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January 29, 1930.

Rev. Francis P. Sansone, S.J.,
St. Jude Thaddeus Church,
Harve, Montana.

Dear Father Sansone:

Miss Margaret Leitch of Michigan, 25, covering
your gasoline expenses as mentioned on page 30 of the Winter
issue of THE INDIAN SCOUT.

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March 6, 1930

Rev. Francis P. Sansone, S.J.,
St. Jude Thaddeus Church,
Havre, Montana.

Dear Father Sansone:

The enclosed copy of order form will inform you that I am placing
order today for an alb, missal, missal stand and set of cruets.

Kindly send me a letter of thanks for transmittal to the donor,
Miss Margaret Leitch of Michigan.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:MD.

I am sending to you today by parcel post a crucifix, surplice and
set of vestments, also the gifts of Miss Leitch.

Rec'd APR 8 1930 Amt _____ Ch.
Ans. 7th MP Ent First Co. 930

Full'd _____ Menses _____ Dr.
Letter to Episcopal & Mrs. Lital 44/30MB O. G.

Order for _____ W. E. C. D. P. O.
Rt. Rev. Monsignor W. Hughes E. O.

Director, Bureau of Cath. Ind. Mission Sp.

Washington, D. C.

Reverend Monsignor:

When a short time ago
I wrote to Miss Margaret Leitch, I had
mentioned to her that all articles had
arrived, except the bookstand. Now
this article arrived yesterday, and
I thought best to notify you that
the bookstand came.

With many sincere thanks, and
kindest regards, I remain

Yours Respectfully
F. P. Sansone S. J.

Miss Margaret Leitch,
259 Mt. Vernon Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Miss Leitch:

I am quoting to you a paragraph of a letter which I have just received from Rev. Francis P. Sansone, S.J. of Montana.

"When a short time ago I wrote to Miss Margaret Leitch, I had mentioned to her that all articles had arrived, except the missal stand. Now this article arrived yesterday and I thought best to notify you that it came."

The missionaries and Indian children will pray daily for your intentions. May their prayers obtain for you from our risen Lord blessings of peace and joy throughout the Easter season.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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April 9, 1930

Date April 18, 1930 Amt 0.00
 Ans. ST. JUDE THADDEUS CHURCH
 Folio HAVRE, MONTANA
 Letter to April 18, 1930
 Order filled Rt. Rev. Monsgr. W. Hughes
 Ship to Washington, D.C. R.O.
 Copy to Rt. Reverend Monsgr. Hughes:
 Copy to Church sent

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Please, forward the
 enclosed letter to the Tabernacle Society
 of Pittsburg Pa. as I have received from
 the same a set of red Vestments.
 With kindest regards and the best wishes
 of the season, I remain

Respectfully Yours
J. R. Sansone

Recd. NOV 24 1930 Amt. _____
 And ✓ 12/10/30 R.F. Ent. _____
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 Letter to _____
 Order filled _____ Work Slip O.K. ✓ F.O. _____
 Ship't _____
 Copy to 1. mt D.G. or Ref. _____
 Copy to _____ Check sent _____

ST. JUDE THADDEUS CHURCH
 HAVRE, MONTANA
 Nov. 19th 1930

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Leewards
Handwritten note:
 I have just been recalled from Juneau Alaska where I was in a position to appreciate all the good work you are doing for our poor Missions... I am taking the place of two former missionaries, Frs. Griva and Samsone... have four places to take care of with a territory about 150 miles long and 40 wide... that means mileage.. auto, gas etc... you can easily feature it all... In other words I will be in need of means... At the Belknap school I find 116 catholic children out of 124 and strange to say with that big proportion of catholics, only two employees to help in the sunday school... for 8 protestants there are 3 sunday school teachers... Well any way this is just in passing; I should like to talk this matter over with you sometime... I managed to secure two full hours of instruction per week and I tell you it is a pleasure now, after three sessions, to see how they respond... If you are interested I will, for the benefit of your readers, give you a detail account of my ~~way of~~ proceeding... Today I am quite rushed and I will only tell you that the enclosed pictures are from the other reservation where I also go twice a month but meet with a lot more difficulty because of the fact that they have a little school all over the hills and I cannot get to them... On Saturday

ST. JUDE THADDEUS CHURCH
HAVRE, MONTANA

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I teach the children who came ..but it is hard for them and for me to get there...We are right in winter with 10⁺ and 15 below zero and a lot of snow..the drifts nearly killed my poor second hand car...I went in the ditch ~~the~~ the other day and it was impossible to get out until I promised a mass to the little Flower if she would get me out in 5 minutes.. Three minutes later I was out and she gets her mass...Joe Houle is a fine young man, 24 years old and devout...he came to serve my mass and also attended the 7 o'clock instruction and prayers which I have instituted for the grown ups every saturday nights that I spend at Rockyboy...I had over thirty last time....Excuse this rushed note..it will show you I will need a lot of help during the coming year..Will it be too late to get something for the children for Xmas?...I need a bell for Rocky boy and a fund to try to give them a summer school if possible in June....

Pray for me as I do for you...

gratefully yours in Xstom

Gabriel M. Menager

P.S. I will try to get you more picture, also one of myself..do not mix with my two there Brothers S.J. Missionaries, one in Alaska on the Bering sea at present and the other resting in S.F.

ST. JUDE THADDEUS CHURCH

HAVRE, MONTANA

Nov. 20th 1930

Very Reverend And dear Father: P.C:

I have just recently been recalled from Alaska and assigned to a rather huge territory among our poor Indians of Montana. I have four places to attend to and with the conditions of the roads and the great poverty of these sons of the Prairies I feel I should appeal to you at once to see if you cannot do something for my Gros Ventres Assinaboines and Crees.. At the Government school, Fort Belknap nearly all the children are catholic but on the other side at Rocky boy the problem is very difficult of solution...I should like to be able to have somekind of a summer school and perhaps be able to do something withh while..But all that means money and all these poor Indians are really unable to do anything for the priest, on the contrary he has to try to help them. Conditions of the roads are very bad...cars have to be kept up and the price of gasoline is exhorbitant...I have not been able to confer with our new Bishop since he had to go East for the Bishop's meeting but I know that he is with me in this work heart and soul...

Hoping I am not too late to obtain some real substantial help for the coming year I am, very Rev. Father, yours

gratefully in the Sacred Heart, *Gabriel M. Ménager*
P.S. I am taking the work formerly done by Frs. Griva and Samsone *G.*

December 22, 1930.

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Rev. Gabriel Menager, S.J.,
St. Jude Thaddeus Church,
Havre, Mont.

Dear Father Menager:

I enclose Bureau check covering Marquette League donation of \$100.00
designated to be sent to you for your work 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 fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

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