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Discipline, Convent,
Falls City, Neb.
Jan. 10, 1929.

Right Reverend Monsignor Hughes,
2027 G. St. Northwest,
Washington, D.C.

Right Reverend dear Monsignor:

We are writing you in regard to six Catholic Indian children, who entered our small boarding school last September. We should not have received these children had not our Right Reverend Bishop Beckman assured us that we might expect help from the Indian Bureau, for their maintenance.

It is no small item to feed six growing children and only lack of means, not of charity, prompts us to let them return to their homes unless we have some assurance of financial aid. We are not urging the case but we should like to know how to decide.

We thank you, Right Reverend Monsignor for helping us solve the problem and we are,

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Cordially yours in C.F.
Discipline Nuns.

VERSO OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Rt. Rev. and Dear Msgr:

May I add a word to the letter addressed to you by Mother Anastasia of the Convent School here. I have been connected with the work for these Indians for many years. In 1897 I built a church for them in their reservation. I know almost all the families and hence they are inclined to come to me with their difficulties. I was not in favor of the Sisters accepting the children without sure assurance of support as the poor Sisters here cannot afford it. They have done good work for them last year and they surely have made some wonderful improvements on the children they have this year. However--unless they can get help they feel forced to dismiss them. I wish to add my own personal request to the letter of the Mother Superior because I know the situation. Thanking you for any kindness you may be able to show them I remain

Very respectfully in Dno.

Rev. John H. Hoffman

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January 17, 1929.

Ursuline Nuns,
Falls City,
Nebr.

Dear Sister Anastasia:

I have your letter of January 10. I have no money to meet the critical situation as stated in your letter. I know you are making sacrifices in supporting the Indian children in your school but unfortunately I can not assist you. The only funds I receive come through THE INDIAN SENTINEL and most of these donations are designated gifts.

We all know the interest and zeal that Bishop Beckman has for missions. I assume he is the only one who could suggest a solution to your present difficulty. I am sure he appreciates your zeal in taking in the Indian children.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JW:MC

URSULINE CONVENT
OF
DIVINE PROVIDENCE
FALLS CITY, NEB.

Aug. 14, 1929.

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

Rt. Reverend and dear Monsignor:

For some years we have been having in board some
Indian children of the Kansas Reservation. The number applying
each year is usually under ten.

This year several applications have again come to
us but we feel that unless the Indian Bureau can assure us of the
assistance of about \$150 per child, our financial circumstances
will not allow us to accept these children, much as we would like
to do all in our ability for these precious souls.

It was our intention to make application to the
Bureau through our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. F. Beckman, but I am sorry to
state that Bishop Beckman sailed for Rome before we had executed
our plans, thus leaving us in our present dilemma.

If you feel, dear Monsignor, in a position to give
us this assistance, we shall appreciate an early reply. The parties
concerned are awaiting a decision and ample time should be given
them to make other arrangements should such be necessary.

Thanking you for any favor you feel can be ad-
vanced to us, we beg to remain,

Yours very cordially,

Sister M. Stanislaus
O. S. U.

SS. Peter and Paul's Church

Falls City, Nebraska

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August 16.

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

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My dear Msgr:

May I add a word to the letter which Mother M. Stanislaus of the Falls City Ursuline Convent has addressed to you about the matter of support for Indian children at their school. Some very deserving cases are now applying. Our good Bishop said he would apply for help for this year. Now he has left for Rome. The Sisters cannot accept pupils unless they have a promise of at least \$ 150.00 a pupil. There are about 3 or 4 now pending. We had them formerly and they should be allowed to finish here. In the past the Sisters have taken many without pay. However, the present financial condition of the Sisters does not permit it. They are in very hard financial condition.

Now I am asking you to inform us before the opening of School on September 2. what the Bureau will do if anything so they can get things in shape for the opening of school. I thank you very much for your kindness in this matter.

Very respectfully

Robert J. Hoffmann