he had a good success and took almost all of the catholic children out of the protestant school and if he can continue, he will win out, if he can not continue he will lose out completely in that place. Do what you can for him and please let me know.

Recd July 27 1925
7/18/25
L.H.
Trachum letter sent to Fr. Macinnis Olier
in ad to Fr. Kippure, S.J. 7/29/25

Father Muller will not come back to Penasco as he has written to me, because the altitude is too high and the Drs. have forbidden him to do missionary work, but I think that the Drs. are mistaken as to the missionary work. That is just what will keep him up. The Archbishop told me that he does not know what to do with him in such a case, but I told His Grace that I would not lose time and I would look for another priest, if he could not give me one and he can not. I wrote to the Cardinal in Chicago about two weeks ago, but did not get an answer. I need one and if it is only to say mass as I am ready to do all the traveling. In case I do not get an answer, can you help me to get a priest from the East who needs a rest for at least one year and who would stay here that length of time. It would be a fine place for a mantle receiver. Let me know if you can.

I can not write more at present but will do so in a few days. Sunday evening I will be in Embudo and stay there until the Sisters come some time next week or the following week. I built a well in Embudo and got water at a depth of 50 feet or so.

Please remember me to Mrs. Schulte and we all wish to be remembered to her.

Thanking you for all your kindness and begging you to do for Father Olier all you can

I am yours in gratitude

Rev. Peter Kuypers.

P.O. 166

Penasco Taos Co. N.M.

July 18, 1925.

Rev. Peter Koppers,
Penasco,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Koppers:

I have your letter of July 7, in which you gave me the good news that you expect to have Sisters for your schools in Embudo and in Penasco. It would make a very interesting story for the October INDIAN SENTINEL, copy of which I will send to the Catholic Ladies of Columbia. If you would take pictures of the Sisters on their revival, be sure that the pictures are taken close-up, so that they will be clear. Pictures taken at a distance are always unsatisfactory for reproduction in half-tones.

I know you are busy, but please let me know if I can count on this. I am sorry to hear of Father Muller's serious illness. You did not appear to be very hopeful about him.

Yours fraternally,

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

SF:AQ

Penasco Taos Co N M July 30th 1925

Rt. Rev. Msgr W, Hughes

Director of Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Washington D. C.

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11/1 Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

My Dear Father Hughes :

I was very glad to receive your letter and I wish to tell you that I am only too glad to furnish an article and also pictures of the Sisters , who are in charge of the Embudo School and next year the same Order will send Sisters for Penasco School also .

I will have some pictures ready for next week and then I will write the article. The Sisters like it here very much and seem to be very happy. Now it will not take long before the Protestant School will come to a finish. - Tough I have not much time as we are fixing up here in Embudo , I have to tell you at least something you will enjoy hearing.

Last evening I heard that the protestant School wanted to buy the adjoining property in order to enlarge their grounds and may be to build. The protestant teacher and minister were looking for a house which they wanted to give in exchange for that adjoining property belonging to an old man and his son , who is feeble minded . I went there immediately and spoke to the old man and I told him that I wished to have that property and that I would give him \$110 and let him also have the right to live in the house until he would die and that I would never put him out . The house and the grounds are of not value for me at present , but I could not have the protestant get a hold of it . After a few deliberations I bought the property gave at once a check and had the deed made out this morning. Then I heard this morning that the minister and the principle of the school had worked the old man last night late and - it had been too late- They offered \$150 , but the old man would not listen to them. The only chance the protestants had to enlarge their school was to buy the house and property and now it belongs to the Church. I just notified His Grace. Then I bought several days ago another small three room adobe house in which I will live when I come here . You can imagine that I am pretty hard up now and if you can do something , please do it. - In a few days I will send also addresses again , had no time so far .

Father Muller is better and I hope to get him back and if it is only to say mass. Will let you know more about him.

With many many thanks and if you can , please remember me

I am yours

Rev. Peter Kupperts.

Please remember me to Mrs. Schultz

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Masters

Director of Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
Washington D C.

My Dear Father Hughes :

No news for such a long time , pero durante este tiempo he trabajado como un burro en Nuevo Mexico. I am very happy that I have Sisters in Embudo and things are going fine . I built an additional room which will serve as kitchen and under the kitchen a cellar all of solid stone, then we have a well about 50 feet deep and have the water right near the kitchen door and in time I will put up a tank and pipe the water through the house , but that takes time and the Sisters are not very anxious to have that either . They are making it nice for me and they work hard . What a change in Embudo since I have the school and now the Sisters will have a flourishing school and I expect about 150 children . - I am alone yet as Father Muller can not come back yet , though he is doing better and I hope to get him back soon anyhow.

If I can get from Mother Benedicta the Sisters I will start "enaseo School by Christmas. At present we are plastering the school and every day 12 ladies are at work and three men and it will take them about two weeks to get through 'let plastering then the rest of the lumberwork will be done so that I will have everything ready for Christmas. Since I am having the Sisters in Embudo protestant propaganda is at work around Penasco and I think they try to save yet what they can but I am not going to rest until my children can all be educated in Catholic Schools.

If things continue in New Mexico in different parishes in the North we are going to be lost and only Catholic Schools will save our people. You remember that I wrote for teachers for Father Olier in Mera and you sent him two names of teachers and I procured yet another one for him from Denver Colorado but he not even had the kindness to write to any of them and he had requested to help him to get teachers and his parish is overrun with protestant propaganda. There was lately in the Taos Valley News an article about protestant propaganda in Mera parish - no move was made to stop such articles in a paper that has more Catholic subscribers than others. I am going to write now an article about catholic activities in Penasco parish and I will see if they accept it and publish it and if not, I am going to give a good one to the Editor. In about four weeks I will leave on a trip East in order to collect. I will go about October 1st. At the same time I will see to get subscriptions for the Indian Sentinel. I have about 500 new names ready and they will come in a few days so that you can send the Sentinel to these addresses in order to get more subscribers.

The Sisters will send the article in two days and also pictures. I told them to attend to that. I am sending you two negatives, one the Sisters and the Indians in ^{Pecos} Pecos and the other His Grace and the Sisters and I am sending also the photos. If you can make use of them for the article as I would be glad. In case the picture is not large enough, can you have an enlargement made so that you can use it for the Sentinel?

Many. many thanks, in a few days I will write again. Article will follow in a two days. Also other pictures.

*Please remember me to Mrs. Schuller.
Yours faithfully Peter Kuppner.*

40-29
September 10, 1925.

Rev. Peter Kuppers,
Penasco,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Kuppers:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 15.

I am sorry that this letter was not called to my personal attention during my absence. I would have answered that I know of no way of securing a priest for you except through your Archbishop. In all my years I have never met a priest in the East who would go West for his health. A number of priests, however, turn up in Santa Fe or in Albuquerque. You should write the fathers there.

I wrote to Father Olier and sent him letters and information regarding prospective teachers. I enclose herewith copy of my letter to him, of July 29.

I note in your letter of September 2 that Father Miller will return.

Yours fraternally,

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

JS:ER

Rev. Peter Kuppers,
Penasco,
New Mexico.

September 10, 1925.

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Dear Father Kuppers:

I note in your letter of September 2, that you say that you are sending 600 names of persons to whom you would like me to send THE INDIAN SENTINEL. Are these people actual contributors to your work? If so, I will be glad to send the magazine to them at each issue. If they are not already contributors to your work, I will put them in the file to receive our letters of appeal. If they send a donation, they will receive THE INDIAN SENTINEL regularly and their donation will be refunded to you. I know that you already understand that we cannot put on our active subscription list names of people who are not contributors in any way to the support of Indian missions.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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September 30, 1925.

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Rev. Peter Kuppers,
Penasco, N.M.

Dear Father Kuppers:

I enclose herewith check for \$150, covering allowance for the salaries of your teachers for the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

Yours fraternally,

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Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

Penasco Taas Co. N.M. October 18th 1925

Very Rev. Msgr. W. Hughes

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

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My Dear Father Hughes :

① Many , many thanks for your kindness in sending me such a nice chalice. I am so pleased about it . Every time I say mass and using the chalice I will remember the donor. Today I will send it to His Grace to have it blessed. ②

This time I can give you a fine report. You sent me some time ago \$ 150 . but I had Miss Wardner answer it because I had so much to do. Now since last Sunday I have an assistant . His name is Rev. Louis Thomas , born in this country - from New York - His parents are Hungarians and he speaks several languages , but yet very little Spanish . He is anxious to learn and I think he will make good . I am sorry that Father Muller can not make it anymore. He is in Denver at St. Catherine's Church , Federal Boulevard , but he writes that he does not improve much and as the work is hard here , he can not make it. By the way I think that his place is not Denver , but he should be in the southern part of New Mexico , where he would recover . Well, Our Archbishop is the finest man going (present Company excluded) but he is not a commander and that is what we need in New Mexico, especially among the Clergy . Ai'nt I right ?

My School in Embudo . I have four Sisters , fine Nuns , good workers , real missionaries , pious and happy . I have at present 136 children in the Embudo School , a number I never thought of. Well my presbyterian neighbor - esta muy sentida conmigo porque le estoy quitando las mejores ovejas. Last week I

get two boys away yet from the presbyterian school. I will not rest until I get that school out of the way and until I have their school, because I like to get that in order to use it as a Sister Convent. I bought two houses in Mabude too. Then I improved the whole school and Sisterhouse, built a new room and also cellar, then a well, but it is not deep enough yet. In front of the school I erected a five foot statue of the Sacred Heart. With outstretched arms it extends an invitation to all.

Penasco School. It will be started next fall as I will have then Dominican Sisters for here too. At present Miss Schnepfle is teaching in the building and doing all she can. I can accommodate at least 250 children in that school, but it will not be enough for the first year. I think that I will have about 400 children the first year and therefore the school is too small. I would build on, but it is almost impossible to get money from the Bank and if one gets it, it has to be paid back in three months. A parish like mine should be able to have \$ 25 000 debts and with that I have all I need and as soon as the people see the good done by the Sisters, they will pay. Some times, Father, I get almost desperate to see such narrow ideas the result of wish ~~xxx~~ is seen in every parish in New Mexico. I can not get money here to build, only about \$ 500 at a time and that with difficulties. Nobody can work that way. Anyhow I have to get what I need, if it is only little by little. I only wish that you do not forget me with the payment of one Sister's salary. That's all I want, also when I have my school going here.

I will close now as I have many other letters to write yet. Many, many thanks for all your kindness and from time to time say a little prayer for the success in my missions also.

Yours in gratitude

Rev. Peter Kupper

Pc. 166

Penasco Taos Co. N.M.

November 23, 1925.

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Rev. Peter Kuppers,
Box 166.
Penasco, N.M.

Dear Father Kuppers:

I have your letter of October 18. I congratulate you on your success, especially at Embudo.

I quite agree with you in your remark concerning the need of leadership.

The Bureau has been paying you \$150 a quarter, or \$600 a year. I understand that is what you wish. It will be continued. Unfortunately the Bureau cannot do more.

Next year I would advise that you apply, through the Archbishop's office, to the Commission for the Distribution of the Lenten Collection. Address the Secretary, Rev. J. B. Tennelly, S.S., D.D., Sulpician Seminary, Washington, D.C. Father Tennelly took the place of Doctor Dyer, deceased.

The Distributing Board usually meets in October. State exactly how much money you need and for what particular purpose.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

December 5, 1925.

Dominican Sisters,
c/o Rev. Peter Koppers,
Penasco, New Mexico.

Dear Sisters:

I am glad to enclose herewith check for \$4, covering subscriptions from your Sisters at Alpena, Michigan. The letter forwarding the subscriptions was signed by Sister Huberta. I quote from her letter as follows:

"Last July four of our dear Sisters left Marywood, our Mother House to take up mission work in New Mexico. They were chosen ones. We decided to do our bit also in helping the Indian missions. The sixth grade put on a campaign for this cause. It was to last through October and November. By bringing 'bread wrappers' which advertised a certain kind of bread we were able to procure tablets which were purchased by the pupils and returns given toward THE INDIAN SENTINEL. The boys or girls bringing the largest number of bread wrappers were to receive the magazine. We know the 'fund' is but a mite yet it comes from poor children who have had to sacrifice to get even this amount yet it was cheerfully given.

We trust that in some way our dear Sisters in New Mexico may share in it."

This may be an inspiration to you to solicit from your Sisters at other schools. Any subscriptions or donations which they get and send to me will be refunded to you if they mention the fact that they wish this done.

Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year,
I remain,

Yours in Christ,

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

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December 22, 1925.

Rev. Peter Kuppers,
Box 166
Penasco, New Mexico.

Dear Father Kuppers:

On November 13 Benziger Bros. of Chicago forwarded to you the chalice donated by Miss Mary Tracy of Lawrence, Mass. If you have received this chalice, I hope that you will forward to me a letter of acknowledgment for the donor. Friends of the missions like to receive letters from the missionaries, particularly during the Christmas season.

I wish you a very happy Christmas and a bright and successful New Year.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Very Rev. Mgr. W. Hughes

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

My Dear Father Hughes :

I have been intending to write to you for long time but impossible, on account of all the work. Then my assistant is not like Father Muller - I simply have to do all the work and I am going to kick about it. The chalice arrived and I wish to thank you for all your kindness. I promise you that I will write you a long letter tomorrow as at present I have to see that I push through a deal to get some more property for the place where I have the Sisterhouse. The fellow is coming back soon and I must get that property. Many good news I will be able to tell you tomorrow - but please pardon the delay in answering the receipt of the chalice. I will mention it again tomorrow in the letter.

We are making progress here and everything goes better every day.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year also the same to Mrs. Schulte from all of us. Then I wish to thank you from my whole heart for all you are doing and have done for my children here. It is really a pleasure to work when things go ahead.

Yours in gratitude

Rev. Peter Kuppers.

P.O. 156

Penasco Taos Co. N.M.

no. 21

December 31, 1925.

Rev. Peter Koppers,
Penasco,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Koppers:

I enclose herewith check for \$150, covering
salaries of the teachers at Penasco School, for the quarter
ending December 31, 1925.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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FR. KUPPERS
TO: JR.

Benano, new Mexico,

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

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Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$386.²⁵
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2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Rev Peter Kuypers
Pensacola Fla

Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$38
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for you through the INDIAN SENTINEL
to and including December 31, 1934