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Rev. Rev. Mgr. Wm Hughes
Washington

Monsieur:

This is in answer to yours of the 8th inst. re - ca-
tholic homes where girls having completed their
8th grade can be placed. I should have answered
this letter sooner but it was impossible ha-
ving no time. Our children are sent for their
8th grade at Hansman - Colopaton - and in
Kauoa. Parents never consult me on that sub-
ject & they do what they are told by the agent.
If in the future they ask my advice I'll cer-
tainly tell them to send them in Sons Angels
& so take advantage of the good opportunities the
catholic homes there for their children. There is
an objection to that though: some of our children
having completed their 8th grade here, want to
Roll is begin their H. School & they can't
being not-prepared for that. Our grade school here
is inferior to the other grade schools.

No doubt you know, Mgr, that we have a new
Hospital & a new school. The school is not
yet completed, but I think it will be completed
in the Fall. I wish I could see you and have
a little talk with you about that hospital &
school. I hope, one of these days you'll come
& visit this reservation.

Sincerely yours,
Father J. E. Ouellet

December 7, 1931

Rev. A. H. Rondard
Thorne
North Dakota

Dear Father Rondard:

For your information, if you are not already aware of it, I wish to state that even if you have the status of a parochus, you may, by applying to your Ordinary, get permission to say the missa pro populo only eleven times a year under the rule laid down in Canon 306 of the Code. If he has not gotten it already, your Ordinary can get the necessary faculty for this by application to the Apostolic Delegate. A number of Bishops in the United States have availed themselves of this faculty. Of course, if you have not the status or obligation of a parochus, you do not need the faculty.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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December 7, 1931

Rev. A. H. Rondard
Thorne
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Dear Father Rondard:

I have just received the report for 1931, for which I thank you.

The remark which you write on the reverse is distressing. I judge that if you will take the matter of the mortgage up with the Bishop, he will not permit it to be foreclosed.

I wonder if you receive Mass intentions. If not, let me know. State how many you are short and therefore need each month. I will then be able to figure out what I can possibly do. What is your source of supply?

It certainly would not be fair to expect you to pay the interest out of Mass stipends.

I wonder if you are aware of the exemption which can easily be gotten by application to the Bishop, who can in turn apply to the Papal Delegate who has the faculty. I make that the subject of another letter and enclose extra copy which you can forward to the Bishop.

Yours fraternally,



Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Thorne ^{N.D.} Dec. 13. 31

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

Right Rev. Father

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I enclose your letter that was so welcome to me for fear you might have forgotten about it : it is likely you receive many distressing letters now-a-days .

I feel somewhat better than I did when I wrote you . The Bishop of Fargo was kind enough to pay the interest on my church of St. Anthony , so we now can have the mortgage renewed . I have now been located here for 12 years , at first I could meet the obligations of this church , but it grew worse and worse every year , until I was not receiving any salary , and now could not even pay the interest . Of course it is worse this year than ever , but even after this depression is over , conditions have so changed around here , I do not think it will ever come back again that this church will be self supporting .

To answer your question about intentions of Masses , I will say right away that I could very easily offer 15 every month for your intentions , that is if you have any to send me . At first I received a fair number from the people , then the Bishop would send me some from the Church Extension I think , now the Bishop keeps on sending me intentions as usual , but people are so poor they cannot afford to give me any , I receive from them about 3 or 4 a month , so half of the time, or more, I have no intentions , then I say Mass for my own intentions .

I would like to say Mass for my own intentions most of the time if I could afford it , but I just get a bare living , from my garden in Summer and an occasional gift of milk , cream , and meat from the people . In winter I have what I store from my garden , and also have a good supply of meat when people butcher their own cattle and give me my supply of frozen meat for the winter . Otherwise I get a few dollars now and then when there are marriages or funerals , a few cents some times, when there are baptisms .

So it would be a great help to me if you could send me an average of 15 intentions of Masses every month . If you cannot send me that many , I will appreciate whatever you can send me .

Yours very respectfully

A. H. Rondard

A. H. Rondard
Thorne N.D.

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December 23, 1931

Rev. A. H. Rondard
Thorne
North Dakota

Dear Father Rondard:

I received your letter December 17.

I am glad to hear the Bishop came to your rescue to save the church mortgage from foreclosure.

I enclose check for \$30 for 30 intentions which you can say in two or even three months, or longer if necessary. A week or ten days before you run out of intentions, write me and I can then answer you as to how I am fixed for intentions. I will answer you immediately.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
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