

St. Mary's Church

KINGMAN, ARIZONA

Nov. 14-1960

Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, O.F.M.,
Chancery Office,
Gallup, New Mexico.

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I was in Phoenix last week for a check-up and have my glasses repaired and for this reason I did not receive your letter until my return Friday and did not answer immediately.

While in Phoenix I had every opportunity, especially on election night to break my solemn promise to you and I must say that I was not even tempted to do so. If I was not sincere in my promise to you, all the watching of other would do no good as I could easily avoid detection and thus make a hypocrite of myself. I would rather battle this out alone, with special prayer and the encouragement and kindness that you have given me. I know that I can and must lick this thing. Anyway my health demands that I watch my steps, especially at my age in life.

Thanking you for all past kindnesses and asking for your continued prayers, I remain

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Clement A. Hageman