

Rev. Clement Hageman

1927 - 1975

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~~and Humboldt, AZ - Administrator~~)

Administrator of Humboldt, AZ and Missions of
Mayer & Camp Verde

December 15, 1965 - Administrator-Madre de Dios,
Winslow

Relatives: Sister Mary LaSalette (Precious Blood) Dayton, Ohio??

Ⓜ (Sister)

? Felix Hageman

Mary
Finley Oh

(Brother)

JOHN P. CLARK
ASSOCIATE

LAW OFFICE
OF
WARNER G. LEPPIN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
401 KINSLEY AVENUE
WINSLOW, ARIZONA 86047

MAILING ADDRESS P. O. BOX 53
TELEPHONE 289-4636

April 2, 1976

Most Reverend Jerome J. Hastrich
Bishop of Gallup
P. O. Box 1338
Gallup, New Mexico 87301

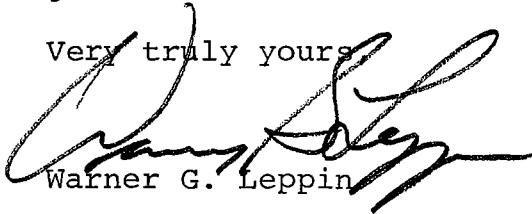
Re: Estate of Father Clement A. Hageman, Deceased

Dear Bishop Hastrich:

I am herewith enclosing a copy of the Order Approving Final Account and Decree of Settlement and Distribution of an Estate regarding the above entitled matter. Also enclosed is a copy of the Instrument of Distribution. Father Lindenmeyer has indicated that he will contact you concerning the items to be distributed.

Please do not hesitate to write or call if you should have any questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours



Warner G. Leppin

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Enclosures

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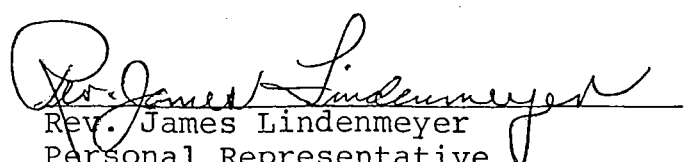
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NAVAJO

In the Matter of the Estate)	
)	No. 4866
of)	
)	
CLEMENT A. HAGEMAN, aka)	INSTRUMENT OF DISTRIBUTION
FATHER CLEMENT A. HAGEMAN,)	
)	
Deceased.)	
)	

The undersigned personal representative, in order to make distribution of the property of this estate in compliance with Title 14, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to decedents' estates, hereby assigns, transfers, conveys and releases to the ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GALLUP, a corporation sole, all right, title and interest of the decedent in and to the following described property:

- Cash on hand on date of death in the sum of \$3,150.50.
- Valley National Bank savings account No. 4233-9475.
- Two United States Savings Bonds.
- 1973 Chrysler Newport Royal 2-door Coupe, ID No. CL23 M3C 248231.
- Color television set.
- Two typewriters.
- Three small radios.
- Six Navajo rugs.
- Chalice and vestments.
- Easy chair.

DATED this 30th day of March, 1976.


 Rev. James Lindenmeyer
 Personal Representative

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IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that:

(1) The Final Account is approved.

(2) The property of the estate is hereby distributed to
the ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GALLUP, a corporation sole, in the
manner set forth above.

(3) Upon filing evidence that distribution has been
completed, the personal representative shall be discharged from
further claim or demand of any interested person.

DATED this 29th day of March, 1976.



 Judge of the Superior Court
 Navajo County, Arizona

1975

☆☆☆ APPLICATION FOR ARIZONA CERTIFICATE OF TITLE & REGISTRATION ☆☆☆
 Do Not Write in This Block Type Or Print in Ink

TITLE NO.		LIC. NO. RG128563	VEHICLE ID. NO. CL23 H9C 248231		
MAKE Chrysler		BODY STYLE 2 Dr. Car	YEAR 1973	NO. OF AXLES 2	VE. 1ST REG. 1973
MPG. MODEL NO. CL23	MPG. LIST PRICE 4194	IS COMB. VEHICLE UNLADEN WEIGHT	PAUL GOOD	REG. FEE YEAR	
OWNER'S SIGNATURE <i>Clement A. Ferguson</i>					
1ST LIEN HOLDER None			DATE		
ADDRESS			CITY		
2ND LIEN HOLDER			DATE		
ADDRESS			CITY		
OWNER'S FIRST NAME Mr. Clement	MIDDLE NAME A.	LAST NAME Ferguson		PREVIOUS TITLE None	
RES. ADDRESS P.O. Box 441			STATE		
CITY Mesa			ZIP 85207	DATE	

Pursuant to Title 28, Chapter 3, A.R.S., I have applied for title and registration of the above described vehicle, and for that purpose have given true and correct information as indicated above, and warrant all information on this application to be true.

The above described vehicle was acquired New Used On **11/11/73**

MAHON COUNTY MARIL FUL Address **Phoenix, Ariz.** In which previously registered, the last license No. **None** and State **Ariz.**

Specialty constructed Yes No Or reconstructed Yes No

Will vehicle be rented without a driver? Yes No

Are your registration rights under suspension as provided for in the Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act? Yes No

Signature of applicant *Clement A. Ferguson* By *John L. Cooke* MVD AGENT OR NOTARY PUBLIC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this **13** day of **July** 19 **73**

THIS IS YOUR VALID REGISTRATION CARD FOR 1973 EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 1974

THIS BOX FOR ADDRESS ONLY		LIED TAXES	
TL # 118071		REGISTRATION	
CATEGORY A		WT. FEE (IF ANY)	
ASSESSED VALUATION 3510		LOST PLATE	
		SUB-TOTAL →	
		TITLE FEES	
		TOTAL 6.00	

September 16, 1975

Dear Sister Mary LaSalette:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and picture. I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in sending it. I think, too, the people will enjoy Father Paul Sanchez at Madre De Dios. He is a fine young priest.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Galápagos

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Picture Rock Retreat
P. O. Box 569
Cortaro, AZ 85230

Sept. 14, 1975

Most Rev. J. Hastrich
Gallup, N. Mex.

Dear Bishop,

Greetings to you from the
Desert.

Knowing how busy you are
I will not absorb too much of your
precious time.

As I was distributing pictures
of our dear brother, I thought that
maybe you might appreciate one
also of Father. It is so hard for me
to fully realize that he is not for
me to see or hear again. I miss
him so very much but God was
good to take him before he would
have had to retire. I pray so very
often all through the day to him, also
to help your diocese.

We are kept busy, especially each
week-end. Today, thirty-three
Lutheran women went back to their
homes refreshed after a busy schedule
since Friday night.

This coming week-end we will have another Marriage Encounter.

I will be looking forward to Oct. to see you again, as also dear Bishop Mc Carthy.

Be assured of my daily prayers for you. I think Fr. Sanchez is well received. I have written to several who miss Fr. Clem, now to give full support and cooperation to Fr. Raul. They are happy with Father now.

In prayer and love,

Your Sister Mary La Salette Hageman





Fr. Clement A. Hageman
Born: October 28, 1904
Died: July 2, 1975
Ordained to Priesthood: June 10, 1930

Mass of Resurrection, Madre de Dios
Catholic Church, Winslow, Arizona,
11:00 A.M., Saturday, July 5, 1975.

Ⓢ GENTLEST Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory have mercy on the soul of Thy departed servant. Be not severe in Thy judgment, but let some drops of Thy precious blood fall upon the devouring flames, and do Thou, O merciful Saviour, send Thy angels to conduct Thy departed servant to a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

July 26, 1975

Sister Mary LaSallette Hageman
Picture Rock Retreat House
Box 565
Cortaro, Arizona 85230

Dear Sister Mary LaSallette:

Thank you very much for the memorial card and letter on the death of Father Clem. I shall be remembering him and you in my Masses and prayers.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup

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Madre de Dios Parish, Box 441, Winslow, Arizona 86047

July 16, 1975

My dear relatives and friends,

The beautiful death of our beloved Father Clem came as a shock to all of us. I will try to give you the highlights of his last days.

On June 9th, Father came to Phoenix to bring me back to Winslow for a short visit. He caught a bad cold from the air conditioning in the motel that night. The next day the cold was worse, and feeling ill, he returned to Winslow. Worsening, I urged him to see a doctor, but he refused. The last week he could not celebrate Mass but with great effort gave Communion to his people. Wednesday, June 25th, he offered his last Mass. On Sunday, June 29th, he consented to Monsignor Lindenmeyer, pastor of St. Joseph, to take him to the hospital. On Monday, at 5:30 A.M. he became unconscious. It was then that a seminarian was sent to Phoenix to get me with the message: "your brother is in the hospital unconscious." Tuesday, he struggled for air, and with oxygen, he rallied a trifle, questioned the nurse as to his whereabouts, his illness and then talked briefly with monsignor. I had left to take a little rest at the convent, upon my return he could only stare at me. With a brief hope in his condition, he then worsened, the temperature towards morning shot to 104, later to 106, the kidneys began to fail. Wednesday evening we saw the end approaching. After 8:15, Bishop Jerome Hastrich of Gallup, New Mexico, arrived with two seminarians, prayed, anointed, and blessed Father with three other priests, four seminarians and four Sisters present. Our dear missionary brother breathed his last at 8:35. Doctor Beckwith pronounced Father dead with this: "Winslow has lost a great man. I only regret that I did not get to know Father better and do more for him."

After convening at St. Joe's Rectory, all of us arranged the funeral details for Saturday morning at 11:00 o'clock, July 5th. There were the many calls to be made, especially to our dear Sister, Mary, in Dayton, Ohio...our youngest brother, Warner, in Findlay, Ohio, neither of whom could possibly come for the funeral.

Monsignor Lindenmeyer, a long time friend of Father Clem's, will never be forgotten for his many hours at the bedside, the wonderful efficiency in handling details for a priest's funeral. Father Clem was the first priest to have died in Winslow. A priest's plot has begun with the purchase of a grave for Father. Father Clem often remarked that he would like to be buried in front of the church where people could walk on him. A typical statement of humble Father Clem, don't you think? A simple but beautiful resting place is his. Father was vested in his priestly white chasuble which I made for his Silver Jubilee in 1955 and the alb of beautiful filet lace made by his sister-Sister Verena for his First Mass in 1930.

On Friday evening at 7:00, Father Clem was brought to his parish, Madre de Dios. Until 10:00 his many friends, parishioners and teens shuffled in and out while rosaries were recited, prayers offered. His favorite English and Spanish hymns were sung during the wake and funeral Mass.

The funeral Mass was beautiful concelebrated by his Bishop and 26 fellow priests, with four seminarians and 16 Sisters in attendance with his parishioners and friends. The bishop's homily spoke of true priestliness in Father Clem's hard life of many sacrifices, zeal for souls and kindness to all. After the Mass of Resurrection, our dear brother and pastor was laid to rest among his people. Absent in body, we feel his spirit will live among us, we lose and we

Reverend dear Father,

It is my sad duty to announce the death of Father Clement A. Hageman on Wednesday, July 2, 1975.

Father Hageman was born at Glandorf, Ohio on October 28, 1904. He studied Philosophy at De Mazenod Seminary in San Antonio, Texas, and Theology at St. Meinrad Seminary, in St. Meinrad, Indiana where he was ordained by Bishop Chartrand on June 10, 1930 for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas. For reasons of health he came to New Mexico in July of 1938. On December 8, 1939 he was appointed Assistant to the Pastor of Smith Lake, New Mexico. He built the St. Bonaventure Church at Thoreau in 1941. On July 28, 1942 he was ~~made~~ ^{named} Administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holbrook, Arizona. Here he remodeled the former church. On January 19, 1953 he was chosen Pastor of St. Mary's, Kingman, Arizona. On August 11, 1964 he assumed the duties of Administrator of St. Lawrence, Humboldt, Arizona with its missions of Mayer and Camp Verde. On December 15, 1965 he was made Administrator of Madre De Dios ~~Church~~ ^{parish} in Winslow, Arizona where he remained until his death.

A con-celebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Madre De Dios Church on Saturday, July 5 at 11 a.m. ^{at} Those wishing to concelebrate are asked to bring (amice) alb and (cincture) and white stole. The amice is still required for ~~albs~~ albs that do not completely cover the street clothes. Burial will be in the priests' ~~parish~~ plot at the Winslow Cemetery.

Kindly remember him in your Masses and prayers.

*For you in Christ,
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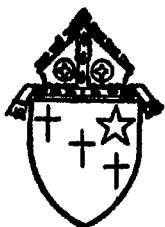
Relatives: Sister Mary LaSalette (Precious Blood) Dayton, Ohio??

Ⓜ (Sister)

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Mary Finley Oh

(Brother)



THE DIOCESE OF GALLUP

Chancery

P. O. Box 1338

GALLUP, NEW MEXICO 87301

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With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Jerome J. Hastrich*

Bishop of Gallup

DIOCESE OF GALLUP

FAMILY RECORD

1. Full Name Clement A. Hageman
2. DATE and PLACE of birth October 28, 1904, Glandorf, Ohio
3. Name of parents or two closest relatives (living).
Mary and Felix Hageman (brother + sister)
4. Name and address of person to be notified in case of accident, sickness or death.
Miss Mary Hageman - Western Union Tel. Co. - Dayton, Ohio
(Notify Chancery, whenever a change of address or name is made.)
5. Do you carry Accident or Life Insurance? Company's name & address.
NO
6. Have you made a WILL recently? Is it in Chancery Office or where?
yes - in Holbrook Rectory

ECCLESTIASTICAL STATUS

7. Date and place of Baptism Oct. 30 - 1904 - Glandorf Ohio
8. Date and place of ORDINATION June 10, 1938 - St. Maural, Ind.
By Whom Most Rev. Joseph Charbeaud
For What Diocese Corpus Christi, Texas
9. Date of entrance into Diocese of Gallup July - 1938
10. Date of Incardination 2 By Whom 2
11. Have you been a member of a Religious Order or Community? _____
Give name and address of same _____
Are you still a member? _____
12. Have you been secularized? _____ Date of Rescript _____
13. If you have not been incardinated, who is your present BISHOP?
Most Rev. E. Ledina - Corpus Christi, Texas

EDUCATIONAL RECORD

14. WHERE AND WHEN did you make your PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES? De Mazenod Seminary, San Antonio, Texas
15. WHERE and WHEN did you make your THEOLOGICAL STUDIES? St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Ind
16. Have you any degrees? no

APPOINTMENTS IN DIOCESE OF GALLUP

17. DATE	PLACE	CAPACITY
<u>Dec. 8, 1939</u>	<u>Smith Lake, N. Mex.</u>	<u>Assist.</u>
<u>July 28, 1942</u>	<u>Holbrook, Ariz.</u>	<u>Administ.</u>

18. Do you hold any office in the Diocese outside of parochial ministry?
no

19. Name BUILDINGS erected under your management.

Name	Place	Date	Cost
<u>St. Bonaventure</u>	<u>Thoreau, N. Mex.</u>	<u>July 1941</u>	
<u>O.L. of Guadalupe (remodel)</u>	<u>Holbrook, Ariz.</u>		

REMARKS

Fill in plainly and return to Chancery together with a recent Photo of yourself that can be used for print.

Date _____ Signed Elemer A. Hageman

January 31, 1975

Reverend Clem Hageman,
Madre de Dios Church
P. O. Box 441
Winslow, Arizona 86047

Dear Father Clem,

Thank you so much for your generous donation. I had just been praying for something like this to come along. We have a Mexican seminarian who received a gift last semester, but told me he was not even able to pay his December and January tuition with it. He is only in Philosophy and we do not pay tuition in philosophy. He is Santiago Arellano at the Seminario Diocesano Major de Tijuana. He will be happy to receive this from you. I will, however, respect your confidence and not mention your name.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Madre De Dios Church
Post Office Box 441
Winslow, Arizona 86047

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Most Rev. Jerome Hasbick, D.D.,
Chancery Office,
Hallup, New Mex. 87301

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I am happy to be able to share a little of my "Christmas" with some poor deserving Seminarian again this year. Only one string attached — this is between you and me,

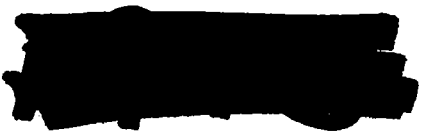
We sure have been having some wintery weather here in Winslow. For almost a week it went down to zero and below and never went over 38° during the day. They say that we were the coldest spot in Arizona.

Father Ed Doherty of the Madonna House is with us again for the winter but he has been pretty ill for the past weeks. Have been bringing him Holy Communion every day.

Praying that there will be peace and understanding in our diocese in this year of 1975 and an appreciation of your sacrifices for the diocese.

I remain

(Rev) Glen Haggman



1974

Madre De Dios Church
Post Office Box 441
Winslow, Arizona 86047

Most Rev. Jerome J. Haebich, D.D.
Chancery Office,
Gallup, New Mex.

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

I am sorry I missed the marriage conference on Tuesday. I really wanted to attend this one. Have been fighting my annual bout with the gout for each few days. Tuesday morning I thought the swelling in my feet had gone down enough that I could make it. When I got to Gallup my feet were so swollen and pain so great that I came right back to Winslow. With the aid of the medication the doctor gave me I am O.K. again and hope that this attack is the last for this year - usually only comes about once a year. Anyway I had good intentions.

I think that our church will have to be repainted this year. At a parish meeting the people voted that instead of the same faithful few do all the work, this time a collection would be taken up and a contractor be hired to do the work. We expect it to cost about a thousand dollars and they already have most of the money collected. I would like your permission to go ahead with this.

Hoping that I leave better back on my next visit to Gallup and with every good wish, I remain

Sincerely

W. Loren Hageman

July 13, 1974

Reverend Clement A. Hageman,
Madre De Dios Church
P. O. Box 441
Winslow, Arizona 86047

Dear Father Clem,

Thank you for your recent letter.

You herewith have permission to expend \$1000.00 for the painting
of your church. I am pleased to know that you are keeping things
in good order.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup

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March 8, 1971

Reverend Clem Hageman
P. O. Box 441
Winslow, Arizona 86047

Dear Father Clem,

Sorry to hear of your sister's sudden blindness. I hope the operation will be a success.

I hope you take someone with you on the long drives to Phoenix. It must be tiresome.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Madre De Dios Church

P. O. Box 441

Winslow, Arizona 86047

March 4, 1971

Most Rev. Jerome J. Hasbick, D.D.,
Chancery Office,
Salem, New Mexico 87301

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

Have been absent for a few days
and now I am trying to catch up on my work - The
reason for sending Judice & Negro Roll check so late.

My sister in Phoenix, Precious
Blond man, suddenly went blind - It was diagnosed as
"detached retina". She was operated on Tuesday evening.
Results will not be known for a few days. As I am the
only relative within two thousand miles - I went to Phoenix
Tuesday, might have another operation next week and I
hope to be there.

We certainly had a terrific storm here
on day of Bishop's Bernard's funeral. I left immediately after
the services to get Father O'Hern back so he could get
back to Phoenix that evening - It stormed the whole way
back to Winslow and by the time I got home the wind
was blowing 70 miles per hour - my patio fence was
blown down, a couple of windows knocked out - lights
broken - and roads of red silt to be shoveled out of
church, hall and house - Back to normal again.

With all good wishes, I remain

Fr. Blue Hagen

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1965

St. Frances Cabrini Church

Camp Verde, Ariz.

Dec. 7th, 1965.

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

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I purposely held up this letter until I had my meeting at Black Canyon last night, so that I could make a report to you.

First of all I received your letter last Saturday appointing me to Madre de Dios in Winslow. Needless to say that it came as a shock to me. Though I hate to leave my little missions and I feel that there is so much yet to do, I do have the consolation of knowing that a very zealous priest is taking over the work here. I will do my best at Madre de Dios and hope that my health will enable me to meet the challenges there.

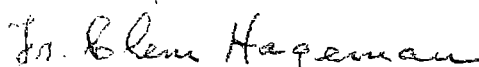
Father Burns will be here on Thursday and I will take him to the three missions and show him around and explain the work and the problems here. He will find everything in order here and all three places completely furnished both in the Church and domestic departments.

I will go to Winslow next Wednesday. Father Wilson was in Camp Verde last Saturday for the wedding. As he told me that he had absolutely made no plans for the future as to where he would go or when he would leave Winslow, I told him that my understanding was that he was to leave on the 15th, he mentioned the idea of staying there till January 1st. I bluntly told him that I was sure that you would not approve of this and besides it would not be for the good of either one of us. I told him that I would visit Madre de Dios next Monday.

As for our meeting at Black Canyon, it was a most pleasant surprise. Eighteen adults showed up, representing twelve Catholic families. The names of thirteen other Catholic families were turned in, some of whom sent regrets at not being able to attend the meeting because of illness or previous engagements. Those present felt that there were at least ten other families who were Catholic. This district represents Black Canyon City, Squaw Valley and Rock Springs. We can use the Public School Hall on Monday evening at \$2.00 per night with water, light and heat included. I told them that Father Burns would call another meeting after consulting you and make the final arrangements.

I have to prepare now for tomorrow's Feast, the 8th. Will try to visit you after I get settled at Madre de Dios and beg for a special prayer that I meet the challenge.

Sincerely,


Rev. Clement A. Hageman.

December 1, 1965

Rev. Clement Hageman,
Box 396,
Camp Verde, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Many thanks for your recent encouraging letter.

Fr. Wilson on his own initiative has requested a temporary leave of absence from the diocese, which I am granting him for his own good.

This will necessitate changes in the personnel in the diocese.

I am hereby appointing you as Administrator of Madre de Dios in Winslow. This appointment is to take effect on Wednesday, December 15th.

I am appointing Fr. Burns as your successor at Camp Verde. I am advising Fr. Burns to visit you soon so that you can tell him about the work at Camp Verde, Mayer and Humboldt. I am also telling him that you have begun a very constructive work and program in your missions and have told him to follow up the good work that started. He must be very diligent and exact in following work that you began, with regular Masses etc in each place so that there will be no lack of interest in the work and especially the Mass attendance. Try to make it clear to him that he must be punctual and regular in serving each place. Perhaps this change might be good for you since as it will not mean so much travelling.

You will get the blanks for the report up to December 1st.

Praying God to bless you in your new work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

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1964

July 27, 1961.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
415 E. Green,
Gallup, New Mexico.

Dear Rev. Father:-

This is to advise you that I am appointing you
as Administrator of Humboldt and Missions.

This appointment is to take effect on Tuesday,
August 11th.

At the same time I am advising you that you will
take up your residence at Coctonwood with Fr. Brackett. These missions
are small and you will find it more convenient and congenial to
live at Coctonwood. The work at these missions would be principally
over the week end.

Fr. Wilson is in the process of putting up a building
on the property we have at Camp Verde. This may not be completed when
you get there and I am sure that you are most capable to complete
this work. At present we are renting a place at Camp Verde at \$55.00
per month. We can save this amount when we will have our own place of
worship.

You might arrange some convenient time to meet with
Fr. Wilson who can give you all the details of this construction as
well as the operation of the missions of Humboldt.

Wishing you every success in your new appointment
and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ ,

Bishop of Gallup.

July 27, 1964.

Rev. Joseph Brackett,
Box 995,
Cottonwood, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

I am writing you to advise you that I am sending Fr. Hageman to be in residence at Cottonwood and to be in charge of Mayer and Camp Verde. The people at Humboldt now attend Mass at Myer, since there are so few of them. As there are so few people at these places and his work there would mostly be on week ends I felt that it would be best for him if he lived with you at Cottonwood. He can be of help to you in many ways, catechetical instructions etc.

I am asking you to welcome him kindly. I feel confident that he has entirely overcome his difficulty. For the past several months that he has been in Gallup there has been no sign of it. He has gone through a difficult ordeal and he is in need of kindness and encouragement. So try to be kind to him and help him wherever you can. I know that with all your priestly zeal you will do all you can to help a brother priest.

He will arrive in Cottonwood on August 11th.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you in your work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

Hurricane, Utah
March 4, 1964

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

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I was snow-bound by recent snow and consequently just got your kind letter. Will answer immediately by air mail.

Will try to leave early Friday and take the highway across the Navajo Reservation. It is the shortest way and with care ought to make it to Gallup Friday evening unless another storm comes up and I get tied up.

We had quite a storm here Monday and Tuesday that had the highways around here pretty dangerous. I can imagine what you had in Gallup.

I am leaving most of my belongings with the Smiths here and will only bring along my clothes and a few personal belongings. Will stay at the Indian Center if they have room for me.

I remain

With all best wishes

arrived 7:30pm 3/6/64

+ B J E.

Sincerely,

(Rev) Clement A. Hageman

American, Utah
Feb. 24, 1964

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

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I received your kind letter this Monday morning and will answer it immediately. Needless to say that I felt that it was an answer to my own personal prayers and the prayers of many others that have been offered for me.

Since last November 9th not a drop of any kind, whether wine, liquor or beer has passed my lips. There have been many occasions when I was offered a drink, I received liquor for Christmas which I gave away and in fact one of my confreres told me that a good drink would help me forget my troubles and worries. I have had no craving or desire to break my resolution and with the grace of God have not found it difficult to keep my resolve. I was so afraid that the pains in my chest were caused by cancer that this fear alone helped me to overcome any desire for drink if I had one. Yes, the opportunities were there but the desire was gone.

At the present I am alone here at the Smith farm. Mr. Smith was rushed to Phoenix where they found out that he had a terminal case of cancer of the lungs. He will be home in a week as he is begging to finish his days at home. So I am taking care of the stock - feeding the lambs, chickens, turkeys, geese, etc. Rather an interesting experience.

On my last visit to the doctor he gave me a pretty good report. I do not feel the pains around my heart anymore and he said that the medicine he was giving me ought to bring my blood pressure down. Not knowing of my status - he could easily say to stop worrying. He allows me to take hikes but no high altitudes or heavy lifting. I am beginning to regain lost weight and feel much better.

The winds here have been terrible and we have heavy frost every morning - but so far no snow or moisture of any kind.

With a hearty "may God bless you" for all your kindness to me, I remain,

Sincerely,

(Rev) Clement A. Hageman.

Rev. John M. Sibon

Saint Andrew's Church

712 Wyoming Street

Boulder City, Nevada

Very Rev. Dunstan Schmiedlin, O.F.M., C.L.,
Feb. 8, 1964
Chancellor, Diocese of Gallup
Gallup, N.M.

Dear Father Schmiedlin:

I received your letter of Feb. 6, and I assure you that I will keep this correspondence strictly confidential, and that I will say absolutely nothing about it to Fr. Hapeman.

I firmly believe that Fr. Hapeman is sincerely striving to overcome his difficulty in fact I think that he has overcome it by now.

From his conversation I concluded that life for him in that remote and desolate section of Utah is quite difficult and therefore he is spending from time to time some days in Las Vegas, Nevada. He celebrates Mass here on Sundays, and also on weekdays when ever he can find. (The distance Las Vegas-Boulder City is 50 miles roundtrip.)

By now I have known Fr. Hapeman since I came to Boulder City over 6 years ago, and he always impressed me as a sincere and very zealous priest, when he came to see me or when I visited him and Fr. Hapeman in Kingman. I believe that he can do so very much good, if he were again in active ministry, and if I would be permitted to do so, I sincerely ask you to help him and give him an appointment again. I believe that a prolonged status quo will not do any good.

Sincerely, your friend
John M. Sibon

February 6, 1964

Rt. Rev. John M. Sibon,
712 Wyoming St.,
Boulder City, Nevada

Dear Monsignor Sibon:

First of all, I wish to thank you for your interest in the welfare of Father Hageman of this Diocese. Father has mentioned that you have been very good to him during his leave and we certainly appreciate your goodness.

Please say nothing to Father about the fact that I have written. However, I would like your opinion as to how seriously Father is striving to overcome his difficulty. There might be a chance of putting Father back to work if you think that he is sincerely striving to improve. If you tell him about my inquiry, it might build up false hopes or lead him to think that he need not keep up his efforts.

Thanking you for your goodness, and with best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dunstan Schmidlin, O.F.M.
Chancellor

Box 6,
Hurricane, Utah
Feb. 3 - 1964

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

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

The weather here is so bad today that one has to stay inside. It is hard to realize that it will be three months soon since I left Kingman. Father Tachias wrote about his operation: He was very fortunate that it was not more serious. It seems like years instead of months since I left Kingman. All I have been doing is waiting and praying. I am going to be with Monsignor Sibou of Boulder City for a few days. Want to get a check up in Las Vegas. The Monsignor has been a wonderful, loyal friend to me and a good understanding confessor especially during these three last months.

Mr. Smith finally was forced to go to his doctors in Phoenix. So far we have not heard of the results of the tests and examinations. He is 76 yrs. old.

praying that brighter days lie ahead. I remain,

Sincerely yours.

(Rev.) Clement A. Hageman

Turricane, Utah.

Jan. 6 - 1964

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

most Rev. and dear Bishop:

Mr. Smith, the man who owns the Springs, had a stroke on New Year's Day. I have been at his bed side quite a bit since and so have been slow to write.

My Christmas would have been a rather sad one if it were not for Monsignor Sibon of Boulder City, Nevada to spend Christmas with him and say my Christmas masses in his church. Fr. St. George Feather Byrne had only two masses and not much Christmas. As it was it was one of the saddest Christmases I ever spent as a priest.

The weather has been rather cold here - a little colder than Kingman. Fortunately the altitude is the same as at Kingman and so my heart is not acting up too much. I had the doctor check me over - he thinks pressure felt in chest is from a nervous condition.

I was not even tempted to celebrate Christmas in any way except with my Christmas masses. I certainly had plenty of opportunities but no desire to take advantage of them.

Pegging your continued progress that I persevere in my resolutions and remain content, I remain,

Sincerely,

(Rev) Clement G. Hageman

P. O. Box 6
Hurricane, Utah.

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

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

I have been staying here at the Hurricane Hot Mineral Springs, a few miles outside of Hurricane, Utah, as the guest of Mr. + Mrs. Al Smith, old friends of mine. When I left Kingman I did not know at first where to turn. Then I remembered my old friends here often urging me to try the baths here at Hurricane. I got in touch with them and they urged me to come as their guest. I have a little cabin here at the Springs and am alone here. The Springs are closed for the winter and for renovation. The closest church is at St. George - eighteen miles away - where I say Mass whenever possible. Father Boyne, an elderly priest, is pastor there and has been very kind to me. He is the only contact that I have with the outside world besides the Smiths.

I think that I now know what it means to be a "man without a country." Perhaps, during the first weeks, there was a temptation to give up. But since then after much serious thought, prayer and meditation, I am ready to look to the future whatever that may be. I had always had a secret prayer that the good Lord would take me before your Excellency. I realize that during the last twenty-one years I have caused you many a heart-ache and worry. But I also realized that I would never find a Bishop as kind and understanding as you have been. Perhaps that is all the more reason that I have felt so miserable since my departure.

your Excellency has

made it clear that there will be no more chances.
So I can only humbly beg your pardon for all
the pain and disappointment I have caused you.
You may rest assured that I will never forget you.

As of the present moment I have no
definite plans for the future. I am going to
try to build up my health and test myself
just how sincere my resolutions are. I am
sure that with all the prayers that are being
offered for me that an answer as to my future
will come up.

At this time of the year all that I can
offer you my humble prayers and beg you in
return to again pardon me which I do not deserve.

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Clement A. Hageman

To Mrs. Al Smith
P. O. Box 6,
Hurricane, Utah.

December 16, 1963.

Rev. Clement A. Haysman,
Box 6,
Hurricane, Utah.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Your letter of the 10th has been received, I wish to thank you very much for telling me where you are. I do hope and pray that your stay there with your friends and taking the baths will help you very much and be very beneficial to your health.

I regret very much and hesitated before taking the action that I did. But there seemed no other way for me to take under the circumstances. I did not do this out of resentment but for your own good. You had given me so many promises that you would do better and control yourself but you ~~still~~ failed to keep any of these promises. I thought that the last one you made to me in my office, that you would come to see me every month to report you would keep. But even this promise you did not keep, although you know that this was your last chance.

I do pray and wish you every good fortune for your future. I do not want to raise any hopes for you, but, if sometime in the future you can assure me, with proof and with testimony of others who are reliable, that you are completely cured and well I may give you another chance. In that capacity I do not know. Remember I am only saying PERHAPS. This might encourage you to make every effort to do all you can to help you overcome your difficulty, May the good Lord help and strengthen you in this resolve.

I pray the Christ Child to grant you every grace and blessing for Christmas and also a Very Happy Year, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

and is many times larger.
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Father Hageman Leaves St. Mary's

Due to poor health which has just worsened in the past year, Reverend Clement A. Hageman has given up his duties at St. Mary's Catholic Church here.

Rev. Hageman has been in Kingman since January 20, 1953. He came here from Holbrook.

Father Hageman expresses his thanks and appreciation for the many courtesies extended him by the people of Kingman and Mohave County.

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

P. O. BOX 1311
KINGMAN, ARIZONA

November 21, 1963

Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, OFM
P.O. Box 1338
Gallup, New Mexico

Most Reverend and Dear Bishop,

This letter is to inform you and assure you that I took over the parish without any difficulty, and that all is going well.

Your letter of November 12 was certainly to the point, and I still say that was the best thing for Father Hageman. More and more the stress was getting the best of him, and he never relied on anyone for help. Even I was at a loss because, although he trusted me and was good to me, he still wished to remain, as he said, independent. It was really very sad, but nothing that he couldn't see coming.

Father left sad, of course. I hope he left only sad, though much was on his mind as he drove away. He said he would contact me as soon as he settled down; this will be necessary if he is to get his mail forwarded to him. He also plans to break the news slowly to his family, and will send the letters to be mailed from here.

The first thing I did after I took over was call a meeting of the financial committee for the new school. The purpose is to open the letters returned to us by the parishioners, and in which they express their desires to support the new school and to what extent financially. When this is tabulated, I shall let the people know the results, and I hope to be able to inform them this coming Sunday. Next week we hope to start bringing in the money.

Also I changed the time of the Sunday masses to what they were before I came to Kingman. With this regard and everything else thus far, the parish has cooperated well and they have expressed their determination to assist me in every way possible.

I shall write you when we get the results on the letters for the school; in the meantime you can rest assured that all is going well.

Yours respectfully in Christ,

Rev. Alfred Tachias

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SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

P. O. BOX 1311
KINGMAN, ARIZONA

November 23, 1963

Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, OFM
P.O. Box 1338
Gallup, New Mexico

Most Reverend and Dear Bishop,

Last Thursday morning I wrote to you concerning the departure of Father Hageman. I am very sorry that the letter might not have reached you.

I did not write the letter before Thursday morning because of various reasons. Father did not leave until Tuesday afternoon, and I did not want to write until I was sure he had left. That afternoon I spent preparing for Father Yarno's arrival and talk on vocations. We didn't get finished until rather late. Next morning I had to prepare an entire day for him: to speak to our school children, the public school children, and the high school at night. This left me little time to write, and so I waited until Thursday morning.

Father Hageman tried his best to talk me into going to see you about changing your mind. I absolutely refused, and still he kept after me. My arguments were too strong and too well known. So he asked Father McCarthy to go instead.

Father McCarthy called Friday morning and said that Father Hageman was to be out of the parish by Monday. Father Hageman was somewhat offended at what he called a lack of consideration, and told me in no uncertain terms that he couldn't possibly be out of here by Monday and would no doubt stay until Tuesday.

Father Hageman realized that to tell the people that he had been changed would cause a lot of questions; instead he told the people about the fact that the doctor had commanded him to go away and get medical treatment. He even spoke to them about a very serious operation, and even now the people think he is in some hospital preparing for the operation. I couldn't very contradict him then nor now. People are calling continually asking about Father's whereabouts or his operation.

Also, Father gave the people the impression that he might return; the way he put it, it was definite that the chances of his returning were very slight, but still he provided for it.

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH

P. O. BOX 1311
KINGMAN, ARIZONA

Father Hageman told them besides that he had known for a long time that he was going to have to leave; again he brought up the matter of the doctors, and how insistent they've been that he go away for treatment.

Some of the parishioners told me even before he left that this was so sudden, and that they suspected that there was more to it. Father on the other hand said that it was best not to tell them that he had been moved, for that would tear the parish apart.

But it was sudden and the people knew it. There was no going away party of any sort; this too caused wonderment. At this time I can hardly say anything that would make a liar out of him.

The clipping from the newspaper is from a story that I gave our local paper. This too was devised before Father left, and again it leaves me in a position where I can't say too much.

From here Father was supposed to go to Hurricane, Utah; a former parishioner of St. Mary's lives up there, and she and her husband gladly took Father in. He said he would write to me and let him know where to forward his mail. The letters to his brothers and sisters concerning the alleged operation and illness, of course, will be mailed here to be sent postmarked "Kingman" to them.

All is going well. The people have been very kind, as they always have been, and they've indicated their willingness to cooperate in every way possible. As soon as something more develops, I shall write to you again.

Yours respectfully in Our Lord,

Rev. Alfred Tachias

Rev. Alfred Tachias

November 25, 1963.

Rev. Alfred Tachias,
Kingman, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

All of your letters have been received for whci I thank you very much.

When I did not hear anything I began to wonder just what was going and that was the reason for my recent letter to you.

I am more than happy that all went off so nicely and that Fr. Hageman is now gone and you are in complete charge. That the reason was given for the change does not matter. Since time and time again he was under the care of the Doctor, the reason of health was about as good as any. If some people want to think otherwise that is their privilege. You might as well go along with this and you are telling the truth somewhat. I believe that his difficulty is an illness, but you need not say what kind of illness was the cause of his change.

I am glad that you remained firm in not interceding for him. When Fr. McCarthy was here I was just as firm. Let us hope and pray now that he will have to realize that he will have to do something to help him overcome his trouble. I do hope that the Family in Utah, since at one time they lived in the parish, will not write to any one in the parish, that is, if he is with them for some time. Thanks to God this worry is over now for all time.

I am glad that the film that you have for the vocation work is so good and what you are pleased with it. We will now send the check in payment for it.

From time to time you can let us know how things are in the parish. I am more than happy that the people have pitched in so well and are cooperating so nicely with you.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you and your work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

November 12, 1963

Rev. Clement A. Hingeman,
St. Mary Church,
Kingman, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

It is with deep regret that I feel compelled to write you this letter. Because of a relapse yesterday I am hereby removing you from the parish of St. Mary's, Kingman to take effect on next Monday, November 18th.

I feel that it is useless to call you in to talk this over. It would be a waste of time for you and me. The last time you came in it was my intention to do what I am doing now. But you came with a proposition which I thought was worth giving a try. This did not work as you have been unfaithful to your word, so the only thing I can do now is to take the action I have taken above. This will eliminate any further worry for me as well as for others and at the same time prevent any further scandal.

After you have received this letter you will turn over to Fr. Tadias and the monies of the parish as well as what it is the bank and all of the books. You might brief him as to what has been done so far in regard to the proposed school.

You will leave the parish on next Monday. Where you will go and what you will do is up to you. I believe that I have been more than patient with you and have given you every opportunity to help you overcome your difficulty so the only one to blame for the action I have taken is yours elf. This is final.

Wishing you God's blessing on your future, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

Mail Friday

June 14, 1963.

Rev. Alfred Tachias,
St. Mary Church,
Kingman, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Father Hageman was here and we had a very serious talk about his future. He seems to be very determined to overcome his trouble. We arrived at a temporary conclusion. I told him that I was now entirely fed up with his relapses and that I could take no more of it.

He then proposed to he come to Gallup about every month and report personally on how he is keeping his resolve. I went along with this and hope and pray that this will be the solution.

I told him that you have been loyal to him and want to help him. So I would appreciate it if you will have a little more patience with him and see how he does. I would suggest that, if, at any time you notice that he is tense or worried about something, that you not wait for him to begin but that you immediately talk to him and see if you can help avoiding his having another relapse. This may help.

I also told him that he should get away from Kingman for about a month and relax and forget everything about Kingman and take a rest and easy. He said that he would do this sometime in July. I told him that perhaps you could take care of the parish during his absence. He thought he might get some help from Phoenix. This is agreeable with me. He is to report to me during the first week in July.

Now let us hope that we have this settled once and for all. Only time will tell. But with God's help and grace and his own will power he may be able to lick his trouble.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

St. Mary's Church

KINGMAN, ARIZONA

January 16, 1963

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

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I did not answer your letter of last Friday because I had hoped to see you personally at the Retreat. I now take this opportunity to express my sorrow at my slip. I yielded to the invitation of some friends after such a long abstinence. I can sincerely assure your Excellency that I have no desire or craving to go back to my former habit. It was a momentary slip and assure you that it will not happen again. I sincerely regret the disappointment and pain that I have caused you and pray not to be the cause of such pain again.

After the Retreat I will write about several matters that I wish to speak to you about.

Again begging your forgiveness, I remain,

Sincerely,

(Rev) Clement A. Hageman

January 18, 1963.

Rev. Clement A. Hagemma,
St. Mary Church,
Kingman, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Your letter of the 15th has been received. I am glad that you realize what you have done and I sincerely hope that it will not happen again. Merely saying that you are sorry is not enough. You will have to make a firm resolution, and mean it, not to let it happen again. In this regard it may be well to warn you that you should never take the first drink. No matter how often and insistent any of your friends invite you to take a drink, you will have to remain firm and refuse it. The first drink is your downfall and then the same old story. In order to keep your resolution you will have to be faithful in your prayers, especially the Divine office and the devout celebration of Holy Mass. Of yourself you are not able to overcome this, you need the grace and help of God. These are the means to help you receive these graces and helps. I will appreciate a letter in which you tell me that you are willing to make this firm resolution. As you see, my patience is coming to an end and I do hope that I will never receive such a report again.

I also hope and pray that because Fr. Tachias reported to me what happened that you will not let this interfere with the good relations that have existed between you and him. He has and is very loyal to you. He only did his duty. I had commanded him to let me know, as soon as possible, if you had lapsed. Several times during the year he wrote to me saying that you were keeping your resolution and that all was well. I would not like to see him suffer in any way at your hands because of this. I would also like to have this assurance in writing.

Hoping that this will have to be my final warning to you and praying God and His Blessed Mother may give you the strength and courage to keep your new resolution, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

January 10, 1963.

Rev. Clement Hageman,
St. Mary Church,
Kingman, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Last night Fr. Tachias called me and told me that you had lapsed and came home from Las Vegas in a very sorry condition. Needless to say, I was very much surprised to hear this. Last week I got a letter from Fr. Tachias saying that all was well in Kingman. Several times during the year he has written the same and I felt that you had conquered your failing of drink.

So you can well imagine how this came as a big surprise. I can't tell you how hurt I was when he told me about you last night. Now, Father, I am telling you that this must stop right now or else drastic action will be taken, namely that I will release you from work in the diocese and you can return to your home diocese of Corpus Christi, since I would be unable to recommend you anywhere else. I think that I have been patient with you long enough. So you will have to make up your mind one way or another. I would like to hear from you by return mail, before you go to the retreat.

When I told Fr. Tachias I would write you today, he became alarmed and thought you might think him disloyal to you. I reminded him that I had commanded him to let me know as soon as you had lapsed, and obedience comes before loyalty. So do not blame him, all he did was what he was told to do by me. Only blame yourself for not keeping your solemn pledge to me.

I hope that this is the last time that I will have to write you in the above strain. In fact it will be the last time as if it happens again I will take the drastic action as stated above. What were you doing in Las Vegas anyway? I do hope that you will have some valid explanation and that it will come by return mail. I am sending a carbon copy of this letter to Fr. Tachias so that he will know just what I am writing to you.

Hoping to hear from you by return mail,

I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

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1961

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

309 NORTH BEAVER
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA

September 7, 1961

Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage,
Bishop of Gallup,
P.O. Box 110,
Gallup, New Mexico.

Your Excellency;

Since I have had no response to my letter of August 30th, to which I refer you, and while I certainly do not wish to belabor the matter, I think that you should know that the situation mentioned has lessened, I would say, in hope of correcting itself.

This past Tuesday Father Tachias phoned me distraught over what he could do. At that very moment the Pastor was passed out in his car in front of the Rectory - broad daylight - subject to the stares of passers-by. The Sisters were also distraught over the opening of school next day and no response from the Rectory. In these bouts the Assistant is heaped with abuse. I think that you will concede that this is a little difficult to take for more than two years.

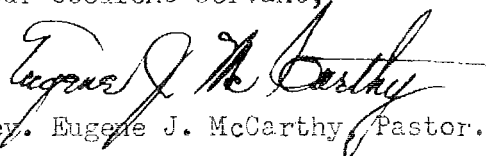
I cautioned Father Tachias to do nothing rash and advised him that he might hear from you since I had presented the matter to you. I also asked him to get Father into the house by some means so as to preserve him from the public gaze.

I might mention that I am reading this new novel by Edwin O'Connor, "The Edge of Sadness" - quite apropos to the present situation - which you may already have read yourself.

I do not feel that I should make any further unacknowledged recommendations. I felt that it was my duty as the Dean to bring this to your attention. The matter lies entirely in Your Excellency's hands to dispose of it as you may wish.

Praying God to bless you and your Diocese, I am

Your obedient servant,


Rev. Eugene J. McCarthy, Pastor.

September 2, 1961.

Very Rev. Joseph Hootsmanns, V.G.,
Queen of Angels Hospital,
2321 Bellevue Ave.,
Los Angeles 26, California

Very Rev. and dear Father:-

This letter is somewhat of a confidential nature. There have been some rumblings coming to me about Father Hageman. It seems that at times he may take a little too much to drink. I have had no complaints about him for a very long time. You recall the incident in Phoenix, when you wrote me and told me that you did not believe the account in the paper. When I got a complaint I wrote him. I also had him write to me every month to let me know if everything was alright. In his letters to me he always says that everything was going along nicely and that he is busy with the work there. I am wondering, since you live at Kingman at times, whether or not you had noticed anything. I would appreciate it if you will let me know if everything is as he says it is.

Thanking you for any information you are able to give me, and with every good wish and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

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St. Mary's Church

KINGMAN, ARIZONA

Dec. 16 - 1960

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

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

Was very sorry to hear of your illness. Have been having the school children pray for your speedy and complete recovery.

Everything personally has been fine in every way. In fact we have been so busy preparing for Christmas that there is little time left to think of anything else.

I don't know if we are hitting another depression or not. The local Ford Proving Grounds has laid off half of its men, the stores are all complaining of no business and our front door bell is rung ten to fifteen times or more a day by transients seeking help. The church collections also are dropping way low. It seems as if we are in for a bad winter.

I appreciate your prayers very much and I pray that with the help of God I will continue as I am now doing.

Wishing you every blessing during the coming year, I remain

Sincerely,

(Rev) Clement A. Hagerman

DOG.00205

December 13, 1960.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
St. Mary Church,
Kingman, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Your letter of the 28th received. I am replying from the Hospital where I have been for over the past two weeks recovering from a very bad cold and possibly pneumonia. I am feeling much better by now.

I do not want you to think that I am indifferent to your difficulty, The above will explain why I am so late in answering your letter.

Many thanks for the checks for the Catholic Univeristy Collection and payment on debt.

I am very glad to hear that you have been so faithful in your promise to me not to take anything alcoholic. You will have keep up your good will power, to keep off of it. You say un spite of opportunities and invitations you have overcome any desire for it. Besides your own good will you will also need spiritual strength. Pray every day that God may give you the strength and courage to overcome this difficulty. You can be assured that I will also keep you in prayers, asking God to help you. Pray also to Our Bl. Mother, the mother of priests and I feel sure that she willshe will help you.

Also it would be well if you would write me ate least every two weeks to let me know how you are coming along. Be especially careful during the holiday season. There may be many temptations during this time. With God's help and your own good will I am sure that you will be allright.

If you feel that Jim Glancy is not doing the job and the men of the parish want to take over the work why not let tham go ahead.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

St. Mary's Church

KINGMAN, ARIZONA

11-28-60

Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, S.F.M.
Chancery Office
Socorro, New Mexico

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I am inclosing checks for
monthly payment on debt and for Catholic University under
separate cover.

It has been exactly one month
ago today (25th) that I told you that I touched my last
drop of anything alcoholic. I have had numerous opportunities
and invitations to a drink and did not ever feel a desire
to break my promises to you.

We have been busy pouring side-
walks around the school and rectory and I am personally
going to step in and try finish the housekeeper's quarters
in rear of rectory. Jim Glaney had begged to do the job
and there it stands for over a year half completed.
The men of the parish are becoming disgusted with him
and want to do the job themselves without Mr. Glaney.
He is too busy with politics.

I hope to have the new organ paid
for in another two weeks. Then I will concentrate on
my debt to the Chancery. Not too much of a balance left.
With all best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Clement A. Hageman

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 others 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

November 8, 1960.

Rev. C;ement A. Hageman
St. Mary Church,
Box 1311,
Kingman, Arizona.

Dear Rev Father:-

I have received your reply to my recent letter which I appreciate very much.

I am glad to know that you are making a solemn promise that you will not touch even a bottle of beer. I hope this also includes liquor and wine. You know that taking these things can be a source of real scandal in the parish besides not being at all good for your health. As the Bishop it is my duty in conscience to see to it that this does not happen at any time. For this reason I mentioned in my letter that perhaps your usefulness in the parish of Kingman and in the diocese is at an end. If this occurs again we may have to take some definite action.

I am grateful to you for your solemn promise as stated above, but I must have some real assurance that you will keep this promise. You say "if the same charge is made again I ask that you call in the assistant and Fr. Hootsmanns and find out the truth of the Matter". Why wait until the charges are made? Why not let me ask them to watch you (I do not mean to spy on you) and as soon as they notice anything wrong to notify me immediately. In this way the laity will not have to make any charges against you and there would be no possibility of an scandal in the parish. In this way I would have some real assurance that you will keep your promise which you have made often before.

Father, I think you must realize that this is a very serious matter and we must do everything to avoid any scandal and also any serious charges against you, in the future. You have done very good work in Kingman and I am sure that you would not like to have all this good ruined by giving in to this failing. So, please watch yourself and be faithful to your prayers, especially your Holy Mass and divine Office, and ask the good Lord and His Blessed Mother, the mother of priests, to give you the grace and strength to overcome this difficulty. If you feel that it would be helpful why not talk this matter over with your assistant and tell him your trouble and ask his help to overcome it.

I would very much appreciate you letting me know just how you feel about the propositions I have made in this letter.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you,

I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

DOG.00209

St. Mary's Church

KINGMAN, ARIZONA

Nov. 4, 1960.

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

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I am sorry that you found it necessary to write again about a subject which I know has given you worry in the past. In order to settle all doubts and to be able to answer any charges of this nature in the future I unreservedly will give you my solemn promise to not even touch a bottle of beer in the future. I will write several times a month as to how I am keeping this solemn promise and if the same charges are made again I ask that you call in the assistant and Fr. Hootsmans and find out the truth of the matter. Now I admit that I occasionally took a drink, the last one on my birthday, Oct. 28th. This will be the last of that and I sincerely hope and pray that I will not cause you any worry on this score in the future.

Thanking you for your utmost patience with me in the past and begging your prayers for the future. I remain

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Clement A. Hageman

November 2, 1960.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
St. Mary Church,
Kingman, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

I have just received another complaint about your excessive drinking. The complaint states that this drinking of yours occurs often and is known among the people in the parish so that it is a real scandal. The party writing says that it is a surprise that the people have put up with so long. Perhaps your usefulness in Kingman and in the diocese is at an end. I hardly know just what to do with you. I have been kind with you and borne with you for quite a while.

The last time I wrote to you about this complaint I had received about you you assured me that this problem of your would be solved and that you would not let it happen again. I have been most kind with you and beleived you when you write and tell me that all is fine and that you no longer were having any difficulty. You know a person can be fed up with promises. You also fully well that that this drining is not at all good for your health. Furthermore, it is not good by any means for the parish. Soon the people of the parish will demand your removal.

All that I can say now is that you will have to give me your solemn promise that you will not touch any hard liquor, or even wine or beer at any time or at any place. At the same time you must give me some proof that you will keep this promise. It might be well, if sometime soon, you could come to Gallup and we could talk this matter over. If we have another complaint along this line we will be compelled to do something about it.

In the meantime send me your solemn promise that you will do as I state above. I must also insist that you write me every two weeks telling me that you are keeping this promise and also that you have not taken a drop of any kind of alcohol.

Hopeing and praying that this will be the last that we will hear as to the above matter and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

St. Mary's Church

KINGMAN, ARIZONA

October 31, 1960

Most Reverend and Dear Bishop,

It is no secret that at St. Mary's in Kingman we have a pastor who suffers from drinking to excess. Please bear with me for recalling this problem to your mind.

This is a wonderful parish, as I told you shortly after I came here. Father too has been most kind, when sober. He has proved himself a perfect gentleman and a real priest, when sober. But the problem recurs so often that its magnitude just as often overwhelms me. I realize I am not as understanding as I should be, either because of lack of proper education on the matter or because of lack of charity. I, too, am only human.

This is a sad situation, and a scandalous one at that. Does this surprise you? Excuse me if I don't go into details to describe the situation. It is not because details are lacking.

No doubt you will wonder why I did not write before. My main reason was that I did not want to be too quick to judge. I have tried from the beginning to be a capable assistant, to be obedient and not irresponsible or insubordinate. Also I did not write for fear that it might be thought that a newly-ordained priest was suffering from something purely emotional.

Having now lived with the problem for almost sixteen months, I have as clear a picture of it as I could possibly hope for. Still I am not as patient as I should be. Now I am writing to you, not on the spur of the moment nor without much thought. I feel that it would be greatly wrong for me to keep silent on the matter any longer. Both clergy and laity often discuss the matter, and at times they have tried to get me into the conversations. I have preferred, however, to reserve my opinions for you, since you are the only one who can do anything about the matter.

St. Mary's Church

KINGMAN, ARIZONA

I do not judge Father's moral life nor his conscience, for that is between him and God. But this involves an entire parish, and especially for their sake, I feel it necessary to consult you.

The problem is not mine, and for me to get moved would not solve anything. That is why I am not asking for a transfer. I wish to stay here for as long as you will let me stay, but I want to adopt the right attitude toward my pastor when the delicate situation arises.

It is easy to speak of charity — it is just as easy to speak of alcoholism as a disease. But it is not as easy to be subject to one thus influenced, and who is thereby unreasonable. I can take a lot, but much of this seems unalloyed joy.

Father made it clear from the beginning that the moment I were to show any signs of dissatisfaction he would write to you and have me removed. Last June, for example, when I really showed my disgust at his prolonged drinking, he threatened to call you. For this reason I have never openly discussed the problem with him. He wouldn't listen to an inferior. In fact he won't admit the (evident) fact that he drinks.

Dear bishop, you are my spiritual father, and I am turning to you with this realization. You have been a priest and bishop many years, and in that course of time, you have dealt with a variety of priests and their problems. Can you please counsel me at this time.

Asking God to bless you and your endeavors, I remain

Respectfully yours in Christ,
Father Alfred Jackson

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1959

June 12, 1959.

Rev. Clement A. Ingeman,
St. Mary's Church,
Kingman, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

I am finally able to do what I had been hoping to do for sometime. I am now able to give you a full time assistant. Father Alfred Fachias, newly ordained, is being appointed as assistant at St. Mary's, Kingman.

This will relieve you of having to say three Masses on every Sunday and Holy Day. It may also help you so that you may be able to give a little better service to some of the out missions that you visit.

Father Fachias' appointment is to take effect on Wednesday, July 8th. I have written him telling him to let you know just when he will arrive.

I am very happy to be able to do this as this will now give you an opportunity to take better care of your health as you can now give some of your work to this young man.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

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1958

Jan 3, 1953
Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, B.F.M.

Box 110,
Hallup, New Mexico

61476 Indian School
Phoenix

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

your letter of
the 31st telling me of my appointment
to Hingman certainly brightened the
outlook for the new year of 1953. I
solemnly assure you that I will do
my best to prove to you that your
confidence in me has not been in
vain.

I have been
visiting Sr. Hootness regularly
and I am very happy over the
arrangements made for him and
will do everything to help him out.
I think that if he finds that he is
welcome and has some light work to
do his condition will improve. He
has had me worried. At times I
noticed that his lips are blue and
he complains about being so weak.

I intend to go to
Holbrook from Blackdale this week
and to close up the books and finish
the report. Sr. Cozau is expecting
me.

Praying God to make me worthy
of your confidence, I remain

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Clement A. Ferguson

January 7, 1953.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
6347 E. Indian School Road,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear "ev. Father:-

I wish to thank you for your good letter of the 2nd. I am happy that you are pleased with your new appointment, and I hope and pray that this new confidence and trust that I am placing in you will bring good results.

When you visit Father Hootmans you might ask him about the gas installation in Kingman. He was in King for several days before going to Phoenix and he says that the gas installation is faulty, that there seems to be lacking of vents, which is very dangerous, especially for him with his heart condition. He says the Doctor does not want him to return there until this is remedied. Furthermore you might inquire from him as to a housekeeper. There is none in Kingman as Father Vorst took the old one along with him to Flagstaff. I think that you discuss these things with Father Hootmans everything can be arranged satisfactorily to all concerned.

I have told every one that I had received a letter from your Doctor stating it is necessary for you to be transferred to a lower altitude due to your high blood pressure. I do hope that you will not take care of yourself and your health.

Please let me know when you arrive or intend to arrive in Kingman.

With all good wishes and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, O.F.M.,
Box 110
Gallup, New Mexico

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

I wish to extend to you my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the completion and blessing of the Cathedral of Gallup Diocese. It will, in the future, serve as a fitting and beautiful memorial to your zeal and self sacrifice in behalf of your poor diocese. As one of your older priests who has been with you since the inception of the Gallup Diocese I can perhaps better realize and appreciate what that word "self-sacrifice" has meant and how much we are beholden to you. May God grant you many years to enjoy the use of this Cathedral.

Sunday, the 12th, was a memorable day for me. Around a hundred and sixty relatives and friends together with several hundred Sisters joined me in my celebration. It was held at the Precious Blood Sisters' Mother house and the luncheon and reception was held at St. Rita's near by. Though it had been raining all week, yet it held up for Sunday. Everything was wonderful. It was the first time that all my brothers and sisters, six of us, were together in forty one years.

Monsignor Beckmeyer of St. Mary's has been very ill (heart attack) and now is abed at home. I will say mass at St. Mary's for him on feast of Sacred Heart. He has asked me to send you his best wishes and congratulations.

Friday I hope to go to Cincinnati to visit
Archbishop Alter. Fr. Givens came to Dayton
for my jubilee reception. He has been appointed
assistant at Holy Family Church in Cincinnati.

With every wish for a happy
dedication ceremony on the 19th, I remain

Sincerely,

(Rev.) Clement A. Hageman.

6177 E. Indian School Rd.,
Phoenix, Ariz.
Dec. 10, 1952.

Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, O.F.M.,
Halliday, New Mexico

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I was waiting to hear the results of my visit to the doctors, scheduled for the 10th before answering your most kind letter. I asked the doctor to make a report to you.

I certainly will be ready, God willing, to go back to work any time you see fit in January. A little more rest will enable me to regain some of the weight lost.

I am proud to say that I have kept my promise to you in every way. The Yagui Indian Mission Church is only a few blocks from where I am staying and I say Mass there daily.

Had a nice trip to Charlsdale this past week-end and found the roads good. It is only a two and half hour drive from Phoenix.

Again thanking you for all past kindnesses and wishing you every blessing for the new year, I remain,

Sincerely

(Rev.) Robert T. Hageman.

THE LOIS GRUNOW MEMORIAL
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December 11, 1952

Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, O.F.M.
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Gallup, N. M.

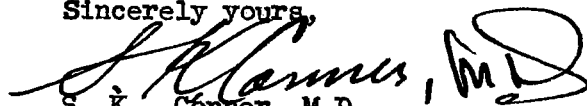
Re: Father Clement Hageman

Most Rev. Espelage:

Father Hageman has been a patient of mine since August 5, 1947. His course of treatment over the past 5 years due to the continued increased elevation of his blood pressure at that altitude would definitely indicate that he have a change to a lower altitude for reasons of his health.

If there is any further information that I can furnish, I will be more than happy to do so.

Sincerely yours,


S. K. Conner, M.D.

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December 29th, 1952.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
6147 Indian School Road,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

I hereby appoint you as Administrator of St. Mary's Church, Kingman, Arizona. This appointment is to take effect on January 19th, 1953.

I would suggest that you go to Kingman around the 16th so that you can become acquainted with the affairs of the parish before you take over. Father Degan will explain things to you.

There is a rather large indebtedness on the parish and I would advise that you adopt the same plan that you put into effect at Holbrook that you make an effort to pay off a stipulated amount each month, say \$100 or so. In this way a certain amount is paid off each year. I would suggest that you adopt this same method in regard to the Cathedralium. This is \$17.00 each month. I feel confident that with your zeal and effort this can be accomplished. I also feel that if the people in the parish knew what obligations they must meet each month they will do it.

Since Father Hootsmans also will need to live in a lower altitude, just as your Doctor suggested to me about you, he will live "in residence" at Kingman with you. He will assume the obligation of helping out for Mass on Sundays and as far as his strength will permit in any work that the two of you can agree upon. He will receive the salary of an assistant and to assist the parish in this the regular subsidy of \$25.00 a month from the Extension is being assigned to Kingman. I feel confident that all this will work out for the best interest to you both as well as for the parish.

I wish you every success in this new appointment and I also feel that you will live up to this new trust and confidence that I am placing in you.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you in this new appointment, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

DOG.00224

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

BOX 38

Holbrook, Arizona

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

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

Father Cogan arrived in Holbrook last week and I am all packed to leave. Am waiting for the weather to clear up. So far over twelve inches of snow since Sunday.

My address in Phoenix will be:
6147 E. Indian School Rd.,
Phoenix, Arizona.

I again wish to express my sincerest gratitude for all your kindness to me. It has been a most severe lesson and one hard to take, but I know that it will be for the best.

I have contacted Fr. Driscoll and made arrangements with him about Clarkdale. If the roads are open, I will go through there on my way to Phoenix.

I have told my fellow priests that I am going to Phoenix for medical treatment. This is true as I have lost over eighteen pounds within the last few weeks and Father MacCarthy has commented on this.

Begging your prayers, I remain,

Sincerely and gratefully,

(Rev. Bernard T. Espelage)

November 26, 1952.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
6147 W. Indian School Road,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Your letter advising that Father Cogan had arrived in Holbrook and that you were preparing to leave for Phoenix has been received. I am glad that everything has worked out so nicely. I presume that the weather has cleared up and that you were able to get out of Holbrook. This was surely some snow storm and cold that we are experiencing. I am also glad that you have contacted Father Discoll and that you have made arrangements with him about Clarkdale.

I would very much appreciate it if you will let me know how time is finding us to how your health is progressing. I am thinking that perhaps by the middle of January the 15th or so you will be able to take charge again. Let me know what you think about this as I will have to make some arrangements changes and advise the respective priests so that they can get ready for this. Also I believe that you should make the annual report according to the Morrison blanks for the year 1952. To do this you shall have to spend a few days in Holbrook before to take over your new charge.

I would very much appreciate a line from you as to the above.

Hoping that you will soon be fully restored and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

BOX 38

Holbrook, Arizona

Most Rev. Clement A. Deagman, F.S.P.,
Bishop, Holbrook, Arizona.

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I wish to put in writing
the pledge that I made September 22nd, 1952, a
solemn pledge that I wish to renew to Almighty
God, to you, my Bishop, that I solemnly promise
that I will abstain in any shape or form, in all
partials of any alcoholic drink for the period of
three years or longer if advised, by my Bishop
or by my Confessor.

May God, in His mercy,
help me to keep this solemn pledge.

Signed.

Rev. Clement A. Deagman.

November 5, 1952.

Rev. Clement Hageman,
Box 38, 1952.
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Thanks for the solemn pledge which you sent to me. I pray the good Lord to help you keep this solemn promise. Also many thanks for the check. Enclosed please to find receipt for same. Kindly explain this check to Father Cogan and tell him it is to be sent monthly to the Chancery Office. You might take him to the bank and explain to the bank that during your absence he will be authorized to sign checks.

This morning I had a letter from Father Driscoll in which he says that both he and Father Cogan are agreeable to have Father Cogan replace and substitute for you at Holbrook. I wrote to Father Driscoll that Father Cogan should report to you at Holbrook on Thursday, October 20th and that you would leave for Phoenix on Monday or Tuesday, October 21st or 22nd. I also mentioned to Mr. Driscoll that you preferred to stay in Phoenix but would be willing to help out on Sundays if Mr. Driscoll wished it. You might drop a line to Mr. Driscoll to find out his wishes in the matter, as well as to thank him for his cooperation in this matter. I would appreciate it if you will let us know your address in Phoenix in case we could want to contact you.

In the meantime I would encourage you to be faithful to your religious duties, your Holy Mass, Divine Office and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament, begging God to grant you the grace and strength to cooperate with His grace to remain faithful to Him and His service.

With all good wishes and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.



IN ARIZONA
HOLBROOK, NAVAJO COUNTY SEAT

J. P. GERWITZ, MGR.

Holbrook Arizona
November 4th, 1952.

Bernard F. Sapulga, S. J.
Bishop of Gallup
P.O. Box 110
Gallup New Mexico.

My Dear Bishop Sapulga:-

Your letter was within four to five days of my return from a trip of two weeks thru the southern part of the State, since talking with you last I have contacted and talked with numerous members of our Parish, in most instances all seem to denote hearsay rather than any concrete facts, most people are reluctant to come forward and confirm any complaints, personally, and I am honest in this statement, I have never had but the highest respect and regard for Fr. Hageman, what other people know and report is entirely beyond my knowledge other than I told you so.

For one that has continuously strived and sacrificed his own wellbeing, built up faith in this community, last but not least weathered the storm for ten years, longer than any other Priest in my thirty years in Holbrook, he should have a full measure of consideration.

Apparently, like our two major Political parties, there are two trains of thought in the Parish as to who could satisfy everyone would be a problem, perhaps a politician could fill the bill.

I have just been informed that Fr. Hageman pronounced last evening at the Alter Society meeting that he was leaving this Parish soon, wherever he goes all my good wishes are with him.

Very sincerely

November 6, 1952.

Joe Gerwitz,
New Holbrook Hotel,
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Joe:-

I wish to thank you for your letter of the 4th. Its contents give me at least some definite information as to what has been going on in Holbrook. I wish to assure you that I appreciate your efforts in this matter.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

Most Rev. and dear Bishop: o

I forgot all about the celebration at St. Michael's today and for this reason I came in to see you.

Mr. Yaeger and Mr. Lerma came to see me this morning and told me that they had phoned you about the meeting held last night at my rectory and what they had advised me to do and what they had told you.

They very frankly asked me if I had talked to you and if I knew what charges they had preferred against me and what my answer had been to you. I answered them very frankly that I had told you that I never willingly nor knowingly committed the acts they accused me of, but just as frankly admitted the charges that I had been drinking and perhaps while under the influence of liquor I might have been imprudent in my dealings with boys. Mr. Albert Baca defended me in this and admitted that several times while under the influence of liquor he did things that he was ashamed of and could not remember anything about the next day. But that I deliberately sought the occasion I absolutely denied and they accepted this. There is something that I must tell you that I did not tell you before. A year or so ago, the doctor in Phoenix prescribed some medicine for me. I noticed that I blacked out quite a few times and some times could not remember what I had done the night before or whom I had talked to. After one such spells I went to the druggist in Holbrook and asked him what was in these tablets and I explained to him what had happened. He asked me if I ever drank after I took this medicine and I told him yes. He then told me that each tablet contained three quarters grain pheno-barbital and would knock me out if I drank alcohol afterwards. That was in August and I immediately stopped taking this medicine. I have not had a blackout since and can account truthfully for every act of mine since.

My usefulness to Holbrook is at an end and I promised the men that I would request a change. They suggested this morning that they would leave the matter as to time and circumstances entirely up to you and that they would unreservedly back up your decision. They said that even if the change took weeks or a month that they would do everything in their power to help.

Just to say that I am sorry for this mess would not mean anything. Only my future actions and conduct will give proof to my sorrow and sincerity. If your Excellency deem me worthy of another chance, I humbly for that chance. In order not to make matters worse, I humbly suggest that I be permitted to announce at the Altar Society meeting next Monday that I have asked for a transfer to a lower altitude because of my bad heart and if this is followed by a letter from you as to my transfer, which I can read to the people from the altar, the men agree that this will quiet any talk that might occur if the change was made suddenly.

I beg of you to give me a chance at Davis Dam. I would like to have several weeks to straighten everything up and pack. Joe Koury was getting up a committee to fight against this move and when I heard about it I went to him and explained that my health needed a change. A few weeks in Holbrook will not leave the impression of anything wrong. The men promised me that they would back me up on this .

I am heartily sorry for all the grief this is causing you. Perhaps it was Divine Providence that arranged for me not to meet you face to face, as I don't know if I could have stood the ordeal.

I cannot say more.

Humbly,

Father Hageman

October 31, 1952.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
Box 35, 1952.
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

This morning I found the letter you left for me. I was glad to find out the truth in this whole matter. Too bad that you did not admit this when you came to see me. I think this whole matter could have been settled without all this fanfare.

It will be allright with us if at the Alter Society you make an announcement that you are asking for a transfer because of your health.

I think the best procedure would be if I can get the services of Father Cogan to replace you and whilst he is in Holbrook that you go to Clarkdale and finish up your medical treatment at the Clinic. Let this arrangement continue until about the first of the year when the changes ~~will~~ will be made. I am writing to Father Driscoll to find out if this arrangement will be satisfactory and agreeable with him.

Finally I would appreciate it if you will come to see me next week, say on Monday or Tuesday when we can talk over your future.

In the meantime I would suggest that you try and say your daily Mass devoutly and also your Breviary. Also I would suggest that you frequently go to the Church and pray before the Blessed Sacrament and ask Our Lord to give you strength and grace to bear up under this trial and also to guide me to do what is best for you and the Church.

hoping to hear from you and also to see you next week, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

October 28, 1952.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
Box 38,
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Last night I had a telephone call from the party in Holbrook who was here several weeks ago to bring charges and complaints against you, the nature of which I have told you when you were here in my office. This party is anxious that something be done before any open scandal happen to the church in Holbrook. When they were here they stated that the charges could be proven. They also feared that some court action might be taken.

Now, Father, I am bringing this to your attention with the request that you give me all the facts and that you be truthful about it. It is not only you who is to be considered but all the Church as a whole. We cannot afford to have any kind of a scandal whatever take place in Holbrook. Should this happen all the good that you have done in Holbrook would be wiped away entirely. So I must ask you to let me know if any shred of truth is in any of the complaints that have been brought against you.

Hoping to hear from you as soon as possible and with all good wishes and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

October 28, 1952.

Mr. Joe Cooritz,
New Holbrook Hotel,
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Joe:-

You will recall that recently I stopped at your hotel and ~~was~~ discussed with you some complaints that had come to about your local pastor. You expressed surprise at the complaints, saying that you had heard nothing at all about them. You also stated that you would conduct an investigation of your own and inform me of the results of your investigation. You said that you were to be in Gallup a week after I had spoken to you and tell me what you had discovered. It is now over two weeks I have not heard from you at all.

Last night I had a phone call from Mr. Yarger who stated that he had spoken to you about the above matter and that you told him in conversation that you had confirmed some of the complaints in your investigation and also that you are withholding some information from me. I would very much appreciate it if you will kindly inform me of the result of your investigation.

I will not be at home either Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Should you find it more convenient to inform me by letter this will be just as satisfactory with me.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, and with all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

BOX 38

Oct. 25,

Holbrook, Arizona

Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, S.F.M.,
Sallup, New Mexico.

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I went by plane to Phoenix ^{This past Monday} for a thorough physical examination at Grunow Clinic. I am inclosing the medical report. The last part means the beginning of arthritis of the lumbar spine. The doctor in charge prescribed medicine and diet and told me to come back Nov. 10th for further examination. Am following instructions, have cut down on my smoking and this coming 28th will mark one month without even a swallow of any alcohol. I would like to advise the outcome of this treatment and see what happens and what the doctors advise. I will ask the doctors to send me direct report to you as to their next findings and recommendations.

I hope and pray that I prove myself worthy,

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

BOX 38

Holbrook, Arizona

of the funeral you have put me
I remain

Ever gratefully
Solomon B. Hargrave

October 27, 1952.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
Box 38,
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Your letter with the report of your examination at the Grunow Clinic, Phoenix has been received. I am glad that you are at least trying to take care of yourself. The report so far is not too bad and I do hope that you follow the diet and take the medication prescribed. I also hope that this will be beneficial to you. The future will tell.

In any event I feel that it might do you a world of good to get away for a while. Perhaps now with you taking care of yourself the time of your absence could be reduced to say at least two weeks. I have written to Father Driscoll and he is willing to release Father Cogan. But I did not tell him which priest I wanted to have this medical attention. You might let me know just how you feel about taking this proposed rest.

I am returning the report of the Doctor and will be glad to hear directly from the Doctor.

With all good wishes and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

October 23, 1952.

Rev. Clement A. Hageman,
Box 38,
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

When I called you to Gallup in regard to the several complaints that had been made against you by a delegation of men from Holbrook you asked that I inquire from Joe Koury and Joe Coeritz of Holbrook about these complaints. On my way to Flagstaff on October 11th I stopped at both places and spoke to both of these gentlemen about this matter.

Joe Coeritz was very much surprised at these complaints and said that he was going to make a private investigation of his own. He said that he had nothing at all about the complaints. He told me that after his investigation he was coming to Gallup at the end of last week and make a report to me. But I regret that so far he has not made any report to me.

Joe Koury was surprised that this delegation came to me. He thought they should have gone to you. When I asked him about your grinning too much he asked if he had to reply. I said "yes" as I wanted to know the truth. He said that he regretted to say that about two weeks before (Oct. 11th) he said that you were or rather had taken too much. He noticed this in his gas station. As to the other complaint he did not believe it. He felt that all this came about because of the presence of so many non-catholics at the time of the wedding practice. He felt that this was the cause of all the gossip. He said that you were not well and needed medical attention and asked me to see that you got medical attention.

I have been thinking over this medical attention that you need. You do not eat right you are nervous and I thought that perhaps it would be well for you to go the hospital in Phoenix for about a month or two. I could arrange to have Mr. Coger to substitute for you during your absence. What do you think of this? Please let me know as soon as possible so that can be arranged.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

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1948

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

BOX 38

HOLBROOK, ARIZONA

Aug. 30, 1948.

Most Rev. Bernard Espulaga O.F.M.,
Post office Box 110,
Gallup, New Mex.

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

after the unsolicited and ^{Perhaps} unwanted
phone call to you from Dr. Acardi
you might be surprised to hear from
me from Holbrook. After talking with
the Fathers at the Rectory - Fr. John
thought it better to send one of
the Fathers to Holbrook.

How foolish a stunt it was that
I realize after traveling and driving alone one's
own car for seven thousand miles
in three weeks and then try to
cover over a thousand miles the
last day, even the most healthy
would be nervous and feel spent.
But I did not see the necessity of

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BOX 38

HOLBROOK, ARIZONA

a hospital and so I cancelled the arrangements at the hospital and told them that I was going to one of my sisters (Albina) for a little rest. Today I feel just fine.

My trip up north was a strenuous one but am glad that I made it for the sake of the old folks. Never had one moment of car trouble, no flats. Covered Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Findlay, Ottawa, Toledo and Toledo. Still I missed a few aunts and uncles.

Hoping that you will pardon me for the worry that Dr. Acardi's call might have caused you and again assuring you that I am feeling fine, I remain

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Ferguson

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1945

August 7, 1945

Reverend Clement Hageman
P. O. Box 38
Holbrook, Arizona

Dear Father Hageman:

You are hereby appointed EXTRAORDINARY CONFESSOR to the Sisters of St. Dominic at Winslow, Arizona for another term of three years beginning as of August 1, 1945 and expiring August 1, 1948. You will please notify the good Sisters of your reappointment.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup

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1943

June 2, 1943.

Rev. Clement Hageman,
Box 38, 1943.
Holbroo, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

I suppose you have heard already from your cousin, Mr. Urban Hageman, of Dayton, Ohio, telling you that he is paying the balance due on your car. I have just received the last payment, so that now your car is paid in full. I am sure that this will be a most pleasant surprise for your car payment worries are over now. I have written a note of appreciation to your cousin through your sister, Sister Mary La Salette, who handled this transaction.

I am herewith returning to you your cancelled note and all the papers referring to your car. I note that the insurance policy has expired.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

Sisters of the Precious Blood
605 Kenia Avenue
Dayton, Ohio

May 10, 1943

Most Rev. Bishop B. Espelage
Gallup, New Mex.

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you
in the name of my cousin, Mr.
Urban Hageman, who is very much
interested in my brother, Fr. Clement
Hageman. For the past three years,
he has been brother's main stand-by
in giving him his generous support
in a material way. Mr. Hageman,
through me, has been sending him
money to help him pay off his
car.

It has come to our knowledge,
that your Excellency, has been very
kind to him, paying the car, and
brother is to pay you in return.
Would your Excellency, kindly inform

Sisters of the Precious Blood

605 Xenia Avenue

Dayton, Ohio

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us what amount is still due on the car? The enclosed \$10 is part payment on the balance and Mr. Hageman would like to pay the rest without Father's knowledge.

He regrets very much that he missed the opportunity of meeting you personally, while here at St. Mary's. He no longer belongs to the parish, but he would have given generously, as he always does. For the present, he feels he would like to get Dr. Clement on his feet, then he can expand his charity later on. All he gives to the Church and charitable purposes is done without his wife's knowledge, as she is a non-Catholic.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my great pleasure in having the honor of meeting your Excellency and hearing you speak of your noble work, and that of your priests.

Sisters of the Precious Blood
605 Kentia Avenue
Dayton, Ohio

May God bless you in all your
undertakings and may He shower
upon you and your diocese His
choicest graces and blessings. Be
assured of my daily prayer for your
missions.

Sincerely yours,

Sister Mary La Salitte

May 15, 1943.

Sister Mary La Salette,
Sisters of the Precious Blood,
605 Xenia Ave.,
Dayton, Ohio.

Dear Sister:-

It was good to get a letter from St. Mary's Dayton, where I was so royally and generously received at the time of my appeal there.

Replying to your letter I beg to advise you that Father Clement still owes \$375.00 on his car. He was paying about 10% interest at the Bank, and I told him that this was foolish. I would advance the money to him and he could pay me back. Now, I am glad to hear that his cousin, Urban Hageman is willing to cancel the balance without Father Clement's knowledge. I am sure that this will be good news to Father Clement. In your letter you say the enclosed \$10.00 is part payment on the car, but you must have forgotten to enclose the \$10.00. If you still send the \$10.00 the balance will be \$365.00. I am very sorry that I did not get to meet your Cousin at the time of my visit there. Perhaps I will have occasion to meet him some other time.

Many thanks for your letter and with every good wish and praying God to bless you and your work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

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1942

REVERENDO DOMINO CLEMENTI HAGEMANN NOSTRAE
DIOECESIS PRESBYTERO SALUTEM IN DOMINO.

Quoniam ad Episcopale Officium pertinet ecclesiis
animabusque eis subjectis de bonis Parochis providere, id-
circo tibi, Reverendo Domino quem ad munus pastorale idoneum
reputamus, assignamus curam parocchiae cujus caput est Ecclesia
ad NOSTRAM DOMINAM GUADALUPE in loco vulgo dicto HOLBROOK,
ARIZONA teque, per praesentes litteras nominamus ADMINISTRATOREM
hujus parocchiae, cum omnibus juribus officio Administratoris
in Nostra Dioecesiscompetentibus; tibi simul imponentes
obligationem curae animarum spirituali quam bonorum Ecclesiae
administrationi sedulo invigilandi.

Omnibus vero parocchiae dictae fidelibus mandamus ut
te pro suo legitimo Administratoei agnoscant, tibi que re-
verenter obediant, et ut omnia que vel ad cultum divinum vel
ad tuam congruam sustentationem erunt necessaria tibi
amanter conferant.

Datum Gallupiensi, ex Aedibus Nostris, sub sign sigillo-
que Nostris die 1a mensis Augusti A. D. 1942.

Episcopus Gallupiensis

De mandato Illmi ac Rmi Episcopi

Cancellarius

August 5, 1942.

Rev. Clement Hageman,
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church,
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Enclosed please find the Extension
check in the amount of \$20.00 the monthly subsidy.
Kindly sign enclosed card and return same to the
Extenssion.

I presume that by this time you
are somewhat settled and at home in Holbrook. I am
sure that the people of Holbrook are very happy to
have you there and will give you every cooperation.

Father Burkhard expect to go to
Smith lake today.

With every good wish and praying
God to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

July 28, 1942.

Rev. Clement Hageman,
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church,
Holbrook, Arizona.

Dear Rev. Father:-

I am hereby appointing you as
Extra Ordinary Confessor for the Sisters of St. Dominic
at Winslow, Arizona. This appointment is for a
term of three years according to the norms of the
Canons of the Church.

With every good wish and praying God
to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

July 20, 1942.

Rev. Clement Hageman,
Smith Lake Mission,
Thoreau, P.O.,
New Mexico.

Dear Rev. Father:-

Enclosed please find your appointment
as Administrator of the parish of Holbrook, Arizona.
I wish you every success and God's blessing in your
new field of labor.

This change is date August 1st,
but it would be well for you to arrive in Holbrook
before that date so as to leave Father Roure time to
get to Seligman before August 1st. It might be well
to drop Father Roure a line advising him as to the
time of your arrival in Holbrook.

With every good wish and praying God
to bless you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

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1941

October 12, 1941

His Excellency,
Most Reverend Bernard Espelage, O.F.M., D.D.,
Bishop of Gallup,
Post Office Box 110,
Gallup, New Mexico.

My dear Bishop Espelage:

I am writing this in long-hand to send to my Chancellor to type and forward to Your Excellency. I am out at a place called Lamar, on the sea-side, dressed in my old working togs, working and directing some work on and around a summer building for Sisters of Mercy of my Diocese, which was partly constructed of some old lumber left over from tearing down an old frame Sisters' house and school built 75 years ago. A Protestant lady, who died only a short time ago, gave the Sisters a nice piece of bay-shore land for a summer cottage for a vacation place. My Coadjutor is busy with some Confirmation dates, to keep busy.

First, I am really glad that Father Hageman is doing well. It bears out my opinion, that away from former environments and in a part of the country where not known, he could and would turn over a new leaf. May God give him strength to persevere!

Now, about Father Chrzanowski; he also was an unfortunate man who gave me much worry, due to his seeming non-appreciation of his duties and opportunities for the good of souls, and due to drink. However, I believe that he will do better away from here. Bishop Schuler told me one time, that he was doing O.K. and did not give any trouble up to then. It seems some one induced him to accept a C.C.C. chaplaincy, but which ended with the ending of a number of C.C.C. Camps, and left Father Chrzanowski "high and dry", as Bishop Schuler had filled the place in the meanwhile which Father Chrzanowski had left to accept the said chaplaincy, with due consent of Bishop Schuler. Now, I don't want to "saddle" Father Chrzanowski on Your Excellency. I want to be fair and square, as I expect any Bishop to be towards me. If Your Excellency will give that man "a BREAK", as you kindly did for Father Hageman, he may prove equally satisfactory. I, of course, cannot risk taking him back here, as his escapades were too generally

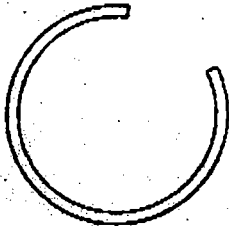
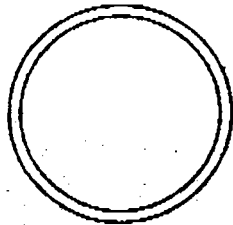
known, and I told him to go and NEVER to expect to come back here. He knows that, and that may spur him on to keep straight and do his duty well. Such men have to be treated that way, although, I admit, it hurts me more than the culprit. So, if Your Excellency is willing to give this man a chance to prove himself worthy of confidence, it will do him a generous favor.

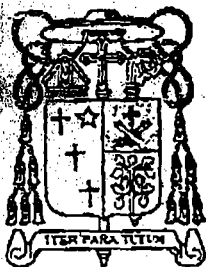
Yours sincerely,


Bishop of Corpus Christi.

by


Chancellor.





Diocese of Gallup
P. O. Box 110
Gallup, New Mexico

October 7, 1941.

His Excellency,
Most Rev. Emanuel B. Ledvina, D.D.,
Bishop of Corpus Christi,
804 Antelope Street,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Your Excellency:-

I have a letter from the Rev. John J. Chrzanowski in which he asks for work in the Diocese of Gallup. He says that originally he is from the Diocese of Corpus Christi, but since August 1939 he has been in the Diocese of El Paso, and since February 1941 he was CCC Chaplain. He has been relieved of this due to the disbandment of many CCC Camps. He says that he knows Spanish.

At the present time I am in need of a priest with a knowledge of Spanish. I am writing you to please advise me as to the character of this priest, and if he left your diocese in good standing. I would appreciate any information which will help me to decide whether or not to take him.

I am very happy to inform you that Father Hageman, who came to the diocese last December, is doing very well, and so far have not heard of any recurrence of his former trouble. }

Thanking you for this information, and with kindest personal regards, and with sentiments of esteem, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

H. Bernard J. Espelage, Bim

Bishop of Gallup.

Smith Lake Mission,
Thoreau, N. Mex.

Most Rev. Bernard Espelage, O.F.M.,
P. O. Box 110
Gallup, New Mexico.

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I had hoped to come in last Monday to thank you personally for the Extension check but the trip did not materialize. I appreciate your kindness to me.

I am busy trying to repair the damage done by last week's storm to the roof of our little chapel at Thoreau. By tomorrow I hope to have it repaired. Just have to put some more roofing paper on one end. It will take a hurricane the next time.

Father Vorel sends his respects. With all best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely,

Blavent A. Hagaman

Smith Lake Thoreau,
New Mexico

Most Rev. B. Espelage, O.F.M., U.D.,
P. O. Box 110,
Gallup, New Mexico.

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I was very
sorry to be so indisposed with a bad
cold this past Monday that I was unable
to join the other Fathers in expressing my
appreciation and thanks for your generosity
at Christmas time. I assure you that
I put the gift to good use, as I finally
was able to obtain a new pair of glasses
long needed.

My prayer for you
is that this 1941 will mark the beginning of
a reign that already has given so much
promise and that it will make a glorious
page in the history of the Diocese of Gallup.
Again expressing my deep appreciation
for all your past kindnesses to me, I beg to
remain

Gratefully yours -

Blument A. Hageman

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1940

Smith Lake, Thoresau,
New Mexico

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the kindness you have shown me. I realize that I came to you as a perfect stranger, but I hope and pray that my future conduct will merit your confidence.

to bless your regime in the Diocese of Gallup,
I beg to remain,

begging the Almighty

most gratefully,

Clement A. Haggman

December 22, 1940

The Reverend Clement A. Hageman
Smith Lake Navajo Mission
Thoreau, New Mexico

Reverend and dear Father:

His Excellency has directed me to forward to you this enclosed check in the amount of \$15.00 as a little personal present at this time of the year.

He also extends to you his best wishes for a very happy and blessed Christmas.

I trust that your celebration of Christmas among the Navajo Indians will be quite odd and unusual from what you have been accustomed to in the past. My first Christmas in the Indian Diocese will also be something different than what I was used to in Santa Fe.

Extending to you my best wishes for a blessed Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Pax R. Schicker, O.F.M.
Chancellor

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ARCHBISHOP GERKEN TOLD YOU RIGHT BELIEVE MAN MIGHT BE GIVEN
A CHANCE WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE AROUND HERE CASE TOO WELL KNOWN
AROUND HERE TRY HIM OUT MAYBE MIGHT PROVE TRUSTWORTHY AT LAST

E B LEDVINA

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Diocese of Gallup,
Box 110,
Gallup, New Mexico.

December 16, 1940.

His Excellency,
The Most Rev. Emmanuel B. Ledvina, D.D.,
Bishop of Corpus Christi,
804 Antelope Street,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Bishop Ledvina:-

I am writing Your Excellency requesting some information of the Rev. Clement Hageman, a priest of your Diocese. At the present time he is at Smith Lake Indian Mission in this Diocese. Previously he was in Santa Fe at the Hospital there. About three weeks ago Archbishop Gerken wrote to the priest in charge at Smith Lake to come to Santa Fe and get him. The Father asked me what to do, so I told him to bring Father Hageman to Smith Lake. I was in Santa Fe last week and I asked Archbishop Gerken what was the trouble with Father Hageman, and he answered that he was guilty of playing with boys. Of course this did not sound so good to me. So I thought the best thing I could do was to write Your Excellency, and get your opinion of this priest. I will appreciate any information that you can give me, as also any advice. As you know, I am new here and I certainly would not like to make any serious mistakes along this line.

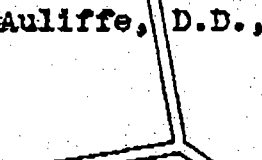
Thanking you for this favor and hoping that you will have a very happy and blessed Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

September 23, 1940

Most Reverend Maurice Francis McAuliffe, D.D.,
Bishop of Hartford,
Bishop's House,
140 Farmington Avenue,
Hartford, Connecticut.



Your Excellency:

I have received Your Excellency's letter acknowledging receipt of two letters, from Reverend E. Wilson, Saint Aedan's Rectory, New Haven, Connecticut and myself. I am enclosing a letter which Father Wilson sent upon receipt of my reply. His second letter is another evidence of unmistakable impudence. I resent the implications; as the man in question has absolutely barred himself from any consideration on the part of his Bishop. I cannot go into details; but I wish to assure Your Excellency that I regret exceedingly that that man should prey upon the credulity and sympathy of one of your priests so much as to induce and encourage him to be impudent towards the Bishop who was obliged to dismiss that man promptly; and the repetition of that man's acts has barred him from any further consideration. It is a most unfortunate case, and the man ought to have accepted and acted on the advice that was sent him; namely, to ask for laicization. I had another case similar to his; and the Apostolic Delegate advised me to urge the man to ask for laicization. In that case, too, the man refused to follow the advice.

One of the greatest heartaches of a Bishop is to deal with cases like this. He finds himself practically alone in the difficulty; as, for the sake of the Church and the Priesthood, he cannot publish all the circumstances; and some of these unfortunates are most clever in getting the laity to believe their own trumped-up story, and even to cast reflections upon the attitude and action of the Bishop. The particular man at New Haven seemed to have convinced his sister-in-law that he has been treated unjustly; and that woman undertook to write a letter with points in it that led me to see plainly the influence wielded upon Father Wilson, whom she, or perhaps her husband too, succeeded in convincing that the Bishop of Corpus Christi was foisting upon others something that he should take care of himself.

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I am sorry, my dear Bishop, to bring this matter up at all; but I think Your Excellency can easily and well appreciate my position; and that I feel very much embarrassed to have that man give anybody concern about any possible scandal he may give. I placed the man once in a Monastery, where he remained a few months; but managed to get away under the plea of a need of the attention of a Doctor. He then managed to go to another place in the South, at the invitation of a Physician who offered to look after him. Then, thinking that perhaps all his experiences had taught him a sufficient lesson to brace himself against his besetting sin (cum pueris), I enlisted the sympathy of one of my older priests, who offered to accept him as an assistant. For some time the man in question seemed to be doing splendidly; but the priest who took him in eventually discovered that he had been cleverly covering his fall back into the old sinful habit; and he came to the Bishop's House, with tears in his eyes and wringing his hands, in the presence of my Coadjutor; fearing to approach me after I had warned him to take nothing for granted, but to keep close watch on the man. Having assured me several times when I met him, that the young man was doing alright, he felt that he was, in a way, guilty of protecting the young man and encouraging him in his return to his old habit. Of course, such a thought would not enter my mind; as I well appreciated the kindheartedness of the older priest, a Dean, of the Laredo District, was too sincere to permit any suspicion of his motives underlying the apparent lack of vigilance. Fortunately, the Dean managed, soon thereafter, to let the young man leave to go to a place in the South for medical attention which the young man claimed he needed. If the young man were now to go back to the city where he left last, as well as to the city where he was previously, he might meet with bodily violence from outraged parents. So, my dear Bishop McAuliffe, Father Wilson assumes an attitude that is rather unkind and actually impudent. I have gone into this matter now at some length, to give Your Excellency an idea of the situation which seemed to give Father Wilson the privilege of lecturing to a Bishop.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Corpus Christi.

Saint Aedan's Rectory
112 Fountain Street
New Haven, Conn.

Sept 21st 1940 -

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Corpus Christi Texas

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fact that protection often works well with punishment,
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moral condition may easily render him a menace.

Most respectfully yours in Christ,

W. Ernest Wilson.

-Pastor-

This exact copy made in Chancery Office, Corpus Christi,
Texas, September 23, 1940.

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Most-respectfully yours in Christ,
M Ernest Wilson.
- Pastor -

September 16, 1940

Reverend M. Ernest Wilken,
Saint Aedan's Rectory,
112 Fountain Street,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Reverend Father:

Your letter referring to the ~~case of~~ Father Hageman received. In reply I wish to inform you that I have been running my Diocese for nineteen years without your help, and I am not asking for your help now. The case of Reverend Hageman has been conscientiously studied and decided by me and concurred to by my Coadjutor and other priests in the Diocese whom I have consulted in the matter. Your suggestions, therefore, I look upon as a bit of impudence; and I will send a copy of your letter and my reply to your Bishop.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Corpus Christi.

EBL:JTB

Saint Aedan's Rectory

112 Fountain Street

New Haven, Conn.

The Most Reverend E. B. Sedgwick D.D. S.T.D.
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Most Reverend Bishop:

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He is leaving here in a day or two for Santa Fe and will apply to the Bishop there. He desires me to notify you, and also to write to Bishop Berken in hopes that he will give him an audience.

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Very respectfully in Christ,

M. Ernest Wilson,

Pastor of St Aedan's,

New Haven, Conn.

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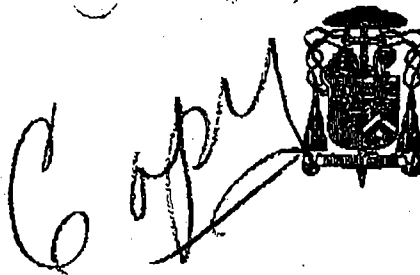
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1939

BISHOP'S HOUSE
 100 ANTELOPE STREET
 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS



September 23, 1939

Venerable Brother Gerard, C.F.A.,
 Rector, Alexian Brothers Hospital,
 531 Jackson Drive,
 Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

"dismissed"

My dear Brother Gerard:

I am in receipt of a letter from Rev. C. A. Hageman, written at your institution, in which he informs me that he made application for entrance in your institution, to do penance and to give proof of the sincerity of his repentance for a career that obliged me to dismiss him from the diocese. He writes that you have expressed readiness to accept him, if I approve of his going to your institution.

At the outset, I wish to state that I absolutely will not be responsible for any financial obligations in his case, for the reason that I have felt obligated and justified to refuse absolutely to have this struggling diocese assume any financial obligations for this man. My last letter to him was that he was out of the diocese and would stay out.

I will not go into the details of his conduct. On the face of his letter, he seems to feel very sorry that he fell and promises to reform. While I have no right to predict that he will not reform, I honestly have my justified apprehensions. He is a man who can put up a good front, and will apparently show signs of repentance and reform; but, as was proven by his past record he forgets his resolutions and falls into his old habits, when he seems to think that he is no longer suspected, and cleverly hides his gradual fall into his old transgressions. Therefore, I have no confidence in his promises; and, while I would not want to deprive him of a chance to possibly and finally prove himself worthy of confidence, I frankly regret to state that I would not trust him, unless he would unmistakably offer proofs of his sincerity continuously for at least three to five years.

Now, if he can secure the necessary means to pay you for his board and lodging, I would have no objection to your receiving him on probation; but I would not want it understood that I have any responsibility towards him. If he can pay you for his board and lodging, and if he proves, to your satisfaction, for the period of time mentioned above, that he is honest and sincere in his resolutions and efforts, a chance would at least be given him

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to prove himself trustworthy or not.

As for saying Mass, I will approve of that only in your institution, and until such time as you feel satisfied that he really is sincere. So, I have now given you the information that I felt in conscience bound to give you; and I leave it to your good judgement what to do.

Father Chrzanowski has been accepted by the Bishop of El Paso, Texas, on trial; and he located in a mountain mission center of New Mexico, the name of which is Hanover. Time will tell whether he is worthy of trust. Under no circumstance will he be allowed to return here. That is the same situation with regard to Rev. Hageman.

It pains me to have you Brothers witness such sad experiences with priests of God. But, on the other hand, you Brothers deserve great credit for the efforts you are putting forth to try to help fallen men return to their former good habits of life, if there is any chance at all for such a reform. God will, no doubt bless you and your institution for this good Samaritan act. In the case of Rev. Hageman, I hope that your reverence for the sacred Priesthood and the reform of a fallen priest will merit for you the great reward that God alone can give, if this man reliably proves the sincerity and perseverance of his repentance and reform.

I will send Rev. Hageman a copy of this letter so that he can see exactly what I wrote you; and he will be in a position to receive your decision.

Thanking you for past kindness for unfortunates of this diocese, and assuring you of a constant memento in my Masses for such charity, I beg to remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Corpus Christi

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Saint Aedan's Rectory
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New Haven, Conn.

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Very respectfully in Christ,

(Signed) M. Ernest Wilson,
Pastor of St. Aedan's,
New Haven, Conn.

Sept. 14, 1940

(This copy made in Chancery Office, Corpus Christi, Texas.)

April 26, 1959

Very Reverend D. A. Laning, Dean,
Saint Peter's Rectory,
1520 Matamoros Street,
Laredo,
Texas.

Dear Father Dan:

I am returning to you the note renewing loan for the balance of the debt on the parish. Indeed, thank God, that you were able to make a substantial payment on the loan! I compliment yourself and the people on the efforts to reduce and finally wipe out that incubus which has been hanging over the parish for so long a time. I am glad to note that the men are determined now to try to make up the final balance and clean up by the next interest-paying date. More power to you and to them!

Asent Father Hageman; I think, too, that he better, either go into some monastery for the rest of his life and keep on at least saying Mass, or to apply to the Holy See for laization. In the latter case he would have to make formal application and send it to me to forward it to the Holy See through the Apostolic Delegation. I am glad that Father McCoy knows the case, and therefore I will not need to have pangs of conscience about the Celebret. I am glad that you wrote to Father Hageman, as you did; and I fully agree with your opinion that he will have the greatest difficulty to overcome his weakness. Accordingly, you can write him along the line that I state above.

I can tell you now that I will positively send you one of the newly ordained, as assistant. So, you can quietly count upon it.

I am glad that you are still getting contributions for the Cathedral Fund. You will see considerable progress made on the building, when you come.

I am dictating this to Father Basso just before our Conference, which was deferred to this date. Will be glad to see you when you come.

Sending my blessing, I am,

Yours faithfully in Christ.-DOG.00278

ST. PETER'S RECTORY
1520 Matamoros St.
Laredo, Texas

April 24, 1939.

Most Rev. E. B. Ledvina, D.D.,
Bishop of Corpus Christi.

Dear Bishop:

Enclosed is the renewal note on the parish debt. Thank God, again we are able to make a substantial payment on it. In fact are cutting it in half this time, as you will realize if you remember the last note of \$1600.00. I must surely give credit to these people, for they are doing their best to make thing go here.

On top of this I have the consoling news that the men of the parish are going to make a special effort to clean off the balance at once, by a collection among themselves. This is of their own suggestion, and I am more than glad to see them take the initiative. There is also a movement on foot to collect enough to re-finish the inside of the Church and put a roof on the tower. (I dont know if you are aware of the fact that the tower roof was never replaced after the storm took off the steeple.) If these things materialize I will write you later, explaining the extent of the repairs, the cost, and askt he necessary permissions.

Enclosed are the letters about Frs. Gruber and Hageman. As to Fr. Hageman, Bishop Garriga told me that he had given you the sad facts in his case. Believe me, if I could have spared you this added worry I would have done so. I did my best, and feel, even now, that you were spared the shock.

There was no public knowledge of the affair at all. The physical break-down idea was used very effectively. In fact at this time there is hardly a mention of him at all. I am keeping the boys concerned as close to me as possible and even there there seems to be no permanent harm. However, time alone will tell on this point.

As to the Celebret, Fr. McCoy knows the case, and so I felt that you were safe on that score. Also, I had advices Fr. Hageman to do one of two things: either ask admission to a Monastery for the balance of his life, or, ask for secularization. The latter idea is the one I urged him to follow and I sincerely hope that he does, though I have my doubts. I am writing

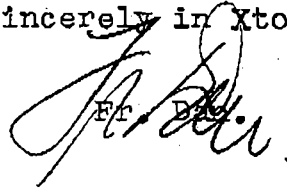
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to Fr. Hageman again this week, again counseling him to do one of the two things, stressing secularization. I am sorry to say that I do not feel that he will overcome his weakness. I hope that this explains my actions in the matter.

Everything else here is moving along as well as it can be expected. under the circumstances. It sure is good to learn of the possibility of getting help, and particularly one of the Ordinands. I feel that we would get along better.

Pledges and contributions are still coming in for the Cathedral Fund, and I will bring them all down to Corpus Christi either the end of this week or the first of next week. Until then, my regards to all at the Bishop's House.

Sincerely in Xto


Fr. Dan.

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1936

ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL
1520 VICTIMBERG ST.
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

December, 1936

Most Rev. E. B. Ledwith,
804 Antelope St.,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Most Rev. and dear Bishop:

My Christmas wish for you would be poor and inadequate if it did not include a note of appreciation and gratitude to you for the great kindness and patience you have shown to me within the past year. You have done a favor for me which I shall never forget to my dying day. My prayer is that the lesson you were instrumental in bringing home to me will be a lasting one.

Never a morning passes that you have not a special memento in my Holy Sacrifice. May the Almighty spare you to us for many years and may the new year be a happy one for you.

My feelings toward you, Bishop, can be simply expressed. Thank you and may God bless and keep you.

Gratefully yours in Christ

Clement A. Hageman

St. Peter's Church,
Laredo, Texas,
June 30, 1936.

Most Rev. E. B. Ledvina, D.D.,
Bishop of Corpus Christi,

Dear Bishop;

Everything seems to be going along very nicely here. The Parish received me most cordially and at a reception Sunday evening renewed their promises of cooperation. And I believe they mean it. The numbers attending services have increased considerably already, and, the men and women have volunteered to contact all of their acquaintances who have not as yet shown up here in their home parish.

The Priests of the city have all been very fine. They gave me a welcome dinner at St. Augustine's on Monday of last week.

I have had one meeting with the new counsellors. They are very flattered by the appointment and show great rediness to do all in their power to help make things move along.

The books all seem to be in first class order. Fr. Kaiser certainly has been most careful in this respect. He has made himself not only most useful, but most agreeable. I regret that he will be leaving but then, there are others, as you say.

Of the two men available to fill his place, I feel that Fr. Hageman would be the better adapted to be of real service. I am afraid that Fr. Corbin would not fit in very well. So if your Lordship sees fit to send Fr. Hageman down to me I shall be glad to give him a real chance. May I suggest that if you send him that you do so some weeks before Fr. Kaiser leaves, as that will give both of us a better chance to become familiar with the city, parish and location of our people.

I figure on taking up a census at once. There is no complete record of parishioners, which of course is a serious handicap. You dont know who belongs and who does not, and with many of these Mexican names, many a mistake can occur. Hageman would be a real help in this job.

As to the news of the new Bishop, I couldn't believe my eyes. But since it is what you wanted, we must, with regret, accept. Since it is a fact I am glad it is Fr. Garriga. He is a fine man, and I am sure will make a successful and agreeable co-adjutor. I will see him at his jubilee celebration Thursday.

July 9, 1936

Rev. Daniel Laning,
St. Peter's Church,
Box 26,
Laredo, Texas

Dear Father Dan;

I just received a letter from Father Hageman who expressed his deep gratitude for the opportunity offered him to prove that he will make good in every way I expect him to do. He is at St. John Place, conducted by the Benedictine Sisters, Hot Springs, Arkansas. He writes that the doctor has operated on his ears. One ear is still closed, but by burning his throat with silver, the doctor expects the other to open soon. He said that within ten days he ought to notice a big improvement. By the beginning of August he should be ready to start for Laredo. Quoting from his letter, he writes that at any cost he will be ready to leave for Laredo at the time I have suggested. I do not recall what time I set; but I mentioned you would like to have him at Laredo a few weeks before Father Kaiser leaves.

He concludes his letter with the words; "I will do my best with the help of Father Laning to merit that confidence." Thus, unless something entirely unexpected should develop, Father Hageman will report to you for duty in Laredo by the 1st of August. If you want to drop him a line you are free to do so. It may help to give him some courage.

From a letter received from Bishop Ritter, I learned that Father K asked to be allowed to return to the North several months ago. Yea, that he had expressed his wish to return North last year.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Bishop of Corpus Christi.

July 2, 1936

Very Reverend Daniel A. Laning, Dean,
Saint Peter's Rectory,
Laredo,
Texas.

My dear Father Laning:

Thank you for your letter of June 30th. It gives me the information I was anxious to get. I appreciate your willingness to take Father Hageman and give him a chance. I, too, think he would be the better man of the two for you. The other man will be certainly a problem on my hands. He can't sing, he can't talk, and what the old Irish lady said one time, what can he do? Well, that is a matter that I have to handle in my position the best I can.

Glad you handled Mr. P. Loyendecker, as you stated. It proves that you are adopting the right tactics. More power to you!

I am glad you were going to Bishop Elect Garriga's Silver Jubilee; as I purposely stayed away. He understood my reasons, which I explained to him orally. It would be embarrassing for me, as well as for him, to hear the usual meaningless lamentations about losing their pastor, on the part of the people and of losing a man of the Diocese. Usually, people don't seem to realize that a promotion of that kind ought to make everybody happy for the promoted one's own sake.

I will write to Father Hageman, and have him report at Laredo within the next three weeks, if he can come then; as he was getting some treatments from some Doctor at Little Rock. I don't think it was anything serious. I will have him let me know at once.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Bishop of Corpus Christi.

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There is little coment at all about John. The idea of ill health is the most prevalent one one hears, and so that situation is greatly relieved. Old Peter Leyendecker has been by to impress me as to what a great man he himself is, "The out-standing citizen of South Texas" and to try to rehash the case, I let him talk and then got a check from him to buy a new Missal. The one here is so old that it is practicalll useless. No one else has shown any inclination to want to gossip and I am relieved.

I will inform the Sisters at the Hospital of my appointment as Confessor.

It has been terribly hot down here, and I have thought of the boat many a night. Of course everybody says the heat is most unusual. I'll get used to it.

Hope that you are well. and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Xto

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1930

St. Ann's Church,
Galveston, Texas
October 11, 1930.

Rt. Rev. E. B. Selinger, D.D.,
804 Antelope St.,
Corpus Christi, Texas

Rt. Rev. and dear Bishop:

I am returning the copy of the letter that you sent to Mr. Ryan of the Grant Lumber Co. I paid Mr. Ryan a visit after having received this letter. Mr. Ryan expressed himself as most willing to let the bill run until the parish found it feasible to pay. I assured him that in the future a small monthly payment would be paid on the note and thus the debt would gradually be paid. He said that he would be perfectly satisfied with this arrangement and that he never doubted but that the bill would be paid. The reason he gave for writing that letter to your Lordship was that Father Kasper had promised him that before he left Galveston he would bring the new pastor to see him and talk over the affair. Shortly after he read in the paper of Father Kasper leaving the town and as he had to report to headquarters on outstanding bills, he thought of writing to your Lordship. He expressed himself as very sorry for having hurt your feelings and hoped that he had not lost

I am gradually becoming acquainted with my work. I had a few repairs done on the Sisters house. The roof leaked and the floor of the porch was so rotten that one of the children went through it. With the help of some of the men of the parish, I had that repaired.

In regards to the Encinas mission I say mass there every Saturday but many of the Mexicans working on the ranches cannot come. I say mass at Premont every Sunday. If you think it advisable I could say mass at Encinas every other Sunday and thus every other week give Premont a Saturday mass. With this arrangement the men of Encinas would be able to hear mass at least twice a month. I leave the matter in your Lordship's hands.

Within the next week or so I hope to have affairs so straightened out that I will be able to come to Corpus Christi. Begging your Lordship's blessing on my work,

I remain,

yours gratefully,

Elemer A. Hageman.

DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

St. Anthony's

Toledo, Ohio

July 11, 1930.

Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Sabina, D.D.,
804 Antelope Street,
Corpus Christi, Texas

Rt. Rev. and dear Bishop:

As directed by your
lordship's letter of June 4th, I am leaving today
for Phoenix, Arizona to visit my sick sister
there. After a few weeks rest I feel much
better and have regained a few of the pounds
of the weight that I lost. I hope to be in Phoenix
by July 14th, where after two days visit with
my sister, I will be ready to start for Corpus
Christi. If your lordship wishes to communicate
with me, my address in Phoenix will be
75 Sisters' convent, 4th & Monroe Sts., Phoenix, Ariz.

I am very sorry that I
missed your lordship in Indianapolis. I was in
that city on the 8th and there learned that you had
already left for the South.

I can assure you, Bishop,
that I feel much better and am very anxious
to start work wherever your lordship may deem
fit.

Again thanking you, Bishop,
for all your past kindnesses and begging your
in my brief, I remain

Yours gratefully in Xto,
L. A. Hagaman.

F. Hageman

ST. ANTHONY'S ORPHANAGE
2327 CHERRY ST.
TOLEDO, OHIO

June 16, 1930.

Rev. Emmanuel Ledvina, D. D.
802 Antelope Street
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Rev. Rev. and dear Bishop:

I received your Lordship's letter on Ordination day and this is the first opportunity I have of answering it. I wish to thank you, Bishop, for your good wishes, kind prayers and also for your thoughtful gift of fifty dollars. Words fail me when I wish to express my gratitude and all that I can say is that my Bishop had a very special memento in my first Holy Mass on the 15th.

I wish also to take this occasion to express my sorrow and pain at having grieved your Lordship by my impudent letter. I realize and acknowledge my mistake and I humbly beg your pardon. I never realized at the time just in what sense my request could be taken, though I never wished my words to imply what they seemed to imply. As your Lordship stated: *Experientia docet*.

I am sorry also that others have deemed it their duty to bother about my health

St. Meinrad Seminary
St. Meinrad, Ind.

June 1, 1930.

Rev. Wm Oberste, Chancellor,
804 Antelope Street,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Father Oberste:

His Lordship has requested me to send to the Chancery Office my home address. As I am staying at the Orphanage in Toledo, my mail will all go there. Here it is -

Clement A. Hageman,
St. Anthony's Orphanage,
2327 Cherry St.,
Toledo, Ohio.

We go on retreat tomorrow. I know that you will pardon these few lines as you must know how busy we are.

Hoping to see you in the near future, I remain,

Yours in Xto,
Clement A. Hageman.

Alexian Bros. Hospital,
531 Jackson Drive,
Oshkosh, Wis.

Most Rev. E. B. Ladrine, D.D.
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Most Reverend and Dear Bishop:

Upon the
advice of my Confessor I have come to
Oshkosh, Wis. and made application to
enter the Alexian Brothers Institution. I
know and have long realized that entrance
in such an institution in a spirit of penance
would be the only way to give concrete
proof of my repentance and reform.
My bitter experiences of the last seven
months, even though most of that time was
spent in the hospital at Memphis, have
taught me a lesson never to be forgotten -

Upon my arrival here the Brother
Superior informed me that he could not
accept me except with written permission
of my Bishop. Even though I do not

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deserve it, that throws me back on your mercy. I feel confident that I can raise three or four hundred dollars towards defraying the expense. Only I must beg your Excellency for the one more chance to prove that I have learnt my lesson. All my trouble started when I started to drink and the last six months have proven that with the giving up of drink, the other trouble also ceased. Thanks to a wise, sympathetic old confessor he helped to put me on the right course. Now all I beg of you is the opportunity to prove that I am sincere.

I told Brother Superior that I was writing this appeal to you. He has promised to wait my application till he heard from your Excellency. In your mercy I beg you to please grant my plea. I remain -

Humbly yours,

Blasent A. Hageman

St Meinrad Seminary
St. Meinrad, Ind.

February 11, 1930.

Rt. Rev. and dear Bishop:

We have just completed our mid-term examinations and also our annual Retreat. I was fairly well satisfied with the results of the examinations. Our Retreat this year was preached by Father Seander, a Franciscan. He certainly was fine and I enjoyed every one of his sermons. They sure were practical and to the point.

All the Corpus Christi Seminary students are well. Mr. McKee is still working hard as President of the General Board. Rev. Stocker and myself are kept busy preparing for Ordination. We began today to practice the mass.

We all were sorry to hear of the accident that befell Father George. I hope that he soon will be able to resume his duties.

If you would visit St. Meinrad now, you would find our beautiful new Gymnasium gracing the Seminary grounds.

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We will soon be able to use it. Two bowling alleys will be installed this week. The seminarians themselves did all the excavating for the building, put down the drainage pipes, and just recently put in the boiler and heating system. They are now working on the electric lights and will finish this week. Thus you see the seminarians can justly be proud of their new gymnasium.

With these few lines written to let you know that I have not forgotten my Bishop, I will close hoping that this finds you in the best of health. I remain,

yours respectfully,

Elemer A. Hageman.

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St. Meinrad, Ind.

Sept. 17th, 1929.

Rt. Rev. and dear Bishop:

This is the first opportunity I have of writing these few lines since my return to the Seminary. Not knowing the date of your return from Europe hindered me from writing to you during the summer.

I want to thank you, Bishop, for the great favor which you conferred on us in May when you obtained for us the faculty to be ordained to the Diaconate. It was a great favor wholly unexpected and therefore all the more appreciated. Believe me, when I had the privilege of distributing Holy Communion during the summer I did not forget you in my petitions.

I again took charge of the Orphans' Camp this summer. Camp opened July 1st and closed Aug. 31st. I was in active charge six weeks. I certainly enjoyed being with the boys and camp was a great success. My health benefited a great deal by being out in the open so much and I only hope and pray that I will be able to finish the year with my health unimpaired.

The major Seminary opened this year with only 106 Seminarists. We have twelve in IV Theology, one of the smallest classes in years. This year corpora blivati once more

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comes to the fore with Mr. McKeon as President of the Seminary General Board, which is in charge of all Seminary extra-curriculum activities.

Hoping that this finds you enjoying the best of health and again thanking you for your many kindnesses to me in the past, I remain,

Yours gratefully in Xto,
Clement A. Hageman.

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Rt. Rev. E. B. Ledvina, D.D.
Corpus Christi, Texas.

My very Dear Bishop:

I am very thankful to you for accepting Clement Hageman. I feel sure that his late experience together with the great kindness you have shown him will help him to correct the attitude which motivated his not being admitted to the final vows. If he does it, he will be a valuable addition to your secular Clergy and will do good work in the diocese.

Clement is more or less a stranger to me. He came to St. Anthony's after I had left it. He made his Novitiate and his Scolasticate whilst I was in New Orleans; but he came to me when he had to leave and has been here ever since. I studied him and I found in him very excellent qualities which endeared him to me. I feel that he will not be a disappointment and that the money we have spent on him is well invested.

Father Gourmelen spoke to me about a young Mexican of Mercedes who desires to study for the priesthood; I encourage him to speak to you about him. I have three Mexican boys now at the St. Anthony's and I must say that they compare advantageously with any other student for conduct and studies. I really bank on them. Of course, I may be disappointed some day; but I consider that it is worth while trying.

I have been working very hard during this vacation trying to put the house in a fair condition and I wish I could get out for for a change. But it is too late now. I am going to take it easy these two weeks and I hope to be fit to begin on Sept. 4th.

Thanking you very much for past favors and tokens of friendship and wishing you all kind of success in all your undertakings, I remain

Yours very devotedly.

A. Antoine M.I.