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January 9, 1928.

His Eminence,
William Cardinal O'Connell,
217 Bay State Road,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Your Eminence:

I take pleasure in transmitting a letter of thanks from
Father Gerard Brenneke, O.F.M., Superior of St. John's Indian
Mission School, Komatke, Arizona, in thanks for the recent dona-
tion of \$500 from Your Eminence. Father Gerard's letter shows
not only the need but the gratitude of the missionary priests
and Sisters.

Allow me to repeat my own appreciation of the generosity of
Your Eminence.

Your Eminence's obedient servant,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:AQ.

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

January 23, 1928.

Pastor,
St. Patrick's Church,
444 E. Main St.
Danville, Ill.

Dear Father:

I have a small sum of money which appears to be a case of restitution.

Will you be so kind as to give me the street address of Mr. Louis Heinly, Danville? He would be the Louis Heinly somehow related to the A. M. H. estate.

You might find it convenient simply to mark the street address on this letter and to return it to me.

On November 28, 1927, I wrote Father O'Reilly, but received no answer.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours fraternally,

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

WH:FM

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 St. Patrick's Parish House
 DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

Misc. - C

Jan 25/28

Dear Mgr:
 Louis Heinley & Herman
 Schmidt were the owners of the
 "John Rule" store here.
 The store has disappeared and
 they are back dead

Yours Truly
 J. Kelly

February 6, 1928.

Mr. John A. Oatman,
1103-5th Av.,
Beaver Falls, Pa.

Dear Mr. Oatman:

I have never written you to express my personal appreciation to you for your charity toward Father Felix Nelles, O. S. B., and his Indians, in providing a gift for the building of the chapel of St. Agnes. I understand that your gift was \$500.

I have not consulted Father Nelles for fear that he might forbid me to write you because he would not wish you to be offended. Nor would I. I hope, however, that you will not mind if I tell you that Father Nelles has been unable to complete his chapel. Although he has kept costs down as much as possible, they mounted beyond your donation. Father Nelles tells me that he will need \$300 more to complete the chapel. That does not include furnishings. The furnishings, I believe, I can find. I wonder if it would be possible for you to interest some friends who would make contributions of all or a good part of the \$300. If not, please forgive me, but write me frankly.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:SF.

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

My Dear Rt. Rev.

In reply to your favor
of July 6th. Regarding Father
Nelles. and St Agnes Chapel.
where I made the donation of
\$500. I also promised to
furnish the Altar and a set
of vestments. of which I am
ready to do. when ever the
Chapel is under roof. I paid
a visit out there last summer and
I think the Indians could do
something themselves if pushed
along a little. This is my opinion,
after inquiries and my own obser-
vations.

Very truly yours

(Mr.) John A. Oatman

February 9, 1928.

Mr. John A. Catman,
1103 5th Ave.,
Beaver Falls, Pa.

Dear Mr. Catman:

I have your letter of February 7, for which I thank you.

You are right. The Indians should be made to do as much as possible. But the Chippewa are such children. The tribes which were formerly hunters, have learned slowly to settle down to work and saving. Has this been due to the fault of the Government and the missionaries to train them properly? The answers given are both yes and no. In my personal dealings with Indians I have always followed the good rule which you state: the Indians should be urged to help. As a matter of fact the Chippewa in Minn. give the main support to Mission schools where the Sisters are in charge.

I am writing Father Felix Neller, and will let you know what he has to say, especially when he will be ready for the altar and the set of vestments.

Yours in Christ,

Ht. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:TB.

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Misc - C.
April 9, 1928.

Rev. Lewis J. O'Hern, C.S.B.,
The Missionary,
Apostolic Mission House,
Brookland, D. C.

Dear Father O'Hern

I inclose a quotation from the Lincoln Paper Corporation, New York.
As you use wrappers, this may interest you. I use 6 1/2 X 9 1/2 envelopes.

Yours fraternally,

WH:JR

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

Copy to Lincoln Paper Corporation

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

TO ALL CATHOLIC INDIAN MISSIONARIES:

Rev. John J. Wynne, S. J., Vice Postulator for the cause of Catherine Tekakwitha, the holy Mohawk maiden, desires me to gather replies to the following questions. Will you be so kind as to answer any you can? Please number your answers.

1. Is there anyone in your community or mission who is sufficiently acquainted with the Life of Catherine Tekakwitha to give testimony about her life and holiness in the process of her beatification which is soon to be begun?
2. Can you give information of veneration with which she is regarded and if possible precise instances of this?
3. Can you give information about any extraordinary favors obtained through her intercession and also precise details of the same?
4. Do you know of any signs of private devotion to her as shown by reading her life, using pictures of her, or by invoking her intercession?

*No knowledge of her
out here.
John O. H.*

Yours in Christ,

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

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

June 12, 1928.

Rev. Louis J. O'Hern,
Apostolic Mission House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Father O'Hern:

I enclose herewith Bureau check for \$2 which is
the gift of Mr. Redmond O'Neale, 751 East 168th St., New York, N.Y.,
designated for you.

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.

MF

Received the check named above

(Signed) *Louis J. O'Hern*

(This xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx the donor xxxxxxxxxx for
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx much xxxxxxxxxx and xxxxxxxxxx THE INDIAN SENTINEL.)

June 25, 1928.

[1928]

His Eminence,
William Cardinal O'Connell,
217 Bay State Rd.,
Boston, Mass.

Your
His Eminence:

I am pleased to have the enclosed letter of thanks to send to you from Rev. Peter Fehrenbach, O.S.B. Father Peter received the gift of \$1000 through the Propagation of the Faith Office for a memorial chapel to be built in memory of Rev. James Slinney as a tribute from the parishioners of St. Joseph's, Somerville, of which parish Rt. Rev. Monsignor Christopher McGrath is pastor.

Father Peter has sent a letter of thanks to Monsignor McGrath also. I will keep Monsignor McGrath informed as to the progress of the work on the chapel until I am able to send him a picture of the completed building.

Your Eminence's obedient servant,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

SF:TB.

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300 SECOND AVE.
COLLEGE POINT, L.I.
NEW YORK

July 25, 1928

AGENTS FOR
"VITRIFIED" GRINDING WHEELS
ELECTROLYTIC ANODES

Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
Washington, D.C.
2021 H St.,

Rec'd JUL 26 1928
Ans. JUL 27 1928
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Gentlemen:

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CARBOY INCLINATORS
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COPPER CARBONATE
COPPER SULPHATE
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FELT
GLUE
LATHES
LIME FINISH
METAL GLENZ
NICKEL
NICKEL SALTS
PLATING BARRELS
PUMICE
RESPIRATORS
RETORT CARBON
ROUGES
RUBBER APRONS
RUBBER GLOVES
SAWDUST
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SODA ASH
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CANVAS WHEELS
EMERY WHEELS
FELT WHEELS
SHEEPSKIN WHEELS
WALRUS WHEELS

Can you give me proper address of "Marquette League"?
Or if you have superceeded that organization can you give
me credentials of any sort that would authorize me as
executor to make you a donation mentioned in my mother's w
will for the Marquette League?

Might ask also that you send and further copies of
"Indian Sentinal" on her subscription addressed to me .
Mother's subscription was entered under
Emelie Odenheimer
c/o Oden Corporation
300-2nd Ave.,
College Point, N.Y.

Just change the name to Edwin Oden and leave the
address the same c/o the Oden Corp. (You will note that
for business and personal reasons had my name shortened
some twenty years ago by the courts.)

Sincerely

Edwin Oden

ALL CONTRACTS ARE CONTINGENT ON STRIKES AND DELAYS BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Misc. - C.

July 31, 1923.

Mr. Edwin Oden,
300 Second Ave.
College Point, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Mr. Oden:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 25.

The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions is the national organization which supervises the Catholic Indian missions of this country. The Marquette League of New York City is the auxiliary and cooperates with this Bureau in helping our Catholic Indian missions. The address of the Marquette League is: 105 East 22nd Street.

This Bureau is incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland and its corporate title is: Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions. It is engaged exclusively in educational and charitable work. It supports 7,000 children in mission schools in the United States, without profit.

Your mother has been a subscriber to THE INDIAN SENTINEL for several years and I can assure you that she will be remembered in the Masses and prayers of our priests, Sisters and Indian children. Anyone remembering this Bureau in his or her will is enrolled as a Perpetual Member in the Catholic Indian Mission Society, sharing in all the spiritual benefits as described on the inside front cover of THE INDIAN SENTINEL. I will change your mother's name in my file to your own.

Please accept my sincere sympathy in the death of your good mother and I trust that Almighty God has already blessed her with eternal life in heaven.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WJ:JR

Crowe Point, Mex.

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Rev. Father Hughes or Secy

Washington D.C.

Aug 11 1928
Amt. \$7.00
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I am enclosing a letter I rec'd. from the Indian Office. The Supt. here Principal both assured me that they had sent no adverse ~~report~~ ^{report} against me, and showed me a copy of what they had sent in, which was in my favor. Supt. Stacher also said that no adverse reports had been sent in from the Indian office to him, and he was astounded when he received the enclosed letter. Now, although I think this demotion very unfair to me, I will take the position offered, as it does not mean a change of schools, as I want to remain here.

What I did not like about it was giving me one more chance. If they look over my record for the last 22½ yrs. I believe they will find it very satisfactory. The one more chance I think very unjust, as well as \$15.00 less a mo. as that is what Matrons positions pay.

II

I am in line for a pension, and if bill is amended this winter will take the pension if I can get in on it. I am 61 years and 22½ years in service.

I don't want any more adverse reports sent in against me, as I do not want to loose out on pension. I would like to know who it was that sent in the adverse report so I'll be on my guard.

If it was Miss Groves Supervisor she has not visited this school since I have been here.

In any case will you kindly find out who it was sent in the report and let me know. I would like to see a copy of it. I have all ways been rated well, untill Miss Groves for some cause or other is after me. She hasent much use for the Irish & Catholics.

I am assured by the heads at this school that my work has been satisfactory. Kindly let me hear from you soon.

Very respectfully
Agnes O'Connor

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

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"O'Connor"

Misc.-O.

Crown Point, N. Mex.
Indian School,
August 7, 1923.

[TRANSCRIPT]

Rev. Father Hughes or Secretary Lusk:
Washington, D. C.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) Agnes O'Connor.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

5-1100

[Enclosure]
ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

A-E

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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JUL 30 1928

Eastern Navajo Agency

Miss Agnes O'Connor,

JUL 27 1928

Through Supt. Eastern Navajo Agency.

My dear Miss O'Connor:

It has been brought to the attention of this Office that you are not measuring up to the duties of the position of head matron at the Eastern Navajo School in which you are employed. It has been decided to give you another chance in a position of boys' matron and recommendation is this day being made for your transfer to the vacancy of this kind which now exists at the Eastern Navajo School. You will be advised further in regard to this matter at a later date.

Very truly yours,

C. J. Hauke
Acting Assistant Commissioner.

August 16, 1928.

Our Blessed Lady's Seminary Union,
3218 Seventh St., N.E.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Friends:

In this morning's mail, I received in one of my self-addressed brown envelopes, the circular letter which you sent out regarding rosaries. There was also inclosed \$3, which Miss Mary Neuner, the sender, designated for a rosary to be sent to her.

I am inclosing the letter and the \$3 herewith. I have thought that perhaps Miss Neuner had two letters to send, one to this office and one to your office, and that she got the envelopes twisted. If this is the case, I know you will send the letter intended for me, to this office.

With best wishes, I am

Yours in Christ,

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

JR

40-0
September 12, 1928.

Rt. Rev. James O'Reilly, D.D.,
Cathedral,
Fargo, N. Dak.

Dear Bishop O'Reilly:

I enclose Bureau check for \$100 covering donation received from the Marquette League designated for you.

Kindly make acknowledgment of this gift direct to Rev. William J. Flynn, 105 East 22nd Street, New York, New York. Father Flynn is the Secretary General of the Marquette League.

Yours faithfully,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MC

October 31, 1928.

Rt. Rev. Edward J. O'Dea, D.D.,
907 Terry Ave.
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Bishop:

Herewith is a statement of expenditures
for Catholic Indian missions in your diocese during
the year 1927.

	By Bureau C.I.M.	By a Friend of The Mission	By Marquette League	From Lenten Collection	Total.
O'Dea, Rt. Rev. Edward J., Mass intentions,	50.00				50.00
Govaert, Rev. John, Tacoma, Gift,	250.00		500.00		750.00
O'Donnell, Rev. Patrick, Marysville, Mass intentions,	14.45	4320.00			4334.45
St. George's Indian School, Tacoma, Taxes on Marysville property,					
Allocation of Indian and Negro Commission to Bishop,	314.45	4320.00	500.00	5000.00	10134.45
			5000.00		

Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

October 31, 1928.

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Fargo,
N. Dak.

Dear Bishop:

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	By Bureau C.I.M.	By a Friend of The Missions.	By Marquette League	From Lenten Collection	Total.
O'Reilly, Rt. Rev. James, Mass intentions,			200.00		200.00
Mattingley, Rev. Ambrose, C.S.B., Fort Totten,					
Exchange check,	150.00				150.00
For rebuilding of mis- sion,	5000.00				5000.00
For rebuilding of Sis- ters' convent,			500.00		500.00
Freight charges,	7.53				7.53
Gifts,			1150.00		1150.00
Mass intentions,	36.00				36.00
Miscellaneous gifts,	896.50				896.50
Refund of appeal re- turns,	65.00				65.00
Refund of freight,	3.14				3.14
Grey Nuns, Fort Totten, Gifts,		6.00			6.00
Ignatius Court, catechist Devils Lake Reservation,	20.00				20.00
Taxes on church property, Devils Lake Reservation,	175.08				175.08
Allocation of Indian and Negro Commission to Bishop,				2200.00	2200.00
	6359.25		1850.00	2200.00	10409.25

Respectfully submitted,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

St. Joseph Academy
129 S. 5th St.,
Terre Haute, Indiana
November 22, 1928

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes
2021 H. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Reverend Father,

We don't want you to think any longer that we are indifferent to your Indians' needs, although it is a long time since you heard from us directly.

You know we are "piously proud" of the fact that it was our Commercial Department of this Academy that, by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, sponsored the "Lily of the Mohawk" Burse; and we are most happy indeed to learn that when the Burse is completed it will "begin all over again".

We inclose a Bank Draft for Five Dollars towards the Burse and hope to do more before June. We intend to make a few Indians just a little happier for the sweet feast of Christmas.

We are praying for all your great intention and beg just a little remembrance for our teacher, Sister St. Antonia, and ourselves.

Humbly asking your blessing, we are

Most sincerely yours,

Our Lady of Providence
Missionary Circle

Commercial Dept.

By (Kiss) Catherine Warren

Secretary

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..... St.

November 28, 1928.

Le Fer Our Lady of Providence, C.S.M.C., Sec. III,
Commercial Department, St. Joseph Academy,
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Crusaders:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your letter of
November 22 with enclosed draft for \$5 to be applied on the
Lily of the Mohawk Bursae.

According to your request, I enclose the address of
a needy Indian mission where a Christmas box will be greatly
appreciated.

Assuring you and your teacher, Sister St. Antonia,
of a daily remembrance in the Masses and prayers of the priests,
Sisters and Indian children offered up on the missions, I
remain

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR:MC

December 12, 1928

Rev. Lewis J. O'Hern, C.S.P.,
Apostolic Mission House,
Brookland, D. C.

Dear Father O'Hern:

In order to prevent stealing of money from our mail, I believe that the Catholic institutions in Washington receiving considerable mail, should form a clearing house, at least to the extent of notifying one another. The notification might best consist of a letter written at the time you write the post office inspector.

I assume that every time you find a suspicious looking envelope you forward it to the inspector in charge, Mr. W. J. Satterfield. For the past four years this Bureau has suffered only the most insignificant losses. I believe the reason is because I send every suspicious looking envelope to the inspector in charge. That gives him something to work on. I write on the front of the envelope all information, such as the hour received and the nature of the contents. In my letter of transmittal I call attention to any coincidences, such as the fact that all suspicious cases are coming from Chicago.

At present I have two letters of complaint, one from Chicago and the other from Nauvoo, Illinois, stating that in October and November checks were sent to me for which no acknowledgments were received. The one from Chicago states that Extension Society also failed to acknowledge a check. Previous to these letters of complaint, day before yesterday I discovered two envelopes from Chicago that seemed to have been tampered with. I have today written Extension Society and have notified the inspector in charge who promises to write at once to the Chicago post office. WATCH YOUR CHICAGO MAIL. That one sentence alone would be enough notification for me in our clearing house.

I am writing also to Miss McKenna (The Salve Regina), Fathers Gilgan and Hevey (Bengalese) and Brother Anthony.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:JR