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Church of the Blessed Sacrament

REV. CHAS. VANHULSE, RECTOR

Tulaton, Oklahoma

February 13, 1929

The Right Rev. Wm. Hughes, Director  
for Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D. C.

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(Signed - Wm. Hughes)

Dear Father Hughes,

Enclosed please find check  
for my subscription (1929) to the "Indian Sentinel" and your work amongst  
the Indians.

In the Winter number of the "Indian Sentinel" I notice a request of Fr  
Luechen S. J. for old tin snips with large print. I could send him one  
if you will give me the proper directions.

I could also dispense of a practically new rain coat and a  
warm sweater, if you think these articles would be useful to one of the  
Indian missionaries.

I was out the mission of San Xavier del Bac in Arizona one afternoon  
last fall and found myself wishing that I were young again and  
in a place like that.

Yours sincerely in Chr.  
Chas. VanHulse  
(Rev.)

February 19, 1929.

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Rev. Charles Van Hulse,  
Church of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Lawton, Okla.

Dear Father Van Hulse:

I thank you for your letter of February 13, with enclosed check for \$2.50, covering your subscription to THE INDIAN SENTINEL for 1929 and your gift for the needy Indian missions.

I am very grateful for your kind offer to send a missal with large print to Father John L. Lucchesi, S.J., of Alaska. I would suggest that you also send the overcoat and sweater to Father Lucchesi. I know that he can make good use of them. I am inclosing Father Lucchesi's address. But I will ask you kindly not to ship to him until May, and then by parcel post. Navigation to Alaska does not open until that time.

Your continued interest in the Indian mission work is encouraging to me.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

JR

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March 15, 1929.

Rev. Charles Van Hulse,  
6 South 7th Street,  
Lawton, Okla.

Dear Father Van Hulse:

Please give me a line on Pat Harley. Was he married by the Church? If not, has he joined or attended regularly any Protestant church? I understand he has lost his Faith.

It is my impression that Father Ketcham sent Pat through law school. If so, Harley may have paid him back. Father Ketcham had him made attorney for the Choctaw Nation at \$5000 a year.

I am told that Pat got a terrible swellhead. As I will meet him at the War Department I would like to know how to take him.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:MH

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The Right Reverend Dominus Wm. Hughes, Rector  
the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Father Hughes,

The subject of your enquiry

is or was pretty well known by me. I knew him rather intimately when he was a boy. The family came from Ireland when Pat was very young. The father was rather cranky but the mother, who lived only a few years in this country, was a very good woman. The father was a coal miner and Pat himself at times worked in the mines, but I am inclined to think that he does not like to have those days recalled to his memory.

One of his sisters kept house for me at one time for some years. Another sister was working in Muskogee when I was there in 1897-98 and later joined the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. I think that at present she is Superior of St. Joseph's Orphanage at 739 E. 35th St. Chicago. (Sister M. Reynolds) A younger sister stayed with me for a couple of years before going to school at Wichita. She is married now. A brother was with me for a while too and went to school; later on this one disappeared and was probably killed in Mexico at the beginning of some revolution down there. A younger brother had gone away from home and was on his way to my place when he was run over by a train and killed. They all wanted to get away from the father who had married a marriage-bureau woman, who was no good.

The whole family were somewhat beneficiaries of the kindness of friends who had known their good mother. Pat himself was with me for a while, at at my table and dined at my house (in Muskogee) and otherwise lived on the bounty of his sister who was keeping house for me at the time and who bought his clothes or some of them from the meager salary she was getting. This was at the time

He was going to school at what was called "Beacone University" a Baptist institution at Tusshogue, but which in reality was no more than a grade school with possibly first of the high school courses. It is characteristic of the man that having "graduated" from that school, he should later on apply for membership in a <sup>of the fact</sup> University Club or a Club of graduates of real universities, on the strength that he had graduated from Beacone!

I think I can say that I was instrumental in getting him his first job as clerk in the Patterson Store at Tusshogue.

I know that Father Ketcham took him East and I am pretty sure that Fr Ketcham paid his expenses when he was at the University. As you say it was Fr Ketcham who with poor Dick (Victor) Locke, then chief of the Choctaw tribe, got him the position of Tribal Attorney. As Pat became more prominent, he became more and more selfish. I could not say whether or not he repaid Fr Ketcham, but I am pretty sure that he forgot what Fr Ketcham had done for him. I know he turned against Locke.

After Pat established himself at Tulsa I had a little dealing with him. His sister who had <sup>privately</sup> kept house for me had been sick and had no money to pay doctor bills. I let her have the money. She had told Pat about it and asked him to reimburse me. He sent me a check for \$100<sup>00</sup> but said in his letter that he did not consider it as a payment of anything he owed, though it appear as though it were an abuse he was giving me. I promptly returned his check to him and told him I was no beggar or something to that effect.

I write this to show how selfish the man has become.

Swelled head: I should say so; he thinks only of himself. In the meantime he had also begun to neglect his religious practices. During the war he was judge, <sup>or some such kind</sup> cadaverate, in the army; of course he did not see any real service. He married the daughter of some rear-admiral in Washington D.C. I think she is an episcopalian. I understand they were not married by a priest and am pretty sure the children are not Catholics. However I think he has not joined any other church and he probably does not go to ~~any~~ church.

I was told one time that he had joined the masons, but am inclined to believe that is not so.

I saw Pat here in the Summer of 1928. He was at Ft. Will and had a nice little visit with him.

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Lawton, Oklahoma

reserve officer and was basking in the admiration and adulation of those for whom financial success is all. He is a great man down here. In my opinion he is not and he gets credit for a great deal of knowledge which he has not in reality. He is wise however and speaks not too much or when he speaks, says nothing. He is a suave, apparently polished gentleman. I would almost say weally-mouthed.

You asked me to give you a line on Pat. ~~What~~ I have said is not said in rancor. It is my honest opinion about the man. I may be mistaken. He may have qualities of which I know nothing. Do hope he had.

Yours sincerely in Chr.  
Chas. VanHulse

P.S.

You say that you will meet Pat at the War Office. I wonder whether you know anything or could find out anything of what is going on there: There has been question of removing the school of fire or artillery school from Fort Sill (4 miles from Lawton) to some place in the West. We are of course vitally interested in that matter. If by judicious inquiry you could learn anything about that, would you kindly let us know. However do not go to any trouble about it.

Another request: Would you look in the telephone directory and find the address of one Mr. A. H. Anadale in Washington and send it to me.

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REV. CHAS. VANHULSE, RECTOR

Tulston, Oklahoma

September 25, 1929.

The Rt. Rev. Mr. Hughes, Director  
the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions  
Washington, D.C.

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You may remember that  
two years ago with your kind assistance, we got a bus to transport  
the Catholic Indian children at the Government school a few miles  
north of this town to church on Sundays.

The bus was old when it came here and has been completely  
out of commission for some time. There are 16 Catholic children  
at the Government school this year, children who formerly were  
at St. Patrick's Mission Anadarko. They cannot come to Mass  
unless transportation be provided for them. Can you do anything  
in the matter? I wonder whether the Marquette League could  
do anything. What would you advise?

Yours sincerely in Christ  
Chas. VanHulse

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CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,  
LAWTON, OKLAHOMA,  
September 25, 1929.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Washington, D.C.

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Yours sincerely in Christi,

(Signed) Charles Van Hulse,

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October 16, 1929.

Rev. Charles Van Hulso,  
Church of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Lawton, Okla.

Dear Father Van Hulso:

I have your letter of September 25, copy of which I enclose.

Section 131 of the General Regulations for Religious Worship and Instruction of Pupils in Government Indian Schools provides: "That ample provision shall be made for the conveyance of those who are too young or unable to walk in cases where the church services are held at a distance from the school. Hours of services are to be agreed upon by the attending pastor and the superintendent."

You should talk this matter over amicably with the superintendent. We do not urge the enforcement of all such regulations. Let me know the result.

Yours fraternally,

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

EW:JR

Church of the Blessed Sacrament

REV. CHAS. VANHULSE, RECTOR

Tulaton, Oklahoma

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The Right Rev. Wm. Hughes,  
Washington, D. C.

Right Reverend Monsignor,

When I returned  
the report the few days ago I had forgotten that some time  
ago I baptized a little Indian baby at the Government Indian  
hospital here an hour or so before it died. Then yesterday I  
baptized another one; so that the report should read 3 instead of 1  
for the number of baptisms.

With regard to the number of Indians attending church here  
I overlooked some. 8 are to be added to the number given in  
the report and 1 to the children attending our school.

Sincerely yours in Chr.

Chas. VanHulse