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Church of the Blessed Sacrament

REV. CHARLES VAN HULSE, Rector

Lawton, Oklahoma

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The Right Rev. Lloyd W. Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

Right Reverend Monsignor,

I am sorry that

your letter of June 18 has not answered until now.

All of the catholic children at the Indian school north of town were in at least to make their Easter duty. I asked some of my parishioners to go out there in cars, bring the children in to mass and take them back afterwards. That can be done once or twice a year, but I cannot rely on the people here to do that every Sunday.

I think the best arrangement would be to have ~~the~~ regular bus driver go out there each Sunday, bring the children to church and take them back to the school after mass. Buses run between Ft. Sill and Lawton, but do not go by the Indian School. However I think that I could arrange with the owner of the buses to do as indicated above during the months that school is in session.

I have spoken to him about it and am waiting until he has consulted a partner of his for his answer.

July 8 After repeated enquiries, the bus man just now has told me that he would charge \$3.50 a Sunday, which is more than I had thought he would ask.

Yours sincerely in Chr. Chas. Van Hulse.

Return this COPY to BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
2021 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Rev. Charles Van Hulse,
6 So. 7th St.
Lawton, Okla.

Dear Father Van Hulse:

I enclose herewith Bureau check for \$10.50 covering
the gift of Miss Nellie T. Sohan of Kentucky, and which she
designated for transportation for Fort Sill children to Mass on Sunday.

Upon receipt of this donation, please write a letter of
thanks to the donor and forward it through this Bureau for transmittal
by me to the donor.

Yours in Christ.

Wm. Hughes

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director

MJ:HS.

Received the check named above

(Signed)

Chas. Van Hulse

(This form satisfies the Bureau but not the donor. Send me letter for
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Rev. Charles Van Hulse,
Blessed Sacrament Rectory,
Lawton, Oklahoma.

October 4, 1930

Dear Father Van Hulse:

I enclose herewith donor's check for \$ 37.00 covering the gift of Miss Nell T. Sohan, Louisville, Kentucky, which was designated for the transportation of the school children from Fort Sill.

Upon receipt of this donation, please write a letter of thanks to the donor and forward it through this Bureau for transmittal by me to the donor.

Yours in Christ,

Wm Hughes

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,

MJ:MB.

Miss Nell T. Sohan asks if it would be possible for you to get a straight rate of \$12 a month for transportation of the children. She will try to send this amount for each month. Miss Sohan obtained the \$37 from a card party given in her honor. ~~Received the check named above~~

(Signed)-----

Chas. Van Hulse

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REV. CHARLES VAN HULSE, Rector
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The Right Rev. Wm. Hughes,
Washington, D.C.

Right Reverend Monsignor,

Enclosed is a letter of
thanks for Sister John which please forward to her. TR. HCS

Do you know this new Superintendent we have here at the Indian
School? Mr. Smith came from the Government Indian school at
Santa Fe N. M. Perhaps you may have met him then on one of your
trips West. He does not impress me very favorably: when I went
to see him, he simply told me to sit down and went on with whatever
he was doing (although he could easily have stopped, I know)
without he sent some one to find the catholic children.

But I'll form no judgment until I know him better.

Yours respectfully
Chas. Van Hulse.

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Miss Nell T. Sohan,
Louisville, Ky.

It has been a long time since you sent me the first check to pay transportation for the Indian children at the Government School of Fort Sill to church in town here on Sundays. I ought to have written to you much sooner to thank you for your kindness. But I was trying to arrange better terms and I wanted to let you know that the money would go farther than we had first expected. I have succeeded and the cost will be not more than \$2.50 a Sunday which will be less than the \$12 a month. The \$47.50 which you sent will, therefore, cover expenses well into the year 1931.

Had I a car myself I would gladly haul them or have them hauled back and forth myself, but I can not allow myself such luxuries as a car and must hire one when there are sick calls to the Indian School or Indian hospital nearby. I consider that as my part of the upkeep of the Catholic Indian work.

Yours in Christ,

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October 25, 1930.

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

Dear Father Van Hulse:

I have your letter of October 12, enclosing a letter of thanks for Miss Bohan, for which I thank you.

I have never met Superintendent Smith. Was the discourtesy due to ignorance or bigotry? If the latter and he is honest, the bigotry may be gradually worn down. I have met with the same discourtesy myself a few times.

I am writing today to the mission school in Santa Fe asking some information about Mr. Smith. The Sisters teach Sunday School in the Santa Fe Government School every Sunday and probably know what kind of man he is.

I shall communicate with you when I hear from Santa Fe.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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November 4, 1930.

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

Dear Father Van Hulse:

In my letter of October 25, I promised you that when I heard from the Sisters in Santa Fe I would communicate with you.

I quote from the Superior's letter as follows:

"Regarding Mr. Smith's dealing with the Catholics here, I can say that the priest and Sisters found him very courteous and obliging on every occasion. Rev. Father Clement, O.F.M., the Chaplain at the Government school and the Sisters here were sorry to see him go. The citizens here in Santa Fe voiced his praises in the highest terms. I am sure things will adjust themselves and the Chaplain will find a friend in Mr. Smith."

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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