Doctor McCawley has become quite adept at this, because, unfortunately, there is more and more of it coming to the surface in young clergymen. The trouble frequently begins in the seminary and apparently some spiritual directors just think it will go away if they pay no attention to it. Actually, anybody in an overt situation ought to be dismissed, because eventually he is going to get into trouble—more often than not trouble with young boys.
I regret to give you this information. I am sure you gather from my letter that we see a lot more of it than we care to see.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Francis J. Braceland, M. D.
Psychiatrist-in-Chief

Most Reverend Ernest J. Primeau
Bishop of Manchester
Bishop's House
657 River Road
Manchester, New Hampshire
Father Osgood's latest address:

Mr. Donald M. Osgood
4608-30 Arden Way
El Monte, Cal. 91732

Phone: Area Code 213 - 442 - 1080
February 19, 1969

Mr. Donald M. Csgood
4608-30 Arden Way
El Monte, California 91732

Dear Don,

Many thanks for your letter of February 5th. We were wondering about your whereabouts, especially at Christmas time when a few cards came in and we did not know where to send them. I hope you received all of your mail.

We have been buried in snow for a couple of weeks. It is raining today, however, and we hope the rain will reduce the accumulation.

It is good to know that your folks will be out to visit you. I hope that they are enjoying the trip. It seems like such a long one for them at their age, especially since they are going by car, but I am sure that they will do well.

Monsignor Belluscio resigned and Dinny Horan has just been named to Keene. Frank O'Connor will take his place in North Walpole. We have had a reorganization of the diocesan structure with three new vicars having been appointed: Kenney, Paradis and Olkovikas.

Please excuse the brevity of this letter. Best wishes from all of us here in Manchester. I hope you will keep in touch with us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Thomas S. Hansberry, P. A., V. G
December 9, 1979

Donald M. Osgood
4608 -- 30 Arden Way
El Monte, California 91732

Monte

Dear Don,

I am writing this at the office and do not know whether the above is your latest address. I pulled my cards from the index at the house this morning and they are all mixed up, so I cannot check on it quickly. Let's hope you receive this in good season.

The main purpose of this missive is to inquire about your Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Major Medical insurance program. We have been carrying both for you but feel that you probably have some other arrangement by this time; if so, will you please let me know so that we can cancel here. It costs us $141.00 per year for you at present.

Winter has finally arrived in Manchester and we have a couple of inches of snow on the ground today. We had a busy summer with quite a bit of sickness. My young brother died in June at the age of 42 as a result of a heart attack. This was quite a blow to all of us. We were very busy at the beach churches but the Saturday night "masses helped us greatly."

I hope all is well with you and your family. I have not had news from Bristol of late, so I can't give you any. I think Father Perreault sends me a letter on some business. He used to drop in occasionally but has not done so for several months.

Take care of yourself and let us hear from you when you have time. Best wishes for a Blessed Christmas!

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry,
Vicar General
Suprema Sacra Congregatio
Sancti Officii

Num. Prot. 37/48

Beatissime Pater,

Donaldus M. Osgood, filius patris acatholici, Catholic baptizatus
et educatus ab infantia, ad pedes S. V. humiliter provolutus dis-
spensationem implorat super impedimento can. 987 # 1, ut Ordinem
Sancti Benedicti ingredi valeat, et, suo tempore, ad SS. Ordines
admittatur -----
et Deus -----

Ex addibus S. Officii, die 13 martii, 1948

SSmus D. N. Pius divina Providentia Papa XII per facultates
Supremae Sacrae Congregationi S. Officii impertitas precas benigne
remisit prudenti arbitrio et conscientiae Revmi P. Superioris
Generalis O. S. B. qui oratorem super impedimento can 987, # 1,
dispensare valeat, ut, non obstante praescripto can. 542 # 2, in
Novitiatum et, suo tempore, ad Primam Clericalem Tonsuram et, ad
3. Ordines Minores admittere possit, servatis ceteris de iure ser-
andis, et praesertim servato can 978 quoad studia rite peragenda.

Antequam ad SS. Ordines Maiores promoveatur, Orator supplices
preces iterum porrigat per suum Superiorem Generalem, qui referat:
1) quaenam oratris morales et intellectualis qualitates;
2) quaenam de studio, disciplina et pietate argumenta habeantur
ex quibus erui possit candidatum talibus esse praeditum
dotibus quae defectus iuridicos eius condicionis legalis com-
pensare videantur;
3) utrum admiratio exoritura praevideatur si orator ad Sacer-
dotium promoveatur.

Contrariis quibuscumque non obstantibus.

s?/ Marius Waunaus (spelling ?)
Subst. Not.

Added: Infrascriptus Rector Magnificus Pont. Instituti Academic
Sancti Anselmi de Urbe, vigore facultatum a Sancte Sede Rmo
Abbatii Primati O. S. B. tributarum ab eoque sibi commissarum,
Iiconcecidit dispensationem super impedimento can. 987,n. 1, ut
orator in novitiatum et ad clericalem tonsuram et ordines
minores admittere valeat, contrariis quibuslibet non ob-
stantibus et servatis ceteris de iure servandis. Ex
aedibus S. Anselmi, Romae, d. 17 Martii 1942
Udabricus Beste, O.S.B.
Rector Magnificus
Diocese of Manchester
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE SEMINARY

I.

1. Name? Donald Matthew Osgood
   { Give all names in full, not initials }

2. Residence? 30 Broad St., Rochester
   { Street and Number, Town or City }

3. In what Parish? St. Mary's

   When? July 18, 1927

5. If not born in Diocese of Manchester, when did you locate permanently in this Diocese?

Enclose certificates of Baptism, Confirmation, and parents' marriage.

II.

1. In what schools did you receive Primary and Grammar education? Allen Street School in Rochester.

   During what calendar years? 1933 to 1941 inclusive.

2. What High Schools or Preparatory Schools did you attend? Spaulding High School

   During what complete school years? 1941 to 1945 inclusive.

3. What College did you attend? St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N.H.

   During what complete school years? 1947 to 1951 inclusive. (attended summer session in 1947)

   In what college grades? Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior


5. What College Degrees did you obtain? A.B. in Philosophy

Enclose High School or College reports for each year.

6. If your studies were notably interrupted, state when, for how long, why, and at what occupation.
   Studies were notably interrupted for period of one school year (1948-1949) during which time I was making novitiate.

III.

1. For what year of College, Philosophy, or Theology do you apply? Second year Theology

2. What Seminary would you prefer to enter? St. Mary's, Baltimore, Maryland.

3. Can you provide for your tuition expenses? Yes

Enclose the following:
Recommendations from your Pastor and School or College Superiors.
Statement from applicant concerning any indebtedness for education.
Statement as to previous affiliation with other diocese or religious society.
Report of complete physical examination by reputable physician.
Statement from parents as to insanity or epilepsy in family.
....Fr. Matthew Osgood possesses a pleasant personality which is an asset and may become a liability. That is to say, one occasionally suspects, that given the opportunity, the social side of life may receive more than due attention from him. But I think that he will be all right. In accordance with your wishes he has been studying the organ, with coaching from Father Ildefonso. But the time allotted for practice has been limited since he has weaknesses in Latin --- and in reading English --- that require all the attention and effort he can give them. He has had some trouble with a minor but inconvenient ailment. For a few days he used a cushion--- with the discreet permission of the master--- until the agony abated.

Letter of May 30, 1949:

....Fr. Matthew is somewhat uneducated, as his former teachers no doubt observed. Punctuality is not one of his virtues and he has, perhaps, a tendency to think himself maltreated. But he is gifted with a pleasant disposition, is docile and eager to be of service and helpful. The soundness of his character and the genuineness of his desire to go forward in the life he has chosen seem well established. The request that he be given instruction in music could not be honored too extensively. He found less than enough time for the ordinary studies of the Novitiate. However, he was permitted to practice on the organ in the Archabbey Church three times a week and Father Ildefonso, until he became ill last winter, gave him some coaching. I did not think it advisable to permit more than this. For the rest, I am glad to recommend Fr. Matthew, who gives every promise of making an amiable member of your community.
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GRADING  A—Excellent;  B—Good;  C—Satisfactory;  D—Poor;  E—Failure;  I—Incomplete.

128 Semester hours required for graduation. Lecture periods—50 minutes. Laboratory periods—100 minutes.

Date: July 21, 1952

Registrar.

Stephen F. Parent
ST. ANSELM'S COLLEGE  
MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE  

Address  

Entered January 18, 1947  

Graduated  

Received A.B., June, 1951  

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St. Joseph's Abbey

Re: Dom Gajard's Master Chant course

Rt. Rev. Edmund Futterer, O.C.S.O.
St. Joseph's Abbey
Spenser, Massachusetts

[Signature]
From: Accessionist
To: Fr. D. Gajard's Tuition
June 28, 1952.

Rt. Rev. Bertrand Dolan, O.S.B. Abbot
St. Anselm's Abbey
Manchester, N. H.

Dear Father Abbot:

Frater Matthew Osgood, C.S.B. has applied for acceptance as a student for this diocese. Before taking up his case, His Excellency would appreciate a confidential word from you in his regard.

With thanks and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

Michael J. Hurley
Chancellor

MJH./h.
BISHOP'S HOUSE
One Fifty One Walnut Street
Manchester, New Hampshire
July 2, 1952

Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady
657 River Road,
Manchester, N.H.

Most Reverend and dear Sir:

I wish to inform Your Excellency that I have left St. Anselm's Abbey and am staying with my parents. I have also reverted back to the use of my baptismal name.

Therefore, it would expedite matters if you would kindly send your reply to my letter of June 23rd. to the following address:

Mr. Donald M. Osgood
Bristol, N.H.
c/o Mac's Cottages

I have the honor to remain your obedient servant,

(Fr.) Matthew Osgood O.S.B.
July 4, 1952

Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester
145 Lowell St.
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

Mr. Donald Osgood has been with us five years since his discharge from the Navy in 1947. After two years in the College he made his novitiate at St. Vincent Archabbey in Fennia and was admitted to simple triennial vows. He returned to St. Anselm’s and has continued at the Abbey until the expiration of his vows on July 2, 1952. I shall enclose the reports given to us by the Master of Novices.

After many changes of mind in regard to application for solemn vows he finally reached the decision not to apply for the Abbey but to try to find a bishop who would accept him for work in a diocese. Had he made application to me for vows I would have recommended that he spend another year of probation here, for although I did not feel as though he should have been refused outright, nevertheless, during his stay with us he had continued to manifest both the good and bad qualities that were observed in the novitiate.

He is not intellectually gifted and unquestionably did not like to study. He spent much time in training his musical ability and these efforts have shown much fruit. During the past year his progress in Theology was not too good and he found it necessary to retake some of his examinations. He was in a position to participate in the social side of our life and this he did to the detriment of his studies.

Due to previous training in the Navy, he became our infirmary and here, I must confess, his zeal ran away with his judgment. He has a prodigious capacity for work and labored well and industriously at all sorts of jobs. He is a real ‘Mr. Fixit’. I do not say this unkindly, for he is kindness itself.

If, after another year of probation he had met the scholastic requirements and had turned his attention more to his monastic duties, I feel sure that his application, if made, would have received my approval. I practically told him this and pointed out that he could make a real contribution to our Abbey through his musical ability. Briefly, I would say that he is industrious, energetic and not too pious.

Assuring Your Excellency of all further cooperation, I remain,

Respectfully in Christ,

Bertrand C. Dolan
Certificate of Confirmation

Church of
St. Mary
Rockville, Md.

This is to certify:

That Donald Matthew Osgood
(BAPTISMAL NAME) (CONFIRMATION NAME) (SURNAME)
Son
Daughter of Robert Osgood
(FATHER)
and Evelyn Canavan
(MOTHER)
Baptized Aug 13, 1927

was Confirmed May 16, 1939
in the Church of St. Mary
in the Diocese of Manchester
by the Most Rev. John B. Peterson, O.P.
the Sponsors being James Callaghan

Dated July 4, 1952
Issued by Timothy J. Whelan
Pastor.
Saint Mary’s Rectory
38 Charles Street
Rochester, N.Y.

July 9, 1952

The Most Rev. Mathew Brady, D.D.
145 Lowell St.
Manchester, N.H.

Your Excellency:

The Reverend Donald Mathew Brady has been known to me for fourteen years and all during that time has conducted himself creditably and enjoyed a good reputation.

He is a talented young man of very good character without any bad habits.

With confidence I recommend him as a candidate for the Holy priesthood.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Marriage Certificate

The records of this Church, under date of June 16, 1919, certify to the canonical and legal marriage of Robert E. Asgard, aged — years, son of David and Clara Griffin, and Evelyn Cannavan, aged — years, daughter of Matthew and Annie M. Grant.

Said record is signed by Rev. John McNamara with witnesses Raymond Angel and Ruth L. Lord.

Rev. Timothy J. Wilson

Date July 10, 1953
Certificate of Baptism

Church of St. Mary
Rochester 1856

This is to Certify

That Donald Matthews Baggot
Child of Robert Emery Baggot
and Evelyn Brennan
born in Rochester, New York
on the 18th day of July 1927
was Baptized

on the 12th day of August 1927

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church
by the Rev. J. F. Mc Namara
the Sponsors being Harold W. Brennan
Catherine Middon

as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated July 9, 1957

Timothy F. Klein
Pastor
Notations

FIRST COMMUNION
{ Date
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  Place

CONFIRMATION
{ Date
  Church
  Place

MARRIAGE(S)
{ Date
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  Place

SUBDIACONATE
{ Date
  Church
  Place

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION
{ Date
  Order
  Place
July 10, 1952

As far as it is possible to ascertain, there are no evidences of insanity or epilepsy in the family.

Evelyn Camaron Osgood
Robert E. Osgood
Since the G.I. Bill covered the expense of my college education, in full, I am not indebted to St. Anselm's College for same.

I, the undersigned, have had no previous affiliations with another diocese, but have been a member of the Benedictine Community at St. Anselm's Abbey.

[Signature]

Donald [Signature]
July 15, 1952

To whom it may concern:

I have examined Donald Osgood, on July 10, 1952. He is in very good physical condition. His heart and lungs are normal, and there is no sign of any infection. His blood pressure is normal, urine examination is normal, and the blood serology is normal. I am convinced that he is able to pass a very rigid examination.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

pd

Albert E. Barcomb, M. D.
July 21, 1952.

Mr. Donald M. Osgood
30 Broad St.
Rochester, N. H.

Dear Mr. Osgood:

The Most Reverend Bishop directs me to inform you that you have been accepted as a Divinity student for the Diocese of Manchester and have been assigned to St. Paul Seminary, University of Ottawa, Ontario.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

Michael J. Hurley
Chancellor.

MJH./h.
SAINT PAUL'S SEMINARY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

SEMESTRAL REPORT ON THE CONDUCT AND DISPOSITIONS
OF THE STUDENTS.

Mr. Donald M. Osgood, of the diocese of Manchester,
born on July 18 1927 in Rochester, N.H., diocese of Manchester,
a student in the Faculty of Theology, 2nd year, "university" course.

HEALTH

Good in general.

TEMPERAMENT

Sanguine-choleric. Well controlled.

BEHAVIOUR

Very good. Polite and deferent with the Fathers. Well-bred and well-mannered. With the confrères he is considerate and obliging. He is somewhat swift and too hurried in his walk and bearing.

A very nice disposition. He is cheerful and gay in recreation. His conversation is interesting. He is amiable and affable. He is open-hearted, sociable and always ready to help. He has given generously of his time for the music in the chapel.

He has a genial smile and he is very well disposed. He is delicate and grateful in his sentiments.

An a veracious student. He can follow the course but must be attentive and steady. In fact he is very assiduous with his studies.

He has good sound judgment. Still young and immature. It will be hard for him to refuse a service when he can help someone.

He has practical sense and sufficient ability.

He writes a good sermon and delivers it with sufficient assurance and strength.

His marks are satisfactory.

They show application and method.
MORAL DISPOSITIONS AND VIRTUES

Sincere and solid piety. He has had a good spiritual training. He is steady in his vocation. He is a perfect keeper of the rule of the Seminary and a good example at all times for others.

He is docile, submissive, grateful and obedient. He is very frank and honest.

He is a very good organist.

GENERAL APPRECIATION

HE is a very good seminarian and we think that he will make a good candidate.

VOTE OF THE DIRECTORS

Date: February 10, 1953
University Seminary,
249 Main Street, Ottawa, Canada.

J.C. Laframboise, O.M.I.
Rector Seminarii.
PETITIO AD ORDINES

( Instructio S. Cong. de Disciplina Sacramentorum, II, N. 1, 27 Dec. 1930 )

Reverendo Patre Ioanni Carole Laframboise, O. M. I.
Rectori Seminarii Sancti Pauli Universitatis Ottaviensis, Ottavae, Nomine Eo in Revis.
Matthaei Francisci Brady, Episcopi Manxhuricensis.

Ego, inscriptus Constantinus Matthaeus
Desidero optans me etutum sibi cultui
et Ecclesiae servitio manicpare, libere
omnino atque spontanea voluntate elposco
ut in proximis ordinacionibus ad tonsum,
et quattuor minores ordines pronoque.

Donatus Matthaeus Desideri
Apud Seminarium Sancti Pauli Universitatis Ottaviensis
die 24, mensis martii, anni 1933.
Confidential

QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS
(Appendix II. & III. Instruction "Quam ingens" Sac. Cong. Sac. 27. Dec. 1930.)

Mr. Donald M. Osgood,

Student at St. Anselm's College College from ............................... and Seminary 1947-1952.

1. What is this candidate's ability for pursuing Theological studies? Would his proficiency with you indicate success? I remember him to have been just a fair student.

2. Has he shown the piety demanded in an aspirant to the ecclesiastical state?

3. Have you reason to suspect familiarity on his part with persons of ill repute, or with persons of the other sex, from which scandal or astonishment might arise among the faithful; or that he has frequented places of suspicious character?

4. Has his conduct with boys, or with girls, or other persons of the opposite sex, given indications of a lack of priestly vocation?

5. Does he show himself inclined to worldly comfort, to a free use of alcoholic beverages, or to an indulgence in worldly amusements?

6. Does he show a charitable spirit, and is he docile and obedient to superiors?

7. Are you aware of any trace of insanity or moral depravity in his parents or family?

8. Does anything suggest a doubt regarding his vocation to Holy Orders, and in what way?

(Signed) Rev. Father Prier

Date March 27 53

P.S. I cannot answer any of the other 8 questions. My dealings with Donald M. Osgood were restricted to the classroom.
Saint Paul’s Seminary
OE THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA,
249, Main Street, Ottawa.

Very Reverend Prior,
St Anselm's Abbey,
Manchester, N.H.

Very Reverend and dear Father:

Mr. Donald M. Osgood, an alumnus of your college, has entered this Seminary to prepare for the reception of Holy Orders. The Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments has enacted that an investigation of Clerical candidates be made, through responsible persons, before promotion to Ordination. You are respectfully requested to answer, as far as you can, the enclosed questions selected from the questionnaire issued by the Sacred Congregation, and to return it to us as soon as possible.

With sincere respect,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

March 25, 1953.

[Signature]
Rector.
INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE BY PASTORS BEFORE SEMINARIANS ARE PROMOTED TO ORDINATION

(Appendix II. Instruction "Quam ingens", Sac. Congr. Sacr. 27. Dec. 1930.)

Cleric........Donald M. Csgood

Diocese........Manchester

Candidate.........Tonsure

1. Does this cleric sedulously and devoutly perform works of piety, such as meditation, hearing Mass, visitation of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary of the Blessed Virgin?
   Yes

2. Does he frequently, and with devotion, confess and receive Holy Communion?
   Yes

3. Is he willing to render whatever service he can in the sacred functions of the Church?
   Yes

4. Have you ever employed him in the teaching of catechism, and if so, with what success?
   No

5. Does he display great care in the sacred functions of the Church, zeal for the salvation of souls and the sacred ministry?
   Yes

6. Is he in a position to apply himself to study during vacation?
   Yes

7. Do you know whether he is addicted to the reading of immoral or irreligious books or magazines?
   I do not know, but I think that he is not so addicted.

8. Does he dress during vacation in a manner becoming a cleric?
   Yes

9. Have you any reason to suspect familiarity on his part with persons of ill repute, or with persons of the other sex, from which scandal and astonishment might arise among the faithful; or that he has frequented places of suspicious character?
   No

10. Is his conversation upright and discreet?
    Yes

11. Has he, to your knowledge, given occasion of unfavourable criticism of the morals, doctrines and precepts of the Church?
    No
12. Has his conduct with boys, or with girls, or with other persons of the opposite sex, given indication of a lack of priestly vocation?  

No

13. Does he show himself inclined to wordly comfort, to a free use of alcoholic beverages, or to an indulgence in wordly amusements?  

No

14. Does he show a charitable spirit, and is he docile and obedient to superiors?  

Yes

15. What is the public opinion about his vocation?  

Good

16. Are there any signs in his parents of infirmity, especially of mental infirmity, or moral depravity which might permit suspicion of atavism?  

No

17. Do you suspect that he is under any parental or family constraint in aspiring to the priesthood?  

No

18. In the event of prolonged absence from your parish during vacation, do you know where he has been?  

Yes

N.B. If the parish priest has already answered the above questionnaire, he need not answer it again, unless the information given is no longer in accordance with the truth. (Instr. III, N. 1.)

(Signed)  

Parish Priest of  

Date  

March 27, 1953
Dear Reverend Father:

The Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments (Dec. 27, 1930) has enacted that Parish Priests shall answer a questionnaire concerning the habits of life of their parishioners who are candidates for Holy Orders.

You are respectfully requested to answer, as far as you can, the attached questionnaire concerning Mr. Donald M. Osgood, a student in our Seminary, who asks to receive Tonsure and Holy Orders, and to return it to us as soon as possible. Any other remarks you may deem necessary for the good of this Seminarian and the honour of the priesthood will be appreciated for our direction and guidance.

With sincere respect,

I am, Yours truly in Xo and M.I.

March 25, 1953.
February 24, 1953.

Very Reverend J. C. Laframboise, O.M.J. Rector
University Seminary
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Father Laframboise:

I enclose Dissorial Letters for the Manchester students.

With reference to Donald Osgood, since he left the Benedictine Fathers for the purpose of entering the diocesan clergy, he does not need an Indult. This ruling has been given by our Apostolic Delegate.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Hurley
Chancellor.

MJH./h.
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[Signature: Rector]
SAINT PAUL’S SEMINARY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

SEMESTRIAL REPORT ON THE CONDUCT AND DISPOSITIONS
OF THE STUDENTS.

Mr. Donald M. Osgood, cleric, of the diocese of Manchester, N.H.,
born on the July 18, 1927 in Rochester, N.H. diocese of Manchester,
a student in the Faculty of Theology 2nd year, "major course.

HEALTH.......................................................... Good in general.

TEMPERAMENT .............................................. Sanguine-choleric. Well controlled.

BEHAVIOUR.................................................. Very good. Polite, deferent with the Fathers
Well-bred, well-mannered.
A very faithful observer of the rules of Seminary.

CHARACTER................................................ Very nice disposition. Quite mature and
formed. Will still be young and spontaneous.
In recreation he is cheerful, amiable, affable, sociable, always ready to help
and render service. He has given generously of his time for the music in the chapel.
He is delicate and grateful in his sentiments.
He has a genial smile and seems to be always in good humour.
An average student. He has been able to adapt himself quickly enough to the studies
in a new milieu.
He is very assiduous.
Good and sound practical judgment. Mature normally.

He writes a good sermon and delivers it with sufficient assurance and strength.

STUDIES....................................................... His marks are quite satisfactory.

(OVER)
Solid and sincere piety.

He is very steady in his vocation. His motives to become a priest are noble and sincere.

Always docile, obedient and submissive.

Very frank and open-hearted with the rector and the Fathers.

He is an excellent organist.

A very good seminarian and a good candidate.

He will advance to Minor Orders in the Fall.

Date: June 19, 1953

University Seminary,

249 Main Street, Ottawa, Canada.

J.C. Laframboise, O.M.I.
PETITIO AD ORDINES

(Instructio S. Cong. de Disciplina Sacramentorum, II, N. 1, 27 Dec. 1930)

Reneando Patrici Joanni Carlo Lagrange, C.M. I.,

Rectore Seminarii Sancti Pauli Universitatis
Ottaviensis, Ottavae,

Homoce Etme ac Remi Matthaei F. Brady
Epicope Manchesterensis

Ego, inscriptus, Donaldus Matthaeus Osgood,
Optans me totum Sii cultui et Ecclesiae sanitio
mancipae, libus commis etque spontanea
voluntate supposco et in profunmis reductionibus
ad Subdeaconatum et Deaconatum promover.
Mr. Donald M. Osgood, acolyte of the diocese of Manchester, NH. born on the July 18, 1927 in Rochester, N.H., diocese of Manchester, a student in the Faculty of Theology, 3d year, major course. Report of February 1954.

HEALTH

Very good.

TEMPERAMENT

Sanguine-choleric; well controlled.

BEHAVIOUR

Good in general. Very polite, deferent and yet at ease with the Fathers. Well-bred and well-mannered.

A very faithful observer of the rule of the Seminary.

Excellent disposition. He does his very best. Quite mature and formed but remains young at spontaneous. In recreation he is cheerful and amiable, sociable and always ready to help or render service. He has a genial smile. He is generous. Sufficiently voluntary and energetic.

He is well liked by all.

CHARACTER

INTTELLECTUAL DISPOSITIONS

Ordinary talent. He is deeply interested in his studies. Speculative studies are difficult for him and notwithstanding his good will.

His practical judgment is good and sound. He will have practical ability and initiative. He can write a good sermon, clear, practical. The delivery is good.

He prepares himself for the ministry and studies the problems related to it.

His marks are quite satisfactory.
MORAL DISPOSITIONS AND VIRTUES

Solid and sincere piety.
He is very sincere with his vocation.
He is always docile, submissive and obedient.
As an organist for the community he has displayed nice qualities of generosity, submission and humility. He is very frank, open-hearted and grateful in his relations with the Directors.

GENERAL APPRECIATION

He is a very good seminarian and a good candidate. We think that he will make a zealous, pious, obedient priest, even if he is not brilliant.

VOTE OF THE DIRECTORS

Unanimous in favor of his promotion to the Subdiaconate and Diaconate.

Date: Feb. 4, 1954

University Seminary,
249 Main Street, Ottawa, Canada.

J.C. Laframboise, O.M.I.
Rector Seminarii.
D.D. Osgood, 3c anno theologiae, cursus major,
januarii, o 1954.

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VACATION REPORT TO SEMINARY

Mr. Donald Osgood
Student in Theology
Diocese of Manchester,
Address 30 Broad st. Rochester, N.H.,
Summer holidays 1953.

1. Has this seminarian given evidence of sound piety, during the vacation?
2. Did he receive Penance and the Holy Eucharist frequently?
3. Did he attend Holy Mass daily?
4. Was he faithful in attending the different functions at the Church?
5. If requested, did he teach catechism?
6. Did he wear the proper dress for a seminarian?
7. Was his conduct exemplary and edifying and with persons of the other sex?
8. Did he use intoxicating beverages?
9. Did he frequent the theater?
10. Was he employed and at what?

Remarks... I understand that Donald Osgood was away from Rochester this past summer, I saw him only at the beginning of summer. He is a good young man and always acts discreetly.

(Signed) Patrick Whelan (Pastor)

Parish St. Mary
Place Rochester 1953
Date Sept 21, 1953
March 12, 1954.

His Excellency the Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D.,
Bishop of Manchester,
Bishop's House,
647 River Road,
Manchester, N.H.,

Your Excellency:

I just realized this morning that in my letter of Feb. 16 to Your Excellency I have forgotten to call Your attention to the fact that Mr. Donald Osgood who is a candidate for Major Orders is the son a non-catholic father. Usually the Holy See requires a new indult when it comes to the conferring of Major Orders, in such cases.

In looking over the correspondence of last year with the Chancery Office I do not see that I have called the attention of Your Excellency on the necessity of an indult in favor of Mr. Osgood before his promotion to Tonsure and Minor Orders. I wish to apologize for this negligence on my part.

I hope that this late request from the Seminary will not cause too much inconvenience to Your Excellency.

Praying Your Excellency to accept the expression of my highest respect,

I remain,
Yours truly in Xo et M.I.,

J.C. Laframboise, O.M.I.,
Rector of the Seminary.
March 18, 1954

Rev. T. J. Whelan
St. Mary Parish
Rochester, New Hampshire

Dear Father Whelan:

We have been informed by the rector of St. Paul Seminary of Ottawa that Mr. Donald Osgood, a member of your parish now studying for the diocesan priesthood, is the son of a non-Catholic father. Since we did not know of this before, we had not requested the customary indulg from Rome dispensing him from the impediment imposed by Canon 937 41.

This young man is now a candidate for Major Orders and it is necessary that we obtain the dispensation as soon as possible. In view of this, would you kindly send us the following:

1) a notation as to the type of dispensation granted for the marriage of his parents, Robert E. Osgood and Evelyn Cannavan, in your parish on June 16, 1919.

2) a statement as to his religious instruction in the parish, if you are acquainted with it. Apparently, he attended public grammar and high school.

3) a statement as to the disposition of the non-Catholic parent regarding the advancement of the son to major orders.

4) any other pertinent information or comments which you may have to offer.

All of the above items may be incorporated in one letter if you find it more convenient to take care of them in this way.

With most cordial good wishes and the hope of hearing from you at your earliest convenience, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas S. Hansberry
Chancellor

P. S. The Holy Office will also wish to know whether the Catholic parent is a convert.
March 22, 1954

The Rev. Thomas S. Hansberry, Chancellor
465 Lowell St.
Manchester N.H.

Dear Father Hansberry:

Here is a record of marriage between Robert C. Asgrod unbaptized and Evelyn Canavan Catholic, in the marriage register here, dated June 16, 1919, with the notation: Dispensatio Disparitatis Cultus.

Donald Asgrod, the candidate for Holy Orders, attended the public grammar and high schools and faithfully attended the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine classes that were held in this parish.

I consulted Mr. Robert Asgrod, Donald's father, concerning his disposition regarding his son's advancement to major orders and he said that he thought it was wonderful and that she was all for it and would do anything to help him along (and).
Other pertinent information is that in the space for the date and place of baptism for the Catholic party in the marriage register is the notation "about 1911 St. Mary’s Rochester N.Y." According to that Donald’s mother was baptized here in the year 1911. I looked through the book but could find no record of her baptism, so I called her on the telephone and told her. She said that she was baptized here, that her father was a Catholic and brought her to Church with him and that she was baptized when she was about eleven years of age. She asked if there was a record of her brother Harold’s baptism and I said yes. Mrs. Asgoudi’s mother was not a Catholic until she was baptized here on Oct 23, 1947. Mrs. Asgoudi’s godmother is now living in California, I asked her to have her godmother make the statement that she was baptized and have it signed by a public notary.

Hoping to be of help, remain,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]