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Letting from St. Louis
Bishop of Marquette
in St. Louis and Marquette

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M. Ch. Ewing
Washington M.

Dear Sir:

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The number of the Cath. Indians near L. Anne is about 450 or nearly 90 families, and of the Methodists, 150. There is a school there kept by the Sisters of St. Joseph for which they receive 400 \$ from the government per year.

There are some few about Ontonagon and Sand St Marie, and Point St. Ignace near Mackinac. And they are all under one agency.

I have the honor to be

Your

devoted servant

Ignatius Meek
Bishop of Marquette

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Mrak, Bp. Ignatius to Charles Ewing, Marquette, Mich. 7/9/1873
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Office of the Catholic Commissioner

606 9th St. N.W.

Washington D.C. Jan 27th 1894

Rt. Rev. Caspar H. Berger D.D.

Bishop of Detroit

My Dear Sir:

^[Formal 1/2/1894] As the Commissioner, by the appointment of His Grace of Baltimore, to attend to the interests of the Catholic Indians before the Government, I beg to ask at your hands, in order that I may act intelligently, information regarding the Catholic Indians of the Mackinac Agency of your diocese, comprising the Ottawa & Chippewas.

Are there any missions among them?

How long have there been such missions?

By whom established?

Are there any schools connected with them?

What success have they met?
What number of Catholic Indians?
Please cause to be rendered me full and explicit
replies to these questions, and any other in-
formation which may occur to your Lord-
ship as useful

Dear, Your Lordship

Most respectfully,

Charles Ewing

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Office of the Catholic Commissioner
606 F. Street, North West.
Washington, D. C.
Jan 27th 1874.

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Diocese of Detroit

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I am your Lordship
Most respectfully
Charles Ewing
C. Comm.

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Schools.

(If there is no School Teacher will the agent please reply?)

How many Boarding Schools for Indian children upon the Reservation? None.

How many Day Schools? One in Crofs Village which is Catholic.

What are the names of the Boarding School Teachers? none

How many pupils on the rolls of the Boarding School?

Girls.	Boys.
—	—

What was the daily average attendance during the past year?

Girls.	Boys.
—	—

What are names of the Day School Teachers?

Mr. Bernardine Abbink & Gustav Heil.

How many pupils on the rolls of the Day School?

Girls.	Boys.
70	66

What was the average daily attendance during the past year?

Girls.	Boys.
45	35

How many months in the year have you School? ten

How many days in the week? five

How many hours in the day? six

Is there a regular school record kept? yes

What is taught to the children?

Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Catechism.

What progress are they making? Satisfactory

What has been the cost of the boarding school, during the past fiscal year? —

There is no Catholic Boarding School

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What amount of the cost has the Government paid? —

Where did the rest come from? —

What has been the cost of the day school during the past fiscal year?

What amount of the cost has the Government paid? four hundred Dollars, which was stopped on January 1st 1873.

Where did the rest come from? from charity.

How many children between the age of six and sixteen years on the reservation? —

Why are they not all in the schools? —

(Signed) John B. Weikamp, Missionary at Cross-Village.

Rev. Jno. B. Weikamp

Answers to
Questions as to
Mission & Schools.

Dear General

I beg to forward a copy of the printed form as filled & returned to the Agency in August last year, which I had made for myself, for such information as you wish.

Yours in X^t.

C. C. Proyas

Bp. of Detroit

Detroit

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Missions.

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(If no missionary or minister the agent will please answer.)
How many Indian missions are or near the reservation?
Cros-Village, Middle Village, Little Traverse,
Burl, Bear River, Porcupine Ridge, Charles
Voix, Elk Rapids, Eagle Town, North Port,
Seland, Garden Island, which are the Catholic
missions in the Ottawa, & Ochipewewa Reser-
vation in Lower Michigan.

With what religious denominations are they con-
nected, and who are the ministers or missionaries
of each?

The above named are Roman Catholics
They are attended by the Rev. John B. Wickamp
& Rev. Philip S. Lorn.

What church services are held?

The Roman Catholic.

What number of Indian church members are there?
eighteen hundred & five

What is the average attendance of Indians upon
church service? very good.

How many Sunday schools are there? eight

How many Sunday school teachers? eighteen

What is the average attendance of Indians?
very good..

Has there been any special interest in the sub-
ject of religion among the Indians during the
past four years? The usual fidelity of good
Catholics.

Has there been any marked improvement in the way of Christianizing or civilizing the Indians during the same time? It is commendable, where liquor is not too plenty.

Is the agent a professing Christian? It is not known to us.

Does he evince any interest in the missionary work? — item

How many employees are professing Christians? — it.

How many employees are not professing Christians? — it.

Do the employees evince any interest in the missionary work? — it.

What has been the cost of your missionary work during the past year? Hard labor

How much, if any, of the amount has the government paid? None

Where did the rest of it come from? From charity.

What is the chief obstacle in the way of civilizing the Indians? The government & its agents.

(Signed) John B. Weikamp, Missionary.

" Philip S. Zorn, Missionary.

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SCHOOLS.

(If there is no School Teacher will the Agent please reply?)

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How many Day Schools? One in Cross Village which is Catholic.

What are the names of the Boarding School Teachers? none.

How many pupils on the rolls of the Boarding School? Girls? Boys?

What are the names of the Day School Teachers? Mr. Bernardine Abbink and Gustave Heil.

How many pupils on the rolls of the Day School? Girls 70. Boys 60.

What was the average attendance daily during the past year? Girls 45. Boys 35.

How many months in the year have you school? ten.

How many days in the week? Five.

How many hours in the day? Six.

Is there a regular school record kept? yes.

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