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Jan. 4th 1926.

The Rt. Rev. Mr. Wm Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Ethn. Ind. Mission,
Washington, D. C.

Res. Rm. Msgr.:-

Thanks for sending the printed slips as answers to donors. I shall send in an account of the "Appeal Letters" very soon. They are still coming in, as soon as they stop coming I shall inform you.

Wishing you again a most prosperous New Year 1926, I beg to remain,

Tristefully yours in Hb.
Fr. Gerard, A.M.

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Letter of thanks to Sr. Augustine forwarded 1/14/26

Sacaton, Ariz., Jan. 5, 1926.

Hughes, Director,
 Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,

Copy to the Indian Sentinel

Reverend Monsignor:-

Your communication of the 27th of November reached me in due time. The crib, however, did not arrive until the 23rd of December. Kindly forward the enclosed letter of thanks to Sister M. Augustine. The crib is in use now but it barely serves the purpose. It is too small. If you can in some manner procure for me a crib during the course of the year, I surely would appreciate it.

Noted 1/13/26

The Preservation Society check for \$2.00, covering two subscriptions to the Indian Sentinel, also reached me. Many thanks.

Hoping that the new year will be a prosperous one for the Bureau and that you will have fewer worries than last year, I remain as ever

Very gratefully yours in Xto,

Fr. Antonine, OFM.

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Check for \$466 sent to Fr. Brennan Jan. 14th 1926
 The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hughes, Director
 Bureau of Cath. Ind. Missions,
 Washington D. C.

Rt. Reverend Msgr:

Enclosed find check to
 the amount of \$466⁰⁰ a result of the "appeal"
 for Christmas. He got out 2757 letters.

I thank you also for the 1⁰⁰ sent
 me last week.

Kindest regards.

Traternally yours.

Fr. Gerard O.F.M.

25-16
January 18, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I deducted from your quarterly payment for the quarter ending December 31, 1925, \$218.40, the cost of postage, for which I had sent you check on October 31, 1925.

I am enclosing herewith check for this amount. I have decided that the Bureau will stand the expense of postage.

I will appreciate receiving at your earliest convenience, check for the total amount which you have so far collected by the appeal sent out by you before Christmas. Upon receipt of your check, I will immediately send you our check for the full amount.

If you have not this amount in bank, please let me know and I will first send you our check and then you can send me your check. In this case, let me know the total amount of the collection.

Yours fraternally,

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

*WH:ER This letter was written this morning. Your check was received this afternoon.

20-16

January 18, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brommeke, C.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I have your letter of January 14, enclosing check for \$466, the amount received by you as a result of the children's appeal.

I enclose herewith Bureau check for the same amount.

I am very grateful to you for sending this amount through the Bureau.

You know from my other letter of this date that the Bureau is paying for the stamps.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:JR

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St. John's Mission
 Komatke, Arizona

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February 18th, 1926.

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

Right Reverend dear Msgr:-

Thank you a thousand times for your and the Bureau's kindness to our Mission and to me personally. That I have the typewriter you so kindly sent makes me feel very happy and my correspondence look abit more business-like. May God bless you and the good donor most abundantly. The two boxes of clothing have also reached us. We were very happy to see in what condition they were; for sometimes people send shoes and clothing that is not worth the freight. It some times makes me think that folks doing such things are not in their right mind. They must think the good Sisters can work miracles and make wearable things from rags that are off themselves about to fall to pieces. So you may be sure that we appreciate a gift like yours. Some people do not even take the trouble to wash things they send. The Sisters have enough filth to handle without receiving an additional amount to wade through from the outside.

I have not heard anything from Mr. Hayes of Hollywood, Calif. and I assure you that all my correspondence to him will be done through your Bureau. Mr Wm. J. Boyd of Cleveland, Ohio has wtitten me and sent some books for our Indian children. I shall answer him very soon through your office.

We are also very glad to be able to mention that very soon we are to have good water here at the Mission. You remember that the water here is extremely alkaline, so much so that the cattle must be forced to drink it; they will drink anything else before they will drink this water at St. John's. Besides for laundry purposes it was impossible unless a great amount of soda or soap-powder was added, and even then it left the clothes dark in color and stif. This the Mission has been putting up with ever since it's beginning. It has not indeed killed any one, but it certainly took some courage to drink it especially in the summer time after a long drought. Some time ago there was question of building the missionaries a new house here at St. John's as it is an old adobe building, one of the first buildings put up here when the Mission was established, but the Fathers

Catholic Indian Mission and Boarding School, Established 1896 by Franciscan Fathers.
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St. John's Mission

Komatke, Arizona

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here all begged our Father Superior to use the money rather to procure good water for the place, as none of the Fathers was complaining about their living-quarters. This permission has now been granted. You recollect that about one mile north of the Mission the Mission has land set aside for agricultural purposes a well of very good water has been sunk there, and also an abundance of it so that if we get the power we may irrigate these 80 acres. There is an 80 ft. lift to the water. A 10" pump has already been installed and now a 60 H.P. Fairbanks Morse engine is about to be put in. This is a Deisel Type engine designed to burn the cheapest of fuel-oils. This engine is to cost about \$3900.00. After the engine and pump are installed, our Father Superior has promised to run a 4 inch pipe-line to the Mission so that besides using the water for irrigation we shall also have it for domestic purposes. This pipe-line will entail the additional expense of \$4000.00 as the Mission is one mile and one-sixth from the pump. During the passed year we, with the help of our school boys, have also run a three and one-half mile ditch to be able to use the waste water that is running through the Reservation from the Tempe drainage ditch. This we hope to use on our 80 acre tract, and because we cannot altogether rely on this we shall have the pump to fall back on in case we just need the water and have none in the ditch.

The children here at the school have been very good this year. Especially the higher grades, these children have been exceptionally obedient and studious. We have had no sickness to talk of, thank God.

I am writing you all this because I know that you wish to be kept informed.

Thanking you, dear Msgr., for your continual interest in St. John's and again for the boxes of clothes and the chalk, I beg your blessing upon our work,

Remaining gratefully yours in Christ,

F. Gerard, O. F. M.

20-16

February 26, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Bronneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 18. I wish to thank you for your nice letter and for the information you give me in it. I think as you do, that all communications with regard to donations of money should be sent through this Bureau.

There is no doubt about the fact that good water is absolutely essential for the good health of any community. I am pleased to learn that you at last solved the difficulty and that in the future the personnel of St. John's, Komatke, will enjoy good water from which there will be no fear of contracting disease. It pleases me also to know that not only for drinking purposes can this water be used but in case of necessity you can divert it to irrigation purposes, thereby insuring the crops in the fields which might be destroyed by a long drought.

If we had at the present time, any available money I should certainly send it to you. But unfortunately, I am compelled to hew close to the line in money matters. Not that you have requested me in your letter to send you money but this is simply a statement of the condition the Bureau is in at the present time. The \$15,000 we send you each year to carry on your work is received by this Bureau from a multitude of people whose donations average about \$1.

With very kind regards to yourself and to the good Fathers and Sisters at St. John's, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

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

JW:BR

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February 26, 1926.

Rev. Antonine Willenbrink, O.F.M.,
Sacaton,
Arizona.

Dear Father Antonine:

I am in receipt of a letter from Rev. David P. McAstocker, S.J., dated February 20, 1926. After reading his letter I looked up in my files and found it touches very closely upon certain matters you inform me about in your letter of August 10, 1925. I think he has answered very satisfactorily concerning the complaints of the Indian boys at Riverside about their religious education. You certainly know the character of the Indian well enough to discount complaints that might be made. As to choosing between complaints of the Indian boys and the statement of Father McAstocker, I would certainly believe Father McAstocker's statement in preference to the statement of these boys. Following is a quotation from his letter of the Indian boys' curriculum:

"Every Sunday we have all the Catholic boys and girls, both those from the school proper and those from the farm, (the farm is seven miles from the school on the way to Corona) come to Mass at ten o'clock. Before I begin my Mass we all in common say the Our Father, Hail Mary, Acts of Faith, Hope and Charity, the Act of Contrition and all the other prayers in the beginning of the Baltimore catechism. During Mass they receive a fifteen minute instruction and after Mass they have an Hours catechism. Incidentally we have one hundred and twenty children under course of preparation for Confirmation next month, when the Bishop comes. Then every Sunday afternoon the children come over to the church again for Rosary, sermon and Benediction. (Farm boys too.) Once a month all the Catholic children (farm boys included) go to Confession and holy Communion. Every Wednesday evening throughout the entire year, we have Rosary, sermon and Benediction. This is the only service the farm boys do not attend. However, I make up for this by going every Thursday evening to the farm proper, either in person or by sending my Confraternity girls, and we teach them Catechism, sing hymns and enter into their little troubles. When you add to this that we have something here that is not in any other Indian school namely; a three day retreat for the boys and girls, you can find out for yourself just what we are doing here."

I think, Father Antonine, that you need not fear about the religious instruction of the children when you send them to Riverside under the religious direction of Father McAstocker.

Yours fraternally,

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

JW:ER

20-16

April 14, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Frenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I enclose herewith Bureau check for \$100, covering
a gift received for you from the Marquette League. This dona-
tion is from the League's funds and not from an individual.

Please make acknowledgment of this gift direct to
Rev. William J. Flynn, 105 E. 22nd St., New York, N.Y. Father
Flynn is the Secretary General of the Marquette League.

Yours fraternally,

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

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

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April 7, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I inclose herewith check for \$3,750, covering allowance
due your school, for the quarter ended March 31, 1926.

Yours fraternally,

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

JR

Thank you very much for your kindness,

Yours respectfully,

Fr. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.

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20-16
 Apr. 21st 1926.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
 Director, Bureau of Cath. Ind. Missions,
 Washington, D. C.

Right Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes:

Thanks for
 the check of \$100.00 from the Marquette League.
 This was quite an unexpected gift for which
 may God prosper the League.

Regarding the shoe shipment of Ms.
 Hayes of Hollywood (regarding about 20 pairs
 of women's shoe) I found that the Sisters
 had already made use of them for the
 children of our day-schools. So, they were
 not a loss altogether.

Begging your blessing I am,

Gratefully yours in Chr.,
 S. Gerald. Wm.

20-16
June 12, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Bronneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Ariz.

Dear Father Gerard:

I am sending you under separate cover some band music. One piece is Weigand's Mass. I had it in the Army. My memory of it is that the voice parts can be gotten from Fisher, New York, Fisher's edition No. 675. There are two copies, one of which is incomplete for the solo B. flat cornet.

The march, Onward Christian Soldiers, is complete.

The two songs, Jesus, My Lord, My God and To Jesus' Heart All Burning, lack some parts.

Many Indian missionaries, especially in the Dakotas, have expressed the desire that the Indians in all the missions might be taught the same Mass, so that when they come together on a big occasion they would not need any further training. The Mass of the Angels which will be sung by the children at the Eucharistic Congress would be the best.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

H:JR

St. John's Mission

Komatke, Arizona

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Rt. Rev. dear Msgr.:

Thank you very much for the Mass and sacred hymns arranged for the full band. I am sure that on occasions like the Eucharistic Congress such music and a good choir would add some color to the celebration. Our band of 35 pieces would certainly be able to the occasion if only notified in time. At present we are enjoying 114 degrees in the shade.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

F. Gerard, O.F.M.

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Sacaton, Ariz., July 11, 1926.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes, Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Right Reverend Monsignor:-

Several weeks ago the school authorities here at Sacaton turned over to me a girl, who had become homeless through the death of her sister in law, stating that they had no school facilities for her here, because she had already completed the sixth grade. Just about the same time Mrs. McGrath wrote me that she had found a very fine home for another girl. So I immediately sent her to Los Angeles. I presupposed that you would not object, although it was towards the end of the school year, because in the beginning of the year you guaranteed transportation charges for 25 children. Up to the present I have sent only 14.

The expenses connected with sending this last child to Los Angeles amounted to \$11.90. Kindly reimburse me for this as soon as possible.

This year there are five or six children, who would like to go to school in Los Angeles. Please let me know whether you will be able to supply the transportation for these six children.

All the children in Los Angeles, with the exception of the one which had to be sent back to the reservation, are doing very well. I feel certain that they will be a great help to us on the reservation, when they return next summer.

I hope that you are enjoying cooler weather in D.C., than we are down here in the wastes of Arizona. For about three weeks the heat has almost been unbearable.

With best wishes I remain as ever

Very gratefully yours in Xto.

(Rev.) A. Willenbrink, Jr.

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

June 30, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Brenneke:

I inclose herewith Preservation Society check
for \$3,750, covering Bureau allowance to your school, for the
quarter ended June 30, 1926.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours very sincerely,

Charles S. Lusk
Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSL:JR

Received July 6th 1926 for which many thanks

Fr. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.

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July 27, 1926.

Rev. Antonio Willenbrink, C.F.M.
Sacaton, Arizona.

Dear Father Antonio:

I have your letter of July 11.

I enclose herewith check for \$11.00 to reimburse you for the expenses of sending a girl to Los Angeles.

The Bureau will reimburse you for the traveling expenses of five or six children whom you would like to send to school in Los Angeles.

You are doing an excellent work through the Caring System, especially by reason of the direction given by Mrs. McGrath.

Yours fraternally,

St. Rev. Mgfr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

WM/HGS

July 26, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

Included in the money sent you for the past year from the Bureau fund was \$300 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 \$300 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 \$300 received from them. Will you kindly attend to this at your earliest convenience?

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

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 AUG 21 1926
 Sacaton, Ariz., Aug. 18, 1926.

The Right Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
 Director Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
 2021 H St., N.W.,
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Right Reverend Monsignor:-

The check for \$12.00, reimbursing me
 for the transportation of Edith Pratt, a school girl, to Los Angeles
 arrived several days ago. Many thanks. Edith wrote me a letter some
 time ago, in which she told me all about the delightful visit she
 had with you at the beach.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Arizona Observer, giving
 a brief account of our Indian Congress. News regarding the First Pima
 Congress should have been sent you long ago, but the Father selected
 to write up the doings of the congress failed to do so, giving as an
 excuse lack of time.

The photos were also taken at the time of the congress.

Wishing you every blessing, I remain as ever

Very respectfully Yours in Xto,

(Rev.) Antonine Hillenbrink, Fr.

20-16
August 18, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O. F. M.,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I was very sorry, indeed, to read in the newspapers of the destruction of the chapel roof by storm.

Since Father Flynn has visited you recently, he will be very sympathetic, and since the Marquette League does not assume any regular annual budget payments, but keeps itself free for special appeals, the Marquette League may be free to help you.

- I am returning to Washington for the September meeting of the Bishops when I hope that something definite will be determined in regard to the home mission organizations in the dioceses, and thus that the Indian missions will fare better.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH/LCS

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August 26, 1926.

Rev. Antenne Willenbrink, O.S.B.,
Missionary,
Arizona.

Dear Father Antenne:

I thank you for the article and pictures which you sent for the Fall issue of THE INDIAN SENTINEL. Any donations I may receive in response to the items when published in the magazine, I shall be glad to forward to you promptly. Write again and often. If all your needs are not supplied by INDIAN SENTINEL readers, some of them are sure to be if you tell us about them.

Yours fraternally,

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

W:EM

September 2, 1926.

26-16

Rev. Gerard Brommeke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I enclose herewith list of names which were sent in by you and to which I have mailed at least fifteen appeals without getting any results. I am now taking these names completely out of my files. I will make no future appeals to them. I will hold these names for a short time awaiting information from you as to whether they are helping you in any way, either by sending clothing or other articles or by sending you donations of money. This information you can send to me by returning the slip of such donors after you have marked the slip with the words, "Faithful Contributor." I will then replace in my files the names of such persons whose slips you return, and will send to them THE INDIAN SENTINEL free at each quarterly issue. I will send to you as usual, any money they might send in the future.

Yours fraternally,

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

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Sacaton, Ariz., Sept. 27, 1926.

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

Dear Right Rev. Monsignor:-

There is a movement on foot here at Sacaton to get rid of Dr. Mansfield, our hospital physician. The infamous Dirk Lay D.D., and his associate ministers, are doing their utmost to make it so unpleasant for our doctor that they hope to induce him to resign. The doctor, however, has told me that he would not do this and I encouraged him not to give up the good fight. Dr. Mansfield is undoubtedly one of the best doctors we have ever had here. He has never failed to make a call at day time or night time, when asked to do so. Furthermore, when Dr. Mansfield once knows that an Indian needs attention, he will visit him regularly no matter how great the distance or how bad the roads. He did this without fail for more than two years when Dr. Hawkins was our Hospital physician.

Since Dr. Mansfield has our hospital he has been just as conscientious. He has a wonderful hospital. He himself is capable and liked by the Indians. The nurses, who have now been with us for more than two years, are surely some of the best in the service.

Now just because Dr. Mansfield is not a friend of Dirk Lay he is, of course, in his opinion no good. Lay has charged Dr. Mansfield with carelessness and inefficiency. Recently he even had Sniffin from the Indian Rights Association inspect the hospital and question all the Indians, whose silly notions the doctor could not satisfy.

Dirk Lay is trying to have Dr. Davis installed as hospital physician. Dr. Davis is a new doctor here and so I do not know much about him. From the few conversations I had with him I concluded that he is very coarse or rough in his ways and that he is two faced. He is intimate with Dirk Lay, consequently he cannot be decent.

Kindly do all you can to keep Dr. Mansfield at Sacaton. The majority of the Indians have so much confidence in him, that they always ask for him, although as hospital physician he is no longer obliged to attend to the sick in the reservation. Still he frequently volunteers to do this work.

Another person whom Dirk Lay is trying to oust is Mr. Crawford our marshal and stock man. He accuses him of being too familiar with the Indian girls. I have investigated two cases and found out, that there is absolutely no truth to the charges. The third woman with whom Mr. Crawford is supposed to have been too intimate is known throughout the reservation to be untruthful and therefore I did not think it worth while to waste time with her. I would not believe her under oath.

The whole trouble is that Dirk Lay is anxious to have a certain Mr. Stringer take Mr. Crawford's place. We are not worrying much about this case, because we have the assurance from Washington that Mr. Stringer will never be reinstated at Sacaton. I would appreciate it much if you would also put in a good word for Mr. Crawford.

As ever
 Yours very respectfully, Fr. Antonine, S.F.M.

September 30, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Brenneke:

I inclose herewith Preservation Society check for
\$3,750 covering quarterly allowance for your school, for the
quarter ended September 30, 1926.

Please acknowledge this immediately upon its receipt.

Yours fraternally.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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St. John's Mission

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Right Rev. dear Monsignor,

Just received your check of \$3,750.00
quarterly allowance for our school, for the quarter end-
ed Sept. 30, 1926. I am certainly gratefull for the same.
Our school started with a fine enrollment. We have 203
pupils with a few more to come who were out on account of
sickness. Begging your blessing and thanking you, I am,
Yours very sincerely in Christ,

F. Guard. O. F. M.

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Transfer of Pupil

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Catholic Indian Mission and Boarding School, Established 1896 by Franciscan Fathers.
Maintained Exclusively by Contributions.

St. John's Mission

Rec'd OCT 27 1926

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Ent. _____ Dr. Komatke, Arizona

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Copy to I. S. _____ Check sent _____

October 23, 1926.

Copy to
The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D. C.,

Right Reverend, dear Msgr;

Just a bit of information. A great handicap in this work is the frequent changing of schools which some of the parents of the Indian children seem to make nothing of. They send them to us for a year and then to the Lutheran school for the next term. They also sometimes send them to us for a year or so, then the children want a change, and then they are taken back to the reservation schools for instance, at Rice. Certainly, the Indian Office is not in favor of anything like this. This, surely, does not make for good discipline nor for any certain progress for the pupil.

There is an Indian School Regulation, Section 119a which reads as follows:

"Pupils shall not be enrolled in non-reservation schools without a duly executed certificate of transfer in form prescribed by the Indian Office. Pupils shall not be transferred from one non-reservation to another nor admitted in a non-reservation school if they have been enrolled previously in another non-reservation school, except for good reasons shown, supported by recommendation from the superintendent of the former school and upon express authority granted by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs."

"The superintendent must exhaust all resources of information to ascertain the facts as to previous enrollment".

It seems to me that these regulations are meant only for schools over which the government has control; still Supt. Jno. B. Brown of the Phoenix Indian School has always been very courteous to us and acted strictly in accord with this regulation whenever there was question of a pupil of our school asking to be enrolled at Phoenix Indian School and we have always, and we have likewise in return for this courtesy cooperated with him in accordance with this regulation.

I do wish that the superintendents like at San Carlos could be made to hold to some similar agreement with regard to our school, or even as to the Lutherans, so that the childrens would not be encouraged to move from school to school according to the children's whims.

Kindest regards, - Fraternally yours in Dno.,
Fr. Gerard S. F. M.

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Rec'd NOV - 2 1928
St. John's Mission
Komatke, Arizona
10/28/28.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Hughes:-

I am mighty grateful for the enrolling of myself and my relatives living and dead as perpetual members in the Catholic Indian Mission Society and sharing in the many spiritual benefits.

The other Fathers, the Brothers and Sisters are also most grateful.- We shall not forget the deceased relatives, friends, benefactors of the Indian Missions during the coming month.

Gratefully yours in Dno.,

Fr. Guard. O.T. M.

Transfer of Pupils
20-16
November 8, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Brenneke:

Your letter of October 22 was duly received.

It is the earnest desire of the Indian Office that there should be as little changing of schools by Indian children as possible, and it does, I am satisfied, everything that it properly can to discourage such changes. But pupils in reservation boarding and day schools are enrolled for only one year, and the Indian Office recognizes the right, as we have always insisted it should, of parents to have their children transferred from one school to another provided that such transfer is arranged for between the closing and opening of the schools. This matter has lately come before the Indian Office, which has issued rules, copy of which are inclosed. These rules fully set out the rights of the Indian parents and the procedure to be followed in the matter of the transferring of pupils. They are entirely satisfactory to this Bureau. I believe that they will fully safeguard the interest of our mission schools.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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C. M. Fenchurch
 11/14/26 - 76.41
 Rec'd NOV 18 1926 Amt.
 Ans 11/26/26 Est.
 Paid Mass.
 Order filled Refund listed
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 Copy to L. S.
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Sacaton, Ariz., Nov. 11, 1926.

The Rt. Rev. M^{rs}. William Hughes,
 Director, Bureau of Cath. Indian Missions,
 2021 H St., N. W.,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Right Reverend Monsignor:-

On the 30th
 of August I sent two children to Los Angeles.
 The cost of transportation amounted to \$21.77.
 Kindly reimburse me as soon as possible. I
 did not write sooner, because Mrs. Mc Grath
 tried to collect the railroad fare from the people
 with whom these Indian girls are staying. Two
 weeks ago she wrote me that she had been unsuc-
 cessful in her attempt.

Another child would like to go, but I have
 not yet sent her, because I am having trouble
 with the Southern Pacific R. R. Co. Mrs. Fenchurch
 and Davison at Tucson absolutely refuse to
 grant authority for half fare rate, stating that Indi-
 an children are wards of the government and as
 such not entitled to charity rates. What can be done?
 Perhaps you can help me out with your influence.

Always

Gratefully yours in Christ,
 (Rev.) G. Willenbrink, D^{ms}

40.46
November 17, 1926.

Rev. Antonine Willenbrink, O.F.M.,
Sacaton,
Arizona.

Dear Father Antonine:

I have your letter of November 11. Enclosed please find check for \$21.77, refund for transportation of children.

Also enclosed find copy of my letter to Mr. Fenchurch. Did you notice THE INDIAN SENTINEL back cover? Is there any Southern Pacific or Santa Fe railroad official to whom you wish me to send copies?

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:ER

20.16

November 23, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Brenneke:

I have decided that hereafter payments to the schools for which the Bureau is providing support will not be paid until after the receipt of a quarterly report of attendance. The Indian Office at my request, has sent you the necessary supply of blank reports. I must ask you to fill out, sign and forward to me at the end of each quarter, or as soon thereafter as possible, one copy of the report for your school.

Do not worry about these reports. They will take only a few minutes. They are for the information of the Bureau and not for the Government. The Government simply furnishes the blanks.

As you are making history in your schools, you will be writing history in the reports.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,

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The Rt. Rev. Monsignor William Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Cath. Ind. Missions,
2021 H St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Right Rev. Monsignors:-

Herewith I
gratefully acknowledge the receipt of \$21.77,
refund for transportation of two school children
to Los Angeles.

The carbon copy of letter to Mr. Fenchurch and Mr. Davison regarding the half fare rate also reached me. The letter is very good and ought to induce them to change their mind. I thank you very kindly for using your influence in this matter.

I wrote letters, sent telegrams and had three lengthy conversations with Mr. Davison over telephone. But he remained obstinate.

Kindly let me know as soon as possible what their decision. One child is still waiting to go to L.A.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas,
I remain as ever

Yours very gratefully,

F. Antonine, D.D.M.

November 29, 1926.

20-16

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I enclose herewith Bureau check for \$100, covering a gift received for you from the Marquette League. This donation was received on October 23. I am sorry for the delay.

Please make acknowledgment direct to Rev. William J. Flynn, 105 E. 22nd St., New York, N. Y. Father Flynn is Secretary General of the Marquette League.

Yours fraternally,

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

ER.

I am having a hard time getting money. Pray that I will get enough to carry out my promise for the year. And when you get money, remember that I am getting desperate.

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 Copy to _____
 Oct. 6, 1926.

The Rt. Rev. Magr. St. John's Mission
 Director, Bureau of Cath. Ind. Missions,
 Washington D. C.

Dear Magr.:

I am mighty grateful for the \$100.00
 check. We certainly need it, especially now
 when putting up a water tank and in-
 stallings over a mile of 4 inch pipe to
 get good water to our Mission. The sisters,
 Fathers, Brothers and children have been drink-
 ing bad water long enough. Some of the
 sisters have been here over 20 years and
 when sick hauled the water from Phoenix.

Thinking you a sincerely

"Merry Christmas"

I am gratefully yours,

J. J. Gerard, P.M.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR: *Bureau*

20-16

ST. JOHN'S MISSION
Komatke, Arizona

December 6, 1926.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. W. Hughes,
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Monsignor:

I am mighty grateful for the \$100 check. We certainly need it, especially now when putting in a water tank and installing over a mile of four inch pipe to get good water to our mission. The Sisters, Fathers, Brothers and children have been drinking bad water long enough. Some of the Sisters have been here over twenty years and when sick hauled the water from Phoenix.

Wishing you a sincerely "Merry Christmas" I am,

Gratefully yours,

(Rev.) Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.

Copied by ER

Komatke, Arizona

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and
Prosperous New Year 1927. I am sincerely yours.
T. S. Gerard, Jr.

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20-16

December 8, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I wrote you recently telling you that I would be very hard pressed, if able at all, to make the quarterly payment. The Bureau has often been in this position, but some special providence has saved us each time.

The enclosed check of \$1,000, the gift of His Eminence, Cardinal O'Connell, is in response to my special request to him to help save me in the crisis of the Bureau's quarterly obligation to St. John's. This check, therefore, applies on the quarterly payment due you December 31, 1926.

May I ask you to write a letter of thanks to His Eminence, and send it to me for transmittal to the Cardinal?

As soon after the New Year as you have a little time to yourself, I wish you would write me and tell me what the plans are for the school year 1927-28. I understand that the St. Louis Province will no longer make its contribution of about \$30,000 a year to the Southwestern missions. If so, can you continue to maintain a boarding school? If you can not, then will day schools meet the need? Would the cost of day schools not be less?

The Bureau will have to meet its obligations under the quarterly pledge for this school year. You should determine as soon after the New Year as possible what we can do for the school year 1927-28.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,

WMH:ED

20-17
December 15, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

I enclose herewith check for \$1,000 which is the response to my request made to Father William A. Griffin, Diocesan Director of the Propagation of the Faith of Newark, New Jersey. I enclose copy of my letter to Bishop O'Connor.

Address your letter of thanks to Father Griffin. Mention the Bishop.

You will understand that this check must apply on the Bureau's obligation for this quarter.

I wish you all, priests, Sisters, Brothers and children every blessing at Christmas and in the New Year.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:ER

20-16
December 15, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Gerard:

Father William J. Flynn came down from New York to Washington yesterday. He told me that he is getting together some money for your needs. I understand that it is especially for the water supply.

The Bureau simply repeats the desires or directions of the Marquette League in transmitting the League's gifts. But I told Father Flynn that I would write you frankly, and it was agreeable to him that I so write, saying that before spending this money you should determine precisely what your plans will be for the future, that is whether the boarding school will be continued or day schools will take the place of the boarding school.

Father Flynn said that his obligation would be finished when he would deliver the money to you. Your judgment must determine what is best to do with the money.

I hope you understand that that also is the position which the Bureau has always taken and will continue to take, namely that the missionaries are the best judges of what should be done.

I may tell you confidentially that I have expressed to Father Flynn in the strongest terms my worry about getting money for you and Father Tiburtius. Father Flynn will assume no such obligations as I do. But if he will help me in those obligations, it will be a great relief to me and to the mission or missions. Let me advise you not to count on the \$5,000 until you get it. It may be less or it may be more so far as I know. I understand it has yet to be fully collected.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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DEC 23 1926 Amt. St. John's Mission
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Pl. Rec. dear Mrs. Hughes:

Thanks for the \$1000.00 check.

It came just in time. I shall try and answer
 your letter right after Christmas, at present we
 are too busy at other things. A Merry Christmas
 and Happy New Year 1927 to you. Kindest regards
 S. Guard. O. T. M.

20-16
December 31, 1926.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.,
St. John's Mission,
Komatke, Arizona.

Dear Father Brenneke:

I inclose herewith check for \$1,750. \$1,000 of this is the donation of Propagation of the Faith, Philadelphia, Rev. Thomas McKay, D.D., Director, in response to my request for assistance to pay the Bureau's quarterly obligations to schools. You have already received \$2,000, \$1,000 each from Propagation of the Faith, Newark, Rev. William A. Griffin, Director, and Cardinal O'Connell.

I have not yet received from Father Flynn the amounts which he has been trying to collect for you, about \$5,000.

I am sending copy of this letter to Right Rev. Bishop Gercke for his information.

We are all hoping and praying confidently that the Lord will bless us in the New Year.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR

20-18
December 31, 1926.

Rt. Rev. Daniel J. Gercke, D.D.,
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Bishop Gercke:

I inclose herewith copy of my letter of today to Father Gerard Brenneke.

I have written him suggesting that he plan very seriously before spending the amount, about \$5,000 which the Marquette League will give for the water system at St. John's. The Marquette League will leave Father Brenneke to use his own good judgment after he once gets the money.

The point is that I am finding it perhaps not increasingly, but certainly extremely difficult to get the amount which the Bureau pays annually to St. John's, \$15,000 and to the Papago day schools, \$5,500. It may be that day schools can replace St. John's Boarding School at about half the cost.

I fear that the Bureau will have to cut down its appropriation or appropriations. If St. John's could get along with half the amount, that is with \$7,500, I think I could meet that obligation and the \$5,500 to the Papago day schools.

I would not for the world have those fine Franciscan Fathers become discouraged. But I think we should pray, think and talk about the matter.

Can you not, dear Bishop, meet some of the obligation, especially at St. John's, which the Bureau has carried since I took over the Directorship of the Bureau beginning the school year 1920 - 1921?

You understand that the money which I pay these two schools is gotten by my own efforts, and not from the Lenten Collection or any other regular source.

I believe that the Home Mission Board will be a source for Bishops. You could make application. I understand that at the meeting December 1, Bishop Kelley was elected to succeed Bishop Noll as Secretary.

Yours faithfully,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR

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

No.
Year 1926.

ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD

Name of Mission.....St. John's Mission..... Total population.....1000.....
Location.....On the Pima Indian Res., Komatka, Arizona..... Number of Catholics.....250.....
Superior.....Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M......

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

STATEMENT OF MISSION from.....August 31, 1925.....to.....August 31, 1926.....

Baptism of Infants of pagan birth	.....<u>7</u>	Number of priests - White	.....<u>2</u>
Children rescued	.....<u>3</u>	Indian	.....
Children nursed	.....	Number of Sisters - White	.....<u>9</u>
Children confided to Christian families	.....	Indian	.....
Children placed on farms	.....	Number of Brothers -	.....<u>2</u>
		Number of catechists -	.....<u>3</u>
		Number of pupils - boys	.....<u>98</u>
		girls	.....<u>102</u>

EXPENSES OF THE YEAR FOR CHILDREN.

Received for year.

Last Holy Childhood allowance	.....<u>\$350</u>	Baptized	.....<u>39</u>
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

We have a promise of ten new Apache children of pagan parentage.
They will be here on the 7th of September.
This shows that the good example of the children who leave our school is having its good results, thanks be to God.

Rev. Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M.
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.