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Most Rev. and dear Bishop Espelage:

Enclosed are the first semester grade reports for Your Excellency's seminarians.

In general we are very well pleased with the progress of these young men, and I do hope that Rev. Mr. Florez and Rev. Mr. Tachias will make fine priests for your Diocese.

I should, however, at this time like to repeat my concern with regard to Mr. James Burns. Whereas there is nothing precisely to which I can refer as a character defect, everyone through the years who has been in authority over him has the impression that something in his character does not ring true. He seems to lack high ideals and deep motivation. On the other hand he is rather generally well accepted by the student body, which is almost infallibly a very good sign. I do hope to be able to make a definite recommendation at the end of the school year.

Please keep all the seminarians in your good prayers.

With sentiments of esteem and best wishes, I beg to remain,

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Maur Burbach, O.S.B.

Very Rev. Maur Burbach, O.S.B.
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