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Wolf-Point, Mont
 Jan 8th. 30.

Dear ~~Rev.~~ Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes!

I ask you to secure me money for my catechists.

The winter is very severe this year and very hard for the Indians. I do see only suffering among the people, but stock suffers. The Indians cut the unnecessary travelling out fairly well.

Christmas at Oswego was very sad, many Indians were still feeling very badly for the death of Mrs. Roberts. I notice her loss. With best wishes I remain

Very gratefully
 Benedict Seethaler
 O. S. B.

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January 15, 1930.

Rev. Benedict Seethaler, O.S.B.,
Wolf Point,
Mont.

Dear Father Benedict:

I enclose Preservation Society check for \$30, covering the salary of one of your catechists, for the quarter ended December 31, 1929.

As you know, this allowance is the gift of Rev. Joseph W. Reagan of New York. I will ask you, therefore, to write Father Reagan a letter of thanks and send it to me for transmittal.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

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Wolf Point, Mont
 Jan. 27th, 36

Dear Rt. Rev. Wm. Hughes:

Thanks for the check for
 my catechist. May God reward
 you!

Andrew Red Thunder, one
 of my catechists, is going blind,
 and wants to go to Lourdes.
 He has the idea, that Indians
 get sometimes a free passage
 on a pilgrimage. He asks you
 to help him to a free passage.
 I told him, I never heard
 of such a free passage, but he
 wants me to write to you, so I
 do. With best wishes I remain

Yours very gratefully
 Benedict Heethen

COPY FOR: Bureau
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FEB 8 - 1930 *Dr*

[ENCLOSURE]

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WOLF POINT, MONTANA.
January 27, 1930.

Rev. Joseph W. Reagan,
New York

Dear Father Reagan:

Many thanks for the \$30 for my catechist. I was badly in need of a catechist last two weeks as I could not leave the house on account of sickness. My Indians would not bury anybody without a leader. We have a severe winter and so many Indians contract sickness ending with pneumonia. But everything went fine. I myself had to go out only once to attend an Indian sick on pneumonia. He died. The catechist held the funeral and when I came there next week, we all went to the graveyard and I blessed the grave. The graveyard is 47 miles from here.

With best wishes and thanks, I remain

Yours very gratefully,

(Signed) Benedict Seethaler, O.S.B.

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February 10, 1930.

Rev. Benedict Seethaler, O.S.B.,
Wolf Point,
Mont.

Dear Father Benedict:

I have your letter of January 27, copy of which I enclose.

I also enclose copy of my letter of today to Father James R. Cox.
If Andrew has the Faith, I feel quite sure that this water from Lourdes will
benefit him.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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February 10, 1930.

Rev. James R. Cox,
67-17th St.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Father Cox:

I have a letter dated January 27 from Rev. Benedict Seethaler, O.S.B., Indian missionary at Wolf Point, Montana, in which he states that his catechist, Andrew Red Thunder, is going blind and wants to go to Lourdes. He has the idea that Indians sometimes get free passage on a pilgrimage. *Poor fellow*

Andrew has worked very hard in helping the missionary priests instruct the Indians in the Faith. He is very poor.

I understand that you receive a supply of water from Lourdes. If this is so, would you be so kind as to send some of this water to Father Benedict? I am sure that it would help Andrew. He has the Faith.

Thanking you in advance for whatever you may be able to do in this matter, I remain

Yours fraternally,

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

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Liberty Avenue and Seventeenth Street
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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REV. JAMES R. COX, A.M., Ph.D.
RECTOR

February 13th, 1930

Rt. Reverend Monsignor Wm. Hughes
Director, Bureau Catholic Indian Missions
2021 H. St. N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Rt. Reverend and dear Monsignor:-

We are sending by Parcel Post a supply of the Lourdes Water to Father Benedict for Andrew Redthunder and I hope it does help him as it has so many others. It would indeed be a pleasure to have this Indian with us on one of our Pilgrimages but there are no considerations of any kind made to pay for him. I might advertise over the radio the fact that the Indian wishes to make the trip and there might be a friend who would do it. I will try.

Thank you for the communication. With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

"Holy water for Indian"

Feb 20

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February 15, 1930.

Rev. James H. Cox, A.M., Ph.D.,
Liberty Avenue and Seventeenth St.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Father Cox:

I have your letter of February 13 in which you tell me that you have sent a supply of the Lourdes Water to Father Benedict Seethaler for his catechist, Andrew Red Thunder. Many thanks.

You are very kind to offer it, but I wonder if it would be well to advertise over the radio the fact that Father Seethaler's catechist wishes to make the pilgrimage. There might be someone who would make the donation. But we would be forever bothered by Indians as they are like children. They have the roving hoof.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

EW:R

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Wolf-Point, Mont.
Feb. 25th. 30.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Msgr. Hughes

Many thanks for securing the Lourdes water
and for the blanks for my catechist's report.

[I feel sorry that our Bishop resigned, who
was very kind to the Indians and wanted
us to work faithfully for the Indians.]

There are Bishops, who do not give a snap
for the Indians. I know it by experience.
With best wishes I remain

Yours very gratefully
Benedict O. S. P.

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Rev. James R. Cox,
67-17th St.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Father Cox:

I take pleasure in sending you a letter which I have just received for you from Rev. Benedict Seethaler, O.S.B., in which he thanks you for your kindness in sending the three bottles of Lourdes water for his Indian catechist who is going blind.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

March 3, 1930.

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Wolf-Point, Mont
April 8th, 30.

Dear Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes:

Enclosed Catechist Report. I beg you for the money.
We have it quite hard this winter, but
spring is here, what makes the trips
easier and less expensive.

Wishing you a "very joyous Easter"
I remain

Yours very gratefully
Benedict Seethala

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April 29, 1930.

Rev. Benedict Seethaler, O.S.B.,
Wolf Point,
Montana.

Dear Father Seethaler:

I enclose Preservation Society check for \$30, covering the
salary of your catechist, for the quarter ended March 31, 1930.

Yours fraternally,

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

MW

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Wolf Point, Mont.
May 1, 1930.

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Mr. John D. Ryan:

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for 5 Mass intentions as missae cantatae. May God bless you. The Catholic Indian Missions are in need of help. My Indians are always willing to help, but they are very poor themselves. They do not understand, that the missionary needs the money. They think not much of a religion which has to be paid for. Tomorrow I make mission trip which costs me at least \$15 takes as an average expense per mile. Maybe I get a breakfast and even \$1 or \$2 from the Indians as a freewill offering, and maybe not. Therefore I am very glad that I got your Mass intentions.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours very gratefully,

(Per) Benedict Seethaler.

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Wolf-Point, Mont.
 July 5th, 30.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Msgr. Wm. Hughes:

Many thanks for securing those much appreciated gifts. Please, forward enclosed letters. I beg you for the money for my catechists. I attend the Indian-Congress at Shields, N.D. I am planning to get a Missionary to preach a mission in Indian this fall, if I can manage the expenses.

With best wishes I remain

Yours very gratefully

Benedict Seethaler O.S.B.

July 11, 1930.

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Rev. Benedict Seethaler, O.S.B.,
Wolf Point,
Mont.

Dear Father Benedict:

I enclose Preservation Society check for \$30,
covering the salary of one of your catechists, for the
quarter ended June 30, 1930.

Very sincerely yours,

Eugene J. Welch,
Secretary.

JR

Poplar, Mont., Oct. 7, 1930.

Very Rev. J. B. Fennelly, S.S.,
Washington, D.C.

Very Reverend Father Fennelly:

I heartily beg of your Grace
to remember my poor mission
for an allotment from the Lenten
Collection.

Yours gratefully,
Fr. Louis Seethaler, O.S.B.,
Indian Missionary, Poplar, Mont.

(over)

Great Falls Oct 9-1930-

Rev. Louis Scutcher O.F.B.
Poplar-Montana &
his brother Benedict of
Wolf Point - are

two zealous Indian
Missionaries and receive
practically nothing from
these poor Indians -

They attend half a dozen
Indian Churches regularly -

Any assistance given to
these Fathers will be
appreciated by

+ M.C. Lenihan
App. - Adm. Ap. - Gt. Falls

Great Falls

Wolf Point, Mont
Oct. 9th, 30.

Very Rev. J. B. Fennelly, S. S., L. L.
Washington, D. C.

Very Rev. and Dear Father:

I am working for the Catholic Indians of the Fort-Peck-Reservation for many years. Without help I cannot defray the expenses for taking care of my missions and keeping up the four churches. The support, given to me by the Indians, does not cover $\frac{1}{10}$ of the expenses. Therefore I beg you to recommend my missions for a substantial help to the Commission for the Distribution of the Lenten Collection, to defray some of my expenses for the Indian-Missions. Thanking you for this kindness I remain A

Yours sincerely
Great Falls
Oct 14 - 1930 (Rev.) Benedict Seethaler

I have already introduced an application for Fr. B. Seethaler. We have no more zealous Indian Missionary than this priest, + M. C. Lenchow.

Atty. Adm. Apn. Great Falls

Rev. Benedict Seethaler, O.S.B.,
Wolf Point,
Montana.

Dear Father Seethaler:

I am enclosing Preservation Society check for \$30, covering the
salary of one of your catechist, for the quarter ending September 30, 1930.

Yours Fraternally,

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

October 16, 1930.

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Wolf-Point, Mont.
Nov. 29th 30.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Msgr. Dom Hughes:

I thank you very much for securing
some clothes for my poor Indians.
My catechists do good works ~~today~~ this
year, but it is expensive. With best wishes
I remain

Yours very gratefully

Benedict Seethaler O.S.B.

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December 19, 1930.

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Rev. Benedict Seethaler, O.S.B.,
Wolf Point,
Mont.

Dear Father Benedict:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$250.00
designated to be sent to you for your 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 fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MC

December 19, 1930.

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Rev. Louis Seethaler, O.S.B.,
St. Ursula Mission,
Poplar, Mont.

Dear Father Louis:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$ 250.00
designated to be sent to you for your 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 fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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Wolf Point, Montana 40-16

May 10th, 1930

Dollars

Benedict Deethaler