

# PRIEST FILE

PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. William Armstrong Kraft 14102839 76  
NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name William Andrew Kraft, Elizabeth Ruth Armstrong

Birth Date and Place April 13, 1926, Rochester, New York

Baptism Date and Place May 1926, Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, N.Y.

Present Citizenship American

If Naturalized, Date and Place

Elementary School—Dates and Places Nazareth Hall Academy—graduated 1939  
180 Raines Park, Rochester 13, N.Y.

High School—Dates and Places Aquinas Institute—graduated 1943  
1127 Dewey Ave. Rochester 13, N.Y.

College—Dates and Places Saint Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, —graduated 1945  
1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester 11, N.Y.

Seminary—Dates and Places Saint Bernard's Major Seminary -- graduated from  
Rochester, N.Y. philosophy dept. 1946  
completed two years of theology in 1949  
transferred to Immaculate Heart Seminary, El Cajon for last two year  
theology.

Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places

Degrees—Dates and Places Bachelor of Arts degree conferred 1946 by University of  
State of New York through college dept. of St. Bernard's Sem

Ordination Date and Place June 1, 1951—Saint Joseph's Cathedral

Ordaining Prelate Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego

Ordained for what Diocese San Diego

If incardinated in San Diego, Date

If not incardinated, Date of Arrival

What foreign languages can you speak? French

Name and address of nearest relative or friend William A. Kraft, SR. 331 Genesee Park Blvd.  
Rochester 19, New York

State where last will and testament is filed No. Chancery

List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception Honorary Prelate 5/8/85

State any special work or assignment and give dates Building Committee 7/1/78 - Director,

Campaign for Human Development 5/11/81 Eff. 9/4/84 Consultor for 5 yr. peri  
ending 12/31/89. Presb. Council for 3 years, eff. 1/27/88.

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 NAME IN FULL

In re FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

Have you contracted any funded debts such as bank loans? No 000002  
 If so, in what amount? .....

Do you owe any current accounts? No  
 If so, in what amount? .....

List of Appointments since Ordination

TOWN	PARISH	CAPACITY	DATES
La Jolla	Mary, Star of Sea	Curate	6/25/51 - 6/28/51
San Bernardino	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Curate	6/28/51 - 11/29/51
SAN DIEGO	St. Joseph's Cathedral	Curate	11/29/51 - 5/23/52
SAN BERNARDINO	St. Bernardine's	Curate	5/23/52 - 8/12/52
SAN BERNARDINO	Holy Rosary	Curate	8/12/52 - 5/25/53
SAN DIEGO	Blessed Sacrament	Curate	5/25/53 - 7/1/56
SAN DIEGO	St. Therese	Pastor	7/1/56 - 12/11/69
SAN DIEGO	Holy Cross Cemetery	Director	12/11/69 - 4/24/70
SAN DIEGO	Good Shepard Sharp Hosp. Complex	Pastor Chaplain	4/24/70 - 7/1/77
SAN DIEGO	St. Charles Borromeo	Pastor	7/1/77 - 11/15/78
SAN DIEGO	Catholic Community Services	Dir. CCS Devel. Project Dir. Stewardship	11/15/78
SAN DIEGO	Diocese of San Diego	Director, Planned Giving	4/21/80
RETIRED effective 7-1-91			
Died September 12, 2001. Vigil Service on Tuesday, September 18 at Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church, 7 pm. Funeral Mass at 10 am, Wednesday September 19 at Holy Cross Cemetery Burial in the Kraft Family Chapel.			

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CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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STATE FILE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF CALIFORNIA \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
USE BLACK INK ONLY. NO ERASURES, WHITEOUTS OR ALTERATIONS VS-11 (REV. 1/00)

1. NAME OF DECEDENT—FIRST (GIVEN) WILLIAM			2. MIDDLE ARMSTRONG			3. LAST (FAMILY) KRAFT		
4. DATE OF BIRTH M/M/DD/CCYY 04/13/1926		5. AGE YRS. 75		6. SEX M		7. DATE OF DEATH M/M/DD/CCYY 09/12/2001		8. HOUR 0530
9. STATE OF BIRTH NY		10. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 083-12-6038		11. MILITARY SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> UNK		12. MARITAL STATUS NEV MAR		13. EDUCATION—YEARS COMPLETED 24
14. RACE CAUCASIAN			15. HISPANIC—SPECIFY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			16. USUAL EMPLOYER DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO		
17. OCCUPATION CLERGYMAN			18. KIND OF BUSINESS RELIGION			19. YEARS IN OCCUPATION 52		
20. RESIDENCE—(STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION) 6910 CIBOLA RD								
21. CITY SAN DIEGO			22. COUNTY SAN DIEGO			23. ZIP CODE 92120		25. STATE OR FOREIGN COUNTRY CA
25. NAME, RELATIONSHIP JOSEF E. TORROELLA - EXECUTOR			27. MAILING ADDRESS (STREET AND NUMBER OR RURAL ROUTE NUMBER, CITY OR TOWN, STATE, ZIP) 6910 CIBOLA RD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92120					
28. NAME OF SURVIVING SPOUSE—FIRST			29. MIDDLE			30. LAST (MAIDEN NAME)		
31. NAME OF FATHER—FIRST WILLIAM			32. MIDDLE A.			33. LAST KRAFT		34. BIRTH STATE NY
35. NAME OF MOTHER—FIRST ELIZABETH			36. MIDDLE R.			37. LAST (MAIDEN) ARMSTRONG		38. BIRTH STATE NY
39. DATE M/M/DD/CCYY 09/19/2001			40. PLACE OF FINAL DISPOSITION HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, 4470 HILLTOP DR, SAN DIEGO, CA 92102					
41. TYPE OF DISPOSITION: BU			42. SIGNATURE OF EMBALMER <i>Mark Van Buren</i>			43. LICENSE NO 8594		
44. NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR EL CAMINO MEM-ERICKSON ANDERSON			45. LICENSE NO FD-296			46. SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <i>George R. Flores</i> MA		47. DATE M/M/DD/CCYY 09/17/2001
101. PLACE OF DEATH OWN RESIDENCE			102. IF HOSPITAL, SPECIFY ONE <input type="checkbox"/> IP <input type="checkbox"/> ER/OP <input type="checkbox"/> DOA		103. FACILITY OTHER THAN HOSPITAL <input type="checkbox"/> CONV HOSP <input type="checkbox"/> RES CARE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		104. COUNTY SAN DIEGO	
105. STREET ADDRESS—(STREET AND NUMBER OR LOCATION) 6910 CIBOLA RD			106. CITY SAN DIEGO					
107. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR A, B, C, AND D) IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A) CARDIORESPIRATORY FAILURE			108. TIME ELAPSED BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH MINS		109. BIODIPY PERFORMED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		110. AUTOPSY PERFORMED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
DUE TO (B) CEREBROVASCULAR INSUFFICIENCY			YRS		111. USED IN DETERMINING CAUSE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			
DUE TO (C) ISCHEMIC AND VALVULAR HEART DISEASE			YRS					
DUE TO (D) TYPE II DIABETES MELLITUS			YRS					
112. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO CAUSE GIVEN IN 107								
113. WAS OPERATION PERFORMED FOR ANY CONDITION IN ITEM 107 OR 112? IF YES, LIST TYPE OF OPERATION AND DATE CABG & AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT 08/23/2000								
114. I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE DEATH OCCURRED AT THE HOUR, DATE AND PLACE STATED FROM THE CAUSES STATED DECEDENT ATTENDED SINCE DECEDENT LAST SEEN ALIVE M/M/DD/CCYY M/M/DD/CCYY 02/28/1990 09/07/2001			115. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER <i>George R. Flores, MD</i>			116. LICENSE NO G23440		117. DATE M/M/DD/CCYY 09/12/2001
118. TYPE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, ZIP JEFFREY A. SANDLER, MD 4060 4TH AVE, #503, SAN DIEGO, CA 92103								
119. MANNER OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> PENDING INVESTIGATION <input type="checkbox"/> COULD NOT BE DETERMINED			120. INJURY AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		121. INJURY DATE M/M/DD/CCYY		122. HOUR	123. PLACE OF INJURY
124. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED, EVENTS WHICH RESULTED IN INJURY								
125. LOCATION—(STREET AND NUMBER OF LOCATION AND CITY, ZIP)								
126. SIGNATURE OF CORONER OR DEPUTY CORONER			127. DATE M/M/DD/CCYY		128. TYPED NAME, TITLE OF CORONER OR DEPUTY CORONER			
STATE REGISTRAR			A B C D E F G H		FAX AUTH # 2115424		CENSUS TRACT	
					ECM-CYPRESS VIEW			

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DATE ISSUED: SEPTEMBER 19, 2001

*George R. Flores*

GEORGE R. FLORES, M.D.  
REGISTRAR OF VITAL RECORDS  
County of San Diego

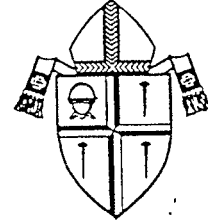
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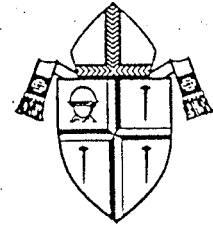
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• Memorandum

To: Karen Jassoy, Accounting  
Michael Croll, Human Resources  
Bob Lang, Catholic Mutual  
From: Monsignor Steven F. Callahan <sup>8/27C</sup>  
Date: September 12, 2001  
RE: Monsignor William Kraft

NAME: Monsignor William Kraft  
CURRENT ASSIGNMENT: Retired  
EFF. DATE: September 12, 2001  
SOC SECURITY: 083-12-6038  
CHANGES: Monsignor Kraft died. Please discontinue all pay, health and dental insurance and auto insurance.

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Office of the Chancellor

September 12, 2001

Jane Barry  
Robert M. Epler Company  
450 B Street, Suite 750  
San Diego, CA 92101-8002

Dear Jane:

Rev. Msgr. William Kraft, an incardinated priest of the Diocese of San Diego who retired July 1, 1991, died September 12, 2001.

Please take the appropriate action.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Steven F. Callahan  
Chancellor

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PAR b. Rochester, N.Y., Apr. 13, 1926; s.  
EDU 010 William Andrew and Elizabeth Ruth (Armstrong)  
020 K. BA, St. Bernard Coll., 1947;  
030 ThM, Immaculate Heart Theol. Coll., 1951;  
030 D of Ministry, Claremont Sch. of  
CER Theology, 1981. Ordained priest Roman  
CAR 010 Cath. Ch., 1951. Dir. and founder of  
Newman Apostolate Diocese of San Diego,  
020 Calif., 1951-63; dir. of pub. rels.  
030 Diocese of San Diego, 1956-63, dir. of  
040 cemeteries, 1964-70, exec. dir. of  
050 devel., 1979-91; founding pastor St.  
Therese of Child Jesus Parish, San Diego,  
060 1956-70, Good Shepherd Parish, San Diego,  
070 1970-77; pastor St. Charles Borromeo  
CRE Parish, San Diego, 1977-79; bd. dirs.  
Cath. Charities, San Diego; bd. of consultants  
Diocese of San Diego, 1985-91, mem.  
Presbyteral Coun., 1985-91, mem. bldg.  
CIV commn., 1977-91. Bd. dirs. Am. Nat. Red  
Cross, San Diego, 1956-63, Legal Aid Soc.,  
San Diego, 1956-65, Travelers' Aid Soc., San  
AWD Diego, 1956-65; mem. Presdl. Task Force,  
Washington, 1984—. Named Prelate of  
Honor to Pope, Pope John Paul II, Vatican  
City, 1985, Knight Comdr. of Equestrian,  
MEM Order of The Holy Sepulchre, Latin  
Patriarchii, Jerusalem, 1984, Knights of  
Columbus 4th degree. Mem. Benevolent and  
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Conf., Nat. Soc. Fund Raising Execs. (cert.).  
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appreciation, swimming. Home: 6910  
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FUNERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLERGY OF  
DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Reverend Monsignor William Armstrong Kraft, K.C.H.S.

Date of Birth: April 13, 1926

Place of Birth: Rochester, New York

Date of Ordination: June 1, 1951, by Bishop Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Incardinated in Diocese of San Diego by receiving first tonsure 4-28-1949

Family

Father: William Andrew Kraft, deceased 12-26-70, of Rancho Santa Fe, CA

Mother: Elizabeth Ruth Armstrong Kraft, deceased 5-3-88  
Recipient of ProPontifice et Ecclesia award by Pope Paul VI

Sister: Elizabeth Ruth Kraft Earl, 8335 E. Village Lane, Rosemead, CA 91770  
Phone (626) 571-1123

Nephew: William Francis Earl (see above address)

Desired contact person for funeral arrangements:

Josep E. Torroella, P. O. Box 120024, San Diego, CA 92112, (619) 286-2688  
Successor Trustee of William Armstrong Kraft Trust dated 10-21-81

Ray Dene Shepard, Successor Trustee in default of Joseph E. Torroella  
170 E Street, D-2, Chula Vista, CA 91910, (619) 425-8616

Rev. Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, 990 Saturn Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92154 (619) 424-9686  
or 423-0242.

Attorney for Trust: Mary Clemo, 2602 First Avenue, #201, SD 92103, (619) 236-8277

Accountant: Marvin McMurray, P.O. 579, Julian, CA 92036-0579  
(760) 765-1409 or (760) 743-1339

Cemetery: Holy Cross

Chapel #1 at Holy Cross Mausoleum is known as the Kraft Family Chapel. Crypt "E" on the left side is reserved for Msgr. Kraft. All costs are prepaid including extended bronze marker to read:

Reverend Monsignor  
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG KRAFT, K.C.H.S.  
Born Rochester, NY, April 13, 1926  
Ordained Priest of Diocese of San Diego, June 1, 1951  
Founding Pastor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, July 1, 1956  
Founding Pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, June 7, 1970  
RIP (Date)

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**Church:** Vigil Service, Immaculate Conception Church in Old Town (Rev. Burt Boudoin, conducting)  
Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral

I hereby direct my trustee to make an offering to both Immaculate Conception Church and St. Joseph Cathedral if these services occur in each of them and to provide refreshments at each service.

**Mortuary:** Erickson-Anderson, La Mesa, CA Attn: John Levroson, 8390 Allison Street, La Mesa, CA (619) 466-3297

I would prefer that in lieu of flowers, my friends make gifts to:  
Msgr. Kraft Memorial Scholarship Fund, Legionaries of Christ, 475 Oak Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410

#### Education

Primary: Nazareth Hall Academy, Rochester, New York, 1939  
Secondary: Aquinas Institute, Rochester New York, 1943  
College: St. Andrew Seminary, Rochester, New York, 1945  
Graduate: St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, NY, Bachelor of Arts, 1947  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, El Cajon, M.Th. (USD 1951)  
Claremont School of Theology, Doctor of Ministry, 1981

#### LITURGICAL INFORMATION

##### Major Concelebrants

**Celebrant:** Bishop of Diocese with Bishop Gilbert Chavez, rector of the Cathedral, and any other priests. Bishop Phillip Straling of Reno, NV, should receive a special invitation to concelebrate and conduct services at the mausoleum.  
(Please note that I have no classmates remaining.)

**Homilist:** Rev. Msgr. Dennis Mikulanic

**Lectors:** Jeffrey Sandler, MD-Book of Wisdom  
Response Psalm choral group  
Jean McKay of Sacred Heart Parish, San Diego (Phone 222-8954)

##### Scripture Readings

1. Wisdom 3:1-9 (Response Ps. 23:1-3,3-4, 5-6)

2. Rom. 5:17-21

Gospel (verse 2 Tim 11-12) If we die with Christ, we shall live with him, and if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with him.

Gospel Matt. 11:25-30 (Homilist)

**Music:** Carmen Pyle (Contact Immaculate Conception Church)

**Hymn:** St. Therese written by my sister (enclosed) to be used as recessional

To Jesus Heart all Burning, Soul of my Savior, Hail Holy Queen

**Additional Liturgical Preferences:** Dies Irae at Vigil, St. Basil Hymnal and St. Gregory Hymnal available from Josep Torroella who is in full charge of arrangements. He may choose La Golondrina and La Paloma and Someone to Watch Over Me by my favorite composer, George Gershwin.

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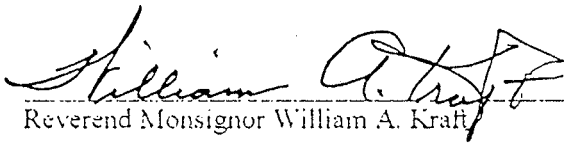
**Will:** Josep E. Torroella and/or Ray Dene Shepard have all vital information together with Attorney Mary Clarno.

**Designated Executor:** Josep E. Torroella, (619) 286-2688, P. O. Box 120024, San Diego 92112  
In default, Ray Dene Shepard  
and thirdly, Rev. Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis

**Preference for Attorney:** Mary Clarno, 2602 First Ave., #201, San Diego 92103  
(619) 236-8277

**Preference for Accountant:** Marvin McMurray, P.O. 579. Julian, CA 92036-0579  
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**Records:**  
Social Security No. 083-12-6038  
Health Insurance: Medicare 083-12-6038 A & B and RETA #15

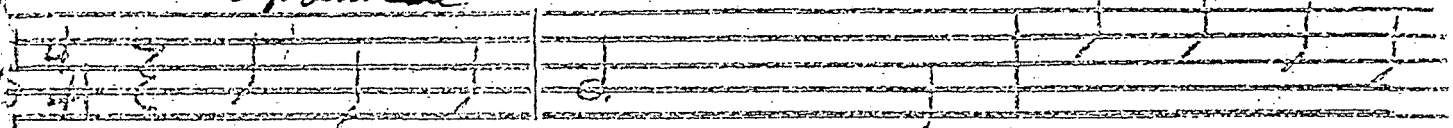
  
Reverend Monsignor William A. Kraft

Date May 30, 2000

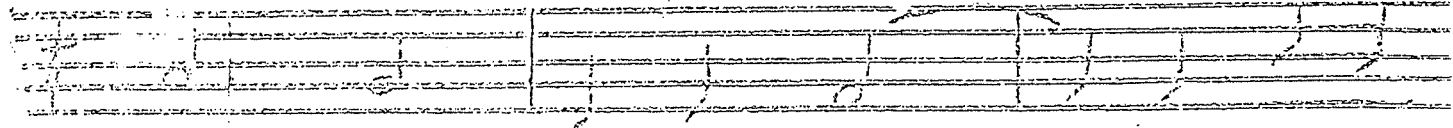
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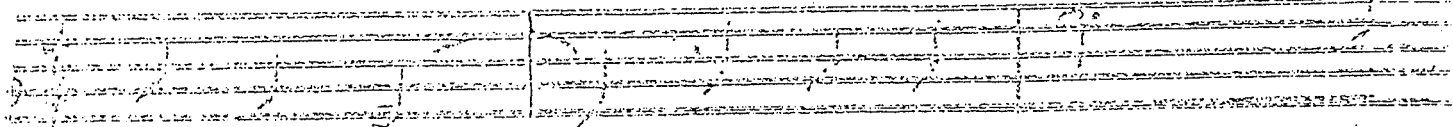
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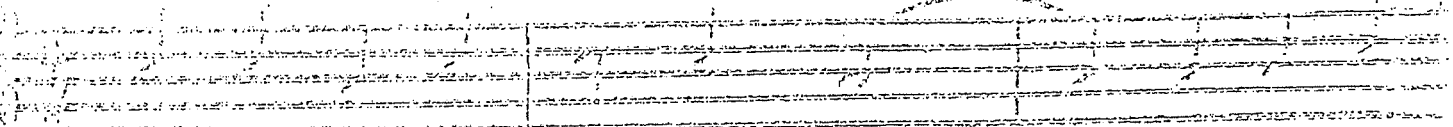
Dear St. The---rese Our Lit---tle Flower of  
Teach us your pure sim-----pli---city of



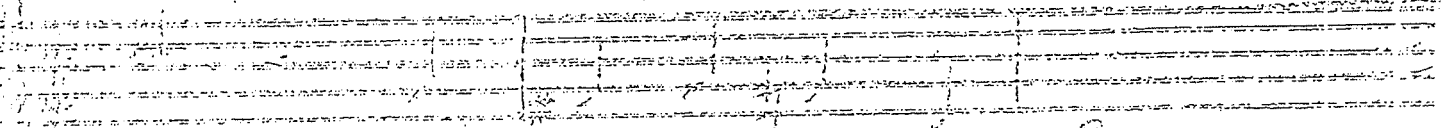
Hea-----r us Hear the Prayers of those who  
Heart Lov---ing joys that heaven a-



1. are your own. Help us to love our  
2. love can shower, That we may live a



1. led to greater mea-----sure In all the  
2. life of childlike good-----ness Show us your



1. ways you have so sweet---ly shown,  
2. ways. as with us lit---tle Flower.

3. We now implore your powerful intercession  
ask the Holy Child to hear our prayer  
Send down a rose from out the heavenly gardens  
To you we pray, to you whose name we bear.

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REVEREND MONSIGNOR  
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG KRAFT, KCHS  
POST OFFICE BOX 24 120024  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92112-0024

April 29, 2000

Reverend Monsignor Steven F. Callahan  
Chancellor

Dear Monsignor Steve,

May I kindly ask your consideration  
for reimbursement of the enclosed medical  
invoices? Retired Priests are allotted \$5,000  
medical expenses in addition to Medicare.  
Unfortunately, as one grows older, the cost  
of medical procedures exceeds this amount.  
Last year ('99) and a year before I  
exceeded \$5000 and was responsible for  
the excess personally, probably due to the  
fact I am an aging diabetic. At any  
rate, I am now experiencing heart  
complications that may be extensive,  
beyond this year's allotment.

Now, an angiogram is indicated but  
before I submitted I asked Dr. Douglas <sup>MD</sup> <sub>nee</sub>  
Cardiology

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if a new procedure known as Heart Scope  
might be used. He agreed - but there is  
only one facility at present - San Diego  
at Lifescope in University City. It is not  
covered by Medicare so Pacific Atlantic do  
not qualify it. I had the procedure but  
I had to charge the \$495<sup>00</sup> to my credit card

I apprise you, Monsignor, of this  
event. It did provide vital information  
regarding the calcification of the heart & its  
arteries. The "scan" is the state of the art  
for such but there is that only one:

I only wish I had the opportunity to  
purchase health insurance a few years before  
I retired - but the policy was the American  
plan would cover quite well.

I should greatly appreciate any  
consideration to satisfy the amount. For  
some years I did not approach the \$5000<sup>00</sup>  
limit while I retired.

Bless you in your special  
Apostolate to the Diocese and our people.  
I am now in my 49<sup>th</sup> year as of my  
ordination - I have yet to miss a Sunday  
Mass.  
Gratitude in the book of  
the presbiter

Bill Kraft

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CHECK REQUISITION

DATE May 1, 2000

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PAYEE Rev. Msgr. William Kraft

INVOICE DATE 4/26/2000

INVOICE # 1392

INVOICE AMOUNT \$495.00

DUE DATE upon receipt

DESCRIPTION ON CHECK: reimburse medical not covered by insurance

ACCT. # 001-4190-5110 AMOUNT \$495.00

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DEPARTMENT

AUTHORIZED BY

DATE

Chancellor

\_\_\_\_\_  
May 1, 2000

Note: Rev. Msgr. William Kraft  
P O Box 120024  
San Diego, CA 92112-0024

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**LIFESCORE**  
 8899 University Center Lane  
 San Diego, CA 92122  
 (858)558-7267

4/26/2000

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Patient: **William A. Kraft**  
 6910 Cibola Road  
 San Diego, CA 92120  
 Date of Birth: 04/13/1926  
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 Chart #: KRAWI000  
 Case #: 1392

Diagnosis: 1. 414.01 Assessment of coronary athero:  
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Instructions: Complete the patient information portion of your own insurance claim form. Attach this bill, signed and dated, and all other bills pertaining to the claim. If you have a deductible policy, hold your claim forms until you have met your deductible. Mail directly to your insurance carrier. *N/A*

Date	Description	Procedure	Modify	DX	Units	Charge
4/26/2000	Limited CT HEART Tech Component	71250-TC	TC		1	410.00
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4/26/2000	Lipid Panel Test	80061	YB		1	20.00
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4/26/2000	VISA CREDIT CARD PAYMENT	VISA			1	-495.00

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**Provider Information**  
 Provider Name: Michael C. Wright MD  
 License: G58919  
 Insurance PIN:  
 SSN or EIN: 33-0848295

Total Charges: **\$ 495.00**  
 Total Payments: -\$ 495.00  
 Total Adjustments: \$ 0.00  
 Total Due This Visit: **\$ 0.00**  
 Total Account Balance: \$ 0.00

Assign and Release: I hereby authorize payment of medical benefits to this physician for the services described above. I also authorize the release of any information necessary to process this claim

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL 1995

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:

- Bishop ..... Most Rev. Robert H. Brom
- Auxiliary Bishop ..... Most Rev. Gilbert E. Chavez
- Chancellor ..... Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Dillabough
- Director of Office for Priests ..... Rev. Michael F. Murphy
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- Associate Representative ..... Rev. William A. Springer
- Special Works Representative ..... Rev. William J. Ortmann
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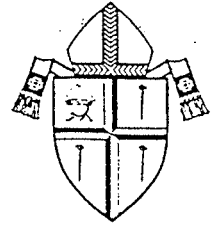
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CDR Michael A. Diaz, CHC, USN

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MEMORANDUM



Office of the Chancellor

May 3, 1993

TO: All Pastors and Diocesan Priests
FROM: Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Dillabough
RE: Quinquennial Report

To assist our office in preparation of the Quinquennial Report, please complete the following information and return to the Chancellor's Office by May 14, 1993.

Pastors:

To this time, have "Small Ecclesial Communities" or "Basic Christian Communities" been established in your parish?

Yes No

Diocesan Priests:

Please list each college degree, from which discipline and date received:

Table with 3 columns: Degree, Discipline, Date Received. Includes entries for B.A., M.Th., and D.Min. at St. Bernard's Seminary and University of San Diego.

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Rev. Msgr. William C. Kraft
Name Date 5/7/93

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Diocese of San Diego  
Office For Apostolic Ministry

May 21, 1991

Reverend Monsignor William A. Kraft  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Monsignor Kraft:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 20, 1991, requesting salary and living expenses for the month of July.

I have instructed Chris Guittard to arrange payment for your salary and \$1000 living expenses in order to provide for your needs until the diocesan retirement begins in August. I am also enclosing a celebret as requested.

If there is anything else I can do in helping in this transition, please feel free to call.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Dillabough, STD, JCL  
Chancellor

DJD/rs  
Enclosure

**ROBERT H. BROM**  
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA  
Episcopus Sancti Didaci

Dilecto Nobis in Christo

Reverend Monsignor William A. Kraft

Tibi, Diocesis Nostrae Presbytero Licentiam Discedendi ad \_\_\_\_\_

May 21, 1992

per has praesentes concedimus, testantes te nulla censura vel impedimento canonico in quantum scimus, esse irredum.

Datum Civ. Sancti Didaci May 21, 1991  
De Mandato Excellentissimi ac Reverendissimi Episcopi,

Secretarius

Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Dillabough, Chancellor

Office of Development

REVEREND MONSIGNOR WILLIAM A. KRAFT, D. MIN., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



RECEIVED MAY 21 1991

Mailing Address:

Post Office Box 24, San Diego, California 92112-0024

Office Location:

349 Cedar Street, Suite 316-318, San Diego, California 92101  
(619) 232-2812

May 20, 1991

Dear Msgr Dan,

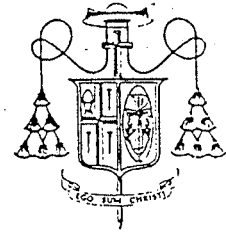
Enclosed is a copy of a letter I rec'd from Epler Co re retirement benefits which state they do not begin till August '91. My letter from the Bishop states my retirement on June 30, 1991. The Epler Co said - retirement payments never start until 30 days after retirement date. Is there any way I can be sustained for July for salary & living expenses?

Also I should appreciate receiving an updated celebrat Thanks for all your kindnesses.

Best  
Bill



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Office of the Bishop

April 3, 1991

Dear Monsignor Kraft:

I am writing to accept formally your request for retirement from active ministry, effective July 1, 1991, understanding your reasons for not wanting another assignment and happy that you will make yourself available for priestly service as your health allows.

Thank you for your life and ministry as a priest in the Diocese of San Diego since your ordination forty years ago. In particular, I am grateful for your service to Bishop Maher and the People of God as Director of the Annual Appeal and Planned Giving.

You will be succeeded by a Director of Stewardship and Development who will select his own staff. Consequently, please express my gratitude to your personal assistants, Josep Torroella and Barbara Sarda, who will conclude their service to the diocese as of June 30, 1991.

I pray that in retirement, the grace of your ordination will continue to bear fruit and that "God who has begun the good work in you will bring it to fulfillment."

Fraternally in our Lord,

Bishop of San Diego

✓ Reverend Monsignor William A. Kraft  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

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PASTORAL CENTER

REVEREND MONSIGNOR WILLIAM ARMSTRONG KRAFT

Dear friends,  
Easter 1991  
The joy of the Resurrection unites us  
with the Risen Christ!

I rejoice that I attain the age of 65  
on April 13<sup>th</sup> and on June 1st I celebrate  
my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Priestly Ordination.  
Bishop Brom has graciously acceded to my  
request to retire from active service effective  
July 1st. I look forward to time for a fulfilling  
life and spiritual renewal. I shall have more  
time for being with good friends and be of service  
when needed. I so appreciate your love and  
devotion over the years. Blessings always  
Father Kraft

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Diocese of San Diego  
Office For Apostolic Ministry

September 4, 1990

Dear Monsignor Kraft:

I am aware that because you are attending the Theological Institute in Rome, you will not be present at Catholic Charities Board meetings during your absence. Sr. RayMonda DuVall informs me that you are willing to resume position on the board upon your return, if that is desirable.

Given that I have asked you to continue your service in the Office of Development only for this fiscal year, and transitional year for me, I believe that it would be best for us to proceed to replacing you on the Catholic Charities Board at this time.

Thank you for your support for Catholic Charities and the contribution you have made to its development as a board member.

Fraternally in our Lord,

Bishop of San Diego

Rev. Msgr. William A. Kraft  
P.O. Box 24  
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cc: Sr. RayMonda DuVall  
bcc: Msgr. Daniel J. Dillabough ✓

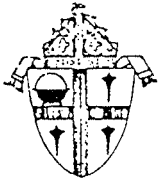
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July 23, 1990

Sr. RayMunda DuVall, Director  
Catholic Charities  
349 Cedar Street  
San Diego CA 92101

Dear Sister RayMunda,

I shall be away from the Diocese attending the Theological Institute at the North American College in Rome from September to december. May I kindly request a leave of absence from the Catholic Charities Board of Directors' meetings during this period.

I have enjoyed working with you and this dynamic group and I look forward to continuing to serve on the Board upon my return if you so desire.

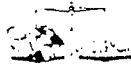
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Faithfully in Christ,

*William A. Kraft*

Rev. Msgr. William A. Kraft, D. Min.,  
Executive Director

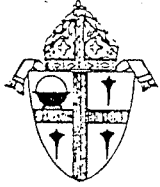
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July 23, 1990

Rev. Msgr. Daniel Dillabough  
Diocese of San Diego  
P.O. Box 80428  
San Diego CA 92138

Dear Monsignor Dillabough,

As I shall not be present in the Diocese from September to December due to my attending the Theological Institute at the North American College in Rome, may I kindly ask to be excused from attendance at the Building Committee meetings over that period of time.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the Building Committee over the past several years. I have tried to use what knowledge and experience I have gained as a builder of churches, rectories, halls, schools and convents as well as a mausoleum. (I am not bragging. I am just telling it as it is.).

I shall be pleased to continue on the Committee if so selected upon my return.

Faithfully in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. William A. Kraft, D. Min.,  
Executive Director.

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Diocese of San Diego  
Office For Apostolic Ministry

April 19, 1990

Dear Brother Priests:

Please take time to complete this Personal Data Form. The information you supply will be of valuable assistance to Bishop Maher and Bishop Brom in their consultations with the Priests' Personnel Board when reviewing assignments of priests this Spring/Summer.

Fraternally,

Rev. Msgr. Mark A. Campbell

PERSONAL DATA FORM

Date Filled Out \_\_\_\_\_

1.1 Name REV MSGR WMA KRAFT Year of Ordination 1951  
Date of Birth 4-13-26 Starting Date of Present Assignment 12-78

1.2 How is your health at the present time? GOOD  FAIR \_\_\_ POOR \_\_\_

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

2.0 CURRENT ASSIGNMENT PROFILE:

2.1 Name of Parish (or Agency) DEVELOPMENT OFFICE - PLANNED

2.2 How would you evaluate your present assignment? GIVING & STEWARD.

Well-fitted  Adequate \_\_\_\_\_ Unfitted \_\_\_\_\_

Well-fitted but here too long \_\_\_\_\_ Happier Elsewhere \_\_\_\_\_

2.3 Would you welcome a change at this time? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

2.4 Would you be available for vacation supply? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

2.5 Knowledge of languages (Please indicate degree or fluency):

SPANISH: YES  NO \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH \_\_\_\_\_ MODERATE  SLIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

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OTHER LANGUAGE: French  
 HIGH \_\_\_\_\_ MODERATE X SLIGHT \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER LANGUAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HIGH \_\_\_\_\_ MODERATE \_\_\_\_\_ SLIGHT \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER LANGUAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HIGH \_\_\_\_\_ MODERATE \_\_\_\_\_ SLIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

3.0 PREFERENCE PROFILE:

3.1 SPECIAL INTEREST:

At some time in the history of your ministry, perhaps on a limited term basis, would you be interested in? Hospital Chaplaincy Work \_\_\_\_\_, High School Teaching \_\_\_\_\_, Campus Ministry \_\_\_\_\_,

OTHER (Specify) already served as Chaplain to Sharp Hosp & 12 other hospitals - Was founder of Keweenaw Apostolate for Diocese 1952 - 1963

3.2 You may describe any special experience, talents, degrees, courses of study that you feel should be considered in making your assignments.

Rec'd Doctor of Ministry from Claremont in Church Administration & recognized as expert in Theology of Sacraments & Profes of work in model for

3.3 Types of parishes you would be interested in for your next assignment: parishes

Mark number at left of your choice: #1 Most Interest #2 Moderate #3 Little Interest #4 No Interest

- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <u>4</u> One-Priest Parish                | <u>4</u> Inner-City Parish       |
| <u>4</u> Two-Priest Parish                | <u>4</u> City Parish             |
| <u>4</u> Three-Priest Parish              | <u>4</u> Spanish-Speaking Parish |
| <u>4</u> Mountain Parish                  | <u>4</u> Desert Parish           |
| <u>4</u> Native American Parish/Community |                                  |
| <u>4</u> Other (Please Describe) _____    |                                  |

4.0 ASSOCIATES:

4.1 Please list the names of at least five parish assignments which you believe would be productive for you as Associate Pastor. You may also list reasons why you believe such an assignment would be mutually beneficial to you and the parish.

<u>PREFERENCE</u>	<u>REASONS</u>
1. <u>None</u>	
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

4.2 Are there any assignments you would not want to accept?

<u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>	<u>REASONS</u>
1. <u>None - I'm well disposed to</u>	
2. <u>following any assignment the Bishop</u>	
3. <u>would direct me to fulfill</u>	
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

5.0 PASTORS:

Although you may not desire a new assignment at this time, would you like to be considered for any particular parish should it become available in the future?

Names of Parishes:

1. Immaculata
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

6.0 Thank you for filling out this Personal Data Form. We would like to remind you that all Board Members are available for Personal Interviews. Please feel free to approach them. Board Members are:

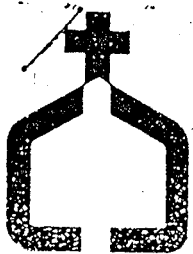
Most Reverend Leo T. Maher	Rev. Michael Cunnane
Most Reverend Robert H. Brom	Rev. Msgr. Eamonn Lyng
Most Reverend Gilbert E. Chavez	Rev. Vincent Lorenz
Rev. Msgr. Mark A. Campbell	Rev. Raymond G. O'Donnell
Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen	Rev. Peter Escalante
Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Dillabough	Rev. Msgr. John Rhatigan
Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Duncanson	

If you would like an interview, please circle the name of the Board Member with whom you would like to speak.

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Please return the completed Personal Data Form by May 1, 1990 to:

Rev. Msgr. Mark A. Campbell  
Vicar for Clergy  
Diocese of San Diego  
P. O. Box 80428  
San Diego, CA 92138-0428  
Office Phone: 574-6369  
Residence: 298-3786



# Catholic Charities USA

1319 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20004 (202) 639-8400

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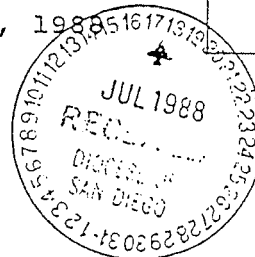
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Rev. Thomas J. Harvey

July 13, 1988



Most Rev. Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Post Office Box 80428  
San Diego, CA 92138

Dear Bishop Maher:

On May 9, 1988 Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan wrote to you requesting the appointment of a diocesan disaster relief coordinator. The letter was well received and a good number of coordinators have been appointed.

As of today, we have not received an appointment from your diocese. The goal is to have one coordinator identified and listed from each diocese in the event that a natural disaster would occur in your area. Enclosed is a form for your use as you consider an appointment to this position.

A one page summary of the purpose of this committee is also enclosed and can be passed on to your appointee with information that upon acceptance of the appointment, he/she will be sent information about a national meeting of Disaster Coordinators in St. Louis on October 10, 1988.

Please forward your response to the National Catholic Disaster Relief Committee in care of Catholic Charities USA. If you have any questions regarding this program, please refer them to Brother Joseph Berg, C.S.C. at the national office of Catholic Charities.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this important matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Francis M. Kumontis  
Chairman, National Catholic  
Disaster Relief Committee

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Date 1988

Response form for updating  
the Dio. Coordinators for the  
National Catholic Disaster  
Relief Committee

For the Diocese of San Diego

Our records indicate that your previous Dio. Disaster Relief  
Coordinator for the Diocese was \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the following information on your appointment:

NAME: Rev. Msgr. William A. Kraft, D.Min.

TITLE: Director of Development

ORGANIZATION: Diocese of San Diego

ADDRESS: P. O. Box 24

\* San Diego, CA 92112

TEL: Office: (619) 232-2812 Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

This information was given by Bishop Leo T. Maher

The Committee appreciates your cooperation in appointing a  
Disaster Relief Coordinator. The Committee will follow up on  
your appointment by communicating with he/she in the near future.

Please return this form to:

National Catholic Disaster Relief Committee  
Response Form  
Catholic Charities USA  
1319 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE  
(CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA, SECRETARIAT)  
1319 F STREET N.W., 4th Floor  
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Chairman  
Office (717) 657-4804  
Home (717) 697-2614

Brother Joesph Berg, C.S.C.  
General Secretary  
Office (202) 639-8400  
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#### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The National Catholic Disaster Relief Committee is responsible for coordinating the activities of Catholic groups in time of domestic disaster.

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has assigned Catholic Charities USA to act as secretariat to the committee. The committee is responsible to the United States Catholic Conference and the Board of Catholic Charities USA.

#### DISASTER PROGRAM

The National Catholic Disaster Relief Committee is designated by the United States Catholic Conference to act on behalf of the Catholic Church in domestic disaster relief matters. The staff of Catholic Charities USA provides support and assistance. It is the responsibility of the Committee to work with appointed Diocesan Disaster Coordinators and local Catholic Charities offices. At the national level the committee is responsible for keeping in contact with other national voluntary organizations and with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The local Disaster Coordinators together with the Catholic Charities staff coordinate the efforts of the local diocesan parishes, schools, and institutions and work with ecumenical or non-sectarian groups active on the local level, to develop an organized response plan to disasters.

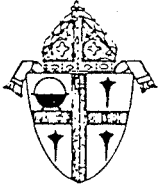
When a major disaster strikes a locale, contact is established between the local coordinators and the national staff. An immediate assessment is made of the extent of damage, number of victims, and the ability of local resources to meet the needs. If outside assistance is needed beyond phone consultation, consultants may be assigned to go to the area affected to advise the local church authorities. Funding for the disaster is primarily a local diocesan responsibility. Special fund raising efforts are conducted within the diocese, and often appeals are made to surrounding dioceses to assist in meeting the need. If other immediate financial help is required for early start-up needs, help may be available from the Committees' small emergency reserve. If the disaster is of major proportions and large-scale help is needed, the committee may launch a national appeal through the local dioceses.

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REVEREND MONSIGNOR WILLIAM A. KRAFT, D. MIN., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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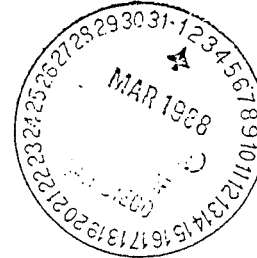
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March 1, 1988

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California



Esteemed Bishop Maher,

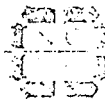
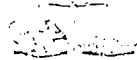
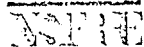
Permit me to respond with enthusiastic ardor to your gracious letter appointing me to continue to serve as your appointee to the Presbyteral Council and to reaffirm my continuance as a Consultor of the Diocese.

You are assured of my conscientious participation in these two important assignments. I am personally so pleased when called upon to be of service to the Church and be of personal assistance to you, dear Bishop.

I pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit to continue my ministry under your inspired, dynamic leadership. When it is time to release the reins, I, too, will accede in following your example.

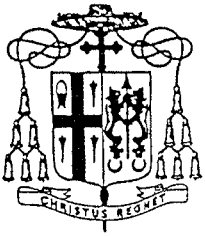
With inexpressable admiration and genuine friendship,

Faithfully in Christ,



Annual Stewardship Campaign ♦ Planned Giving — Pooled Income Fund, Trusts, Wills & Bequests  
Campaign for Human Development ♦ Annual Bishops' Overseas Appeal

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry / Alcalá Park

January 27, 1988

Rev. Msgr. William A. Kraft, D.Min.  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Monsignor Kraft:

I am pleased to reappoint you as a member of the Presbyteral Council for a term of three years, effective immediately.

Your appointment as Consultor of the Diocese of San Diego continues in effect until December 31, 1989.

Thank you very much for your service in these positions which are of great importance to the work of the Diocese in all its phases.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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E. Aguilar  
Notary

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Diocese of San Diego  
Office For Apostolic Ministry

May 4, 1987

Dear Brother Priests and Deacons:

I regret to inform you of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Kraft, nee Armstrong, the mother of Monsignor William A. Kraft, Director of the Office of Development, Diocese of San Diego, on Sunday evening, May 3, 1987, at Nazareth House, San Diego, at the age of 94 years.

Mrs. Kraft was predeceased by her husband, William, on December 26, 1970.

Mrs. Kraft is survived by her son, Monsignor William; and daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Ruth Earl, of Arcadia.

The funeral arrangements are as follows:

Rosary Service  
Wednesday evening, at 7:30 p.m.  
Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala

Mass of Christian Burial  
Thursday morning, at 10:00 a.m.  
Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala

Bishop Leo T. Maher will be the principal celebrant. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum.

Fraternally,

Reverend Mark A. Campbell

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October 21, 1986

Rev. Msgr. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Monsignor Kraft:

I am pleased to appoint you as the Director of Catholic Relief Services in the Diocese of San Diego. This will involve probably attending some meetings, plus getting the information out to the pastors and especially some publicity on the collection for Laetare Sunday.

Individual letters are sent to the pastors signed by myself and the date of the collection is placed in the Officials column of the diocesan newspaper.

Thank you for your assistance in this very important matter.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

LTM:ea

*CONCORDAT*

*E. J. Maher*  
*Notary*

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry / Alcalá Park

Noviembre 8 de 1985

Excmo. y Rvmo. Sr. Dr.  
Dn. Rosendo Huesca Pacheco  
Arzobispo de Puebla de Los Angeles  
Puebla de Los Angeles, Puebla  
MEXICO

Excelencia Reverendísima:

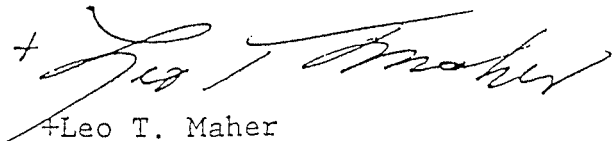
Tengo el placer de dirigirme a V.E.R. con un afectuoso saludo y con el motivo de recomendar para su consideración la solicitud del Rvdo. Monseñor William A. Kraft para Canon Honorario de la Arquidiócesis de Puebla.

Monseñor Kraft siempre ha demostrado un afecto especial por el pueblo mexicano y su generosidad ha cruzado las fronteras en muchas ocasiones, cuando se ha sentido la necesidad.

Monseñor Kraft es Caballero de la Orden Ecuestre del Santo Sepulcro de Jerusalén, perteneciendo a la lugartenencia occidental de Estados Unidos.

Con mis mejores deseos, permanezco de V.E.

Hermano en Cristo,

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+Leo T. Maher  
Obispo de San Diego

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ANNES PAVLVS II PONT. MAX.

DILECTE FILI, SALVTEM ET APOSTOLICAM BENEDITIONEM.

NOTAS LIBENTI BENIGNOQVE ANIMO EXCIPIENTES, VT SINGVLARIS IN TE BENEVOLENTIAE NOSTRAE TESTIMONIUM QVIPPE CVM DE CATHOLICAE REI PROPECTV ATQVE INCREMENTO NON VNO SIS NOMINE BENE MERITVS, TE

*Guillelmum A. Kraft*

*e Dioecesi S. Didaci*

NOSTRVM PRAELATVM HONORARIVM

ELIGIMVS, FACIMVS AC RENVNTIAMVS

HONORES, PRAEROGATIVAS CONCEDIMVS, QVAE EX INSTRVCTIONE «VT SIVE» SECRETARIAE STATVS SEV PAPALIS SVNT CONIUNCTA.

ETRYM, DIE VIII Maii MCMLXXXV.



*A. Card. Casati*

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH  
2802 CADIZ STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110 133

PARISH PROFILE: JULY 1, 1977 through JUNE 30, 1978

ESTIMATED CATHOLIC POPULATION C 22000 in Loma Portal

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES 805

TOTAL NUMBER OF ENVELOPE USERS 252

TOTAL SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE 1,804  
(for all Masses including Saturday Masses with Sunday liturgy)

SEATING CAPACITY OF CHURCH 740

ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF PARISH:  
(Percentage of those registered)

Anglo	<u>93</u>	of
Mexican American	<u>1</u>	of
American Indian	<u>0</u>	of
Black	<u>0</u>	of
Oriental (Filipino)	<u>6</u>	of

VOCATIONS: Male one Female -0-  
(Diocesan, Religious-specify)

PARISH SCHOOL: Students 259 Sisters 2 Lay Teachers 6

PARISH CCD: Students 115 Sisters 1 Lay Teachers 11

PARISH COUNCIL: Year established 1969 Clergy 2 Lay 15

Name and address of Chairman Mr. John Richardson

LAY EMPLOYEES: (Excluding School) Give Name, Position, Gross Monthly Salary:

- Florence Hayes-secretary-\$655.
- Neil Riedel-custodian-\$325.
- Mary-Ellen Riedel-hskpr.-\$312.
- Thomas Tucker-Flk music dir.-\$200.
- youth co.-\$366.
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PASTOR Rev. William A. Kraft Date of Appt. July 1, 1977

ASSOCIATE Rev. John C. Keith Date of Appt. Jan. 5, 1978

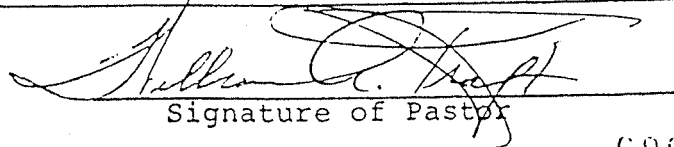
ASSOCIATE \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Appt. \_\_\_\_\_

IN RESIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Appt. \_\_\_\_\_

HOW IS PARISH CHANGING: Ethnically Static  
Economically Depressed- due to commercialization  
Agewise Over 50% of families over 55

DUE AUGUST 1, 1978

Received at Diocesan Office  
7/20/78

  
Signature of Pastor

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ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH  
2802 CADIZ STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110 066

PARISH PROFILE: JULY 1, 1978 through JUNE 30, 1979

ESTIMATED CATHOLIC POPULATION Civil. pop. Loma Portal about 25000 - Cath? 2500-  
3000

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED FAMILIES 785

TOTAL NUMBER OF ENVELOPE USERS 225

TOTAL SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE about 1,000 for six Masses as of January 14, 1979  
(for all Masses including Saturday Masses with Sunday liturgy)

SEATING CAPACITY OF CHURCH about 600

ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF PARISH: Anglo 94 %  
Mexican American 3 %  
(Percentage of those American Indian \_\_\_\_\_ %  
registered) Black \_\_\_\_\_ %  
Oriental (Filipino) 3 %

VOCATIONS: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
(Diocesan, Religious-specify)  
3 teaching

PARISH SCHOOL: Students 263 Sisters 2 retired Lay Teachers 6

PARISH CCD: Students 60 Sisters 1 Lay Teachers \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH COUNCIL: Year established \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy \_\_\_\_\_ Lay \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of Chairman Robert Adelizzi, 511 San Fernando St., S.D. 92106

LAY EMPLOYEES: (Excluding School) Give Name, Position, Gross Monthly Salary:

Housekeeper		Choir Director	
1. Marjorie Williams	\$360.00	4. Donald Glattly	\$125.00
Secretary		Organist	
2. Florence Hayes	\$686.00	5. Agnes Cawthorne	\$100.00
Custodian		Office Boy	
3. John Felder	\$540.00	6. Scott Magnuson	\$150.00
Tom Tucker, Folk dir.	\$125.00	John Kelleher, Folk singer	\$150.00

PASTOR: Rev. Robert T. Callahan Date of Appt. January 8, 1979

ASSOCIATE Rev. John C. Keith Date of Appt. January 5, 1978

ASSOCIATE - Date of Appt. \_\_\_\_\_

IN RESIDENCE Rev. Fred Gaglia Date of Appt. June 17, 1979

HOW IS PARISH CHANGING: Ethnically No major shift  
Economically Retirees, fixed income, little new blood  
Agewise Older and older, Senior Citizens housing

DUE AUGUST 1, 1979

Received at Diocesan Office

8/1/79

Robert T. Callahan  
Signature of Pastor

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SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture appropriately takes place immediately following the greeting at beginning of Mass. The congregation is seated. The Monsignor stands before the Bishop and the following sequence begins:

1. Reading of Rescript.
2. Profession of Faith or Renewal of Commitment.
3. Blessing of Vestment.
4. Investiture.  
(The Monsignor steps before the Bishop)
5. Kiss of Peace.  
(Bishop Maher will greet the Monsignor with the Kiss of Peace and invite the congregation to do the same).

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry / Alcala Park

FROM POPE JOHN PAUL II  
TO OUR BELOVED SON

(NAME OF HONORARY PRELATE)

OF THE

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

GOOD WISHES AND APOSTOLIC BLESSINGS.

IT IS WITH JOYFUL ACCORD THAT WE CONCUR WITH THE  
RECOMMENDATION MADE TO US THAT YOU SHOULD BE  
RECOGNIZED FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN  
PROMOTING THE INTEREST OF THE CHURCH.

WE HEREBY CONFER ON YOU THE TITLE OF HONORARY  
PRELATE OF HIS HOLINESS, AND GIVE YOU THE HONORS  
AND PRIVILEGES CONNECTED WITH THIS DISTINCTION,  
IN ACCORD WITH THE PAPAL INSTRUCTION "UT SIVE"  
OF THE PAPAL SECRETARIAT OF STATE.

GIVEN IN ROME AT THE BASILICA OF SAINT PETER THE  
APOSTLE ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR OF OUR  
LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE.

A. CARDINAL CASAROLI  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen

PRELATE'S OATH

I, N.N., raised to the dignity of Honorary Prelate  
by the Apostolic Brief just read, and touching these  
Holy Gospels, solemnly pledge and affirm to live up  
to the distinction conferred on me, in so far as is  
humanly possible; and faithfully to respect the  
traditions enjoined to this title, and to observe  
the Constitutions of the Supreme Pontiffs concerning  
this honor, especially the document *Ut Sive* of the  
Vatican Secretariat of State.

So help me God, and these His Holy Gospels.

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RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

BISHOP: MY BROTHER, WHEN YOU WERE ORDAINED A PRIEST,  
YOU PROMISED TO SERVE FAITHFULLY GOD AND HIS  
CHURCH. DO YOU NOW RENEW THAT PROMISE?

MONSIGNOR I DO.

BISHOP DO YOU PROMISE TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST  
AND THE OTHER SACRAMENTS WITH REVERENCE  
AND DEVOTION?

MONSIGNOR I DO.

BISHOP: WILL YOU STRIVE TO UNDERSTAND THE GOSPEL  
MORE FULLY, TO DEVELOP A DEEPER PERSONAL  
RELATIONSHIP TO CHRIST OUR LORD, AND TO  
ANNOUNCE WITH ABSOLUTE FIDELITY THE GOOD  
NEWS YOU HAVE RECEIVED?

MONSIGNOR: I WILL.

BISHOP: DO YOU PROMISE TO RESPECT AND OBEY OUR  
HOLY FATHER THE POPE, ME YOUR BISHOP, AND  
MY SUCCESSORS?

MONSIGNOR: I DO.

BISHOP: MAY GOD CONFIRM YOU IN THIS HOLY RESOLVE.

MONSIGNOR: AMEN.

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BLESSING OF VESTMENT

BISHOP:

GOD OUR FATHER, WE ASK YOU TO BLESS THIS VESTMENT  
OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY. MAY IT BE AN OUTWARD SIGN  
OF TOTAL DEDICATION TO YOUR PEOPLE.

MAY YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT, OUR BROTHER, PERSEVERE  
IN HIS VOCATION, AND THROUGH HIS LOVING FIDELITY  
TO CHRIST, THE PRIEST, CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT THE  
CHURCH'S APOSTOLIC MISSION.

WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

AMEN

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# NSE RE

National Society of Fund Raising Executives  
1511 K Street N.W. Washington D.C. 20005 202 638-1393



Dear Most Rev. Maher:

The following candidate:

William A. Kraft, CFRE 02491  
Diocese Of San Diego  
Post Office 24  
San Diego CA 92112

has recently applied for recertification as a fund-raising executive. In order to validate information submitted by the candidate, we'd appreciate your assistance.

Would you please check the following items of which you are personally aware:

- The candidate has been employed within your institution in a fund-raising capacity during the last three years.
- The candidate has performed in the effort to raise funds for your institution.
- The candidate has continued his/her education in the field by attending educational programs in fund-raising management.
- The candidate has served his/her profession by speaking, teaching, writing or working in a professional association in the area of fund-raising to assist other fund raisers.

Thank you for your assistance. Please return this form no later than December 1, 1984. We've enclosed a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

*John Maher*  
signature

11/20/84  
date

Sincerely,

*Mary Lou Coleman*  
Mary-Lou Coleman  
Director of Education

Enclosure



Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry / Alcalá Park

September 4, 1984

Rev. William A. Kraft, D.Min.  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

I am pleased to appoint you as a Consultor of the Diocese of San Diego for a five-year period ending December 31, 1989.

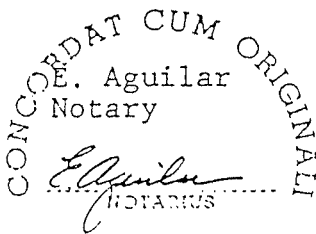
Your service in this position will be of great importance to the work of the Diocese in all its phases.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

†Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
POST OFFICE BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92112

March 25, 1983

Beloved Bishop,

I am still lost in reverie regarding your magnificent proposal to me this week. To think that you have deemed me worthy to be proposed as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre is overwhelming to me. And what is more, that the event will take place at the Holy Shrine in Jerusalem -- the envy of every Knight.

My words however eloquent or simple would never be able to express my profound appreciation to you personally, dear Bishop, for your magnanimous gesture. "Thank God, for the wisdom of my Bishop", has been a theme for many of my meditations throughout these many years. Though at times my eyes filled with tears, not for myself but for whatever agony I may have caused my dear Bishop and my life, the church, I renew my pledge of thirty-two years of devotion, love, loyalty to my Bishop and the church I have been proud to serve and pray the continued strength of health and determined purpose to valiantly attest my life's commitment in the ministry entrusted to me by the diocese and bishop I love so dearly.

How joyous my dear mother would be, were she to comprehend at this time how wonderful you have been to me. Her reverence and devotion to you personally have been a hallmark of her waning years. Would she could express her delight to you.

Know that you have my unfailing devotion and filial love.

With ultimate appreciation  
and devotion,

*Bill*

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March 9, 1982

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Bill:

Since you have become recognized by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives as a Certified Fund Raising Executive, I wish to extend to you my congratulations. I do not know of anyone else in the work of the Church that has this distinction.

It not only helps the work of the Church but our relationships to other fund raising organizations in our community.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

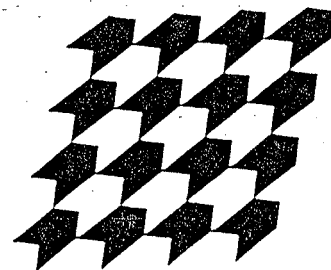
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Bishop of San Diego

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National Society of Fund Raising Executives

Suite 831, Investment Building,  
1511 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202) 638-1393



January 29, 1982

The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
P.O. Box 80428  
San Diego, CA 92138

Dear Rev. Maher:

You will be pleased to know that Rev. Dr. William A. Kraft has been recognized by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives as a Certified Fund Raising Executive.

This means that prescribed standards of tenure, achievement, education, knowledge and service to the fund raising profession have been met successfully.

Our congratulations have already been extended to the new Certified Fund Raising Executive and we congratulate you as well on this special recognition that has come to a member of your staff.

A suggested publicity release is enclosed for your use.

Sincerely,

Robert Pierpont  
Chairman  
NSFRE Certification Board

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Suggested Press Release  
National Society of Fund Raising Executives  
Certified Fund Raising Executive

The National Society of Fund Raising Executives has conferred upon \_\_\_\_\_ status as a Certified Fund Raising Executive.

Robert Pierpont, Vice President for Development at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York, announced this action of the Certification Board on December 4, 1981 by releasing the names of 146 Certified Fund Raising Executives, the very first who have been so recognized by NSFRE.

Being designated as a Certified Fund Raising Executive indicates that \_\_\_\_\_ has achieved standards of tenure, performance, education, knowledge and service to the fund raising profession.

Those who became certified came from 23 different states and represent a cross section of philanthropic institutions and fund raising organizations.

Certification is for a three-year period, 1982 through 1984. Each candidate for certification was required to take a written examination, testing fund raising skills and knowledge. Examinations will be given again in 1982: on March 20 in Toronto; on April 24 in Washington, D.C./Baltimore, St. Louis, San Francisco, Boston, New York City, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Atlanta and Minneapolis; and on October 2 in Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Miami, Phoenix, Detroit, New Jersey and Houston.

The National Society of Fund Raising Executives is a professional organization based in Washington, D.C. with a membership of more than 3,000 professional fund raisers. Chairman is Robert Blum, Chairman of Blum Associates, San Anselmo, California.

For further information, please contact Richard Wilson, Executive Vice President, NSFRE, 1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 831, Washington, D.C. 20005, telephone (202)638-1393, if you have any questions.

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November 25, 1981

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for the contribution to the work of the Diocese in the amount of \$5,000.00. I appreciate this assistance. It will aid with some of our projects.

With gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

Office of Financial Programs and Planning  
Reverend William A. Kraft, Director

MAILING ADDRESS  
P.O. BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92112

OFFICE LOCATION  
349 CEDAR STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101

October 15, 1981



His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Dear Bishop,

Thank you for your letter of appointment to continue to serve as a member of the Diocesan Building Committee for another three years.

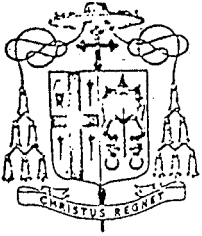
I am most pleased to participate in the important work of this Commission. I find it stimulating and challenging. It has been a monthly event I enjoy anticipating.

You are assured of my continued loyalty and personal devotion.

With filial love and esteem

William A. Kraft

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry / Alcalá Park

October 14, 1981

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, Ca. 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

I am pleased to reappoint you as a member of the Building Committee for the Diocese of San Diego effective July 1, 1981. The normal term of office is for a period of three years.

Your past service and loyalty are greatly appreciated and I am sure you will continue to serve faithfully in the future.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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May 27, 1981

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, Ca. 92112

Dear Bill:

Please accept my congratulations on your commencement from Claremont School of Theology. I know that an earned doctorate requires long hours of preparation and dedication, and I sincerely congratulate you on this accomplishment. Your degree will certainly stand you in good stead for the very effective work you are doing in our diocese.

I am grateful to you for being present at the silver jubilee celebration for Joe Brennan and me and I am sorry I did not have a chance to visit with you on that day.

I wish also to thank you for the Mass you offered for the recovery of my father. He is showing some slight improvement which is attributable to your Mass and the prayers of so many.

Please be assured of my best wishes.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen  
Chancellor

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OFFICE LOCATION  
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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101

May 15, 1981



His Excellency  
The Most Rev. Leo T. Maher

Beloved Bishop,

Thank you so much for your letter appointing me Director of the Campaign for Human Development.

You are assured of my ardent willingness to pursue this task with every accumen and endeavor to insure its success.

With inestimable esteem  
& respect,

William A. Kraft

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May 11, 1981

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

I am pleased to appoint you Diocesan Director of the Campaign for Human Development.

Father Douglas Regin has served in this capacity in the past. You may consult with him to find out the details of what this involves.

As you know, the CHD collection is taken up around Thanksgiving to serve the poor in the United States. It has been very successful, but needs to be advertised to make the people aware of what is being accomplished.

Wishing you every success in this new endeavor, I am, with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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May 5, 1981

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Bill:

Certainly the reception of the degree of Doctor of Ministry is an opportunity to express to you my own congratulations!

These years have prepared you in a very special way to serve our people. It is not only an honor, but as the word itself says, a ministry which has allowed you to grow and develop your priestly work of service.

Thanking you for your work here in the Diocese and looking forward to greater opportunities for you to be of assistance in the growth of our Diocese, I am

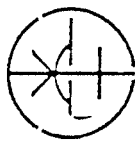
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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The Degree Of  
DOCTOR OF MINISTRY  
will be conferred

The President, Trustees, Faculty, Staff  
and the  
Class of Nineteen Hundred Eighty-one

on  
The Reverend

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT CLAREMONT  
invite you to attend the

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG KRAFT

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

Priest  
of the

Saturday, the sixteenth of May  
at eleven o'clock

Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego

Claremont United Church of Christ, Congregational  
Harvard Avenue at Sixth Street  
Claremont, California

Morning Communion Service  
nine o'clock  
Kresge Chapel

January 20, 1981

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

Dear Bill:

Since I have received a copy of your dissertation entitled "Total Stewardship, Symbol and Reality for the Contemporary Church: A Roman Catholic Perspective," I hasten to congratulate you on this accomplishment that you may receive a degree as a Doctor of Ministry from the School of Theology at Claremont, California.

This accomplishment deserves our praise and admiration, and our felicitations. It will serve, also, to assist in your present assignment of promoting financial assistance to many charitable educational projects.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry / Alcalá Park

April 21, 1980

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, California 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

I am pleased to appoint you as Director of Planned Giving, effective immediately.

I ask that you contact Father John Cuddigan, S.J. so that he can transfer all the materials to your office.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important work.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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cc: Rev. John Cuddigan, S.J.

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October 22, 1979

Reverend William A. Kraft, Director  
Office of Financial Programs and Planning  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego, California 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your letter of October 17, 1979, with regard to your listing in the 1979 OFFICIAL CATHOLIC DIRECTORY.

We regret that your name was omitted from the alphabetical index of priests. However, we point out that the Directory is now being printed by computer. And the information for the index is extracted only from the listings following the Curia section. The program is not written to extract the names in the Curia section.

Since your name appears only in the Curia section of the Diocese of San Diego, it should also be included on a Special Assignment list, following the last church. (See page 840 in the Diocese of San Bernardino.)

We have also noted your request that your name be kept on our national mailing lists.

Best wishes, and many thanks for bringing the matter to our attention.

Sincerely,



ARTHUR REID KENEDY  
Publisher

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CC to Reverend Daniel J. Dillabough

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## DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

Office of Financial Programs and Planning  
Reverend William A. Kraft, DirectorMAILING ADDRESS  
P.O. BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92112OFFICE LOCATION  
349 CEDAR STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101

October 17, 1979

P. J. Kenedy and Sons  
Box 729  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Sirs:

I am addressing this letter to your attention so that you may take proper steps that my name be kept on your current lists of ordained priests in good standing and more importantly, that the department that I have headed since November of 1978 and my name be not omitted in the next edition. In the edition for 1979 my name did not appear in the alphabetical listing in the rear nor with any official position with the Diocese of San Diego with the exception as being included as a member of the Building Commission.

I realize that with the added burden of separating the San Bernardino Diocese from the last edition, this entailed many problems. I was ordained in 1951 here in San Diego, for this Diocese. My name and position has been included in the past twenty-seven editions. I have been the founder of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish where I remained as Pastor until 1971 when I founded Good Shepherd Parish where I remained as Pastor until 1977 when I became Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, all parishes within the City of San Diego. In November of 1978, I left Saint Charles Borromeo to establish this office under the general administration of the Diocese of San Diego. The above letterhead details the title, mailing address, location.

I have a letter from Father Daniel Dillabough, who prepared the diocesan information last year, stating that the omission was an oversight due to the timing in the establishment of the office. I have every confidence that you will keep my name on your national mailing lists and that you will take particular note to include my name in the general roster and under the Diocese of San Diego in the next edition.

Faithfully yours,

(Rev.) William A. Kraft

Director, Office of Financial Programs

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MEMO-LETTER®

TO Monsignor Egan

DATE July 17, 1979

From: Bishop Weber

SUBJECT Job Description for  
Director of Financial  
Programs and Planning

Attached is a draft prepared by Father Kraft. You will

note I changed the last paragraph. Probably some addition

should be made in the title now specific. I will come

your suggestions.

Form ML4-N72 The Drawing Board, Inc., Box 505, Dallas, Texas

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D R A F T

Diocese of San Diego  
Office of Financial Programs and Planning  
349 - Cedar Street  
San Diego, Ca. 92101

Proposed Job Description - Rough Draft

Director shall organize, promote, co-ordinate the planning stages of Needs Assessments of the Diocese. He shall provide guidance, necessary instructional seminars for successful presentation of Annual Diocesan Bishop's Appeal and Parish <sup>FINANCIAL</sup> Outreach program conducted - from late January to Easter Sunday each year.

He shall be responsible to the Bishop, to work with the Budget Committee and the Annual Drive Committee to equitably set Diocesan targets for parishes and assist pastors when requested in determining the best approach in setting parish goals for particular parochial needs.

The Director shall co-ordinate preparation of all parish computer lists in a continual up-dating program; Supervise computer collection and issue reports.

Director shall co-ordinate with Communication's Director of Diocese - all campaign literature and promotional material for production and release to media. Time schedules, regional meetings, parish seminars and audio visual materials - all with approval of Bishop.

Director shall be prepared to visit pastors and parishes and offer any assistance requested by pastors to promote efficient operation of annual appeal. Director shall represent Diocese on the National Catholic Stewardship Council.

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Part II

Director shall provide in-service programs for parishes throughout the year geared to parish needs especially in offering structured educational and organizational programs based on Theology of Stewardship. Program conducted by Director at invitation of the parish - to effect greater involvement in parish life by parishioners and consequent higher level of weekly parish giving. Scheduling of such programs is to take place apart from annual diocesan appeal. Program would include parish needs assessment and proportionate fee to be collected by diocesan office for this special service.

Part III

Offer Consultation services in preparation of Grant Proposals including the identification of suitable foundations for Grant submissal. Office hopes to maintain up-to-date reference materials and newsletters in area of grantsmanship to be of service to any diocesan agency including parishes and their special projects. Cost of special research required in preparation of such proposals would be the responsibility of agency or parish applying.

~~No specific Budget is set for this department as necessary expenses will be submitted to general accounting department monthly. Priest-Director will receive honorarium from diocese to include reimbursement for living expenses.~~

*W.B. Shroy -*

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# Catholic Community Services

of the Diocese of San Diego

Telephone  
235-6481

Catholic Family Service  
349 Cedar Street  
San Diego, Calif. 92101

June 20, 1979

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher  
Diocesan Office  
P. O. Box 80428  
San Diego, Ca. 92138

Dear Bishop Maher:

Thank you for your Memo of June 19th regarding Father Kraft's position as Director of Stewardship. This clarifies both for Father Kraft and myself, the role that he can play with our agency and has been a source of relief to him.

We have discussed the implications of this change as it affects our current operations. Father Kraft and I are in agreement that he will follow through on two items that are currently pending but which should not interfere in the performance of his new position.

Sincerely yours in  
Christ,

Rev. Douglas Regin  
Executive Director

cc: Father Kraft  
Msgr. Eagen

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Douglas Regin  
FROM: Most Rev. Leo T. Maher  
DATE: June 19, 1979  
RE: Father Kraft's position and salary

Father Kraft has been appointed full-time, on a diocesan basis, as director of Stewardship for 1980, plus director of funding from foundations for special ministries in the Diocese, including that of Catholic Social Services. His salary, therefore, will be from the Diocese and not from Catholic Social Services.

cc: Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen

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February 2, 1979

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, California 92112

Dear Bill:

Since receiving your letter of January 30, 1979 in which you express your interest in the directorship of Catholic Family Service, I have inquired concerning the prerequisites of this position.

The director must be a credentialed counselor and have five years of administrative experience in the position of directing counselors.

You can discuss the matter with Father Regin, but I do not believe that you can apply for the position because of the prerequisites required.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry / Alcalá Park

REV. WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
Director of Stewardship  
Diocese of San Diego  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego, CA 92112

January 30, 1979

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

Most Reverend and dear Bishop,

I have just received the agenda for the next meeting of the Board of Catholic Family Service to be held on February 5, 1979. On the agenda is an item regarding the establishment of a Search Committee for a new Director of Catholic Family Service. May I respectfully suggest to Your Excellency that I may be considered for that post vacated by Robert Peer? Dr. Peer was still in the position of Director when I reported here in November. Though I have said nothing to Father Regin, I believe my eventual role here overlaps positions already in existence namely, Nancy Brown and Hal Rowe's activities are in a similar field as what one would be considered as "Development Director". I am familiar with Mr. Peer's duties as I have been associated with the agency on a volunteer basis since April of 1977.

My sincere wish is that I be given an opportunity to prove myself in this area of administration, if such a proposal pleases Your Excellency. I am aware of the substantial salary that Mr. Peer commanded and I should hope that considerable savings could be accomplished with a Priest Director. I know the challenge would bring me enrichment and fulfillment in priestly ministry. My earnest prayer is that you will give some thought to this proposal as a viable one -- Your Excellency is assured that I would bring to the assignment my best efforts, experience and administrative talents and unquestioned loyalty to Your Excellency, Father Regin and the Diocese.

As I am searching for a fulfilling and enriching commitment, I look upon this opportunity as Providential. I shall be in San Francisco this week to participate in a comprehensive seminar learning the know-how to apply for Government Funded Program and Special Grants. I do pray Your Excellency will concur with this proposal; I shall be eternally grateful.

With deep esteem and filial love always,

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# Catholic Community Services

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## CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICE

### Board of Director's Meeting

February 5, 1979

Location: Catholic Family Service Chapel Conference  
Room - 3:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes of December 11, 1978, Meeting.
- II. Opening remarks by Chairman - Mr. Paul Desrochers.
- III. Report of Executive Director.
- IV. Committee reports:
  - a. United Way.
  - b. Family Life Commission.
  - c. Other
- V. Establishment of a Search Committee for new Director of Catholic Family Service.
- VI. Presentation by Rev. Father William Kraft on funding opportunities.
- VII. Old Business.
  - a. Board suggestions.
  - b. Other.
- VIII. Adjournment.

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January 22, 1979

Reverend Mother M. Fidelis Weninger  
Superior General  
Figlie Della Divina Carita  
00046 Erottaferrata  
Viale Vittorio Veneto 103  
Rome, Italy

Dear Reverend Mother:

Thank you for your letter of December 12, 1978 concerning  
Father Kraft.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and your appraisal of  
the work that Father Kraft has accomplished at the various  
parishes where you serve.

May the happiness of the New Year fill your life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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CASA GENERALIZIA



00046 GROTTAFERRATA  
(ROMA)  
PALE VITTORIO VENETO 103  
Tel. 94.59.504

December 12, 1978

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
P.O. Box 80428  
San Diego, California 92138

Your Excellency:

May I introduce myself as the Superior General of the Congregation of the Daughters of Divine Charity. Our Sisters are working in your diocese, staffing two schools in San Diego, that of St. Charles and St. Therese, and are in charge of the catechetical ministry of Good Shepherd parish.

Upon my return to the Generalate from my visitation in Yugoslavia a few days ago, I learned of Father William A. Kraft's removal from the parish of St. Charles. What surprised me most was that this move was supposed to have been undertaken because our Sisters, who are staffing the parochial school, would close the school and leave were Fr. Kraft, the pastor, to remain. I was never informed of any related problems in this matter.

I got in touch with the Provincial Superior in order to find out what the facts are, and she informed me that the Sisters had nothing to do with this move. Except for some minor difficulties regarding some differing opinions in school, there have been no real problems between Father Kraft, the pastor, and our Sisters.

My conscience compels me to assure your Excellency of the esteem and gratitude our Congregation, especially our Sisters of St. Joseph Province in the U.S.A., have for Father Kraft. I, and a great number of our Sisters are sincerely sorry that Father is submitted to such a humiliating situation. This turn of affairs was by no means our choice. On the contrary, we would rather see him back in the parish as a happy and dedicated priest, the way we know him.

I do hope that my statement will be of service and will remedy the present circumstances in which Father Kraft finds himself.

With gratitude for any consideration given to this letter, may I wish Your Excellency a BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR 1979.

Respectfully in Christ Jesus,

*M. M. Fidelis Weninger*  
Mother M. Fidelis Weninger  
Superior General

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Catholic Community Services  
of the Diocese of San Diego

Catholic Family Service  
349 Cedar Street  
San Diego, Calif. 92101

Telephone  
~~231-4181~~  
231-2828

November 30, 1978

Beloved Bishop,

I was pleased to receive my letter of appointment as Director of Stewardship & Development Projects here at CCS. Your Excellency is assured of my unflinching loyalty and dedication to apply my best abilities and earnest efforts to succeed in these responsibilities. I am most grateful for this expression of confidence.

Keeping firm with my conversation with you, I remain obedient to your wishes and accept this assignment. I have requested a hearing with the Personnel Board only that I may contribute a response in my own personal defense. I have no intention of referring to any of the sensitive matter that was submitted

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nor do I request that this testimony be made available. I know that my better priests and devoted lay people would be pleased to know that a "hearing" was held and I was given the opportunity to respond as this small group of complainers are carrying on with vicious rumors that should be stopped. The fact of a hearing should accomplish this. Because of the special relationship Msgr. Cooney has with the parish and especially his best friend is the main protagonist, I have asked him not to be present and he agreed.

Francis Bennett, a well-known Catholic lawyer, an alumnus of USD law school, wishes to be present with me as he is well-aware of St. Charles situation having had children attending the school for several years and he is most knowledgeable of the tactics of the dissidents and can surely address the positive side of my work at St. Charles.

I remain, as ever, loyal & devoted to Your Excellency's least wish. I do pray an announcement in the Southern Cross soon to finalize the situation so I can proceed peacefully & successfully to the work at hand. With filial love & personal esteem,  
Helen A. Kraft

November 27, 1978

Rev. Douglas Regin  
Executive Director  
Catholic Community Services  
349 Cedar Street  
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Father Regin:

In your letter of November 21, 1978, you are suggesting the title for Father Kraft's position as a special fund raiser for Catholic Community Services, and it seems very appropriate to you to designate his position as a Director of the Catholic Community Services' Development Project.

I am pleased to concur with your suggestion and give him the title of Director of the Catholic Community Services' Development Project, plus that of Director of Stewardship.

Since he will be shared for these two projects, Catholic Community Services and the Diocese will share his salary and other expenses that are approved. Will you kindly work out such a program with Monsignor Eagen, the Chancellor, as to the proper procedure in this matter.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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# CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO  
349 CEDAR STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101  
235-6418



November 21, 1978

Most Reverend Leo T. Maher, D.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
San Diego Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Dear Bishop Maher:

I wish to express my appreciation for the continuing solicitude you have shown to Catholic Community Services since my being appointed Director.

Your decision to further assist our offices and services by assigning Father William Kraft as a special fund raiser for Catholic Community Services is graciously received.

It is my understanding that Father Kraft is to be Diocesan Director of Stewardship, as well as engage in fund raising for Catholic Community Services. Insofar as his efforts will be directed towards broadening our base of support and attaining better fiscal security, it would seem appropriate to designate him as Director of the Catholic Community Services' Development Project.

It is my understanding also that Father Kraft will not actually be part of the Catholic Community Services structure, but will report to me as Director of Catholic Community Services. Of his activities, I still believe that no accounts for this project are to be open -- or at least not unless previously authorized by yourself or myself and with the requested signatures of Msgrs. Galindo and Topping and Frs. Regan and Brockhaus.

If this understanding is incorrect, I would appreciate a return response so that all parties may be clear as to what is expected of them and

Most Reverend Leo T. Maher, D.D.

what the levels of accountability will be. I am also assuming that Father Kraft's salary and other expenses will be assumed by the Diocesan office initially, and that eventually a 50/50% break-out of expenses will be adjusted between the Diocesan Office and our office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly in Christ,



Father Douglas Regin  
Executive Director

cc: Father William Kraft

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

November 15, 1978

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Catholic Community Services  
349 Cedar Street  
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Father Kraft:

I am pleased to appoint you Director  
of Catholic Community Services' Development Project  
as well as Director of Stewardship effective  
immediately.

With best wishes in this appointment, I  
am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

cc: Rev. Douglas Regin

Post Office Box 80428, San Diego, California 92138/Telephone (714) 298-7711

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# St. Charles Borromeo Parish

2802 Cadiz Street / San Diego, California 92110

Pastor: The Reverend William A. Kraft

(714) 223-7097

June 6, 1978

The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

Esteemed and Cherished Bishop,

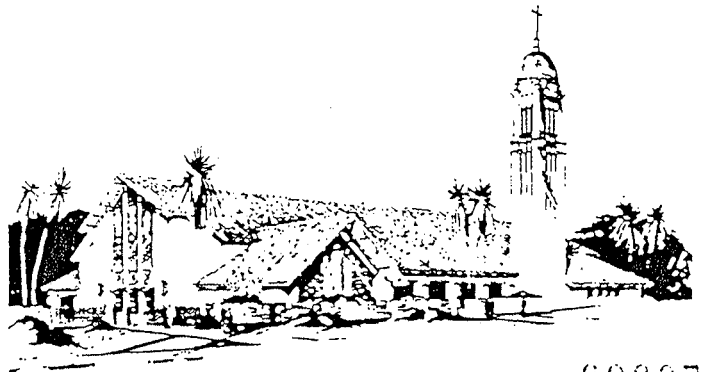
Please accept my attestation of fidelity and steadfast loyalty to you, my beloved Bishop, in accepting the appointment as a member of the Diocesan Building Commission. This is indeed a privilege to be able to serve and with the help of God to be able to offer what assistance my twenty-seven years of priestly service to the people of the Diocese has given me the experience to offer.

You have always had and will always have my undaunted support and devotion. I pray that during these past eight years, I have been able to in some measure to prove my priestly commitment. I treasure this confidence that you are placing in me and I thank God for the wisdom of my Bishop each day for the opportunities you have offered me to grow in grace through the assignments you have entrusted to me. I earnestly pray for your good health to give you many more fruitful years as our loving Shepherd. You have brought untold joy to my dear mother and she is eternally grateful to you.

You are constantly assured of my filial love and devotion to your least wish.

With fervent prayers and deep respect,

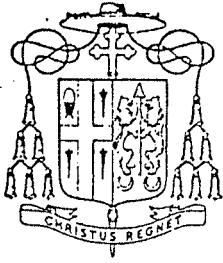
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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

June 2, 1978

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Charles Borromeo Church  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, Calif. 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

I am pleased to appoint you a member of the Building Committee of the Diocese of San Diego for a term of three years effective immediately.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 1978, in the Conference Room of the Diocesan Office.

Your past service is much appreciated and I know you will continue to serve faithfully in the future.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

Post Office Box 80428, San Diego, California 92138/Telephone (714) 298-7711

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UNIVERSITY CLUB  
Seventh and B  
San Diego, California

December 27, 1977

Most Reverend Leo T. Maher,  
Diocesan Office,  
Alcala Park,  
San Diego, California

Your Excellency:

The underlisted Pastors meet once a month for lunch and sharing of ideas and problems. At the meeting of December 21, the question of Stewardship was the topic of the hour. It was decided that the views and feelings of all present should be brought to your attention.

To say that the Pastors were disturbed by the latest Stewardship developments would be a gross understatement. There was widespread dismay and even anger. Many parishes already receive nothing from Stewardship. The increased assessments will add many more to the list. The Pastors feel that the monthly assessments, possibly the highest in the country, should be more than enough to run the offices of the Diocese. To add to this a heavy Stewardship load is unfair and unnecessary. An unreasonable amount of parish income is syphoned off to the Diocese, in some cases close to, and in others over, one thousand dollars a week. The Pastors feel that they are being used and exploited as mere fund-raisers. They find it increasingly difficult, if not entirely impossible, to justify these arrangements to their people. In the matter of Stewardship in particular, which was originally advertised as a limited project, they feel that you have broken faith with them.

It is with great regret that the undersigned feel this letter is necessary. They do not regard themselves as adequately represented by either the Diocesan consultants or the Senate, many of whose members are not Pastors and do not have the heartaches or responsibilities of Pastors. They feel strongly that there must be direct consultation with themselves in money matters and more attention and consideration must be given to parish needs.

With every good wish for the New Year, we remain

Your Brother Priest\$,

William A. Bergin  
Lloyd Bourgeois  
Thomas Briody  
Thomas F. Byrnes  
Thomas E. Byrnes  
Edward Creighton  
Michael Flynn  
James H. Gilfillan  
Andrew W. Hanley

Raymond C. Kirk  
William A. Kraft  
Vincent Mc Garvey  
Peter Mimmagh  
William J. Mooney  
J. Raymond Moore  
Jeremiah Murphy  
Sean Murray

Robert D. Nikliborc  
Patrick J. O'Dowd  
Patrick O'Neill  
Jeremiah O'Sullivan  
Francis Pattison  
Jerry Sims  
Earl Smith  
Patrick J. Walsh

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June 17, 1977



Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park, San Diego 92110

Your Excellency,

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, it is but fitting to express to you our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for having shared with us the priestly ministry of Reverend Father William A. Kraft.

As he departs for his new assignment, he leaves behind him seven years of his labor. He zealously cares for souls as a true shepherd of his flock. He fused together the various ethnic groups of the parish into a living proof of the Mystical Body of Christ. His ecumenical spirit extends to all christian communities and still maintains a firm catholic belief. He worked so hard to revive the First Friday devotion in the parish. His acts of charity are only known to God. He offered the parish center facilities to the "Operation Samahan" team of doctors and nurses for medical services to the senior citizens of the community.

May he find success and spiritual consolation in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Whom he serves so well.

Yours in Jesus,

Mr & Mrs. Eduardo B. Gruta      Mr & Mrs E. de Manale  
 Mr. & Mrs. Pablo A. Tjida      Mr & Mrs. Joe Baller  
 Mr. & Mrs. Manuel F. Cruz      Mr & Mrs. Ben Clarin  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Al      Concepcion S. Pautera  
 Jerison Jimenez      Charles J. Morgan  
 Mr. & Mrs. Pepito J. Belisario      Paul E. Gibby White  
 Mr & Mrs. Hermenegildo S. Mallari      Vernon F. Goldbaum  
 Mr and Mrs Leonardo R. Mata  
 Mr & Mrs. Avelio J. Sabal Jr.      Nixon R. Stator  
 Mr. & Mrs. **Conrado P. Salindong**      Mrs & Mrs Audrey Leaci  
 Mr & Mrs. Vic Oceano      Mrs. Ruth K. ...  
 Mr & Mrs Cecilio F. Remotigue  
 Mr & Mrs Lawrence E. Dreyer      Mr. ...  
 Mr & Mrs. Danilo P. Orasa

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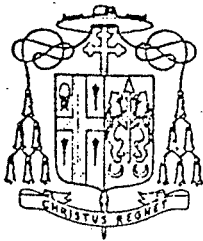
Elvira Maghuan

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Mrs. & Mrs. Antonio Armas

Mr. & Mrs. Sabino P. Tangonan

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Diocesan Office  
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

April 27, 1977

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, California 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

I am pleased to appoint you Pastor of:

St. Charles Borromeo Church  
2802 Cadiz Street  
San Diego, California 92110

effective July 1, 1977.

With best wishes in this new appointment,

I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

Post Office Box 80428, San Diego, California 92138/Telephone (714) 298-7711

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## Reception Sunday for Father Kraft

Rev. William Kraft, founding pastor of Good Shepherd Parish in Mira Mesa, will be honored at a farewell reception from 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 19 at the parish center.

Kraft has been transferred to St. Charles Borromeo Parish in the Point Loma area.

During his seven years of ministry in Mira Mesa, he supervised the financing and construction of a multi-purpose church building completed in December 1972. Construction of a classroom building for religious instruction is expected to begin this fall.

"I have watched this parish grow from 231 families to 2026 families," Kraft said, "and I have mixed emotions about leaving. But I am excited about moving to a parish already established."

"I built up St. Therese, the mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery and Good Shepherd. Now I can concentrate on what I was ordained to do and not have to spend so much time on fund-raising and construction projects."

Rev. Eamon Lyng of San Bernardino will be the new pastor. His appointment will become official July 1.

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REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
POST OFFICE BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92112

April 19, 1977

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

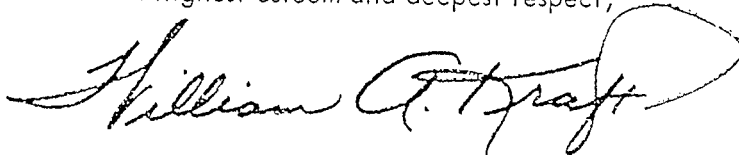
Dear and Revered Bishop,

It is with a most genuine plea that I personally request Your Excellency to look favorably upon my application to the Personnel Board to be appointed to one of the parishes soon to be guided by the appointment of new shepherds.

If Blessed Sacrament Parish, San Diego, is one of those parishes, may I ask your consideration for that position in particular as I enjoyed a beautiful and spiritually rewarding relationship with that parish community for three years in my younger days. I am confident with God's grace that my ministry there would be fruitful and productive. Should you have some else in mind, I should be most appreciative and eternally grateful if you were to give your blessing to appointing me to one of the other three for which I applied.

Dear Bishop, please be assured of my continued loyalty and devotion and my earnest effort to please your least wish as I begin my twenty-seventh year of service to the Diocese. I shall never fail in my vocation or in my personal devotion to you.

With highest esteem and deepest respect,



P.S. I so sorrowfully regret that all patience and attempts to dialogue have brought no success in bringing Father Joe Abela to docility and reasonable direction. He is a likeable priest, but irreconcilably disruptive to the parish community.

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SECRETARIAT OF STATE

FROM THE VATICAN, May 24, 1976

The Secretariat of State has pleasure in forwarding the enclosed Blessing for Father William A. Kraft on the occasion of his Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination.

The Blessing was requested by Father Robert Gavotti, O.S.A. in Rome.

Msgr. G. Coppa  
Assessor

Enclosure

Mailed to  
Fr. Kraft 6/2/76

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SECRETARIAT OF STATE

FROM THE VATICAN, April 12, 1976

The Secretariat of State has pleasure in transmitting the enclosed Blessing requested for Father William A. Kraft on the occasion of his Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination.

The Blessing was requested by Monsignor A. Caretta in Rome.

Msgr. G. Coppa  
Assessor

Enclosure

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# Good Shepherd Parish

8200 Gold Coast Drive, San Diego, California 92126

Pastor: The Reverend William A. Kraft

(714) 271-0207

Feast of Saint William  
June 25, 1975

The Reverend Monsignor I. Brent Eagen, Chancellor  
Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92138

Dear Monsignor Eagen:

Respectfully and humbly, may I submit for your consideration my application to the Personnel Board of the Diocese that I be appointed to fill the vacancy when Monsignor Daniel O'Donoghue retires from the pastorate of Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, San Diego?

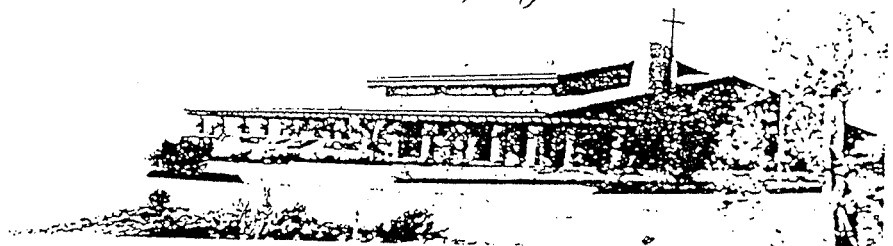
As I approach my twenty-fifth year of continued service in ministering to souls in faithfully fulfilling assignments directed by the three bishops I have served, I have never previously sought any specific assignment. This appeal is a genuine one as I know with the help and grace of God, I hope to meet the challenges and responsibilities incumbent upon the newly appointed Pastor of Saint Mary Magdalene. I feel that I have sufficiently established the parish of Good Shepherd on a sound and firm basis with a bright future and financial solvency. I should hope to bring maturity of pastoral experience to continue the direction, vitality and stability established by Monsignor O'Donoghue. Now in the prime of my life, I pray that you will concur that I be deemed a suitable candidate for Saint Mary Magdalene.

I am enclosing a resume of my priestly activities as well as testimonials from all three bishops. I hope this material will give you clear insight and provide you with factual information attesting to my qualifications.

Please give me the opportunity to bring the vitality and dedication necessary to keep Saint Mary Magdalene a viable and spiritually alive parish of our diocese.

Faithfully in the Good Shepherd,

*William A. Kraft*



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Date: June 21, 1975

RESUME: WILLIAM ARMSTRONG KRAFT

Born: April 13, 1926, Rochester, New York; son of William Andrew Kraft and Elizabeth Ruth Burke Armstrong. Father now deceased, mother residing in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

Sister: (Mrs.) Elizabeth Ruth Earl of Arcadia, California (widow). Director of Career Education for Alhambra High School and English Department of Alhambra High School. Graduated cum laude from Nazareth College, Rochester, New York with Bachelor of Arts Degree. Received Master of Arts Degree, Pasadena, California; presently candidate for Doctor degree at University of California in Los Angeles.

Educational History of William Armstrong Kraft:

Graduated 1939, Nazareth Hall Academy of Rochester, New York, private boys school conducted by Sisters of St. Joseph. Awarded Bishop James E. Kearney Gold Medal for Oratory; class valedictorian.

Graduated June 1943, Aquinas Institute of Rochester, New York, conducted by the Basilian Fathers. Editor-in-Chief of "Maroon and White", school newspaper. General Chairman of School Bond Drive to raise \$43,600.00 to purchase trainer fighter plane for war effort, exceeded goal. Named Valedictorian.

Graduated 1945 Saint Andrew Seminary, minor seminary of Diocese of Rochester. Editor-in-Chief of "The Sator", seventy-fifth memorial edition of yearbook. Librarian of seminary Library.

Graduated 1946, Saint Bernard Seminary of Diocese of Rochester, College Department, received Bachelor of Arts Degree certified by University of State of New York, Regents Department. Major in Philosophy and in Educational Administration. Seminary Librarian.

Entered Theology Department of Saint Bernard Seminary, sought release from Bishop Kearney to apply for Diocese of San Diego with a view to laboring pastorally in a domestic missionary diocese and to be close to my sister living in California. Accepted by Bishop Charles Buddy for the Diocese of San Diego in September 1948. Continued studies at Saint Bernard Seminary and was incardinated in the Diocese of San Diego April 1949 by First Tonsure granted by Bishop Buddy with dimissorial letters. Completed first two years of Theology at Saint Bernard Seminary and directed to report in September 1949 to newly founded Immaculate Heart Seminary, El Cajon, California to enter third year of study in Theology. Received all minor orders at Immaculate Heart Seminary Chapel conferred by Bishop Buddy including Sub-deaconate. Ordained to the diaconate in December 1950 at Immaculate Heart Seminary Chapel. Ordained to Sacred Priesthood by Bishop buddy at Saint Joseph Cathedral, San Diego, California on June 1, 1951, Feast of the Sacred Heart.

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## PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS:

June 1951 -- October 1951, Curate, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Bernardino, California. Learned Colloquial Spanish, conducted Spanish Liturgies. Bi-lingual administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe School.

November 1951 -- April 1952, Curate, Saint Joseph Cathedral, Moderator of Cathedral Youth Club, Master of Ceremonies to Bishop Buddy.

May 1952--May 1953, Curate, Holy Rosary Church, San Bernardino, California. During September of 1952 appointed administrator of Saint Raymond Church, Amboy, California.

May 1953 -- June 1956, Curate, Blessed Sacrament Church, San Diego, California.

June 1956 -- December 1969, appointed to found and establish Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, San Diego, California. From 271 families in 1956 to 1308 in 1969. During tenure, acquired thirteen acres of property at prime location at intersection of Waring, Colledge and Navajo Road. Prevailed upon developers Bollenbacher and Kelton to donate property as a tax gift to the church. Acted as own contractor for building of church, Newman Center, and rectory. Subsequently built 16 classroom school and administration building, convent and convent chapel, multi-purpose maintenance building. Established Madonna of the Highway, National Shrine of Safety, weekly blessings of cars from all over the nation and periodic outdoor Masses for invalids. Total capital expenditures of \$1,250,000.00 completely paid in full and deposited trust funds and real property held for the Saint Therese Booster Club \$225,000.00 with the Diocese to credit to the parish to construct a Parish Center and Social Hall. Weekly collection averaged in excess of \$5,000.00 per Sunday on strict tithing plan with the average of \$4.17 per family each week. Developed own tithing plan and piloted that form of giving as first in the Diocese at request of Bishop Buddy.

December 1969 -- April 1970, Director of Cemeteries for Diocese of San Diego. Became full-time in this capacity that I had originally assumed in May of 1964 and conducted jointly with pastoral duties. Continued pastoral work on voluntary basis with retreats, missions, and week-end supply at Mission San Diego de Alcalá, the Immaculata and Saint Jude Parish, San Diego, California.

April 1970 -- to present time, appointed to found and establish Good Shepherd Parish, San Diego, California as first parish to be established by Bishop Maher. From 214 families in 1970 to present 1616 at present time with entire northern half of the parish truncated to form Saint Rafael Parish in June of 1974. Acquired ten acres of land with all improvements at a cost of \$84,000.00. Present current fair market value, \$1,250,000.00 without improvements. Acquired rectory and convent staffed by Daughters of Divine Charity who had previously accepted my invitation to staff Saint Therese Academy. Designed and built 9,260 square feet multi-purpose parish center. In 1973 parish debt was \$498,000.00 and with effective building fund program, debt is now to \$104,000.00. Monthly assessments paid in full and current to date.

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES in conjunction with Pastoral Assignments and Duties:

1951 -- Chaplain of San Bernardino County Jail.

1952 -- Assistant to Monsignor Franklin Hurd in conducting Diocesan week-end retreats for men, women and married couples at Immaculate Heart Retreat House; also conducted days of recollection for Priests of the Diocese.

1953 -- Founded Newman Apostolate for Diocese of San Diego. Chaplain at San Bernardino Valley College and transferred to San Diego and was Chaplain at San Diego State University from 1953 to 1963 and appointed Diocesan Director of Newman Apostolate establishing 15 Newman Centers throughout the Diocese. Held religious services including Mass and Confession on college campuses until challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union. Conducted religion classes at San Diego City Senior High Schools until declared unconstitutional. Established Alumni and Student Mothers Booster Organization to assist Newman Apostolate.

1954--1955, appointed by Bishop Buddy as Director of Religious Studies for the College for Men, University of San Diego, established first curriculum of religious studies, taught daily at College for Men, engaged at State College in Newman Program and acted as Administrator of Blessed Sacrament Parish, San Diego.

1956--1963, appointed Director of Public Relations, Diocese of San Diego. Member of Board of Directors for County Board of Health, Travelers' Aid Society, Legal Aid Society, San Diego Chapter, American Red Cross, Alcoholic Rehabilitation Clinic, San Diego County Water Conservation Board; Director of Radio and Television Programming

1964--Appointed First Director of Cemeteries for Diocese of San Diego. Made a complete study of Cemetery Administration. Pursued and completed \$1,000,000.00 addition to Holy Cross Mausoleum, San Diego, California. Developed and initiated complete pre-need and at-need sales program for Catholic Cemeteries. Built administration building for cemeteries and implemented personnel incentive plan. Established Endowment Care Fund managing a portfolio of \$750,000.00. During six year tenure, generated over \$2,000,000.00 in working capital from sales program. Served on National Board of Directors for National Catholic Cemetery Association. Member of American and National Cemetery Associations and ranking member of California Intermment Association.

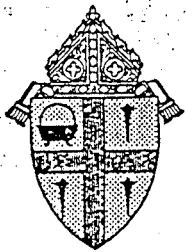
SERVED AND TRAINED BY PASTORS: Monsignor Joseph Clarkin, Monsignor Jose Nunez, Monsignor Francis Dillon, Monsignor Thomas Haggerty, Monsignor Thomas Matthews, Monsignor Francis Ott.

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ASSOCIATES APPOINTED TO ASSIST WHILE PASTOR OF SAINT THERESE OF  
THE CHILD JESUS AND GOOD SHEPHERD PARISHES:

Rev. Lloyd Bourgeois, Rev. Donald Casey, Rev. John Daly, Rev. Robert Dickie,  
Rev. William Erstad, Rev. Eugene Fischer, Rev. Frederick Florek, Rev. Lawrence  
Gatt, Rev. Augustine Hartman, O.P., Rev. Joseph Finnerty, Rev. Raymond Kirk,  
Rev. John Lucev, Rev. Peter Luque, Rev. William Marcotte, Rev. Michael  
McNally, Rev. Mark Medaer, Rev. Lawrence Purcell, Rev. Alphonse Ryan,  
Rev. Charles Sheslo, Rev. Marcel Perreault, O.M.I., Rev. Phillip Straling,  
Rev. Paul Williams.

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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO  
THE CHANCERY  
ALCALA PARK  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

October 16, 1969

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Bill:

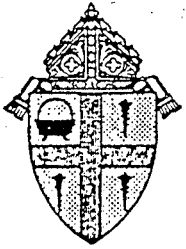
I just now had an opportunity to look over your financial report of St. Therese's Parish and certainly you are to be congratulated on the great work that you have accomplished in such a brief period of time. The entire parish plant is one that is most impressive. I am sure that the people in the parish are very proud of their accomplishments and will support you in the construction of a much needed social center.

Wishing you every success, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

†Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO  
THE CHANCERY  
ALCALA PARK  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 31, 1969

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Director, Holy Cross Cemetery  
4470 Hilltop Drive  
San Diego, California 92102

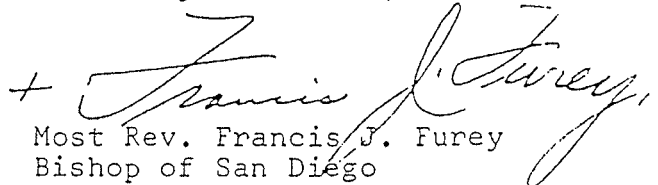
Dear Father Kraft:

Permit me to thank you again for your visit to the Chancery this afternoon and for the excellent report on conditions at the Cemetery.

I am deeply grateful to you for your attention to even the most minute detail of a very complex business.

Looking forward to the presentation of pins to your employees and a party in their honor on Friday, February 21, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

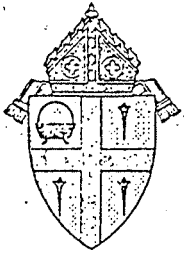
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Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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THE CHANCERY  
ALCALA PARK  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 9, 1968

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Holy Cross Cemetery  
4470 Hilltop Drive  
San Diego, California 92102

Dear Father Kraft:

Permit me to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the report of Holy Cross Cemetery which you handed to me last Saturday.

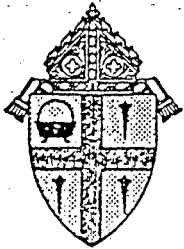
As always it indicates a great deal of successful hard work. I am deeply grateful to you for the excellent manner in which you took care of the interests of the Diocese during the period covered by the report of Considine & Considine, Certified Public Accountants.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Francis J. Furey*  
Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO  
THE CHANCERY  
ALCALA PARK  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 11, 1968

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 8  
and its inclosures.

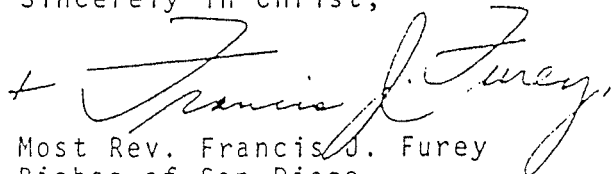
I am indeed deeply grateful to you for your  
check in the amount of \$20,000.00 in payment of princi-  
pal and interest for the first quarter of 1968.

Permit me to extend my heartfelt congratula-  
tions to you on the very excellent annual report on the  
spiritual and material activities of Saint Therese  
Parish during the past year. It gives evidence of ex-  
cellent parish spirit and cooperation.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of being  
with you for Confirmation on January 31.

With prayerful good wishes to you and your  
parishioners, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

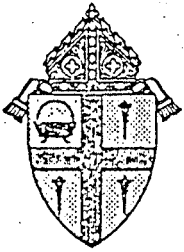
  
+ Francis J. Furey

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO  
THE CHANCERY  
ALCALA PARK  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

June 27, 1967

Dear Father Bill,

Thank you for your visit to the Chancery yesterday and for the "messages" you left with me.

I deeply appreciate your parish check for \$20,000.00 for the quarterly principal and interest payments, as well as the \$100,000.00 check from the Cemetery Department.

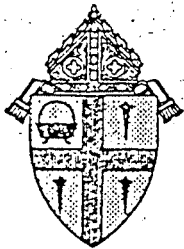
I am indeed grateful to you for your continued generous and gracious cooperation in all that pertains to the good of the Diocese.

With prayerful good wishes to you and your parishioners, I remain

Very sincerely in Christ,

*+ Bishop Furey*  
(Most Rev. Francis J. Furey)  
Bishop of San Diego

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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO  
THE CHANCERY  
ALCALA PARK  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 18, 1967

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

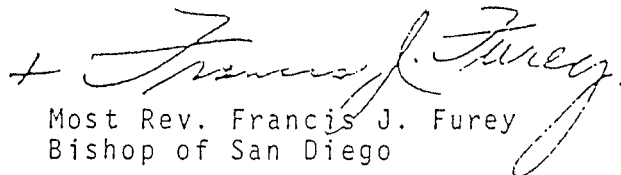
I have had a chance to examine the balance sheet of Holy Cross Cemetery which you gave me on the occasion of my visit to Allied Gardens yesterday afternoon.

Permit me to thank you for it and for the wonderful work you have done as Director of the Cemeteries during the past year.

The financial report is most encouraging and represents a great deal of hard work on your part.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

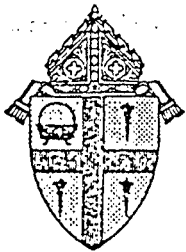
Sincerely in Christ,

  
Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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THE CHANCERY  
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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 29, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Permit me to congratulate you, your priests, and your parishioners on the excellent spiritual and financial reports of the parish of Saint Therese for 1966. The Status Animarum is an indication of a wonderful religious spirit in your parish. I was especially impressed by the number of converts, revalidated marriages, confessions and Holy Communions.

Permit me to express my thanks once again for the excellent way in which you have administered the material as well as the spiritual aspects of your parish during the past year. At the same time, permit me to thank you for your work as Diocesan Director of Cemeteries.

Wishing you and your parishioners an abundance of blessings and graces during the coming year,

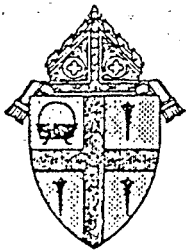
Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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THE CHANCERY  
ALCALA PARK  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 1, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Holy Cross Cemetery  
4470 Hilltop Drive  
San Diego, California 92102

Dear Father Kraft:

Please accept my thanks for the report which you sent me of the Cemetery Office for the first seven months of 1966.

Permit me to congratulate you on the excellent work you have done during this time as is evidenced by the three exhibits which you submitted for our files.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Very sincerely in Christ,

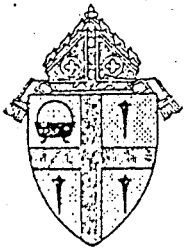
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Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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THE CHANCERY  
ALCALA PARK  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92110

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

December 17, 1964

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your letter of December 15 and its inclosure, the latter being a check for \$5,000.00 in payment on your principal.

Needless to say, I am very deeply grateful.

As the year comes to a close, permit me to congratulate you on your excellent work in St. Therese's Parish during 1964. Your payment to the Diocese of the sum of \$100,000.00 since last January is somewhat of a record.

You deserve and you have the heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of the undersigned.

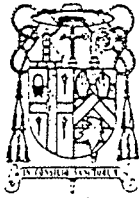
Permit me to congratulate you also on the work which you have been able to complete on your parish plant. It is recognized by everyone as one of the finest in the entire Diocese.

Wishing you and your good people an abundance of Christmas joys and blessings,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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Diocese of San Diego  
Chancery

San Diego 10, California

Alcala Park

February 28, 1963

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father William:

Your thoughtful remittance in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6000.00) was a real booster. It came along with another booster by Doctor Yuskis to ward off the Asiatic Flu.

Please be advised that the carefully considered improvements outlined in your letter have my cordial approval. It is marvelous that you can finance these items. If, however, it should get too rough, please make whatever requisition you need. In a word, your credit is still good.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you, it is my privilege to remain with affection and gratitude, your devoted servant,

In Corde Regis Regum,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy.  
Bishop of San Diego.

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Diocese of San Diego  
Chancery

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San Diego ~~CA~~, California

April 25, 1962

Alcala Park

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Dearly beloved Father Kraft:

Your substantial remittance in the amount of \$3,500.00, under date of April 23, 1962, is sincerely appreciated.

For the \$35,500.00, representing interest and principal payments since January 1, 1962, most cordial congratulations!! This is indeed an achievement that -- up to a few years ago -- had never even been dreamed of.

This \$3,500.00 has been applied to your principal debt. Later on, we can discuss some plan for the current Diocesan Development Fund.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you and for the business acumen that distinguishes your tenure,

Devotedly in Our Risen Saviour,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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Church of the Good Shepherd

Post Office Box 24  
San Diego, California 92112

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

Telephone (Area 714) 271-0207  
487-2332

May 14, 1974

Dear Msgr. Eager,

The enclosed is a letter received from a chairman of Stewardship at St. Sheno Parish which was in my region this year.

You may or may not find it interesting & may give it the attention it deserves.

Faithfully,  
Bill

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5924 Lancaster Dr.  
San Diego, Ca. 92120  
March 22, 1974

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
8200 Gold Coast Drive  
San Diego, Ca. 92126

Dear Father Kraft:

I'm writing to you on behalf of our Parish Stewardship '74 Committee to forward their thoughts concerning procedures for future drives. We hope they will assist in decisions leading to the successful implementation and control of whatever plan may be chosen for future drives.

First, we don't feel that an outside firm is needed to organize and run the drive. Many parishes like ours (St. Therese) can be given the goal and will meet the commitment. For those parishes which need help, qualified volunteers could be found to help them organize and run the drive.

Secondly, there seems to be a "bamboo curtain" between the Diocesan finances and the people of the Diocese concerning Stewardship funds. As an example, I asked Bob Eidt for a breakdown of how the Stewardship '73 funds were spent; he didn't write the promised letter, so I called the Stewardship office for the information. At first I was told that it wasn't available; finally Bob Eidt returned the call and verbally gave me an unaudited view of the expenditures. We used these as the "need" backup for Stewardship '74. My committee feels strongly the need to be honest with the parishioners or they won't help. This information must be made available in enough detail for those who understand finance (many of the large donors) and also in a simpler form for those who don't need the full details.

Thirdly, give the parish the right to decide what type of appeal is best for its community. No two parishes have the same personality or needs. What might work best for one - considering the offertory trend, possible change in community spirit, requirement to raise parish money with a drive, effort involved with respect to other parish functions, and the prevailing attitude towards drives - may result in failure for another parish. Our Parish Committee felt hampered rather than helped by the rules and regulations of implementation in both the '73 and '74 drives. The parish could be given a Diocesan goal and the time for completion, and then be allowed to determine if the goal should be increased to include its own needs.

Last, but not least, we feel that, for the success of future drives, it is imperative that billing and accounting be accurate. It is also important to get billing information to the parish in time for review and action on

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those in default, or late with payment. We picked up about \$3,000.00 in follow-ups in 1972, but late billing information in 1973 didn't give us time for any follow-up before Stewardship '74 drive began.

Father, I'm sure you are aware of the time it takes to thoroughly organize for any successful function. Will you point out the need to let the parishes know no later than November 15 that a drive is needed. This gives the Pastor a chance to get a chairman, who can start getting organized before an advanced solicitation is started. I personally feel that both '73 and '74 Stewardship schedules were too short in this part of the drive. We do believe in short drive period, but the planning should have adequate time. In our schedule this year, the period for planning, advanced list solicitation (1/2), and Sign-up Sunday was only 3 weeks and 4 days.

I felt that you handled the Region meeting well, in fact with dispatch. I was glad to see your parish goal reached in the very early stages of the drive. We are happy with our effort this year.

Please say hello to your mother for Emily and me. We hope she is well and enjoying life.

May God bless you in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Wayne Guthrie  
Chairman, Stewardship '74

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February 9, 1974

Sister M. Constance, F.D.C.  
Convent of the Good Shepherd  
10294 Eagle Rock Avenue  
San Diego, California 92126

Dear Sister Constance:

Thank you for your letter of February 2. I appreciate your appraisal and commendations of Mrs. Elizabeth Kraft. I know Mrs. Kraft and I can verify that she has been a very devoted, faithful practicing Catholic.

We have no plans at the present time for such honors but I shall be happy to keep your suggestions in mind.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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# Convent of the Good Shepherd

10294 Eagle Rock Avenue  
San Diego, California 92126

STAFFED BY THE DAUGHTERS  
OF DIVINE CHARITY

Telephone (Area 714) 271-1451

February 2, 1974

The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
2031 Sunset Blvd.  
San Diego, Calif. 92103

Your Excellency,

May the peace of Christ be with you and His love reign in your heart.

If in the very near future you are planning to present names of worthy and eligible women to the Holy Father and requesting to grant these women the distinct honor of "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice for the Church and the Holy Father" would you, from the generosity of your heart, consider granting this honor and privilege to Mrs. Elizabeth R. Kraft, mother of Reverend William A. Kraft, who lives a truly exemplary and holy Christian life, and who has offered her only son to God's service to become another Christ. I respectfully and humbly suggest this dear lady for your consideration, Your Excellency, because I have known her and her devoted husband for the past fourteen years. This devoted couple worked tirelessly in giving of themselves to the development of Saint Therese Parish from 1959 until 1970 -- both working several hours for the parish each week. They continued their zealous devotion for the work of faith in the establishment of Good Shepherd Parish and Mr. Kraft labored at the parish even up to the Sunday before he died. But not only in giving of themselves, their time and talent but in thanksgiving to God for the blessings they received in life, this loyal couple gave substantially of what they possessed. They are not wealthy people, but gave several thousands of dollars to Saint Therese Church for the tabernacle and church furnishings and contributed so much in furnishing the chapel of St. Therese Convent where I was for nine years. In devotion for the church and Bishop Buddy, a large transept window was donated at \$2,500.00 in the Immaculata; \$9,000.00 was donated for Saint William's Chapel in the Immaculata and one mosaic stations in the Immaculata was donated for \$500.00. While their son was Director of Cemeteries the Kraft Family purchased the first Family Chapel for \$25,000.00 to provide for the entombment of the family. It is surprising that after this purchase, so many from Saint Therese parish purchased crypts around this chapel so they could be near the final resting place of this saintly man and wife. Mrs. Kraft has donated \$2,500.00 to the Building Fund of Good Shepherd besides donating all the costly exterior lighting and oriental rugs. She made the church's donation of \$2,500.00 also for Stewardship 1972. It is difficult for me to outline all the wonderful work of time, talent and treasure that would prompt me to recommend Elizabeth R. Kraft to you, but these are just a few facts that I have come to know over the years. IT WOULD be another epic for me to tell you the deep impression that this mother of one of our priests has made upon the spiritual lives of all who know and love her. It would seem for the edifi-

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# Convent of the Good Shepherd

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cation of the church, some recognition would spur others to follow her shining example.

Please accept this letter in the spirit in which I have written as one thoroughly knowledgeable with so many of the parishioners of both Saint Therese and Good Shepherd who genuinely believe that such a distinction is most appropriate as she enters the eventide of life.

Be assured of my prayers and deep gratitude, Your Excellency.

Most sincerely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

*Sister M. Constance, F.D.C.*

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New church complex completed recently

# Parish growing rapidly in Mira Mesa

With the burgeoning growth in the Mira Mesa, Los Penasquitos and Scripps Ranch areas, Rev. William Kraft, pastor of the Good Shepherd parish, says the community admits that his work has quadrupled since his appointment.

In the three years he has served the spiritual needs of his parishioners, he also has spearheaded the building of a church complex at the corner of Gold Coast Drive and Camino Ruiz.

The facilities, set on 10 acres of ground, surrounded on one side

by many homes and on the other by a vacant field.

Phenomenal growth of the parish shows an increase from several hundred families at the formation of the parish to 1,100 families today, says Kraft, who is assisted by Deane Charly, who assists with the parish's program of Christian catechism.

The true (C.U.) also live in a residence on Eagle Rock Avenue.

While living in an ordinary home as I do, people feel that I am more approachable. I hope to be integrated into the neighborhood for closeness to my parishioners.

Developing a parish is not new to Kraft, who also was founding pastor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Allied Gardens. He has spearheaded the construction of a church and other facilities in that parish.

Parishioners who admired the crucifix in that church sanctuary urged Kraft to obtain similar facilities for the Good Shepherd Church.

He hopes that the crucifix on a boat somewhere between Barcelona, Spain, and the United States, will arrive in time for the formal dedication

of the building, scheduled for noon Sunday, March 25.

Bishop Leo Naber of the San Diego Catholic Diocese will be invited to celebrate the formal dedication in conjunction with the confirmation of about 200 parishioners.

The first mass in the new church, slated in Spanish Ranch house architecture, was held here 21. The chapel and main altar were designed by architect Langman, detailed the relationship between priest and people.

The present church facilities were designed with a wooden floor and removable seats so that the building could be held in the future for other uses.

During the week a side chapel is used for daily mass.

A large chapel will be erected to replace the present one. The building to use for social and family activities will be erected on the west side of the church property.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week about 28 classes are held for 500 children to instruct them in their Catholic religion.

Kraft foresees an eventual split in the parish when the

continuing growth goes beyond the recommended 1,500 families for a parish.

"I think that the division will occur south of the proposed church property," says Kraft.

Los Penasquitos and Rancho Bernardo, Kraft explained, currently his parish encompasses 100 square miles.

The multipurpose building will be used for social and family activities when the permanent sanctuary is erected on another corner of the parish property.

Kraft does not foresee the

## Parish booms in Mira Mesa

in attending mass for the building of the permanent sanctuary for several years.

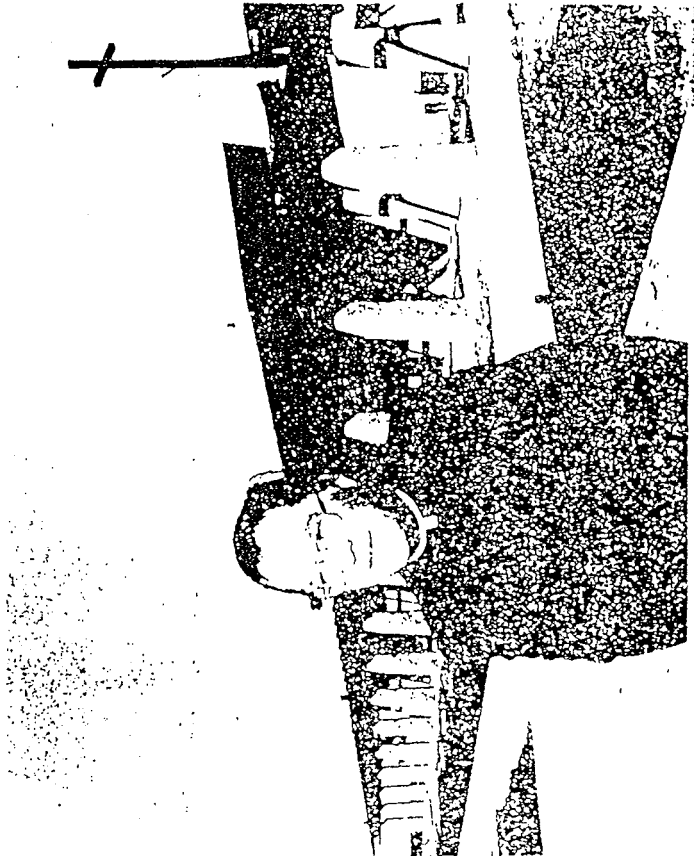
Kraft continues to hold a mass until the present debt of \$50,000 is paid.

Kraft has investigated an innovative feature into the church, built by Nelson Mizal, a local college construction firm. A dome has been placed on that the place where the professional from the outside of the church does not know who is waiting for confession. Architect for the church was John Nigardson of La Mesa.

Kraft was ordained a priest in 1958 by Bishop Charles Rodgers. He was named founding pastor of Good Shepherd on April 24, 1970.

Kraft served as director of religious education for six years from 1967 to 1970. He was also responsible for the building of the program of Holy Trinity University in San Diego. He also served as director of the program of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Allied Gardens.

In order to become pastor of



Priest spearheaded building drive

Rev. William Kraft, pastor of the Good Shepherd parish serving Mira Mesa, Los Penasquitos and Scripps Ranch, spearheaded the building of the new church complex at the corner of Gold Coast Drive and Camino Ruiz. The parish shares the community growth.

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RCBSD KRAFT



July 10, 1973

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego, California 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your letter of July 2.  
I am very pleased to receive your wonderful im-  
pressions of the Cursillo Movement. As you  
know, we have been promoting this work here in  
the Diocese and it has brought about great results.  
It will only be beneficial if the priests understand  
both the movement and the needs of the people. We  
are very pleased indeed that you have this under-  
standing and dedication.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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# Church of the Good Shepherd

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San Diego, California 92112

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

Telephone (Area 714) 271-0207  
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July 2, 1973



His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Diocesan Office  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92138

Your Excellency:

Through personal participation and observation fortified with historical and functional studies of the Cursillo movement, I have personally become convinced of the effectiveness of this program as a medium to up-date our Catholic lay people in the doctrines of their faith and to inspire them to a dynamic and vibrant participation in the apostolate of Catholic Action.

Given the proper direction and working in close co-operation with the Bishop, the spiritual good that can be accomplished by these sincere, informed and militant cursillistas is unfathomable. I have had the opportunity to assess the programs not only of the Anglo secretariate but also of the Spanish secretariate and have emerged deeply impressed to the point of personal involvement to the extent that time allows me. The purpose of this letter is to apprise Your Excellency of my feelings regarding the Cursillo Movement and to be able to offer my assistance to their over-all programs with the blessings of you, dear Bishop.

I feel very strongly that any priest involved in this program should be most loyal and devoted to the administration of the Diocese and with this in mind I can assure you that in my twenty-two years as a priest of the Diocese I have sincerely pledged and proved myself loyal to my Bishop, docile to his least wishes and ultra-orthodox in teaching the truths of the faith and conducting the liturgy. If it pleases Your Excellency I shall continue my work with the Cursillo program and amplify my activities if you should so direct.

My ardent prayers are for you good health and the hope we have an opportunity soon to exchange personal greetings.

With deep esteem and ~~loyal devotion,~~

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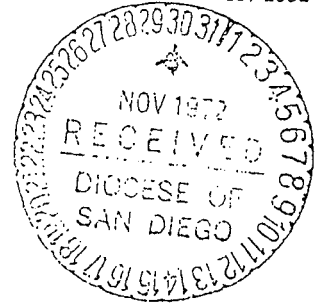
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November 29, 1972



The Honorable Councilwoman Maureen O'Connor  
City of San Diego  
Community Concourse  
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Miss O'Connor:

May I kindly respond to the letter you sent to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, regarding certain "mistaken impressions" you feel I may have concerning your policy on taxing church and schools? There were never any allegations or comments made by me regarding your stand on these issues either publicly or privately as I have not had the opportunity to ever hear you speak out on this subject. I have directly heard Mr. Bates' opinion on taxation of church property and have made his stand known recently when he asked me to report to him the amount of taxes the Catholic Church pays here in Mira Mesa -- your name was never mentioned in this regard.

If you state that you wish to be open and honest, then as a matter of courtesy and ecclesiastical protocol, I should have assumed that you personally would contact me after I had written to you on previous occasions and called but received no reply. I am not a neophyte on the San Diego scene as I have been civically involved for the past twenty-three years as founding pastor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish and as former Director of Cemeteries for the Diocese. Since April of 1970, I have been appointed to organize this new parish of the Good Shepherd. This is the real issue that is of concern to our good people regarding the genuine and sincere proposal made by hundreds and signed by petitions and cards to effect the change of the name of Camino Ruiz to Good Shepherd Boulevard. Permit me to unfold the history of this grass roots movement which began in September of 1971.

At that time a committee of citizens in this area of Mira Mesa, Rancho de los Penasquitos and Scripps Miramar Ranch was formed to promote the change of the name of Camino Ruiz to Good Shepherd Boulevard. Richard Fernandes was named chairman of the committee. An army of men, women and children proceeded to obtain petitions and hundreds of signatures of qualified voters and residents were obtained. The matter came before the Planning Commission on December 15, 1971 and three members approved the change and one cast a negative vote. After much delay, the entire issue was then submitted to the City Council for action. It was propitious to submit the request at that time as only a small portion of the street had then been dedicated. Mr. Fowler had asked that the petitioner, the church, post \$1,000.00 for the cost of street signs though he thought and stated that this was about twice the amount needed. A donor was readily obtained and the deposit made with the City of San Diego. The committee worked many more hours in obtaining more signatures and solicited several more hundred cards specially signed for the City Council to consider at the time the matter was docketed. At that time I

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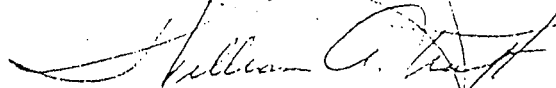
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personally wrote to you apprising you of these facts on behalf of the committee, many of whom were not of our faith. You never answered my letter. The matter was scheduled for hearing on June 1, 1972 and the City Clerk and Mr. Gil Johnson's office advised us that the resolution would be presented at the afternoon session. We alerted over 70 people and arranged for a special bus to be present at the hearing at that date. Mr Johnson conveniently arranged to be absent for "a medical check-up" though his office stated that his views would be presented in his absence. Much to our dismay the matter was pushed ahead to the morning session and no one from the committee was present. The hundreds of cards and sheets of petition signers were presented by the City Clerk, but when no one appeared on behalf of our cause, Mr. Bates made the motion for denial and it was seconded as Resolution #205733 by Councilwoman Maureen O'Connor -- our proposal went down in defeat though Mr. Hitch did state he couldn't understand where the proponents were as it was evident so many people were interested in this significant change and very few in opposition. The Mayor then asked Mr. Hitch if he was prepared to argue the merits of church-state relationship and then put the resolution seconded by you to a vote and the matter was finalized.

You may then perhaps understand the futility that seized the spirits of so many people who worked so hard on this meaningful proposal to note that a Catholic had made such a positive move in seconding the motion for defeat. That, my dear Miss O'Connor, is the real issue. If remarks were made about you they were solely on this issue and not the question of church taxation, that I can assure you. The fact that Bishop Buddy may or may not have made his home available to your family or whatever benefits you have received through the faith over the years is clearly not the issue either, except that people who have known you were rightly alarmed at your action. I see no wrong in these good people knowing the fact that you voted against this issue and that is all that was publically stated. I welcome you at any time to discuss this matter with me and members of our Parish Council or parish at large if you feel you have not been treated justly. Obviously, many of our people cannot forget your action in opposing our cause. Unfortunately as in the past, it has been observed that Catholics who hold public office are not wont to go on record as favoring the faith, but this was not a faith-related issue; it was a community issue.

I do pray for you in the difficult position that you hold and I personally believe you sincere in fulfilling your obligations impartially. I regret these misunderstandings take place, and perhaps they would not have if you had contacted me personally and learned the true facts as stated. Let us both resolve the issue by pursuing our respective duties with added zeal with the love of Christ in our hearts with dedication and compassion for all we serve.

Faithfully in the Good Shepherd,



(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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November 28, 1972

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
830 Ivory Coast Drive  
San Diego, California 92126

Dear Father Kraft:

I note that you have received a copy of a letter written to me by Councilwoman Maureen O'Connor. I believe she has every right for an explanation concerning such statements if they were made and I would appreciate your views in this matter.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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THE CITY OF  
SAN DIEGO

November 21, 1972



MAUREEN O'CONNOR  
COUNCILWOMAN

The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego Diocese  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

As you may recall, I was the young woman to whom you graciously gave of your time when I was thinking of announcing my candidacy for the City Council. At that time I made a promise that I would be open and honest in matters regarding the office.

Now, a matter which I feel is quite serious has come up that perhaps concerns both of our offices. During the past week I have spoken with some of the members of The Church of the Good Shepherd in Mira Mesa. It seems that they have been grossly misinformed as to my position on certain issues by one of their priests, Father William A. Kraft.

Father Kraft is under the mistaken impression that I am for taxing the churches and church schools. I am not, nor have I ever stated that I favor such a proposal. I am also well aware that church land not used for religious purposes and the clergy are taxed.

Father Kraft is also under the mistaken impression that our family was provided free housing by Bishop Buddy. As you are probably well aware, this was not the case. Furthermore, I have not, as Father Kraft alleges, "turned against the church". Normally, I would not rebut personal attacks. But apparently he has gone to the point of denouncing me publicly from the pulpit.

The seed of this misunderstanding stems from the time that Father Kraft came before the City Council requesting permission to be heard regarding the moratorium in Mira Mesa.

The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
November 21, 1972  
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At that time I said that "We should all say a lot of prayers so that we, the legislators, will make the right decisions." That remark was apparently misinterpreted to "You better say a lot of prayers if you want us to vote your way."

It is misunderstandings like this that have prompted me to write you this letter. I sincerely hope they can be resolved with your help.

Sincerely,



MAUREEN O'CONNOR  
Councilwoman, Second District

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cc: Father Kraft

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November 28, 1972

Miss Maureen O'Connor  
Councilwoman, Second District  
City Administration Building  
Community Concourse  
202 C Street  
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Miss O'Connor:

In your letter of November 21 you express your concern about statements made in public by Father Kraft which were derogatory to your position. I can well understand why you would like to have these matters cleared up and I shall seek an answer to your request.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

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From Penasquitos - 487-2332 NO TOLL

Christmas 1970

Greetings and Peace of the Child of Bethlehem,

It has been a year since I have made you aware of my decision to resign from Saint Therese Parish, which I had the privilege to have established in 1956. At that time I assumed full-time responsibility as Director of Cemeteries for the Diocese of San Diego. My Father's health was most critical at that time as he had suffered four serious heart seizures. Relinquishing my responsibility as Pastor of this large parish permitted me to devote time to my endeared parents, who had long been neglected because of pressing duties. My Father's health at present has improved somewhat as he has not been in the hospital since July. He has, however, sustained some minor attacks. I so admire the wonderful faith of my good parents and their indomitable spirit of devotion to me and the Church.

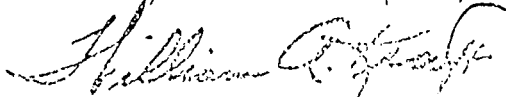
On April 24th I was relieved of my position in the Cemetery Department and was appointed to establish a new parish in the north section of San Diego City. Bishop Maher permitted me to name the parish, Good Shepherd. There are over 100 square miles within the parish boundaries and the potential is great and the number of Catholic families grows every day with the completion of construction of many new homes.

In July the Bishop purchased one of the tract homes in the Mira Mesa subdivision to serve as a rectory. We are fortunate to have obtained a vacant store for our services in the Penasquitos area and also have Mass at the rectory in the garage, which was converted to a Chapel. We use Miramar College auditorium as a third location. I find this assignment a challenging one. It is a little harder the second time around because you know from experience the many difficulties and heartaches that are before you and you wonder how you can surmount them a second time - but with the grace of God it isn't an impossibility. At times I find it difficult to imagine that I am no longer with my devoted people of Saint Therese, whom I learned to know and love so much. Now there are new experiences and other families becoming a part of my daily life. I am so grateful to the countless friends who rushed to assist me in beginning this new parish. Without them it would have been impossible. My dear relatives have also rallied to the cause with their kind assistance and my Mother and Dad are again among my most faithful and loyal supporters.

It's a refreshing experience again to be close to the heart of the people in personally serving their spiritual needs. In recent years, burdened with so many administrative duties, I was too far away from my beloved flock. Living in a home just like theirs and in their midst keeps me in constant contact with their spiritual needs and allows me to relate to each member of every family. I am doing my own cooking and housework again and find this a different task.

I thank you for all your help and prayers and be consoled that there is tremendous amount of satisfaction in knowing that you are trying to fulfil the Will of God as expressed by obedience to the Bishop. We are experiencing difficult times financially but we hope this will soon improve as the parish grows. If you should have any Mass requests I should be most pleased to receive them. Please keep me in your good thoughts and prayers and I assure you that you are in my poor prayers and Masses.

Faithfully in the Good Shepherd,



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December 18, 1970

Mr. Dennis L. Mikulansis  
Saint Francis Seminary  
6102 San Pedro Avenue  
San Diego, California 92111

Dear Mr. Mikulansi:

Bishop Maher has asked me to reply to your letter of December 10, 1970 concerning the Rev. William A. Kraft.

It is always a source of gratitude for the Bishop of a Diocese to receive a fine appraisal of any of his Pastors. This is especially so in the case of Father Kraft who has contributed many years of service to the Diocese of San Diego.

While certain individuals are selected for public recognition for their outstanding work, it also happens that there are many others who for one reason or another are not mentioned.

Certainly, the Bishop would have nothing but the highest praise for Father Kraft and his efforts. It may be that at some future time some public recognition such as the type you mention might possibly be conferred on him.

The Bishop has asked me to thank you for your interest in the Diocese and the priests and to assure you of his own interest in your vocation.

May this be a very happy and holy Christmas for you.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. John T. Quinn  
Assistant Chancellor

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SAN DIEGO, CALIF. 92111

Most Rev. Leo F. Maher  
Bishop Of San Diego  
Office of Apostolic Ministry  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, Calif. 92110



Dear Bishop Maher,  
I am writing this letter to you about something that has bothered me since it was first announced.

Around the end of August, 1970, the appointment of several priests to the rank of Monsignor was announced. I am all in favor with these awards, because I think it is a fine way to repay those priests who have worked so hard and done so much for the good of the Diocese. I looked, then, with much anticipation, for the name of Reverend William A. Kraft among those to be so honored. Much to my dismay, his name was not there. This, I think, is a great oversight and injustice on the part of the Diocese.

In 1958, Father Kraft started St. Therese Parish from nothing. Originally, Mass was held in the garage of his home residence. After many years and much hard work, he succeeded in the building and complete elimination of the debt, with over \$600,000, of the street parish in San Diego.

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It is my sincere hope that the Diocese of San Diego will take the time to consider the merits of Father Kraft and his long and distinguished service to the Diocese. I am all in favor with these awards, because I think it is a fine way to repay those priests who have worked so hard and done so much for the good of the Diocese. I looked, then, with much anticipation, for the name of Reverend William A. Kraft among those to be so honored. Much to my dismay, his name was not there. This, I think, is a great oversight and injustice on the part of the Diocese.

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*William A. Kraft*  
Dennis T. Kraft  
San Diego, Calif.

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April 23, 1970

Rev. William A. Kraft  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego, Calif. 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

*no parish card*  
I am pleased to appoint you Pastor  
of the new Miramar parish effective April 24,  
1970, as well as Chaplain of Sharp Hospital complex.

Your cooperation and participation  
in the apostolic ministry are greatly  
appreciated.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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December 5, 1969

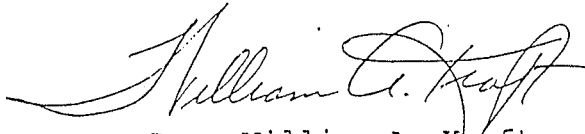
His Excellency  
Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

Please accept my resignation as Pastor of  
St. Therese of Child Jesus Church in San  
Diego. Thank you for your consideration of  
this matter.

With sentiments of esteem, I am

Respectfully in Christ,

  
Rev. William A. Kraft

*accepted December 11, 1969*  
*Leo T. Maher*

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October 19, 1969  
San Diego, California

Most Rev. Bishop Leo T. Maher  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California



Dear Bishop Maher:

WELCOME TO SAN DIEGO!

Our family resides within the bounds of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish. Our children have and are still going to Saint Therese Academy. We have lived in this area since the beginning of the Parish and have watched it grow into the beautiful, debt free, and well managed Parish that it is today.

Our purpose in writing is to inform you of our family's deep feeling for our Pastor, Father Kraft. We feel that you should know that we consider him as one of the most devoted, devout, intelligent, knowledgable, logical priests that we have encountered. His full dedication to his priestly duties and the generosity of his time to his parishioners (at any time of the 24 hour day) is beyond description. These qualities coupled with his excellent managerial and administrative talents make him one of the most remarkable men we have ever encountered. Flowery words? YES, and we are very serious because we know that what we say is uncontroversial fact!

We earlier this year lost our oldest son (16 years old) who had cirrhosis of the liver. He was ill for a number of years and had to be rushed to Scripps Hospital many times in very serious condition. He spent much time in the Hospital. Father Kraft and his fellow priests were always willing and ready to rush to his side when they were called. The long trip to Scripps Hospital was made many times even when they were not called and this, as a result, increased our son's faith in his religion and made his last few months more bearable. The Nuns that teach at Saint Therese Academy visited him also.

The above was done, not because we were close friends to Father Kraft, but because of his dedication to his vocation. Father Kraft, as are many other priests, too busy to develop close friendship to the people they serve.

Our son was buried at the Holy Cross Mausoleum and we regularly go there each week. The beauty of the Cemetery, as we know, can only be attributed to Father Kraft's diligent efforts.

Thanking you sincerely,

[Redacted signature area]

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October 22, 1969

My dear Friends:

Many thanks for your letter of October 19. I am grateful for your warm welcome and I am very pleased to receive the wonderful report on the splendid work being accomplished at St. Therese's Parish by Father Kraft your devoted Pastor.

Likewise I am happy to know that you are so delighted to know the manner in which Holy Cross Mausoleum is cared for and the beauty of the Cemetery.

I am grateful for your kindness in presenting these very thoughtful words to me.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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The Chancery  
Diocese of Buffalo  
35 Lincoln Parkway  
Buffalo, New York  
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September 16, 1964

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. James T. Booth, J. C. D.  
The Chancery  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

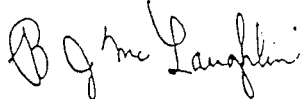
Dear Monsignor Booth:

We have received your recent kind letter in which Father Kraft requests permission to impart the Apostolic Blessing on the occasion of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of an aunt and uncle of his.

We have forwarded the information on to Rome. We shall be happy to do what we can in this matter.

With kind personal regards, I am

Respectfully yours,



Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard J. McLaughlin  
Chancellor

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September 10, 1964

Rt.Rev.Msgr. Bernard Jm McLaughlin, Ph.D.  
Chancellor, Diocese of Buffalo  
35 Lincoln Parkway  
Buffalo, New York 14222

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor:

One of our Pastors in good standing, Reverend William A. Kraft, has requested that we correspond with you and forward his petition for a Papal Blessing on the occasion of his Uncle and Aunt's 50th wedding anniversary, October 12, 1964, to be celebrated in St. Louis Church, Buffalo, by Father Kraft. His relatives names are: Frank and Margaret Kraft.

If you would see fit we would be most grateful to you for your kindness in petitioning this Blessing of the Holy See.

The enclosed check has been offered by Father Kraft as taxa for any expense involved.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt.Rev.Msgr. James T. Booth, J.C.D.  
Chancellor'

enc.: check

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May 25, 1964

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego, California 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

You are hereby appointed Diocesan Director  
of Cemeteries effective Friday, May 29, 1964.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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Reverend William A. Kraft  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

May 4, 1964

Your Excellency,

May I please petition your Excellency's permission to read the Divine Office in the vernacular. I am of the opinion that the beautiful lessons, psalms and prayers, better comprehended in English, will greatly enhance my spiritual life. I have always loved the Office and thanks to God, I have never missed an hour of it from the day I was brought to the sub-dominant.

I shall especially appreciate receiving this privilege as I begin my annual retreat with the Redemptionist Fathers next week.

With esteem and respect,

William A. Kraft

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April 8, 1964

Rev. William Kraft  
St. Therese Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego, California 92112

Dear Father:

Sisters of Precious Blood  
Our Lady of Grace School  
2766 Lake Murray Blvd.  
El Cajon, California

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December 17, 1959

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California  
Dear Father:

Sisters of Nazareth  
Nazareth House  
11005 Friars Rd  
San Diego 20, California

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Father: This "third term" appointment is requested by the entire community of Nazareth House Convent.

Congratulations!

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September 9, 1959

The Most Reverend Bishop R. H. Ackerman  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California

Dear Excellency:

It is requested that The Reverend William A. Kraft be granted permission to participate in the 1959 United Fund drive as chairman of Catholic segment of the clergy section of the Professional Division.

Respectfully,

  
Jack J. Lovejoy  
Campaign Chairman

JJL:ca  
cc: The Reverend William A. Kraft

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September 10, 1959

Mr. Jack J. Lovejoy  
Campaign Chairman  
United Fund of San Diego County  
P.O. Box 2671  
San Diego 12, California

Dear Mr. Lovejoy:

This is in grateful acknowledgement of the letter  
I have received from you this morning.

I am happy to authorize Father William A. Kraft to  
serve the 1959 United Fund Drive in the capacity described  
in your message.

With sentiments of esteem and every best wish, believe  
me

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Most Reverend) Richard M. Ackerman, S.T.D.  
Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego  
Administrator

RMA:ea  
cc: The Reverend William A. Kraft

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

May 19, 1959

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
University of San Diego Administration Building  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and Beloved Bishop:

Regarding the Station of the Cross in the Immaculata Chapel that we have been privileged to donate, we should be deeply pleased if the following words could be used on a commemorative plaque:

Donated by

Reverend William A. Kraft

In Memory of his parents

William and Elizabeth Kraft

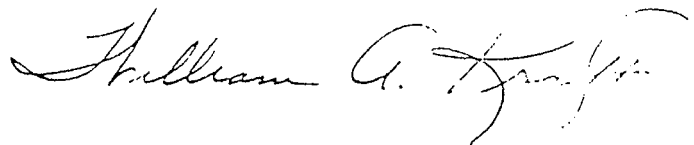
As my father has just retired, both he and mother have arrived in California and are going ahead with their plans to build a home in Rancho Santa Fe.

We are so pleased with Your Excellency's constant solicitude in sending us Father Marcel Perrault who has already taken up his duties with such poise and alacrity.

May it please Your Excellency to find enclosed an additional payment on our debt this month.

May Your Excellency be assured of our continued prayers and sedulous service.

Most respectfully and faithfully in St. Therese,



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March 4, 1959

The Rev. William A. Kraft  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Dear Father Kraft:

Even exclusive of your substantial debt reduction of \$2,000.00,  
your courtesy of March 3rd would be heartwarming.

What you report regarding the "hour's wage donation" and the  
results of parish contribution publication should stimulate  
all the brethren.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you, it is my privilege to  
remain,

Your devoted servant in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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ALCALA PARK

SAN DIEGO 10, CALIFORNIA



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 5, 1958

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, D. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
San Diego, California

Your Excellency:

Monsignor Byrne has asked for a comment relative to Father Kraft's request that an article be included in magazine Information. I think it is an excellent idea, one that deserves a follow-through.

Since the article should be written with as much skill as possible, it might be well to turn it over to the Southern Cross staff for their compilation; or perhaps to assemble pertinent material and forward it to Father Lynch so that his staff might author the article. Either way we would be assured of a work professionally done.

Most respectfully,

  
Right Reverend Monsignor John L. Storm  
President

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

Feast of Saint Louis, King  
August 25, 1958

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P.O. Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop;

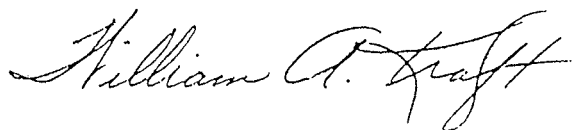
While in New York this past month, I visited with Father Kevin Lynch, who is editor-in-chief of the magazine "Information" which enjoys top circulation in the United States. We were discussing our beloved University of San Diego as he toured the compound some years back while I had been teaching there. He expressed the desire at my suggestion that a leading feature article be written about the University and submitted with several photographs and he would be happy to dedicate a generous portion of the publication to it. He even stated that he would be happy to pay an "author fee" for the article. I assured him that I would bring his desire to Your Excellency's attention at my earliest convenience. I am sure that Your Excellency will be pleased to learn of this opportunity for space in this leading Catholic periodical.

If the proposal pleases Your Excellency, you may contact

Rev. Kevin Lynch, C.S.P.  
Editor-in-Chief, Information Magazine  
180 Varick Street  
New York 14, New York

Please be assured of our continued fidelity and loyalty and devotion to our beloved Bishop.

With filial respect in Christ,



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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO  
THE CHANCERY

University of San Diego  
Administration Bldg.  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

August 27, 1958

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, directs me to acknowledge and thank you for your courtesy of August 25, 1958, and to advise you that the matter mentioned therein has been taken under advisement.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Secretary.

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August 2, 1957

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
5402 Waring Road  
San Diego 20, California

Dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has directed me to petition your assistance with regard to the matter indicated by the enclosed letter from the Board of Education of San Diego.

The Bishop would be pleased if you would accept the assignment of giving the Invocation on October 22, 1957.

With gratitude, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. James T. Booth, J.C.D.  
CHANCELLOR

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft

*Pastor*

Telephone JU 2-3716

Ember Saturday in Lent

March 16, 1957

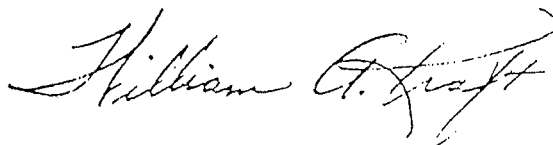
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Administration Building  
University of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
Post Office Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

Some weeks ago in speaking with the Honorable Frank Luckel, I suggested that a resolution be adopted in the California State Assembly honoring our beloved jubilarian, Reverend Mother Rosalie Hill. I received in today's mail a copy of the draft of that resolution and am enclosing it with this note as I am sure it will be of interest to Your Excellency. Later it will be printed in illuminated copies which Mr. Luckel will send directly to Your Excellency.

Please be assured of our continued fidelity and loyal respect.

With filial devotion,



Enc.

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3/12/57  
Req. #8795

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Relative to the Golden Jubilee of Reverend Mother  
Rosalie Hill.

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the Legislature that February 10th and 11th of this year were celebrated as the golden jubilee of the profession of Reverend Mother Rosalie Hill, mother vicar of the Western Province of the Religious of the Sacred Heart; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Mother Hill, who is renowned as an educator and builder, is the founder of the College for Women at the University of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, In the short time since 1941, she has recruited the brilliant faculty which now staffs the College for Women, and by her boundless capabilities and unflagging efforts has created a debt-free and self-sustaining institution worth 5½ million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Since her religious profession in Paris fifty years ago Reverend Mother Hill has risen through her dedicated service to the church to become the spiritual leader of ten houses of the Sacred Heart Society, holding the position of mother vicar of the Western Province since 1929; and

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WHEREAS, Her glorious achievements were pr  
<sup>CHARLES</sup>  
the Most Reverend Francis Buddy, Bishop of San Diego, at the  
recent celebration climaxed by a Solemn Pontifical High Mass  
at which the most Reverend Bishop presided; now, therefore, be  
it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,  
the Senate thereof concurring, That the Members hereby offer  
congratulations to Reverend Mother Hill on her fifty years  
of devoted service to the church and humanity, and commend  
her for her notable work in the field of education; and  
be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly  
transmit suitably prepared copies of this resolution to the  
Reverend Mother Rosalie Hill and to the Most Reverend Francis  
<sup>CHARLES</sup>  
Buddy, Bishop of San Diego.



January 15, 1957

The Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Rectory  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

First let me thank you for the beautiful sentiments, backed up by prayer, expressed in the last paragraph of your courtesy dated January 14, 1957.

You do need help with the Newman Club, which you have activated with consoling results.

Please advise me whether or not you could take on a regular Assistant. This would be the best solution and at the same time give you the relief you deserve.

You can understand that annexing help from Curates in neighboring parishes does not work out successfully. Moreover, Pastors for the most part are unwilling to divide the services of their Assistants simply because their own parishes make demands for at least 14 hours of the day.

If you can be patient and carry on for another three months you could help train one of the newly ordained. Or, if an extra priest should arrive in the meantime salutis causa, we would wish to give you at least temporary help.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you, it is my privilege to remain,

Your devoted servant  
in Corde Regis Regum,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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Church of Saint Therese  
of the Child Jesus

P. O. BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO 12, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT

TELEPHONE JU 2-3716

Feast of Saint Hilary  
January 14, 1957

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Administration Building  
University of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop,

Greetings and best wishes that the New Year bring you sustaining graces through the intercession of the Immaculata!

The Newman Club at San Diego State College is always an earnest concern to me, Your Excellency. As our new parish begins to take form and added parish duties absorb the hours of each day, I feel obliged in fairness to the students of the Newman Club to beseech, Your Excellency, for some assistance in this important Apostolate. I have been constantly faithful in devoting Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the college and have over three hundred school-children for instruction here on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. The thought crossed my mind that a young priest in one of the neighboring parishes perhaps could be asked to devote just an hour of time on Tuesday mornings to Newman Club work. I am well-aware of the pressing demands on Your Excellency for the many projects under way and will clearly understand Your Excellency's sentiments if this assistance be not forthcoming at the present time. Please be assured of my own assiduous desire to be of service to the Newman Club as time now allows.

Though Your Excellency does approach Your seventieth year, my daily prayer is that You will stand by with Your intrepid zeal to continue to inspire Your faithful sons in the vineyard for many more years to come.

With filial respect and devotion,

*William A. Kraft*

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newly returned*

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July 1, 1956

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father:

Pastor to:

St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

July 1, 1956

Your devoted servant in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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*Newman Club*

P. O. BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO 12, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
Chaplain

*of*  
*San Diego State College*

March 26, 1956

Very Reverend James T. Booth, J.C.D.  
Chancellor  
P. O. Box 2422  
San Diego 12, California

Very Reverend and dear Father Booth:

Regarding a commission from His Excellency given to me last February concerning the acquisition of suitable property for the location of parochial facilities for the Catholic people living in the tracts of Allied Gardens and Del Cerro, let me say of this date that no definite site has been determined. Due to difficulties with the City Planning Department, the developers have perforce had to withhold any offer of land until they receive a clearance from the Planning department. Mr. Only the agent for the developers has expressed the eagerness of the developers that the church be cooperated with in every way, and he has assured me that as soon as possible he will contact you through Mr. Dick Woods in my absence.

I should like to remind you, Father, that an alternate need be appointed during my absence for the Sisters of Nazareth as confessor; and one to offer Mass at the Sisters of Victory Noll on Saturday mornings. If possible, too, could a chaplain be named for the Newman Club at State College. The group meets at the college in Room #210 administration building every Tuesday. The sponsor is Dr. Harry Walch, of 5155 Gary, San Diego 15, Calif..

✓ I am enclosing a copy of my last will and testament for the files and may I ask you to destroy the former one. My address in New York during my absence is: 351 Genesee Park Blvd. Rochester 19, New York. Telephone Genesee 6441-R.

May I express a word of profound gratitude for your constant assistance and encouragement in my work.

Sincerely in Christ,

*William A. Kraft*

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October 29, 1954

The Rev. William A. Kraft  
4540 El Cerrito Drive  
San Diego 15, California

Dear Father Kraft:

Your esteemed letter of October 28 reflects further interest in the crying needs of our young people in non-Catholic schools.

The Ontario situation is well known to me. The matter will be submitted to Father Joseph Hill who, you can be certain, will do everything humanly possible to provide for the spiritual welfare of Catholic students attending Chaffey College in Ontario.

At present Father Hill is without a second Assistant. As soon as Father Michael Cooney returns to his duties at the C.I.M., Father Hill will have the services of Father Donald Kulleck as Assistant.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Your devoted servant in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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*Reverend William A. Kraft*

*4540 El Cerrito Drive*

*San Diego 15, California*

Feast of the Immaculate Heart  
of Mary

August 22, 1953

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop Of San Diego  
1528 Fourth Avenue  
San Diego 1, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop,

After consultations with the officers of the Newman Club of San Diego State College, I have been able to outline a tentative program for the club's activities for the coming semester. A religious and cultural educational program will be planned for the regular weekly meetings held on the campus. This program will include basic moral and doctrinal instructions followed by open forums with a view to clarify in line with Catholic philosophy the problems that the students will meet in their regular academic classes. Paralleling this basic religious program, periodically outstanding Catholic laymen will be invited to speak in a vocational series outlining the part a Catholic plays in their particular profession and the basic qualifications required to aspire to that profession.

Because membership in the Newman Club is on a voluntary basis, we are arranging an active social program that will provide wholesome recreation for the members. Thanks to the genuine interest of Monsignor Ott we will be able to use the facilities here at Blessed Sacrament for these social events. As there are over 500 students on the campus who indicate Catholic preference we are in great hopes that our membership this year will be a goodly number. We seek your Excellency's advice concerning the practicality of addressing letters to the Reverend Pastors in the San Diego area urging Catholic students attending State College to join the Newman Club.

Although there are a few distinct advantages in affiliating the Newman Club with the National Federation, especially the advantage of receiving the periodic chaplain's bulletin, I would hesitate to urge such affiliation without the approval of your Excellency. I should like to know the dispositions in this regard of our other Newman Clubs at Redlands University, Chaffey College, and the college in Riverside; the San Bernardino Valley College had been

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affiliated with the Pacific Conference since its inception.

I had an interview with Miss Catherine Ragen, Dean of Women, at San Diego State; she is an excellent Catholic. She pledged the club her support and interest and the co-operation of the faculty with the club's program. At the school there is established an Inter-Faith Council whose chief task is to plan for the Religious Emphasis Week during the semester. This year, the presidency of that Council is in the hands of the Newman Club.

Humbly, then, I present this report to your Excellency with the hope that we might benefit from your suggestions and advice regarding this year's program. We feel that the increasing numbers of Catholics at the college present a great challenge to us to keep the light of their faith burning brightly in these formative days of their youth.

Seeking your Excellency's blessing, I am

Respectfully and devotedly in Christ

*William A. Kraft*

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August 24, 1953

The Rev. William Kraft  
4540 El Cerrito Drive  
San Diego 15, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

This acknowledges with sincere appreciation the report covering the plans and specifications of the Newman Club. It is gratifying to note your interest, which has succeeded in getting things going. It is a difficult task, but my conviction is you can tackle it and achieve, by dint of hard work, a vast amount of good.

You will, of course, guard against the current trend of Religious Indifferentism. Many of our Catholics are already infected with it.

Praying upon your tenure a triple blessing, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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May 25, 1953

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
2525 Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

You are hereby appointed Curate to the Right Reverend  
Monsignor Francis C. Ott, Pastor of

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH  
4540 El Cerrito Drive  
San Diego

effective Monday, May 25, 1953 at 4 p.m.

Respeaking for this new assignment your loyal cooperation,  
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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August 12, 1952

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
2525 Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

This will confirm your appointment as Curate to  
Right Reverend Monsignor Thomas A. Matthews, Pastor  
of

Holy Rosary Church  
2525 Arrowhead Avenue  
San Bernardino.

With every good wish and blessing,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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November 29, 1951

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
522 Pico Street  
San Bernardino, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

You are hereby appointed Curate to

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis Dillon  
St. Joseph's Cathedral  
1567 Third Avenue  
San Diego 1, California

effective this Twenty-ninth day of November 1951.

Respeaking your loyal cooperation in this assignment and  
with every good wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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June 27, 1951

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
7727 Girard Avenue  
La Jolla, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

You are hereby appointed Curate to the Right Reverend  
Monsignor Joseph R. Nunez, Pastor of

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
522 Pico Street  
San Bernardino, California

effective Thursday, June 28, 1951.

With every good wish and bespeaking your loyal cooperation  
in this assignment, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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June 23, 1951

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
San Diego, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

You are hereby appointed Curate to assist the Right  
Reverend Monsignor Francis Dillon, Pastor of

St. Joseph's Cathedral  
San Diego, California

effective Saturday, June 23, 1951.

Praying upon this first assignment in the Diocese every  
blessing and bespeaking your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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# PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET IURISIURANDI FORMULA

Praescripta in Motu Proprio "Sacrorum Antistitum" Pii PP. X. die 1. mensis Sept., anni 1910.

Ego, N.N., Gulielmus Armstrong Kraft

firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quae continentur in symbolo Fidei, quo sancta Romana Ecclesia titur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et Homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis; sub Pontio Pilato passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos et mortuos; cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum, et vivificantem; qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur, qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen. Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones, reliquasque eiusdem Ecclesiae observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram Scripturam iuxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta Mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto; nec eam unquam, nisi iuxta unanimem consensum Patrum, accipiam et interpretabor. Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novae Legis a Iesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria, scilicet, Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Paenitentiam, Extremam Unionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium: illaque gratiam conferre; et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et approbatos Ecclesiae Catholicae ritus in supradictorum omnium Sacramentorum sollemni administratione recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula, quae de peccato originali et de iustificatione in sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium et propitiatorium Sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis; atque in sanctissimo Eucharistiae sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter Corpus et Sanguinem una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Iesu Christi, fierique conversionem totius substantiae panis in corpus et totius substantiae vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem Catholica Ecclesia Transubstantiationem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi. Constanter teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis iuari. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum Reliquias esse venerandas. Firmiter assero imagines Christi, ac Deiparae semper Virginis, nec non aliorum Sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertiendam. Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum Christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo. Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam, omnium ecclesiarum matrem et magistram agnosco, Romanoque Pontifice, beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori, ac Iesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac iuro. Caetera item omnia a sacris Canonibus et Oecumenicis Conciliis, ac praecipue a sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo, et ab oecumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, praesertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor; simulque contraria omnia, atque haereses quascumque ab Ecclesia damnatas et reiectas et anathematizatas, ego pariter damno, reiicio, et anathematizo. Hanc veram Catholicam Fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in praesenti sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et inviolatam usque ad extremum vitae spiritum

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All this I promise that I will faithfully, entirely and sincerely keep and inviolably guard, and from this never in teaching or howsoever by word or writing in the least depart. So I promise, so I swear, so help me God and these His holy gospels.

Subscribitur Gulielmus Armstrong Kraft  
Ex loco El Caporiensis  
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Iuramentum rite coram nobis emissum testamur.

N. F. Franklin J. Ford  
Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi)

"Si quis autem, quod Deus avertat, iusiurandum violare ausus fuerit, ad Sancti Officii tribunal illico deferatur." (Motu Proprio "Sacrorum Antistitum.")

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  - c) the Censor of books,
  - d) Pastors,
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2. When several take the Oath at the same time, one may read the formula aloud; at the end each one, placing his hand on the gospels reads the words "Haec omnia spondeo," etc., and signs his name. (S. C. Consist. Oct. 25, 1910.)
3. The document is to be kept in the safe of the diocesan curia.

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teneatur quod melius et aptius videri possit secundum suam cuiusque aetatis culturam, sed ut *nunquam aliter credatur, nunquam aliter* intelligatur absoluta et immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos praedicata.

Haec omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab iis sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

is, has been, and ever will be in the succession of the Episcopate from the Apostles; not in such a way that what seems best and most fitting according to the refinement of each age may be held, but that the absolute and unchangeable truth preached from the beginning by the Apostles may never in any different wise be believed, never in any different wise be understood.

All this I promise that I will faithfully, entirely and sincerely keep and inviolably guard, and from this never in teaching or howsoever by word or writing in the least depart. So I promise, so I swear, so help me God and these His holy gospels.

Subscribitur Guilielmus A. Kraft  
Ex loco El Cajonensis  
Die 30 mensis Maji A.D. 1951

Iuramentum rite coram nobis emissum testamur.

N. J. Ambrose J. Jund  
Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi)

"Si quis autem, quod Deus avertat, iusiurandum violare ausus fuerit, ad Sancti Officii tribunal illico deferatur." (Motu Proprio "Sacrorum Antistitum.")

#### REMARKS

1. The Profession of Faith is made and the Oath taken before the *Ordinary* of the place or his *Delegate* by:
  - a) the Vicar General,
  - b) the Diocesan Consultors,
  - c) the Censor of books,
  - d) Pastors,
  - e) Confessors and Preachers before they receive the faculty to exercise their functions,
  - f) Clerics called to Subdeaconship,
  - g) Superiors and Professors in the Grand Seminary.(Cf. C. 1406 et Motu Prop. Pii PP. X., Sept. 1. 1910.)
2. When several take the Oath at the same time, one may read the formula aloud; at the end each one, placing his hand on the gospels reads the words "Haec omnia spondeo," etc., and signs his name. (S. C. Consist. Oct. 25, 1910.)
3. The document is to be kept in the safe of the diocesan curia.

WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
SAINT BERNARD'S SEMINARY  
ROCHESTER 12, NEW YORK

Octave Day of All Saints  
November 8, 1948

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy  
Chancery Office  
1528 Fourth Avenue  
San Diego 1, California

Your Excellency,

After deep thought and fervent prayer to the Holy Spirit, I wish to offer myself as a candidate for the Priesthood in your diocese.

I am twenty-two years of age. I was graduated from Saint Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, minor seminary of the Rochester diocese, in 1945. I entered the philosophy department of Rochester's major seminary, St. Bernard's, and finished my philosophy course receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude. At that time I was most interested in Father Hecker and the work he set himself to do, the conversion of America. Through the rector here I applied for a release from the Rochester diocese that I might go to the Paulist Fathers, the society of priests founded by Father Hecker. After spending but a few months with them, it was decided that I return to the secular seminary. Bishop Kearney of Rochester was most gracious in receiving me back into the diocesan seminary but because of the superfluity of students for the diocese and the time-honored custom of not re-accepting students for the diocese who had asked to be released from it, he consented to sponsor me in the seminary until I should decide where I might wish to labor and consequently, a bishop who would adopt me. As the rector instructed me to take my time in finding a bishop, I passed all of last year in First Theology without making a decision. Last summer I visited California and was very much impressed with the people there and the dire need of priests in that section of our country. Now that I am in Second Theology I consider myself far enough advanced to settle the matter of finding a bishop before the time for ordination is too close at hand, as it is in this year when students here usually receive tonsure.

The rector, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfrid T. Craugh, is aware of my writing to you and has given me his hearty approval. He will be most happy to forward to you his personal recommendation regarding

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my character which he has been able to observe in the past few years in this seminary; he will also include my scholastic record which will reveal the fact that I have been an honor-roll student since my first year of philosophy.

I sincerely hope that you will consider me a worthy candidate for your diocese that I may be able to work with you in conquering the West for Christ.

Asking your Excellency's blessing, I am

Yours sincerely and respectfully,

*William A. Kraft*

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November 29, 1948

Mr. William A. Kraft  
Saint Bernard's Seminary  
Rochester 12, New York

Dear Mr. Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop has directed me to acknowledge your esteemed letter of November 8, 1948.

The Most Reverend Bishop is disposed to approve your qualification to study for the Diocese of San Diego. Because of the time, His Excellency thinks it would be better for you to finish out the year at St. Bernard's Seminary, and then come to the Immaculate Heart Seminary in El Cajon for at least two years before your Ordination.

If this plan is agreeable to you, the Most Reverend Bishop would appreciate hearing from you.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Richard R. Daniels  
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SEMINARIAN'S RECORD

Name Kraft, William Armstrong

Address 331 Genesee Park Blvd.  
Rochester 11, N. Y.

Registration

1. Date September 12, 1949
2. Class Theology III
3. School Immaculate Heart Seminary

Testimonials

1. Baptism
  - a. Date May 2, 1936
  - b. Church Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, N. Y.
  - c. Minister Rev. Joseph S. Cameron
2. Confirmation
  - a. Date May 8, 1936
  - b. Church Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, N. Y.
  - c. Minister Most Reverend Edward Mooney
3. Marriage of parents (names of parents) William A. Kraft  
Elizabeth R. Armstrong
  - a. Date Sept. 6, 1917
  - b. Place Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Rochester, N. Y.
  - c. Assisting priest Rev. William Erien
- 4.a. Pastor's recommendation  
  - a. Date Nov. 19, 1948
  - b. Name of pastor Leo V. Smith
- 4.b. Pastor's Investigation  
  - a. Date: May 5, 1950
  - b. Pastor: Leo V. Smith
5. Bishop's recommendations (Canon 993, 4° & III Plen. Balt. n. 176, II Plen. n. 180)
  - a. Diocese A Rochester, New York
    - i. Date Aug. 7, 1946
    - ii. Name signed James C. McAniff, Vice Chancellor
    - iii. Diocese of origin or length of residence origin
  - b. Diocese B Paterson, New Jersey
    - i. Date December 13, 1948
    - ii. Name signed Thomas A. Boland, Bishop of Paterson
    - iii. Diocese of origin or length of residence 6 months
  - c. Diocese C
    - i. Date
    - ii. Name signed
    - iii. Diocese of origin or length of residence
6. Teachers' recommendations
  - a. Parochial school Nazareth Hall Academy, Rochester, N.Y.
    - i. Date December 23, 1949
    - ii. Name signed Sister M. Clarice

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- b. High School The Aquinas Institute of Rochester, N.Y.
    - i. Date November 16, 1948
    - ii. Name signed Rev. William O. Regan, C.S.B.
  - c. College A
    - i. Date
    - ii. Name signed
  - d. College B
    - i. Date
    - ii. Name signed
  - e. University
    - i. Date
    - ii. Name signed
7. Testimonials of religious superiors (for ex-scholastics and ex-religious)
  
  8. Indult from the Holy See (for ex-scholastics and ex-religious)  
Sacred Congregation of Seminaries, January 17, 1950 (Paulist Fathers)
  
  9. Testimonials of Seminary rectors (for those who attended other seminaries)
    - a. Seminary A St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester, N.Y., 1943-1945
      - i. Date December 19, 1949
      - ii. Name of rector Edward M. Lyons
    - b. Seminary B St. Bernard's Seminary - 1945-1946, 1948-1949
      - i. Date November 14, 1948
      - ii. Name of rector Rt. Rev. Wilfred T. Craugh
    - c. Seminary C
      - i. Date
      - ii. Name of rector
  
  10. Annual testimonial of pastor
    - a. Year A
    - b. Year B
    - c. Year C
    - d. Year D
    - e. Year E 1949-1950
    - f. Year F
  
  11. Annual reports on scholarship
    - a. Year A
    - b. Year B
    - c. Year C
    - d. Year D
    - e. Year E 1949-1950
    - f. Year F 1950-51
  
  12. Physical examinations -- dates and physicians; recommendations of latter.  
December 27, 1949 - Ralph J. Onofrio, M.D., San Diego
  
  13. Dispensations from irregularities and impediments -- dates, by whom issued, causes (irregularities ex delicto should not be specified)

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Ordinations

14. Oath of perpetual residence
  - a. Date May 26, 1950
  - b. Age of candidate 24
  - c. Actual domicile? Yes
  
15. Oath of service of diocese (or other evidence of adequate title)
  - a. Date December 22, 1950
  
16. Profession of faith and oath against modernism
  - a. Prior to subdeaconship -- date December 22, 1950
  - b. Prior to Priesthood -- date (at discretion of the bishop, but required for faculties) May 30, 1951
  
17. Record of prior ordinations
  - a. Tonsure
    - i. Date April 2, 1949
    - ii. Place St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.
    - iii. Minister James E. Kearney
  - b. Ostiariate
    - i. Date June 3, 1950
    - ii. Place St. Joseph's Cathedral, San Diego, Calif.
    - iii. Minister Charles Francis Buddy
  - c. Lectorate
    - i. Date June 3, 1950
    - ii. Place St. Joseph's Cathedral, San Diego, Calif.
    - iii. Minister Charles Francis Buddy
  - d. Exorcistate
    - i. Date September 23, 1950
    - ii. Place Immaculate Heart Seminary, El Cajon, Calif.
    - iii. Minister Charles Francis Buddy
  - e. Acolythate
    - i. Date September 23, 1950
    - ii. Place Immaculate Heart Seminary, El Cajon, Calif.
    - iii. Minister Charles Francis Buddy
  - f. Subdiaconate
    - i. Date December 23, 1950
    - ii. Place Immaculate Heart Seminary, El Cajon, Calif.
    - iii. Minister Charles Francis Buddy
  - g. Diaconate
    - i. Date May 12, 1951
    - ii. Place Immaculate Heart Seminary, El Cajon, Calif.
    - iii. Minister Charles Francis Buddy
  - h. Priesthood
    - i. Date June 1, 1951
    - ii. Place St. Joseph's Cathedral, San Diego, Calif.
    - iii. Minister Charles Francis Buddy
  
18. Testimonial as to the completion of the studies required by Canon 976 for
  - a. Tonsure - date and signature
  - b. Subdiaconate - date and signature December 6, 1950 - Franklin F. Hurd
  - c. Diaconate - date and signature April 10, 1951 - Franklin F. Hurd
  - d. Priesthood - date and signature April 10, 1951 - Franklin F. Hurd

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19. Testimonial as to examination required before each ordination
  - a. Tonsure - date and signature
  - b. Ostiariate - date and signature      May 27, 1950      Franklin F. Hurd
  - c. Lectorate - date and signature      "      "
  - d. Exorcistate - date and signature      Sept. 22, 1950      "
  - e. Acolythate - date and signature      "      "
  - f. Subdiaconate - date and signature      Dec. 13, 1950      "
  - g. Diaconate - date and signature      May 6, 1951      "
  - h. Priesthood - date and signature      May 23, 1951      "
  
20. Testimonial of the rector of the seminary as to the moral worthiness required prior to each order.
  - a. Tonsure - date
  - b. Ostiariate - date      May 22, 1950
  - c. Lectorate - date      "
  - d. Exorcistate - date      Sept. 20, 1950
  - e. Acolythate - date      "
  - f. Subdiaconate - date      Dec. 15, 1950
  - g. Diaconate - date      May 9, 1951
  - h. Priesthood - date      May 23, 1951
  
21. Petitions of seminarian for promotion required for
  - a. Tonsure - date      March 5, 1949
  - b. First minors - date      May 26, 1950
  - c. Second minors - date      Sept. 21, 1950
  - d. Subdiaconate - date      December 17, 1950
  - e. Diaconate - date      May 9, 1951
  - f. Priesthood - date      May 25, 1951
  
22. Declarations of freedom made under oath prior to
  - a. Subdiaconate - date      December 22, 1950
  - b. Diaconate - date      May 9, 1951
  - c. Priesthood - date      May 23, 1951
  
23. Retreats made in preparation for ordination to
  - a. Tonsure - dates
  - b. Ostiariate - dates      May 30 to June 3, 1950
  - c. Lectorate - dates      "      "
  - d. Exorcistate - dates      Sept. 16 to Sept. 23, 1950
  - e. Acolythate - dates      "      "
  - f. Subdiaconate - dates      Dec. 16 to Dec. 23, 1950
  - g. Diaconate - dates      May 3 to May 12, 1951
  - h. Priesthood - dates      May 25 to June 1, 1951
  - i. Repeated retreats
  
24. Publication of proposed ordination to
  - a. Subdiaconate
    - i. Date      December 8, 1950
    - ii. Churches      Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, N. Y.
    - iii. Method      Announcement from pulpit
    - iv. Dispensation-date, signature, causes

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- b. Diaconate
    - i. Date January 28, 1951
    - ii. Churches Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, N. Y.
    - iii. Method Announcement from pulpit
    - iv. Dispensation - date, signature, causes
  - c. Priesthood
    - i. Date May 20, 1951
    - ii. Churches Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, N.Y.
    - iii. Method Announcement from pulpit
    - iv. Dispensation - date, signature, causes
  - d. Publications repeated - date, churches, method and reasons
25. Dimissorial letters issued for
- a. Tonsure
    - i. Date
    - ii. Bishop ordaining
    - iii. By whom issued and under what authority
  - b. Ostiariate
    - i. Date June 1, 1950
    - ii. Bishop ordaining Charles Francis Buddy
    - iii. By whom issued and under what authority Charles Francis Buddy
  - c. Lectorate
    - i. Date June 1, 1950
    - ii. Bishop ordaining Charles Francis Buddy
    - iii. By whom issued and under what authority Charles Francis Buddy
  - d. Exorcistate
    - i. Date September 22, 1950
    - ii. Bishop ordaining Charles Francis Buddy
    - iii. By whom issued and under what authority Charles Francis Buddy
  - e. Acolythate
    - i. Date Sept. 22, 1950
    - ii. Bishop ordaining Charles Francis Buddy
    - iii. By whom issued and under what authority Charles Francis Buddy
  - f. Subdiaconate
    - i. Date December 16, 1950
    - ii. Bishop ordaining Charles Francis Buddy
    - iii. By whom issued and under what authority Charles Francis Buddy
  - g. Diaconate
    - i. Date May 10, 1951
    - ii. Bishop ordaining Charles Francis Buddy
    - iii. By whom issued and under what authority Charles Francis Buddy
  - h. Priesthood
    - i. Date May 23, 1951
    - ii. Bishop ordaining Charles Francis Buddy
    - iii. By whom issued and under what authority Charles Francis Buddy

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26. Ordination registered in diocesan register
  - a. Tonsure
    - i. Page in register
    - ii. Date
  - b. Ostiarate
    - i. Page in register 26
    - ii. Date June 3, 1950
  - c. Lectorate 26
    - i. Page in register
    - ii. Date June 3, 1950
  - d. Exorcistate
    - i. Page in register 50
    - ii. Date Sept. 23, 1950
  - e. Acolythate
    - i. Page in register 50
    - ii. Date Sept. 23, 1950
  - f. Subdiaconate
    - i. Page in register 74
    - ii. Date Dec. 23, 1950
  - g. Diaconate
    - i. Page in register 98
    - ii. Date May 12, 1951
  - h. Priesthood
    - i. Page in register 122
    - ii. Date June 1, 1951
27. Notice of promotion to Subdiaconate sent to pastor
  - i. Date January 17, 1951
  - ii. By whom issued Right Reverend Monsignor Franklin F. Hurd
  - iii. Causes
28. Dispensations
  - a. From age
    - i. Date
    - ii. By whom issued
    - iii. Causes
  - b. From studies
    - i. Date
    - ii. By whom issued
    - iii. Causes
  - c. From years of study
    - i. Date
    - ii. By whom issued
    - iii. Causes
  - d. From examinations
    - i. Date
    - ii. By whom issued
    - iii. Causes
  - e. From retreats
    - i. Date
    - ii. By whom issued
    - iii. Causes
  - f. From interstices
    - i. Date
    - ii. By whom issued
    - iii. Causes
  - g. From proper canonical days for ordination
    - i. Date
    - ii. By whom issued
    - iii. Causes

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## IMMACULATE HEART SEMINARY

EAST MADISON AVENUE

POST OFFICE BOX 1118

EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

Jurjurandi Formula Juxta  
 Dec. S. Cong. S., Dec. 27, 1930

Ego subsignatus, Gubelmus Amstrong Kraft, cum petitionem  
 Episcopo exhibuerim pro recipiendis Presbyteratus Ordine, sacra  
 instante Ordinatione, ac diligenter re perpensa coram Deo,  
 juramento interposito, testificor in primis, nulla me coactione  
 seu vi, nec ullo timore impelli in recipiendis eodem sacro  
 Ordine, sed ipsum sponte exoptare, ac plena liberaque  
 voluntate eundem velle cum experiar ac sentiam a Deo  
 me esse revera vocatum.

Fateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera ceteraque  
 ex eodem sacro Ordine dimanantia, quae sponte suscipere  
 Deo opitulante, diligentissime servare constituo.

Praecipue quae cuilibet lex importet clare me percipere  
 ostendo, eamque libenter explere atque integre servare usque  
 ad extremum, Deo adiutore, firmiter statuo.

Denique sincera fide spondeo jugiter me fore, ad  
 normam S. Canonum, obtemperaturum obsequentissime iis  
 disciplina exigit, paratum virtutum exempla praebere  
 sine opere sine sermone, adeo ut de tanti officii susceptione  
 remunerari a Deo merear.

Sic spondeo, sic voveo, sic jur, sic me Deus adjuvet et  
 haec Sancti Dei Evangelia quae manibus meis tango.

Die 28 Mensis Maji, anno 1957

Juramenta rite coram me emissum testor Gubelmus A. Kraft

J. M. J. J. J.  
 Rector Seminaris Cordis Mariae Immaculatae

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EAST MADISON AVENUE

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EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

Within the Octave of Corpus Christi  
May 25, 1951

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy  
Bishop of San Diego  
1528 Fourth Avenue  
San Diego, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

In compliance with the Instruction of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments of December 2, 1930, I humbly petition Your Excellency to be promoted to the Sacred Order of Priesthood.

In presenting this petition, I solemnly declare that I am actuated by no motive of fear, either physical or moral; that I am in no way coerced by parent, relative, pastor, assistant pastor or any other agency whatsoever, but make this request of my own free and spontaneous will, and that I am fully aware of the grave obligation of perpetual clerical celibacy and the daily recitation of the Divine Office consequent upon the reception of this Sacred Order.

Your Excellency's most humble servant  
William A. Kraft

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Testimonial of Rector

Excellentia Vestra:

Ego, infrascriptus Rector Seminarii Immaculati Cordis Mariae  
testor de sequentibus necessariis ad promotionem Gulielmi Kraft  
ad ordinem presbyteratus:

1. Candidatum liberum esse ab omni impedimento canonico et irregularitate.
2. Candidatum tonsuram omnes ordines minores subdiaconatum et diaconatum recepisse.
3. Ratione prioris affiliationis cum Societate Religiosa Sacra Congregatione ~~dispen~~ consulta ~~intenta~~ ~~esse~~ ~~esse~~  
~~intenta~~ ~~esse~~ ~~esse~~
4. Me, qua delegatum vestrum, petitionem candidati recepisse.
5. Candidatum feliciter peregissee studia per canonem 976 requisita.
6. Candidatum comprobatum esse a Rectore et Facultate huius Seminarii.
7. Candidatum obtinuisse litteras testimoniales requisitas.
8. Praescriptiones Instructionis Quam ingens quoad investigationes de idoneitate candidati peractas esse.
9. Candidatum feliciter subiisse examen de ordine presbyteratus.
10. Candidatum emisisse requisitam, Professionem Fidei.
11. Candidatum emisisse declarationem juratam de libertate etc. ad normas Instructionis Quam ingens.
12. Candidatum praestitisse iusiruum quod includo anti-modernisticum.
13. Publicationes peractas esse secundum normam per canonem 998 praescriptam.
14. Candidatum peracturum esse exercitia spiritualia in hoc Seminario per sex integros dies.

Datum ex aedibus Seminarii

Die 23, Mensis Maii, Anni 1951

Vidi et approbavi

die 23<sup>o</sup>, mensis Maii, 1951

+ Carolus H. Buddy  
Episcopus Sancti Didaci

Francis J. Smith  
Rector  
IMMACULATE HEART SEMINARY

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2. Candidatum tonsuram omnes ordines minores, et subdiaconatum recepisse.
3. Dispensationem a \_\_\_\_\_ obtenta esse.  
iones . . . . . obtentas esse.
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Datum ex aedibus Seminarii

Die 9, Mensis Maii, Anni 1951

Vidi et approbavi

die 10<sup>e</sup>, mensis Maii, 1951

Episcopus Sancti Didaci  
Episcopus Sancti Didaci

Rector  
Rector  
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EAST MADISON AVENUE  
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EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

Feast of Saint Gregory Nazianzen  
May 9, 1951

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Bishop of San Diego  
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San Diego 1, California

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Your Excellency's most humble servant

William A. Kraft

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IMMACULATE HEART SEMINARY

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EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

Jurijurandi Formula Juxta Decr. S. Cong. S., Dec. 27, 1930

Ego subsignatus, Gulielmus Gustavus Kraft, cum petitionem Episcopo exhibuerim pro recipiendis diaconatus ordine, sacra instante Ordinatione, ac diligenter re perpensa coram Deo, juramento interposito, testificor in primis, nulla me coactione seu vi, nec ullo timore impelli in recipiendis eodem sacro Ordine, sed ipsum sponte exoptare, ac plena liberaque voluntate eundem velle cum experias ac sentiam a Deo me esse revera vocatum.

Tateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera ceteraque ex eodem sacro Ordine dimanantia, quae sponte suscipere volo ac propono, eaque libenter toto meae vitae curriculo, Deo opitulante, diligentissime servare constituto.

Præcipue quae caelibatus lex importet clare me percipere ostendo, eaque libenter expleo atque integre servare usque ad extremum, Deo adiutore, firmiter statuo.

Denique sincera fide spondeo jugiter me fore, ad normam S. Canonum, obtemperaturum obsequentissime iis omnibus, quae mei præcipient Praepositi et Ecclesiae disciplina exigit, paratum virtutum exempla præbere sive opera sive sermone, adeo ut de tanti officii susceptione remunerari a Deo merear.

Sic spondeo, sic voto, sic juro, sic me Deus adjuvet et haec Sancta Dei Evangelia quae manibus meis tangam.

Die nona, Mensis Maji, anno 1951

Gulielmus A. Kraft

Juramenta rite coram me immissum testor

J. William J. J. J.

Rector Seminarii Immaculatae Cordis Mariae

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Immaculate Heart Seminary

El Cajon, California

(Print or type all answers)

State name in full Kraft, William Armstrong Telephone No. General 6441

Residence 331 Genesee Pk. Blvd. Rochester 19, New York Diocese Rochester  
No. and street City State

Parish OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL Address 75 ERNESTINE ST. ROCHESTER 19,1

Pastor (name and title) REV. LEO V. SMITH

Date of Birth APRIL 13, 1926 Place ROCHESTER

If you were not born in the United States, state whether you are a citizen by virtue of your own naturalization or that of your father.

Approximate date of your own or your father's naturalization

Date of Baptism MAY 2 1926

Church of Baptism IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Address PLYMOUTH AVE, No. ROCHESTER

Date of Confirmation MAY 8 1936

Church of Confirmation OUR LADY OF GOOD C. Address BROOKS AVENUE

Date of Matriculation SEPT '49 Class entered 3RD THEO. Date of Withdrawal

FAMILY RECORD

Father

Mother

Name of Father WM. ANDREW KRAFT Maiden Name of Mother BETTY R. ARMSTRONG

Religion of Father CATHOLIC Religion of Mother CATHOLIC

Living?  Dead?  Living?  Dead?

Cause of death Cause of death

Father's occupation CHIEF ENGINEER EASTMAN KODAK Mother's occupation if working outside the home

Father's descent German Mother's descent Irish

Country and Place of birth U. S. (ROCHESTER) Country and Place of birth U. S. (ROCHESTER)

High School Attended WEST HIGH High School Attended CATHEDRAL

High School Graduate (Yes or No) YES High School Graduate (Yes or No) NO

College Attended ROCH. POLYTECHNIC College Attended

College Graduate (Yes or No) NO College Graduate (Yes or No)

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Date of Parents' Marriage SEPT 6, 1917 Name of Church SACRED HEART ROCHESTER City

Are your parents separated or divorced? No Is either remarried? Which?

If one parent, or both, are converts, state which and from what religion \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live with your family? YES If not, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Have your parents need of your financial support? No

Has any member of your family been afflicted with a mental disease? No

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Name, location and degree of relationship of relatives, inclusive of aunts and second cousins who are nuns \_\_\_\_\_

Name, location and degree of relationship, inclusive of uncles and second cousins who are Priests or Brothers RT. REV MSGR. WILLIAM J. BRIEN  
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ELMIRA, N.Y. (COUSIN)

Are you in any manner physically deformed? No If so, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been affiliated with a heretical or schismatic sect or a forbidden society? No If so, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attempted to contract marriage? No If so, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever accidentally killed or mutilated a human being? No If so, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are you involved in any business transactions for which you are responsible and must render an account? No If so, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are you obliged to render military service in Federal or State forces? No

Have you ever been so obliged? No If so, have you engaged in active military service? \_\_\_\_\_

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Indicate all places in which you resided for periods of three months or longer while engaged in such military service:

Place	Length of Residence	Dates	
		From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Indicate all Dioceses in which you have resided for periods of six months or longer since your fourteenth year:

Diocese	Name of School or Parish	Length of Residence	Dates	
			From	To
<u>PATERSON, N.J.</u>	<u>MT. PAUL NOVIATE</u>	<u>6 MOS.</u>	<u>OCT 12, '46</u>	<u>MAY 30 '4</u>
<u>ROCHESTER, N.Y.</u>	<u>OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL (ROCHESTER)</u>	<u>time before and time after the above interval until</u>	<u>SEPT. 1949</u>	

Have you ever before sought acceptance as a seminarian of another Diocese? YES  
 Explain WAS A STUDENT OF ROCHESTER DIOCESE UNTIL ~~THE~~ <sup>2nd</sup>

Have you ever been refused admittance to a Seminary or Community? No If so, explain \_\_\_\_\_

To what other orders, congregations or societies have you made application? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been accepted as a student, postulant or novice of any religious community? YES Explain PAULIST FATHERS AS A NOVICE

Have you ever bound yourself by vows, oaths, or promises, in a religious organization? NO If so, explain \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been affiliated with a religious community? YES If so, explain FOR 6 MOS. AS A NOVICE - SEE ABOVE

Have the required papers been received from Rome? yes When? JAN 1950

Indicate all institutions of learning you have attended (Grammar School, High School, College, Seminary):

Name of School	Address	Dates		Date Graduated
		From	To	
<del>OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL</del>				
<u>NAZARETH HALL</u>	<u>180 RAINES PK ROCHESTER 13</u>	<u>grammar school</u>		<u>JUNE 1939</u>
<u>AQUINAS INSTITUTE</u>	<u>1127 DEWEY AVE. ROCHESTER 12</u>	<u>SEPT '39</u>	<u>JUNE '43</u>	<u>JUNE 1943</u>
<u>ST. ANDREW'S SEMINARY</u>	<u>1150 BUFFALO RD ROCHESTER 11</u>	<u>SEPT '43</u>	<u>MARCH '45</u>	<u>MARCH 1945</u>
<u>ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY</u>	<u>2260 LAKE AVE ROCHESTER 12</u>	<u>APRIL '45</u>	<u>JUNE '49</u>	

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Did you ever fail in a secondary school or college subject for a full year? No

What subject? \_\_\_\_\_ If you repeated a year, which? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever dismissed from school? No If so, state school, location and reasons \_\_\_\_\_

(Secondary school or college?) No

List honors or prizes for scholastic excellence for entire school year in secondary school, college or seminary BISHOP KEARNEY MEDAL IN ORATORY (QUILL & SCROLL) & (CATHOLIC PRESS) JOURNALISM AWARDS

What academic degrees have you attained? BACHELOR OF ARTS

Have you had any musical education (vocal or instrumental)? VOCAL

What languages other than English do you speak fluently? FRENCH

\_\_\_\_\_ read fluently? FRENCH

Did you spend some years out of school? \_\_\_\_\_ How many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you indebted financially to anyone for previous education? DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Explain EDUCATION IN MINOR AND MAJOR SEM. TO 3RD THE.

Name three Priests who would recommend you for admission to the Seminary:

Name	Address
<u>MOST REV JAMES E. KEARNEY</u>	<u>947 EAST AVE ROCHESTER (7)</u>
<u>RT. REV. J. FRANCIS GOGGIN, P.A.</u>	<u>2260 LAKE AVE. " (12)</u>
<u>RT. REV. WILFRED T. CRAUGH</u>	<u>" " (12)</u>

Are you able to pay board and tuition, or any part of same, during seminary course? No

In applying for admission to the seminary, are you free from all coaction and duress from external sources? YES

Orders Previously Received

	Date	Place	Address
Tonsure	<u>APRIL 9 '49</u>	<u>ST. BERNARD'S SEM.</u>	<u>ROCHESTER N. Y.</u>
Ostiariate	<u>JUNE 3 '50</u>	<u>ST. JOSEPH'S CATH.</u>	<u>SAN DIEGO, CAL.</u>
Lectorate	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Exorcistate	<u>SEPT. 23 '50</u>	<u>IMMACULATE HEART CHAPEL</u>	<u>EL CAJON, CAL.</u>
Acolytate	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Subdiaconate	<u>DEC. 23 '50</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Diaconate	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>

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Remarks:

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*William A. Kraft*  
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 Signature of Applicant

Date *April 7, 1951*

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OATH OF SERVICE TO DIOCESE

Ego Gulielmus Armstrong Kraft

candidatus ad ordinem subdiaconatus titulo servitii  
dioecesis suscipiendi, ad normam iuris spondeo ac iuro  
me Dioecesi Sancti Didaci perpetuo  
inservituum, sub Ordinarii praedictae Dioecesis pro  
tempore Auctoritate.

Sic me Deus adiuvet, et haec sancta Dei  
Evangelia quae manibus tango.

Gulielmus Armstrong Kraft

Die 22, Mensis Aprilis, Anni 1950

IMMACULATE HEART SEMINARY

EAST MADISON AVENUE

POST OFFICE BOX 1118

EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

Jurjurandi Formula Justa  
Dec. S. Cong. S., Dec. 27, 1930

Ego, Gulielmus Armstrong Kraft, cum petitionem Episcopi exhibuerim pro recipiendis Subdiaconatus Ordine, sacra instante Ordinatione, ac diligenter re perpensa coram Deo juramento interposito, testificor in primis, nulla me Coactione seu vi, nec ullo timore impelli in recipiendis eodem sacro Ordine, sed ipsum sponte exoptare, ac plenam liberamque voluntate eundem velle cum experiar ac sentiam a Deo me esse revera vocatum.

Fateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera ceteraque ex eodem sacro Ordine dimanantia, quae sponte suscipere volo ac propono, eaque libenter totis meae constituro.

Præcipue quae caelibatus lex importet clare me percipere ostendo, eamque libenter explere atque integre servare usque ad extremum, Deo adjutore, firmiter statuo.

Denique sincera fide spondeo jugiter me fore, ad moram S. Canonum, obtemperaturum obsequentissime iis omnibus quae mei præcipient Praepositi et Ecclesiae disciplina exiget, paratum virtutem exempla præbere sine opera sine sermone, adeo ut de tanti officii susceptione remunerari a Deo merear.

Sic spondeo, sic voveo, sic juro, sic me Deus adjuvet et haec Sancta Dei Evangelia quae manibus meis tango.

Die 22 Mensis Decembris anno 1950

Juramenta rite coram me  
emissum testor

Gulielmus Armstrong Kraft

F. J. Ford  
Rector Seminarii Cordis Mariae Immaculatae

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IMMACULATE HEART SEMINARY

EAST MADISON AVENUE  
POST OFFICE BOX 1118  
EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

December 17, 1950

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy  
Bishop of San Diego  
1528 Fourth Avenue  
San Diego, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop,

In compliance with the Instruction of the Sacred  
Congregation of the Sacraments of December 27, 1930, I  
humbly petition Your Excellency to be promoted to the Sacred  
Order of Subdiaconship.

In presenting this petition, I solemnly declare that  
I am actuated by no motive of fear, either physical or moral,  
that I am in no way coerced by parent, relative, pastor,  
assistant pastor or any other agency whatsoever, but make  
this request of my own free and spontaneous will, and  
that I am fully aware of the grave obligation of perpetual  
clerical celibacy and the daily recitation of the Divine  
Office consequent upon the reception of this Sacred Order.

Your Excellency's most humble servant,

William A. Kraft

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Testimonial of Rector

Excellentia Vestra:

Ego, infrascriptus Rector Seminarii Immaculati Cordis Mariae

testor de sequentibus necessariis ad promotionem Guilielmo Kraft

ad ordinem subdiaconatus:

1. Candidatum liberum esse ab omni impedimento canonico et irregularitate.
2. Candidatum tonsuram et omnes ordines minores recepisse.
3. Dispensationem a \_\_\_\_\_ obtenta esse.  
iones, \_\_\_\_\_ obtentas esse.
4. Me, qua delegatum vestrum, petitionem candidati recepisse.
5. Candidatum feliciter peregrasse studia per canonem 976 requisita.
6. Candidatum comprobatum esse a Rectore et Facultate huius Seminarii.
7. Candidatum obtinuisse litteras testimoniales requisitas.
8. Praescriptiones Instructionis Quam ingens quoad investigationes de idoneitate candidati peractas esse.
9. Candidatum feliciter subiisse examen de ordines subdiaconatus.
10. Candidatum emisisse requisitam Professionem Fidei.
11. Candidatum emisisse declarationem juratam de libertate etc. ad normas Instructionis Quam ingens.
12. Candidatum praestitisse iusiruum quod includo anti-modernisticum.
13. Publicationes peractas esse secundum normam per canonem 998 praescriptam.
14. Candidatum peracturum esse exercitia spiritualia in hoc Seminario per sex integros dies.

Datum ex aedibus Seminarii

Die 15, Mensis Decembris, Anni 1950

si et approbavi

die 16, mensis Decembris, 1950

Franklin F. Boyd

Rector  
IMMACULATE HEART SEMINARY

+ Carolus A. Buddy  
Episcopus Sancti Iudae

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IMMACULATE HEART BEMINARY

EAST MADISON AVENUE  
POST OFFICE BOX 1118  
EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle  
September 21, 1950

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy  
Bishop of San Diego  
1528 Fourth Avenue  
San Diego, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

I, the undersigned, William A. Kraft, a student  
for the Diocese of San Diego, hereby humbly petition Your  
Excellency to be promoted to the orders of Exorcist  
and Acolyte, if I am judged worthy.

In presenting this petition to Your Excellency  
I do so entirely of my own free and spontaneous will  
and am moved thereunto by no consideration other  
than the promotion of the glory of God in the  
service of the Church and the salvation of my  
own soul.

Your Excellency's most humble servant

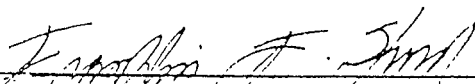
William A. Kraft

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Excellentia Vestra:

Per has praesentes testificor de Guillermo Kraft promovendo ad Exorcistatum et Acolythatum has sequentes legis praescriptiones impletas esse, i.e.

1. Eum ab omnibus impedimentis et irregularitatibus canonicis esse liberum;
2. Ab eo studia theologica C. 976 pro (prima tonsura) pro his Ordinibus (C. 993, par. 2) requisita peracta esse;
3. Eum bonis moribus satisfecisse (C. 993, par. 3);
4. Felici eventu examen C. 996 requisitum subiisse;
5. Eum spiritualia exercitia C. 1001 praescripta peracturum esse;
6. Praescriptiones in Instructione Sacrae Congregationis de Sacramentis die 27a Decembris 1930 data descriptas impletas esse.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Rector, Seminarii Immaculati Cordis Mariae  
El Cajon in California

Datum 20 Septembri, 1950

Vidi et approbavi

die 22, mensis Septembri, 1950

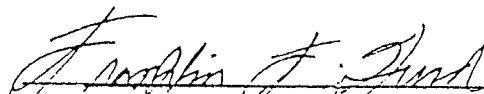
  
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Episcopus Sancti Didaci

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Excellentia Vestra:

Per has praesentes testificor de Gulielmo Kraft promovendo ad Ostiarium et Lectoratum has sequentes legis praescriptiones impletas esse,  
i.e.

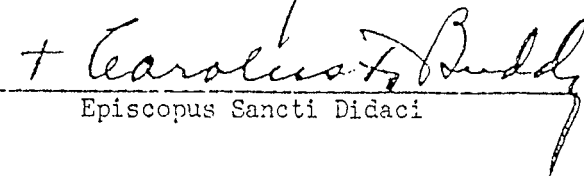
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3. Eum bonis moribus satisfecisse (C. 993, par. 3);
4. Felici eventu examen C. 996 requisitum subiisse;
5. Eum spiritualia exercitia C. 1001 praescripta peracturum esse;
6. Praescriptiones in Instructione Sacrae Congregationis de Sacramentis die 27a Decembris 1930 data descriptas impletas esse.

  
Rector, Seminarii Immaculati Cordis Mariae  
El Cajon in California

Datum 22 Maii, 1950

Vidi et approbavi

die 1<sup>e</sup>, mensis Junii, 1950

  
Episcopus Sancti Didaci

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FORMULA IURISIURANDI PRAESTANDI AD PRIMAM TONSURAM POSTULANTIBUS

AD NORMAN CAN. 956

Ego Gulielmus Kraft habens simplex  
domicilium, at non originem, in Dioecesi Sancti Didaci coram Domino  
voveo ac iuro in eadem dioecesi me perpetuo manere velle.

Sic me Deus adjuvet et haec Sancta Evangelia quae manibus  
tango.

In quorum fidem subsigno,

Gulielmus Kraft

Die 26 Maii 1950

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Ego infrascriptus testor coram Domino Gulielmum Kraft  
huius Seminarii Immaculati Cordis alumnum et scholae adscriptum, ad  
primam tonsuram candidatum, suprascriptam jurisjurandi formulam, ad  
normam juris, coram me rite emisisse.

In quorum fidem subscribo,

Francis J. Jund  
Rector Seminarii Immaculati Cordis,  
El Cajon

Die 26 Maii 1950

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RCBSD KRAFT

IMMACULATE HEART SEMINARY

EAST MADISON AVENUE  
POST OFFICE BOX 1118  
EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

Feast of St. Philip Neri  
May 26, 1950

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy  
Bishop of San Diego  
1528 Fourth Avenue  
San Diego, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop,

I, the undersigned, William A. Kraft, a student for the Diocese of San Diego, hereby humbly petition Your Excellency to be promoted to the orders of Reader and Lector, if I am judged worthy.

In presenting this petition to Your Excellency I do so entirely of my own free and spontaneous will and am moved thereunto by no consideration other than the promotion of the glory of God in the service of the Church and the salvation of my own soul.

Your Excellency's most humble servant,  
William A. Kraft

ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY

2260 LAKE AVENUE  
ROCHESTER 12, N. Y.

July 8, 1949.

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, D.D.  
1528 Fourth Avenue  
San Diego, California.

Your Excellency,

Enclosed herewith you will find the semestral report of studies for Mr. William A. Kraft.

Mr. Kraft received First Tonsure on April 2nd. He was also approved by the Faculty for promotion to Minor Orders, but has not received them, since it is our custom to hold the class ordinations in September rather than at the end of the school year. I have therefore thought it advisable to have Mr. Kraft postpone his petition for Minor Orders until after his arrival in San Diego. The papers collected preparatory to his reception of Tonsure, together with duplicates of record of baptism, etc., are also being forwarded for your files.

With cordial personal regards, and with sentiments of deep respect, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Rt. Rev. Wilfred T. Craugh, Rector.

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ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY  
2260 LAKE AVENUE  
ROCHESTER 12, N. Y.

April 27, 1949.

Rev. Joseph N. Stadler,  
Chancery Office,  
San Diego, California.

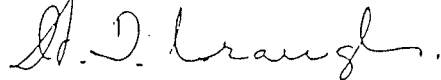
Reverend dear Father Stadler,

For your records please note that in an ordination held in the Seminary chapel on April 2, 1949 by His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, Mr. William A. Kraft was promoted to First Tonsure and thereby incardinated into the Diocese of San Diego.

Mr. Kraft's records and other documents will be forwarded together with his transcript of studies for this year at the end of the current semester.

With cordial regards and all good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely yours,



Rt. Rev. Wilfred T. Craugh, Rector.

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Saint Bernard's Seminary  
Rochester 12, New York  
March 5, 1949

The Rt. Rev. Hilfred J. Craugh,  
Rector, Saint Bernard's Seminary

Rt. Rev. Monsignor,

I, the undersigned, humbly and under no coercion present this petition that I may receive clerical tonsure in forthcoming ordination.

I am fully cognizant of the obligations of the clerical state as outlined in Title III, Part I, Book II of the Code of Canon Law. I firmly believe that with the help of God's grace I shall be able to carry out these obligations.

Furthermore, I am well-aware of the vows incumbent upon those in major orders and from my experience while living in the seminary and during the vacation I believe that with God's grace I shall be able to keep them.

Because I am personally convinced that I can best give glory to God by serving Him as His priest, I petition for clerical tonsure.

Sincerely and respectfully,  
William A. Kraft  
Diocese of San Diego

I hereby attest the baptism and confirmation of this candidate, and I consider him fitted for the clerical state.

H. J. Craugh,  
Rector.

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# ST. THERESE PARISH FILE

Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

March 20, 1961

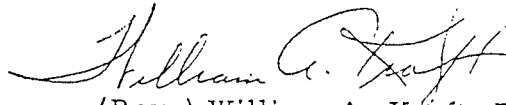
His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S. T. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Post Office Box 2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

We are indeed pleased to enclose a check for \$2,000.00 additional payment on our principal. For this quarter we have paid, to date, \$15,000.00 on our principal and interest.

We pray the intercession of the Little Flower that we may continue to meet our obligations. Your Excellency is assured of our continued loyalty and fidelity and constant prayers.

Respectfully in Christ,



(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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Enc.

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January 17, 1961

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

Please put me down in your keepsake volume of the long ago as one devoted and most grateful for your very generous gifts.

What you have achieved in a comparatively brief time is cause for even deeper appreciation.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you and for the honors you conferred on me last Sunday, I remain,

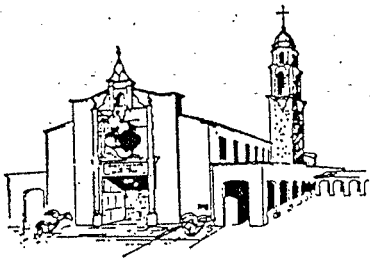
Most gratefully in the Christ  
Child and His Blessed Mother,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

January 15, 1961

Most Beloved Bishop,

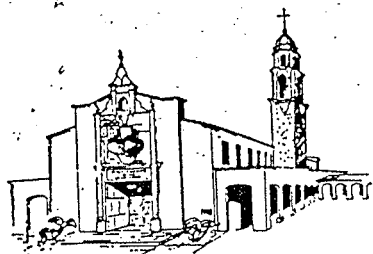
I couldn't rest tonight without expressing my sincere appreciation to Your Excellency for our wonderful dedication of our school. It was an event that our people shall never forget. Your Excellency's Mass for us crowned the entire occasion.

Mr. Cecil Cotton was here and wished to express his gratitude to Your Excellency. I regret that I did not spot him until later or I would have introduced him.

Please accept this modest enclosure. I wish it were tripled.

Again with sincere joy & prayer for Your Excellency  
Fidelity, fervent devotion & loyalty

William A. Kraft



## Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

January 4, 1961

Telephone JU 2-3716

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy. S. T. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Post Office Box 2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:


Our entire Parish is eagerly anticipating with great joy Your Excellency's presence for the dedication of the new Saint Therese Academy and Convent on January 15th.

In accordance with Your Excellency's wishes we have scheduled the dedication for 4:30 p.m., followed by a Pontifical Low Mass at 5:00 p.m. as this is a regularly scheduled Mass on Sunday. Your Excellency is most cordially invited for dinner with the attending priests, in the rectory following the Mass.

We have asked Monsignors Byrne, Dillon, Booth and Bergin to honor us with their presence and we have requested Father Stadler and Father Rhatigan to be chaplains to Your Excellency. Dinner will be provided for the attending Religious in the Church hall. We hope that these plans meet with Your Excellency's approval.

We are sincere in our prayers for Your Excellency's continued good health and constant inspiration throughout this New Year.

Respectfully and faithfully in Saint Therese,

  
(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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P.S. We are happy to enclose a check for \$5,000.00 as our advance interest payment for the current quarter.

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January 6, 1961

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has directed me to acknowledge your letter of January 4, 1961, and to advise you that he accepts your gracious invitation to dinner following the dedication of the new St. Therese Academy and Convent on January 15th.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Secretary

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

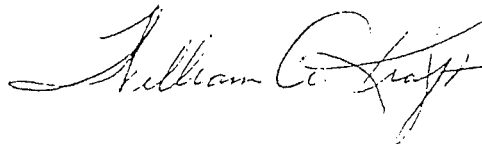
September 6, 1960

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S. T. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P. O. Box 2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

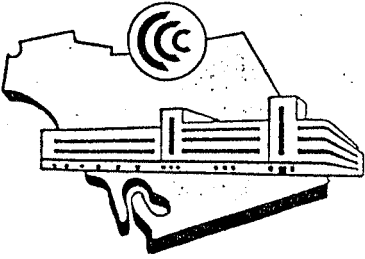
We submit to Your Excellency our request for final payment of the contract with Cotton Construction Corporation for the building of our Parish school. The final installment is \$25,000.00. We will hold for the period of one year the additional \$10,000.00 due, to cover any defects in workmanship or material that is not promptly corrected by this firm. Let me say, Your Excellency, we could not be more pleased with the school buildings, they are first class throughout, and they were completed expeditiously in plenty of time for us to open school in September. May Your Excellency be assured of our utmost gratitude in providing this beautiful school for our beloved children.

With respect and devotion in Saint Therese,



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Enc.

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# Cotton Construction Corporation

post office box 236 1735 mckinley avenue gridley 4-1571  
national city, california

August 29, 1960

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy  
Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California


Request for Partial Payment

Construction of School and Administration Building on  
St. Therese Parish Church property, Allied Gardens,  
San Diego, California.

Contract Amount	\$110,000
Less 10% Retention	<u>10,000</u>
	100,000
Previously Paid	<u>75,000</u>
	\$ 25,000

Due September 1, 1960, per agreement \$ 25,000

Approved:

  
Reverend William A. Kraft

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

August 1, 1960

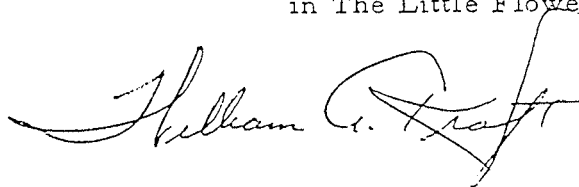
His Excellency;  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, STD  
Bishop of San Diego  
Post Office Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

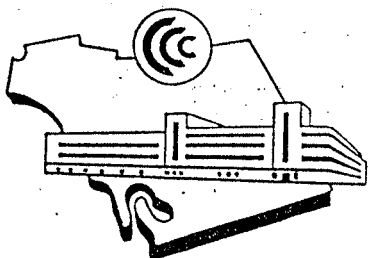
We are enclosing our third progressive payment for the construction of our Parish School and it amounts to \$25,000.00. We are happy with the work of the Cotton Construction Corporation. Your Excellency will be happy to know that our Sisters are arriving on August the 10th and the school is going along as scheduled.

May Your Excellency be assured of our continued loyalty and prayers.

Most respectfully and faithfully  
in The Little Flower,



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**Cotton Construction Corporation**  
post office box 236 1735 mckinley avenue gridley 4-1571  
national city, california

July 29, 1960

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy  
Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California

Request for Partial Payment

Construction of School and Administration Building on  
St. Therese Parish Church property, Allied Gardens,  
San Diego, California.

Contract Amount	\$110,000
Less 10% Retention	<u>10,000</u>
Previously Paid	<u>100,000</u> <u>50,000</u>
	\$ 50,000
Due August 1, 1960, per agreement	\$ 25,000

Approved:

Reverend William A. Kraft

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

July 2, 1960

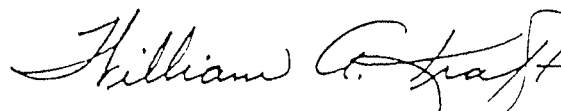
His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Post Office Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

Our current building project of our new school is progressing according to schedule. Your Excellency found it agreeable to make four equal payments progressively to satisfy our contract. We are enclosing the statement from Mr. Cotten for the Second Quarter payment now due.

May Your Excellency be assured of our fervent prayers for continued and vigorous good health and inspiration to us all.

With deep respect and devotion,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

April 9, 1960

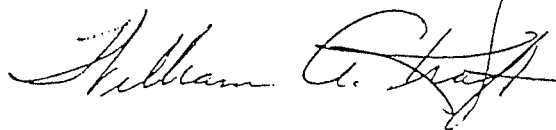
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P.O. Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

Our contract with Guaranteed Homes for the construction of our temporary convent comes due on the tenth of this month as we have discussed with Your Excellency. The full price of this contract is \$8,860.00 and we should appreciate receiving a loan for this amount at this time.

May Your Excellency be constantly assured of our persistent loyalty and sedulous devotion.

Respectfully in Christ Crucified,



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# Church of Saint Theresc of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

March 10, 1960

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P.O. Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

I read with interest Your Excellency's recent directives and wish to make a personal observation regarding the proposal of some of the Fathers regarding the use of the Easter collection to satisfy a parish's obligation regarding the seminary. Let me say that I am not in favor of this plan for two reasons particularly. Because the seminary assessment is not ordinarily due until September, this money can be budgeted throughout the other months to plan for the fall payment, whereas the Easter collection provides a substantial boost at least in our parish to pay the quarterly interest that comes due on April 1st. Secondly, we find it very helpful to take up a special seminary collection sometime during the year which in the past has helped us to pay almost two-thirds of our assessment. It also occasions helpful indoctrination of the people on our diocesan seminaries keeping them aware of their needs. If the Easter collection would preclude the taking up of a special seminary collection during the year, I would especially look unfavorably upon it.

From the very founding of our parish, we have initiated an active Youth group for high-school students which meets regularly in our hall each Wednesday evening for instructions and a social program. Because of the personal interest in the group that the Pastor has always shown, it was the unanimous desire of the group to name themselves, "The Saint William's Club". An active committee of men and women of the parish effectively assist each week by their presence at each group get-together. The last Communion Sunday of the group saw forty-five of these teenagers at the altar rail.

We are happy to report also that our Newman Club at San Diego State College is experiencing unprecedented attendances at our regular sessions; over 150 young men and women were present at our get-together last week.

In the parish, over 50 block captains gathered together the Sunday before Lent to begin the campaign for souls (we anticipated Your Excellency's instructions) and already over 24 have enrolled in our forum and 11 have come for revalidations since Lent began.

May Your Excellency be assured of our continued loyalty and prayers.

*Thanks him*

Respectfully and faithfully in Christ,

*William A. Kraft*

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March 14, 1960

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, directs me to acknowledge your courtesy of March 10, 1960, and to assure you of his appreciation for the information contained therein.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Secretary.

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October 8, 1956

The Rev. William A. Kraft  
5402 Waring Road, Box 24  
San Diego 20, California

Dear Father Kraft:

You are hereby authorized to enter into contract with Mr. Frank L. Hope, A.I.A., for architectural services, including the plans and specifications (no formal or complete inspection), for your new church and rectory.

Please write an outline of what you have in mind for both projects and send same to Mr. Hope so that he will have at least a general idea of how many you wish to seat, the style of architecture, as well as the apartments required for the rectory.

Later Mr. Hope will invite you for a conference. His contract should be sent here for signature.

Try to keep the rectory under \$40,000.00 and the church under \$70,000.00.

With kindest regards, it is my privilege to be,

Your devoted servant in Corde Regis Regum,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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cc: Mr. Frank L. Hope, A.I.A.

Same letter to Reverend Patrick O'Neill  
covering Cabrillo Heights.

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NEWMAN CLUB OF SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE

POSTOFFICE BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO 12, CALIFORNIA

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Chaplain

Telephone  
JU 2-3716

Dear Catholic Student:

You are invited to join your friends in the faith at our weekly get-together in Room BA 210 in the Administration Bldg. of State College, every Tuesday at 11 a.m. We plan an interesting program and discussion groups. Your interest is needed. We will be happy to see you.

Faithfully in Christ,  
Chaplain William A. Kraft

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Church of Saint Therese  
of the Child Jesus

P. O. BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO 12, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT

TELEPHONE JU 2-3716

Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Mother  
October 11, 1956

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Administration Building  
University of San Diego  
San Diego, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

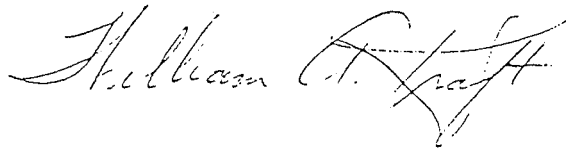
I wish to express to Your Excellency my sincere gratitude for your thoughtfulness and vision in advising me to consult with Mr. Frank Hope regarding our future parish development. Please be assured that it will be a pleasure to work with this leading architect in the San Diego area. There are yet some preliminary matters yet to be clarified before I present the property proposal for your escrow approval and inasmuch as the owners are in Los Angeles, such discussions perforce have been delayed.

I am enclosing a sample card like the one we have sent to the 1232 Catholic students enrolled in San Diego State College. I have their names and addresses should you require them at anytime. Know that I shall devote what time I can to this Newman apostolate without being derelict to my parish duties.

You will be interested to learn that I have personally made an appeal to the City Board of Education through Frank Lowe and have successfully been granted permission to use the public school auditorium here in Allied Gardens for our parish society meetings and social events. This has been a great boon to us.

Be confident that you have a loyal son in the vineyard who has not nor never will forget the fatherly kindness and solicitude of the one who ordained him to the joys of the eternal priesthood.

Faithfully and most respectfully,



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Church of Saint Therese  
of the Child Jesus

P. O. BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO 12, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT

TELEPHONE JU 2-3716

Feast of Saint Anthony the Hermit  
January 17, 1957

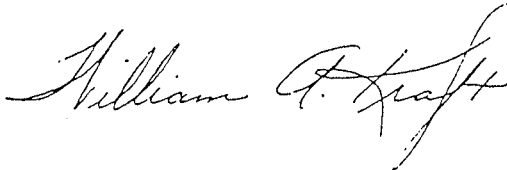
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Administration Building, University of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop,

Your Excellency's gracious letter of January 15th is before me. I am deeply impressed with Your magnanimous proposal in offering to our parish a full-time assistant. Would that our physical set-up were better disposed to accommodate another priest, but it would seem that perforce we shall have to be patient until we acquire more permanent quarters which I hope will not be in the far distant future. It is indeed consoling and gratifying to learn of Your Excellency's confidence in us to be able to help train one of the newly ordained; please be assured, Your Excellency, that we shall put forth our best efforts should You find it possible to privilege our parish and the Newman Club with the services of "one of our own".

One of our greatest consolations is to be able to place our problems before You, as a child to an understanding Father, for we have always received the kindest and most heart-warming response. May Your Excellency be assured of my continued efforts with the students at State College for the consolations accorded this Apostolic work will sustain my patience interminably.

With filial respect and devotion,



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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft

Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

February 10, 1957

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, STD  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

As per Your Excellency's instructions to me last week, I am enclosing the Escrow instructions for our property along with our check for \$4,000.00 which we were able to raise during the last week. An ordinance was passed by the City Council on January 22nd that the said property to be deeded to the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego be zoned as we requested R-2.

We should be deeply grateful to Your Excellency, if You would forward the enclosed papers and a check for the property to Land Title Company. As we have not signed an escrow agreement to date, the owners of the property hope that we shall file the papers soon.

Please be assured, Your Excellency, of our ceaseless labors in this portion of Your vineyard where You have been pleased to assign us.

With filial devotion and respect,

*William A. Kraft*

*PS. I'm indeed grateful to Your Excellency's acceding to our wishes and sending the autographed photograph for our history.*

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February 12, 1957

The Rev. William A. Kraft  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Dear Father Kraft:

This acknowledges your letter of February 10 which enclosed your check in the amount of \$4,000.00, which has been deposited in this Chancery to your account.

Please be advised that the escrow instructions which you sent have been signed and sealed and forwarded to Land Title Insurance Company.

As soon as this Company completes their escrow showing total cost, they will present a demand for the same to me, which will be promptly honored.

This is real progress. Be assured of my esteem and appreciation for what you have accomplished.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS

BE 4-7192

Escrow Instructions to LAND TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, 225 Broadway, San Diego, California.

~~MR 211xx~~

Escrow No. 50-13942 Escrow Officer Doris C. Wyatt Date January 22, 1957

On or before 30 days from date we will hand you the sum of \$25,000.00

which you are authorized to use on or before February 27, 1957 when you can issue your Standard form Owner's policy of Title Insurance, with liability therein limited to \$ 25,000.00 on: that certain

real property in the County of San Diego, State of California, described as:

Portion of Lot 67 of Rancho Mission of San Diego, according to Partition Map thereof on file in the office of the County Clerk in Action No. 348 in the Superior Court of San Diego County, entitled "Juan H. Lugo, et al, vs., The Commercial Bank of San Diego et al", being portions of Sections 10 and 11 of Township 16 South, Range 2 West, San Bernardino Meridian.

(FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF)

showing title to said property vested in: THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SAN DIEGO, a Corporation Sole

free from encumbrances except easements, conditions, restrictions, and reservations of record, and in Deed to file if any, and: —County and City taxes, 19....., Irrigation District taxes for fiscal year 19..... 19....., and:

Subject to the purchaser obtaining R-2 Zone Variance permitting the use of the land described herein for school and church purposes.

Pro rate 1956-57 taxes to date of close of escrow, based on a figure to be determined prior to close of escrow.

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Secure the usual irrigation and/or municipal tax and assessment reports. Make checks payable to:

Pay and/or adjust all taxes, assessments, bonds and other encumbrances in accordance therewith to show title as above. You are not liable for the effect of personal property taxes.

Deliver Policy of Title Insurance to: purchaser

I agree to pay the usual charges.

Time is of the essence of these instructions. If this escrow cannot be closed by Feb. 27, 1957, for any reason except my failure to comply, I may demand, in writing, the return of all money and documents I have deposited; otherwise complete this escrow as soon as possible. If neither party has complied at said time, either party may demand return of money and documents deposited, but shall not be entitled to such return until five days written notice shall have been given the other, by ordinary mail at the address furnished herein. Should any controversy arise between the parties hereto, or any other persons, you shall not be required to take any action of any kind but you are authorized to withhold all moneys, securities, documents or other things herein deposited, until such controversy shall be determined by agreement of the parties, or legal proceedings, and in such event you shall not be liable for any damages or costs.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SAN DIEGO, a Corporation Sole

Signature ..... Signature BY [Signature]

Address ..... Telephone .....

To LAND TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

The above conditions and escrow instructions are hereby approved and I will hand you a deed

which you are authorized to use within the time above provided, when you can comply with said instructions, and hold for us the sum of \$25,000.00

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All that portion of Lot 67 of Rancho Mission of San Diego according to Partition Map thereof on file in the Office of said County Clerk in Action No. 348 in the Superior Court of San Diego County, entitled "Juan M. Luco, et al, vs., The Commercial Bank of San Diego, et al," being portions of Sections 10 and 11 of Township 16 South, Range 2 West, San Bernardino Meridian, described as follows:

Beginring at a point which is South 10°04'34" East, 2294.34 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 10, said corner being an angle point in the boundary of that certain parcel of land described in deed to the City of San Diego as an Easement for a right of way for Navajo Road, recorded November 9, 1955 in Book 5862, page 453 of Official Records; thence along said boundary the following courses and distances: Southwesterly along the arc of a curve concave Northwesterly, the center of which bears North 51°06'17" West 3100 feet through a central angle of 9°28'09", a distance of 512.33 feet; South 45°21'28" West, 495.00 feet; South 24°26'43" West 130.00 feet; and South 13°16'44" East, 201.93 feet to a point on the arc of a curve concave Northerly, the center of which bears North 4°45'41" West, 1000 feet, said point also being on the Southerly line of land conveyed to Heron Corporation by deed recorded June 10, 1952 in Book 4493, page 31 of Official Records; thence along said Southerly line the following courses and distances: Easterly along the arc of said curve 51 feet; tangent to said curve North 82°19' East, 379.01 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve concave Northwesterly, having a radius of 400 feet; Easterly along arc of said curve through a central angle of 50.00°, a distance of 349.07 feet; tangent to said curve North 32°19' East, 208.84 feet to the Easterly corner of said Heron Corporation land; thence along the Easterly line of said Heron Corporation land North 10°04'34" West 627.53 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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The above legal description is hereby approved for use under Escrow No. 50-13942.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph L. duquesney

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SAN DIEGO,  
& Corporation Sole

Signature By  \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie H. duquesney

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March 6, 1957

Rev. William Kraft  
St. Therese of Infant Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12,  
California

Dear Father:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has directed me to acknowledge the enclosed documents recently received from the Land Title Insurance Company.

His Excellency will not sign the presented request for waiver of Home Variance since it is His Excellency's understanding that the only purpose for which the land is being purchased is for a Church and School.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Ht. Rev. Msgr. James T. Booth, J. C. D.  
Chancellor

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

May 5, 1957

Telephone JU 2-3716

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Post Office Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

Enclosed is a statement in partial payment with Frank Hope and Associates for preliminary work with our Church and Rectory Plans. May it please Your Excellency to accord payment to Mr. Hope and charge this payment to our parish debt.

Be assured of our constant mementoes and unwavering loyalty.

With filial devotion always,

*William A. Kraft*

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May 6, 1957

The Rev. William A. Kraft  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father:

In response to your request of May 5, 1957, enclosed herewith please find a check to cover the enclosed statement of Frank L. Hope. It is better to run this through your books and show it as a loan from this Chancery. You, in turn, can write a check for Mr. Hope.

Kindly sign the enclosed note and return to this Chancery.

With appreciation for your prayerful remembrance and constant loyalty, it is my privilege to remain,

Your devoted servant in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

Feast of Saint Norbert  
June 6, 1957

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Administration Building, University of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
Post Office Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

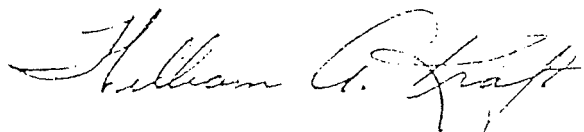
Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

We received the enclosed statement from Frank Hope and Associates, Architects assigned to our building project. If it pleases Your Excellency, we should appreciate a loan from the Chancery to make payment of \$4,500.00 now due.

Specifications are now in order and are filed with the City enabling Mr. Ninteman to begin work during July.

May Your Excellency be assured of our continued thoughts and prayers that the Holy Spirit will continue to enfold You with His sevenfold gifts sustaining You as an inspiration to all Your priests.

With loyal respect and humble devotion,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

Feast of Saint Cajetan  
August 7, 1957

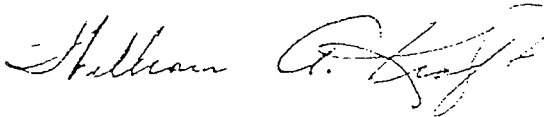
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
University of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

We are enclosing a tally sheet itemizing our labor and material costs for the month of July with the discounts already deducted where they apply, there is also included an estimate of the August labor payroll.

With sustained efforts, our building program should progress at a fair pace as we beseech the continued intercession of our little patroness. May Your Excellency be assured of our incessant mementoes and prayers for Your continued good health.

Most respectfully and loyally in the Holy Spirit,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
*P*astor

September 11, 1957

Telephone JU 2-3716

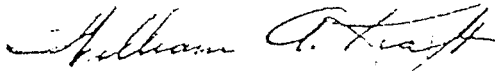
His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Post Office Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

Enclosed are the aggregate statements from Ninteman Construction Co., Inc. for the month of August. These bills have been completely reviewed by us, and have been discounted when such could be, and appear to be in order.

Your Excellency is informed that our building program is progressing smoothly.

With ever loyal respect and devotion  
in Little Therese,



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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft

Pastor

September 10, 1957

Telephone JU 2-3716

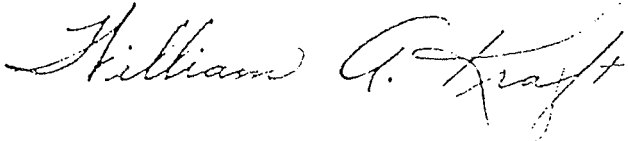
His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Administration Building  
University of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop,

Please accept our most sincere gratitude for Your Excellency's concern and kindness in arranging for us to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of our parents' marriage. It was such a joy for them that we could be there to celebrate the Mass on the occasion. Needless to say, they send their joyful greetings and extend their heartfelt thanks to Your Excellency.

As far as we are concerned, we can never express adequately our appreciation of our beloved Bishop for His countless courtesies towards this sacerdotal son.

With continued faithful and loyal devotion  
in Little Therese,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

Feast of the Maternity of  
the Blessed Mother  
October 11, 1957

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
President, University of San Diego  
Administration Building  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

Your recent letter outlining your hopes for the current campaign for the University's Arts and Science Building was received by us with stimulating enthusiasm. May Your Excellency be assured of our intention to offer three Masses for the success of this project.

Like Peter, we can say that "gold and silver we have not" but the prayers of our beloved parishioners and the over 450 children that we have now in twelve catechetical centers will be in full force. We have already drained what financial support we could from our families of modest means during our recent campaign for funds and we regret that there is not one family in a position to make any sizeable donation as most the adults are under 35 years old and rich in children. Mr. Charles Rizzo of this parish who is the professional at Mission Valley Country Club gives great support to the Boosters Club of the University but let me say that he is yet to attend Mass at his parish or to give one dollar to its support though he has been personally invited on numerous occasions. It is unfortunate that a man of this kind trades upon his Catholicity in his business associations.

May Your Excellency be assured of our continued loyal support to the fullest extent we may be capable.

With filial respect and devotion,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

November 22, 1957

Telephone JU 2-3761

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Post Office Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

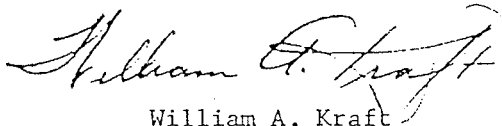
Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

The Carmelite Sisters of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma have always expressed interest in our parish development and on several occasions have made trips to this area to keep in contact with our program of development. In fact six members of this congregation were enrolled in our College for Women for the entire summer semester. The Superior-General, Mother Celine Teresa has graciously informed me that she will seriously consider staffing our school with an adequate number of religious. She has requested that perhaps Your Excellency would be pleased to address a formal request to her congregation inviting them to work in our diocese. Should Your Excellency wish to accede to her request her address is:

Mother Celine Teresa  
Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese  
Villa Teresa  
1300 Classen Drive  
Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

May Your Excellency have continued assurance of our devotion and loyalty to Your Excellency's least desire.

With filial respect and devotion,

  
William A. Kraft

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

May 7, 1958


His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

Enclosed are our current monthly statements with itemized accounts for labor and material. We are also pleased to enclose our complete interest payment in advance for this quarter.

May we beg Your Excellency's blessing?

Most devotedly and respectfully in Christ,



Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

July 10, 1958

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop;

All of us at Saint Therese Parish are most grateful to Your Excellency for Your paternal solicitude and confidence in making it possible to build a House of God in our midst worthy of His occupancy. Your Excellency will be pleased to know that we shall begin using our church on next Sunday, June 20th. Though there remains the hardware and the hanging of the doors, our pews have been paid for and are now being installed. We shall progressively complete the edifice as our revenue now increases with the use of the new Church.

We are fortunate to have with us this summer, Father Harold Pavelis, of the Diocese of Saint Cloud, Minnesota. Father is Director of Music for Saint John's Seminary at Collegetown and is taking advanced courses at the Music Department at San Diego State College this summer until the end of August. If it please Your Excellency, now that our church has opened, I should be most grateful if I should receive permission to gather together some of my belongings from my ancestral home as my parents have sold it and will be vacating it soon. I have every confidence in our beloved assistant Father Bourgeois that he can ably manage with the help of Father Pavelis during this time. I have religiously been "on the job" since the inception of our building program without a day's absence and have been most happy to help personally with the project by not taking any of the pastor's honorarium since last February.

May Your Excellency be assured of our daily mementoes that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire You and Your beloved Immaculata keep You under the blue mantle close to her Immaculate Heart.

With filial and loyal devotion,

*William A. Kraft* Permission  
asked for  
to call on H. Pavelis  
my booth at church  
for faculties

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July 14, 1958

The Reverend William Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, directs me to acknowledge your letter of July 10, 1958, and to advise you that he cordially grants permission for your vacation, as requested therein.

The Most Reverend Ordinary also wishes me to request that you ask the Rev. Harold Pavelis to receive the Faculties of the Diocese from Monsignor Booth.

With kind personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Secretary.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

September 7, 1958

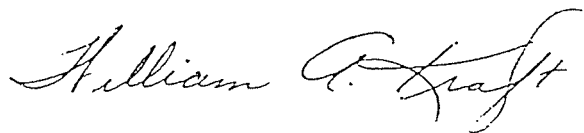
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Administration Building  
University of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop,

We of Saint Therese Parish are overwhelmed with Your Excellency's generosity in sending to us such exquisite vestments for our new church. On behalf of the priests and our people, please accept our most appreciative gratitude. You can be assured that Your Excellency will receive more than the accustomed "memento" from priest and people each time they are used.

Please accept my personal gratitude to Your Excellency when I promise to offer five Masses for Your Excellency's intention.

With loyal and filial devotion in the Little Flower,



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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

*Entered in appointment Book*

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

Feast of Saint Peter Chrysologus  
December 4, 1958

His Excellency  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Administration Building, University of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

As our new church and rectory have been completed, we are most pleased to extend to Your Excellency a cordial invitation to bless and dedicate these buildings. We are in hope that Your Excellency will be pleased to find a date in January suitable for the occasion in keeping with Your Excellency's busy calendar. We ordinarily have an afternoon Mass on Sunday at 5:00, and Your Excellency may wish to schedule the dedication and blessings to precede the Mass but whatever arrangements Your Excellency wishes, we are most pleased to accommodate. We are in anticipation of this great event in our parish life and hope Your Excellency will be able to remain with us for dinner following the ceremonies.

The main altar and two side altars are of marble and therefore capable of consecration. May we please know Your Excellency's disposition regarding the consecration of these altars?

Beloved Bishop, please be assured of our continual prayers and remembrances at the altar of all our priests here for your continued stamina and good health. No living person has been more solicitous in kindness and generosity toward us personally than Your Excellency.

With filial love and devotion,

*William A. Kraft*  
*Also state that*  
*I grant him further*  
*consecration of*  
*3 altars*

*Please*  
*arrange*  
*a date*  
*in Jan*  
*& advise*  
*Dr. Kraft*

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THE CHANCERY

University of San Diego  
Administration Bldg.  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

December 5, 1958

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop directs me to acknowledge your letter of December 4, and advise you that he will dedicate your new church on Sunday, January 11, 1959, at 4:00 P. M.

The Most Reverend Ordinary grants you faculties to consecrate all three altars referred to in your letter.

With every kind wish, I remain,

Sincerely,

St. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Secretary.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

December 26, 1958

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
The Chancery Office  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

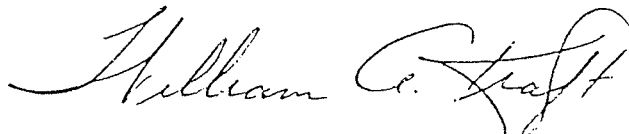
Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

We at Saint Therese Parish are in eager expectation of Your Excellency's visit to our Parish on January 11th for the Dedication of our beautiful new Church and Rectory. Your Excellency has scheduled the dedication to take place at 4:00 p.m. and the Solemn High Mass to follow as a scheduled Mass that Sunday at 5:00 p.m. If it be Your Excellency's wish, we shall be privileged to offer the Mass "coram Episcopo".

We shall be most honored to have Your Excellency join the other priests attending the ceremonies at dinner to be served in our hall following the Mass. Our dear friend, Monsignor Dillon, has consented to act as Master of Ceremonies for the dinner. It will also be our personal pleasure to have our devoted parents here from the East for this Solemn occasion.

Know that our ardent desire is to accomplish Your Excellency's will to the fullest insofar as we are capable with continued loyalty and devotion throughout the coming New Year.

Most respectfully and devotedly in Saint Therese,



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December 30, 1958

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Dear Father Kraft:

Let me reconfirm the appointment at your parish for January 11, 1958. It will indeed be a joy to participate in dedicating the impressive House of worship at 4:00 p.m.

The program you have outlined has my cordial approval. You have allowed one hour for the dedication which will not take more than thirty-three minutes. It is assumed, of course, that in dedicating the church we can surround the building in accordance with the prescription of the liturgy.

Let me submit that the extra time (and you don't want any dull moments) between 4:33 and 5:00 be given to your address of appreciation for the people and those who cooperated with you. Following your message of greeting, I will speak a few words.

It will indeed be a pleasure to join you and the brethren at dinner.

You are to be warmly congratulated not only on the completion of the church and rectory, but, what is more important, you understand the advantage of reducing the principal when possible. The reception of your check in the amount of \$2500.00, together with other remittances, shows that you understand business.

Invoking the Holy Spirit to bless and reward your zealous apostolate at St. Therese's,

Faithfully, your servant in the Christ Child,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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January 28, 1959

The Rev. William A. Kraft  
Pastor, Church of  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
5452 Waring Road  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

Remembrance of the Dedication of St. Therese's Church and Rectory still lingers with all of us. The entire compound of buildings has a distinctive note which inspires reverence for the house of God.

That you plan a booklet destined to explain the architecture and call attention to the many fine works of art that adorn your Church, will have many advantages. The contractors and subcontractors surely deserve a permanent recognition in this brochure.

While the large number of donors who can be counted pillars of the Church, have given generously without any thought of publicity, it will edify others to let the light shine by way of acknowledgment.

Again and again most cordial congratulations on your classic and impressive achievement!

Sincerely,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

January 27, 1959

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
University of San Diego  
Administration Building  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

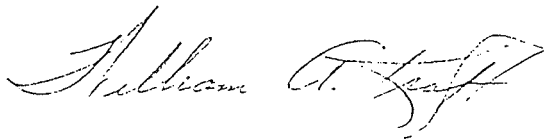
Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

We still thrill at recalling Your Excellency's presence among us to dedicate our new Church; it was a glorious occasion. Our personal gratitude to Your Excellency, shall never cease.

In connection with this dedication, we shall soon publish a booklet containing relevant pictures, a history of our parish. This booklet is used as a vehicle to obtain donations from suppliers and contractors who benefited from our project. Their donations have already been received and helped us somewhat to pay on our debt. We should be greatly pleased if Your Excellency should send us a photograph and a letter that we can have published in the forthcoming booklet.

May Your Excellency be assured that we stand sempiternally prepared to follow Your Excellency's slightest desire.

With filial loyalty and devotion in Saint Therese,



*Enclosed is a payment on our debt.*

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

March 3, 1959

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
University of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 12, California

Most Reverend and Beloved Bishop,

Please find enclosed our check for a current payment on our parish debt.

Regarding Your Excellency's remarks today concerning the one hour a week's pay in the Sunday envelope, let me say that we at St. Therese's Parish, have always instructed and educated our people to that end since our inception. It definitely brings results, as a matter of fact we are enclosing for Your Excellency's perusal a proof of one of our envelopes which illustrates the "hour's wage donation"; these envelopes have been used with success for the past two years and rarely net less than \$2.00. It is our observation also that the larger the envelope, psychologically, the larger the donation, hence we use the currency size, no need to fold the bills, or checks.

Shortly after knowing Your Excellency's desires concerning the publication of donations and contributions, we announced to our people the plan and prepared them for such a publication; this immediately encouraged more to use the envelope system and actually had the effect of increasing the collection shortly after the announcement was made.

May Your Excellency always be assured of our constant desire to execute Your Excellency's slightest desires to the very best of our limited ability and with the help of Almighty God.

With filial love and fidelity in the Little Flower,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

March 12, 1959

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P. O. Box 2422  
San Diego 12, California

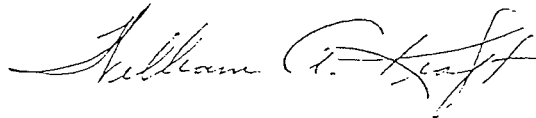
Most Reverend and Beloved Bishop,

Your Excellency has been kind to schedule our Confirmation here at Saint Therese on Tuesday evening, April 7th. It is our ardent hope that Your Excellency Himself will be present for this first Confirmation in our parish.

As the rites will begin at 7:30, our dinner schedule will begin at the rectory at 5:00 p.m. Monsignors Bergin, Booth, and Byrne, and others of the brethren, have graciously consented to attend and all of us would be most pleased if Your Excellency will be present for dinner.

During this Holy Passiontide, our prayers and Mass mementoes are filled with Your Excellency's intentions, that the Crucified Savior will continue to pour forth sustaining graces upon our magnanimous Bishop.

With filial and loyal devotion in Saint Therese,



P.S. Enclosed is a check in payment on our debt.

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March 13, 1959

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, directs me to acknowledge your courtesy of March 12, 1959, and to advise you that he will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Therese Church on Tuesday, April 7, 1959. The Most Reverend Ordinary also wishes me to assure you that he accepts with pleasure your gracious invitation to dinner on that evening.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Secretary.

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

July 24, 1959

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
San Diego 12, California

Most Beloved and dear Bishop:

We are happy to enclose a check for \$3,000.00 as payment on our debt and also a second check for \$974.67 which is our seminary assessment for this year.

November 17th at 11:00 a.m. is the time set for the address to the General Student Body of San Diego State College which we discussed with Your Excellency a little while ago. Your Excellency suggested that we list this date and if You will be available Your Excellency would favor the College with a talk. We are busy drawing up a syllabus of instructions and an agenda of events for the Newman Club in the coming semester.

May Your Excellency be ever assured of our continued devotion and loyalty to Your every wish.

With filial respect,

*William A. Kraft*

*We are pleased with our assistant, Father Medaer.  
Thank you for remembering us.*

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July 28, 1959

The Reverend William Kraft  
Church of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus  
P.O.Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, directs me to acknowledge your letter of July 24, 1959, and to thank you for the enclosed checks.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Secretary.

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

April 7, 1959

Beloved Bishop,

Our parish has been singularly honored  
by Your Excellency conferring the First Confirmation.  
It is such a joy and inspiration not only to your  
priests but to our good people to our Bishop  
among us. Please accept the enclosed for Your Excellency  
personal charities. We pray it could be some day  
10 times the amount. With devotion and loyalty

Wm. A. Kraft

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December 7, 1959

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, directs me to acknowledge receipt of your courtesy of recent date, the beautifully bound copy of the book which you have compiled commemorating the occasion of the dedication of the Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, and to assure you of his deepfelt appreciation for your kind thoughtfulness.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Secretary.

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December 31, 1959

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

In acknowledging your substantial check in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) which has been allocated to reducing the principal on your debt, let me extend sincere congratulations. You have done exceptionally well in view of the fact that you had to start way below the margin.

I reciprocate your good wishes for the New Year and thank the Holy Spirit for your zealous administration of St. Therese's Church.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

December 30, 1959

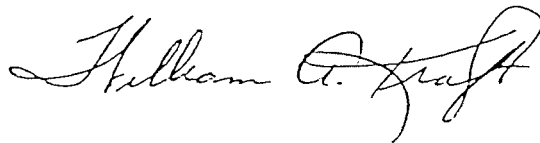
His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P.O. Box 2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

We are pleased to enclose our check for \$6,000.00 which may be completely applied to payment on our principal thus further reducing our debt. We have been able with the help of God to pay \$19,000.00 on principal and interest since October 1st and for the year we have payed a total of \$46,000.00 on principal and interest. We shall continue to pray through the intercession of our Patroness, Saint Therese, that we shall be able to continue these important debt-reduction payments in order to reduce our indebtedness to a workable amount to be able to build our parish school.

May Your Excellency be assured of our continued prayers with the hope of perduring good health throughout the new year for our Beloved Shepherd Who never ceases to be a source of inspiration to His priests.

With filial respect and loyalty,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

February 9, 1960

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P.O. Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

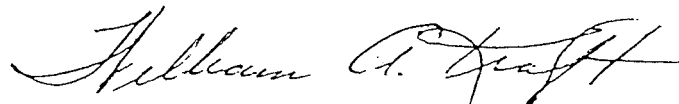
Your Excellency:

Following Your instructions, I submitted to Mr. Cecil Cotton the proposition of withholding the sum of \$10,000.00 for one year from the date of completion to insure against defects in workmanship and material. I found Mr. Cotton very understanding on this point and accepts this arrangement willingly as he feels confident that we shall be pleased with his work that it will not necessitate any use of these funds during the period of this year. As a matter of fact, he indicated that such an arrangement would help him tax-wise by such a withholdal for a year's period. As per Your Excellency's instructions, this item is now included in the contract under item #24; also item #17 has included the words "up to and including supreme court of the state".

We are pleased that Mr. Cotton is agreeable with our terms and we have every confidence that we shall provide as trustees of our people a fine school at a reasonable figure. We are enclosing three copies of the contract for Your Excellency's perusal and signature, one copy of which may be retained in Your Excellency's files. Mr. Cotton has also agreed that if we so desire we may make five equal payments beginning in the first of May.

May Your Excellency be assured of our constant loyalty and devotion.

Faithfully and respectfully in Saint Therese,



P.S. We hope to have the contract for the house for the sisters ready soon.

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February 10, 1960

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California.

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

Enclosed herewith please find the original and a copy of the Contract, duly signed and sealed.

The fact that Mr. Cecil Cotton accepted our withholding clause redounds to his integrity and business acumen. A contractor unwilling to stand by his work at least for one year should not be considered by us. In fact, this will be another test for future contractors.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for your zealous apostolate at St. Therese's, it is my privilege to remain

Your devoted servant  
in Corde Regis Regum,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

February 23, 1960

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P.O. Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California


Your Excellency:

We are pleased to enclose the contract for the four bedroom home which we hope to construct as a temporary residence for our sisters, the complete price of which is \$8850.00. The clause regarding "arbitration" has been deleted from the contract, as per Your Excellency's instructions.

We are also pleased to enclose another payment on the reduction of our principal.

Please be assured of our continued loyalty and sincere prayers for Your Excellency's intentions.

Faithfully and respectfully  
in the Little Flower,



*2/24/60 Contracts signed  
and returned to Father Kraft.  
C. B. Kraft*

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

March 14, 1960

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Post Office Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

We are happy to enclose our check for \$2,000.00 in reduction of our principal. To date, since January, we have been able to remit to the Chancery \$10,000.00 or an average of \$1,000.00 per week. We pray through the intercession of our patroness, Saint Therese, that we shall be able to continue such payments.

May we please have Your Excellency's permission to consecrate a side altar.

Your Excellency is assured of our constant loyalty and continued prayers.

Most faithfully and respectfully in Christ,



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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Post Office Box 24

San Diego 12, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

April 4, 1961

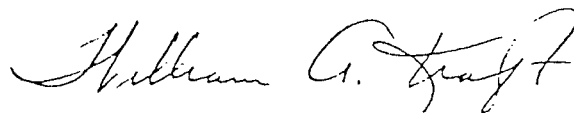
His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S. T. D.,  
Bishop of San Diego  
Post Office Box 2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

Our Parish is most privileged to have Your Excellency in our midst on next Tuesday, April 11th, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. We most warmly and cordially invite Your Excellency to have dinner with the brethren at six o'clock that evening.

Your Excellency is assured of the sincere thoughts and prayers of all of our people, together with the priests and sisters of Saint Therese, as we eagerly look forward to Your Excellency's coming.

Respectfully and loyally in Christ,



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April 7, 1961

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has directed me to acknowledge your letter of April 4, 1961, and to advise you that he gratefully accepts your gracious invitation to dinner on Tuesday, April 11th.

The Most Reverend Ordinary would appreciate if the dinner could be scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne  
Secretary

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ST. THERESE CHURCH  
P. O. BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO 12, CALIF.

April 26, 1961

The Reverend Paul Fetch  
5154 Hawley Blvd.  
San Diego 16, California

Dear Father Fetch:

I have received your letter of April the 24th and am at a loss to understand your chiding me for something that has been completely out of my hands since your informing us of the situation on April the 8th, 1961. I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent to [redacted], which clearly states our position in the case.

As you may realize, our Confirmation was cancelled on April 11th due to an unfortunate accident of the Most Reverend Bishop, and we have no plans to re-schedule the Confirmation at Saint Therese Church.

Regarding your request that the name of [redacted] bear a remark in our baptismal register, this is impossible as he was not baptized here, but rather in another Church of the Roman Rite. Regarding Mark Latza, we do have an entry of his baptism as having taken place on May 4, 1958. I, too, am governed by very strict laws and I cannot alter any baptismal record without sufficient documentary evidence. I have never received such documentary evidence regarding [redacted] the father of [redacted]. Should you care to send to me such documentary evidence indicating [redacted] baptism in the Byzantine Rite, I shall only be too happy to make such a remark upon our Church record.

Faithfully in Saint Therese,



(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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cc: Msgr. James T. Booth, J.C.D.

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ST. TERESE CHURCH  
P. O. BOX 24  
SAN DIEGO 12, CALIF.

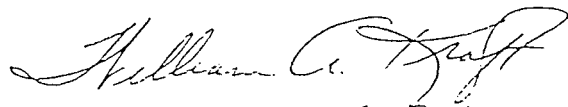
April 10, 1961

Dear Mr. Latza:

I was informed on last Saturday evening, April 8th, that your son, [redacted] should be confirmed, according to Church law, by a priest of the Byzantine Rite. His reason for informing me of this fact, he claims, is the fact that you are of the Byzantine Rite. I was totally unaware of this fact and if this is true in fact, according to Church law [redacted] should also be of that Rite and subject to its regulations.

I regret that this information was not forthcoming before this time as it is so close to our Confirmation on April 11th. I am confident you will understand our position.

Faithfully in Saint Therese,



(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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May 8, 1961

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
St. Theresa Way  
San Diego 20, California

Dearly beloved Father Kraft:

There is simply no limit to your charity in  
action. Thanks be to God for you and for  
your uniform generosity to me!

The Confirmation ceremony for your children  
last Tuesday was very consoling. Your  
princely offering has been allocated to the  
Immaculata mosaic fund.

Most gratefully in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

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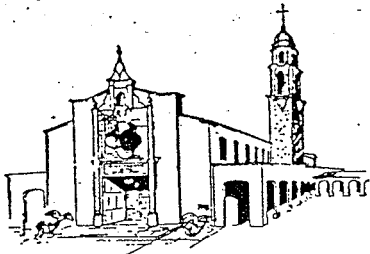
April 11, 1961

Your Excellency, Beloved Bishop:

I am not able to estimate our joy to have Your Excellency among us this evening to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Your Excellency is assured of my personal devotion and constant awareness of the privilege to be numbered among your sacerdotal sons in the vineyard.

How I wish this token offering were 10 times more! With respect & loyal devotion  
Father [Signature]



Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Telephone JU 2-3716

Fest of the Transfiguration  
August 6, 1961

Most Beloved Bishop,

We are singularly blessed to have the privilege of Your Excellency's presence among us today to bless our shrine of the Madonna of the Highway. It is always a banner day in the parish when Your Excellency is among us.

Please accept our modest offering - would that it be ten-fold! Your Excellency is assured of our unwavering devotion and loyalty.

With respect and filial affection,

William A. Kraft

August 7, 1961

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese's Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

My first thought is to warmly congratulate you on the impressive ceremony of yesterday.

It was carried out with dignity and respect for the Liturgy, of the Church, as well as for the convenience of your faithful people.

In the second count, let me thank you for your very generous offering which is destined to help others in distress.

This morning's mail brought the enclosed card from the Annual Harvest Novena. My thinking is you could well follow-up on Our Lady of the Highway and project a Novena for safe driving or some kindred intention.

All these forward moves help the cause.

Most gratefully your servant in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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August 21, 1961

The Most Reverend William D. O'Brien, D.D., LL.D.  
Titular Archbishop of Calinda  
Catholic Church Extension Society  
1307 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago 1, Illinois

Your Excellency:

With the blessing of our Most Reverend Bishop, we are placing the following appeal in the most gracious hands of Your Excellency.

Our Parish, in honor of the Little Flower, has been in existence only five years. Its boundaries included an undeveloped area some seven miles distant. In the last year, low income housing did develop in that area and we have some 60 Catholic families with over 150 school age children finding it difficult to come to this Church for Sunday Mass, due to a hazardous road that they would travel. We have done the best we can in giving them Mass on Sunday in a vacant store and having catechism in garages throughout the area. We are in a position to obtain the donation of a plot of land from a Catholic family in the area, suitable for the erection of a Mission Chapel, where we could provide Mass and administer catechism instructions.

Being a new Parish our debt is now over \$400,000 and we are in no position to assist in the establishment of such a Mission Chapel and it is for this reason that we hope Your Excellency will find the cause worthy of consideration with a view to obtaining funds from the Catholic Extension Society.

We pray for Your Excellency's good health in continuing the zealous Apostolate of the Extension Society in America. We humbly ask Your Excellency's blessing.

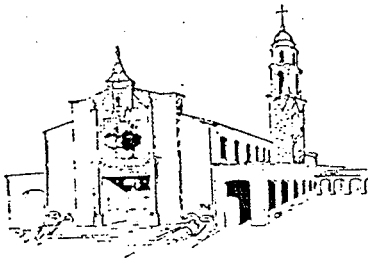
With respect and admiration,

(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

WAK/hm

cc: The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

August 17, 1961

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S. T. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P. O. Box 2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

Your warm letter, expressing your sentiments regarding our Shrine, arrived today. Apparently it had been misdirected by the Post Office, as it was addressed correctly. We are pleased with Your Excellency's impressions and welcome the suggestion to arrange a triduum or novena in honor of Our Blessed Mother for the intention of safety on the road. We shall advise Your Excellency when we can schedule such a program and we would be most honored with Your Excellency's presence for the occasion.

It is amazing how the devotion to Our Lady, initiated by Your Excellency at our Shrine, has taken hold of the entire area. Last Sunday a great number of cars, including many from various states, came to be blessed at 2:00 p.m. This is a growing movement and we pray Our Lady's intercession that we shall have some effect in creating safety-consciousness among drivers. Even throughout this week tours of pilgrims have visited the Shrine and the Church.

Again, Beloved Bishop, we are most grateful for Your Excellency's encouragement and we pledge our unwavering loyalty and zeal as we partake of the privilege of assisting in Christ's vineyard.

With respect and filial devotion,

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

August 30, 1961

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S. T. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P. O. Box 2422  
San Diego 12, California

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Your Excellency:

I received the lease agreement in today's mail and heartily agree with Your Excellency's decision not to assent to such a tenuous arrangement. The people who proposed it are good people and are in good faith. They regret that, being a young couple with five children, they are not in a position to make an outright donation of their land to the Church at this time. The arrangement they proposed would have sufficed only temporarily until more suitable land became available by donation. Under such an agreement the type of building envisioned would also have been such to merely accommodate the needs of the people at a minimum of cost. The lawyer who drew up the papers also acted in good faith for he was aware that Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] could not make an outright donation at this time.

Your Excellency is assured that we shall continue to provide Mass and offer instruction in the vacant store that has been provided free of cost until the time when this is no longer available. We shall be most happy to announce to the people who do attend our services that if desirable land were donated a presentable house of worship would be built. It would seem that Father Donoghue of Lakeside and Father Lauerman of Fletcher Hills should also be on the lookout for such a donation, as their parishes comprise more than three-quarters of the area involved.

Our personal devotion to Your Excellency is such that it knows no limitations within the realm of human capability when it comes to Your Excellency's least wishes.

Respectfully and faithfully in Christ,

(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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August 29, 1961

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Rectory  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

First, let me renew sincere appreciation for your substantial remittance of yesterday. It has been applied on your principal indebtedness for which a receipt is enclosed. Sincere congratulations on your keen judgment in this business administration.

A careful reading of the proposed contract prepared for Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] shows conclusively that it cannot be accepted. It would not be fair to the Corporation nor to my successors. It is difficult to understand how and why an intelligent lawyer should draw up such an agreement, especially in view of the improvement contemplated. When one spends money for a building, he should have more security than is set up in a five year lease.

Please brief Mr. [redacted] and explain that the best kind of options or the most promising first refusals do not constitute ownership.

As it is very important that a new parish be established there, please keep me advised of any available property. My thinking is that if you announce our wish to build a presentable House of Worship, someone may get the grace to donate five acres without any strings attached to it.

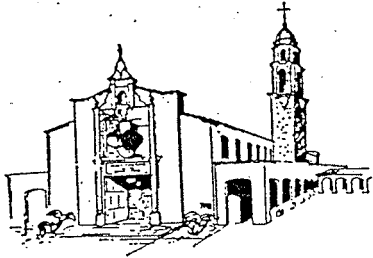
The proposed contract is herewith returned.

Devotedly your servant in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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# *Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

January 11, 1962

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
P.O. Box #2422  
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

We are delighted to enclose our check for \$3,000.00 to be applied on our Parish Debt. As we have already remitted \$5,000.00 at the very first of the year, a goodly portion of this check will apply to our reduction of principal. We have already submitted to the Right Reverend Chancellor our financial report for church and school together with our check for the "Cathedraticum".

Our parish tithing program began with verve this past Monday and we are enthused with the auspicious beginning hoping that at its culmination, we shall substantially raise the sights.

May Your Excellency be assured of our continued unwavering devotion and loyalty as we are privileged to labor with Your Excellency in this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

With filial love and respect in Christ,

*William A. Kraft*

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March 12, 1962


The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and Dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop has  
directed me to send you the enclosed letter  
which he received from Mr. Millard T. Provence.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,



The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Vicar General

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March 23, 1962

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father:

His Excellency The Most Reverend Bishop has directed me to send you the enclosed letter from His Excellency, the Most Reverend Paul J. Hallinan, Archbishop-Elect of Atlanta, Episcopal Moderator, National Newman Apostolate.

With kind personal regards I remain

Sincerely,

Rt. Reverend Michael J. Byrne  
Chancellor

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March 27, 1962

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Dear Father Kraft:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has directed me to advise you that under separate copy you have been mailed a copy of the book, "Catholics on Campus."

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne,  
Vicar General.

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Reverend William A. Kraft  
Post Office Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

April 6, 1962

Your Excellency,

May I express my deepest gratitude to Your Excellency for your concern and prayers on behalf of my mother. She is improving nicely and is now home from the hospital. Had not my father acted quickly, the doctors tell me that such a snake bite could have been fatal. It was such a comfort for her to know of your Excellency's blessings. Her Irish stamina impels her to continue her gardening in spite of such vipers.

We are delighted with the news of Father Quirk's appointment here and we are so grateful for your Excellency's

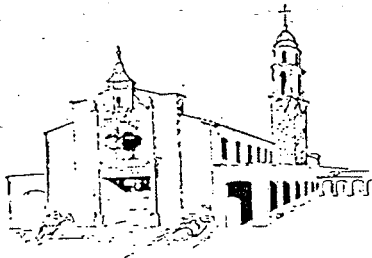
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wisdom in sending such an experienced  
priest. His presence should prove a  
blessing and help put our parish back  
on normal schedule.

Your Excellency's paternal solicitude  
in our regard is keenly appreciated  
by me personally as well as our good  
people. We stand in constant loyalty  
and devotion to Your Excellency.

Respectfully and with filial  
love,

William C. Kraft



# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

April 14, 1962

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S. T. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

Permit us to express our sincere gratitude to Your Excellency for the appointment of a resident Pastor in Santee. This concern for the spiritual welfare of this remote section of our parish is now alleviated. We have consulted with Father Smith and have briefed him on our experiences with the people of the area providing him with a complete census file together with the names of the key Catholics in our area of Santee. Father Smith was delighted that we were able to provide him with a quantity of necessary equipment including altar, complete altar furnishings, kneeling benches for over 250 people, chalice, ciborium, vestments, censer, altar boy cassocks and other useful equipment. We were also able to arrange the loan of over one-hundred of our chairs for him to use until he can purchase some. We pray that his enthusiasm will be matched by the efforts of the Catholics in the new parish.

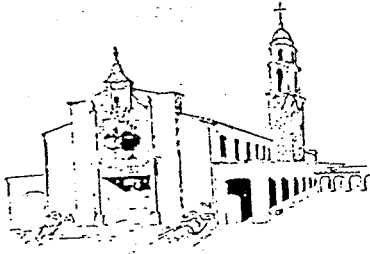
Your Excellency will find enclosed our check for \$9,000.00 in complete payment of advanced quarterly interest plus a substantial amount on the further reduction of our principal. To date since January 1st our successful tithing program has made it possible for us to remit to the Chancery \$31,000.00 interest and principal payments. We have also been able during this time of three and one-half months to donate \$1,000.00 to the Diocesan Development Fund as well as keep up with our current expenses including City and County taxes, Diocesan Assessments and the operation of our Newman Club at San Diego State College. We are grateful to the powerful intercession of the Little Flower, that we have made such strides. Our good people are solidly behind us and to them deserves the entire credit for meeting our obligations.

We are planning for the summer the necessary amplifications to our school to accommodate more of our children in September. Such arrangements we mentioned to Your Excellency recently in consultation and we assured Your Excellency that such added facilities would in no way be dependent upon further loans as the funds are already guaranteed; we did receive Your Excellency's approbation at that time.

Your Excellency is positively assured of our unwavering loyalty and devotion in the exercise of our assignments. We pray the choicest graces of this Holy Week upon Your Excellency to sustain and comfort You as our Chief Shepherd.

With filial love and devotion,

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

April 23, 1962

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

We are pleased to enclose a check for \$3,500.00 to be applied on our parish debt as a reduction of the principal. Since January 1st we have remitted to the Chancery \$35,500.00 as interest and principal payments.

The enclosure, though designated as a payment on our debt, is completely at the disposal of Your Excellency and all or part of it can be assumed by Your Excellency to apply to our portion of the Diocesan Development Fund if Your Excellency so wishes.

Know that we stand in constant devotion and remember Your Excellency's intentions in our daily Masses and prayers.

With deepest respect and filial love,

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April 25, 1962

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Dearly beloved Father Kraft:

Your substantial remittance in the amount of \$3,500.00, under date of April 23, 1962, is sincerely appreciated.

For the \$35,500.00, representing interest and principal payments since January 1, 1962, most cordial congratulations!! This is indeed an achievement that -- up to a few years ago -- had never even been dreamed of.

This \$3,500.00 has been applied to your principal debt. Later on, we can discuss some plan for the current Diocesan Development Fund.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you and for the business acumen that distinguishes your tenure,

Devotedly in Our Risen Saviour,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

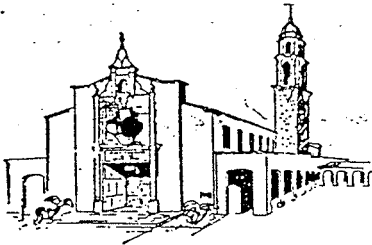
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Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Telephone JU 2-3716

June 12, 1962

Your Excellency,

Enclosed is our check for \$5,000.00

This amount brings the total of our interest and principal payments to \$45,500.00 since January 1st.

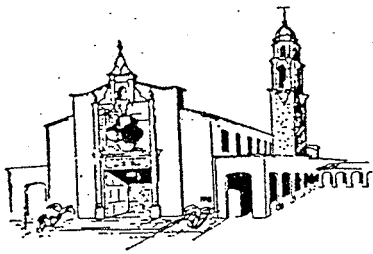
As we are considerably ahead on our principal payments, Your Excellency may graciously take from these principal payments our share of the present Mexican Development. We were \$449,000.00 in debt on January 1st. We are now \$417,500.00 with all interest paid & debt

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May Your Excellency be assured of  
our constant devotion and loyalty.

Authetical love in the  
Sacred Heart,

William C. Kraft



Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

July 17, 1962

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Your Excellency,

Enclosed is our advance interest  
payment for the third quarter. We hope to  
soon make continued payments on the  
principal; we would have done so together  
with this interest payment, but we paid  
all of our fire and liability insurance  
payments this past week.

We hope our poor prayers will fortify  
Your Excellency and be an assurance of our  
constant devotion and loyalty. Deep respect & filial love,  
William A. Kraft

July 18, 1962

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

That you were able to submit \$6,161.24 in a comparatively brief time since your last payment in both interest and principal does not surprise me.

God bless you and God reward you.

I just had a visit with Msgr. Don H. Hughes, the great educator in Tithing. We have engaged him, Father Joseph Jennings, and Father David Sullivan to put on a workshop here September 18 at 10 a.m. Invite anyone you wish to join us.

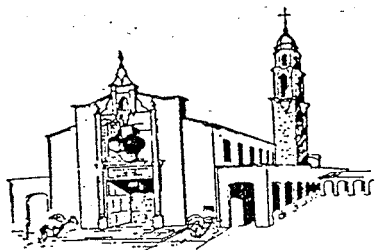
No one, however, has had greater success than yourself. With gratitude and affection,

Devotedly your servant in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy  
Bishop of San Diego

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

August 6, 1962

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Marian Way - Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

We are pleased to enclose a check for \$6,000.00 in payment on our principal.

Since January 1st, we have remitted \$57,000.00 on our principal and interest, as well as a complete underwriting of our Newman Club activities, together with the almost \$5,000.00 donation to the Diocesan Development Fund. These financial strides have been made possible by the overwhelming success of our tithing program, which has been in force since February and is still met with enthusiasm by all of our parishioners. The most recalcitrant to the program are now mollified to accept the business-like approach to Church finances and this reasonable plan has reached the hearts as well as the pocket-books of over 80% of our families.

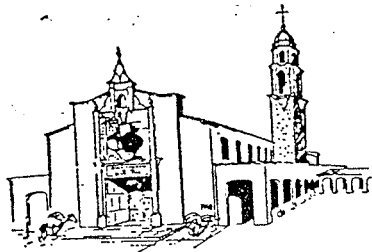
We are looking forward to the symposium to be conducted in September and we feel confident, with Your Excellency, that this approach to Church finances will be eagerly accepted by our priests of the diocese.

Your Excellency is assured of our steadfast devotion and loyalty at all times.

With deep respect and filial love,

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

August 30, 1962

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Marian Way, Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

We are pleased to enclose our check for \$5,000.00 in further payment on our principal.

May we beg Your Excellency to consider the petition of Mrs. Lavetta Condon and her sister Dorothy Clark of our parish. Mrs. Condon and her sister are exemplary Catholics, Legion of Mary members and have contributed substantially to our parish from the beginning. They request that they be furnished with a letter of introduction to the North American College in Rome with the hope that it may facilitate arranging an audience at the Vatican. They will arrive in Rome on October 2nd. We should greatly appreciate Your Excellency's intercession for these good people:

Mrs. Thomas Condon  
6455 Del Cerro Blvd.  
San Diego 20, California

Inasmuch as Your Excellency has appointed our Father Phillip Straling as a part-time professor at the University High School, Bogue Hall and the remainder of his time is given over to work with the Newman Foundation at San Diego State College, we are of the understanding that Father Straling is thus relieved of parochial work due to his heavy schedule. We are pleased to accord him the residence here which he has found satisfactory and we should appreciate hearing from Your Excellency regarding the honorarium that our parish should now budget for Father Straling.

Your Excellency is forever assured of our unfailing devotion and loyalty and sincere prayers.

With deep respect and filial love,

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August 31, 1962

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

We are happy to receive your check in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)----a timely remittance. Within the next two days you will have a letter requesting an audience for Mrs. Thomas Condon and her sister, Dorothy Clark.

While it is regrettable that Father Straling will practically have no time at all to give you for parish work, he will be on the front lines with the Newman Club and his teaching program. Be assured of our sincere appreciation for permitting him to have residence at St. Therese's rectory. That should be a sufficient contribution from your own good self.

We will try to arrange an honorarium to provide for his needs. The regular salary for the professorship at the University High School should be given, together with something for the Newman Club work.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you, it is my privilege to remain,

Your devoted servant in Corde Regis Regum,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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September 14, 1962

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
P. O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your courtesy dated September 10, 1962 and the enclosed check in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

Permit me to convey the gratitude of His Excellency for your wholehearted cooperation and inform you of the pleasure of His Excellency at your exceedingly good administration of your parish.

With sentiments of profound esteem please believe me to be,

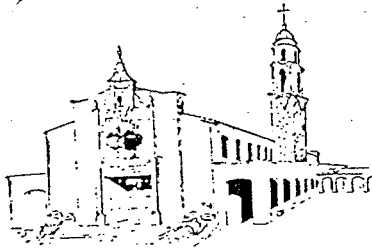
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. Donald F. Doxie  
Secretary, Vice Chancellor.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

September 10, 1962

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Marian Way, Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

We are pleased to enclose a check for five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in further payment on the reduction of our principal. Since July 1st we have been blessed to remit to the Chancery twenty-two thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars and twenty-four cents (\$22,161.24) in payment on our principal and interest for this quarter. We feel that this is an amazing observation regarding the tithing system inasmuch as people are conscious of their own parish support throughout the summer even though they may be away for several weeks on vacation. Our tithing has kept up all through the summer months as people have either mailed in their weekly tithe or have paid in full when they returned from their vacations.

The fact that our people have accepted the tithing system now that it has been in effect for some eight months is a stark reality. Ninety-one percent of our Sunday offering is paid by tithing parishioners. Since January 1st of this year, our relatively small parish of only 476 families has paid to the Chancery the sum of \$66,661.24 on our principal and interest and in addition we have met all assessments, contributed \$3,600.00 to Newman Club work and have remitted almost \$5,000.00 to the Diocesan Development Fund. Our fervent prayer is that the tithing plan will work successfully in other parishes where it will be introduced.

Your Excellency is assured of our poor prayers and unwavering devotion at all times.

With deep respect and filial love,

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October 17, 1962.

Dear beloved Father Kraft:

Thanks be to God for you and for your willing thoughtfulness which remembered my anniversary on St. Francis' day. The holy mass you offered for me is the perfect gift which sustains and endures.

Even though the Council proceedings fill one with interest, the program is strenuous. Some mornings we are up at 4.30, offer mass at 5.15 and get ready for the bus which takes us to St. Peter's. Each morning the exercises start with morning mass in honor of the Holy Spirit. Now we are deep in the organisational process. Some matters require considerable homework but, as Father Valencia used to say to me: "It is your job, bishop".

You may know that I have repeatedly referred to St. Therese's as the outstanding example of successful tithing. Even though you are very busy, it would accomplish a vast amount of good and conviction if you write an article which could be entitled "The record of tithing at St. Therese's" or any other title you may prefer, and send it to Msgr. Byrne, who has been asked to assemble publicity each week for the Southern Cross so as to educate all in this successful plan of church support.

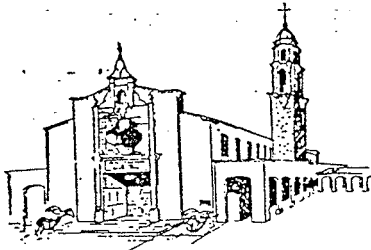
I was recently on a visit with Bishop Begin. He, of course, enthuses on the subject and tells that even poor parishes can solve their problems by tithing.

Most gratefully and affectionately in Christ.

The Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy

The Rev. William A. Kraft,  
Pastor, Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus,  
St. Therese Way,  
San Diego 20, California.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

October 30, 1962

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Villa Medici  
Trinita dei Monti, 6  
Rome, Italy

Your Excellency:

We were highly honored indeed to receive Your Excellency's request to jot down our experiences with regard to our program of tithing. Aware of our limitations, we enclose the text of our thoughts, a copy of which we forwarded to Monsignor Byrne. We hope it will prove of some value.

We also forwarded to the Right Reverend Vicar-General today, a more concrete expression of the effectiveness of tithing, when we enclosed a check for ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) in payment of principal and interest for this fourth quarter.

Our thoughts are often with Your Excellency, we personally miss you so very much. When we conducted a holy hour to conclude exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Christ the King, we devoted our prayers for Your Excellency's intentions and especially that Your Excellency will be sustained in good health amidst the rigors of physical strain imposed by your impending duties in Rome. It is selfish to pray for an early end of this session of the Council, but nonetheless our child-like hearts are more at rest when our Father is close by.

It is stimulating to note that all parishes will initiate the tithing program by the first of the year. We have met with opposition from new families moving in as they state that the parish they came from did not have such a program -- such a unified program will eliminate such an argument.

We heard a little nonsense -- it seems that democracy used to mean that you were free to vote for the candidate of your choice. Now with all the Kennedys in public office, the saying goes that democracy now means that you can vote for the Kennedy of your choice!

We do think and pray for Your Excellency each day and we stand as always ready to accede to Your Excellency's least desire.

With respect and filial love,

*William A. Kraft*

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TITHING -- GOD'S PLAN IS THE BEST PLAN OF CHURCH SUPPORT

By Reverend William A. Kraft, Pastor  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish - San Diego, California

"Never before have I really understood my personal obligation to God and His Church, as I do now that the tithing plan has been fully explained to me and adopted in our parish. The effectiveness of this sensible approach to finance over the past months has convinced me of the sound reasonableness and dignity of satisfying this prime duty in justice." This epic statement was recently made to me by one of our parishioners who is the father of four children and who has co-operated with the tithing plan since its inauguration in February of this year. It mirrors the sentiment of 90% of our parishioners.

Tithing is not new, it dates back to Old Testament days and is clearly outlined in the words of Sacred Scripture that specify man's obligation to His Creator as returning the first fruits and one-tenth of them to the Lord. This practice began with Cain and Abel. Just as Abel acceded willingly to return to God the best tenth of his labors, and Cain refused by giving the poorer portion, so has been the history of mankind even to present day times when modern Cains refuse the Lord His just due.

It has been an unwelcome inheritance of the last generation, that due to the economic pressures of the depression in the 1930's, churches had to devise devious means of keeping financially alive; undignified schemes of raising money became introduced and proved effective to stem the tide of obvious bankruptcy due to the inability through unemployment of the average Catholic workingman. As we emerged from the depression years, these sundry gimmicks of providing funds did not cease but continued and were accepted as a part of parish life, though as income of the wage-earner increased the proverbial dollar bill which was considered generous in depression was not increased as income in the family increased. As a result our churches were saddled with increased costs and capital improvements -- serious problems that could not be satisfactorily met

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by building fund drives together with all the money-changing raffles that found their way into the temple. The obvious answer was not too obvious -- as it was too latent for too many years. The answer so obvious is not man-made, it is God made; it is the return to Him and His Church the tenth-part, the first tenth-part of one's income -- the tithe.

Faced with the heavy responsibilities of a new parish with an adequate parish compound to serve the spiritual needs of a vigorous, youthful Catholic community, sound financial basis had to be found to insure the proper physical requirements for the new parish of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus in San Diego, California. The usual and stereotyped fund appeals were initiated with limited success. Building fund drive followed upon building fund drive, cake sales, raffles, bazaars, dinners, dances, Christmas cards and all the rest, held things together amidst the weary grumblings of good people who were more interested in living their faith and enriching their spiritual lives. Finance was obtained to provide a commodious church, rectory, convent, and elementary school, together with facilities to serve Catholic students attending nearby San Diego State College -- these were immediate needs. The finance was obtained, the buildings were provided. How then to underwrite the financial burdens of such a compound? The various projects initiated were met with enthusiasm but the sustained efforts without relief transformed enthusiasm into tepidity and cynicism -- what would be the next approach? The pastor consulted with other pastors, parishioners were sounded out and it was decided to eliminate all the old fashioned, depression born fund-raising angles that belonged to another era. Tithing would be restored among our people, an orderly, reasonable answer so obvious, God's own plan.

This, however, was not an "open sesame" that would provide a panacea to end the pastor's financial headaches that were absorbing his precious time and stealing away his spiritual efforts, giving place to the more temporal

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necessities of the times. A real problem of communication of ideas was involved. This was not just another gimmick, this was not another building fund or debt-reduction fund clothed in a new garment. This was God's plan to insure a proper solution that would perdure and have the happy effect of satisfying everyone's personal obligations to God and at the same time providing the means to meet the present financial obligations and provide for future needs of a growing parish.

With the help of experts in the field, an intensive educational program was launched extending over a seven-week period. No means was bypassed to insure the proper understanding of each parishioner regarding the tithe. God's share is one-tenth. Modern society also makes charitable demands, the necessity of school tuition is also a factor -- everything must be taken into consideration. The rule of thumb would be 5% of income in the regular Sunday envelope, the other 5% for school tuitions, Diocesan appeals including the Missions and for other civic charitable drives. Those not obliged to contribute toward school tuition would be able to remit more than 5% to the regular Sunday offering.

The spiritual benefits of such a plan were thoroughly explained, such a plan would create a return to the active participation of the faithful in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by their bestowing their just share as a sacrifice to God as the bread and wine were being offered in their name by the priest at the altar. Material benefits were also to be realized if tithing were accepted. No more nuisance collections, no more undignified money-raising projects, not a constant stress of finance from the pulpit where the Word of God was being squelched due to pressing financial problems.

The initial response to the plan was one of doubt and cynicism. Wasn't this just another harassment for money. Could such a plan accomplish all it was supposed to accomplish spiritually and materially. Opposition waned and acceptance of the plan became contagious -- bitter die-hards opposing became ardent

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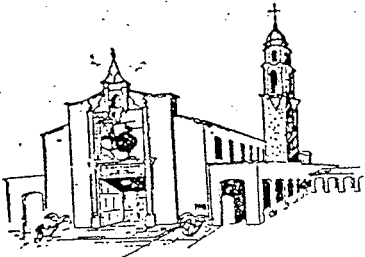
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apostles once they saw the immediate benefits. The Sunday collection tripled the first week of actual operation of the tithing plan. What is more spectacular, this level of giving has sustained at a constant level for the past eight months. The people of Saint Therese now know that tithing is the only answer. Comments of enthusiastic parishioners encourage new parishioners coming in from other parishes where tithing is yet to be introduced.

The result to date is that among the 486 families in the parish, 436 have accepted the tithe and have not only indicated their acceptance in writing but in fact are keeping their pledge to God and His Church. The priests have now more time to unleash their energies for priestly work among the people, the phone call or letter from the parish church may not be feared as just another appeal for money, now it is an invitation to spiritual enrichment; the dinners and socials of parish life are geared to the atmosphere of neighborliness as the pressure of expense and financial success is no longer a factor.

The second collection, the raffle tickets, the bazaar wheels, the 50-50 Clubs, the cake sales -- these now belong to a past decade. God's house has been cleansed of the money-changers; by this dignified plan of Church Support, the modern Catholic parish can meet the demands of present-day economy. The sights of our people have been truly raised, lay employees of the parish can be given a living wage, proper upkeep of the parish compound and up-to-date equipment can be provided and all because God has made His will known and His people have learned that God's plan is the best plan; it has brought blessings to those accepting it far beyond their wildest expectations.

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# *Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

October 30, 1962

The Right Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Byrne, V.G.  
Diocese of San Diego  
Marian Way, Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Beloved Monsignor Byrne:

I was highly honored to receive your letter expressing the intentions of His Excellency that I compose an article regarding our tithing program here at Saint Therese Parish. I am enclosing the article for your perusal and am aware that you will undoubtedly delete or correct it as you see fit as I am not particularly adroit at the pen. I am sorry I delayed in sending it to you.

We are happy to enclose our check for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) in payment of principal and interest for this fourth quarter. This is perhaps more concrete evidence of the effect of tithing.

Please be assured; dear Monsignor, of our utmost desire to fulfill your least request insofar as we are able. Please never hesitate to call upon us at any time for the most menial of tasks.

With respect and devotion in Christ,

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November 6, 1962

The Reverend William Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego 12, California

Reverend and dear Father:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter and the enclosure dated October 30, 1962.

Be assured that the undersigned will make no corrections in what you have written. However, what editors of papers do I cannot say.

Thanking you for the gracious sentiments expressed and with kind personal good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Byrne  
Vicar General

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

November 27, 1962

Your Excellency,

We were again so pleased to receive Your Excellency's latest communication and elated to know that our little package arrived safely. You never know with foreign customs whether such an item is cleared through.

My dear parents names are Betty and Bill (Elizabeth and William) and their address is P.O. Box 608, Rancho Santa Fe, California.

The Mass was held for Monsignor Weckenman today and Monsignor Frank Dillon gave his usual good sermon. He mentioned how Msgr. Fred always had a supply of holy cards wherever he went.

We received communication from the Chancery today expressing Your Excellency's desire that we make a presentation on tithing at a seminar during our December Day of Recollection. We feel honored that Your Excellency should call on us, and we assure Your Excellency that we shall make every effort to relate the outline and system of operation that we have found so effective here at Saint Therese.

We are earnestly praying for Your Excellency's safe arrival home and we eagerly anticipate the day.

Know that we stand ready at all times to put forth our best efforts to any request or desire that Your Excellency may have in our regard.

With deep respect and devotion,

*William A. Kraft*

*P.S. - Msgr. Frank mentioned to me that he wrote  
3 lovely sermons on tithing which he is  
using in Ocean Beach!*

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# *Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

December 11, 1962

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Marian Way  
Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

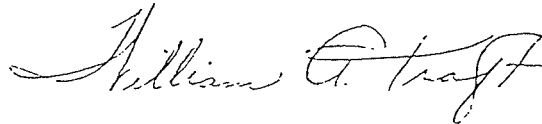
Your Excellency:

Our hearts overflow with deep gratitude to Our Blessed Lord in answering our incessant prayers for Your Excellency's safe arrival to your eagerly awaiting flock.

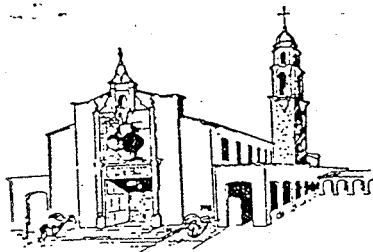
We hasten to enclose our check for \$10,000.00 as a payment on our principal; we hope that it is timely.

May Your Excellency be ever assured of our personal loyalty and devotion and our prayers are now in thanksgiving that you are again in our midst.

With deep respect and filial love,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

Feast of Saint Martin  
November 12, 1962

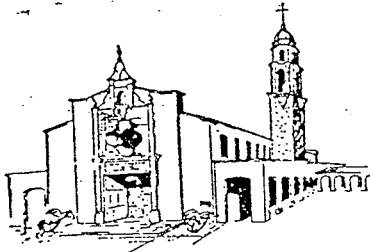
His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Villa Medici  
Trinita dei Monti, 6  
Rome, Italy

Your Excellency:

We were overjoyed in receiving such a joyous letter in your own hand; it is something we shall always treasure. Your Excellency has been all too kind to us. The article seems to have been well received by the people and several of the Fathers have called seeking information on our program. The one vital aspect of the tithing plan that is not too stressed is the follow-up work that must be carefully planned to insure its continued success. The initial results that were effected here by more than doubling our Sunday offering have persevered through these eight months following at a steady pace due to the vigorous program of the tithing committee which meets with us monthly to contact new parishioners and check on those who have fallen behind on the tithe. The Pastor and his key laymen cannot sit back and remain idle once the program is initiated, constant contact must be maintained to insure its successful operation. We have found that the extra services we provide to accommodate the remission of the weekly tithe have proved so effective. We send postage paid envelopes as a regular practice to those who may be away on vacation or attend another church on an odd Sunday, and they faithfully use these in sending in the tithe they missed. They then receive a personal letter from the pastor encouraging them in their fidelity to the tithe. All these contacts create active interest on the part of the tithing parishioner and they are appreciated. From time to time they are reminded what their tithe is doing for God's work; the interest and principal payments that are made, the taxes paid, the assessments met; the general upkeep of the parish plant. We are confident that the people really appreciate the absence of the subject of money from the pulpit and they have congratulated us for the positive spiritual instructional program that we have presented from the pulpit since tithing began.

Because we have remained faithful to the letter on our pledge not to seek special funds to meet our obligations, they too have been consistent in the remission of their tithe. For this reason we cannot help but feel that the pastors would welcome a realistic assessment on a month-by-month basis in lieu of a special Diocesan Development Campaign in 1963. One of the sad disadvantages to such is the proportionately enormous expenses involved with such a campaign, money that could be directly used by the diocese for its many needs and relatively few expenses are involved with an assessment type program. Psychologically too, the people may become sour should another full-range appeal

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

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be directed toward them upon the heels of a newly initiated tithing program, and thus destroy the good that was accomplished by educating them to the tithe. Such an assessment plan should be most favorably met by our priests as it would be elastic enough that should the tithing program be not too successful in an isolated instance, that pastor could meet his assessment obligation by whatever means that would prove most successful in his particular situation -- at least the needs of the diocese would be insured and provided as the pastor would understand his minimum share. We surely can state that our parish now meets the \$24,000.00 interest payment each year as well as reduction of the principal by over \$50,000.00 this year alone and this due to the tithing.

It seems that an influx of Catholic students attending State College is inevitable -- we now have the names and address of over 1500 Catholics attending this year. Father Straling is doing an excellent job in providing a stimulating program, now that he devotes himself completely to that work save for the time he gives for teaching at the University High School. We are happy to underwrite the operational expenses of the Newman work from this parish as that work was prime in the foundation of the parish here. It surely would be desirable to have clarified our jurisdictional status regarding the students attending State College as well as the faculty members who teach there. Naturally these students do come here for Mass as they attend the seminars and instructional programs that we provide during the week in our Newman Hall. It seems pusillanimous on the part of those pastors who vigorously object that these students attend Mass at the Newman Center, especially when they do not give one penny of support to our activities. Actually, the college and the housing for the students unfortunately does not lie within the boundaries of this parish and that is where the difficulty arises. Added confusion becomes apparent when a student wishes to be married here at the Newman Center. At some Newman Foundations the Ordinaries have given the Newman Chaplains "personal jurisdiction" over the students and faculty and if the students are married it includes their families. Now that our number of students becomes legion, Your Excellency may wish to give some consideration to this growing problem. Surely, we are not interested from any other standpoint than creating the proper atmosphere of bringing these students together for their spiritual welfare and keeping them apart from jurisdictional disputes. Their faith is in jeopardy enough from the pagan influence of State College.

We apologize for our ramblings but we wish to bring Your Excellency up-to-date with our happenings in this section of the vineyard. Mother was thrilled beyond words upon learning that she was named to receive a diocesan citation. Your Excellency has been most thoughtful and both mother and dad are appreciative and grateful for all your goodness to them and to us personally.

We are posting a little package for Your Excellency today which we hope arrives safely and we pray constantly for your sustained good health and selfishly we pray for your return to your flock.

With deep respect and filial love,  
*William A. Kraft*

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December 14, 1962

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

You surely gave me a glorious welcome home, following the fervent prayers that you and your devoted people offered for the safe arrival of Monsignor Doxie and myself.

Your substantial check in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be applied to your principle debt, was indeed a timely remittance. The many requisitions of December brought our Chancery balance so low, that for a while, it looked like we would have to borrow from the bank, which we are always loathe to do.

Your ready understanding, and that of other alert Pastors, precluded the necessity of a loan, and built up our credit with the bank.

With affectionate greetings,

Your devoted servant in Corde Regis Regum,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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CHURCH OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS  
 Saint Therese Way San Diego 20, California

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 1962 - DECEMBER 31, 1962

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1962	\$ 6,219.05	Pastor's Salary	\$ 2,400.00
Plate Collection (Sunday donations not enclosed in envelopes)	3,280.25	Assistants' Salaries	2,795.00
Tithing Payments	85,099.37	Janitors' Salaries	3,380.25
Books, Papers & Pamphlets	943.01	Housekeeper & Cook Expenses	3,198.84
Church Furnishings	2,207.16	Ordinary Church Expense	2,965.94
Votive Offerings	1,892.05	Auto, Truck Repairs & Maint.	448.29
Easter Collection	3,266.00	Gas & Oil - Auto & Truck	49.15
Christmas Collection	3,149.45	Public Utilities	2,105.81
Marriages	510.00	House Support	1,692.86
Baptisms	837.00	Choir & Altar Boys	183.16
Principal & Interest - School	5,600.00	Auto & Truck Insurance	209.96
Propagation of the Faith	806.47	Fire & Earthquake Insurance	557.12
St. Vincent de Paul Society	805.40	Stained Glass Window Insurance	14.74
Madonna of the Highway	873.35	Taxes, City & County	962.98
St. Therese Novena	910.57	Interest Payment	25,139.00
Debt Reduction Pledges	7,433.65	Improvements on Church	180.00
Reserve Fund from Tithing to meet Diocesan Assessments	<u>8,271.83</u>	Public Liability Insurance	143.10
	<u>\$132,104.61</u>	Workmen's Compensation	215.89
		Improvements on School	3,500.00
		Debt Paid	61,522.24
		Propagation of the Faith	806.47
		St. Vincent de Paul Society	300.00
		Madonna of the Highway	1,850.00
		Books, Papers & Pamphlets	1,095.59
		Church Furnishings	2,024.51
		Candles	997.61
		Diocesan Assessments*	8,271.83
		Balance on hand, end of year	<u>5,094.27</u>
			<u>\$132,104.61</u>
TOTAL DEBT - JANUARY 1, 1962	<u>\$449,583.75</u>		
TOTAL DEBT - JANUARY 1, 1963	<u>\$388,059.31</u>		
TOTAL AMOUNT OF DEBT REDUCTION IN THE YEAR 1962	<u>\$ 61,524.44</u>		

\*Obligations due to the Diocese and met  
from tithe without need of special  
collections.

With the Saint Therese Boosters Club contributing the major part, funds also from the Sodality of Saint Therese and the Mothers' Guild provided during the year 1962: new classroom building; providing 4 new rooms, 100 new desks, enlarged patio dining area for school, awning cover for Church patio, new sound projector, teaching films, mobile science laboratory and numerous other items.

Reserve fund for Convent enlargement in trust totals \$10,070.75.

The above is a correct and full statement of financial condition of the parish on Jan. 1, 1963.

s/ William A. Kraft, Pastor

s/ Thomas M. Condon, Parish Auditor

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

Feast of Saint Francis de Sales  
January 29, 1963

Your Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S. T. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Marian Way, Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

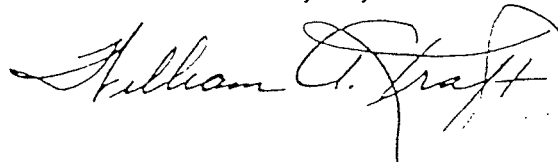
We were delighted to receive Your Excellency's letter this morning outlining the consolidated plan to remit monthly a stable amount to meet our obligations to the Diocese.

We hasten to fulfill Your Excellency's wishes as we have always tried to do with alacrity. Enclosed we are pleased to remit Eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) in payment on our principal and interest together with another check for two thousand dollars (~~\$2,000.00~~) to meet our assessment due on February 6, 1963. With the help of God and the encouragement of our good people we shall be faithful in meeting our obligations.

Your Excellency has been most considerate in approving the tithing system and our parish could not have received the plan more enthusiastically. Last year we were able to pay over \$61,000.00 on our principal and another \$25,000.00 in interest. Pray God we can hold this record. Last year our diocesan assessments amounted to \$10,000.00. I believe that with the continued interest of our good people in this program, we shall be able to raise our remission of assessment to the amount of \$24,000.00 as required.

Your Excellency, is most assured of our willingness to follow Your least wish in our regard, and nothing short of physical impossibility will ever deter us from accomplishing Your Excellency's desires.

With constant loyalty and filial love,



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January 30, 1963

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor  
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church  
St. Theresa Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father Kraft:

Thanks be to God for you, for your prompt grasp of the new system, and the checks totaling \$10,000.00 in your very stimulating letter of January 29th.

You are the first to respond and in accord with your splendid record, you will "not grow tired."

Devotedly and most gratefully in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,  
Bishop of San Diego.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

February 4, 1963

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S. T. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Marian Way, Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

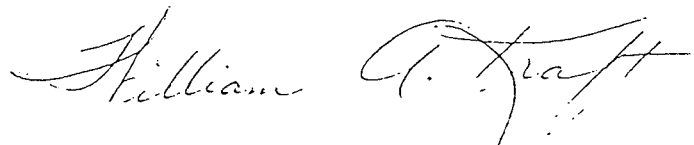
Enclosed is our report indicating the results of our appeal for catechetical teachers and helpers with our Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program for children in elementary public schools.

In June of 1962, we anticipated the acute need of adequately instructed and prepared lay teachers for our CCD program to be initiated in September. At that time we recruited over thirty adults and with the expert assistance of specialists in the science of catechetics who are members of the Daughters of Divine Charity, we conducted an intensified program of daily instruction from 9:00 to 11:30 a. m. for a three week period this past summer. Our parish underwrote the expense of the special summer session for our lay people and we did co-ordinate the program with members of Monsignor Hurd's staff at that time, inasmuch as we used the same texts in methodology and doctrine that Monsignor Hurd's office anticipated using when the program would be extended on a diocesan basis. Due to the success of this advanced instruction we were competent to meet the needs of our CCD enrollment this past September.

We are, therefore, elated that we have further obtained the additional help of volunteers indicated on our present report who offer to prepare themselves to augment our current staff.

The establishment of a systematized program on the elementary level to nourish the little ones in their faith is a real step forward and we are pleased to co-operate in every way.

With deep respect and filial devotion,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3715

Tuesday of Quinquagesima Week  
February 26, 1963

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Marian Way, Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

We are pleased to enclose our check for six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to be applied in reduction of our principal.

Your Excellency may recall that our funds were exhausted during the completion of our church edifice thus inhibiting us to install at that time a permanent roof of tile as Frank Hope had so designed. We were satisfied to place just roofing paper on the buildings until we could contemplate the installation of the tile. Excluding aesthetic reasons at this time, we may find it practical to contemplate the installation of a tile roof inasmuch as our paper roof is now five years old and in need of repair. We are also faced with the problem of adding a bedroom or two on our present convent structure to accommodate another teaching sister in September. We feel confident that these relatively minor expenses can be handled by us at this time without the necessity of further enlarging our present debt. We pray that Your Excellency will consider our proposal and grant us the necessary permission to negotiate for these improvements on our buildings.

Your Excellency will be pleased to receive our \$2000.00 monthly diocesan assessment next week.

Our protestations of constant deeds and words of unfailing loyalty and devotion bespeak our habitual disposition of filial affection.

With deepest respect and devotion in  
Little Therese,



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February 28, 1963

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend and dear Father William:

Your thoughtful remittance in the amount of six thousand dollars (\$6000.00) was a real booster. It came along with another booster by Doctor Yuskis to ward off the Asistic Flu.

Please be advised that the carefully considered improvements outlined in your letter have my cordial approval. It is marvelous that you can finance these items. If, however, it should get too rough, please make whatever requisition you need. In a word, your credit is still good.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you, it is my privilege to remain with affection and gratitude, your devoted servant,

In Corde Regis Regum,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy  
Bishop of San Diego.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

Monday following the First  
Sunday of Lent  
March 4, 1963

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Marian Way, Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

May it please Your Excellency to find enclosed our check for two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) in payment of our parish assessment for the month of March and due March 6th.

We cannot help but feel great joy whenever we are able to accomplish Your Excellency's least wish. Our daily prayers are for Your Excellency's sustained health to enable the zeal and inspiration of Your Excellency to be enstilled in the hearts of your sons in the vineyard.

Respectfully and devotedly in Christ,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

Feast of the Annunciation  
March 25, 1963

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park, Marian Way  
San Diego 10, California


Your Excellency:

We take this occasion on the Feast of the Annunciation to make a further reduction on our parish debt to the amount of six-thousand dollars (\$6,000.00). Since January 1st we have remitted to the Chancery the sum of twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000.00) which included payments on our principal and interest and \$4,000.00 for our diocesan assessment. This figure does not include our Cathedraticum payment in January. We hope to remit our monthly diocesan taxa of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) next week.

We are grateful to all our good people for their magnificent fidelity to their tithing pledges. Out of 556 families registered, we have 492 families tithing and their average donation per Sunday Offertory is \$4.30 per family. Surely the Little Flower is working overtime on our behalf and dropping bouquets of roses.

Your Excellency is again assured of our constant devotion and loyalty together with our eagerness to fulfill Your Excellency's least desire.

With filial love and respect,



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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

March 29, 1963

Your Excellency, Beloved Bishop,

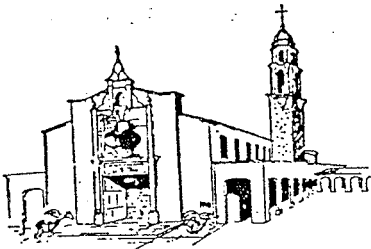
We are happy to enclose our monthly  
Assessment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

Our sincere prayers are for the  
sustained health of your Excellency that you  
may continue to be such a zealous inspiration  
to your sacerdotal sons in the vineyard.

Respectfully & faithfully in  
Christ Crucified

Wm. A. Kraft

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Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Telephone JU 2-3716

May 3, 1963

Your Excellency

Thanks to the powerful intercession of Little Therese, we are pleased to enclose our monthly diocesan assessment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

With a pledge of sempiternal devotion and loyalty

Wm. A. Kraft

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

August 5, 1963

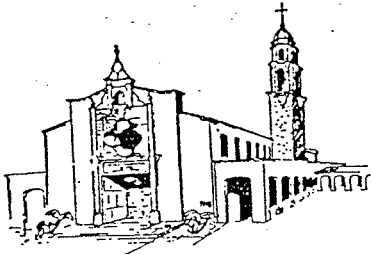
Your Excellency:-

We are so pleased again to be able to meet our monthly diocesan assessment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) which is enclosed.

We pledge our continued loyalty and devotion.

With filial love,  
William A. Kraft

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# *Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone JU 2-3716

July 3, 1963

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Marian Way - Alcala Park  
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

It pleases us to again be able to be prompt in remitting our monthly Diocesan assessment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), due on July 6, 1963.

Your Excellency is always certain of our devotion and loyalty to cooperate fully with Your Excellency's least desire.

With deep respect and filial love,

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

August 21, 1963

Your Excellency, Beloved Bishop.

We are pleased to be enclosing our check for five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to further reduce our principal on our loan.

We are eternally grateful to Your Excellency for your persistent and sedulous kindness to us always. Our loyalty and devotion to Your Excellency, we pray with never waiver.

With filial love & respect,  
William A. Kraft

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September 24, 1963

The Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego, California, 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

Please be advised that you are delegated to have an erection of the Stations of the Cross in your chapel.

The erection form is enclosed herewith.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rt.Rev.Msgr. James T. Boohh, J.C.D.  
Chancellor

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi  
October 4, 1963

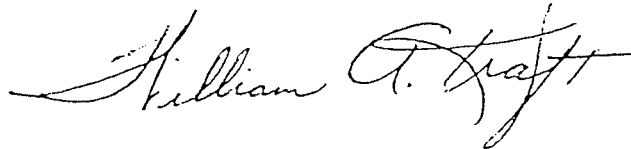
His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, D.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

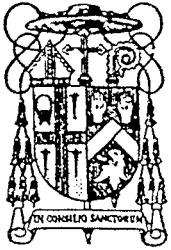
We are indeed pleased to be able through the intercession of the Little Flower to enclose our monthly diocesan assessment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Though our parish indebtedness is \$350,000.00, we have been blessed to meet this month's assessment and still be able to satisfy our principal and interest payments.

Your Excellency is assured of our personal devotion and loyalty as well as our willingness to follow to the best of our ability Your Excellency's least wish. Our special prayers and mementoes of the priests and people of Saint Therese Parish are especially with Your Excellency as you meet the challenge that this section of Christ's vineyard places upon Your Excellency.

.. With sincere respect and devotion,



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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO  
THE CHANCERY

ALCALA PARK  
SAN DIEGO 12, CALIFORNIA

October 5, 1963

Rev. William A. Kraft

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your letter of October fourth and for its enclosure, the latter being a check for two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to cover your monthly diocesan assessment.

I am glad to know that your financial status is so good and I congratulate you on your work.

Asking God to continue to bless you and all your parishioners, I remain, my dear Father Kraft,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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# Memo

From  
FATHER KRAFT

October 29, 1963

To  
Gen. Manager,

We are pleased to enclose  
our check for two thousand  
dollars (\$2,000.00), our monthly  
diocesan assessment due on  
November 6, 1963.

Father Robert Hickie  
will administer the parish while  
I am on vacation during November.

William A. Kraft

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor, Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California  
Telephone 582-3716

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

December 6, 1963

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

Our hearts are joyous with Your Excellency's safe return to your flock and we offer sincere prayers of thanksgiving that your mission has been accomplished and you are with us again at home.

We hasten to remit our monthly diocesan assessment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) due as of today's date. It makes us so pleased also to remit at this time six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to further reduce the indebtedness on our principal. We are especially exhilarated that we can remit this amount which will bring our total payment on principal and interest since October 1st to \$16,000.00; in addition we have sent to the Chancery our seminary assessment as Your Excellency advised and we have satisfied our city and county taxes for the year. The Little Flower never rests on behalf of her own.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to Your Excellency's visit to our parish in January for Canonical Visitation and to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Your Excellency is forever assured of our whole-hearted efforts to pursue and accomplish to the best of our limited ability your least desires.

With deep respect and filial devotion,

*William A. Kraft*

*We await Your Excellency's instructions regarding the delivery of the color TV to the new residence*

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

January 13, 1964

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

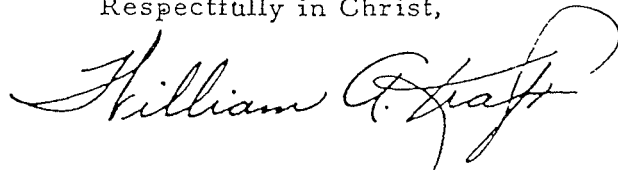
Your Excellency:

We are highly pleased to anticipate Your Excellency's visit to our parish to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on January 29th at 5:30 p.m.. We wish to extend our hearty welcome to remain with us and our visiting brethren for sociability and dinner to follow in our rectory. We should be privileged if Your Excellency could abide with us.

Our check for six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) is enclosed to completely satisfy our quarterly interest in advance and to further reduce our indebtedness.

We continue to pledge our fidelity and loyalty to Your Excellency and express our sincere hope joined with prayer that this New Year be filled with sustained joys and blessings.

Respectfully in Christ,



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January 14, 1963

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
P.O. Box 24  
San Diego, California 92112

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you very much for your letter  
of January 13 and its inclosure.

It will be a pleasure to remain for  
a social hour and dinner following the Con-  
firmation on Wednesday, January 29.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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# Memo

From  
FATHER KRAFT

To

February 29, 1964

Your Excellency -

We are so pleased to be able to enclose a check for two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to meet our monthly diocesan assessment due on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Your Excellency will be pleased to know that our Oriental rug agent in New York is locating a suitably sized Oriental for your Chapel.

With constant devotion & loyalty  
William A. Kraft

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor, Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California  
Telephone 582-3716

March 2, 1964

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your letter of February 29  
and its accompanying check for \$2,000.00 to meet  
your ~~dis~~ monthly assessment. I am deeply grate-  
ful.

Thank you also for taking care of the  
Oriental rug for the Chapel on Sunset Boulevard. I  
appreciate this gracious courtesy more than I can  
say.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

April 11, 1964

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, D.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

We are elated to enclose a check for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) in payment of our principal and interest. The Little Flower has showered us abundantly with roses during the first quarter of this year. To date, we have remitted to the Chancery \$28,000.00 in payments on our debt plus \$8,000.00 to meet our diocesan assessment making a sum total of \$36,000.00 since January 1st. The average per month is more than \$10,000.00 net after current expenses have been paid.

Following Your Excellency's encouragement during a conversation we had concerning the replacement of our temporary roof, we proceeded to install the permanent and handsome tile roof on our church and rectory during the last month. The buildings were designed for tile but a lack of funds prohibited the item from the original contract. We intended at this time to appeal to Your Excellency for the payment of the \$11,735.00, the cost of the installation, when generous friends came forth magnanimously and presented me with a receipted bill for that amount. Furthermore, through a special promotional plan, our people purchased a new car for our Sisters at a cost of \$2,843.20 as well as a new parish truck, so sorely needed to maintain our eleven acres. The cost of the truck was \$1,754.82. In all, then, our total for interest, debt reduction, assessments and such capital improvements as enumerated for the first quarter of 1964 has amounted to \$52,333.02. The \$36,000.00 mentioned is the result solely of tithing payments by our people and represent a sincere sacrifice amounting to an average weekly donation of \$5.20 per tithing family.

Your Excellency will be pleased to learn that our daily Holy Communion exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays have averaged 311 since the first of the year. Our pastoral philosophy of offering constant spiritual service to our people as well as programs of various social and cultural activities has produced so far the desired effect -- a spiritual enrichment of our people by frequent reception of the sacraments and a most generous response to meet their just financial obligations to their parish.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

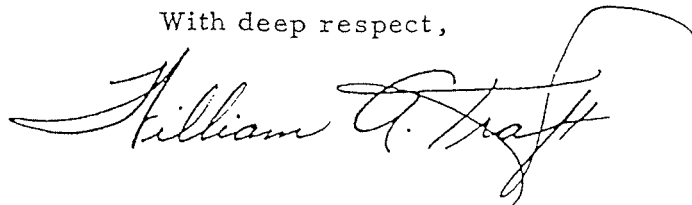
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Your Excellency will appreciate from a review of these facts that our priests with the help of God's grace have devoted their energies, talents and time to maintain a parochial spirit that considers faith as the substance of life. We are naturally concerned at the present time over our loss of a full-time Assistant. When travelling in high gear, it is impossible to drop down suddenly to a slower pace whereby the remaining two priests can cover the ambitious program already initiated. We pray that our good people will understand our present circumstances and will make the proper adjustments in realizing that we can no longer offer to them such service as they had become accustomed. We sympathize with Your Excellency full-knowing the pressing needs of the diocese for zealous priests. Your Excellency is assured that Father Luque and myself will continue to do our best in assisting the harvest for this portion of your vineyard.

We beg Your Excellency's kind indulgence in reviewing our situation at this time as we felt it in order that we report the situation as it now stands. Constant loyalty and devotion to Your Excellency's least wish are uppermost in our thoughts.

With deep respect,



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April 13, 1964

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Although I acknowledged your letter of April 11 in person yesterday, I take this occasion to express my thanks once again for your check in the amount of \$10,000.00 in payment of your principal and interest.

I congratulate you on the many achievements outlined in your letter. You have been blessed abundantly by Almighty God. Your weekly average donation of \$5.20 per tithing family must be somewhat of a record.

I appreciate your problems due to the loss of one full time Assistant. You may be sure that I will do everything I can to help you when an opportunity presents itself.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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# *Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

April 30, 1964

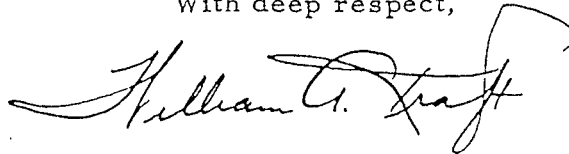
His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, D.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

May it please Your Excellency to find enclosed our check for two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) as our monthly diocesan assessment due on May 6, 1964.

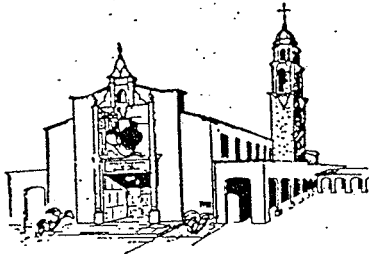
Our fidelity and devotion to Your Excellency is a constant assurance of our willingness to follow your least wish.

With deep respect,



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Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

# *Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Telephone 582-3716

June 3, 1964

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, D.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

We are pleased to be able to enclose our check for two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to meet our monthly diocesan assessment due on June 6th.

We are constantly grateful to the intercession of the Little Flower that we have been able meet our financial obligations. The sacrifices of our good people bespeak an intense love of God and devotion to the Church.

With deep respect and esteem,

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# Carte Blanche



THE PRESTIGE CREDIT CARD

8544 SUNSET BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90069, DL 7-2400

June 26, 1964

Monsignor James T. Booth  
Administration Building  
Alcola Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Dear Monsignor Booth:

We recently received a request from the Reverend William A. Kraft of Saint Therese Church in San Diego for the conversion of his personal Carte Blanche account to a company account under the name of his church. He also requires an additional card for Mr. Phillip M. Stull.

I was informed by the Monsignor Hawkes of Los Angeles that unless the church in question is incorporated the Pastor is not authorized to open a company account and would need your permission.

I would appreciate your answer regarding this matter at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Gerald House-Peters  
New Accounts Department  
HILTON CREDIT CORPORATION

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June 30, 1964

Mr. Gerald House-Peters  
Hilton Credit Corporation  
8544 Sunset Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. House-Peters:

In response to your letter of June 26, 1964 concerning Rev. William A. Kraft's petition for a company account, please be advised that the various Parishes in the Diocese do have credit accounts with different firms. We would have no objections to your granting this credit account in this manner.

Sincerely yours,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. James T. Booth, J.C.D.  
Chancellor

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# Memo

From  
FATHER KRAFT

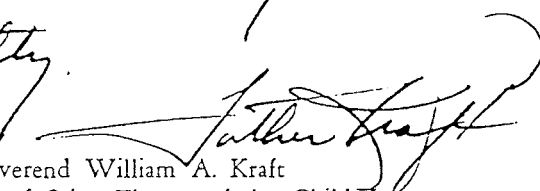
June 30, 1964

To  
Your Excellency.

We are slated to be able  
to enclose our check for  
\$2,000.00, our diocesan  
assessment due on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

We also enclose an  
increment to our previous donation  
for Bishop Buddy.

With everlasting esteem  
and loyalty.

  
Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor, Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California  
Telephone 582-3716

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Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

August 3, 1964

Your Excellency,

We are more than elated to enclose our check for \$2,000.00 to meet our diocesan monthly assessment due August 6<sup>th</sup>.

In addition we enclose another check for \$6,000.00 in payment on our principal and interest of our parish indebtedness. This is somewhat less than our accustomed payment due to our high insurance premium payment and Bishop Buddy assessment of last month.

With deep respect and  
loyal devotion  
William A. Kraft

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Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Telephone 582-3716

August 28, 1964

Your Excellency:-

In the past month we have completed the paving of a five acre parking and playground compound and have completed an additional Classroom for our School.

We are pleased to have a paid in full on file for these improvements and also to enclose a check for \$6,000.00 for payments on our principal.

Since January 1st we have remitted \$55,000.00 on our principal and interest and an

August 28, 1964

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 28 and its accompanying check in the amount of \$6,000.00 which represents payment on the principal of your parish debt.

Permit me to congratulate you once again on the excellent improvements which I saw on the occasion of my visit to your parish a few days ago. Undoubtedly you have one of the finest parish plants in the entire Diocese.

I am very deeply grateful for the excellent dinner you served and for your hospitality. It was good to see your father and mother again and to have an opportunity to meet Captain Anderson.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

December 15, 1964

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

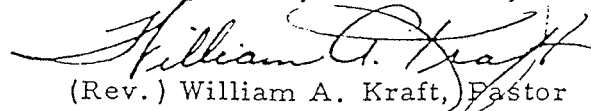
A ,most warm and hearty welcome home from your mission to  
the Eternal City!

We are most pleased to enclose our check for five thousand dollars  
(\$5,000.00) in payment on our principal. With this payment, we have  
been blessed to be able to remit to the Diocese the sum of \$100,000.00  
since January 1st, 1964. Of this, \$76,000.00 was paid on principal and  
interest of our parish debt and \$24,000.00 was paid in diocesan assessment.  
This sum was the result of the fidelity of our people to the tithing program  
we initiated with them three years ago. Our debt in 1961 stood at \$521,000.00,  
now it has been reduced to \$286,000.00. Thanks to the intercession of our  
powerful little patroness, the Little Flower.

By special projects outside of tithing, we were able to completely tile  
the roofs of the church and rectory and completely pave our parking areas  
at an aggregate cost of \$25,000.00 which was paid in full. We have also  
added an extra classroom to double our primary grade and this was  
accomplished without need of borrowing further.

We reiterate our complete devotion and loyalty to Your Excellency's  
least desire and pray the choicest blessings of the Infant of Bethlehem  
upon you.

Respectfully and faithfully in Christ,

  
(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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December 17, 1964

Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
Rev. William A. Kraft  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your letter of December 15 and its inclosure, the latter being a check for \$5,000.00 in payment on your principal.

Needless to say, I am very deeply grateful.

As the year comes to a close, permit me to congratulate you on your excellent work in St. Therese's Parish during 1964. Your payment to the Diocese of the sum of \$100,000.00 since last January is somewhat of a record.

You deserve and you have the heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of the undersigned.

Permit me to congratulate you also on the work which you have been able to complete on your parish plant. It is recognized by everyone as one of the finest in the entire Diocese.

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Wishing you and your good people an abundance of Christmas joys and blessings,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

January 26, 1965

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 29110

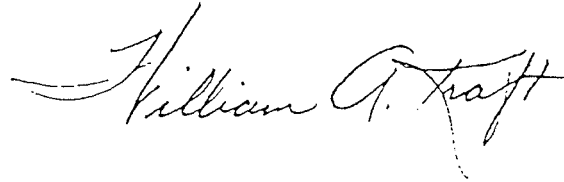
Your Excellency:

It is with great joy that we enclose our check for ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) as our first payment of the new year on our principal and interest.

We are still the recipient of so many hearty comments from our parishioners in gratitude for Your Excellency's gracious kindness in so beautifully administering the Sacrament of Confirmation here last week. We, personally, were so elated with Your Excellency's presence among us and are so grateful for your usual warmth and understanding. We offer daily prayers of gratitude that Our Mother of Confidence will continue to intercede with her Son to sustain Your Excellency in the great good for souls which you are accomplishing.

Your Excellency needs no assurance of our unwavering devotion and fidelity to your least wish.

With deep respect and admiration,



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January 27, 1965

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your letter of January 26  
and its accompanying check in the amount of \$10,000.00.

I am indeed deeply grateful for this first  
payment in 1965 on your principal and interest.

I appreciate your kind words about the  
Sacrament of Confirmation in your church. The  
children were very well instructed as everyone in  
the church could tell. The use of English in the ad-  
ministration of the Sacrament is being very well re-  
ceived all over the Diocese.

With kindest personal regards and renewed thanks,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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March 1, 1965

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Inclosed please find copy of a letter which Mr. Walsh has sent to me, inclosures which accompanied his letter, as well as a copy of my brief reply.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

Inclosures

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**REDACTED**

Saturday, February 20, 1965

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey,  
Apostolic Administrator  
Administration Building - Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency,

I am sorry to trouble you about this personal matter, but since I seem to be unable to bring it to a satisfactory conclusion on my own, it seemed only logical that it should be brought to your attention.

On June 29, 1964 Reverend William Kraft, Pastor of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, signed two contracts providing for the employment of an Inquiry Forum Director or Lay Theologian at that Parish from July 15, 1964 to June 30, 1966. The contracts were essentially identical, one being with the Institute of Lay Theology of the University of San Francisco and one with me, James F. Walsh, Jr. as the Inquiry Forum Director. The contracts provided for a beginning salary of \$300.00 per month, with gradual pay increases over a period of approximately two years culminating in a salary of \$450.00 per month for the last six months of service ending June 30, 1966.

Father Kraft's decision to employ an Inquiry Director, as indicated by a photostat of his letter which is enclosed, was prompted by the fact that the young priest who was to be his assistant was tragically killed in an automobile accident in June of 1964. About the time of the signing of the contract the only other assistant at St. Therese was transferred and Father Kraft was alone in the Parish.

Around August, 1964 another priest was assigned to St. Therese to replace the one that had moved and some months later a second priest was permanently assigned to assist at the parish. On December 22, 1964, after completion of approximately six months of the two year contract Father Kraft informed me, as indicated by his letter, that since he now had two assistants he did not consider it financially advisable to continue the program at St. Therese and requested that I seek employment elsewhere in the city. I told him that I understood his feeling in the matter, that I certainly did not wish to be employed where it was not felt that I was needed and that I would be happy to seek employment if he wished me to do so. Subsequently, I was very fortunate in being offered employment for a four month period at Sacred Heart Church in Ocean Beach by Monsignor Dillon. I informed Father Kraft of the

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offer and told him that in accordance with his wishes I would begin work for Monsignor Dillon for a period of four months.

Around the middle of January, 1965, I received a check from Father Kraft for approximately \$135.00 covering the last two weeks of my employment with him prior to going to work for Monsignor Dillon. Stamped on the back of the check was the notation: "Endorsee acknowledges full and complete payment of all financial obligations due him by St. Therese Church." On Friday, January 29, 1965 I returned this check to Father Kraft by registered mail with a letter stating that it would be impossible for me to endorse and cash a check with this notation at the present time. I stated that if I was fortunate enough to find further employment as an Inquiry Director in San Diego on the same financial terms for the time period covered by his contract (July, 1964 to June 1966) that I might sustain no significant financial loss. If, on the other hand, I was forced to accept employment at a lesser salary than the one set out in his contract, I could sustain a loss of several hundred dollars during that time period. Of course, if I am unable to find any parish in San Diego that wants the program, it is quite possible that I will be required to sell my home and to move to some new assignment made by the Institute in another city, and the resulting financial loss could be quite heavy.

Having heard nothing from Father Kraft by February 15, 1965, I sent him a letter by certified mail stating that since I had several creditors who should be paid by the end of the month that I would appreciate payment within five days. I have still heard nothing from Father Kraft and so I felt that my only recourse was to write you this letter.

I fully realize that if I have, in some material way, failed to discharge my duties as set out in either of the two contracts of employment with Father Kraft then it is I who have breached the contract, and I would not expect Father Kraft to be concerned about this matter further. However, I do not feel this is the case. I believe the enclosed photostats of letters from Monsignor Rice, Father Joseph McDonald and of my present employer, Father John Costigan would indicate that the performance of my duties as an Inquiry Director at other Parishes in this Diocese has not been completely unsatisfactory. Both in my former practice of law and my studies in Theology, it was always made quite clear to me that any competent person over 21 years of age was responsible for the reasonable consequences of his acts in regard to the signing of a contract.

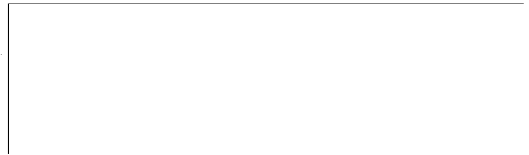
I will be most happy to discuss the above matter with you personally if you deem it advisable to do so. Father Elliot Short, Society of Jesus, the assistant Director of the Institute is

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presently in San Diego on a visit and I understand that he plans to contact your office in the next few days to request an appointment to pay you a courtesy visit. Perhaps you would prefer to discuss this matter with him.

In closing, let me say that I, personally, as well as the officials at the Institute in San Francisco greatly appreciate your kindness in allowing us to work in this Diocese. In view of this fact, I will be happy to give Father Kraft a release in this matter if you wish me to do so. However, I believe I would be remiss in my duty both to you and the church if I did not bring this matter to your attention.

Sincerely in Christ,



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**REDACTED**

March 1, 1965

Dear Mr. |

Returning to my office after an absence of several days, I find awaiting me your letter dated February 20 together with its inclosures.

I am sending a copy of your letter to Father Kraft, Pastor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, for his side of the matter about which you write. When I have heard from him, I will communicate with you again.

With prayerful good wishes,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

cc: Rev. William A. Kraft

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 552-3716

January 8, 1965

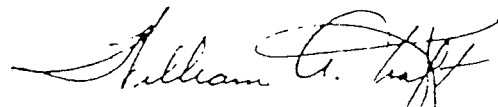
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are pleased to recommend to you \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Institute of Lay Theology of the University of San Francisco.  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully completed a course of instructions for  
Catholics and non-Catholics of this parish over the past six months.  
An average of over one-hundred people attended these weekly sessions  
and would attest to his qualifications and ability to maintain interest  
in explaining the main tenets of the Catholic faith.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ was kind to begin his work with us to meet the exigencies  
of the time as our proposed Assistant, Father Waryrch, was called  
to a greater assignment. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ ably assisted with our instructional  
program over these past six months. Now that we have the services  
of another Assistant Pastor, we find it prudent in keeping with sound  
fiscal policy to release Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ that his services benefit a parish  
more in need.

Please feel free to consult me personally for any further reference.

Faithfully in Saint Therese,



(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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Blessed Sacrament Church

14072 Olive St.

Westminster, Calif.

January 7th, 1965

To whom it may concern:

It gives me great pleasure to write a letter of reference for |

While I was the administrator at St. Agnes in San Diego, it was my good fortune to have Mr. | to assist me in the parish as a Lay Theologian. I cannot say enough in praise of Mr. | both as to working hard and also for his devotion to the priests of the parish. I found him loyal and interested only in the care of souls.

If I had the opportunity again to use his services, I would. The parishioners also were very pleased with his work.

In organizing the parish for the drive to obtain converts, our parishioners got to know each other better. As a result they spread the feeling of Charity through the parish. An increase in Mass attendance and in receiving Holy Communion was manifest.

If there is any questions about the work of the Lay Theologian, I will be happy to answer them at anytime they are asked.

Sincerely,

*William Joseph McDonald*

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January 12, 1965

Reverend Eugene Zimmers, S.J.  
Institute of Lay Theology  
University of San Francisco  
San Francisco 17, California

Reverend and dear Father,

Mr. [redacted] has joined in conducting two information forums for us at the Cathedral during the past six months. His work has been very acceptable and impressive to the people, and his instruction of individuals has been marked by that thoroughness and prudence which we wish to find in those who spread the message and prepare people for sacraments. We commend him for his talent and dedication and his accomplishment of the instructional work.

Kindest wishes and blessings to all in the Institute.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Right Reverend Monsignor George M. Rice  
Rector

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Augustinian Fathers  
Saint Patrick's Rectory  
3565 30th  
San Diego, California 92104

JANUARY 10, 1965

Very Reverend and dear Father:.

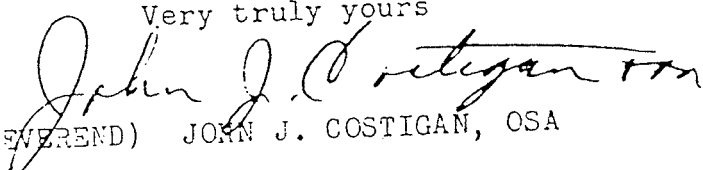
I commend to your favorable attention MR  
\_\_\_\_\_ an Alumnus of the Institute of Lay  
Theology of the University of San Francisco.

Mr Walsh has been fostering conversions to  
the Holy Faith in Saint Patrick's parish for more  
than a year. He has been doing so, and continues  
to do so, by a series of weekly lectures and con-  
ferences, "pitched" toward non-Catholic persons  
present, but beneficial to the Catholics present.

The average beginning series was 185 persons  
in Saint Patrick's, for each of the lectures. I  
should say that during the past 12 months he is  
responsible for some 40 converts.

I commend to your favorable attention, both  
the Program of the Institute of Lay Theology and  
Mr .

Very truly yours

  
(REVEREND) JOHN J. COSTIGAN, OSA

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

March 1, 1965

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

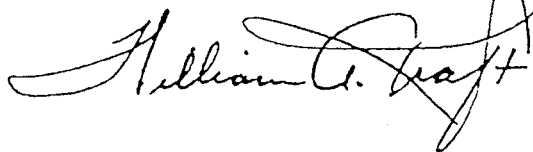
Your Excellency:

We are most grateful for your kindness in sending us the  
correspondence received from Mr. [redacted].  
We had turned his appeal over to our lawyer, Mr. Raymond  
P. Coady for his attention and recommendation.

We have at hand a copy of a letter sent by Mr. Coady to Mr.  
[redacted] dated February 25th in which he enclosed our check for  
the amount requested by Mr. [redacted]. We hope that this recent  
transaction will have allayed Mr. [redacted] fears of receiving  
adequate compensation and satisfied his request. We regret  
any inconvenience caused Your Excellency by the delay of  
our lawyer in contacting Mr. Walsh sooner.

Please be assured of our willingness to assist in any way  
further.

With deep respect and devotion,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

March 22, 1965

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

May it please Your Excellency to find enclosed our check for five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) in further payment on our principal. Since January 1st, thanks to the intercession of our powerful patroness, we have remitted the total sum of \$24,000.00 to the Chancery in payment on our principal, interest and diocesan ~~and diocesan~~ assessments.

Progress on the preparations for the dedication of Holy Cross Mausoleum is on schedule. We anticipate the event with joy. The arrangements are tentatively scheduled:

4:00 p.m. (April 11th) Procession of the Clergy  
Blessing of the Addition  
Consecration of the new altar  
Mass of Dedication

6:00 p.m. Social pre-prandium at Mission Room of Mission Valley Inn  
6:30 p.m. Banquet for His Excellency, clergy and cemetery staff

We pray this arrangement will meet with Your Excellency's approval.

With deep respect and fidelity in Christ,



P.S. A room will be available at the Mission Valley Inn for Your Excellency's use before the banquet.

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March 24, 1965

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 22 and its accompanying check for \$5,000.00 in further payment on the principal of your loan on the parish. Needless to say, I am very deeply grateful.

The arrangements which you outline for the Dedication of the Holy Cross Mausoleum are satisfactory to me in every way.

It will be a pleasure to perform the functions listed by you on Palm Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m. and to take part in the gaudeamus afterward in the Mission Valley Inn.

With prayerful good wishes,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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April 3, 1965

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey,  
Apostolic Administrator  
Administration Building  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

In feference to your letter of March 1, 1965; you said that you intended to confer with Father William Kraft concerning the matter about which I wrote and then contact me later. I do not know if you have had an opportunity to discuss this matter further with Father Kraft, but I thought it advisable to write you again at this time in order to make my position as clear as possible. To do so it will be necessary for me to relate certain facts leading up to and prompting me to write my letter of February 20, 1965. I will attempt to be as brief as possible consistant with clarity.

In July of 1963 I was assigned by the Institute of Lay Theology to two parishes here in San Diego, St. Patrick and St. Agnes. Father John Costigan, O.S.A. signed the contract for St. Patrick and Father Joseph McDonald signed for St. Agnes. Both contracts were for three years. I have always gotten along well with both these priests.

In January of 1964, a new pastor was assigned to St. Agnes and Father McDonald was moved to another parish. Shortly after Father McDonald left, the new paster told me he wished to discontinue the program at St. Agnes as of June, 1964. I felt then, as I feel now, that in the absence of incompetence or moral turpitude on the part of the Inquiry Director, if a parish signs a contract for three years the Pastor has an obligation to honor that contract. However, since the new pastor was essentially unfamiliar with our program prior to coming to St. Agnes, and since he did not personally sign the contract himself, I felt there was some merit to his position.

At about the same time I was informed that Father Kraft was anxious to obtain the services of an Inquiry Director due to lack of clerical assistants. I contacted Father Kraft by phone and he wished to hire me sight unseen. I suggested that it would be advisable to meet personally and discuss the aims, methods and objectives of our program. We did so meet on June 29, 1964, and

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Father Kraft signed a contract for two years ending June, 1966. This two year period represented the remaining portion of the St. Agnes contract.

Although Father Kraft and I did not seem to get along well personally, the Inquiry Forum at St. Therese was essentially a success. In all, 194 people attended the Forum. Most of these persons were Catholic. At the conclusion of the Forum 12 persons were either baptised or expressed the desire to be baptised and 4 couples presented their marriage cases for examination and validation. While the Forum was in progress Father Kraft was assigned two assistants.

On December 22, 1964 Father Kraft informed me that he wished to discontinue the contract. He stated that as he now had an assistant who could conduct the Forum he did not consider it financially advisable to retain the program. Unfortunately, he also elected to write a letter to the Institute stating other reasons for discontinuance. I now enclose a copy of this letter. I consider this letter a reflection on both my professional competence and my personal character. Approximately three weeks after writing the letter to the Institute, Father Kraft wrote a letter of recommendation on my behalf giving essentially the same reasons he gave me in our conversation of December 22, 1964. You already have a copy of this letter, but I now enclose a second copy for your convenient reference.

There remains due on Father Kraft's contract approximately \$5,700.00. In short: Your Excellency, if I have been guilty of all the things Father Kraft states in his letter of December 19, 1964, I have been guilty of breach of contract due to incompetence, and he owes me nothing. If, on the other hand, I have not been guilty of these things, it is my opinion, that he has breached his contract and his maximum limit of liability is the amount remaining due on the contract.

At the present time I am faced with the immediate possibility of foreclosure on my home and the expense of several thousand dollars in moving myself, my family and my furniture back to Tennessee. Father Kraft's attorney has suggested to me that "any further claims or demands be enforced by court action." I do not consider this procedure advisable. If I did not feel that there was an element of injustice in the facts set out above I certainly would not trouble you with this correspondence. However, under the present circumstances it seems that I have no other honorable and prudent course left open to me.

It is for this reason that I respectfully request an audience with you or someone appointed by you to discuss this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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April 17, 1965

Dear Mr. [ ]:

Your long letter, dated April 3, 1965, was on my desk when I returned from an extended Confirmation tour in the Northern part of the Diocese.

It was accompanied by copies of letters which were written to Father Zimmers and "To Whom it may concern" by Father Kraft.

The latter are dated December 19, 1964, and January 8, 1965.

I have felt from the beginning that there are peculiar circumstances in this case, circumstances over which I certainly have no control.

I have spoken about the case to Father Kraft, not once but several times.

Indeed, I have heard of the case from a variety of sources throughout the diocese.

My advice to you is that you deal directly with Father Kraft in an effort to bring about an amicable settlement of your real or alleged claims.

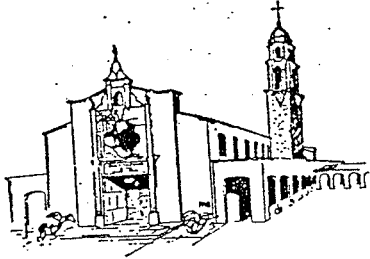
Wishing you an abundance of Easter blessings, I remain

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

*cc: Rev. J. M. Kraft*

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Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

## *Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Telephone 582-3716

April 20, 1965

The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator  
Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

We are highly pleased to enclose our check for \$10,000.00 in payment on our principal and interest.

We regret to learn that [redacted] has beleaguered Your Excellency with his groundless pleas. We understand he is gainfully employed with his work at the Naval Training Center.

As we approach the beautiful month of the Blessed Virgin, we implore Our Mother of Confidence to continually intercede for Your Excellency.

With deep respect and devotion,

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

Feast of Saint William  
June 25, 1965

The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

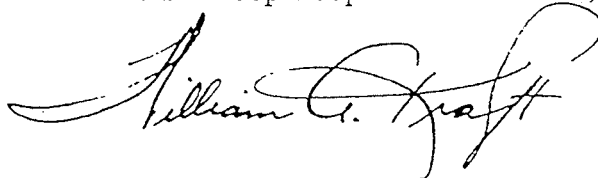
Your Excellency:

I am deeply grateful for Your Excellency's considerate thoughtfulness in completely briefing me regarding Mr. [redacted] displeasure with the High School and College administration. I gathered that Mr. [redacted] had been somewhat apprehensive when he contacted me after writing the letter as to whether he should have written in such a vein. I certainly agree that it reeked of insolence though knowing this man for the past twelve years, I would say that it was the result of hasty decision unguided by temper. He does have a good heart.

The thorough reports submitted by Father Dickie and Father Cadden should be conclusive enough to him; they surely are to me. The fact that he has not contacted me after receiving communication from Your Excellency leads me to believe that he is embarrassed over the entire affair -- his son just does not have the scholastic ability!

Again, thank you for this courtesy. I'm certain that Mr. [redacted] will appreciate Your Excellency's concern when he reads the report.

With deep respect and esteem,



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August 2, 1965

Dear Mr. [ ]:

Having received your letter of July 27, 1965, I referred it immediately to Father Kraft for his comments. I informed you of this in a letter dated July 30.

Under date of July 31, 1965, Father Kraft wrote to me and assured me that he is fully prepared to defend himself against any civil suit you may wish to enter against him.

In view of this, I regretfully inform you that I will not stand in your way if you wish to bring such suit.

With prayerful good wishes,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

cc: Rev. William A. Kraft

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# Naval Station Lectures Set On Catholicism

A new series of Catholic religious education lectures is scheduled at the Chaplain's Center on the Naval Station beginning Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The lectures, which will continue each Thursday evening for 16 weeks, are designed to explain the teaching of the Catholic faith on an adult level to Catholic service personnel and dependents.

Discussions will be conducted by Chaplain Leo F. Rice, Naval Station chaplain, and James F. Walsh, a Catholic layman and graduate of the Institute of Lay Theology, University of San Francisco.

Topics of discussion will include papal infallibility, the sacrament of Penance, the Sacrifice of the Mass, changes brought about by the Second Vatican Council and the church's teaching on birth control.

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July 27, 1965

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey,  
Apostolic Administrator  
Administration Building  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

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Your Excellency:

As indicated in my previous letter, during the past few weeks I have contacted 14 Pastors and 4 Navy Chaplains in an effort to secure further employment as an Inquiry Forum Director for the time period covered by Fr. Kraft's contract. I am sorry to report that in all cases the answer was "not interested at the present time." It is now clear to me that further efforts along these lines would be equally futile. For this reason, I now plan to go back East around the end of the summer when I have completed the Forum now in progress at St. Patrick's Church. I intend to remain in the program of the Institute of Lay Theology and Fr. Zimmers, the Director, tells me that there will be openings in other parishes in the East at that time.

I believe that I have now made every reasonable effort to arrive at an amicable agreement with Father Kraft by means of securing further employment. I can think of nothing further I can do at this time unless Your Excellency knows of some area I have failed to explore.

As you will recall, Father Kraft's attorney has suggested that if I have any further claim or demand that I should file suit. For this reason, in accordance with Canon Law, I now renew my request to file suit in Civil Court. Since any legal action taken here may affect the welfare of men from the Institute in other parts of the country, I will, of course, take no action until I have first received both the advice and consent of Father Zimmers.

I apologize for burdening Your Excellency with long and detailed correspondence over the past months. However, to question the actions of a Pastor in a case of this kind is a serious matter. Therefore, I wished to make sure that somewhere there would be available an official record stating the reasons for my actions.

Once again I thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely in Christ,

JF:H/sw

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

July 31, 1965

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110



Your Excellency:

I regret sincerely that you have been beleaguered again by Mr. [redacted]

It is significant to note that his original agreement was made with the Administrator of Saint Agnes' Parish in San Diego. He expressed his "deepest gratitude" to me at the time of his dismissal from St. Agnes that I had allowed him to assist us though at that time no formal contract was entered. His primary contest should be with Saint Agnes' Parish and only with us secondarily. At any rate, it is noteworthy that in all this petulancy, we have received no communication from Father Zimmers. I understand through an informed source close to Mr. [redacted] that he was definitely advised by the Institute some time ago not to enter a civil suit against the Diocese.

It is a matter of record that we have paid Mr. [redacted] his full salary for six weeks beyond his termination with us with the hope that he would find a place of employment. He expressed at that time his gratitude for that positive gesture which was beyond our obligation in the strict sense. He has in fact been employed since February of this year and just this morning a newspaper article outlines another sixteen weeks, which we enclose.

I respectfully suggest that he be given the permission to enter a civil suit as we are fully prepared to face such action. It is ironic that an apostolate founded to be of real assistance to Parishes and the welfare of souls should in this case produce such opposite effects. The scandal already evoked from his actions would seem to elicit definite action by the Institute to re-evaluate the program. Please be assured of our utter willingness to accede to any disposition of this matter that Your Excellency may direct.

With deepest respect and devotion,

*William A. Kraft*

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July 30, 1965

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated July 27, 1965.

I am referring it immediately to Father Kraft for his comments.

As soon as I hear from him, I will be glad to communicate with you again.

I fully agree with your thought that any legal action taken by you may effect the welfare of men from the Institute of Lay Theology in other parts of the country. In fact, I think this is putting it very mildly.

With prayerful good wishes,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

bc: Rev. William A. Kraft

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June 17, 1965

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey,  
Apostolic Administrator  
Administration Building  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

Many thanks for your letter of May 18th. Please know that I am most willing to explore any area that might lead to an amicable settlement of my differences with Father Kraft.

However, since an attorney has been retained by Father Kraft it would be unethical for me to attempt to discuss this matter with him personally.

As I mentioned previously, in his last letter to me dated March 24th, Mr. Raymond P. Coady, Father Kraft's attorney stated, "It is earnestly suggested that any further claim or demands be enforced by court action, if you deem the same advisable." I can only interpret this statement to mean, "Please do not trouble me again until such time as you have actually filed suit." Mr. Coady's failure to answer my last two letters written after March 24 would tend to support this interpretation.

The only other angle I can think of is an even more thorough canvas of Parishes in the San Diego area to determine if any Pastor desires my services for all or part of the time period covered by Father Kraft's contract (June, 1966). I will begin to do this immediately and let you know the results of my efforts in about one week.

Thank you again for your time and interest.

Sincerely in Christ,

June 10, 1965

Dear Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your letter, dated June 7, 1965, and for the information contained in it.

With prayerful good wishes, I remain

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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May 18, 1965

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of May 17 and the copy of a letter which you addressed to Mr. Raymond P. Coady under date of May 14.

Under separate cover I also received the SUMMARY OF THE REASONS GIVEN FOR THE DISMISSAL OF THE INQUIRY DIRECTOR AT ST. THERESE PARISH: DIRECTOR'S ANSWERS TO THE REASONS GIVEN.

Before I give any formal permission such as the one you request in your letter, I would like to be assured that every possible angle has been investigated to settle the differences between you and Father Kraft amicably.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

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Received May 17-1965

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey,  
Apostolic Administrator  
Administration Building  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, Calif. 92110

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your letter of April 17, 1965.

As I understand it, I am to deal directly with Father Kraft in an effort to bring about an amicable settlement to any claims I may have in this case.

In accordance with your advice I have written Father Kraft's attorney suggesting what I consider to be a fair and reasonable settlement. I now enclose a copy of this letter.

However, since Father Kraft's attorney suggested to me in his letter of March 24, 1965 that "any further claim or demands be enforced by court action," I am not sure that he would be interested in a settlement at this time. For this reason, in accordance with Canon Law, I now request permission to file suit in Civil Court in the event my offer is rejected.

So Your Excellency may be fully informed as to why I now feel it advisable to follow this course of action, I am sending you under separate cover for your files, my answers to the objections made against my work by Father Kraft in his letter of December 19, 1964 to the Institute.

I thank you for the time you have devoted to this matter over the past weeks. Please be assured that I will do my best to bring about an equitable and amicable settlement in this case.

Sincerely in Christ,

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May 14, 1965

In re: St. Therese Parish

Raymond P. Coady, Attorney  
915 Bank of America Building  
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Mr. Coady:

On April 17, 1965, I received a letter from His Excellency, Bishop Furey, whom I had written in regard to the above matter. Bishop Furey advised me to deal directly with Father Kraft in an effort to bring about an amicable settlement to this affair. In accordance with his advice, I would now like to offer the following proposal.

I have been offered further employment for a 4 month period on or about September 15, 1965. However, at the moment I am faced with getting through the next 4½ months on one half salary; that salary which I will receive from St. Patrick's Church. Therefore, if your client would be willing to pay the sums set out in the contract he signed for the next 4½ months, I would be willing to consider all financial sums due me under the contract as "paid in full." This represents a total amount of \$1,600 and is \$4,100 less than the amount due under the contract.

I have this day written His Excellency, Bishop Furey, requesting permission to file suit in this matter and have enclosed a copy of this letter to you containing my offer.

If I am required to go to the expense of retaining an attorney I will, of course, be unable to again make such a favorable offer. Further, as I am sure you know, under the contract I have no moral or legal obligation to accept tentative 4 month offers of employment. Therefore, if suit is filed it will not be 4½ months' salary. Rather, it will be for the loss sustained in the forced sale of a \$20,000 house and the expense of moving my family, my furniture and myself back to Tennessee.

Since I obviously must take some action in the near future, I would appreciate a written acceptance or rejection of this offer within 7 days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

cc: His Excellency, Bishop Furey

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Received May 17-1965

May 14, 1965

San Diego, California

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS GIVEN FOR THE DISMISSAL OF THE INQUIRY  
DIRECTOR AT ST. THERESE PARISH: DIRECTOR'S ANSWERS TO THE  
REASONS GIVEN.

1. Lay Theologian procedures and methods inconsistent with parish policies; restricted in scope; cannot be adopted to needs.
  - a. In June of 1964, I contacted the Pastor of St. Therese Parish by phone and asked him if he was interested in securing the services of an Inquiry Forum Director. He stated to me that he was very much interested and asked if I would draw up the necessary papers. I told him that I thought it advisable to meet and discuss the aims, objectives and methods of the Lay Apostolate Program. He stated that this would not be necessary in that he was thoroughly familiar with our program. He said Fr. John Odou, the agent of the Institute, had been to the Parish, discussed the Program at length and left him a copy of the contract. I told him I still thought it advisable that we meet personally and asked him if I could make an appointment. He told me that he was too busy to make an appointment and that I should call him back later.
  - b. About one week later I was in the area and made a personal call at the Rectory with the hope that the Pastor would have a few minutes free. He was free at that time and we spent about one hour discussing the aims, objectives and methods of the program. These methods seemed acceptable to him and he again told me to draw up the contract.
  - c. On June 29, 1964 we again met and discussed the program for about one hour and signed the contract.

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- d. On July 15th, 1964, I went to work for St. Therese Parish and shortly thereafter the Pastor and I met again and went over the program for about one hour; this time with charts, calendars and diagrams. I still have this material available in my files.
  - e. It would seem that the Pastor was thoroughly familiar with the procedures and methods of our program as a result of his conversation with Fr. Odou and myself, both prior to and immediately after the signing of the contract. If these methods were "inconsistent with parish policies and restricted in scope" basic modifications should have been suggested by the Pastor before or immediately after signing the contract.
2. Assured that he could direct youth activities, but hopelessly futile due to lack of capability.
- a. I assured the Pastor that although I had been active in and State President of the CYO in Tennessee I had absolutely no experience as a youth director-- I told him I would help in this area to the best of my ability due to the need in the Parish.
  - b. About three weeks after going to work for St. Therese I stated publicly to a group of about 30 parents that I had no experience as a youth director but had taken over these duties in addition to my regular assignment at the request of the Pastor.
  - c. The Pastor made no complaint about my work as youth director during the time I served in that capacity.

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- d. When I was "released" from my duties, the Pastor said, "I have some good news for you. Rick, who has been out of the city for awhile is back. He is studying to be a youth director. He is going to serve as the coach or athletic director. at the school and I am going to put him in charge of all youth activities. He has worked with the youth group before and it is more in line with his training. I appreciate the help you have given us in this area but now you can devote all your time to the job you were trained to do."
- e. About four months later the Pastor did make two complaints about my work as youth director. He said, "You failed to turn in the calendar of youth activities which I requested and everytime I came over to the youth dance on Sunday night you were just sitting around."
- (1) I have a copy of the calendar to which the Pastor makes reference to in my files. It was submitted to and approved by him on August 18, 1964.
- (2) Miss Rosemary Ekberg, who was assigned as my assistant, was more than capable in directing the various dances and games of these young people. My assignment at these dances was primarily one of maintaining order and making sure that youthful exuberance did not exceed the bounds of propriety. I believe that I was always successful in this endeavor as the parents who chaperoned

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the dances will be willing to testify.

(3) Assuming that the Pastor forgot that he approved the calendar and that Miss Ekberg and I understood our assignments correctly; the Pastor has yet to state in what sense my efforts in this regard were "hopelessly futile."

3. Provided working schedule of 24 hours per week, but rearranged his schedule without further authorization.
  - a. When I began my assignment at St. Therese Parish, I had a working schedule of 6 days per week and three nights per week: 3 days and one night at St. Patrick and 3 days and 2 nights at St. Therese. Because we were in the organizational stage at St. Therese and because Sunday afternoon is a good time to see people at their homes to enlist their aid, one of the days assigned to St. Therese was Sunday. After working about 3 weeks the Pastor pointed out that since I was working a full day for St. Patrick's on Saturday and since it was impossible to do much visiting on Sunday morning he felt that it was only just that I work 3 nights for St. Therese instead of only 2. I then submitted a schedule to the Pastor indicating that I was already working 24 hours per week for St. Therese as well as 24 hours for St. Patrick, and I did not feel that in justice I owed St. Therese a third night. As time progressed and especially after the Forum began in September, it became apparent that this schedule

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was unrealistic and certain revisions were necessary.

- b. Shortly after going to work at St. Therese I asked the Pastor if it would be possible to meet with him 15 or 20 minutes each week to discuss the progress of the program. That the Pastor shall agree to such a meeting is clearly stipulated in the contract. The Pastor informed me that he was too busy and such meetings would be impossible.
- c. It is possible that I should have written a letter to the Pastor requesting certain changes from the schedule submitted during the organization phase and stating the reasons for those changes. The contract signed by the Pastor describes my job as "a new profession for laymen." Since professional persons ordinarily have a certain latitude in arranging their own working schedule, I felt that I had a right to make certain changes so long as those changes did not interfere with the efficient operation of the program and did not represent an injustice to the Pastor.
- d. If it is thought to be necessary I will be happy to discuss in detail the following questions:
  - (1) The exact nature of the changes
  - (2) The reasons for the changes
  - (3) Whether or not these changes represented an injustice to the Pastor and a violation of his rights under the contract.
- e. In my opinion, this lack of proper communication between the Pastor and myself contributed in large measure to the

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misunderstanding concerning the schedule as well as other misunderstandings during the course of my employment at the Parish.

4. Failed in meeting deadlines.
  - a. Since no specific deadlines are mentioned, it is impossible to comment intelligently on this statement.
  
5. Made arrangements with a third parish to give of his time free, which interfered with his obligations to this Parish.
  - a. The Pastor of St. Therese was fully informed on June 29, 1964, of the proposed Forum to be held at St. Joseph's Cathedral and conducted by two other Inquiry Directors and myself. He was fully informed prior to his signing of the contract.
  - b. At that time I handed him a copy of my letter of June 18, 1964 to His Excellency, Bishop Furey, proposing the joint Forum. I then handed him the Bishop's letter to me of June 24, 1964 stating that he approved of the idea.
  - c. The Pastor then said, "I'm afraid that you are taking more work on yourself than you can do. Won't this interfere with your work at St. Therese?" I then explained that 3 directors had agreed to take part in the Forum; that the Forum was being conducted on my night off and that the work of giving private instructions to those desiring to be received into the Church

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would be divided 3 ways. The Pastor then said, "Well, under those circumstances I have no objections so long as it does not interfere with your work here." Shortly thereafter he signed the contract.

- d. As it actually developed Mr. [ ] gave private instructions to all persons desiring to be received into the Church as a result of the Forum except one. This was because in September Mr. [ ] began work full time at the Cathedral as an Inquiry Director and as a teacher in the high school. I gave private instructions to one person on Thursday mornings at St. Patrick's.
- e. On Sunday, December 20, 1964, I was present at St. Joseph's Cathedral during the baptism of these persons. This prevented me from giving private instruction at St. Therese on Sunday afternoon as was my usual custom. I informed the Pastor that I would be absent on this date approximately three weeks prior to December 20, 1964 and he made no objections.
- f. In the latter part of November, 1964, the Pastor of St. Therese requested that I be present in the pulpit on Nov. 29 at all Sunday Masses except one high Mass. The first Mass began at 7:00 A.M.; the last Mass at 6:00 P.M. He requested that I direct the people to sit and stand at the proper times as the new Liturgy was being introduced. Although I was happy to perform this task, this assignment was not

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called for by the contract and was not agreed on prior to its signing. Therefore, I believe that the Pastor probably received just compensation for any loss of services he might have sustained on December 20th.

g. Aside from my absence on December 20th, when or in what way my participation in the Joint Forum interfered with my obligations to St. Therese is not made clear.

6. Only 5 persons baptised out of an initial attendance of 150.

a. My records indicate that 142 persons attended the opening session of St. Therese Forum on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1964. Of these 115 indicated that they were Catholic and 27 indicated that they were non-Catholic. The average attendance per session for the 14 week course was 88. The average non-Catholic attendance was 18. At the close of the Forum 7 adults and 2 children were immediately baptised. Five other persons expressed a desire to be baptised after further instruction. Four couples presented their marriages for validation. One validation took place before my leaving St. Therese. Verification of these figures can be provided if necessary.

7. Neophytes poorly instructed in form of confession and in the conditions required for a sin to be mortal.

a. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 15, about 6:00 PM, the day before the last Inquiry Lecture was to be given, the Pastor phoned me at my office at St. Therese. He said that the Baptisms were to take place the following Tuesday. Since I divide

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my time between two parishes, this gave me only 2 full working days at St. Therese to make appointments with each person desiring to be baptised to make sure that they had memorized the proper prayers and knew the formula for confession. I asked the Pastor if it would be possible to delay the baptisms a day or so to make sure I had a chance to meet with each one. He said, "That is out of the question."

- b. The conditions required for a sin to be mortal were thoroughly covered during the lecture series. On Nov. 18th two hours of lecture were devoted to sin and confession.
  - c. All persons recommended by me as eligible and prepared for baptism were baptised personally by the Pastor at the close of the series. Apparently, the Pastor felt that further extensive instruction prior to baptism was unnecessary for these persons.
8. The program has not been the asset hoped for because of lack of competency of the Director.
- a. On Nov. 25, 1964, after working at the Parish 4 months, the Pastor stated publically to a group of approximately 60 persons, "St. Therese is very fortunate in having Mr. [redacted] with us and it is my hope that it will be possible to have him with us for many years to come. It is my opinion that the program of the Institute of Lay Theology is definitely a thing of the future in the Church."
  - b. On Dec. 19, 1964 in his letter to the Institute of Lay Theology the Pastor describes the Director as "hopelessly

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futile in his efforts" and the program as not being an asset to the parish "Due to the lack of competency" of the Director.

- c. On Jan. 19, 1965, the Pastor described the program as successful and the Director as able.
- d. Although competency or incompetency is to a large extent a subjective matter of opinion; objectively, the Pastor's statements seem to be in conflict on the question.

SUMMATION OF ANSWERS MADE TO PASTOR'S OBJECTIONS:

- Objection 1: No evidence offered by Pastor.
- Objection 2: No evidence offered by Pastor.
- Objection 3: Can be answered in detail if necessary.
- Objection 4: Too vague to be answered.
- Objection 5: No evidence offered by Pastor.
- Objection 6: Contra to official records at Parish.
- Objection 7: Contra to action of the Pastor.
- Objection 8: In conflict with other statements of the Pastor.

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*St. Theresa Church  
St. Theresa Way  
San Diego, California 92120*

October 14, 1965

The Very Reverend John Kelly, O.S.A.  
Prior, Saint Augustine's High School  
3266 Nutmeg Street  
San Diego, California 92104

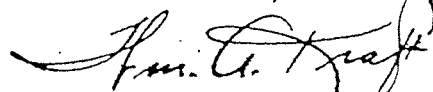
Very Reverend and dear Father Kelly:

Thank you for your correspondence indicating your request for an increase in honorarium to your community for Sunday services from the present of \$25.00 per Sunday to \$35.00 per Sunday effective immediately.

Inasmuch as we wish to continue to offer our parishioners every spiritual benefit administered in an efficient manner, we shall make every effort to comply with your request. Our parish debt stands at almost a quarter of a million dollars and our obligation to the diocese as a monthly assessment totals \$2,000.00. Our carefully projected budget is now overburdened in remuneration to personnel even though our regular assistants receive only \$125.00 per month. We propose to remit our monthly check to you on the basis of \$25.00 per Sunday and the increment of \$10.00 per Sunday we shall borrow from our St. Vincent de Paul Fund. As we operate our budget on a fiscal year ending January 1, 1966, we shall then revise our projection in order to send only one check after the first of the year and that from the personnel account.

Please be assured of every co-operation that is possible on our part, as we are given to the task of fulfilling the dictum, "salus animarum, lex suprema".

Faithfully in Saint Therese,



(Rev.) William A. Kraft  
Pastor

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cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. J.T. Booth  
Chancellor, Diocese of San Diego

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3718

December 19, 1964

The Reverend Eugene Zimmers, S.J.,  
Institute of Lay Theology  
University of San Francisco  
San Francisco, California

Reverend and dear Father Zimmers:

After persevering through our Lay Apostolate Program for the past six months, it is our considered and definite opinion that it be terminated at the earliest possible date. We have found the procedures and methods of the Lay Theologian assigned to us as inconsonant with our parish policies and apparently restricted in their scope that they cannot be adapted to meet our needs.

We were motivated to commence the program because of the sudden death of one of our Assistant Priests and we felt a genuine necessity to augment our parish staff with the services of Mr. [redacted]. We were also hard pressed at that time for the services of a competent adult to direct our youth activities. Mr. [redacted] assured us that he could amply cover these needs but after two to three weeks with our youth group, we found him hopelessly futile in his efforts due to lack of capability though this was clearly stipulated in his contract. He was relieved of that burden to concentrate solely on his Apostolate Program. He provided us with a working schedule which indicated twenty-four hours a week, but he held this as arbitrary and arranged a schedule to his own fancy without our further authorization. He frequently was found to fail in meeting deadlines we deemed essential to the efficient operation of his program which involved our complicity. He unwisely made arrangements with a third parish to give of his time "gratis" and we have noted that this interfered with his obligations in justice to us. After attracting some 150 people to his initial lecture, it was disappointing to us to learn that but five were willing to receive Baptism and of those some were already under instruction before [redacted] undertook his program.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

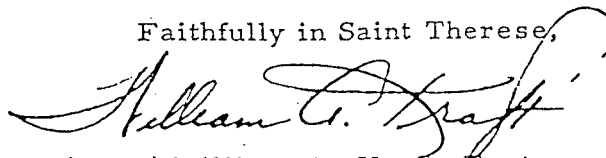
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The priest who interviewed these prospective neophytes informed us that none of them knew the formula or procedure for confession nor did they reveal a basic knowledge of the conditions required that a sin be mortal. The program has not been the asset to the parish that we had hoped due to the lack of competency of Mr. [ ] and we feel that we can no longer continue the program in justice to our obligations to the people of the parish.

We hope that you will be understanding in our regard and work out some favorable solution to all parties involved. We have not informed Mr. [ ] of our decision as we have awaited your notification of what arrangements can be made.

Thank you for the opportunity of conducting this pilot program, as we are now satisfied that such an approach is not practical for our parish.

Faithfully in Saint Therese,



(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

January 8, 1965

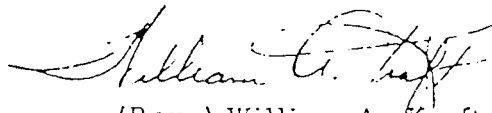
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are pleased to recommend to you \_\_\_\_\_  
of the Institute of Lay Theology of the University of San Francisco.  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully completed a course of instructions for  
Catholics and non-Catholics of this parish over the past six months.  
An average of over one-hundred people attended these weekly sessions  
and would attest to his qualifications and ability to maintain interest  
in explaining the main tenets of the Catholic faith.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ was kind to begin his work with us to meet the exigencies  
of the time as our proposed Assistant, Father Waryrch, was called  
to a greater assignment. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ ably assisted with our instructional  
program over these past six months. Now that we have the services  
of another Assistant Pastor, we find it prudent in keeping with sound  
fiscal policy to release Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ that his services benefit a parish  
more in need.

Please feel free to consult me personally for any further reference.

Faithfully in Saint Therese,



(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

December 13, 1965

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

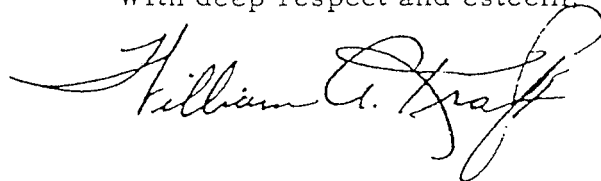
Your Excellency:

We hasten to welcome home Your Excellency and to express our sincere joy that you have arrived safely and especially that our Chief Shepherd is close by the flock again.

Special gratitude to our powerful patroness, we are pleased to enclose our check for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) in payment on our principal and interest of our parish debt. With this remittance, the total that the parish has made to the Chancery this fiscal year is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00): \$24,000.00 for our diocesan assessment; \$16,000.00 in interest; and \$60,000.00 on the principal. We have been most fortunate with the help of God to make this substantial payment and at the same time keep up with our current expenses. Our people have demonstrated a true spirit of sacrifice regarding church support.

We look forward to welcoming Your Excellency personally. Be assured always of our fidelity and devotion and willingness to comply with your least wish.

With deep respect and esteem,



P.S. We were delighted to receive the fine representation of Saint Frances of Rome. A thousand thanks for your thoughtfulness, it is splendid in its detail.

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December 17, 1965

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 13 and its accompanying check in the amount of \$20,000.00 in payment of the principal and interest of your parish debt.

You have my deepest gratitude and appreciation for the magnificent work you have done during the year which is about to end. Please be good enough to express my thanks and gratitude also to your very cooperative parishioners.

I am grateful for your words of welcome on my return from the Ecumenical Council. Believe me I was never so glad to get home from a trip.

While in Rome I was able to acquire the inclosures at the Church of Saint Frances of Rome and I am sending them along to you in the hope that they may be of some value or interest.

Wishing you an abundance of the Seasons joys and blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Apostolic Administrator

Inclosures

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

January 10, 1966



His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

May we brighten the New Year with the enclosure of our check for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) in payment on our principal and interest of the parish debt.

Our devoted people pray with their priests for the continued powerful intercession of Little Therese to enable us to keep pace throughout this year with our past financial record. All of us pledge our best wishes and fervent prayers for Your Excellency's sustained good health to continue your fruitful administration in this New Year.

With deep respect and devotion,

(Rev.) William A. Kraft, Pastor

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TAVARES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

1150 SILVERADO • P. O. BOX 392 • LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA  
TELEPHONE: 454-0481

February 2, 1966

Father William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the  
Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego 20, California



Dear Father Kraft:

I have your letter of January 31, 1966, concerning your interest in seeing a Catholic High School in the general San Carlos area. We have often thought that such a plan would be good and have adequate land for such a purpose.

I met with Most Reverend Bishop Furey recently and during our discussion the subject of Catholic high schools came up and the Bishop apprised us of the fact that the enrollment in the high schools in the Diocese had decreased recently, and on that basis perhaps it seemed inadvisable at the moment to consider additional such facilities.

We have discussed similar matters at some length with the San Diego School District and their experience over the past few years has shown, because of population relocation, a reduction in enrollment in their elementary and high schools that lie in the older areas of the City. However, at the same time, they have experienced almost abnormal increases in enrollment in the newer developing areas of the City, such as Clairemont, San Carlos and the like.

We feel that a decision of this type would of necessity have to come from the Bishop, if such a facility is indicated. Again, we are in a position to make land available for such a purpose. If there is anything further that we can do, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Carlos Tavares

CT/RAC/ddt

cc: Most Reverend Bishop Furey ✓

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

March 31, 1966

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110



Your Excellency:

We are highly pleased to be able to enclose our check for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) as advance interest payment for the year's second quarter as well as a substantial payment on the principal of our parish debt. Since January 1st, we have remitted to the Chancery \$46,546.00 to meet our obligations.

The Little Flower has demonstrated her ability to spend her heaven in doing good upon earth, certainly for us her devout clients.

We always deem it a privilege to serve Your Excellency's least wish.

With deep respect and devotion  
in the Crucified,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kraft".

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April 1, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Please accept my thanks for your kind letter of March 31 and its accompanying check in the amount of \$20,000.00 which is advance interest payment for the year's second quarter and a substantial payment on your parish debt.

Needless to say I am very deeply grateful to you and your generous parishioners for this favor.

Would that all pastors took care of their interest payments and debt in this way.

Please extend to your household and to your parishioners my very best wishes for a happy and blessed Easter.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

000376

April 25, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

The inclosures are self-explanatory. I do not know the priest who writes to me but I would appreciate it if you would send a brief note concerning your experiences with the Lay Theology Institute. I think it might save the Ryan boy from some future difficulties.

With prayerful good wishes,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

Inclosures

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

May 17, 1966

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110



Your Excellency:

The Feast of the Precious Blood, July 1st, marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of our parish of Saint Therese. We do not envision any major celebration of this event, but we hope to mark it spiritually by a special Mass on that day perhaps around six p.m.. Being a day of abstinence, maybe a dispensation could be granted.

Nothing would please us more that Your Excellency offer this Mass with us, if your schedule permits. We could plan to gather with the Fathers in the rectory following the Mass for dinner, if you could arrange it.

May we hope to hear from Your Excellency regarding our proposal?  
You are assured of our continued loyalty and devotion.

With deep respect and esteem,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kraft".

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May 17, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 17.

It will be a pleasure to offer low Mass to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of Saint Therese Parish on Friday, July 1 at 6 p.m. I note that it is not only the Feast of the Most Precious Blood but also the First Friday of the month. It is also the beginning of the long Fourth of July weekend. In view of all these things, I feel that your request for a dispensation from abstinence on that day is most reasonable and I am very glad to grant it.

Because it has such an unusual postmark, I am returning herein the envelope in which your letter came. While your letter was dated May 17 the postmark as you see was May 18. Your letter arrived in the Chancery Office today. Perhaps you can solve the mystery of how you succeeded in getting to my desk a letter the day before it was mailed???

With prayerful good wishes,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

June 11, 1966

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110



Your Excellency:

It was such an honor to be included with my parents in feting Monsignor Booth on the occasion of his honorary doctorate. Your Excellency was the perfect host and it was a memorable occasion as my mother indicated that it was the best birthday celebration she ever could have than to be with you and your guests. Thank you so much.

As we had planned, the observance of our parish' s 10th anniversary will be at 6:00 p.m. Mass to be celebrated by Your Excellency on July 1st with prandium arrangements to follow.

July 4th, we have planned a Mass with Your Excellency "sub divo" at 10:00 a.m. at our Madonna of the Highway Shrine. There is a special tour of incapacitated persons coming from Los Angeles to be present at that Mass.

We are delighted that your schedule will make it possible for Your Excellency to offer Mass on All Souls' Day, November 2nd; this year. We have been scheduling this event for 11:00 a.m. but we leave this to Your Excellency's suggestion and convenience.

I hope to be able to borrow the new colored coat of arms for the diocese in the near future and am grateful that you have made it available for a little scheme I have planned. Please be assured, dear Bishop, of my un-failing devotion and gratitude for your constant kindness to me and of my willingness to pursue your least desire to my best.

With deep esteem and respect ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kraft".

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June 10, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

In accordance with our conversation of a few days ago I have entered the following in my engagement book.

1. Monday, July 4. Offer Mass in your Parish.
2. Wednesday, November 2. Offer Mass in the Mausoleum at Holy Cross Cemetery.

You may tell me the exact time of these Masses at your convenience.

This letter is being written on the stationery about which we spoke and which contains a copy of the new Coat of Arms of the Diocese. As I mentioned to you during our conversation there is a copy in color framed in the Chancery Office which you may borrow whenever you wish.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

000381

# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

June 22, 1966

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110



Your Excellency:

May I reiterate my heartiest gratitude for the delightful dinner and evening spent in your company last Monday to fete our 40th jubilarians. It was a memorable event. Our horticulturalist at the cemetery informs me that the little white plant you requested the name, is cineraria maritima or commonly called "dusty miller".

We are delighted to enclose our check for \$20,000.00 as our payment on our principal and interest for the third quarter. We also include another check for \$2,000.00 as our diocesan assessment due on July 6, 1966. To date, we have been pleased to remit to the Chancery since the first of the year, the sum of \$68,546.00 as payments on our principal, interest and assessments. We continually thank the Little Flower who is spending her heaven doing good on earth.

Enclosed is a little homemade program we shall distribute at the 10th anniversary observance.

We thank God daily for the privilege of working in the vineyard with Your Excellency and reassure you of our constant loyalty and devotion.

With deep respect and esteem,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kraft".

P.S. We were pleased to enter a subscription to "Crux" for Your Excellency.

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June 24, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 22 and its inclosures.

Needless to say I am deeply grateful for your two checks one in the amount of \$20,000.00 and the other for \$2,000.00. I trust and pray that you and your parishioners will be blessed abundantly by Almighty God for your continued generosity.

Thank you for getting the name of the little white plant around the trees in the garden of 2031 Sunset. I had heard the term "dusty miller" before but I did not know what it meant.

Thank you also for the subscription to "Crux" for me. I am sure I will enjoy reading it.

Finally I appreciate your sending me a copy of your homemade program of the Tenth Anniversary July 1.

Looking forward to seeing you and your parishioners next week, I am

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

000383

July 15, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92100

Dear Father Kraft:

The inclosed letter from Bishop Tanner was received this morning. Af you know it is of a confidential nature. However I feel that you will be very much interested in it because of the reference to the Institute of Lay Theology in the University of San Francisco.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

000384

September 16, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

I was about to write to you this afternoon when I had a telephone call from the Rev. Robert Freistedt. I was going to tell you that I could not possibly accept the engagement for October 30 because that is the afternoon on which the new Mercy Hospital is being dedicated. I am scheduled to preside at the ceremony. However I suggested to Reverend Freistedt that he might possibly wish to contact one of the Paulist Fathers to give an ecumenical lecture on that day.

It was a pleasure to be with you and your father and mother to observe the forty-ninth anniversary of their wedding Wednesday evening.

With prayerful good wishes,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
October 3, 1966

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S. T. D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Chancery Office  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110



Your Excellency:

It is a joy on this beautiful Feast Day of the Little Flower to be able to remit to the Diocese our check for twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) as our fourth quarter payment on our principal and interest. We are delighted, too, to enclose our check for \$2,000.00 for monthly diocesan assessment.

These checks and the prior ones for this year already total over \$40,000.00 sent to the Chancery from this parish for the current calendar year. We pray for the continued intercession of the Little Flower that we shall be able to sustain our record.

Your Excellency is assured of our constant devotion and loyalty.

With deep respect and esteem,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kraft".

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October 4, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese Church  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Please accept my thanks for your kind letter written yesterday the Feast of Saint Therese and its inclosures.

I am very deeply grateful to you for your check in the amount of \$20,000.00 as the fourth quarterly payment on your parish principal and interest and for your monthly assessment payment of \$2,000.00.

As always you are an example of promptness and efficiency in meeting your obligations.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you tomorrow night, I am

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

Feast of the Holy Innocents  
December 28, 1966

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110



Your Excellency:

As we close our books for 1966, we are delighted to submit both our Status Animarum and Financial Report for our parish. The one reflects the ardent fervor of our people regarding their spiritual development and the other their magnanimous generosity resulting from their love of their faith.

Over \$105,000.00 has been remitted to the Chancery in the past twelve months to satisfy our principal, interest and assessments. Our principal was reduced over \$67,000.00 this past year. The end of the long weary road of debt reduction is now in sight.

I personally convey to Your Excellency my heartiest wishes for your continued good health as you fruitfully shepherd over the flock of our diocese. I persistently bespeak my unwavering devotion and loyalty to Your Excellency as I go about the duties entrusted to me. May they be only for the glory of God and the good of souls; I am ever aware of my unworthiness and short-comings. The enclosed reports mirror the intrepid devotion and tireless efforts of my two brother priests, Father Fischer and Father Purcell, whose joint labors, sparked by priestly zeal and fraternity, have been chiefly responsible for such glowing results -- my poor endeavors measure hardly a third. My heart overflows in gratitude to Your Excellency for the inspiration of these young men and for your ceaseless kindnesses to me.

With deep respect and esteem,

P.S. Enclosed is our check for \$20,000.00 to meet our principal and interest payments for the first quarter of 1967.

*In the Little Flower,*  
*William A. Kraft*  
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December 29, 1966

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your kind letter of December 28. I am deeply grateful to you for your check in the amount of \$20,000.00 which represents payment of principal and interest on your parish debt for the first quarter of 1967.

Permit me to congratulate you, your priests, and your parishioners on the excellent spiritual and financial reports of the parish of Saint Therese for 1966. The Status Animarum is an indication of a wonderful religious spirit in your parish. I was especially impressed by the number of converts, revalidated marriages, confessions and Holy Communions.

Permit me to express my thanks once again for the excellent way in which you have administered the material as well as the spiritual aspects of your parish during the past year. At the same time, permit me to thank you for your work as Diocesan Director of Cemeteries.

Wishing you and your parishioners an abundance of blessings and graces during the coming year,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

January 25, 1967



His Excellency,  
The Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, D.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
The Chancery  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California

Your Excellency:

It has been a tradition in this parish for some years to have an annual Open House for all of our Catholic and non-Catholic friends in the area. The priests, sisters and parishioners would deem it a great honor if you would be able to attend this year.

With your approval, the date would be Sunday, April 2, 1967 from two until four o'clock in the afternoon.

We plan to have all our exhibits and displays centered on one theme this year and that theme will be "The Liturgical Activities of Catholic Life."

As a special exhibit we would like to display any available mementos of your participation in the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council. Should we be able to exhibit such mementos, you may be assured that they would be well displayed and safeguarded.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rev. Lawrence M. Purcell".

Rev. Lawrence M. Purcell  
assistant pastor

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January 26, 1967

Rev. Lawrence M. Purcell  
St. Therese Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92110

Dear Father Purcell:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 25.

It will be a pleasure to attend the annual  
Open House of Saint Therese Parish on Sunday afternoon,  
April 2, from two until four o'clock.

Concerning the Council mementos, I would refer  
you to Father Quinn, Rector of our Seminary. The various  
mementos from Rome are on permanent display in the lobby  
of the Seminary. I have no objection if you borrow some  
of them for your Open House.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

March 1, 1967



His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

In response to the recent diocesan directive regarding our monthly tithe to the Diocese, we are genuinely pleased to enclose our check for two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) due on March 6th.

The increment of \$500.00 per month over the \$2,000.00 per month that we have been privileged to remit over the past three years, is realistic and we appreciate this studied consideration. We are delighted that parishes can satisfy the needs of the diocese in this dignified approach thus eliminating the need for costly and unhappy drives that beleaguer the faithful and often weaken their faith.

Your Excellency is forever assured of our devotion and unrestrained willingness to accede to your least wish.

With deep respect and filial love,

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March 2, 1967

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Please accept my thanks for your kind letter of March 1 and its accompanying check in the amount of \$2500.00.

I am deeply grateful to you for your willingness to accept the increased tithe for your parish. It is another indication of your continued cooperation in whatever is for the good of the Diocese.

With prayerful good wishes to you and your parishioners, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

March 20, 1967



His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
The Chancery  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

We are delighted to be able to enclose our check for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) in payment on our principal and interest for the second quarter of 1967. With this enclosure, our payments to the Diocese since the first of the year now total over forty seven thousand dollars (\$47,000.00).

Our gratitude is constantly expressed by our team of priests to our good people whose generosity has made these payments possible.

Your Excellency knows of our personal esteem and avid desire to accede to your least wish.

With deep respect and devotion,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kraft".

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March 21, 1967

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 20 and its accompanying check in the amount of \$20,000.00 which is in payment on principal and interest for St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish for the second quarter of 1967.

As you know, I am deeply grateful to you and your parishioners for your continued cooperation and support.

Please accept for yourself and extend to your fellow priest and all your parishioners my very best wishes for an abundance of Easter joys and blessings.

With kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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CHURCH OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone: (Area 714) 582-3716

Feast of Saint Lawrence  
August 10, 1967

Dear Father O'Donoghue,

Mr. and Mrs. [ ] have recently moved into a new home in our parish situated next to our school. It is edifying to note their personal devotion to you as you witnessed their marriage ceremony.

In accordance with their request, we graciously welcome you to bless their new home and grant you our permission. As Mrs. [ ] has apprised us that she has a heart condition, please know that you have our permission to call on her to administer the Sacrament of the Sick, should she contact you.

Faithfully in Saint Therese,



(Rev.) William A. Kraft

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

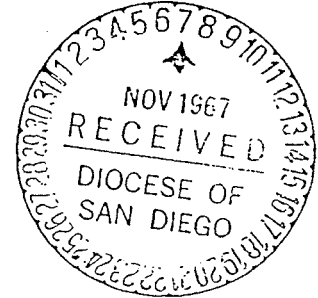
SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

November 6, 1967

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110



Your Excellency:

We are pleased to be able to enclose our check for fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) in payment on our principal and interest for the final fiscal quarter. With this remittance, we shall have totaled \$102,000.00 to the Chancery since the first of the year in payment on principal, interest and assessments. The Little Flower is an intrepid intercessor!

With gratitude to Your Excellency for your delicate thoughtfulness, I shall be departing tomorrow with my parents for Florida. My address will be The Golden Strand Hotel, 179th at Ocean Front, Miami Beach; phone (area 305) 947-5661. I shall never forget your considerate kindness in permitting our Father Larry to remain in residence at Saint Therese to allow me this respite. I shall be remembering Your Excellency daily at the altar.

With deep respect and devotion,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kraft".

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November 7, 1967

Rev. William A. Kraft  
The Golden Strand Hotel  
179th at Ocean Front  
Miami Beach, Florida 33101

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 6 and its accompanying check for \$15,000.00 in payment of principal and interest for the final quarter of the current year.

I am indeed deeply grateful to you for this and for the very sizable amount which you have paid to the Chancery since the first of January.

I trust that you and your good Father and Mother are enjoying a well-deserved vacation.

I saw Father Purcell in the Chancery this morning. He came here to borrow a purple biretta and a ring for Bishop-elect Quinn's photograph. He will continue to give whatever service he can at St. Therese during your absence.

With kindest personal regards and asking to be remembered to your Father and Mother, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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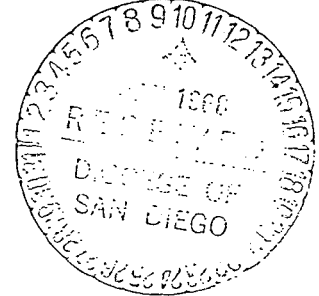
# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

January 8, 1968



His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Francis J. Furey, S.T.D.  
Bishop of San Diego  
Administration Building  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

It is with great joy that we are able to enclose our check for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for this first quarter of 1968 in payment on our principal and interest. With this auspicious beginning, we pray that the end of this year will result in a virtual elimination of our debt.

We are pleased to enclose a copy of the financial and spiritual report that we are submitting to our parishioners.

Your Excellency can be confident of our loyalty and devotion in our endeavor to fulfill your least wish.

With deep respect and esteem,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kraft".

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January 11, 1968

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 8  
and its inclosures.

I am indeed deeply grateful to you for your  
check in the amount of \$20,000.00 in payment of princi-  
pal and interest for the first quarter of 1968.

Permit me to extend my heartfelt congratula-  
tions to you on the very excellent annual report on the  
spiritual and material activities of Saint Therese  
Parish during the past year. It gives evidence of ex-  
cellent parish spirit and cooperation.

I am looking forward to the pleasure of being  
with you for Confirmation on January 31.

With prayerful good wishes to you and your  
parishioners, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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Beloved Parishioners,

This detailed report should be happily received by the good people of our parish, who have sacrificed in returning to God His just due by setting aside the family tithe and remitting it to the parish during the Sunday offering period.

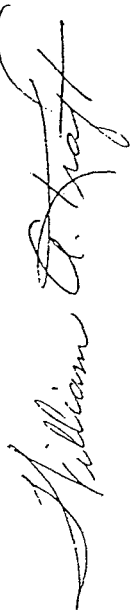
Our parish is entering its sixth year of the tithing plan. Ten percent of the family income forms the tithe - at least five percent is placed in the weekly Sunday offering and the other five percent is used for school donations and other charitable bequests. In sharing the loaf with Our Lord, countless blessings have come to the tithing family. As one tithing family recently put it, "The more I return to the Lord, the more blessings I receive".

The tithing system has virtually eliminated the unpleasant task of constantly asking for funds to meet our financial obligations. Second collections on Sunday have all but disappeared; baked food sales, bazaars, raffles have been a thing of the past. The realistic amount as placed in the Sunday offering envelope forms the background of our finances and, as the report shows, our families have overwhelmingly accepted tithing as God's plan to support His Church.

Those loyal to the Faith cooperate by using their Sunday envelopes. Some families prefer to send in a monthly check, but they still use the Sunday envelope as symbolic of their offering part of their substance each week to the altar of God. In this day of triple and quadruple taxation, you should receive full benefit of your donations to God through His Church and we meticulously provide quarterly reports of your donations to all who have been issued tithing envelopes.

We can thank Our Blessed Lord and the intercession of the Little Flower for this outstanding record of sacrifice and pray that we shall continue to grow spiritually throughout this new year. Your priests devote their lives to you - we stand ever vigilant and prepared to assist your spiritual needs in every way.

Faithfully in Saint Therese,



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF

CHURCH OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

JANUARY 1, 1967  
TO  
DECEMBER 31, 1967

February 1, 1968

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese Parish  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Please accept once again an expression of my thanks for the balance sheet of Holy Cross Cemetery which you handed to me before last evening's Confirmation. I am deeply grateful to you for the excellent work you have done during the past year.

Permit me also to congratulate you again on last night's ceremony and to thank you for an excellent dinner with all the trimmings. I am deeply grateful also for my very practical travel case.

With prayerful good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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PARISH OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Telephone: (Area 714) 582-3716

June 12, 1968

Your Excellency,

Please accept our check  
for \$15,000.00 in payment on  
our principal and interest -  
3rd Quarter of 1968.

With deep respect  
William G. Kraft

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June 13, 1968

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese's Parish  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of June 12  
and its accompanying check in the amount of \$15,000.00  
as payment of principal and interest of St. Therese's  
for the third quarter of 1968.

As always I am very deeply grateful to you for  
your prompt attention to these matters.

With prayerful good wishes to you and your  
parishioners, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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CHURCH OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone: (Area 714) 582-3716

June 21, 1965  
Dear I. B.

Bishop Turey has kindly  
consented to my making a trip  
to Lisieux beginning June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
I've arranged with Father  
Francis Burns, C. S. B. of St. Thomas  
More College, Saskatoon, Sask.,  
and Father Donald F. St. Luce, S. J.,  
of Ryan Preparatory College,  
Fresno, Calif. to fill in at  
St. Therese during my absence.

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May I kindly request  
faculties for these two priests  
and the favor of a celebrant  
for myself.

Gratefully,  
Bill



May 22, 1968

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 1968.

It is a pleasure to extend the faculties of the Diocese of San Diego to Reverend Francis Burns, C.S.B. and Reverend Donald F. St. Sure, S.J. to supply at St. Therese during your absence.

A celebret is enclosed as requested.

Please be assured of my personal good wishes for a pleasant journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend I. Brent Eagen  
Acting Chancellor

enclosure

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

September 28, 1968

The Very Reverend I. Brent Eagen, Chancellor  
Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

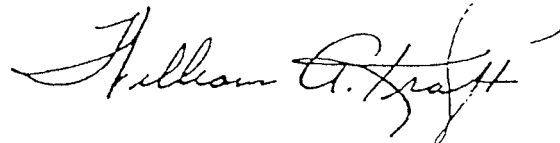
Dear Father Eagen:

We were pleased to receive the schedule of the Days of Recollection for our deanery. The switch in time to the afternoon hours should prove convenient for many; unfortunately for our priests of Saint Therese it conflicts with our regularly scheduled CCD classes.

We have over 1100 public school children under instructions; a goodly portion of them come on Tuesday afternoons each week. We consider it essential for our priests to be with the program at this time and thus precludes their attendance at the Days of Recollection. If there are other sessions in other nearby deaneries that we could attend, we should be most pleased to do so.

Please understand our dilemma; we shall make every effort to include these spiritual exercises in our priests' programs.

Faithfully in Saint Therese,



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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

November 27, 1968

The Honorable Allen Hitch  
Councilman, City of San Diego  
City Council Chambers  
Community Concourse  
San Diego, California 92101



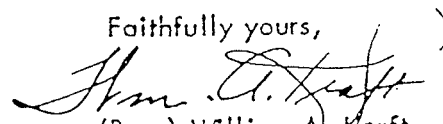
Dear Allen:

As pastor of over five thousand people who comprise Saint Therese Parish, it is incumbent upon me to apprise you of our uniform opposition to the action taken by the City Planning Commission today to rezone the thirty-five acres adjacent to the parish property to R-2 thus permitting the erection of high-density housing of over 400 units.

This action is a dangerous one and inconsistent with the residential development of the Del Cerro Community. Such a development would create insurmountable difficulties with egress and access to an already overburdened traffic pattern. Due to the bi-level of College Avenue, the future inhabitants would of necessity overburden Lance Street, the main access to St. Therese property. Over 200 vehicles enter our church grounds every week-day during the prime traffic hours to purport their children to Saint Therese Academy -- with the volume of traffic coming from the proposed development on the same street attempting to make left hand turns, this would be a temptation for those in the housing development to trespass church property to seek more immediate egress, thus endangering our children. The fire department is already concerned with the present volume of traffic on Lance Street which they face.

We strongly urge you to vigorously defeat this re-zoning measure when it comes before the City Council. These unscrupulous developers have already usurped the city's proposed master plan in their development of Princess Del Cerro in their failure to allocate ample land for schools, parks and churches. We have every confidence that you will champion our cause as you have sooften in the past.

Faithfully yours,

  
(Rev.) William A. Kraft  
Pastor

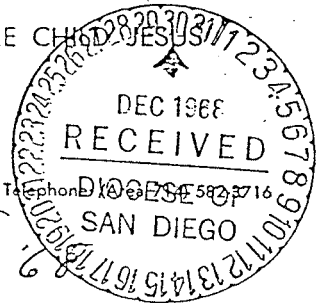
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CHURCH OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor



December 28, 68

Your Excellency,

You will be pleased to know that after considerable effort and personal appeal, the City Council reversed the decision of the Planning Commission to permit the erection of nearly 500 apartments adjacent to our parish compound. The Council unanimously denied the petition and conceded to our plea.

With deep respect,  
Bill

December 30, 1968

Rev. William A. Kraft  
Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 28 and congratulations on the outcome of your personal appeal to the City Council concerning the proposed erection of nearly 500 apartments adjacent to Saint Therese's compound. Your efforts certainly were rewarded handsomely.

I was especially interested in knowing that the action of the Council was unanimous. This is not the easiest thing in the world to obtain these days.

With cordial good wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey  
Bishop of San Diego

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December 3, 1968

Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Please find enclosed a form to be completed  
for the County Assessor's Office.

This appears to be property near Holy Cross  
Cemetery. If you have the necessary inform-  
ation, kindly complete the form and return  
it to me for Bishop Furey's signature.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend I. Brent Eagen  
Chancellor

enclosure

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March 11, 1969

Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

You will find enclosed a notice for your attention, which will be greatly appreciated.

Please be assured of my prayerful good wishes for you and your parishioners.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Reverend I. Brent Eagen  
Chancellor

enclosure

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the El Cajon City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 P.M., Tues., March 18, 1969, in Council Chambers, City Hall, 150 E. Lexington Ave., El Cajon, Calif., to consider application for Variance No. 241, submitted by Wittman Engineering Co., to permit reduction in rear yard setback from 25' to approx. 20' on Lot 41; 15' on Lot 54; 20' on Lot 55; and 21' on Lot 56, and to eliminate the requirement for vehicular access to rear yard area (or an additional offstreet parking space) on Lots 38, 42, 43, 45, 46, 49, 54, 55, 56, 59, 60, 61 and 62 in the proposed new Sub. of Sunset Highlands Units 3 & 4, along an extension of Cornelian St., south of Savin Dr. and a new street to be known as Gorsline Dr. extending south from Greenfield Dr. between Third St. and Savin Dr. Said property now consists of portions of Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 21, Sub. of the S Tract, Rancho El Cajon.

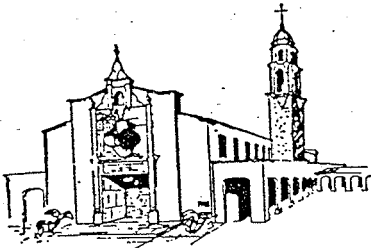
Any person interested in said proposed variance may appear before the Planning Commission at said public hearing.

PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF EL CAJON 442-4441

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Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Telephone 582-3716



Frankly, I am desperate. For the first time in six years, as your Pastor and administrator of your parish, I cannot meet this month's payroll -- our expenses have skyrocketed. The recent rains caused great damage to our parking area and it was repaired at the unbelievable cost of 65¢ a square foot.

I don't really know where to turn. I have reviewed the donations of our families for January and February and note that, according to your account number, which is your envelope number, you have not been able to make a donation since the first of the year. Perhaps you are under severe financial strain also, or maybe you caught up with your donations during March, as those donations have not yet been processed. At any rate, may I please appeal to you to make whatever donation you can to help me over this month's bills and salaries for the sixteen teachers and lay staff whose livelihood depends upon your regular donation?

I am willing to give up my salary of \$200.00 per month as I did during the first three years when the parish was founded, but what is so little when so much is due! I enclose a postage paid envelope which you may use to place your donation. If there is some way we can improve our services to you or we can apologize to you for any mis-service rendered to you, please tell us. Never before have we found it so difficult to meet our obligations. Please understand the predicament -- it isn't easy to manage this large complex and I need your support -- even if you are unable to give it to me in dollars and cents, then please smile anyway - your moral encouragement means something.

I shall surely try to maintain your parish as the best in the city -- but I can't continue to do it without your help.

Desperately in Saint Therese,

(Rev.) William A. Kraft,  
Pastor

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

August 8, 1969  
Feast of Saint Jeanne Marie de Vianney

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend John R. Quinn  
Administrator, Diocese of San Diego  
2031 Sunset Boulevard  
San Diego, California 92103

Your Excellency, Bishop John:

You have the assurance of our genuine devotion and loyal co-operation with your least wish as you bear the burden of managing diocesan affairs. What assistance you may deem helpful from us personally, or from our office as pastor of this parish or administrator of our cemetery department, we shall consider it a real privilege to quickly comply. From time to time Bishop Furey found it necessary to request us to transfer to him funds from our endowment care fund -- over the years we had given to him \$575,000.00. Always be confident that we shall have some funds available when needed, although Bishop Furey did request \$200,000.00 just before he left which leaves our present assets quite low, but our transactions are such that they will be increased again within months.

We remember with delight the occasion last year of my parents' wedding anniversary when you honored our rectory by coming to dinner. We should be most delighted if you would find it possible to come again this year. The actual date of the 52 anniversary is September 6th, but any date thereabouts would be most satisfactory.

Please be confident of our daily remembrance of your intentions at the altar and in our office prayers -- we shall not fail you. May God's grace continue to increase within you to give you many fruitful and blessed years in the vineyard.

With deep esteem and respect,

*Bill*

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THE CHANCERY

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

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August 12, 1969

Reverend William Kraft, Pastor  
Church of Ste. Therese  
Ste. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Thank you for your kind letter of August 8.

I know Archbishop Furey appreciated your help  
in the past.

I am very fond of your parents and appreciate your  
thoughtfulness in inviting me to join in celebrating  
their wedding anniversary. In view of the heavy demands  
of the moment and the uncertainties of this interim  
period, however, I would ask you to accept my regrets.  
I will offer Mass for them, though, on September 6.

With every good wish, then, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *John R. Quinn*

The Most Reverend John R. Quinn  
Administrator, Sede Vacante

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October 13, 1969

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

Mr. Daniel F. Murphy, Vice-President of the Princess Park Estates, Inc., called to see me on Friday to discuss the proposed building project near your church.

Mr. Murphy indicated that you have strong objections to the proposed construction. Not knowing the facts, I asked him to send me a memorandum outlining the nature and other details of the proposed construction together with what he believed were your objections. For your information and consideration, I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Murphy's memorandum.

Wishing you every grace and blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend John R. Quinn  
Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego

Enclosure

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To Bishop Quinn  
 Date 10/13/ Time 10:30

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

M. H. Murphy  
 of \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code          Number          Extension

TELEPHONED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL	
CALLED TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN	
WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT	
RETURNED YOUR CALL			

Message Fr. Kraft's attorney  
is Mr. Gerald Dawson  
234-4611

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Operator

# Princess Park Estates, Inc.

October 10, 1969

His Excellency, The Most Reverend John P. Quinn, D.D.  
Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego  
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

Re: Memorandum of Conference Held on October 10, 1969

As requested I will attempt herein to restate in essence the subjects discussed during our most pleasant meeting in your office on this date. Before beginning, however, I wish to thank you for honoring me with the valuable amount of time you so generously proffered.

In recounting my notes concerning Father Kraft and his objections to our development of the hillside acreage adjacent to his church, the following recollections are relevant:

- a. He stated his belief that the total number of units to be constructed by us in the neighborhood of 600 and this is the basis he has proceeded upon. He claims that he will not tolerate construction of more than 225 (approximately) units and that if more than this number are built over his objection, he will shut down the parochial school he operates. He claims that this is being considered with the full approval of his Parish School Board.
- b. He claims that the traffic flow generated by the new units will create a jeopardy to the community which he will not tolerate and claimed that the hazard from increased traffic flow is further complicated by the split level posture of College Avenue adjacent to the proposed construction.
- c. Father Kraft was extremely critical of Princess' plans to construct on property not owned in entirety by this company.
- d. Father Kraft also indicated strong opposition to the construction of apartment-type units as he felt that that product would bring too many transient-type people into the local area.
- e. Father Kraft feels that all dealings with him should be conducted through his attorney. He stated further that he made a special trip to Santa Rosa, California, to explain his position to the new Bishop of San Diego and asserts that the Bishop is backing him.

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Addressing myself specifically to Father Kraft's assumptions, I submit the following for your learned consideration:

It is the intention of this company to construct a PUD (Planned Unit Development) on the 36 acres of the lower hillside and on the upper 36 acres on the same hillside. The upper acreage is presently in escrow and is being purchased by this company from the owners, Alcoa Pacific.

In reference to Sub-paragraph A above, the PUD will contain 448 units and will basically consist of two-story and some three-story split-levels. In each case the lower level of the building is to be a self-contained two-car garage for off-street parking. All of the units are based upon condominium-type architecture and it is anticipated that 90% of the total development will consist of purchasers of these condominiums. The remaining 10% will be let on long term leases. The price range of these condominiums is planned to range from \$30,000 (one bedroom unit) to \$70,000 (three bedroom structure).

Concerning Father Kraft's belief as stated in Sub-paragraph B, you will recall that I displayed to you the results of the recently engineered traffic count and survey conducted by licensed consultants in traffic engineering retained by this company. The conclusion of this survey was that there is no jeopardy to be feared from too great an increase in traffic resulting from this development.

The streets as they are presently engineered will be further improved by our widening of Lance Street to five lanes; the construction of a left turn island on College Avenue; and a left turn island on Lance Street. In addition, the intersection would normally be signalized by the Street Department when future traffic counts indicate the desirability of it. College Avenue shall have continuous sidewalks where none exist at this time. Lance Street, presently only two lanes wide, would become a hazard if allowed to remain this width. However, the installation of the additional lanes, plus the left turn islands mentioned above, will materially reduce the pedestrian hazard on College Avenue. Upon completion of this PUD, our traffic engineers and the San Diego City Engineers believe it will be safer for children and automobiles at this intersection than it is presently.

The matter referred to by Father Kraft in Sub-paragraph C is obviously a product of lack of current information on the part of Father Kraft's advisors.

In relation to Sub-paragraph D, broad experience on a national basis has proven that condominium purchasers on a whole have far fewer children per family than do buyers of single family residences. It might be roughly estimated that the number of children in 448 condominium units would probably not exceed the total to be found in an R-1 single family residential development of 225 homes. Consequently, it does not appear that there should be any fear on the part of the local Parish of a sudden inundation of children for whom educational facilities are not adequate.

Also discussed at our meeting was the fact that under the PUD, the City maintains full control and will compel the developer to build what has been proposed and approved. In order to comply with PUD zoning, the developer must do the necessary planting, landscaping, installation of watering systems for said plantings, and in addition to everything else, complete the development as an aesthetic improvement to the community as a whole. In contrast to this

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a normal hillside subdivision can create a multitude of small lots, referred to as "rice paddies" which would normally result in large cuts and fills which would scar the hillside for many years to come. There are many such single home developments in San Diego and this is basically what we are trying to avoid.

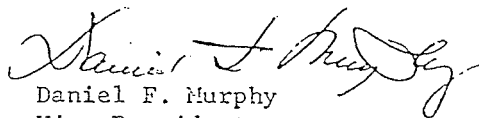
The total development, Your Excellency, will be enclosed with an attractive, substantial, decorative wall and there will be no more than three entrances to the development, two on Cdlege Avenue and one on Lance Street. These entrances will be guard-controlled to monitor egress and ingress and to guarantee to the condominium owners the aura of privacy, refinement and gracious living which they are seeking. The only commercial application planned for this development will be an attractive little "convenience center" in one corner of the parcel. This, I understand, is to cover no more than 6,000 square feet and will contain such things as a Laundry pickup point, delicatessen and the like.

This opportunity to discuss the development of our property with you was another fine example of the continuing spirit of mutual helpfulness that has made your Diocese and the City of San Diego the most pleasant place in the world in which to live and work.

Your understanding in this matter is earnestly solicited and, in closing, let me reassure you that Princess Homes, having the interest of the community at heart, will continue to encourage this spirit of mutual respect.

Respectfully yours,

PRINCESS PARK ESTATES, INC.

  
Daniel F. Murphy  
Vice-President

DFM/pl

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA

REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

TELEPHONE 582-3716

October 6, 1969

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110



Your Excellency:

Thanks to the powerful intercession of our beloved Patroness, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, we are delighted to enclose our check for twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to completely pay the remaining principal and interest due on our parish debt, plus a healthy balance to be placed on deposit with the hope that we can soon establish a parish community center so sorely needed for our youth activities and our Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program which embraces over thirteen hundred students.

Our parish was founded just thirteen years ago; we are grateful that we have the facilities of a church, convent, rectory and a sixteen room school over eleven acres. At one time our parish debt stood at \$520,000.00; it has been the solid support and dedication of our wonderful people who have made it possible to completely pay off this amount with its accrued interest over so short a period. We have also paid in diocesan assessments \$30,000.00 each year. We hope that this progress will be an added incentive to our people to continue to sacrifice so that we may soon contemplate further growth -- the parish accepted the tithing system under a pilot program in 1962 for the diocese. Our parishioners have whole-heartedly accepted the Sunday offering as the back-bone of all parish finance and presently contribute \$3.76 per envelope user on Sundays.

It is our fond hope that Your Excellency will be able to visit our parish in the near future when we could congratulate these good people for the sacrifices they have made for the glory of God and the honor of the Little Flower. We shall be most honored to welcome you whenever you may find it possible to be in our midst.

Please be sure of our loving willingness to fulfill your least desire.

With deep respect and esteem,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Kraft".

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October 16, 1969

Rev. William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Bill:

I just now had an opportunity to look over your financial report of St. Therese's Parish and certainly you are to be congratulated on the great work that you have accomplished in such a brief period of time. The entire parish plant is one that is most impressive. I am sure that the people in the parish are very proud of their accomplishments and will support you in the construction of a much needed social center.

Wishing you every success, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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October 17, 1969

Reverend William Kraft, Pastor  
Church of Ste. Therese  
Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

I am grateful for your observations relative to Mr. Murphy's memorandum.

It would certainly be undesirable to locate a liquor store directly across from the entrance to the Church.

With every good wish, then, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend John R. Quinn  
Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego

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CHURCH OF SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone: (Area 714) 582-3716

October 16, 1969

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your kind letter of October 10<sup>th</sup> which awaited me on my return from the Catholic Cemetery Conference in New Orleans.

Mr. Murphy's proposal was heard by the Planning Commission yesterday and was over-whelmingly defeated by residents of this area that signed petitions on their own with over 2000 signatures.

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The firm he represents  
does not bear a good reputation  
in the Community. Their  
Contractor's license was  
recently revoked.

I notice he did not reveal  
their plans to open a liquor  
store directly across from  
the Church's entrance.

Because their proposal means  
such a monetary gain for them,  
no doubt they will propose &  
propose again. I never had the  
opportunity to meet personally  
with Mr. Murphy so I have no  
idea where he has concluded to  
my objections.

Respectfully in St. Thomas  
J. C. Kraft

# Memo

From

Rev. William Armstrong Kraft  
Director of Catholic Cemeteries

Oct 20, 1969

To

Dear Monsignor Egan,

Thank you for the  
copy of Mr. Sorenson's letter  
to the Pope.

I have written to  
Mr. Sorenson and expressed  
willingness to meet with  
him at his convenience.

HOLY CROSS  
CEMETERY AND MAUSOLEUM  
4470 Hilltop Drive  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92102  
Office Phone: 264-3127  
Mausoleum Phone: 264-1043

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to discuss any portion  
of it.

I hope we can settle  
his difficulties amiably.

Sincerely in X+,  
William C. Kraft

*Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

SAINT THERESE WAY  
SAN DIEGO 20, CALIFORNIA



REVEREND WILLIAM A. KRAFT  
PASTOR

November 15, 1969

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

May we respectfully request permission to be able to schedule a Saturday evening Mass at 7:30 to enable our people to fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation who otherwise would find it inconvenient to come on Sunday.

We do have a number of families who reasonably would take advantage of such a Saturday evening Mass should they be granted the opportunity.

We are most grateful to Your Excellency for your kind consideration of this request.

With deep respect and esteem,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William A. Kraft".

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MEMORANDUM

TO: REV. WILLIAM A. KRAFT

FROM: REV. MSGR. I. BRENT EAGEN

RE: PARISH ACCOUNTS -  
St. Therese of Child Jesus Church

His Excellency, Bishop Maher, requests that the parish accounts be brought to him at the Diocesan Office as soon as possible in order that he may review them before the new Pastor assumes his duties.

Thank you for your cooperation.

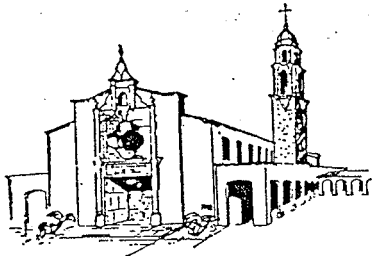
December 2, 1969

Reverend William A. Kraft  
St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church  
St. Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Dear Father Kraft:

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 28, 1970 - 12 Noon  
Canonical visitation preceding.

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# Church of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saint Therese Way  
San Diego, California 92120

Reverend William A. Kraft  
Pastor

Telephone 582-3716

December 3, 1969

Dearly beloved parishioners of the Little Flower,

My heart is heavy as I address these few words to you whom I have loved as my devoted flock over these past thirteen years. After prayerful consideration, I deemed it best to tender my resignation as your pastor. The Bishop accepted it and has appointed me full-time Director of Cemeteries for the Diocese. For the past six years, I have tried my best to serve the needs of you good people and, at the same time, fulfill my duties as Director of Cemeteries. It would be heart-breaking at times to know that I could not serve in both capacities with the ardor and zeal that they both demanded. How often have I wanted to be able to talk with you and know you better and other duties monopolized the time.

I had the privilege of naming this parish, and my choice of Saint Therese proved providential as we have all witnessed her powerful intercession on our behalf. We have a complete parish plant to serve the needs of our faithful -- a church, a school, a rectory and convent and ample land for expansion, located at a strategic intersection in the center of the parish. The over \$800,000.00 in land and buildings is now debt free and we have some \$24,000.00 on deposit for future needs. Saint Therese has dropped many a rose upon us.

Many of you have been with me through the lean years of starting our parish from the rock pile -- together we labored. I shall never forget the scores of dedicated, loyal and devout people who have borne the heat of the day and have been so kind to me in bearing with my many short-comings and faults. God has also singularly blessed me in giving me the finest mother and father that anyone could ever have--they have been my greatest blessing. I so appreciate all the good prayers that you offered when my dad suffered his recent heart attack. It was these prayers that have helped so much. As my parents have lived in California these past ten years, it occurred to me that, in all that time, I only had dinner with them at their home on just three occasions. Now I hope to have more time to do just one work well and to be able to spend some time with them in the evening of their lives. You well know of their dedication and sacrifice for our parish.

His Excellency, Bishop John Quinn, has been appointed as your new pastor. How privileged our parish is to have a Bishop the head of the flock. I know that you will be as cooperative and devoted to him as you have to me throughout these years. My prayers and Masses will always have you uppermost in them--you have made an indelible impression upon me. May the Little Flower bring you closer to the heart of the Infant Jesus.

With tender devotion always,

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San Diego, California  
6 December 1969

Most Rev. Bishop Leo T Maher  
Chancery Office, Diocese of San Diego  
Alcala Park,  
San Diego, California

Your Excellency:

The parishoners of St Therese of the Child Jesus are honored that our new pastor is to be the most Rev. John R Quinn, Auxillary Bishop of San Diego.

However I am appalled as to how the announce-ment of the pastoral change was published both in the Southern Cross and the San Diego papers. The terse statement of few words creates the im-pression that Father Kraft was relieved of his pastoral duties due to inefficiency or some other unexplained reason. The reports certainly did not credit Father Kraft for his wonderful work in the development of St Therese.

Although I have not agreed with many of the good Father's actions nor some of his personal ideas; one must give him due credit for his many years of hard toil and tribulations that he has endured in building the excellent parish from nothing. The fact that St Therese must be a choice pastoral assignment is your assignment of the Auxillary Bishop as our new pastor. In all due fairness to Father Kraft, I do believe a few pats on the back and some kind words for the press would be proper at this time. I also note past pastoral changes have merited photos in the Southern Cross and the San Diego papers.

A positive action by your office would be appreciated by the parishoners of St Therese.

Respectively,

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December 17, 1969

Dear Mr. Shaefer:

Thank you for your kind letter of December 6. I can appreciate your thoughts in reference to Father Kraft's leaving the parish where he so zealously worked and where he so efficiently planned and built.

I am sure that when he has a Reception it will be an opportunity for words of praise for the wonderful work accomplished during his assignment at St. Therese's. Every time a pastor is moved or a change is made, it is difficult for a Bishop to make a comment. There may be other times when he may fail to select the correct phraseology and most of the time it is better to let the facts speak for themselves.

I am expressing personally my gratitude to Father Kraft and I am sure he will understand the situation.

With best wishes of the Season, I am

Very sincerely yours,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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X FATHER WILLIAM A. KRAFT, PASTOR AND FOUNDER OF OUR PARISH, HAS RESIGNED HIS position as Pastor, effective next Thursday, December 11. It was with deep regret that Father Kraft had to take this action, but pressing duties in his capacity as Director of Cemeteries for the Diocese of San Diego motivated his resignation from the parish. The Most Reverend Bishop has appointed Father as full-time Director of Cemeteries. He is charged with the developing of new land for the cemeteries in the San Diego area, as well as acquainting the faithful with the services offered by the cemetery department for their beloved deceased. In a letter to the parishioners, Father Kraft stated that he will always have a warm spot in his heart for the parish and keep every one of you in his prayers and Masses as long as he lives.

HIS EXCELLENCY, BISHOP JOHN QUINN, HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO SUCCEED FATHER Kraft as Pastor of the parish, effective next Thursday. Our parish is privileged to have a Bishop as shepherd of our flock. Father Kraft asks everyone to give the same loyal devotion and cooperation to Bishop Quinn as he has received so nobly for these past thirteen years.

DECEMBER 8, THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, IS A HOLY DAY OF obligation. Our country is dedicated to the Blessed Mother under this beautiful title. Masses will be at 6:00, 8:00, 9:00 a.m., 12:15, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Monday. Confessions will be heard on Saturday afternoon and evening but will not be heard on Sunday afternoon or evening. Your special offering on this holy day will be reserved to assist our CCD Program for public school students. No classes for Saint Therese Academy on this Monday. No classes for the Grade School of Religion or the Junior High School of Religion on Monday, but regular CCD classes will resume on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:

MURPHY'S CARPETING, APPLIANCES AND FURNITURE, where you get the best prices on quality merchandise. Friendly Paul Murphy has been so devoted to our parish over the years and has proved such a help to so many of our people. Mention Saint Therese when you stop by at 5860 El Cajon Boulevard or phone 582-1005 or 582-3837.

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PARISHIONERS OF THE WEEK:

ALL THE WONDERFUL FAMILIES WHO HAVE EXPRESSED SUCH GREAT FAITH AND devotion in building this parish and maintaining it. This parish of Saint Therese is reknowned as a dynamo of faith in action. As these vignettes of various families will now probably end, we want to pay tribute to all of our magnificent families. It has only been through their cooperation and love that we can now present the parish to Bishop Quinn with a parish plant second to none, all of our debts paid, and a substantial balance on deposit for future needs. May the Little Flower intercede for all of you.

BOY SCOUTS AND ADULTS LAST WEEK-END HAD A GREAT TIME ON A CANOE TRIP down the Colorado River. Dr. Yetman did a fine job organizing and leading the trip. On Saturday, December 13th, the Scouts are going on the El Camino Real hike. This will consist of visits to historic sites made famous by the padres. (By Matt Senecal, Troop 934.)

DECEMBER 10 IS THE DAY THAT SAINT THERESE PARISH WILL BE BLESSED BY A visit from the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima. This day of grace is an opportunity for every parishioner to take time out and ask the intercession of the Mother of God. The schedule for services that day will be the solemn enthronement before the 7:50 a.m. Mass, at which time the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration until the solemn closing at 9:00 p.m. We hope and pray that each one of you will take this opportunity to ask for Mary's help in all of your spiritual and temporal needs.

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE AGAIN AVAILABLE AFTER THE MASSES THIS morning. The cards are being sold by members of our Saint Therese Mothers' Guild and this project assists the good Daughters of Divine Charity.

ROSEBUSHES HAVE BEEN DONATED DURING THE PAST WEEK BY:

Mrs. Emile Smith, Sr., and the Merritt Family, 1 rosebush in memory of Emile J. Smith, Jr., and one rosebush in memory of Jeanne A. Smith.

Mrs. Robert Colgrove, in memory of her mother, Margaret Purcell Boag.

Mrs. Winifred I. Walford, 1 rosebush in memory of her husband, John S. Walford, and 1 rosebush in memory of her daughter, Florence I. Brown.

Mrs. A. Robert Anderson and Kathy, in memory of A. Robert Anderson. Roses May be donated for \$6.00.

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Dec 12, 1969

Your Excellency:

I joined St. Theresa's Parish as a convert of two days, thirteen years ago there I met Father William Kraft & have worked with him all these many years.

I feel I must tell you what a privilege it has been to work with this grand man & truly was an inspiration to me.

As a new Catholic I couldn't begin to tell you how many obstacles I saw & other things overcome.

He insisted taking in Our Parish when Catholics didn't seem to understand what the word meant.

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Your Excellency if you haven't visited St. Theresa's only hope you are able to understand how unannounced, we're really proud of & can assure you without the guiding hand and understanding of our devoted Pastor (his motto) I think none could have been accomplished.

I myself became Chairwoman of the Arch confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament & I became aware of the humility and devotion of my Pastor.

Incumbent Chairman of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and



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I learned dedication and self-sacrifice of my Pastor. I am a better Catholic and Christian today because I have known Archbishop, & love this true Priest in every sense of the word.

I have now moved to Guardian Angel Parish in Santee I soon feel the loss of my beloved Father Kraft as much as those parishioners who will have to stay in St. Theresa Parish and no more be able to be inspired by Father Kraft's eloquent sermons.

Never will I be able to pay St. Theresa Church without feeling

The heart ache that must have gone thru Father to being himself to resign from his Parish & leave. Those of us who deeply care, I pray our Blessed Lord will send them dedicated Priest around to help many more souls as he's heart helped me.

Thank you kindly for having read what Greg & Howard think of her Pastor. In this day of learning things down and up by things, I let I just had to speak up for some persons I know who is truly positive in his Priestly duties.

Yours in Christ

P.S.  
Have a Blessed Christmas

December 23, 1969

Dear Mrs. Dellegar:

Thank you for your letter of December 12.

I appreciate your kind words concerning your former pastor Father William Kraft. We are thankful for his great ability and his energies in completing the entire parish plant. I am sure he will have greater opportunities in the future.

May the Christmas Season bring you every happiness and the New Year be filled with God's choicest blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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December 5, 1969

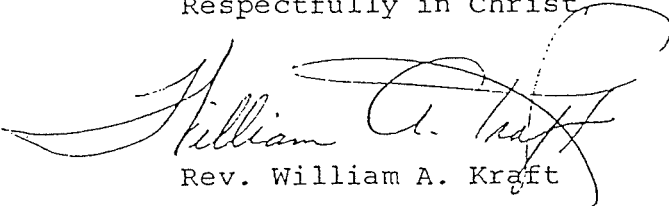
His Excellency  
Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

Please accept my resignation as Pastor of  
St. Therese of Child Jesus Church in San  
Diego. Thank you for your consideration of  
this matter.

With sentiments of esteem, I am

Respectfully in Christ,



Rev. William A. Kraft

*Accepted December 11, 1969*

*Leo T. Maher*

## In Memoriam



William Andrew Kraft, resident of Rancho Santa Fe for the past twelve years, passed away on December 26th. He had resided on El Camino Real with his wife, Elizabeth Ruth, since coming to the Rancho from Rochester, New York in 1959.

During these past years Mr. Kraft had been a booster of Rancho Santa Fe never neglecting an opportunity to hail the praises of his community which he loved so much. He and his wife had been land-owners in Rancho Santa Fe for several years before coming to reside in California.

A native of Rochester, New York, William Kraft had been associated with Eastman Kodak Company for thirty-nine years in the development and design engineering of the camera and projector division. He had obtained patents as inventor of basic design for modern development of camera and projector design. In recent years before retirement in 1959, he was Chief Engineer of the Experimental Engineering Department of the Apparatus Division of Eastman Kodak Company. He was a native of Rochester, New York and had attended Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester in that city. During this over a decade of living, Mr. Kraft with his wife had dedicated his services in assisting his son, the Reverend William A. Kraft, in working with him in the establish-

ment and development of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in the San Carlos, Del Cerro and Allied Gardens area of San Diego. Mr. Kraft was overjoyed to have seen his son complete the parish plant consisting of church, sixteen-room school, convent, rectory and hall with a debt of over one million dollars completely paid when Father Kraft resigned his pastorate in December of 1969. Mr. Kraft was enthusiastic in assisting his son, Father Kraft, to found a new parish, the Church of the Good Shepherd, to serve the new communities of Los Penasquitos, Mira Mesa and Scripps Miramar Ranch in San Diego. Besides being a benefactor of Saint Therese and Good Shepherd parishes, Mr. Kraft and his wife donated the Saint William Chapel and a transept window at the Immaculate at the University of San Diego where Mr. Kraft's solemn obsequies were conducted by his son on December 29th with entombment at the Kraft Family Chapel at Holy Cross Mausoleum in San Diego.

Besides his wife, Elizabeth Ruth and his son, Father Kraft, Mr. Kraft is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Ruth Earl and her son William of Arcadia, California and three sisters, Mae Kraft Turner and Louise and Anne Kraft of Rochester, New York. Mrs. Elizabeth Kraft intends to maintain the family home on Camino Real in Rancho Santa Fe.

# ST. THERESE PARISH LETTERS

December 13, 1969

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Leo Maher  
2031 Sunset  
San Diego, California

Your Excellency:

It is with deep regret that we bid farewell to Father Kraft as pastor of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and wish to take this opportunity to acquaint you with the high regard that we have for him, as our pastor, as a priest, and as a man.

Father Kraft, at all times, ministered to the spiritual needs of his parishioners. He was deeply concerned for the well-being of the 1,400 plus families in the parish. Aside from the spiritual aspects, his brilliant administration and driving force provided the parishioners with a first rate house of worship and an excellent school, completely debt-free, in the short period of thirteen years. In addition, we had accumulated a sizeable sum for the construction of a community center, sorely needed to bind parishioners together in a social atmosphere, and especially to provide a closer tie to the church for the youth.

Father Kraft was an outstanding pastor, a successful administrator, a good man, and we shall miss him.

*MA* With deep respect,

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December 24, 1969

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of December 13.

We are well aware of the many accomplishments and great zeal of Father Kraft during his pastorate at St. Therese's and we express our deepest gratitude to him. I am sure the future holds great promise for the new endeavors in the other appointments he will receive.

Praying upon you God's choicest blessings for the New Year, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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Dec. 14, 1969.

Your Excellency Bishop Maher:-

It is with deep regret that we have lost Father Kraft as our beloved pastor. Many may come after him, but he will always be St. Therese of the Child's first Pastor.

There is a story that Father never told us, but a priest who taught him in the seminary did. When Father Kraft was a small boy - (about boy age) he became very ill. The medicals shook their heads and said he would not live. A little lady went to Father's mother and said I have a relic, make arrangements with a priest and I will bring it over. The medicals said he just won't live. Well the results; Father was cured through the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus; he became a priest, named his parish after her and had a novena to her every Thursday evening. He is very devoted to her and also a very spiritual, dedicated priest. I give the flowers, and every evening after dinner all the priest come in to church to pray. On the first Saturday it is not unusual to see Fr. Kraft make the stations and then say the rosary before the Blessed Mother. In his parish the first Sat. has been observed with Holy Hours. Knowing Father's dedication to St. Therese, I wonder if he was just afraid for Cemetery work, we all know he is an administrator but believe our Lord wants souls saved first. We love him and he has love all of his parishioners with all their faults. Do be good to him - as he is a dedicated priest. Respectfully

without mentioning identity

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January 2, 1970

Dear Miss Filiatreault:

Thank you for your letter of December 14  
in reference to Father Kraft.

We are grateful to Father Kraft for his  
splendid work during his pastorate and his great  
accomplishments and I am sure that the years that  
lie ahead will present him great opportunities for  
zealous work in his priestly life.

May the New Year bring you God's choicest  
gifts.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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The Most Reverend Leo Maher  
Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego  
2031 Sunset Road  
San Diego, California 92103

Your Excellency:

I have been a member of the parish of St. Therese of the Child Jesus since 1957 and a member of the diocese for over thirty years. Recently you chose to transfer the Reverend William Kraft from his position as pastor of St. Therese. I am writing this letter because I believe you should be aware of the high regard in which I hold Father Kraft.

When I became a member of the parish in 1957, we had no permanent facilities in which to hold services. The parish was less than a year old and Father Kraft was its first pastor. We held services in garages, homes and a warehouse. As the area in which we were residing was largely a new subdivision development, practically all of the parishioners had transferred their membership from other more established areas and churches. Father Kraft saw the urgent need for a permanent facility and, through his efforts, was able to secure property on which our present parish and school are located. He subsequently caused the construction of the church, school and rectory, and in the course of this construction, the parish incurred a substantial debt. He promised us, however, at that time that he would use every effort to reduce that debt in as short a time as possible. I believe he fulfilled this promise admirably. As you undoubtedly know, we are now free from debt and have some substantial surplus for additional construction.

Through his efforts we were able to secure the staff of sisters which presently teaches in our school. He has been able to keep tuition charges at a minimum and enable parishioners to send their children to a school which offers a good Christian education. My family has been most fortunate in this respect in that we have been able to educate our children in that parish school.

I am not going to attempt to persuade you in this letter that Father Kraft is not a man without faults. I have not

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December 16, 1969

always agreed with his course of action in certain respects, but I always found him willing to listen to my point of view. Whether we agreed or not, we were able to work together for the good of the parish.

As a spiritual leader, I believe that he has been outstanding. This became even more readily apparent over the past three or four years. Father Kraft showed himself to be willing to accept change and to make such modifications, particularly in the liturgy, as would lend themselves to a religious revival.

To paraphrase St. Paul, I sincerely believe that if one were to say that Father Kraft was ambitious, it was ambition to make the parish of St. Therese of the Child Jesus the best parish in the diocese. I believe if one were to say that Father Kraft was demanding and authoritative, it was to demand of his parishioners the religious and parochial zeal which was needed and give direction at times when direction was required.

In conclusion, I must respectfully say that my family and I deeply regretted your decision in transferring Father Kraft from his post as our pastor. This is not to say that we question your decision or feel any reluctance in accepting Bishop Quinn as our pastor, however, I trust that the thoughts I have expressed above will be considered by you when future assignments for Father Kraft are to be made.

Respectfully yours,

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December 24, 1969

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

Thank you for your letter of December 16 concerning the splendid work of Father William Kraft at St. Therese's Parish. We are very grateful to Father Kraft for his zeal and his great planning devoted to the parish plant and for the fine work accomplished at St. Therese's.

I assure you the future will hold great opportunities for him to continue his priestly zeal.

May the Holy Season of Christmas bring you abundant joys and happiness and may the New Year be filled with God's choicest blessings for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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December 19, 1969

Bishop Leo Maher  
2031 Sunset  
San Diego, California 92103

Your Excellency Bishop Maher:

For over thirteen years I have known and served a very special, dedicated servant of God, Father William Kraft. He has been my friend, confessor, advisor, married my children, baptized my grandchildren and godchildren, confirmed my wife who was a recent convert to the faith, and renewed our marriage vows several times over the years. I have been Holy name president at St. Therese Parish twice under Father Kraft, my wife was active in Sodality and CCD work and we both chaired committees for bazaars, pledged drives, and other fund raising events over the years. For the last five years I have been the Newman Club advisor at Grossmont College. So you can see that although this may not prove we are good Christians, at least we have been active ones.

During all these years with the activities noted above, Father Kraft has been our guiding light and our recognized spiritual leader in all activities.

As a "cradle-Catholic" I have never met or known a priest I loved and served so willingly for the growth of Christianity as much as Father Kraft. He inspired all who worked to make our St. Therese Parish the great parish it is now. It could not have been done without him nor, I believe, as well by any other man. All of us in this diocese are fortunate to have him working for God in this pagan land of Southern California.

Many of Father Kraft's parishioners were puzzled and dismayed by his recent transfer and especially confused when we were told he was to be assigned the task of working in the area of local cemetery administration. Especially

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December 19, 1969  
Bishop Leo Maher  
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so since he had taken Holy Cross from a disgraceful pile of weeds to its present condition which is a decided credit to our Diocese. And this was accomplished almost with his left hand only, you might say, as he took care of his pastoral duties in addition.

I hope and pray you can use his talents to an even greater advantage in the future as here is a man who can do great things in both the spiritual and secular areas in your diocese.

Now Bishop Maher, you may feel this is just a nuisance letter from one of your flock who has some special reason for being concerned about Father Kraft's future. You are perfectly right in thinking this way if you do. I feel for a person of your stature you displayed very little tact or finesse in replacing Father Kraft with Bishop Quinn and whatever your reasons were for the move, I feel you certainly are capable of a more sophisticated method of making these reassignments.

I am not making a plea for beatification of Father Kraft--I know he has his faults as I am sure the majority of us mortals do. You may have some perfectly valid reasons for your actions but they remain a mystery to not only a great number of concerned laity, but a number of young priests in the Diocese who wonder if maybe they might not be similarly treated after many years of faithful service.

I apologize for having to bother you in this fashion as I know you must have many other important matters to attend to, but do you know of any other way the laity can express their views other than writing directly to you? The Diocesan Paper, the Southern Cross, is virtually worthless as a source of information, controversy, education, or a vehicle of self-expression for the thousands of puzzled concerned members of Christ's Mystical Body in our Diocese.

Although I do not expect a reply to this letter, I feel I deserve one and would appreciate one to help straighten out my thoughts in these areas.

God bless you and help you in you pastoral duties in San Diego. I hope we can arrange to have the pleasure and honor of a visit to our campus at Grossmont College during 1970. I will contact your secretary on this matter to request a visit sometime in January.

Yours in Christ,

*W.E. Dellegar*

W.E. Dellegar

Faculty Sponsor, Newman Club G.C.

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January 8, 1970

Mr. W. E. Dellegar  
Faculty Sponsor, Newman Club  
Grossmont College  
8800 Grossmont College Drive  
El Cajon, California 92020

Dear Mr. Dellegar:

I have your letter of December 19 concerning  
Father William Kraft's transfer to a full time position  
as Holy Cross Cemetery Director.

Since this transfer was a mutual agreement  
between Father Kraft and myself, I see no reason why I  
should give you an explanation unless Father Kraft  
wishes me to.

We are aware of Father Kraft's excellent  
ability and excellent work that he has accomplished  
and I assure you that he shall have other opportunities  
to use his talents in the future.

Praying God's choicest blessings upon you,  
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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29 December 1969

Dear Bishop Maher,

I have often wondered how persons in the Church could have perpetrated the Spanish Inquisition. One must be very high minded to engage in torture as an instrument of good. Perhaps this and academic arrogance are related. Actually, I haven't worried too much about these things. However, the recent relief of Father Kraft reminded me of such things, and I have waited almost a month to write this letter.

If my opinions seem harsh, perhaps there is reason. I do not know the details of why Father Kraft was relieved, but I do know this much — Father Kraft built the parish from nothing. Today we have a beautiful church, the best run school in the diocese, and no church debt — a truly remarkable accomplishment for a pastor who ran the cemetery on the side! I also know that Father Kraft was very much concerned about the parish, perhaps more so than was necessary, and that he was also most concerned about his father's illness. If you shared an opinion that Father Kraft needed a rest, you would have relieved him of ALL of his duties and given him that rest. That you did not tends to indicate lack of recognition of his achievements.

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Until this happened I was a member of the parish Finance Committee. I was one of Msgr. O'Sullivan's Division Chairmen in the drive to build your parish church, St. Vincent de Paul. Before coming to San Diego I worked on similar efforts, and I feel I have some insight as to how a pastor feels about his parish. To some in the parish Father Kraft was most difficult to understand; to those of us who have worked with pastors trying to solve parish problems Father Kraft is respected as one of the finest of pastors.

It is possible that you have grossly misjudged the Krafts, and acted too hastily. If he pushed you too hard for the good of his parish, it would have been a terrible mistake for you to interpret it as insubordination. I wonder if what Father Kraft was pushing you so hard for, you have not already given to the new pastor, recognizing that he really needed the help - even without the cemetery. I have little doubt that you will consider this letter presumptuous.

However, it is just possible that you are big enough to recognize your mistake and correct it. (Something Bishop Sheen did in my hometown, Rochester, was not able to do). I certainly hope and pray so.

It just doesn't seem possible that you would trample on a pastor who has given so much - evidently too much of himself.

Your somewhat confused parishioner,

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January 7, 1970

Dear Mr. |

I -have your letter of December 29. It is difficult to understand your letter of accusations in reference to Father Kraft since it was by mutual agreement that he assumed his present obligations and Father Kraft himself has given his views in a letter to the parishioners when he was transferred to his present post. I can add nothing more as an explanation. I assure you, however, that Father Kraft's relations with his Bishop are most admirable.

Praying God's choicest blessings upon you for the New Year, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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San Diego Calif.

Jan. 1, 1970

Your Excellency:

It was with a deep feeling of loss to our family when we learned of Fr. Kraft's new assignment.

He meant something very special to each member of my family.

To my husband - end of searching for the many unanswered questions he had regarding Catholicism. Futile attempts by other clergy, over the past 15 years to give him satisfactory and intelligent answers to his questions finally got answered by Father Kraft, whose deep religious and sincere efforts enable my husband to seek what he was living for.

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San Diego Calif.

Jan. 1, 1970

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my sins and I thank God that our prayers were answered when he received the sacraments.

As a mother, I feel most indebted to Father Kraft for the church + school that he founded in such a short time. His leadership + guidance for the many activities, spiritual + material meant much in visiting members of the congregation.

When a problem arose in my neighborhood that touched our children, Father's advice and understanding did much for not only the Catholics but the non-Catholics who were involved.

This encouragement, stimulation and guidance of the young people of the parish has brought forth respect and admiration for this great priest.

Arden Lamonte

Yours in Christ

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January 7, 1970

Dear Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your kind letter of January 1 and I appreciate your interest and understanding of the wonderful work accomplished by Father Kraft at St. Therese's. I assure you that Father Kraft will have evenygreater opportunities in the appointments that he receives in:the future.

Wishing you God's choicest blessings for the New Year, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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Dec. 23, 1969

Bishop Leo Maher  
2031 Sunset  
San Diego, Calif. 92102



Dear Bishop Maher:

It was my privilege and honor to receive communion from your hands on the occasion of your installation as Bishop of San Diego. At the time, your excellency, I felt impelled to write to you to convey my gratitude as well as my innermost reaction. It seemed to me that the warmth and friendliness in your eyes would not be unlike that of Christ Himself. Recently at St. Therese another matter has arisen which further impels me to write to you.

My wife and I have lived and worked in the Parish of St. Therese for the past eleven years. We have come to know and respect Father Kraft not only as our very fine spiritual leader, but as a man truly dedicated to Christ and devoted to the Little Flower. In our opinion, Bishop Maher, Father Kraft is a man of tremendous administrative ability with an exceedingly broad grasp of detail. He knows, for example, not only the members of the Parish by name, but their circumstances as well. He is aware of those who need help and guidance and he has ably supplied them.

It is our prayer, your excellency, that you may see fit to fully use the talents of this dedicated and able Priest in this Diocese where he and his parents have lived so long and loved so well.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
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January 7, 1970

Dear Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your letter of December 23 concerning Father Kraft. I am very pleased to learn of your keen interest and your understanding of Father Kraft's ability. We are very grateful to Father Kraft for the splendid work that he has accomplished as Pastor of St. Therese's and I assure you that he shall receive every opportunity to use his many gifts.

Wishing you every blessing for the New Year,  
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo-TT Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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January 21, 1972



Bishop Leo T. Maher  
Bishops Offices - Acala Park  
San Diego, Calif. 92110

Dear Bishop Maher,

Following my belief that truth is only important if you live it and tell it; and an opinion isn't worth much unless you are willing to tell it to whom it may concern, I am writing - in all due respect.

You and your PERSONELL BOARD have just made a decision that may be right in your sight - but is wrong in keeping with truth. St. Therese needs a new Pastor and rather than appointing the one who rightly deserves it, you appointed the head of the PERSONELL BOARD!!

Now really!! For a Church that preaches humility!

Admittedly, St. Therese is a large and rich Parish, deserving as a residence for a Bishop or a Monsignor.----  
But who made it that way?????

Wouldn't it have been more in keeping with JUSTICE to have made Father Kraft a Monsignor in recognition of his services to the Church : Building the beauty of St. Therese; changing Holy Cross from a frumpy little grave yard to an honorable place to bury our dead; and now working on the Church of the Good Shepherd? Then to go on to restore him to his rightful place, now that he is older and not in as vigorous a health as he was sixteen years ago?

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This Catholic Church has all the beauty of faith necessary to live in this world in preparation for the next. We preach JUSTICE - but do we practice it?

We preach "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR" but if we practice it, in truth - other "neighbors" view it with an over critical eye.

Our Church preaches "the healthy FAMILY LIFE", but when circumstances such as divorce come along, our children are denied this blessing by the very same Church. So we, the unwilling SINGLE PARENTS, try to make do with honorable associations, which help but never really substitute for the healthy family life.

We call our priest -"Father". We place him in a special place of honor, as a friend and moral support. When we see one dedicate his life so lovingly to his work, it is hard not to speak up when he is shoved aside; especially when it is by his Church that preaches justice.

Now you have made your choice. And I am of my opinion.

I love my Church enough not to go around spouting this opinion, because I know it would make it difficult for Mons. Maury. I do not know him. I am sure in many ways he is quite capable. He will be our pastor and should know what he is facing. This opinion of mine rests in the hearts of many, whose voices you may never hear.

I will accept him and be of whatever help I can be to him. I will also pray that the Church that preaches JUSTICE will one day show better examples of it.

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My son , Neil, is in college and I hear what the young have to say. A lot of it, is rebellious self-will. But some truth is there! Sometimes, we of the established Church, are wrong!!

Two Jehovah's Witnesses met me in front of my home this morning. One is an ex-Catholic. Why did she leave? Because she say the religeon only as it was being practiced in the Church, which in truth, is oftentimes the hypocracy that the young are also spouting about.

I told them that not all Catholics are Christian and not all Jehovah's Witnesses are Christian. A real Christian, when found, is a beautiful being - no matter what you call him! No amount of denying or affirming will attest to the truth of this more than the life and witness of such a being.

I also told them that I believed that rather than running away from these inconsistancies, it was Christ's will that we stay and work to bring the Church closer to Christ. Since a Catholic will listen to a Catholic - much better than a Jehovah's Witness - I know where I am to stay.

Now if I am willing to teah this opinion to a Jehovah's Witness, then I will also tell it to the Catholic ~~to~~ whom it should be of concern.

May God be with you,

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Copy sent to: Fr. William A. Kraft

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January 25, 1972

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I have your letter of January 21 concerning the appointment of your new Pastor. I can assure you that you will be very pleased with him. He will be reporting for duty sometime after Easter.

It is my hope that you will welcome him wholeheartedly and give him your support and pledge to him your loyalty. He is a priest that will serve the people with great devotion and love.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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Dec. 28, 1971

Re:

Dear Fr. Kraft,



I am moved to return again, simply because of the circumstances currently at hand. It is time for "The Good Shepherd" to come home! Two weeks ago the Southern Cross was interesting in that, "openings for 2 Pastors were available." For all interests, we can assume that one of these meant St. Therese.

Knowing that the Good Bishop is a "Shepherd of Shepherds" who believes in the Christian dictum, "ask and ye shall receive - seek and ye shall find" do you suppose that the article might be an invitation to the one person who has the Shepherd's love of this particular flock and the unusual ability to run a compound of this size - to return?

As I have told you before, what better preparation can one person have? builder of the Church; Pastor to the living caretaker for the dead; Tendor of the sick - now older and far wiser. It's time to come home.

No matter how fine and dedicated most priests are, talents are handed out individually. It is only the very

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unusual who can organize and run a Church of this size. This Church of St. Therese is your baby and need a man of your abilities to handle its needs. Since I do work at the bank, I think you know that I am not just talking off the top of my head.

Now on one hand - it could be said - "This is just the opinion of the village Kook - or whatever -"

On the other hand, from a personal standpoint, I honestly believe that if more in this world actually would say what they truly felt to those it concerned, it would be a far healthier place! If votes were being taken - you would be the best candidate in my opinion!

Now - to further fulfill this belief - since it concerns more than just yourself, I now feel moved to send copies to both of our beloved Bishops. The final decision is not mine. But at least they can know one opinion - probably shared by a good many more - if we were asked.

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It says in the Bible that GOD tries His Children in the fires of humiliation. With this in mind, I think any negative doubts have been handled by GOD already.

Whoever the Good Bishops decide will be our Pastor, they at least know who I, as an individual, think is the real Good Shepherd of this flock at St. Therese. Many others know this in their hearts also.

May God be with you,

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P.S.

As to the Church of the Good Shepherd - I am sure the Good Bishops would not wish to deny a younger priest the opportunity of building and growing with such a fine church.

Wlf.

Copies sent to:  
Fr. Wm. A. Kraft

Bishop John R. Quinn

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RCBSD KRAFT

March 2, 1970



Most Rev. Leo T. Maher  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, Calif. 92110

Dear Bishop Maher,

I wanted to delay my writing to you so that my anger could subside. This anger was aroused when you unceremoniously relieved Father Kraft of his duties at Saint Therese. I feel that you must have done this on an impulse to meet some other need because if you had seriously looked at Father Kraft's accomplishments and his good works you would NEVER have made this decision.

Father Kraft came here in 1955 and under his guidance the parish developed one of the most beautiful churches in this diocese. In addition he had built a new school which has an excellent academic standing in the community. He struggled to pay off the huge debt and in the process developed close friends as well as a minority "backbiting critics". This minority in our parish were generally those who did not wish to tithe and felt it an imposition. Notwithstanding the guidance and managerial competence of our pastor prevailed and the church is now debt free. His inspiration and help in religious matters were beyond description and he was always responsive to any request - NO MATTER WHO ASKED FOR HELP.

No sooner had the debt been paid and his principal life work accomplished - he was relieved. The unfortunate thing is that you made no attempt to come or send a special representative to this parish and express your thanks publicly for his excellent work and at least make it "appear" that you were pleased with his work. The manner in which it was handled clearly showed that he was expendable.

It is my humble opinion that there should be some outward showing of respect and admiration for the priests in your diocese. There appears, rather, to be coldness existing within the halls of the church.

I'm sorry if this letter may upset you but it is my judgement that at a time like this we must use candor rather than to hide our true feelings.

Sincerely,

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February 13, 1978

Most Reverend Bishop Leo Maher  
2031 Sunset  
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Bishop Maher,

We are writing to you in regards to Father William Kraft, who, we at St. Theresa Parish have dearly missed since he has left us. He was such a devoted man who worked ever so hard for all the blessings our parish has received. We still can't get over the shock of him being taken away. He will never be forgotten by us, and since, we feel the heart of our parish is gone.

We realize he was a busy man with both the Parish and Cemetery - but nevertheless, it didn't hinder his love and continuous hard work for us all. He never failed as an Excellent

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RCBSD KRAFT

Leader and Advisor. Our present  
pastor, fulfilling his duties like  
he is suppose to, is much busier  
and away than any Father Kraft's  
could ever be.

We do hope that our prayers  
will be answered and our dear  
Father Kraft will be blessed and  
come back to all of his flock here  
who dearly miss him.

Hope to hear from you soon,  
and May God bless you always  
Bishop Maher in all of your work.

Sincerely,

San Diego, Calif

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RCBSD KRAFT

February 20, 1970

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you for your letter of February 13 in reference to your great devotion and love for Father Kraft.

We are all well aware of his great ability and I assure you that he will have every opportunity to use his talents in the near future.

Praying upon you God's choicest blessings,  
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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Prpt. 1 not in letter ②  
ready to listen to my problems, he's  
much too busy doing for you. It seems  
odd that no one seemed interested in  
St. Theresa Parish, one way or another,  
it didn't matter whether Father Kraft  
had an assistant or not, but all of a  
sudden, our Parish is debt-free and  
we find ourselves with no pastor,  
but a Bishop and three assistants,  
we are still the same size Parish,  
so why do we need a Bishop?

We received a beautiful letter  
from Father Kraft telling us he resigned  
because the work-load was too heavy  
for him, he also told us to love and  
co-operate with Bishop Gunn as  
we have in the past, <sup>for him</sup> but, as I said  
before, I cannot believe that Father  
Kraft is a quitter, so I can and do  
believe that he was discharged from  
St. Theresa for other reasons. Yours

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Excellency, I demand to know the real reason for Father's discharge!

The Church is forever complaining about the shortage of Priests! Then, why, may I ask, is Father Kraft in charge of a cemetery when we, the living, are in such great need of a good Priest? I remember reading about situations, such as this, in my history books, an era in our Church that I prefer to forget.

Your Excellency, I thought it would help to lessen the hurt and the anger, by writing this song, but, I feel more resentment now than I did at first. I guess it's because I realize that the Church dignitaries do not practice what they preach, you are neither Honest or God-fearing nor Charitable nor Christian if you do not right the wrongs against

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Father Kraft and his Parishioners. I  
beg you, if it isn't possible to have  
Father Kraft back at St. Threse,  
please, don't waste the talents of  
a good Priest and Administrator,  
not as a Director of Cemeteries.  
We, the living, need Father Kraft  
much more than the Dead do.

Sincerely yours,

San Diego, Calif.

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January 23, 1970

Dear Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

I have your letter in reference to Father Kraft's transfer from St. Therese's Parish to that of Director of Cemeteries.

I wish to assure you that we appreciate Father Kraft's great ability and talents and he will certainly have every opportunity to use his capabilities in his future appointments. Furthermore I can assure you that Father Kraft and myself are on very friendly terms and everything will be done to promote him in his desire for priestly activities.

With kind personal wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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January 10, 1970

Your Excellency:

I am writing to you  
personal feelings towards  
William Kraft.



My association with Father [Name] began  
in 1959 when we moved into

St. Therese Parish. Our relationship  
was fairly close because of the various  
activities in which I participated. These  
were; (1) Holy Name President; (2) Chairman  
of the church Bazaar for two years; (3)  
captain of a bingo team; (4) Parish High  
School of Religion teacher; (5) member of  
finance committee. Because of this  
relationship, I was able to recognize  
the tremendous personal effort that  
Father put into not only the  
establishment but growth of St Therese  
Parish. He personally saw that  
the school, CCD program, youth, and  
other groups had all of the necessary  
assistance and equipment to be the

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best of its kind. I believe an inspection of our whole compound reveals this fact.

Father also successfully established the finance programs such as Bazaars, 50-50 Club, Bingo, the first regular Sunday giving program (tithe) in the diocese, and others which not only provided the necessary current expenses, but cleared the debt on the church, rectory, Convent, and school. This, in my opinion, is a tremendous achievement considering the time period and the heavy monthly diocesan assessment for the San Diego University.

Father not only concerned himself with the temporal needs of our parish, but with the spiritual as well. Examples of this were; (1) Had confessions at all masses (when priests could be made available); (2) Did not hesitate in making the church ritual to help stimulate the people at mass,

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the vacant land adjacent to the Parish property. I think his objection to this development was correct, especially the proposed liquor store across the street from the fire station (at the entrance of the church property).

For the above reasons, we forward our appreciation for what Father accomplished at St. Therese Parish.

My wife and I pray that Father will not be assigned to the cemetery for any length of time, since it would seem that his talents could be used to benefit another parish, while a lay administrator could handle the cemetery job.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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yet doing it with consideration for those who might object to the change; (3) Starting youth mass, and when it outgrew the school hall, established a regular mass time in church; (4) Always made it a policy to be or have another priest available for parishoners when needed; (5) Several times established youth group functions that would benefit on both a social and spiritual level; (6) He constantly urged his parishoners to prepare for and have communion as often as possible.

Father has another fine quality which was good for the parish; this was his trait of standing up and being counted for what he thought was right for the parish. An example of this was his fight against the developer who wants to establish apartment housing in

January 21, 1970

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Dear Mr. and Mrs.

Thank you for your letter of January 10.

I appreciate your understanding of Father Kraft's wonderful accomplishments and his great zeal during his pastorate at St. Therese's. I assure you that we are aware of his abilities and we shall give him every opportunity to use his capabilities and his priestly dedication.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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Jan. 7, 1970

Your Excellency Bishop Maher,

After much thought and prayer I have decided I must write this letter to you and tell you how our family feels about Father Kraft being relieved of his duties as Pastor of St. Therese.

We, and I'm sure hundreds more, have greatly respected and admired Father Kraft. He is a truly dedicated priest and one who accomplishes great things in a short period of time. St. Therese parish stands as a testimonial to this - a debt free parish in 12 short years. I am sure as devoted as Father Kraft was to St. Therese Parish he did not make the decision to leave himself.

In his present capacity as Director of Cemeteries Father's talents are completely wasted. I pray soon he will once again be Pastor of a parish - as he should be.

Sincerely,

January 23, 1970

Dear Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

I have just now had an opportunity to respond to your letter of January 7 concerning Father Kraft. I agree wholeheartedly with Father Kraft's ability and we are grateful for his great accomplishments. I assure you that he will have many opportunities to use his talents.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo-T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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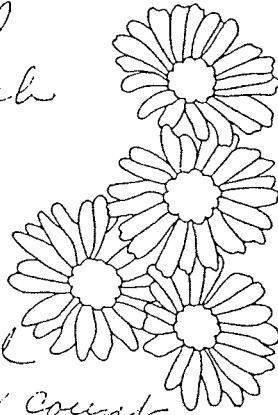
To Bishop Leo Maher -

Your Excellency,

My family & I have been with St. Therese Parish since we moved here at this address in 1964. Father Kraft had been our pastor since that time and all that time we have come to know & love him dearly.

To us he wasn't just a priest, he was more a friend, whenever we needed him. He always brought out the best in us no matter what we felt. I can't tell you how much we miss him.

Sundays, our mass at 9:00 was the one mass we looked forward to. We could always count



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on Father to preach a sermon which gave meaning + thought to our daily lives.

We cannot believe the letter sent us that he - Father Kraft, had resigned of his own free will not when he worked so hard to build a beautiful church + school and free it from debt in 13 years.

We had always been happy to help with what little we could afford because Father asked for so little + gave a lot.

Many Sundays, from the altar Father would ask us to please be patient, that we would soon have a new assistant priest, the calls were kept at a minimum because he couldn't stretch himself too much

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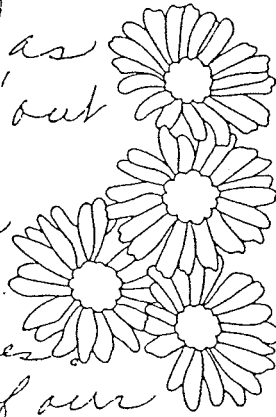


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more, but now we not only have a new pastor but 2 or 3 assistants plus many more on Sunday to serve mass + Communion.

This doesn't make sense, but maybe it does. Our Parish being debt free can afford a bishop plus many priests, but I don't feel my tithing can support all that.

I cannot believe you would accept the resignation of our priest and put him, as a matter of speech, "out to pasture" - an administrator such as he to be just an administrator of cemeteries. In sure the souls of our



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beloved, God takes care of them, any lay person can take care of some buildings & grounds that house our gone loved ones, he should not be wasted in such a position, not when his cry from the altar was always the shortage of priests.

I am speaking as a mother who has a boy who passed away at the age of 7, and is buried in Holy Cross, he doesn't need Father Kraft—

We do —

Our prayers be with you

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January 23, 1970

Dear Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

I have your letter of January 15 concerning your understanding and interest in Father Kraft.

I assure you that we appreciate the marvelous work he has accomplished in St. Therese's Parish and that he will be given even greater opportunities in the future.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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*St. Therese*

September 15, 1970

Dear Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Your letter of September 3 to Bishop Quinn arrived just as the Bishop was leaving on a Confirmation tour with the United States Air Force in the Orient.

Bishop Quinn asked me to acknowledge and to thank you for your thoughtful letter, and also to advise that even though there is some remodeling taking place at St. Therese Parish, there is no thought of discarding the beautiful statue of the Little Flower which you so generously donated to the parish when it was started. The statue has been enjoyed by the parishioners for many years and there has been no thought of making a change in this regard.

The Bishop asked that I extend to you his kindest personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Irene Moran  
Secretary

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Pine Top Arizona 85935

Dear Betty

Sept 31, 1970

Your Excellency

I just received a letter from my friend, Father Kraft.

He stated that there is no longer a St. Theresa parish and that you are the new pastor there. He also stated that you are remodeling the church and may not be moving the statue of the Virgin Mary which we donated to the parish when it was started. If this is so, we would like to see this statue given to some needy parish. We would like to see Father Kraft have it if it can be used in his new parish. He was very good for it and I am sure the statue would be found of them.

Of course you are the boss.  
(over) Respectfully,  
[Signature]

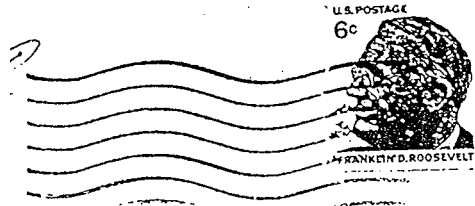
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We are summering here  
but our permanent residence  
is Barago Springs where  
I had the pleasure of  
meeting you about two  
years ago.

Hope you are well  
and happy.

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Most Reverend John Quinn  
5815 Navajo Rd.  
San Diego Calif  
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July 30, 1970

The Most Reverend Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California



Your Excellency:

There are two primary subjects of concern to us and, we believe, to other parishioners of Saint Therese, about which we request your attention.

For the past few years, this parish of some 1,400 families has been served by a part-time pastor. During the tenure of Father Kraft, some of his time was required in the administration of the affairs of the cemetery. The situation has worsened since the assignment of Bishop Quinn, since a greater portion of his time must be devoted to the affairs of the diocese. This seems unfair, not only to the parishioners, and the associate pastors, but also to the pastor, since his efforts must be fragmented and, in order to perform his duties in an even adequate manner, unusually heavy demands must be imposed upon him. Please do not misunderstand - this is not meant as a criticism in any way of Father Kraft or of Bishop Quinn, nor is it meant as an allegation of a lack of priests in the parish. We have priests, but they are associate pastors, or they are visitors and strangers. These visitors do not know the parishioners and the associates do not have pastoral authority to make decisions. Since the assignment of Bishop Quinn, we would guess that he has been available in the parish less than half of the time. His two associates, Fathers Florek and McGinn, have carried on admirably in his absence, but without that pastoral authority.

We wonder if there is any real benefit which accrues to the parishioners by reason of assignment of a bishop as pastor. Of course, we are honored to have Bishop Quinn, but we can sincerely think of no benefits sufficient to offset the disadvantages of a pastor in absentia. So, we wonder why we are not entitled to have a full-time pastor and why, for example, one of the two associate pastors could not be appointed pastor, with that as his sole duty - to know and administer, with appropriate authority, to the spiritual needs of his 1,400 families.

The other significant matter concerns the structural changes within our church, about which we were informed last Sunday. We received the implication that some of these changes have been directed by church law, but that some of them are being made for other reasons. For instance, it was said that the altar will be moved into the center of the sanctuary so that the priest may stand behind it. He stands behind it now. It was said that the baptistry will be moved to the sanctuary so that people can see the ceremony. We have just had that monstrous organ moved to the sanctuary to dominate the scene. It was further said that the marble will be removed, the crucifix replaced, and the communion rail removed, with the implication that such changes will be in keeping with the overall design of the church; that appears to be a subjective opinion.

Without appearing to be presumptuous, could you inform us whether, in fact, these specific changes are required by church law or edict? If so, does that law reflect the desires of the majority of Catholics, who are really the Church?

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July 30, 1970

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Bishop of San Diego  
Alcala Park  
San Diego, California



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If not, do the changes reflect the desires of the majority in this parish? As you know, this parish is debt-free, and to spend thousands on unnecessary changes, when the money could be used for education, for the poor, etc., seems to border on folly.

The Catholic Church has been in an almost continuous period of change for the past few years. Some change is good, is necessary, but we saw a newspaper article not long ago which stated that the churches which show the most growth are the churches which are the most unchanging. Pertinent to that, last Sunday we noted that, during the past year, for the first time this century, the number of Catholics in the United States has decreased. Is there a connection? Must we change, just for the sake of change (and additional expense), or in order to become better Catholics? Now that we sing during Mass and clap hands during Communion, are we better people? Will a different crucifix bring us salvation? Will elimination of a communion rail get us closer to Christ? Are these things really desired by the majority of the people who are the Church?

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August 3, 1970

Dear Mr. and Mrs.

I have your letter of July 30 in which you present your counsel about the parish of St. Therese with a Bishop as part-time Pastor. There are many parishes throughout the United States where the Auxiliary Bishops have served as Pastors and continue to do so.

It could be that Bishop Quinn's present schedule has taken him from the parish more than usual, but I am sure that he will be in a position to spend more time in the parish. The normal Confirmation schedule will not interfere with pastoral duties.

I have heard from many of the parishioners and they are delighted to have Bishop Quinn as their Pastor.

As far as the changes in the sanctuary are concerned, this is a matter I think can be solved better by a personal interview with Bishop Quinn. Perhaps you can phone and make an appointment and discuss the matter with him.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher  
Bishop of San Diego

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