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1930

Copy for Bureau
Orig. sent Fr. Kuppers. 7/9/30 MB.

June 7, 1930

The Reverend Peter Kuppers,
Fenasco, Taos County,
New Mexico.

Dear Reverend Father:

We are sending at the request of the Students' Mission Crusade, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, the enclosed check of five dollars, (\$5.00) for five Masses for Special Intentions.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,

(signed) Francis Roell,
Diocesan Director.

Enc. 1.
FR/SMO

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

Rev. Peter Kuppers,
P. O. Box 166,
Penasco, Taos Co., N. Mex.

Dear Father Kuppers:

I enclose herewith Bureau check for \$1 covering
the gift of Rev. Joseph M. Ryan, of Mass.
designated for you.

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:DG.

Received the check named above

(Signed)

Rev. Peter Kuppers
12x. 1m. 12.

(This form satisfies the Bureau but not the donor. Send me letter for
donor. Pictures mean much both to the donor and to THE INDIAN SENTINEL.)

Copy for Bureau
" to D. L. + M. E.
" " Fr. Koppers,

Penasco, Taos Co., New Mexico.
July 23, 1930.

Rev. and dear Father:

Father Peter Koppers has not been in Penasco for some time. He had a nervous breakdown and the Archbishop of Santa Fe told him to leave his work and stay in a hospital. Father asked him then, if he might remain in the parish anyway, and he got permission to go to Tres Ritos. Tres Ritos is nine thousand (9,000) feet above sea level, in the heart of the mountains. Father lives there in a cabin and he will remain there probably two months yet.

I am one of three girls who stay at Father's house in Penasco. In his school he is giving us our education. During the summer we stay with him too, and help him. We are in the High School. As Father cannot do anything at all, we write the letters to all of our Benefactors and therefore, also to you. Father wishes to thank you for your kindness in helping all the children in our school. All the children join Father in extending our thanks to your kind help, and the help of all our Benefactors.

We are getting a good, Catholic education. We appreciate that so much. Last school term we had two hundred and twenty (220) children in the grades school and thirty-seven in the High School. This is only in Penasco. In Embudo Catholic School, one of Father's missions, we had one hundred and thirty (130) children in school.

When help comes we send the letters to Father in Tres Ritos. He opens them, sends them back to us, and we answer them as fast as we can.

Please help Father also in the future. We like to help him so that he can keep up for us. We are Spanish-American children, speak Spanish, and from this letter you see that we learn English in school.

In the name of Father, and in the name of all the children, we thank you and we pray for you.

Your devoted child,

(Signed) Victoria

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Copy for Bureau
" to St. M.C.
" to Father
" to Mother
Rt. Rev. Mgr. F. Roell,
Richmond, Ind.

Penasco, Toms Co., New Mexico.
July 28th 1930.

Rev. and Dear Father:

Father Peter Koppers has not been in Penasco for some time. He had a nervous breakdown and the Archbishop of Santa Fe told him to leave his work and stay in a hospital. Father asked him then to remain in the parish anyway and he got permission to go to Tres Ritos. Tres Ritos is nine thousand feet above sea level, in the heart of the mountains. Father lives there in a cabin and he will remain there for some time yet.

I am one girl at Father's school in Penasco. He is giving us our education. We are in the High School. As Father can not do anything at all, we write the letters to all our benefactors and therefore also to you. Father wishes to thank you for your kindness in helping all the children in our school. All the children join Father in giving our thanks to your kind help and the help of all our benefactors.

We are getting a good Catholic education. We appreciate that so much. Last school term we had two hundred and twenty children in the grades school, and thirty-seven in the High School. This is in Penasco. In Ambudo Catholic School one of Father's missions, we had one hundred and thirty children in school.

Please help Father also in the future. We like to help him so that he can keep up for us. We are Spanish American children, speak Spanish and from this letter you see that we learn English in school.

In the name of Father Koppers and in the name of all the children, we thank you and we pray for you.

Your devoted child,

(Signed)

Fidelia

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Penasco Tars Co
New Mex

Rt Rev and dear

Aug 5 1938
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Date
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Check sent to

It has been a long time
since you heard from Father Koppers.
But he has been going down in health
since last April and with the Prison
Buildings it was a very hard work
for him then the funds to get his building
under roof has been a great worry on
him. It went on till he went to Santa Fe
for retreat then the third day of
retreat he broke down could not
do a thing there. His Grace saw the
condition he was in. His right side
began like dead no feeling in it, what
ever then his head just as if something
heavy on the top of his head.

They called in Dr. Mera of Santa Fe
and he said Father is only killing himself.

with work. For its ^{2.} true test for when
one looks at the church - school and
Convent he has put up there you
can just see what his worries are.

Then the school in Pemasco.
This year are ten sisters in Pemasco
and four at Dixon. This year the
High school will be larger than ever
yesterday was opening day and 56
have started Father said the way
it looks now they will have at
least 40 daily attendance at least.

Then at Dixon and Pemasco schools
each have their band and they play
well for only a few months start.

As soon as I get to Dixon I'll send you
Rev Monsignor a pictures of the Building
there are some down there.

Father said soon as he can write
he will write you as its been along
time since he wrote.
So you see Monsignor why Father has

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September 11, 1930.

Rev. Peter Koppers,
Pomaseo,
New Mexico.

Dear Father Koppers:

I am sorry to know that you are in poor health. I am sure that it must be very hard for you to be obliged to let down on the work which is now so promising.

In order to spare you as much as possible, I will not expect you to write individual letters of thanks to donors. If you do not need the shipments, let me know and I will discontinue sending them until you are in need of more. If you do need shipments, however, I will be glad to multigraph a short form which I can enclose with each notice of shipment I send to you. This form I will have filled in here with the name and address of the shipper, and the form will need nothing but the signature when it goes to you. Your signature may be signed to the acknowledgment by anyone whom you authorize to receive and acknowledge shipments during your illness. Let me know if this arrangement is agreeable to you. This will relieve your mind of the anxiety which is troubling you just now with regards to shipments received by you through this Bureau.

Yours fraternally,

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

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