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BURNS, HOLY FAMILY MISSION  
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February 19, 1931 40-5

Rev. A. F. Looser,  
Holy Family Mission,  
Burns, Oregon.

Dear Father Looser:

I am enclosing Bureau check of \$30 in compliance with my letter to you on November 25, 1930. In this letter, I told you that the Bureau would try to secure a donation of \$30 to reimburse you for the chalice which you purchased from general funds on June 12, 1930.

This gift is from Mr. and Mrs. F. Geragross, Philadelphia, Pa. Kindly send me a letter of thanks for the donors. Do not mention the gift of \$30 in the letter of thanks, but thank the donors for the chalice. They need not know anything about the reimbursement.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

MB.

Please remember Mr. and Mrs. Geragross and Family in your prayers.

Burns, Oregon, February 27, 1931.

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes, *3401 1/2 St. N.E.*  
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D.C.

Right Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

Permit me to thank you most cordially for the check in the amount of thirty dollars for the chalice. With this letter, I am enclosing the letter of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. F. Beangross of Philadelphia.

Dear Monsignor, I know that you are familiar with the situation in Burns. I recall the time you visited here and I know just what you met with here and in Baker. I trust that your experience will not be against me but rather that you will remember my difficulties and help me to that extent which is consistent with your office.

Excepting several parcels of worn clothing, this check for \$30.00 is the first donation I received for Indian work in Burns. Of course, I readily understood that you, Rt. Rev. Monsignor,

are besieged on all sides with requests for help.

I had a Mass kit which I used in going out to the Indian Camp and saying Mass but it was taken away from me. Now, I take a box and have to take the stone out of the altar and the articles I use here and carry them along.

Rev. Monsignor, I do not wish to convey the impression that I am not grateful. I shall face my problem as best I can, under my circumstances, and I deeply appreciate your position and kindness.

With sincere regards, I remain  
in Christ, Yours very truly,

(Rev.) A. F. Leiser,

Box 1117,

Burns, Oregon.

Indian Missions  
Bureau of  
TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

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*Bureau*

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Yours very truly,

A. F. Loeser,  
Box 1117,  
Burns, Oregon.

Copied by MB.

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Miss. 3/13/31 MB  
orig. to Bureau

[ENCLOSURE]

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Holy Family Mission,  
Burns, Oregon,  
February 27, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Gemgross  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gemgross:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the beautiful chalice you donated for Holy Family Mission, Burns, Oregon. The Paiute Indians here have no tribal funds and live in the most object poverty. They have no beds to sleep in neither blankets to cover themselves and frequently they rummage through garbage cans seeking scraps of food. They are Catholics and appreciate the ministrations of the priest. The priest is their refuge in their trials and difficulties. I appreciate the kindness of receiving the chalice and the Indians and I shall not fail to remember you at the altar of God.

With renewed sentiments of thanks and kindest regards, I remain in Christ

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Rev. A. F. Loeser.

Copied by MW

March 6, 1931

Rev. A. F. Loeser  
Box 1117  
Burns, Ore.

Dear Father Loeser:

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

From my own experience, both on Indian missions and in the army, I know the advantage of having a complete Mass kit. In order to get the money, I will have to put a letter in The Indian Sentinel which is getting ready for the printer now. The cost of the Mass kit is \$150.

Meantime, I would send you the Mass kit with the understanding that you would write a letter of thanks to the donor when the gift of money is received.

If there is anything in the complete Mass kit which you do not need, you should let me know. But everything is small, even the altar stone. It is already blessed.

Let me hear from you very soon.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:MB

Burns, Oregon

[MARCH 23, 1931]

Rt. Rev. Mgr. H. Hughes,  
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D.C.

RECORDED 58 1931 MAR 31  
Ans. 3/30/31  
Post'd \_\_\_\_\_  
Letter to \_\_\_\_\_  
Order filled \_\_\_\_\_  
Ship's \_\_\_\_\_  
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Right Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

Please accept  
my sincere thanks for your helpfulness in pro-  
curing these altar linens for me. I appreciate  
the same very much.

I am also most grate-  
ful for your offer contained in your letter of  
March the 6<sup>th</sup> for a Mass kit. Every Sunday  
I say holy Mass and give instructions at the  
Indian Camp. After my Mass in Burns, I must  
take the stone from the altar and divest the  
altar and take candles and every thing from the  
sacristy. It will be a great convenience to have  
a Mass kit here for the Indians.

Assuring you, Rt. Rev.  
Monsignor, of my appreciation for this and past  
favors, I remain in Christ,

Yours very sincerely,  
J. F. Leeser.

Burns, Oregon

[MARCH 23, 1931]

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm Hughes,  
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian  
Washington, D.C.

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*drafted by me*  
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Yours very sincerely,  
J. F. Leaser.

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Copy for Bureau

Burns, Oregon  
March 23, 1931

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

Right Rev. and dear Monsignor:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your helpfulness in procuring these altar linens for me. I appreciate the same very much.

I am also most grateful for your offer contained in your letter of March the 6th for a Mass kit. Every Sunday I say holy Mass and give instructions at the Indian camp. After my Mass in Burns, I must take the stone from the altar and divest the altar and take candles and every thing from the sacristy. It will be a great convenience to have a Mass kit here for the Indians.

Assuring you, Rt. Rev. Monsignor of my appreciation for this and past favor, I remain in Christ

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed)

A. F. Loeser

Copied by MB

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March 30, 1931

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

Dear Father Loesser:

I have your letter of March 23, copy of which I enclose.

The enclosed copy of order form will inform you that I am placing order today for a Mass kit, complete with consecrated altar stone and consecrated chalice.

In order to get the money to reimburse the Bureau for the Mass kit, I will have to insert an appeal in The Indian Sentinel. The Mass kit is being sent to you with the understanding that you will write a letter of thanks to the donor when the gift of money is received.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,  
Director.

MB

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS  
2021 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

(Copy for Missionary)

March 30, 1931

ORDER FORM

Chaplains' Aid Association, Inc.

401 West 59th St., New York City, N. Y.

Rev. A. F. Looser

Ship to (See complete shipping address enclosed)

| QUANTITY                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLES                                                                          | YOUR CATALOG |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                  | NUMBER       | PRICE |
| One                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Mass kit, complete with <u>consecrated</u><br><u>alter stone</u> and <u>consecrated chalice.</u> |              |       |
| <p>Remittance will be made promptly.</p> <p>Burns, Oregon - Apr. 7, 1931.</p> <p>Received above Mass kit,<br/>Complete, in good order.<br/>Kindest and sincerest thanks.</p> <p>A. F. Looser<br/>Burns, Oregon</p> |                                                                                                  |              |       |

Send bill of lading or express receipt to consignee.  
Send bill for cost of articles and transportation to Bureau of  
Catholic Indian Missions, 2021 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

REC'D APR 13 1931  
5/4/31  
Masses  
Order filled  
Sent to  
Only to I.S.  
Check to  
" " Bureau

Holy Family Mission,  
Burns, Oregon  
April 8, 1931.

Reverend Mr. Hughes,  
Director, Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,  
Washington, D.C.

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor

Yesterday, I was very happy to receive the Mass kit. It is complete in every form and of good quality and well adapted for missionary purposes. Rt. Rev. Monsignor, I thank you most cordially for your kindness. As soon as you wish me to acknowledge same to a donor, I shall be pleased to do so.

On Easter Sunday morning, I had the entire tribe of Piute Indians at Holy Mass. Every Sunday I have all of the children and a number of the adults.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor

✓ I have an aunt, Sister Mary Alicia of the Sisters of Nazareth, Ky. who devotes her entire time to missionary writing. She does it gratis. She has taught for many years at Nazareth College and speaks various languages fluently. She is a

contributor to the Little Missionary, Little Flower  
Magazine of Oklahoma City, Hygeia and other  
periodicals and has translated various books.  
If you could use her talent in any of your  
literary work, I feel confident that she will  
gladly consent to do so. Her address is: Sister  
Mary Alicia, Mt. St. Agnes Sanitarium,  
2016 Kenbury Road, Louisville, Ky.

Again, I thank you most  
cordially, Rt. Rev. Monsignor.

With kindest regards, I remain  
in Christ. Yours very sincerely,

A. F. Leeser

Box 1117,

Burns, Oregon.

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COPY FOR: *Bureau*

HOLY FAMILY MISSION  
BURNS, OREGON  
April 8, 1931

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Washington, D.C.

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Yesterday I was very happy to receive the Mass kit. It is complete in every form and of good quality and well-adapted for missionary purposes. Rt. Rev. Msgr., I thank you most cordially for your kindness. As soon as you wish me to acknowledge same to a donor, I shall be pleased to do so.

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Again, I thank you most cordially, Rt. Rev. Msgr.

With kindest regards, I remain, in Christ

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) A. F. Loemer

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May 9, 1931

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

Dear Father Loeser:

I have your letter of April 8, copy of which I enclose.

I am glad to know that you like the Mass kit, the entire tribe of Piute Indians were at holy Mass Easter Sunday and that all of the children and a number of adults attend every Sunday.

I know you must have a most difficult position since your predecessor is still around. Poor Fellow. He recently sent me carbon copy of two letters and a long printed dodger. Do not mention this to him. I will not write him.

I thank you for the name and address of your aunt, Sister Mary Alicia. At present, I can think of no way in which I can ask for her assistance. She might be able to get you some advertising through articles. You can manage that.

Yours fraternally,

WH:MB

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

Copy for Bureau

*Orig. sent to Mr. Fischer*  
JUN 11 1931 *JR*

Burns, Oregon  
May 31, 1931

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

Rt. Rev. and dear Monsignor:

With this letter I wish to acknowledge with thanks the parcel of clothing received from W. A. Fishcer in Scappoose.

I am trying my best to succeed in my difficult mission through work, kindness and silence. Thank God all is going fine here. I am arranging to bring in two Sisters of St. Francis from Baker, Oregon, for a vacation-religious instruction school.

With kindest regards, I remain in Christ

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) A. F. Loeser

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Copy for *Bureau*

" to *Is.*

Miss Catherine T. Burke *Orig To Donor*

40 Mapleton St.  
Brighton, Mass.

SEP 23 1931

Burns, Oregon.  
Sept. 16, 1931

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Dear Miss Burke:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the box of clothing and shoes you so kindly sent me. I also appreciate greatly the beautiful Holy Communion paten which henceforward will be used when distributing Holy Communion. I shall not fail to remember you and your kind relatives at the daily Mass and beg God to bless you for your charity.

The Plute Indians here have no tribal fund, no lands to till nor places to hunt and fish. The Government gives the children and old people rations but none receive any clothing. They are destitute and are covered with rags and sleep on the floor. Of the 160 Indians here, approximately 60 are of school age and under. Twenty more are old, feeble and some are blind. For these 80 destitute Indians, I must get clothing and various other necessities. They have no one else to go to. So you will readily understand that the clothing will be placed to the best of advantage.

Again thanking you and assuring you of my daily prayers, I beg to remain in Christ,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed)

A. F. Looser  
Holy Family Church  
Burns, Oregon

Controlled by G.D.

CONFIDENTIAL

October 20, 1931

Dear Father:

The information which I am giving you must be kept absolutely confidential. When you act on it, as you no doubt will promptly, you must give no information as to the tip. But with this tip, you can make inquiries which will give you the information from other sources.

Due to the emergency arising from drought and grasshoppers, it appears that the Red Cross on November 1, will start to take care of the most indigent Indians in South Dakota, North Dakota (except Fort Berthold where the Indians have money of their own which will shortly be distributed to them) Nebraska (Winnebago Reservation only) and Montana.

The plan is to give \$10 a month to a family of five in the case of greatest need.

It seems to me that you should go to the Superintendent and ask him if there is not some hope of getting relief through the Red Cross, at least for the surplus children that you have. The Superintendent will probably give you some information. Likely you will then go to the local representative of the Red Cross and state your case. You may well say that at least the surplus children will have to be dismissed from your school for want of food and clothing, and that then the Red Cross will surely have the children on their hands. Ask: Would it not be better for the Red Cross to assist these children in your school?

The Red Cross would carry on only until Congress can meet and provide for the emergency. But any appropriation by Congress will fall under the law which forbids its use in (so-called) sectarian schools, unless I can have the law so framed as to make the appropriation available also for our schools. You may be sure that I will try that. But I will not succeed.

But go discreetly after the Red Cross now. And keep this tip confidential. Let me know the result.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:JR

Copy to Father Hogeback  
" " " John Balfe  
" " " Jos. Balfe  
" " " Ignatius Dumbeck  
" " " Snyder  
" " " Riester  
" " " Schiltz  
" " " Busalt  
" " " Loesser  
" " " Bishop McGrath

Rec'd OCT 28 1931

MISSION NEEDS.

(To be returned to Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.)

| Letter to    | Needs                  | Number                                  | Size         | Remarks            |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Order filed  | Work & O.K.            |                                         |              |                    |
| Sh. Aibs.    |                        |                                         |              |                    |
| Copy to I.S. | D.O. or Ref.           |                                         |              |                    |
| Copy to      |                        |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Altar linens           |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Benediction copes      |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Benediction veils      |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Candlesticks           | 6                                       | large        | or two candelabras |
|              | Catechist salaries     |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Censers                |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Chalices               | 1                                       | already here | but needs plating  |
|              | Chapels                | (Fill out special form attached hereto) |              |                    |
|              | Ciboria                |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Cruets                 | 1                                       | small        |                    |
|              | Mass Kits              |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Meeting houses (Sioux) | (Fill out special form attached hereto) |              |                    |
|              | Missals                |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Missal stands          |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Mission altars         |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Organs                 |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Ostensoria             |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Pyxes                  |                                         |              |                    |
|              | School supplies        |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Stations of the Cross  |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Statues                |                                         | Size         | Kind               |
|              | Surplices              |                                         |              |                    |
|              | Tabernacle crucifixes  |                                         |              |                    |

Remarks:

Superior of Mission

A. J. Leuer

Name of Mission

Holy Family

Address of Mission

Burns, Oregon

Date:

Oct. 23, 1931

# CHURCH GOODS IN USE BUT NOT SPECIALLY DONATED

Have any of the articles listed below been paid for out of general funds or by money not specially designated for the purpose? If so, it is possible that the Bureau may be able to reimburse you by gifts designated for these purposes.

Whether you have purchased an altar from a manufacturer or had it built at the mission makes no difference. You are entitled to reimbursement if obtainable.

| Article                 | Number | Approximate cost | When purchased |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------|----------------|
| Albs.....               | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Altar linens.....       | 1 set  | \$ 28.00         | February 1931  |
| Benediction copes.....  | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Benediction veils.....  | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Candle-sticks.....      | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Censers.....            | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Chalices.....           | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Ciboria.....            | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Cruets.....             | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Mass Kits.....          | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Missals.....            | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Missal stands.....      | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Mission altars.....     | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Organs.....             | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Ostensoria.....         | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Pyxes.....              | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Stations of the Cross.. | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Statues (kind).....     | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Surplices.....          | .....  | .....            | .....          |
| Tabernacle crucifixes.. | .....  | .....            | .....          |

Remarks: .....

Superior of Mission A. J. Lewis

Name of Mission Holy Family

Address of Mission Burns, Oregon

Date: Oct 23, 1931

Return to Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, 2021 H Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

NOTICE TO INDIAN MISSIONARIES ABOUT CHAPELS

Have you within recent years built a chapel out of general funds, that is, without receiving toward its cost a considerable designated gift? If so, you should be entitled to receive a donation for a chapel. Where a donor gives \$500 or \$1,000 for a chapel, his only right is to be considered the principal donor. Small donations received from others, especially from whites or Indians in the parish, would not prevent the principal donor from being allowed the privilege of naming the chapel if he wished, or at least calling it his chapel.

Besides the principal church of the mission, there may be a chapel in the convent or the priest's house which was not paid for by a large gift for that particular chapel. A donor might now be willing to pay for it.

If you have built a chapel but have not received a considerable gift for it, the Bureau may get you such a gift. If so, the chapel should, if necessary, be put in condition by repair or at least by paint so that the photograph which must be furnished the donor would show the chapel to be worthy of the gift.

----- (Fill out and return this form) -----

I list below each detached chapel for which no big gift has been received:

| Names of chapels | Where located | Year built | Approximate cost |
|------------------|---------------|------------|------------------|
|                  |               |            | \$               |
|                  |               |            | \$               |
|                  |               |            | \$               |
|                  |               |            | \$               |
|                  |               |            | \$               |

The following chapels which are not separate buildings but part of a school, priest's house or convent, have not been paid for by a special gift and, therefore, might now be paid for by a donor of a chapel:

| Patron Saint of chapel                       | Located in | Year built | Approximate cost |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| <i>I have no chapel for Indians but says</i> |            |            |                  |
| <i>Holy Mass in Government School house</i>  |            |            |                  |
|                                              |            |            | \$               |

The following chapels badly need repairs:

| Names of chapels   | Where located        | Year built  | Amount absolutely required |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Holy Family</i> | <i>Burns, Oregon</i> | <i>1901</i> | <i>\$ 250.00</i>           |
|                    |                      |             | <i>\$ for roof</i>         |

If necessary, add remarks on back of this report.

(Signed) *A. F. Loesser*  
Address *Holy Family*  
*Burns, Oregon*

Rev. A. F. Loeser  
Holy Family Mission  
Burns, Oregon

November 18, 1931

Dear Father Loeser:

I have a gift of \$1,000 for the erection of a little memorial chapel in memory of John Jarosh. Have you need of such a gift for an Indian chapel?

Please let me hear from you about this proposed gift at your earliest convenience. Do not proceed with the building until you have the money in hand.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

MJ:MB

40-5  
November 19, 1931.

Rev. A. F. Loesser  
Burns, Oregon.

Dear Father Loesser:

I enclose confidential copy of a letter of November 5 from the Indian Office to superintendents. I have no doubt that the superintendent of Warm Springs was included.

I also enclose copy of a letter which I wrote November 17. You have no children in school of your own. But you can write and ask the superintendent to meet the needs of the Indians of Burns, if necessary by submitting a supplementary list to the Indian Office for surplus Army goods.

It is probable also that the emergency relief furnished by the Red Cross to the Indian Office and sent from there to superintendents, reached Superintendent Perkins. You could write him and urge the needs of your Indians. The plan is to give \$10 a month to a family of five in the case of greatest need. The Red Cross would carry on only until Congress can meet and provide for the emergency.

All publicity about these two helps should be avoided, because the people of Burns that might be interested and inclined to assist, would think the job was being done.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:MCS

Copy to Bishop McGrath  
" for Superintendent Perkins

BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS  
2021 H St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

[ENCLOSURE]

NOV 17 1931

TO ALL CATHOLIC MISSION SCHOOLS:

I enclose copy of a circular which you will please keep somewhat confidential. You may discuss the contents where it will be valuable, for instance, with the superintendent or chief clerk. You may say that I have given you the information contained therein. You can refer to Circular No. 2822, Nov. 5, 1931.

You should go to your superintendent with a list of the needs of your Indian pupils which can be supplied from this stock. While the sizes are probably the smallest issued by the army, they may be large for children. You will have to take that chance.

Since, as is likely, the superintendent has already submitted a list of his wants to the Indian Office, you may tell him that the Indian Office will welcome a supplementary list, covering the needs of your Indian pupils.

If necessary, issue could be made at the Agency to the individual Indians. But in the mind of the Indian Office that will not be necessary. Issue can be made to the pupils at the school. The Melton cloth would make fine double blankets.

You will have to act immediately or lose out. Let me know the result.

You will note that these articles are free of charge, but of course are exclusively for Indians.

Needless to say, there must be no waste. Avoid publicity.

Yours fraternally,

*Wm Hughes*  
Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,  
Director.

WH:MCS

Holy Family Church

Burns, Oregon

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

RECEIVED  
DEC 3 1931  
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With renewed sentiments of thanks and regards, I remain in Christ,  
Very sincerely yours, A. F. Leaser.

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Copy for Bureau  
" " Fr. Loeser

Holy Family Church  
Burns, Oregon  
November 27, 1931

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

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(Signed)

A. F. Loeser.

Copied by MB

December 4, 1931

Rev. A. F. Loesser  
Holy Family Mission  
Burns, Oregon

Dear Father Loesser:

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

You must first secure a site for the chapel. The usual way of proceeding is to select the site you wish, make your request to the Superintendent, describing its size and distance from some other object like the school building, or if possible by metes and bounds, and ask him to forward your request to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Send copy of your request to me and I will follow it at the Indian Office. Because of distance and delays, it will take at least a month.

I understand that the title to the little reservation vests in the United States Government. In that case the title which we receive can be authorized by the Secretary of the Interior. But the title is simply "use and occupancy". None of our missions have ever been disturbed in that title. The title provides that as long as the work is carried on, the mission will not be disturbed.

If you buy a site off the Indian reserve, you do not need to bother with the Government. You get a fee simple title which is final.

You should inform Superintendent Perkins that if he wishes you will secure a petition from a representative number of Indians. The Indian Office interprets <sup>representative</sup> number to be, even in large tribes, 20 or even 15 or 10.

I enclose two copies of this letter which you can forward to Bishop McGrath and Superintendent Perkins.

Yours fraternally,

WH:MB

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,  
Director.

December 4, 1931

Rev. A. F. Loeser  
Holy Family Mission  
Burns, Oregon

Dear Father Loeser:

I enclose copy of my letter to Monsignor Flynn of the Marquette  
League.

As soon as you are ready to start building, I will send the \$1,000  
either to you or to Bishop McGrath, as you direct.

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:MB

What is your first name? I could not get it from your letters or  
the directory. In The Indian Sentinel Father Andrew Loeser sounds more  
familiar and friendly than Rev. A. F. Loeser.

Holy Family Church

Burns, Oregon

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

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Right Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

Permit me to thank you very cordially for your kind letter of Dec. 4, 1931 and for your charity and zeal in helping me to procure a chapel for the Pinte Indians in Burns.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor,  
after weighing your suggestions regarding the site for the proposed chapel, I have come to the conclusion that a parcel of land adjoining the Indian Village would be best suited and most feasible. Yesterday, I received a communication from Portland, Oregon informing me that the Egan Land Company, owner of the adjacent land, will gladly donate an acre of land to my Bishop for the chapel. In consequence, I went over the ground to-day with a surveyor and selected an acre of land 400 feet from the Government school, 50 ft. from Chief Lewis's home and immediately adjoining the reservation. It faces squarely in the center of the main thoroughfare of the Indian Village, is flanked on either side by a road and sits on a gentle knoll. It is 208.7 ft. square. To-day, an attorney is drawing up the deeds for me  
(over)

and I trust to have the return deed complete and  
final within ten days or two weeks. When I receive the  
deed, I shall remit it to the chancery and request  
my Mt. Rev. Bishop to notify you, Rt. Rev. Monsignor;  
that I am ready to go ahead. Meanwhile I shall  
have a friend of mine make the plans and specifications.  
With labor and material at rock bottom right now, I am  
confident that I can build the chapel for the \$1000<sup>00</sup>.  
The acre of land, attorney's services and architects  
plans and specifications are donated. Perhaps I may  
get a donation of some of the lumber.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor, I am particularly grati-  
fied regarding the proposed chapel on account of cer-  
tain obstacles, I trust, it will gradually solve. ~~No~~ <sup>Not</sup> ~~there~~ <sup>one</sup>  
knows nor will ever realize the diplomacy necessary here  
to proceed in a smooth order. Thank God, I have perse-  
vered in saying Mass at the Indian Camp every Sunday  
and I usually have an attendance larger than the Govern-  
ment school will accommodate.

Again, thanking you, Right Reverend Monsignor,  
and wishing you the choicest blessings of the Infant  
Savior for a merry Christmas, I remain in Christ,

Yours very sincerely,  
(Rev.) August F. Leiser,  
Holy Family Church,  
Bureau, Oregon.

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Holy Family Church  
Burns, Oregon  
December 16, 1931

Mrs. A. Mazurek  
River Forest  
Ill.

Dear Mrs. Mazurek:

Please accept my kindest thanks for the box of excellent clothing and candies you sent for the poor Piute Indians. Every article will be put to the best advantage. I also have several Indian girls in Catholic boarding schools and today I am making up nice boxes for Christmas and sending some to them. May God bless you for your kindness.

With every good wish for a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, I remain in Christ

Yours very sincerely

Copied by HS.

(Signed)

(Rev.) A. F. Looser

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December 21, 1931.

Rev. A. F. Loeser,  
Burns, Oregon.

Rev and Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of December-15th., relative to the one acre of land that you described together with deed and descriptions of same.

I have to-day signed this deed and have forwarded deed with instructions to Mr. James L. Conley who is secretary of the Egan Land Company for his signature and he will forward deed direct to you.

With best personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

E. W. Barnes

Holy Family Church

Burns, Oregon

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Dec. 29, 1931

Right Reverend and Dear Monsignor,

With the approach  
of the New Year, may I wish you God's choicest  
blessings for continued success, health and  
happiness in your noble work. I appreciate  
greatly the help and encouragement you have  
given to me in my work among the Pines.

With renewed  
sentiments of regards and good wishes,  
I remain in Christ,

Yours very sincerely,  
A. F. Leiser.

Return this COPY to BUREAU OF CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONS  
2021 H St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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Ans. \_\_\_\_\_ Det. \_\_\_\_\_ December 31, 1931  
Rev. A. F. Loeser \_\_\_\_\_  
Box 1117 Letter to \_\_\_\_\_  
Burns, Ore. Order filed \_\_\_\_\_ Work Rpt O.K. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dear Father Loeser: \_\_\_\_\_  
I enclose herewith Bureau check for \$100

the gift of various persons  
designated for you for emergency relief.

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. William Hughes.  
Director.

WH:MC

Received the check named above

*A. F. Loeser*  
*Burns, Oregon*

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(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.)