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MISSION SCHOOLS-20
NEW MEXICO
SANTA FE, ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL
1930

Copy for: Bureau
Orig. to donor
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20-27

Feb 3 - 1939

St. Aloysius Academy,
2712 Perry Ave.,
Kansas City, Mo.

St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, New Mexico,
January 6, 1929. 1230

Dear Friends:

My what a lovely lot of Christmas gifts you so kindly sent us. God bless you all for your sweet charity to us and our Copper Faced Darlings. I feel sure that you would have felt yourself well repaid if you could have seen our Sisters and children when your gifts were brought to light. There was a continuous exclaiming of ohs and ahs. It seemed that the deeper we went into your boxes the more beautiful the gifts became. The beautiful big dolls took everybody's eye. Then came the beautiful clothes. I assure you that from the biggest to the smallest gift was welcomed by us. Some of the things we kept for our children here at school and the others the Sisters took to the older Indians in their Pueblos. Are these Indians glad to receive them? I could never find words to tell you how overjoyed they are to receive the smallest pieces of clothing. Just a couple of weeks ago we received another big box from one of our generous friends in the East. In the box there was a nice warm woolen unionsuit which was a little too big for any of our pupils, so the Sisters who visit Tesuque Pueblo took it there with them. They gave it to the oldest Indian there. He is supposed to be over ninety. Well, he was just as overjoyed to receive this gift as a little girl is to receive a lovely big mamma doll. He at once went to his home and put on his new suit as he called it. This is only one, so you can see how many Indian parents and children you brought joy to this Christmas. I hope you one and all had a Very Merry Christmas. We had High Mass at Midnight and then two Masses the next morning. Immediately after Midnight Mass three Sisters left to go to Tesuque for Mass there. At six o'clock two other Sisters went over to the United States Indian School for Mass there. They had a rather nice crib in Tesuque Pueblo but, the poor children at the Indian School had no crib, so the Sisters fixed a manger and an Infant with several candles. This made it a little like Christmas. Did they sing those beautiful Christmas hymns? Both young and old sung them and put such feeling in their singing that it would make anyone rejoice. They love to sing hymns and no matter how many you play, they want more.

Begging those three Great Kings whose feast it is to bring to you the joys of this Holy Season and especially a Blessed and Holy New Year, I am, my dear friends

Yours gratefully in the
Blessed Sacrament,

Copied by HS.

Mother M. Berchmans.

20-27

January 8, 1930.

Mother M. Berchmans,
St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Dear Mother Berchmans:

With reference to my letter of December 28, I wish to advise you that I have just received a letter from Father Cirma in which he tells me that he had already distributed the contents of the six boxes sent to him, before he received my letter of December 28 telling him to reship them to you.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

St. Catherine's Indian School
Santa Fe, New Mexico

January 17 1930

Rt. Rev. Mgr. W. Hughes
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
2021 N. St. N. Washington, D.C.

Reverend and dear Monsignor

Your letter to the 'Missions' which you have included St. Catherine's has been received a few days ago.

Thank you, Monsignor, for thinking of us and trying to help us. I would gladly send you the few names I could muster together, but I feel I could not do so without consulting Reverend Mother M. Katharine, as she practically supports this mission.

and I am not sure that she would favor our asking our relatives and friends, which by no means number one hundred, to help us in any other way, because they are doing now even more than could be expected of them.

Next to Reverend Mother, one of our greatest benefactors has been some members of the Marquette League, but I do not know their addresses, as their donations always come through the League.

I only wish, Father, we had a large circle of acquaintances, but the few among us who have a fair share are continually imparting them to help us in one way or another.

I think your idea, Rt. Rev. Monsignor, is a very splendid one and I feel it is going to meet with favor and that it will bring results. For this the sisters and children will pray at Mass and Holy Communion.

Thanking you, dear Monsignor, for the great trouble you are putting on yourself and wishing you every success in the undertaking,

I am,

Respectfully yours in our Lord,
Sister M. Berchmans.

Copy for: *Sr. Berchmans*

St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.
January 13, 1930.

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

Rt. Rev. and dear Monsignor:

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(Signed)

Sister M. Berchmans.

Copied by MF

Return this COPY to BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS
2021 H St., N. W., Washington, February 24, 1930.

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Mother M. Berchmans,
St. Catherine's Indian School
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Rec'd MAR 10 1930 Amt. _____
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Paid _____ Money _____ Dr. _____
Letter to _____ C. C. _____
Order filled _____ Work Smp. O.K. _____ P. O. _____
Ship't _____ List _____ M. O. _____

Dear Mother Berchmans:

Enclose herewith Bureau check for \$ 5 covering
the gift of Miss Margaret McCarthy of Massachusetts, which was
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

Miss McCarthy is under the impression that you are still at St. Michael's
Indian school, St. Michael's, Arizona.
(Signed) Ms M. Berchmans

(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.)

Mother M. Berchmans,
St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

March 3, 1930.

Dear Mother Berchmans:

Your letter of January 13 was received.

I enclose copy of the 4-page insert which gives the regular 48-page INDIAN SENTINEL the name of the ST. CATHERINE'S MISSION EDITION.

I am also sending you, but by second class mail, copy of your complete mission edition. I advise you to keep it securely. You will need it in the future. Nail it down. Shoot anybody that takes it.

I am now mailing your edition to the names you furnished with addresses. If you did not furnish names and addresses, I am sending the magazines to you by express.

Extra copies of the 4-page insert are also being mailed to the mission, some to the priests and some to the Sisters. You can insert them in letters of thanks. Be sure to use them somehow profitably.

In getting up most of the mission editions I was up against it terribly. I had to go to old issues of THE INDIAN SENTINEL and rewrite the stories. To bring the articles up to date, I had to sign the articles by names of priests and Sisters now at the mission.

How am I going to fill the 4 pages of the next issue? In only one way. By getting material from you. What material? Anything and everything of interest that happens around the mission, or has happened in the past there or elsewhere. The 4 pages of your mission edition can give more familiar, chatty incidents than could the other 48 pages of THE INDIAN SENTINEL.

You can judge of the amount of material required by the 4 pages. But the longer articles and short paragraphs can be more gossipy. They can contain more appeals. In order to be sure to satisfy the post office with this first edition, I had to make it rather high brow and cut out appeals.

In the past, many appeals which you sent me and which did not appear in THE INDIAN SENTINEL itself, were sent by me to the Catholic papers and magazines and published by them. All this material can now be used in your mission edition. In your 4 pages there should appear the names of as many different priests and Sisters as possible. You will help me if you will sign the different names.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WHL:MG

Copy for: *Bureau*
11 sent Miss J.D.
original sent to donor

Miss Margaret McCarthy,
181 M St.
S. Boston, Mass.

St. Catherine Indian School,
Santa Fe, N. Mexico.
March 20, 1930.

Dear Miss McCarthy:

These Indians are more advanced in civilization and Christianity than the Navajos, and of course one expects more response from them regarding the practice of their religion. However many of them live in villages or Pueblos that cannot be visited often by the Priest. Oh! if there were more missionaries to attend to the needs of these poor people, but one Padre has as many as 1000 missions to attend to, and these are at such great distances from each other that only one village can have mass on each Sunday; but as one Governor of one of the villages told me, Sister we do what we can each Sunday when we have no Padre, by saying our Rosary and other prayers in the church.

The Sisters visit some Pueblo each Sunday, preparing the children for first Holy Communion and teaching the prayers to all. I am dear Miss McCarthy

Yours devotedly in the
Blessed Sacrament
Sister M. Berchmans

Copied by DG.

St. Catherine's Indian School,

Rec'd MAR 24 1930
Ans. 2/27/30
Post. 2/27/30
City, State, and Country
St. Antonio, Tex. N. Mexico

Letter to _____
City, State, and Country
St. Antonio, Tex. N. Mexico
March 20, 1930

Post. _____
City, State, and Country
St. Antonio, Tex. N. Mexico
Post. _____
City, State, and Country
St. Antonio, Tex. N. Mexico

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
Washington, D.C.

Rev. and dear Monsignor.

I am sorry that the press of daily duties has prevented my acknowledging the receipt of the Sentinels and your offer to mail us addresses to which these Sentinels could be sent.

If you, Rev. Monsignor, will kindly forward us these addresses, I will be glad to have the Sisters send them out.

Thanking you for all your past kindness,

I am,

Reverently and respectfully

Yours in Dms.,

M. M. Berchman.

20-27

March 28, 1930.

Mother M. Berchmans,
St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Dear Mother Berchmans:

I have your letter of March 20, copy of which I enclose.

I mailed you only forty-eight copies of ST. CATHERINE'S MISSION EDITION. You must be terrible pokes if you cannot dispose of that many.

It is for you to decide whether I shall continue to publish your Mission Edition. Let me know and I will inform Mother Katherine. If you say no, it will save you work and myself also. But you will be responsible.

It is very near time to publish the Spring Edition. Please let me know your decision immediately. The live ones will want it.

I could furnish supplementary names. But I will do so only to those who are up and doing. You have been too lackadaisical throughout.

Yours in Christ,

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

WH:HS.

Archives and Institute of Catholic Indian Missions

St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, N. Mexico.

Recd JUN 20 1930 Amt \$10.00
Date June 16, 1930

Letter to _____
Order filed _____
Copy to _____
Rev. Monsignor _____
Rev. _____

The very pretty piece of lace
you so kindly sent us was
very acceptable indeed and we
deeply appreciate your con-
sidering us when placing the
gift.

With a few exceptions, all
our children have returned to
their homes. Some interesting

letters have been received from the children telling us how they are trying to be faithful in going to Holy Communion each Sunday that the Padre visits the Pueblos and how they exhort others to go to the Sacraments.

The Governor of Tesuque came this morning asking if some of the Sisters could go over to the village on the feast of Corpus Christi to sing the High Mass and remain for the dance they were going to have in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. After trying to satisfy his demands, the Governor of Cochiti was announced asking to borrow some music. Several of our former pupils have their own instruments and they will furnish music during the Procession on Corpus Christi. One of the boys, Nat Chavez, is an accomplished musician, plays the High Mass and he and some of the other boys form the choir.

We are trying to give children from
different Pueblos an opportunity
to learn music so that they can
play during Mass while at home.
So far no one has responded to our
appeal for an organ or piano.

Again thanking you, dear Mon-
signor, and begging God to continue
to bless your noble work.

I am,
Yours devotedly in the
Blessed Sacrament,
St. M. Perchmans.

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

COPY FOR *Bureau*

St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, N. Mex.
June 6, 1930

20-27

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Wm. Hughes,
Rt. Rev. and dear Monsignor:

The very pretty piece of lace you so kindly sent us was very acceptable indeed and we deeply appreciate your considering us when placing the gift.

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Again thanking you dear Monsignor and begging God to continue to bless your noble work,

I am,
Yours devotedly in the
Blessed Sacrament,

Sr. M. Berchmans,

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20-27

June 24, 1930

Mother M. Berchmans,
St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mother Berchmans:

I am sending to you today by freight prepaid a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the gift of Mrs. Agnes V. O'Connor, Washington, D. C.

Upon receipt of this shipment, please send a letter of thanks through this Bureau for transmittal by me to Mrs. O'Connor.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MB.

I am also sending in this shipment a small statue of the Queen of Heaven, the gift of an anonymous donor. Please do not mention this statue in the letter of thanks addressed to Mrs. O'Connor.

20-27

October 10, 1930.

Mother M. Berchmans,
St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Dear Mother Berchmans:

I enclose original freight bill-of-lading for one box of clothing and other articles sent to you from this Bureau on October 6, by prepaid freight. As you will see from the bill-of-lading \$5.26 charges were paid.

Please let me know when you receive this shipment.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Revl Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

October 27, 1930.

Mother M. Berchmans,
St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Dear Mother Berchmans:

I am in receipt of a letter from the chaplain of the Government School at Lawton, Oklahoma, known as the Fort Sill School.

He tells me that the new Superintendent, Mr. Smith, was formerly at the Santa Fe Government School. He complains that he was treated discourteously by Mr. Smith when he called on him at the school to inquire about the Catholic children.

I know that your Sisters teach Sunday School at the Government School at Santa Fe. From frequent contact with Mr. Smith I thought they could judge what kind of a man he is and whether the discourtesy was due to ignorance or bigotry. I shall appreciate the Sisters' opinion as to whether Mr. Smith was fair and favorable in his treatment of the Catholic pupils when he was at Santa Fe.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

MJ:JA

St. Catherine's Indian School
Santa Fe, N. Mexico

Oct 28, 1930

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Wm Hughes,

Rt. Rev. and dear Monsignor,

The arrival of that fine big box of clothing etc. was like a visit of Fairy Godmother to St. Catherine's as we are so seldom honored. At once the coats were tried on and the hats are never too ante dated for use here.

Many thanks for your kindness in remembering us and may God reward your generosity.

The freight amounted to quite an item, but I trust those benefitted by the good warm clothing will be to you a blessing - the hundred fold.

The children are already looking forward to Christmas and of course we Sisters have been looking forward to it, that we can supply the two hundred sixty children with candy and toys and not slight the old Indians

On Saturday, the twenty first, our school was hon-
ored with a visit from two bishops who were on their
way to China. Rt. Rev. Bishop Gubbels, O. J. M. Vicar
Apostolic of Ichang, China, said Mass in our chapel
on Saturday morning and in the afternoon, he and
Bishop Espelage, O. J. M., Vicar Apostolic of Wu-
chang, China, visited the school. They were wel-
comed by Sisters and children after which the
band played several selections.

If Santa Claus comes your way, please tell
him of the needs of our Indians here. We
would be most grateful for a camera.

Again thanking you for the box,

I am, dear Monsignor
Yours devotedly in the Blessed
Sacrament,
St. M. Berchmans

St. Catherine's Indian School, 20-27

Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Oct. 31, 1930

Rt. Rev. Monignor Wm. Hughes

Rt. Rev and dear Monignor.

Your letter of the twenty seventh inst. has been received and in answer to your inquiry 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. James Clement, ^{CFM} 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. With a little patience I am sure things will adjust themselves and the Chaplain will find a friend in Mr. Smith. Trusting this will be the case.

I am, dear Monignor
Yours devotedly in the Blessed
Sacrament,
Sr. M. Berchmans.

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Copy to L. B. _____ S. O. or other _____ Cr.
Copy to _____ Other work _____ Cr.

20-27

November 4, 1930

Mother M. Berchmans,
St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Mother Berchmans:

I have your letter of October 28, for which I thank you.

Did you receive in the box of clothing and other articles sent to you from this Bureau on October 6, by prepaid freight a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus? As you will recall from my previous letter that this statue is the gift of Mrs. Agnes V. O'Connor, Washington, D. C.

If you received this statue, please send a letter of thanks through this Bureau for transmittal by me to Mrs. O'Connor. Only thank her for this statue.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this matter, I remain

Yours in Christ,

MB.

Rt. Rev. Mggr. William Hughes,
Director.

I am in doubt as to whether or not the shipper at the Bureau sent you the right box.

15 1930 Amt. St. Catherine's Indian School. 28-27
 Date Recd. Int. Santa Fe, N. Mexico.
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 List
 to L.S. D.G. or Ref.
 to

Rt. Rev. Monseigneur Wm Hughes.
 Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
 Washington, D. C.

Rt. Rev. and dear Monseigneur.

Your letter of November fourth has been received and, regret that no statue of the Sacred Heart was in the box of clothing and other articles that we received from you - freight prepaid. No statue of the Sacred Heart has been received here.

I was looking over the notice you sent June 24th stating that you were shipping the statue of the Sacred Heart, but it never came.

The box we received lately and for which we thanked you, contained very little clothing, but odds and ends, some pieces for vestments and a black cope. This is just to give you a description of what was in the box. We are grateful for all

Perhaps some one else received the statues of the Sacred Heart and the statue of Our Lady that you mention in the notice sent June 22nd 1850.

Thanking you for all your kindness and asking you to kindly remember our Indians should Santa send you some things for their distribution.

I am, dear Monsignor,
Yours devotedly in the Blessed
Sacrament.
St. M. Berchmans.

COPY FOR *Bureau*
Orig. To donor
DEC 23 1930 *JK*
Mrs. O. Stoehr,

St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.
December 9, 1930

20-27

Dearest friend,

Your box of such very nice and useful clothing arrived here safely. I assure you that we were more than glad to receive them. We have over two hundred fifty children to care for this year. Most of these are extremely poor, for their parents must depend on the products of their farm for a livelihood.

The children had an exhibition of all their work for the feast of St. John Berchmans. It was really fine. Among the display there were many very pretty dresses that had been remodeled from those sent us by kind friends.

I saw three very pretty handkerchief bags and was surprised when I learned that they had been made from some old scraps. I wish you could have seen it, for I know you too would have enjoyed it.

We are now trying to get together something to make our charges happy with at Christmas. This is one of the red letter days of the school year.

Trusting that you will enjoy the merriest of Christmases, and that you will remember us if the opportunity again comes your way, I am believe me,

Your grateful friend,

Mother M. Berchmans,

Mrs. O. Stoehr,
800 Phelps Bldg.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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December 15, 1930.

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Mother Berchmans,
St. Catherine's Indian School,
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Dear Mother Berchmans:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$1,000.00 designated to be sent to you for your debts and greatest needs.

Kindly make acknowledgment of this gift direct to Rev. William J. Flynn, LL.D., Secretary General of the Marquette League, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, New York.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MC