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ST. PAUL'S MISSION SCHOOL
1925

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20-14
January 2, 1925.

Rev. William Levasseur, S.J.
Supt., St. Pauls Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check for \$30 covering Marquette League allowance for your catechist 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 St. Pauls Mission a prosperous New Year, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

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

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ST. PAUL'S MISSION, 3094
ST. PAUL'S, P. O. MONT.

Jan 12/25

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Rev. Mr. J. M. Hughes
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
Washington, D. C.
Letter to Mother of Alkang
1/15/25 NH

My dear Mr. J. M.

The check from the Marquette League
for \$300.00 received and much appreciated. The school
is getting along very nicely. The good fathers and Brothers
are working hard. How long they will stand it
I do not know. We are very short handed and short of
funds. The children are offering special prayers every day
to get the necessary means to carry on the work. Have
you been able to do anything towards getting help for
the children in need of food? That would help some.

Very far as

Devotionally in Christ Jesus

Edwin G. Levesque

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Orig. to Miss Byrne
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ST. PAULS MISSION,
ST. PAULS P.O.,
MINNAPPA

20-14

January 12, 1925.

Miss E. R. Byrne,
Marquette League,
New York City, N.Y.,

My dear Miss Byrne:

Many thanks for your timely check \$20 for our St. Paul catechist. Our good Indians were much encouraged by your last letter of November 29, 1924 in which you promised to do your best for the mission. The Indians have gone to work with renewed energy. The sodality has been reorganized, Bible history centers have been formed which promise to do much good. A special class in Christian apologetics is held every Sunday after the last Mass for the better educated young Indians. They are taking much interest in this class and I am looking forward with great hopes that it will become a source of much good.

They are for the most part members of the sodality and will form the backbone of the mission. Any little help you can give me will be put to good use and will I am sure bring God's special blessing upon you. Our poor people have much good will but they need good through leaders.

Pray for us.

Most devotedly in the heart of Jesus,

(Signed) Wm. C. Lovassour, S.J.,

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January 12, 1925.

Rev. Wm. Levasser, S.J.,
Supt. St. Pauls Mission School,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasser:

If you have not already done so,
please let us have by return mail the Re-
port of your school for the quarter ended
December 31, 1924, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

Charles G. Lusk,
Secretary.

CM/JR

1/13/25 Report recd. Not filed
in A. by P. Lusk

20-17/
January 17, 1925.

Rev. Mr. Levasseur, S.J.,
Supt., St. Pauls Mission School,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I inclose the Treasurer's check for \$648, covering payment due your school from T. M. Fund, for the quarter ended December 31, 1924.

I am hopeful that I will be able to send the payment due from T. M. Fund at an early day.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CSL/JR

20-14
January 24, 1925.

Rev. Wm. Levasseur, S.J.,
Supt., St. Pauls Mission School,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check for \$1102.00,
covering payment due your school, from M. K. Fund, for quarter
ended December 31, 1924.

Yours fraternally,

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

CSL/JR

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Ref Dear L. Hughes

Letter to Mother Katherine, 5/6/25 NY

I would be glad to work for
New subscribers for the Indian Sentinel
but I think that I could do better if
you send me about 10 copies and
I will send them to friends to get them
interested.

Have you done anything
about getting our Member of Indian
supported by Walter Cuthbert from 70 to 90.
Kindly let me know if anything can be done
I would like to try something else if you could
keep us that way.

von G. Hermann.

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20-14

ST. PAUL'S MISSION

ST. PAUL'S P.O.

MONTANA.

January 31, 1925.

Rev. Dear Father Hughes,

I would be glad to work for new subscribers for THE INDIAN SENTINEL but I think that I could better if you send me about ten copies and I will send them to friends to get them interested.

Have you done anything about getting our number of Indians supported by Mother Catherine from 70 to 90. Kindly let me know if anything can be done I will have to try something else if you cant keep us that way.

(SIGNED) WM. G. LEVASSEUR, S.J.

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 Ans. Order Filled
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 Copy to I. S. Messrs

copy of this letter sent to the same office
 Savoy, Mont
 Feb. 12-1925

Bureau of Catholic Ind. Missions
 2021 H. St. N.W. Washington D.C.

Dear Father Hughes, Director

The Joseph & St Mary's
 Societies of Milk River District Port
 Belknap Ind. Reservation Mont. have
 renewed their officials, on Jan. 6th 1925.
 The new officers held meeting for the
 purpose of writing this letter to you,
 to express to you the proceeding of
 our hope in building a new chapel.
 It has been a long time, since we have
 heard from you about the donations
 and are that you are going to give us
 towards the new chapel, which we
 are looking for, for the last few years.
 We now have one hundred & forty-three
 dollars & twelve cents, (\$143.12)
 which we have been collecting for
 the last few years.

The Societies discussed
 the question about, where the new
 chapel to be built, near the Cemetery
 or at the place where the old church
 now stands.

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most of the members of the
Societies are in favor of building
at the place where the old church
now stands, when the necessary
funds is raised. We close our letter
with good wishes to you.

We are faithfully yours in Christ,

Halter Old Thunder Pres

Edward First Smoke Sec'y.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Copy for Bureau.

Savoy, Montana.
February 12, 1925.

Bureau of Catholic Ind. Missions,
2021 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Father Hughes, Director.

We The Joseph and St. Mary's Societies of Milk River, District Fort Belknap Indian Reservation Montana, have removed their officials, on Jan. 6, 1925. The new officers held meeting for the purpose of writing this letter to you, to express to you the proceeding of our hope in building a new chapel. It has been a long time since we have heard from you about the donations and aid that you are going to give us towards the new chapel which we are looking for, for the past few years, we now have one hundred and forty-three dollars and twelve cents \$143.12. Which we have been collecting for the last few years.

The Societies discusses the question about, where the new chapel to be built near the Cemetery or at the place where the old church now stands. Most of the members of the Societies are in favor of building at the place where the old church now stands. When the necessary funds are raised. We close our letter with good wishes, to you.

We are faithfully yours in Christ,

(Signed) Walter Old Thunder, Pres.
Edward First Smoke, Secy.

Copied by L.G.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION,
ST. PAUL'S, P. O. MONT.

Feb 27/25

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Ans. 4/5/25- M.H. Order Filled
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Copies to J. S. K. Stamps

Rt Hon E. M. Hughes,

Bureau of Catholic Indian Mission

Washington, D.C.

Letter to Mother Katherine
6/5/25- M.H.

Rt Roland Seer Halter,

P.S.

This will inform you that Miss & Gendron's box was just received. By mistake it had been directed to Dodson Montana instead of Harlem Montana. It must have been held at Dodson for a long time. You may tell Miss Gendron that her clothing boxes and poor little Indian goods most appreciated. Every thing in the box will be put to good use. God bless those that have his poor. I have all ready requested the Bureau on three occasions to take up the matter of having Mother Katherine give an allowance for 70 children instead of 70. I personally requested Mr Luck to bring this matter before your Reverence. I have never received even so much as an acknowledgement of my request. Is it possible that the matter has never been brought to your notice. I am only up at this work, yet I am trying to do something for our poor children, some

30 will make their first Communion this year at St
Pauls. We poor Missionaries don't look for the Barrow for
the impossible, but we have a right to hope in courageously.
If what I ask is impossible at least we could be satisfied
of that fact: Mr E R Byrne of the Marquette League wrote
in November stating that but for the fact he is able to help at
St Paul. Nothing has been received so far. What good the note
wrote of the building at St Andrews can well be said of
St Pauls. I cannot allow the school to pass another
winter under the same conditions as they just passed.
Cawhard does not claim it. If no hope is held
out for a betterment of conditions I will have to
make my decision accordingly.

Respectfully in Christ's Service

Edw. L. H. Vassell

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR: BUREAU

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's.P.C. Mont.

Feb. 27, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Mission,
Washington, D.C.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Father:

This will inform you that Miss E. Gendron's box was just received. By mistake it had been directed to Dodson Montana. It must have been held at Dodson for a long time. You may tell Miss Gendron that her charity towards our poor little Indians was most appreciated. Everything in the box will be put to good use. God loves those that love his poor. I have all ready requested the Bureau on their occasions to take up the matter of having Mother Katherine give us allowance for 90 children instead of 70. I personally requested Mr. Lusk to bring this matter before your Reverence. I have never received even so much as an acknowledgement of my request. Is it possible that the matter has never been brought to your notice. I am only new at this work, yet I am trying to do something for our poor Indian children. Some 30 will make their first communions this year at St. Paul's. We poor missionaries don't ask the Bureau for the impossible, but we have a right to some encouragement. If what I ask is impossible at least we could be notified of that fact. Mr. E.H. Byrn of the Marquette League wrote in November stating that they expected to be able to help St. Paul. Nothing has been received so far. What good Fr. Neate wrote of the building at St. Andrews can will be said of St. Paul's. I cannot allow the Sisters to pass another winter under the same conditions as they just passed. Our Lord does not demand it. If no hope is held out for a betterment of conditions I will have to make my decision accordingly.

Respectfully in Christi Domino,

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(SIGNED)

Wm. G. Lavasseur,

20-14

March 23, 1925.

Rev. M. G. Levasseur, S.J.
St. Paul's Mission School,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 10, in which you enclose the three names and addresses of subscribers to THE INDIAN SENTINEL. They will receive the Spring number of the magazine within the next week or two. I hope that you will not forget to send all subscriptions to the magazine through this Bureau so that I may enter them in my books. You will receive a refund for such subscriptions at the end of the month. This is one of the conditions of my hundred percent offer to missionaries, that they send money received for subscriptions through this Bureau. Refunds will be made promptly.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Mt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LG

BUREAU OF
CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
WASHINGTON, D. C.
2021 H STREET, N. W.

March 24, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.
St. Paul's Mission School.
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter which I received from The St. Joseph and St. Mary's Societies of Milk River, District in Montana. The letter is signed by Walter Old Thunder, President, and Edward First Smoke, Secretary.

Kindly give me all information concerning the new chapel. Suggestions from you with regard to it and to the Societies will be very welcome. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours fraternally,

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

Rec'd APR 20 1925
Am 4/27/25
JS:LG

I have never seen the Church, but Fr. Sennance tells me that it is quite large enough for the present. Some repairs will be needed. Many of the windows are broken etc. The most urgent need is a Catholic and have one to visit these poor people often. Fr. Sennance can only visit them during the summer months. Fr. Bachelier of Chinook visits the agency on weeks but never goes to the Church to say Mass for the people. There are no divisions at the agency.

A new church would stir up the people a bit; but without a good
Catechist and regular visits from the Priest it does not last. There
is a beautiful church at La Jolla. Fr. Sanguinetti was there for a while.
He told me he had only 12 Communicants.

L. Sanguinetti

20-14

April 2, 1925.

Rev. William Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

Enclosed please find our Treasurer's check for
\$30, covering Marquette League allowance for the Fort
Belknap catechist for the quarter ended March 31, 1925.

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

Yours fraternally,

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

J

20-14

April 7, 1925.

Rev. Wm. E. Levesneur, S.J.,
Supt., St. Pauls Mission School,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levesneur:

Please let us have, by return mail, if possible, the
Report of your school for the quarter ended March 31, 1925.

Yours fraternally,

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

CSM:JR

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St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, P.C. Montana.
Letter to Mother Superior 6/5/25-WN.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
2021 H St. N.W. Wash.

My Dear Monsignor,

I am a little late with the report for this
quarter, will try to get it off in a few days. We have been
very crowded for Holy Week. We are very short of help.
Please forward our quarterly allowance as soon as possible
as I am very short of money.

You have not told me if there is any hope of a raid
in our flock of children from 70 to 75. I am anxiously
waiting for your reply. Please let me know what you have
done.

Devotionally

Yours G. Redusensky.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR: BUREAU

April 13th, 1925.

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,
2021 M St., N. W.,
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Monsignor:

I am a little late with the report for this quarter, will try to get it off in a few days. We have been very crowded for Holy Week. We are very short of help. Please forward our quarterly allowance as soon as possible for I am very short of money.

You have not told me if there is any hope of a raise in our quarter of children, from 70 to 90. I am anxiously waiting for your reply. Please let me know what you have done.

Devotissime,

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(SIGNED)

Wm. G. Levasseur, S.J.

COPY to SS

Orig. to M.L.
APR 21 1925

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's P.O., Montana.
April 13, 1925.

The Marquette League,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Friends:

Many thanks for your most welcome check, \$30.00, for the St. Paul's catechist. We had a very nice Holy Week and Easter. Our mission church was packed at both Masses on Easter. A large number of Communions. Some came over 40 miles to make their Easter duties. We had at the mission 32 boys and 14 girls, first Communicants. They renewed their Baptismal vows before their parents and friends at 2 in the afternoon. It made quite an impression. Some of the parents were so overcome that they wept.

May God, our Lord, bless you for your charity towards our poor Indians.

Devotissime,

(Signed) WM. G. LEVASSEUR, S.J.

P.S. Lodge Pole and the Fort Belknap Agency are still without catechists.

20-14

April 20, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levesseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levesseur:

Enclosed please find our Treasurer's check
for \$648, covering payment due your school, from the
I.M. Fund, for the quarter ended March 31, 1925.

On account of the absence of Mother Katharine
Drexel, there will be some delay in forwarding to you
the payment due from her.

Yours fraternally,

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

J

April 23, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levesseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission School,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levesseur:

I am in receipt of your note in response to my inquiry of March 21, concerning a new chapel recommended by Walter Old Founder and Edward First Scout, at Milk River District, Montana. Providentially, with your letter I received a letter from Mrs. Mary Fehn of Philadelphia, Pa., in which she offers to provide \$500 for a chapel. Mrs. Fehn wishes to build this chapel as a memorial to her deceased son and wishes it to be called St. Leo's chapel.

I think that this donation could be used to renovate the old chapel. You could easily get the permission of the Bishop to have the chapel re-named St. Leo's. This condition of Mrs. Fehn must be complied with. After repairing the chapel what is left over could be used for the support of a catechist. Kindly let me hear from you immediately and if I receive this donation from Mrs. Fehn I will forward it to you.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

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

JS:ER

This is entire note

20-14

April 23, 1925.

Rev. William Levasseur, S.J.,
Supt., St. Paul's Mission School,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check for
\$1102, covering payment due your school, from M. K. Fund,
for the quarter ended March 31, 1925.

Yours fraternally,

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

CSL:JR

It will not be possible, I very much regret to
say, to make any additional allowance for your school.

Rec'd MAY 7 1925 Am.
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St Pauls Mission.

St Pauls Mantana

April 27/25

Rt Rev Near Mansignier.

P. C.

Yours of the 22nd inst just received.
Our good Bishop is in Rome just now, and is not
expected to return until late in July. I do not
anticipate any difficulty as to the renouncing of the
present Chapel. It has little five hundred dollars we
could make the present little Chapel look very
presentable. And I think would satisfy most of the
Indians. Would the Rev. Mr. Felm, agree to this.
I think could be begun on the Chapel as soon as the Bishop
arrives. As I have said before the Church is only used
in the summer months by the Indians. We have no way
of attending it in winter. Father Samson has to drive over
there from the Mission with horse and buggy, a distance
of 49 miles. No great progress can be looked for unless
we can get a good Catechist, and get better facilities of
keeping in touch with these people. In time, the place
will be attended to by from Harlem. Harlem is building
a new Church, as rather they got permission to build.
It will take some years before they will be in a position

to support a pastor. The Father from Chinook, comes to Harlow
and the Agency, which is about six miles from Harlow. The
little Chapel is some nine miles from the Agency.

Under the present circumstances, the repair of the old
Chapel is the most logical thing to do. And probably Mrs
Felen would have no difficulty in consenting to this.

The building of a new Chapel would be very expensive, since
the material would have to be hauled in a long distance. At Lodge
Pole, the rock was close by. The lime was burnt - and
brought from the mission at very little expense. The lumber
for the most part was logged and sawed at the Government
mill at Lodge Pole. None of these conditions are verified at
the other Chapel.

May our Dear Lord bless Mrs Felen further charity
towards our poor Indians.

Devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Wm. E. H. Asseur.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR: FILE

St. Pauls Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana
April 29, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Dear Monsignor:

Yours of the 22nd inst. just received. Our good Bishop is in Rome just now, and is not expected to return until late in July. I do not anticipate any difficulty as to the remaining of the present chapel, St. Leo. With five hundred dollars we could make the present little Chapel look very presentable. And I think would satisfy most of the Indians. Would the donor, Mrs. Fehn, agree to this. Work could be begun on this Chapel as soon as the Bishop arrives. As I have said before the Church is only used in the summer months by Father Sansone. We have no way of attending it in winter. Father Sansone has to drive over there from the mission with a horse and buggy, a distance of 49 miles. No great progress can be looked for unless we can get a good Catechist, and get better facilities of keeping in touch with these people. In time, the place will be attended to from Harlem. Harlem is building a new Church, or rather they got permission to build. It will take some years before they will be in a position to support a pastor. The Father from Chinook, comes to Harlem and the agency, which is about six miles from Harlem. The little chapel is some nine miles from the agency.

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May our Dear Lord bless Mrs. Fehn for her charity towards our poor Indians.

Devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

(SIGNED) WM. G. LEVASSEUR, S. J.

Copied by AQ

Rec'd MAY 7 1925 Am.
Ans. MAY 8 1925 (1st) Order Filled.
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St Paul's Mission,
St Paul, Montana,

April 30/25

RT Rev & Mrs Munsie,
P.O.

Kindly thank good Mother Katharine
for her generosity toward our poor Indians.
While I regret very much that an increase cannot
be made in our allowance, yet you must not
think that we are the least grateful for what has been
done for us. Our good children are responding very
well to the efforts of the Brothers and Sisters in their behalf.
I gave the larger boys and girls a three days retreat
during Passion Week. They were wonderfully attentive
and kept very strict silence. The parents were told that
no visits would be allowed during the retreat. It was
observed to the letter. Two of the Indians asked to make
the retreat with the children. They went into the retreat with
great earnestness. We had 46 first-communicants. The
large majority of them are daily communicants. I am sure
that the good Mother would be very much comforted to see
the little ones. Most of them did not know a prayer when they
came to us last fall. We should get means of giving amongst
them more frequently. God will be done.
Dorothy 10-11-25

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR: *Bureau*

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana
April 30, 1925.

Rt. Rev. & Dear Monsignor:

Kindly thank good Mother Katharine for her generosity toward our poor Indians. While I regret very much that an increase cannot be made in our allowance, yet you must not think that we are the least grateful for what has been done for us. Our good children are responding very well to the efforts of the Brothers and Sisters in their behalf. I gave the larger boys and girls a three days retreat during Passion week. They were wonderfully attentive and kept very strict silence. The parents were told that no visits would be allowed during the retreat. It was observed to the letter. Two of the Indians asked to make the retreat with the children. They went into the retreat with great earnestness. We had 46 First Communicants. The large majority of them are daily Communicants. I am sure that the good mothers would be very much consoled to see the little ones. Most of them did not know a prayer when they came to us last fall. We should get means of going amongst them more frequently. God's will be done.

Devotissimo,

(SIGNED) WM. G. LEVASSEUR, S.J.

Copied by AQ

20-14

May 14, 1925.

Rev. William Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission School,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I enclose herewith a check in the sum of \$500.00 the gift of Mrs. Adam Fehn of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Fehn wishes her gift to be used for the chapel named St. Leo's Chapel as a memorial to her deceased son.

In your letter to me dated April 29, you mentioned that the Bishop would not return until late in July. I feel sure that he will assent to changing the name of the old chapel to St. Leo in accordance with the wishes of the donor. I will depend on you to begin work when the Bishop returns.

Kindly send me a letter of acknowledgment for Mrs. Fehn. Do not refer to the renovation of the old chapel, simply mention that her gift will be used to build St. Leo's Chapel at the Milk River District. You can readily understand that \$500.00 will not complete a chapel. Of course you will send your letter of acknowledgment to Mrs. Fehn through this Bureau.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director,

JS:LG

AUG 31 1925

May 20, 1925.

Rev. William Levasseur, S.J.
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

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 article:

1 chalice.

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

Yours fraternally,

WH:LC

Rt. Rev. Ms. R. William Hughes,
Director.

MAY 29 1925 AM
JUN 1 - 1925
ST. PAUL'S MISSION
ST. PAUL'S, P. O. MONT.
MAY 29 1925

May 24/25

Dear Mr. Hughes,

I have the address of five people
Sent from the Bureau, stating that they were sending
Clothing. No Clothing has been received at the
Mission from any of these people yet.
What Progress are you making on our car. We are as
bad need of one. Devotedly,

Very truly,
J. H. Hughes

Write
no money for
clothing
for the
mission
and article

20-14
May 27, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I have had your requests for money for the building up of an industrial department as well as your request for an automobile constantly before me since you made the requests on September 22 of last year. The best I have been able to do is to put the appeals in THE INDIAN SENTINEL. The Bureau has no money except that which it gets from the SENTINEL. While no answer has come to either of your requests, other priests have received gifts of automobiles. So some, at least, have had their wants satisfied. I regret exceedingly that the Bureau can not at present provide the money for such real needs as that of the industrial department and the increased number of children which you desire.

What future hopes have I? First, THE INDIAN SENTINEL appeals. Secondly, the new Diocesan Societies. Thirdly, a letter could be written by you to the Bishop, asking him to send it with his indorsement to Very Rev. W. R. Dyer, S.S., D.D., Secretary of the Commission for the Distribution of the Lenten collection. The Commission meets in October. The members are the Archbishops of New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Make your requests as brief as possible and name a definite amount. I attend the meetings for the purpose of answering questions concerning requests from Indian missionaries through their Bishops.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:ER

2814
May 27, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levesseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levesseur:

Your letter of April 30 was duly received. It will appear in the Summer Number of THE INDIAN SENTINEL which is almost ready for the printer. Please rush to me some photographs of the school or the Indians, which may be used with your letter. Sister Francisca, who does the drudgery of THE INDIAN SENTINEL, has been taken ill but fortunately is recovering. She may have received photos from you. I cannot ask her now, If not, send some sure and soon.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

ST. PAUL'S MISSION,
ST. PAUL'S, P. O. MONT.

Relig. Addressing Miss. John
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For Treasurer
Kearney

Rev. R. Manning Hughes,
P.O.

Many thanks for the books. If you will
permit me to state my needs are many, but
are great need at present is a couple of Missals, and
a few large ones. Our Mass books are in very bad shape
and many of the Masses are missing.

Can you start something to get funds for a Car.
I wish that he did, the money to work on that Chapin
book. I have to say.

Truly in the Sacred Heart of
Jesus.

Yours in Christ,
J. C. Kearney.

The Mass books should be the special edition for
Saint Patrick. This edition has the feast of all
Saints. The Bureau of Catholic Education
will gladly send the edition for any funding
of the same.

J. C. Kearney

Copy for: Bureau

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, P.O. Montana.

June 1, 1925

My Dear Mrs. Fehn:

Your generous donation through the Catholic Bureau for St. Leo's Chapel has been thankfully received. I expect to be able to begin work on the chapel early in August. Your great charity is filling a great need for our poor Indians. May Our dear Lord bless you and grant you and your loved ones all the joy and peace of His Most Sacred Heart.

Devotedly in the Sacred Heart of

Jesus,

(Signed) Wm. G. Levasseur, S.J.

Copied by L.G.

20-14

June 1, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I have your letter of May 24, in which you state that you have received nothing from the five persons whose names we sent you for shipments. If you will give us the names and addresses of these persons, we will be pleased to write them, asking if they will send you clothing. Our shipment file is arranged according to the names of the donors, and it would be a tremendous task to find the names sent to your mission.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

J

26-14
June 4, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I regret that your letter of January 31st did not receive proper attention. The ten copies you requested should have been sent you of the January number. I am sending you this week ten copies of the Spring number. They are tardy but may serve the good purpose.

Since the postal rates have increased I believe it would be better for you to furnish me with the names and addresses and I will send the magazines at the low rate which we get as publishers.

However, unless you make it clear that you do not wish the ten copies sent you, I will send them to you hereafter.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:AQ

30-14
June 5, 1928.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

Under date of April 23 a reply was given to your request of January 12, February 27 and April 13 for an increase of twenty pupils at \$2,000. Our answer was in the name of the Bureau. Mother Katharine has not yet replied to your request. Of the \$7,000 which is paid you for seventy pupils at \$100 per capita, Mother Katharine pays \$4,408 and the Bureau \$2,592. The Bureau is unfortunately not able to increase its amount.

I have not much hope that Mother Katharine can make an increase. In the past three years I have asked for no increases and no new allowances from Mother Katharine: (1) because she has not sufficient money and (2) because I believe that it is high time that we should try to prepare for the inevitable cessation of all financial help from the estate of Mother Katharine's father. Upon her death probably and upon the death also of her sister Mrs. Morrell, certainly that source of revenue will cease.

I have made no other requests to Mother Katharine within the past three years except your request. I am repeating it to her in the hope of getting some answer.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:AQ

Dear Father
Break Falls

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, P.O. Montana.

June 12, 1935.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I have your letters of June 1, one addressed to Miss Fehn and the other to the Bureau. I am glad that you have received the chalice. The needs which you mention in your letter to me will be appealed for in the Summer issue of THE INDIAN SENTINEL. Of course you realize that I can only depend upon the charity of friends to supply these needs. The magazine is a great little go-getter.

I have forwarded the letter to Mrs. Fehn, and I thank you for sending it through this Bureau.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LG

20-14

June 29, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check
for \$30 for salary of catechist on the Fort-Belknap Reservation,
for the quarter ending June 30, 1925.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles E. Lusk,
Secretary.

CEL:JR

*PS Request to send letter of thanks direct to
Margaret Lagan, 125 E 42 St, N.Y. City*

10-14
July 7, 1925.

Rev. Wm. G. Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I regret that I have to inform you that Mother Katharine advises us that she will not be able to grant an additional allowance to your school. It is simply out of her power, due to lack of funds, to give you the help for which you ask and of which she knows you stand greatly in need.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

20-14
July 22, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur,
Supt., St. Paul's Mission School,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I inclose our Treasurer's check for \$648,
covering payment due your school, from I. M. Fund, for the
quarter ended June 30, 1925.

I hope to be able to send you the payment
due from M. K. Fund within a few days.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles E. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

July 24, 1883.

Rev. William Levasseur, S.J.
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

On July 23, I forwarded to you two packages, by parcel post, insured and prepaid, linens, vestments and other articles.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of these articles.

Yours fraternally,

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

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COPY FOR: BUREAU

ST. PAUL'S MISSION,
ST. PAUL'S P.O., MONTANA

July 28, 1925.

My dear Mr. Lusk:

Many thanks for your most welcome check.

I am looking in your direction with great perseverance for a check to buy that car. We have only about two more months of good weather and roads here. We have to do most of our work with the parents during this time. Is there anything in sight?

Respectfully,

(Rev.) Em. G. Levesque, S.J.

COPIED BY E.R.

August 27, 1925.

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Rev. William G. Levesseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission School,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levesseur:

I enclose herewith our Treasurer's check for \$1102, covering payment due your school, from the M.K. Fund, for the quarter ended June 30, 1925.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

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20-14

August 18, 1925.

Rev. Mm. Levesque, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levesque:

I have a donation of a Missal Book with Jesuit Prayer, for you from Miss Anna P. Duff, of Haverhill, Massachusetts. The largest missal I can get for her donation would be 92 by 6 3/8. Kindly let me know as soon as possible if you wish me to place an order for this missal.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

St. Rev. Mm. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LG

August 18, 1925.

20-14

Rev. William Levesseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levesseur:

It gives me pleasure to send you the enclosed check for \$150, covering a donation we have received from the Marquette League, with the request that it be sent to you.

Kindly send a letter of thanks for this gift direct to Rev. William Flynn, Marquette League, 105 West 22nd Street, New York City.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CMJ

ST. PAUL'S MISSION,
ST. PAUL'S, P. O. MONT.

Rec'd AUG 20 1925

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Aug 20/25

Rt Rev. J. M. Hughes S.D.

Catholic Bureau Wash. D.C.

Rt Rev. N. M. Maneynos.

P.O.

I look up the matter of changing the
name of the Church at the First Bishop's Agency,
to St. Paul's, in conformity with the donation of \$500.
received. His Lordship will have no difficulty in
complying with the wishes of the donors but thought
that a new Church should be built instead of spending
the five hundred on the old one. He has promised to
get one thousand to add to the five hundred. The work
will not be started this fall. The painter is too close at
hand. We are at a loss to explain why the money
forwarded to you by the League for the repair of
our building has not been sent us by the Bureau.
The time is very short. I do not think that you
realize the importance of the mission at St. Paul's.
We have not heard of the fund for a machine. Note
the Catholics.

Respectfully

Rev. J. M. G. LeSassuer S.D.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Copy for: Bureau.

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's P.O. Mont.
Aug. 20/25.

Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Catholic Indian Bureau
Washington, D.C.

Rt. Rev. & dear Monsignor:

I took up the matter of changing the name of the church at the Fort Belknap Agency, to St. Leo in conformity with the donation of \$500, received. His Lordship will have no difficulty in complying with the wishes of the donor; but thought that a new church should be built instead of spending the \$500 on the old one. He has promised to get one thousand to add to the five hundred. The work will not be started this fall. The winter is too close at hand. We are at a loss to explain why the money forwarded to you by the League for the repair of our building has not been sent us by the Bureau. The time is very short. I do not think that you realize the condition of the mission at St. Paul's. We have not heard of the funds for a machine nor the catechist.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Rev. Wm. G. Levasseur, S.J.

Copied by L.G.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION
ST. PAUL'S, P. O. MONT

REC'D AUG 31 1925

11/15/25

Aug 24/25

Received on August 11 of 1925
from St. Paul's Mission

Rt Rev Msgr Wm. Hughes.

P. O.

Yours of the 18th is with regards to
the Missal received. I am afraid that a Missal
of that size would be of little use to us here. We
have to say mass for almost eight months of the
year with a candle. We have no electric light and
our Chapels are dark. Probably you could get some
one else to help out and send us a regular size Missal.

Many thanks for your kindness

Devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Yours St. Paul's Mission

August 31, 1925.

Rev. William Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

On May 20, I notified you that you would receive one chalice. I also advised you that this chalice was 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 receive this gift.

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

Yours fraternally,

St. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LG

September 6, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

Included in the money sent you for the past year from the Bureau fund was \$100 donated by the Holy Childhood Association. The Holy Childhood Association desires from the schools receiving help from it a report of the progress made. I enclose such a report in quadruplicate covering your school. Please fill out one of the copies and sign all the copies and return same to me. I will then complete the other three copies. Add to the report a brief statement under the head, "Remarks." The Holy Childhood Association needs this statement in order to encourage them to continue to send to the Bureau money for the Indian mission schools. Their special interest is converting pagan children. Tell about conversions of children and parents.

You will understand we did not send you \$100 extra, but, thanks to the Holy Childhood Association, we were able to send you the amount which we did send. Bear in mind that your letter will be forwarded to the Holy Childhood Association and should mention only the \$100 received from them.

Will you kindly attend to this at your earliest convenience?

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Rev. Fr. Msgr. Hughes, S.S.
 Washington D.C.

Dear Monsignor, R.C.

Yours of the 21st ultimo
 just received. We received the Phalics in due time
 and to the best of my knowledge it was acknow-
 ledged. You should find a record of my letter
 some where in your files.

With the very best regards
 Devotionally in Chr. Carlo Jean.

Edm. G. Levasseur S.J.

1 20-14
September 14, 1925.

Rev. William Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I enclose herewith a copy of my letter to John P. Daleiden Co., Chicago, Illinois, ordering a large Missale Romanum with Jesuit Proper for you. Miss Alice DeLong of Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, and Miss Carrie Richborn of Cincinnati, Ohio, have kindly consented to combine their donation for the purpose of making this gift to you.

Kindly forward me a letter of thanks for each of the donors when you receive the missal.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JS:LG

20-14

September 21, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I enclose herewith copy of my letter to John P. Delaigen Company, Chicago, Illinois, ordering a missal for you. Miss Mary Keane of Connecticut, and Miss Anna Duffy of Massachusetts, have kindly consented to combine their donation in order to purchase a large missal for you.

When you receive the missal, kindly forward me letters of thanks for each of the donors.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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At. Rev. Morrison, P.C.

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20-14

October 2, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

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

Besides your acknowledgment to us, please
send a letter of thanks direct to the Marquette League, addressin
it to Rev. William Flynn, 135 East 22nd Street, New York City.

Yours fraternally,

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

JR

20-17

October 8, 1925.

Rev. Wm. G. Levasseur, S. J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I have had your letter of July 28 constantly before me. Unfortunately I have not received any donation for an auto. The best I have been able to do is to print it in the fall number of the Indian Sentinel, which will soon be off the press.

I have listed your request and will keep it before me in case the price of an automobile is offered.

I was compelled to break the necessary rule of the Bureau, which is, not to borrow money, and borrow \$1000 for the immediate relief of St. Joseph's, Slickpoo, Idaho. I will have to make St. Joseph's the subject of a special Christmas appeal and hope to send \$4000 to St. Joseph's at Christmas.

An article prepared here at the Bureau for the Catholic papers and sent out through the N. C. W. C. press service brought in over \$8000 for Akulurak, Alaska where a fire in July destroyed nearly all but the chapel.

Yesterday I gave a pathetic article to the N. C. W. C. for immediate release. The article was founded on a telegram from Father Kugler. This article will, no doubt, bring in some money.

When big news occurs on a mission, the priest should send a night letter of fifty or one hundred words to me immediately.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

October 9, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I judge from your letter of September 30 that the altar linens you received from Philadelphia were the shipment which was obtained for you by the Marguerite League. I will, therefore, ask you to acknowledge receipt of this shipment to Father Flynn.

I have your Indian story which I shall prepare for a future issue of THE INDIAN SENTINEL. I repeated in the Fall issue your appeal for a machine. It is hard to get donations for machines for the missionaries. The readers probably think a machine is more of a luxury than an absolute necessity. I have added a note to strengthen your appeal and it will give me great pleasure if I can send you the money you need for it.

Yours fraternally,

Mt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

BF:MR

Head Office, St. John's Mission,

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Oct. 18th. 1895.

Dear Sir,

Re. Rev. Messrs. J. Hughes,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2001 H. St. N.W. Washington, D.C.

Re. Rev. Monsignor, P.C.

Could you forward at once
a bill of our quarterly allowance. We have not received our forms
for our quarterly report from the Agency to date. I understand that
a change has been made in the forms, hence the delay. Our bills have
piled up and some are urgent in their demands. We will get the
report out as soon as we get the blanks. We are having very severe
weather for this time of the year, the poor people are finding it
hard to have what little crop they have, the same applies to the Mission.
Very devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Wm. G. LeVasseur, S.J.

Wm. G. LeVasseur S.J.

October 23, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
Supt., St. Paul's Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

The report of your school for the quarter ended September 30, 1925 has not yet been received, the reason being, I assume, that you have no blanks. The Indian Office has been out of blanks for the past two or three months and has only now had a supply printed. I am inclosing blanks which you can use to prepare the report for the September 30, 1925 quarter, and will ask you to let us have these reports as soon as possible. Make out the report in duplicate. I will have the Indian Office send you additional copies in a few days in order that you will be able hereafter to send on your report at the end of each quarter.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

20-14

October 27, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
Supt., St. Paul's Mission School.
St. Paul, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check for \$648, covering payment due your school, from I. M. Fund, for the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

The payment due from the M. K. Fund will be sent you just as soon as the necessary funds are placed to the credit of Doctor Dyer by Mother Katharine Drexel, who has been requested to do this.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSJ:JR

October 27, 1925.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
Supt., St. Paul's Mission School.
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check for \$648, covering payment due your school, from I. M. Fund, for the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

The payment due from the M. K. Fund will be sent you just as soon as the necessary funds are placed to the credit of Doctor Dyer by Mother Katharine Drexel, who has been requested to do this.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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20-14

November 20, 1923.

Rev. William G. Levasseur, S.J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul's, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

The next time you need Mass intentions, I would appreciate it if you would send a request to Rev. William J. Flynn, General Secretary of the Marquette League, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, asking him for intentions. The Marquette League has previously supplied this Bureau with a quantity of Masses and could I believe keep you pretty well supplied.

Father Flynn has started to send intentions to some Bishops, one of whom I know will not be at all careful to see that the intentions reach Indian missionaries. You know that the Marquette League enjoys autonomy, although it sends all of its donations through this Bureau.

The point is that you will be doing me a favor if you can get Father Flynn to furnish you with intentions. He will send them to you through this Bureau.

You can count on the Bureau as your reserve resource. If you will inform me when you are making request of Father Flynn, I will know if he answers yes to you by the check which will come to the Bureau for you. If he answers no, the answer will not come through the Bureau but direct to you. The lack of an answer or a check from Father Flynn will be sufficient notice to me that at the end of ten days, I should send you a check for Mass intentions.

There is no excuse for Indian missionaries being without Mass intentions. You should ask for them in time and in quantity to supply your needs. If you cannot get sufficient intentions from other sources, the Marquette League will be glad to supply you or the Bureau will make up the deficit.

Please do not mention to Father Flynn any of the details of this letter. I cannot command him. But you can very properly hope to get the desired results. Then everybody will be happy.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

November 25, 1925.

Rev. Wm. G. Levasseur, S.J.,
Supt., St. Paul's Mission School.
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dear Father Levasseur:

I inclose herewith our Treasurer's check for \$1,102.00, covering payment due your school, from M. K. Fund, for the quarter ended September 30, 1925.

I regret very much the delay in getting this payment to you, but it has been unavoidable. It is due to the absence of Mother Katharine, and the death of Doctor Dyer and the time that elapsed between his death and the appointment of his successor.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

CSL:JR

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Nov. 26th. 1925.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,
director of the Catholic Indian Bureau,
2021 H. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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My dear Monsignor,
P.C.

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which you had ordered for the Mission, through John P. Dalieden Co, came to us some two days ago. We returned them to the Dalieden today, because they did not have the Proprium of the Society in them as ordered. I was very sorry to do so, because they were very fine missals and we were in great need of them.

OK
We are anxiously waiting for every mail, expecting our check for the September quarter. Our taxes are not payed yet for the first half of the year, many other bills are waiting on the same check. Can you do anything for us?

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I am enclosing a picture of some of our little ones taken with the Bishop on the occasion of Confirmation at the Mission this year. We had 49 little ones and some big ones.

With the kindest regards to all,
Very devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Wm. G. LeVasseur

Wm. G. LeVasseur, S. J.

Rev. Mr. G. Raymond, S. J.,
St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, Montana.

November 26, 1925

Dear Father Raymond:

I have placed order today for one ciborium to be shipped to you from John F. McElroy Company, Chicago. The ciborium is the gift of Mrs. Mary E. Miller, of Richmond, Va.

On receipt of the vessel please send to me a letter of thanks for transmittal to the donor. This ciborium was not designated for you, but our records show you are in need of one.

Yours fraternally,

SF:ELB.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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St. Pauls Mission,
 St. Pauls, Montana.

Dec. 2nd. 1925.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
 Catholic Indian Bureau,
 Washington, D.C.

My dear Monsignor,
 P.C.

Yours of the 20th Ultimo received. I am very grateful to you for your kind interest in our Mission. I will be glad to act upon the suggestion given with reference to the Mass intentions. I have been rather backward in the past about asking for Mass intentions from the League not knowing the needs of the other Missions nor the regulations established by the Bishops in this matter. I will write to Rev. Mother Katherine in a few days to thank her for her timely check. I wanted to enclose a picture of the children taken with the Bishop on the occasion of our Confirmation this year. I am sure that she would be interested.

Very devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Wm. G. LeVasseur, S.J.

Wm. G. LeVasseur S.J.

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dec. 29th. 1925.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes, Director,
Indian Catholic Bureau,
Washington, D.C.

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Misses

My dear Monsignor,

P.C. *Copy sent to Miss Helmer & Miss
I am enclosing a copy (Belcher)*

of a letter I just wrote the John P. Dalieden co. with regards to the Missals ordered through them. These people, as I have already stated in a former letter, had sent two Missals, but without the Jesuit Proper in them as you so kindly ordered. I had to return them at my own expence, stating that I could not use them, because they did not have the Proper of the Society of Jesus in them as ordered. Last night we received one of those missals back with the Proper of the Society of Jesus on loose leaf. It is a queer way of doing business, to say the least.

We had a very good Christmas attendance in spite of the storm. Many of our poor came forty and fifty miles in big heavy waggons. It takes three and four days to make the journey. We had some 250 Holy Communions with a very large percentage of young men.

Very devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Wm. G. LeVasseur, S.J.

Wm. G. LeVasseur

[ENCLOSURE]

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Dec. 29th. 1925.

The John P. Dalieden Co.,
1530- 32 Sedgwick St.,
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen,

We received today a Roman Missal and some loose leaves containing the "Jesuit Proper". We are surprised that you should have sent us this Missal and loose leaves in exchange for the ones returned to you sometime ago, because they did not have the "Jesuit Proper" in them as ordered. How do you expect us to use these loose leaves on the altar? If we had wanted the loose leaves only, do you think that we would have payed the P.P. on these Missals? We feel that you must understand that a Missal with the "Jesuit Proper" is not a Roman Missal with some loose leaves that contain the Masses proper to the Society of Jesus.

The order given you by the Catholic Indian Bureau was for two Missals with the "Jesuit Proper". The first order was dated Sept. 14th. the 2nd. Sept. 21th. which read as follows, "Kindly forward one Missale Romanum with 'Jesuit Proper', Pustet- Ratisbon edition in large quarto, size 9 by 12 inches, listed in your catalogue, 1923 edition, page 358 etc." Both orders were worded the same. If you cannot furnish the Missals as ordered, kindly notify the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes director of the Catholic Indian Bureau at Washington, D.C. The good people who so kindly donated these Missals surely wished the Mission to receive the kind of Missals they had payed for.

Very devotedly in Domino Jesu.

Wm. C. LeVasseur, S.J.

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Pauls, Montana.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes, Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D.C.

Dec. 29th. 1925. Amt. _____
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Copy to L. S. _____
Copy to _____

My dear Monsignor, P.C.

Many thanks for the very beautiful Ciborium just received. Kindly give our sincere heart felt thanks to good Mrs Miller for her generous gift to the Mission. I blessed and consecrated in the Ciborium for the first time. The Ciborium went to the Sisters chapel. I did not say anything about it to the Brother, for I was sure that he would say that his was just as bad as that in the Sisters chapel. We are snowed in just now. Father Savage said his Mid-Night Mass at Zortman, five o'clock at Lodge Pole and eleven o'clock at the Fort Belknap Agency. The Poor Father has not been able to get back yet. Tell Mrs. Miller that every time that I will use the Ciborium for Communion I will be reminded to pray for her intention.

Very devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Wm. G. LeVasseur, S.J.

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

My dear Monsignor,

P.C.

Many thanks for the very nice box of toys so thoughtfully sent to the Mission by Miss A. DeRoulet of Kenwood Ave., Chicago. Kindly thank Miss DeRoulet for her generosity to our little ones. I wish she could be here for the 8th. for our Christmas tree, I am sure that she would feel fully repayed when she saw the happy expectation on the little faces as they went up to get their prize, as Santa called out their names. We have a very nice lot of little ones this year. The very large majority are daily Communicants. It is very consoling to see my lads come up morning after morning to receive Holy Communion. Almost every night there is a knock at my door, and one of my little lads will come in and say that some of the boys want to go to confession. On going to the chapel I will find from ten to twenty five of my lads waiting for confession. I know that the Sacred Heart of Jesus will surely bless such as help in a work so pleasing to His Loving Heart.

Very devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Wm. H. Hughes

29-13
Jm
Order Filled
Sent copy'd
Sent out
Copy to I. S. V. H. M. Masses

St. Paul's Mission,
St. Paul, Montana.

Dec. 29th.

1925.

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

My dear Monsignor, P.C.

Many thanks for your kind donation of a beautiful Missale Romanum through the generous charity of Miss. DeLong, of Pennsylvania. Kindly thank Miss DeLong in our name for her most appreciated gift to the Mission. She has filled a long felt need and her name will be ever before me at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Although I could not use the Missal at Christmas, through an oversight on the part of the Shipper, however I gave her a very special intention at my masses at Christmas. We had a nice attendance at the Mid-Night Mass and at the other two masses. Our poor people showed great faith, coming long distances in big heavy waggons during a very severe storm. Many of them will be out from three to four days. The Lord will surely bless those that help us in this work, so pleasing to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Thanking you again for your kind charity towards our poor and asking God's blessing upon you,

Very devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

W.G. LeVasseur, S.J.

Wm. G. LeVasseur

St. Paul's Mission,
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Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes, Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H. Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Cy to Miss Eichorn H.D.

My dear Monsignor, P.C.

Many thanks for your kind donation of a beautiful Missale Romano through the generous charity of Miss Carrie Eichorn, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Kindly thank Miss Eichorn in our name for her most appreciated gift to the Mission. She has filled a long felt need and her name will ever be before me at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Although I could not use the Missal at Christmas, through an oversight on the part of the shipper, however I gave her a very special intention at all my masses at Christmas. We had a nice attendance at the Mid-Night Mass and at the other two Masses. Our poor people showed great faith, coming long distances in big heavy waggons, during a very severe storm. Many of them will be out from three to four days. The Good Lord will surely bless those that help us in this work, so pleasing to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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To: Lencastre.

To: J. R.

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

20-13

Dear Father:

The check attached hereto for \$15.00
covers donation received by the Bureau
for you through the INDIAN SENTINEL, up
to and including DEC 31 1925

General Direction & Central Advisory Board
44, Rue Du Cherche-Midi, 44
PARIS VI

No. 253

Year 1925.

ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD

Name of Mission..... St. Paul..... Total population..... 1270
Location..... Fort Belknap, Montana..... Number of Catholics..... 1230
Superior..... Wm. G. LeVasseur, S. J.

Supported by Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Society for Preservation of the Faith among Indian Children.

STATEMENT OF MISSION from..... to.....

Baptism of Infants of pagan birth	Number of priests - White	2
Children rescued	Indian	5
Children nursed	Number of Sisters - White	5
Children confided to Christian families	Indian	2
Children placed on farms	Number of Brothers -	2
	Number of catechists -	1
	Number of pupils - boys	48
	girls	53

EXPENSES OF THE YEAR FOR CHILDREN.

Received for year.			
Last Holy Childhood allowance	\$100.00	Baptized	52
Profits from work.		Children rescued	
Donations		Children nursed	
Total		Children confided to christian families	
BALANCE.		Children in orphanages	
Total receipts		Children in schools	
Total expenses		Children in workshops and factories	
Gain		Children on farms	
Loss		For medical supplies	
		For repairs	
		For construction	
		Extra expenses	

REMARKS

Most of our people are now Catholics, probably some 40 old people have not yet been baptized. Our greatest work at the Mission is trying to keep the Faith alive amongst the younger generation. The people are scattered over a very wide country, some of them drive 40, 50 and even up to 90 miles at Christmas and Easter to attend Mass. The Mission is the only place where the children can get a Catholic education. Boys and girls of 10, 12 up to 15 are brought there have never learned a prayer. The Mission is the only spiritual force in the district.

Superior.

1. All children who frequent many establishments should be counted only once.
2. The funds of the Society should be spent exclusively in favor of pagan children whom missionaries baptize, rescue and bring up.

Ans. _____
Folio _____
Not L.S. _____
Order Filled _____
Sten. comp'd _____
Sten. out _____

January 2, . . . 1925

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Thirty 00/100-----Dollars

Payment due for catechist for St. Pauls Mission.

For quarter ended December 31, 1924.

\$ 30.

Wm. G. Levasseur

Rec'd FEB 2 1925 Amt _____
Ans. _____
Folio _____
Not L.S. _____
Order Filled _____
Sten. comp'd _____
Sten. out _____
January . . . 1925

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Six hundred forty-eight 00/100-----Dollars

Payment due St. Pauls Mission School, from I. M. Fund.

For quarter ended December 31, 1925.

\$ 648.

Wm. G. Levasseur

*Many thanks. The school is doing nicely, the work being
helping the children are all healthy and content.*

Rec'd FEB 7 1925 Amt _____
Ans. _____
Folio _____
Not L.S. _____
Order Filled _____
Sten. comp'd _____
Sten. out _____
St. Paul's, Mont. 1925

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----ELEVEN HUNDRED AND TWO-----Dollars

Payment due Fort Belknap School, from M.K. Fund,

For quarter ended Dec. 31, 1924.

\$ 1102#

Wm. G. Levasseur
Supt.

with many thanks.

Rec'd APR 2 1925 Amt _____
Ans. _____
Folio _____
Not L.S. _____
Order Filled _____
Sten. comp'd _____
Sten. out _____
St. Paul's, Mont. 1925

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----THIRTY-----Dollars

Payment due for Ft. Belknap catechist (M.L. allowance)

For quarter ended March 31, 1925.

\$ 30#

Wm. G. Levasseur

Rec'd MAY 7 1925 Amt _____
Ans. _____
Folio _____
Not L.S. _____
Order Filled _____
Sten. comp'd _____
Sten. out _____
April 1925

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Eleven hundred and two 00/100-----Dollars

Payment due St. Paul's Mission School, from M. K. Fund,

For quarter ended March 31, 1925.

\$ 1102.

Wm. G. Levasseur

Rec'd MAY 7 1925 Amt.
Ans. Order filled
Foll'd Sten. comp'd
Not L.S. Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

St. Paul's, Montana, 1925

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT-----

Dollars

Payment due St. Paul's School, from I.M. Fund,

For quarter ended March 31, 1925.

\$ 648#

Wm. G. Heasler if

Many thanks, it was a life saver.

Rec'd JUL 13 1925 Amt.
Ans. Order filled
Foll'd Sten. comp'd
Not L.S. Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

St. Paul's, Montana.

July 8th, 1925.

-----THIRTY-----

Dollars

Payment due For catechist on the Fort Belknap Reservation. (Marquette League allowance)

For quarter ended June 30, 1925.

\$ 30.

Wm. G. Heasler if

Many thanks.

St. Paul's, Montana.

July 28th, 1925.

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----SIX HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT-----

Dollars

Payment due St. Paul's Mission School, from I. M. Fund,

For quarter ended June 30, 1925.

\$ 648.

Wm. G. Heasler if

St. Paul's, Montana.

Aug 12th, 1925.

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----ELEVEN HUNDRED AND TWO-----

Dollars

Payment due Fort Belknap School, from M. K. Fund,

For quarter ended June 30, 1925.

\$ 1102#

Wm. G. Heasler if

St. Paul's, Montana.

October, 1925.

Rec'd NOV 13 1925 Amt.
Ans. Order filled
Foll'd Sten. comp'd
Not L.S. Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

-----SIX HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT-----

Dollars

Payment due St. Paul's Mission School, from I. M. Fund.

For quarter ended September 30, 1925.

\$ 648.

Wm. G. Heasler if

It came just in time to help me out of jail. Many thanks.

Rec'd OCT 14 1925

St. Pauls, Montana

20-14

October, 1925.

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Dollars

-----THIRTY-----

Payment due For Fort Belknap catechist (M.L. allowance)

For quarter ended September 30, 1925.

\$30.

Wm. G. H. Sasser

Rec'd DEC 7 1925

St. Pauls, Montana

20-14

Dec 3rd, 1925

Received from Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Dollars

-----ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWO-----

Payment due St. Paul's Mission School, from M. K. Fund,

For quarter ended September 30, 1925.

\$1.102

Many thanks, God bless Mother Katherin.