

Marquette University

e-Publications@Marquette

Colorado

Missions

1931

Colorado, Southern Ute Reservation, Ignacio, St. Ignatius Mission, 1931

William M. Hughes

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

Follow this and additional works at: https://epublications.marquette.edu/co_corr



Part of the [Indigenous Education Commons](#), [Indigenous Studies Commons](#), [Missions and World Christianity Commons](#), and the [United States History Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Correspondence Files, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, Marquette University, Department of Archival Collections and Institutional Repository

Archives and Institutional Repository - Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions

MISSIONS-40
COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO
UTE MOUNTAIN RESERVATION, TOWAOC
AND NAVAJO RESERVATION, SHIPROCK
1931

01719

Waterflow, N.M., Jan. 2, 1931.

Very Rev. J. B. Tenny, S.S., D.D.,
Washington, D.C.

Very Rev. Dear Father Tenny:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of a check for \$375.00 from Rt. Rev. Bishop Mitty and also a check for \$375.00 from Bishop Tihen, for the Indian mission work in the Denver and Salt Lake dioceses. Many thanks to you for your interest and aid in this matter.

There is some little improvement in the work at the Shiprock mission, but the Towaoc school has been made a trachoma school and with all the shifting of pupils from one school to another, (to Ignacio) conditions are rather upset. Perhaps matters will right themselves in the course of time.

With best wishes to you for a Happy and Blessed New Year,
I remain

very cordially yours,

Rev. Marcellus Troester.

Waterflow, New Mexico,

September 14, 1931.

Rev. Doctor Tennyly,
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Rev. Father Tennyly:

This year finds me in an entirely new mission field trying to carry on the work of Father Marcellus. The same program that was inaugurated by him is being followed by me and I am indeed a wanderer upon the face of the earth.

If it is not asking too much Rev. Father I would like for you to present my petition for aid in carrying on the work in southern Colorado. Mass is said at the Ute Mountain Indian Boarding School every other Sunday and likewise instructions are given at that time. Added to that we have instructions every Monday night and mass every Tuesday morning throughout the school year. During this time the boys receive Holy Communion one week and the girls the next week - alternating in this manner throughout the year.

I realize that there are countless petitions for aid and many may be more worthy than mine but in your charity I trust that you may be able to obtain aid and enable me to carry on.

Hoping to see you again in the land of the setting sun and that the light of the True Faith may be shining all the more brightly, I beg to remain,

As ever,

Fr. Mathias, O.F.M.

Address:

Rev. Mathias Heile, O.F.M.,
Waterflow, New Mexico,

Waterflow , New Mexico,
September 14, 1931,

Rev. Doctor TennylyF
Washington, D. C.,

Dear Rev. Father Tennyly:

I have tried to fill the Request Blank so kindly sent me by Most Rev. John J. Mitty - Bishop of Salt Lake City.

Due to the fact that I am a newcomer in this territory, it is not what it should be nor what I would like it to be, but I trust that it will be submitted by you for aid from the Indian and Negro Fund. The work in the Salt Lake Diocese is chiefly with the Paiutes and Navajos living in southern and eastern Utah.

Paiutes and Navajos from that territory attend the Ute Mountain Indian Boarding School at Towaoc, Colorado and mass is said there every other Sunday and Instructions are given. Likewise instructions are given every Monday night and mass is said on Tuesday morning. The classes are divided so that the boys receive Holy Communion one week and the girls receive Holy Communion during the following week.

All this territory necessitates traveling and therefore the appeal for help so that this work can continue.

It must be tiresome to be receiving constant appeals for aid but knowing your love for this portion of our country and your zeal for the salvation of immortal souls, I trust that your efforts may meet with success and this work continue.

Regards, best wishes and when will we meet again. I am,

As ever,

Fr. Mathias Heile

Address:

Rev. Mathias Heile, O.F.M.,
Waterflow, New Mexico,