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HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

REV. PETER HEUEL, Pastor
BURNS, OREGON

February 14, 1920.

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

near Monsignor:

At last I come to it to answer your letters of late. For months I have been very miserable and sick, therefore I could not answer any letters. Often it was difficult for me to say my Mass for the people, but I remained at the wheel. Of course my mail piled up, but had to leave it unanswered.

✓ In regard to the good Sisters of the Henry Boyle Catholic Home for the Aged I received those two boxes containing many useful things for my Indian children. Also a little Christmas crib. But I have not got a place where I could set up this crib for my children. As you well know, I have no school, no church, not even a meeting house of any kind for my Indians, therefore my work amongst these Indians is not progressing as it should. Although I have my Indians in my parish church, the Indians know well and feel it, that they are not welcome in this church. I have many difficulties arising from these inconveniences. Indians do not care to go to this church. "Mit Schicksals-Mächten ist kein ewiger Bund zu flechten."

✓ I received a shipment of goods, amongst them a very good overcoat, from A.M. Bassetti, Pine Island, Minnesota on Oct. 30, 1928. I did write an answer of thanks on Dec. 13, 1928. This letter was mailed Dec. 14, at the depot here. We just had got a mail carrier on the train and many others of my letters were lost at that time. I am very sorry, I did not like to lose the kindness of Miss Alice Bassetti.

Long before this time I have given a pledge to your Office in regard to Masses to be said for the benefactors of our missions and that will stand as long I work for my poor Indians.

Most sincerely yours,

Peter Heuel

Burns, Oregon,

June 7, 1930.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes, Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian
Washington, D.C.

Right Reverend and Dear Monsignor

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Rt. Rev. Monsignor, when you made your brief stop
in Klamath Falls last year, whilst on your way to
Burns, Oregon and to visit Bishop Mc Guire. Well,
the undersigned is the priest you met in Klamath
Falls and who was recently transferred to Burns
to take Rev. Father Deuel's place.

Father, for personal
observation and experience, you know more about
Burns than I can tell you. - I completed my
buildings in Klamath Falls and Father Geis was
sent to take my place. - Here in Burns, Rt. Rev.
Msgr. I am facing the various problems you know
of and, I am confident, that everything will
turn out well. I expect to work in complete
harmony with all concerned and do my utmost

to promote the true interests of the Church among
the Indians and all others. However, R. Rev.
Monsr. I hardly know where to start as to get
for necessities for the house. There was just 34¢
here when I came. No car, no furniture, no heat
in house, no fuel.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor, since I had the pleasure
of meeting you personally and since you know
of me and of my conditions in Burns,
may I send to you, after my first three weeks
in Burns as S.O. I call for help to get
started? In view of the above, I hope and
pray that you will stretch a point and do
your utmost to encourage me to help
solve the situation here.

Thanking you most cordially for any
help you will send and extending to you my
kindest regards, I beg to remain in Christ,

Yours very sincerely,

Rev. A. F. Leaser,

Box 1117,

Burns, Oregon

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June 23, 1930.

Rev. A. F. Loesser,
Box 1117,
Burns, Oregon.

Dear Father Loesser:

I have your letter of June 7, copy of which I enclose.

Before leaving for a visitation of the Northwest missions, Father Hughes has directed me to write you on such matters.

I am today sending a copy of your letter to Monsignor Hughes. I will let you know in regard to this matter, as soon as I hear from him.

Yours very truly,

Eugene J. Welch,
Secretary.

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Rev. A. F. Looser,
Box 1117,
Burns, Oregon.

Dear Father Looser:

I have your letter of ^{June} ~~July~~ 7. During the month of June I was in Washington State and expected to call at Klamath Falls, but did not expect to go to Burns. I was prevented from going even to Klamath Falls.

I was glad to hear that such a good man as yourself took the Burns church.

I am sorry that I have no other source of money for missions except The Indian Sentinel. I will be glad to publish an article appealing for help for you. I am preparing copy for the printer now. Will you jot down some notes which I can add to your letter of June 7 to make a short story? Have you any pictures? Send everything to me at Box 62, Venice, Calif.

Especially with the new lumber industry, Burns will prove a good parish. I understand there are very few Catholic employees at the mine. But they will bring money to the town.

Let me suggest confidentially that you might write to Rev. William J. Flynn, Secretary General of the Marquette League, 105 E 22nd Street, New York City, N. Y. Father Flynn is very good in providing money for automobiles for missionaries. You might ask him for the price of a Ford. When he makes the gift, he usually sends \$50 a month. All that information is confidential, because Father Flynn and not I makes the allotment of the Marquette League money. Tell him the need of an auto to go out to the Indian village.

Do I understand correctly that you alone are in charge of the Indians, and that Father Heuel is not?

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:MCS