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CALIFORNIA
FORT YUMA RESERVATION, ST. THOMAS MISSION
1928

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ST. THOMAS MISSION
 BOX 74
 YUMA, ARIZONA

February 13, 1928.

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

Very Rev. Father:-

I hope hereby to kill two birds with one stone. First of all God bless you and the donor for the check of \$10.50. It certainly came in handy. I just got a bill in the same mail for sanctuary oil, costing \$11.25. Many thanks.

I regret to hear of the illness of our faithful servant Mr. Charles S. Lusk. Kindly extend to him our sincerest sympathy with the assurance that we will remember him at Holy Mass in particular.

With best wishes

I remain

Gratefully in Xt,

Fr. Nicholas Pfk.

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February 24, 1928.

Rev. Nicholas Perschl, O.F.M.
St. Thomas Mission, Box 74,
Yuma, Arizona.

Dear Father Nicholas:

I have your letter of February 13. In the Spring issue of THE INDIAN SENTINEL I could ask for a donation toward the payment of your bill for sanctuary oil, \$11.25. I have no doubt that some readers will be found to contribute something toward supplying this need on your mission and other missions as well.

Send me at once an item or two which would make an interesting appeal on this point.

Yours fraternally,

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

SF:AQ.

Rev. Nicholas Perschl, O.F.M.,
St. Thomas' Mission Box 74,
Yuma, Arizona.

Dear Father Nicholas:

I am sending to you today by express a pair of candelabra, the gift of Mr. Lawrence L. Gilligan.

Immediately upon receipt of the candelabra, please send a letter of thanks through this Bureau for transmittal by me to Mr. Gilligan.

Mr. Gilligan asked that you pray for his success.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MB.

Rev. Nicholas Penschl, O.F.M.,
St. Thomas' Mission Box 74,
Yuma, Arizona.

March 12, 1928

Dear Father Nicholas:

Since my letter to you on March 5, I regret to inform you that I can not send the candelabras by express. I will send them to you as soon as possible with a shipment of clothing by freight.

In your letter of thanks, do not mention the clothing to the donor of the candelabras, Mr. Lawrence L. Gilligan.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MB.

The express charges would be exorbitant.

Name of Industrial Teacher.....
 Address.....
 Can you recommend him for ability, character and Catholicity?.....
 Would he accept a transfer?.....

Rec'd MAR 28 1928

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(Signed) Rev. Nicholas Perschke O.F.M.
 Missionary

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ST. THOMAS MISSION

BOX 74
YUMA, ARIZONA

Rec'd APR 28 1928

Amt. _____
Ent. _____

Ans. _____
Coll'd _____

Order filled _____
shp't _____

Copy to I. S. _____
Check sent _____

Processing this matter I have absolutely

no information at hand.

Sincerely

Rev. Fr. Nicholas.

COPY FOR: BUREAU

May 7, 1928.

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orig. sent donor 6/4/28 MB
Mr. Lawrence L. Gilligan,
c/o Catholic Indian Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Friend:

My what a surprise I had when a box from the Indian Bureau contained a nice set of Benediction candelabra, donated by yourself. God bless you a thousand times. A remembrance of you at the altar is my only token of gratitude. I felt the need of the candelabra for a long time. It takes the good Director, Father Hughes, to seek and find generous benefactors.

Here at Yuma we have charge of the Yumas, a rather backward tribe. The Methodists have done much to retard our work, but we hope little by little to gain our former prestige. Here there is a Government Indian Boarding School. About 110 of the children attending are Catholic, so you see we have plenty to do besides tending to the Indians, Whites and Mexican who belong here. We are thankful to have friends far away who assist us in this laudable work.

Once more thanking you and promising to remember you at the altar, I remain

Gratefully in Xto,

(Signed) Fr. Nicholas Perschl, O.F.M.

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

May 17, 1928

Rev. Nicholas Perschl, O.F.M.,
Yuma,
Arizona.

Dear Father Perschl:

I am sending to you today by parcel post prepaid two amices and five corporals, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Alban Mehling of Ohio.
Immediately upon receipt of the amices and corporals, please send a letter of thanks through this Bureau for transmittal by me to the kind donors.

Yours fraternally,

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

MB.

Thank you Father!

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May 25, 1928

Rev. Nicholas Perschl, O.F.M.,
Box 74,
Yuma, Arizona.

Dear Father Perschl:

I am sending to you today by parcel post prepaid one dozen finger towels, the gift of Miss Margaret Fitzgerald.

Immediately upon receipt of the finger towels, please send a letter of thanks through this Bureau for transmittal by me to the kind donor.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

MB.

Copy.

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6/7/28

Rev. Nicholas Perschel, O.F.M.,
Yuma, Arizona.

Dear Father Nick:

I have a car here. I had to pay full price. I guess I am lucky, the demand is so great.

Please thank Frank for his kindness. I have telegraphed Fidelis today. He will come returning via Yuma.

Yours fraternally,

William Hughes,
Director.

6/7/28.

Rev. Fidelis Voss, O.F.M.,

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ST. THOMAS MISSION
BOX 74
YUMA, ARIZONA

July 11, 1928.

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

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Very Rev. Father :-

Some time ago a small box
of finger towels were sent thru your office by
Miss. Margaret Fitzgerald. Many thanks!
I am enclosing letter herewith
to be forwarded to her. With best wishes.

Sincerely

Rev. Nicholas Perschl.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Copy for *Bureau*

July 11, 1928

Rt. Rev. Mgtr. Wm. Hughes,
2021 H. Str., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Very Rev. Father:-

Sometime ago a small box of finger towels were sent through your office by
Miss Margaret Fitzgerald. Many thanks!

I am enclosing letter herewith to be forwarded to her.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Rev. Nicholas Perschl.

Copied by MB.

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" " ^{Miss}
being sent down 7/14/28 JMB.

My dear Miss Fitzgerald:

[Enclosure] 40-56

July 11, 1928

No doubt you have been wondering whether I ever received those finger towels. Yes, indeed I did and I wish right now to thank you. I hope God will reward you amply.

Finger towels remind me of other towels, and towels remind you of water and perspiration and perspiration indicates plenty of heat. We here in Yuma know what heat is, for every day the thermometer hovers above 106 deg. For one thing we can brag of is that we always have a real "hot time here."

With best wishes,

In Christ,

Fr. Nicholas, O.F.M.

Copied by MB.

November 19, 1928.

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Rev. Nicholas Perschl, O.F.M.,
Yuma Catholic Indian Mission,
Yuma, Arizona.

Dear Father Nicholas:

I am writing to remind you that you had better ask Father Flynn for the \$100 which the Marquette League has for a number of years given for Christmas at the Yuma mission. Do not let him know that I tipped you off.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:MC

ST. THOMAS MISSION
BOX 74
YUMA, ARIZONA

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Nov. 23, 1928

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

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Very Rev. Father:-

It looked like a terrible
avalanche as those 19 cartons and few
boxes rolled into our back yard. whilst there
was much that simply had to be discarded yet
what was left will make many an Indian
happy on Christmas morn. Thank you Father.

I was wondering whether
the Marquette will remember us with the
customary Xmas donation. With that my
Xmas worries would be over. Kindly see what
you can do. Thank you.

In Xt,
Th. Nicholas O.F.M.

November 28, 1926.

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Rev. Nicholas Perschl, O.F.M.,
Yuma Catholic Indian Mission,
Yuma, Ariz.

Dear Father Nicholas:

I enclose Bureau check for \$100 covering Marquette League's customary Christmas donation to you.

Kindly make acknowledgment of this gift direct to Rev. William J. Flynn, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, New York. Father Flynn is the Secretary General of the Marquette League.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Rec'd DEC 15 1928 Amt ST. THOMAS MISSION
Att. file JW Ent. Box 74
Fol'd Mission YUMA, ARIZONA
Very Rev. Father! P.O.
Order of Work Slip 73 Referring to the attached
Ship's List 250 or Ref 2 day letter I have no immediate
copy to be made for a check order. Thanks.
I wish also to thank for the
check from the Marquette League. I'll
write to Father Flynn tonight!
Merry Xmas!
Fr. Nicholas.

COPY FOR: *Bureau*

" * *Miss*

My "donor" 1/12/29 me

Mrs. R. J. Burke,
715 Linden St.,
Scranton, Pa.

St. Thomas Mission,
Yuma, Ariz.
December 17, 1928.

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My dear Friend:

I hope you received my night letter. I suppose I remind you of the slow train of Arkansas. Well I just wrote Monsignor Hughes that I wished I were a centepede for I'd get there sooner. Sick calls, census, building, besides regular parish work have made me late this year with my correspondence.

Well now let me say that your Christmas goodies were more than welcome. I've been wearing a first class smile ever since your packages arrived. And oh I wished you could be here to see the children and grown ups receive their Christmas packages. Many, many thousand thanks and God bless you. I'll tell the children about their good friend in Scranton and I'll have them remember you on Christmas in their holy Communion.

I regret that I am so pressed for time just now but let me say once more "Thanks" and a "Merry Christmas" to you.

In Xto,

(Signed)

Fr. Nicholas Perschl, O.F.M.

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COPY FOR: Bureau

" " Miss
my " donor
11/2/29 MC

St. Thomas Mission,
Yuma, Ariz.
December 18, 1928.

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Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi,
St. Francis,
Wis.

A-75-5

Rev. and dear Mother:

As an orphan boy I learnt years ago always to be grateful for favors received. 'Twould seem as though I forgot my lesson, but I must say ever since your Christmas cheer arrived for my poor Indians I've made efforts to write you. Last week I was just ready and had your address picked out when I got a sick call fourteen miles away. Next morning I went again. It was worth while for it was years since he had tended to the practice of his religion. Then a marriage case called for two ten mile trips. Hardly did I get home and someone was waiting for me. This is the way it has been going on for the last two and a half months. Well in the winter months we make up for the dullness and the intense heat of the summer. When the thermometer hovers between 110 and 116 degrees for weeks no one cares to work hard or at all.

Now here I started to brag about all I am doing and seek sympathy whilst I've forgotten to mention how pleased and welcome were all the gifts you sent. This will be the nicest Christmas we've had here and thanks to you all who have contributed towards its success.

As a token of gratitude one of my Masses on Christmas will be for you and daily during the octave I'll make a memento for you all. God bless you a thousand times.

Wishing you all a real Merry Christmas and regretting inability to write more right now, I remain

Gratefully in Xto.

(Signed)

Father Nicholas, O. F. M.

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COPY FOR Bureau
V. F. Miss

St. Thomas Mission,
Yuma, Ariz.
December 12, 1928.

40-57

Ven. and dear Mother:

A long time ago I received a notice from Msgr. Hughes that you were sending goodies and then there was that beautiful letter from the Fourth Grade. I waited day after day before answering. Well finally it came and - oh joy! you should have seen my eyes almost bursting with surprise. How good it was of such a charitable institution to remember my poor Indians. I appreciate this all the more since I was an orphan four and a half years with the Dominican Sisters. What can I say other than God bless you all!

On Christmas I will have all the Indian children, and I have about 125 here, offer up their holy Communion for you and I'll do my bit too. I'll remember you at all three Masses on Christmas Day. God bless you again.

The Indian women are helping me fix up the packages. If you could understand Indian you'd hear such expressions: "Isn't it fine! That's dandy! That's good for Clara! etc."

Well Mother I regret that I am so rushed and can not converse longer with you. Once more thanking you all and wishing you all the Season's Greetings, I remain

Sincerely in Xto.

(Signed)

Fr. Nicholas, O.F.M.

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Sister Louis Gonzaga,
Catholic Institute,
Jersey City, N. J.