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# CONFIDENTIAL

**TO: Bp. Pelotte, S.S.S.**

**FR: Fr. O'Keefe**

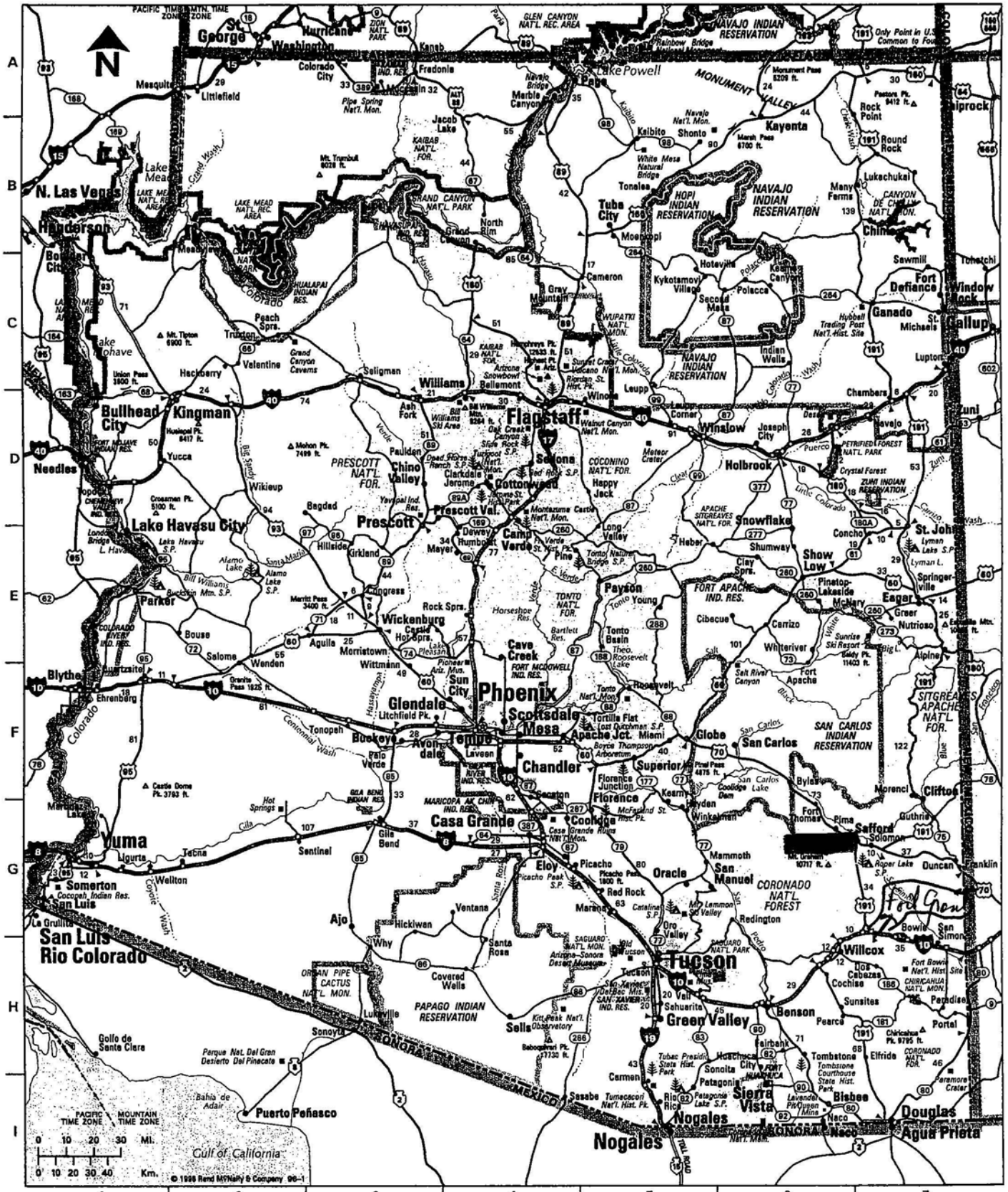
**RE: Telephone Conversation with Mr. [REDACTED]**

**DT: 04/03/02, 11:10-11:53 am (mst)**

- (1) At the request of Bp. Pelotte (transmitted orally via Deacon Timoteo), I telephoned [REDACTED] this morning and we talked for about 45 minutes. He seemed surprised and grateful for the call. He told me that I had "been on his mind" for many years, but that he just "couldn't approach me" about his experience with JB because it was too embarrassing for him to talk about. The only person he had ever talked to about his encounter with JB was a friend from Springerville, [REDACTED]. This man was a friend of [REDACTED] and on one occasion, when he had had too much to drink, he recounted an episode in which he had been molested by JB. In response to this revelation, [REDACTED] shared his own experience with him. As I understand it, this took place several years after both incidents. [REDACTED] was emphatic in saying that this was the only time he ever mentioned his own experience, until he recently relayed it to his therapist.
- (2) [REDACTED] who presently resides in Columbus, Ohio, has worked as a computer programmer for [REDACTED] for all but a few months since the late 1970's. In December, 1997 he began getting psychological/psychiatric therapy in Springfield, Ohio, to treat chronic depression. This therapy continued when he was transferred to Columbus. He has been on medical sick leave from the [REDACTED] since September, 2001, when he was hospitalized for eight days. In December, the psychiatrist prescribed two anti-depressant medications (Zolton - sp? & Serazon - sp?), which caused "decompensated liver damage" (apparently akin to sclerosis of the liver). This condition is now so serious that AM might need a liver transplant. He is scheduled for an appointment with a liver specialist on April 8, 2002 to undergo blood tests, and may have to have a transplant procedure done at the University of Pittsburgh in the near future. He has applied for permanent disability retirement from Bank One, and is currently engaged in some type of litigation with the bank over disability retirement & benefits. All of his medical expenses to date have been covered by bank insurance - "Cobra" - which, however, is due to expire at the end of June, 2002. [REDACTED] emphasized that - even though there is a history of sclerosis in his family - his liver condition has not been caused by excessive drinking, but by the prescribed medication.
- (3) With regard to the incident with JB, [REDACTED] states that it happened in the summer of 1974, when he was 19 years old. He had met JB at the San Juan Fiestas in June, '74, and JB asked him to meet him after work to discuss a possible job offer in his parish in "Thatcher." [In reality, at the time, JB was in some stage of transition from being pastor of Springerville to being released for chaplain work in the Arizona State Prison system. He left Springerville some time in the summer of 1974, but I'm not sure just when]. They were to go out to dinner and then to a movie. AM is still upset that a priest lied to him (by telling him he was stationed in Thatcher) and that the movie they went to was "disgusting." It was during the

movie that the alleged molestation (consisting of fondling [REDACTED] genitals, unzipping his pants and performing oral sex on him) took place. I believe [REDACTED] said it was an outdoor movie, and that the molestation took place in JB's car. On the way back to St. Johns, JB attempted to pull the car over into a rest area, but [REDACTED] informed him that he did not want to do anything more with him. When they arrived in St. Johns, JB told [REDACTED] that he had a room at a local motel and invited him to spend the night with him. [REDACTED] declined. This was the first and only encounter with JB.

- (4) Even though this happened almost 28 years ago, [REDACTED] claims that he still has a "vivid memory" as to the incident. He was too shocked, intimidated and embarrassed to offer any resistance while the molestation was occurring, but definitely spurned JB's offers to continue the contact after the first incident. For many years [REDACTED] tried to put this out of his mind, only to have the memory persist. He felt the need to speak of it in light of the many stories of alleged molestation by priests currently surfacing: "After hearing about this every day, I had to call [*sic*] and get it out."
- (5) [REDACTED] remains a practicing Catholic (attending both Latin-rite and Byzantine-rite parishes in Columbus). He gave no indication of wishing to hurt either JB or the Church, although he was relieved when I informed him that JB no longer can function as a priest. There was no indication (at least at this time) that he was seeking any kind of financial compensation. We ended the conversation by my making a general offer to help him through prayer, and counseling (via telephone) whenever he felt the need. He thanked me once again for the call.



**Arizona**

Population: 3,677,985 (1990 Census)

Land Area: 113,642 sq. mi.

Capital: Phoenix

**Cities and Towns**

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SAINT PETER'S CHURCH

BOX 108

SPRINGERVILLE, ARIZONA 85938



Feb. 12, 1974

Most Rev. Jerome J. Hastrich  
Bishop of Gallup  
Gallup, New Mexico

Dear Bishop Hastrich,

As requested during our telephone conversation, I am writing this letter to request permission from you to accept an assignment in the priesthood outside the Diocese of Gallup. I wish to serve the men in the new Correctional Institution at Fort Grant as well as assume the duties of Chaplain at the adult Conservation Camp in Safford, Arizona. These positions would be within the Diocese of Tucson and has been approved by the Bishop of Tucson in a letter to [REDACTED] Director to the Dept. of Correction for the State of Arizona.

I will say my last Mass (Sunday) the last Sunday in February and should be leaving the parish by the end of the month at the latest. In my new position I would like to remain a priest of the Diocese as I have been a member of this Diocese since I was ordained.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done for me and my parishes since you have been the Bishop of Gallup. Although I have not always agreed with you on all matters I have tried my best to be a dutiful priest in all matters for the good of the Diocese. Your task has indeed been a very difficult one and your love of God has been made manifest in your actions. I congratulate you for all that you have accomplished and wish you the best of everything in the Lord in the days to come. I feel privileged to have served under you and will continue to seek your help and prayers in my new assignment.

Your priest in Christ,

*Rev. James M. Burns*

*(Handwritten initials)*

February 18, 1974

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The Most Reverend Francis J. Green, D.D.  
Bishop of Tucson,  
192 South Stone Avenue,  
Tucson, Arizona 85702

Dear Bishop Green,

This is to inform you that Father James Burns is accepting a position with the State Department of Correction, with my permission. Since he will be living in your Diocese, I would appreciate your granting him faculties, and I hope you will welcome him, and encourage your priests to do so, at various Diocesan and Vicariate Meetings. He wishes to remain a priest of the Diocese of Gallup.

Any kindness you show him will be considered a personal favor to me.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup

February 18, 1974

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Reverend James M. Burns,  
St. Peter Church,  
P. O. Box 103,  
Springerville, Arizona 85938

Dear Father Burns,

Thank you for your kind letter asking for permission to be away from the diocese for an indefinite period of time while working for the State Department of Correction in the Diocese of Tucson.

I have written Bishop Green as you will see by the enclosed copy informing him of your presence in his diocese.

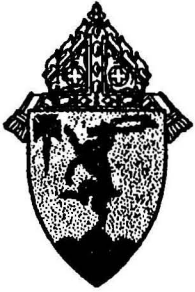
I want you to know that you will be receiving all the communications from our diocesan offices, and are welcome at any and all diocesan functions. It is my hope that you will make the Annual Retreat with the priests of our diocese, and attend general convocations, at least.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup

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## Diocese of Tucson

CHANCERY OFFICE  
192 SOUTH STONE AVENUE  
P. O. BOX 31  
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85702

February 26, 1974

Rev. James M. Burns  
Fort Grant Correctional Institution  
Fort Grant Rural Station  
Willcox, Arizona 85643

Dear Father Burns:

I am happy to welcome you to the Diocese of Tucson and hereby approve of your appointment as Chaplain at Fort Grant. I officially extend to you the faculties of this Diocese, even though though you already enjoy them as a priest of the Province of Santa Fe. For canonical purposes, you are hereby appointed Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart parish, Willcox, effective February 26, 1974. Fort Grant is in the territory of the Willcox parish.

From correspondence with Mr. [REDACTED] Director, Department of Corrections, I understand that you will also be Chaplain to the State Correctional Institution in the Safford area. Father John M. Fahey, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima parish, Safford, is Vicar of the Graham-Greenlee Vicariate, and is aware of the fact that you will be chaplain to both institutions.

We are placing your name in our Diocesan mailing list so that you will be kept informed of what is going on in the diocese. Be assured that we are eager to make you welcome in every way and to do all we can to make you feel at home with us. I look forward to the opportunity of visiting with you if you get a chance to come to Tucson. I want you to know that I am quite willing to come to Fort Grant for any occasion at your invitation. I am most grateful to you and to Bishop Hastrich for allowing you to come to work in our diocese.

With an assurance of my prayers for the success of your priestly ministry, and with my best personal wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Green, D.D.  
Bishop of Tucson

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cc: Most Rev. Jerome J. Hastrich ✓

Rev. John M. Fahey  
Rev. John Debski



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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DIOCESE OF TUCSON  
192 SOUTH STONE AVENUE  
P. O. BOX 31  
TUCSON, ARIZONA 85702

February 26, 1974

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

Dear Jerry:

I thought you would like to have a copy of the letter which I have sent to Father Burns, welcoming him to the diocese. The priests in the Vicariate in which he will be living are very friendly and I am sure will welcome him as one of the members of the Vicariate.

I have just returned from an ecumenical meeting in Casa Grande in which it was suggested that you and [REDACTED] might be willing to serve as a committee to evaluate the different Indian programs that have sprung up in the area. At any rate, you will be hearing from [REDACTED] regarding this, but I thought I might alert you so that if possible you could arrange to accept.

With kindest good wishes and warm personal regards,  
I am

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Green, D.D.  
Bishop of Tucson

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March 2, 1974

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The Most Reverend Francis J. Green, D.D.  
Bishop of Tucson,  
192 South Stone Avenue, Box 31  
Tucson, Arizona 85702

Dear Frank,

Thank you very much for your kindness to Father Burns.

If I can possibly make the meeting with [REDACTED], you may be sure I will be there. As you know, I am very much interested in the Indians.

After Easter I am going to Rome with a pilgrimage for my "Ad Limina" visit. I hope the meeting will be before or after that.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup



*[Handwritten signature]*

March 13, 1974

Reverend James M. Burns, ✓  
Catholic Chaplain  
Fort Grant Correctional Institution  
Fort Grant Rural Station  
Wilcox, Arizona 85643

Dear Jim:

Hope all is well with you and that you are well into your program. You are dally in my prayers because I know that your new challenge is tough. I admire your willingness to accept such a position.

Jim, I want to truly thank you for cooperating so excellently with our Minor Seminary Program. As the Bishop mentioned at your fare-well dinner, you of all the priests have always <sup>ways</sup> cooperated with this program. You have always sent us good boys.

[Redacted]

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In His Son,

*[Handwritten signature]*

Copy to  
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September 11, 1974

Reverend James M. Burns  
St. Mary of the Angels Parish  
P. O. Box 819  
Pinetop, AZ 85935

Dear Father Burns,

This will notify you that for the good of religion and welfare of souls, Bishop Hastrich has appointed you as Pastor, St. Mary of the Angels Parish, Pinetop, Arizona, effective September 5, 1974.

Enclosed is a copy of the Profession of Faith which you are to take in the presence of Father Wilson as our delegate. Kindly return the completed copy to this office.

It would be well to arrange with Father Wilson for the exchange of books and the accounts that belong to St. Mary of the Angels Parish.

Assuring you of my best wishes as you assume this new duty on behalf of the souls of the Diocese of Gallup, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend Dunstan Schmidlin, O.F.M.  
Chancellor

cc: Rev. Samuel J. Wilson

October 23, 1974

Most Reverend Francis J. Green,  
Bishop of Tucson,  
192 S. Stone Street, Box 31  
Tucson, Arizona 85702

Dear Bishop Green,

This is to inform you that while I was in Rome, Father James Burns came back to the Diocese and asked for an appointment. He was given the pastorate of Saint Mary of the Angels, Pinetop, Arizona. It was my hope that he had the courtesy to inform you that he was leaving Fort Grant.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup

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*Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary*

*Mount Carmel Road*

*Santa Fe, New Mexico*

April 20, 1954

His Excellency  
The Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, O.F.M., D.D.  
Bishop of Gallup  
Gallup, New Mexico

Your Excellency:

James Burns arrived Tuesday, or was it Monday evening, of Holy Week. He realizes the necessity of studying hard to catch up. He has not had an opportunity to speak with Father Hill, our Dean of Studies, about his chances to make up work before next September - Father Hill has been at Los Alamos during Holy Week and left Sunday for the Educational Convention in Chicago. As soon as he returns, he will see James and will map out his studies for him.

He is taking advantage of this week of vacation to do a great deal of reading and to review, as well as to go ahead in his school work, so James is not wasting his time.

I am truly sorry that Your Excellency cannot be with us Sunday evening, May 2nd. I called Father Pax on the 11th to find out whether Your Excellency would be free on that day, and heard about Your Excellency's plan to be in California then. Regards to Father Pax and a very happy and blessed Easter-tide to Your Excellency!

Respectfully in Christ,

  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Sigmund Charewicz  
Rector

March 24, 1954.

James Burns,  
12916 Admiral Street,  
Venice, California.

Dear Jimmy:-

Some two months ago Father Pax told me that you had permission from the Seminary authorities to go to California to do what you could to fix up some family difficulties. Since then we have not heard anything from you. I had several letters from Mags, Cahwies inquiring whether or not you would return. He said that apparently you had intended to return since you left your books and clothing at the seminary. He also inquired if we had your address. This morning Fr. Pax got the address from the Sisters in school here. I am writing immediately to you find out just what happened, if you are sick or had an accident.

I would very much appreciate hearing from you to find out if you wish to return to seminary, as I know you would want, if you can.

So write as soon as possible and let us know.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.



*Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary*

*Mount Carmel Road*

*Santa Fe, New Mexico*

March 18, 1954

His Excellency  
Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, O.F.M., D.D.  
Bishop of Gallup  
Gallup, New Mexico

Your Excellency:

Since Your Excellency's last letter, and before then, we have had no word at all from James Burns. And we cannot find any California address either. He left none, when he left the Seminary. I wonder if Your Excellency has had any word from him since your last letter.

He certainly gave me the impression that he was coming back, and he left some of his clothes here, his books, etc.

I am amazed that he has not written, at least some word to let us know whether he was successful in his trip or not. I wonder if there was a forwarding address left at the last place of the family residence. Has anyone checked that possibility, Your Excellency?

James was an excellent student and a solid character. I cannot understand this state of affairs, unless he has become very ill or met with an accident. I trust that all will be shortly explained to Your Excellency's satisfaction.

Begging Your Excellency's blessing, I remain

Respectfully in Christ,

  
Rt. Rev. Msgr. Sigmund Charewicz  
Rector



March 23, 1954.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Sigmund Charwian, Rector,  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary,  
Mt. Carmel Road,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Monsignor:

When I returned home from Confirmations I found your letter of the 18th on my desk.

I am very sorry to let you know that we do not have the address of James Burns. I am just as amazed as you at his conduct. When he passed through here I did not see him but he did call on Father Pax at the Catholic Indian Center and he left the impression that he would return to the Seminary after he concluded his work in California. I doubt very much if there would be a forwarding address at the last place that the family lived when here or in Commerce.

He gave a very fine impression during the summer vacation when he stayed at the Center and did some indexing of records for the Chancery. I cannot understand at all what has happened unless he may have become ill. Let us hope that all will be explained shortly. Should you hear anything from him I would appreciate hearing from you. If we hear I will also let you know.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary*  
*Mount Carmel Road*  
*Santa Fe, New Mexico*

January 25, 1954

His Excellency  
The Most Rev. Bernard T. Espelage, O.F.M., D.D.  
Bishop of Gallup  
Gallup, New Mexico

Your Excellency:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 14, and to thank you for the information contained therein.

The seminarians are now on retreat. Father Edward O'Byrne, our former spiritual director is conducting the Retreat.

James Burns has not yet returned from home. I thought that he would surely be back before this. He has been away through the semester examinations and now is missing the retreat.

May God reward Your Excellency for all!

Respectfully in Christ,

  
Rt. Rev. Mgr. Sigmund H. Chazewicz  
Rector



February 26, 1954

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Sigmund H. Charwick, Rector,  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary,  
Mount Carmel Road,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Dear Monsignor:

I returned home from the East last Tuesday. I found your letter of January 25th on my desk. My long absence from home will explain the delay in writing to you.

I was surprised to learn that James Burns had not returned to Seminary at that time. Has he returned since you wrote to me? I am wondering what has happened since neither Father Pax nor myself have received any word from him. Do you have any address in California where we might communicate with him? We have none here.

He seemed such a good and sincere seminarian and very much interested in going ahead with his his studies for the priesthood. Any further information that you can give me will be appreciated.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SEMINARY  
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Most Rev. B.T. Espelage O.F.M. D.D.  
Bishop of the Diocese of Gallup  
Chancery Office  
Gallup, New Mexico

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Dear Bishop:

Today I was very lucky to see three of the Seminarians from our diocese invested in the Roman cassock, collar and surplice by His Excellency, Archbishop Byrne. It was a beautiful ceremony and all three of the boys told me that they were very happy and thrilled. They are as you know, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They are all doing fine and the diocese can be proud of them.

Yesterday we finished our six-weeks tests so we are all in a pretty good humor. Not because we all recieved A's ????, but because we are through tests again for a little while. As usual we all made stupid mistakes which we kicked ourselves for afterwards.

We have permission to leave the Seminary on the twenty-third of December. I have a chance to fly home if I wish, but if I do, I will not be in Gallup for Mid-night Mass at the Cathedral. I would like to have your permission to do so before I make any definite plans. I would rather, if possible, go straight home because I will not be able to go home for Easter, and because this will be the first time in a few years that my family has really been together.

Wishing you and the diocese a very Merry and Holy Christmas,  
I am,

Your obedient seminarian,

*James Burns*  
James Burns

Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary  
Mount Carmel Road  
Santa Fe, New Mexico  
September 27, 1953

Reverend Pax R. Schicker O.F.M.  
Catholic Indian Center  
Gallup, New Mexico

Dear Father Pax;

This is just a little note to let you and the Bishop know that we are still alive here at Santa Fe. I have asked the new boys and they all said that they like the Seminary life very well. They are having a little trouble getting used to the rules and the subjects but otherwise are having a swell time.

[REDACTED] told me that its nice to be in the second year of college, but that they can't wait until they get to the Major Seminary. They're not the only ones.

The Seminary has been very lucky so far this year. It has lost only one boy in almost two weeks, which is some kind of a record according to the boys who have been here for any amount of time.

I hope you and the Bishop had a good time when you went to Tuscon to see Bishop Greene consecrated. If the weather here in Santa Fe was any indication of the type down in Tuscon then it must have been really nice.

I wish to take this time to thank you and the Bishop for giving me the job this summer and also for helping me with my vocation at various times throughout the summer.

Remembering you and the Bishop in my prayers, I am

Sincerely yours;

*James M. Burns*  
James M. Burns

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary*  
*Mount Carmel Road*  
*Santa Fe, New Mexico*

January 29, 1953

Very Rev. Fr. Pax R. Schicker, O.F.M., Chancellor  
The Diocese of Gallup  
P.O. Box 110  
Gallup, New Mexico

Dear Father Pax:

Since Bishop Espelage accepted James Matthew Burns for the Diocese of Gallup, we shall be only too happy to do all that we can to form this young man into a fit candidate for the holy priesthood. Our second semester begins on Monday, February 2, so the sooner the young man can report, the better.

I am enclosing an application form and a physical examination form, in order to have this information in our files.

The seminarians are on Retreat now and the peace is heavenly. [REDACTED] are exemplary seminarians. [REDACTED] is trying hard and shows a good spirit. [REDACTED] from Winslow is a little fellow, and seems to be doing his best, but I shall write more at length about him to the Bishop.

May God bless you, dear Father Pax, and may He assist you in your work! Do not fail to come to the Seminary when you come to Santa Fe - we always have a spare bed. Please remember the Fathers and me to His Excellency.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Rector



January 26, 1953

Right Rev. Msgr. Sigmund Charewicz  
Rector  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary  
Mt. Carmel Road  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Monsignor:

Just recently the Bishop accepted a young man, James Matthew Burns, as a candidate for the priesthood for the Diocese of Gallup. He is from Connecticut but because of health he now resides in Gallup. He had attended St. Thomas Seminary at Hartford until his health forced him to discontinue. He was taking a special of latin etc. as you see from the enclosed transcript from there.

Would it be possible for you to accept this young man for this semester and permit him to complete his special latin and other branches. Then next next year it may be possible to enroll him in your college. Look over the enclosed transcripts and let me know. I have the boy's Baptismal record, his parents' marriage record and I will obtain from him the other records needed.

Best wishes to you, Monsignor, and thank you in advance for any consideration you are able to give this young man.

Sincerely yours in Christ,