

Diocese of San
Bernardino

Personnel File

John A. Schmitz

SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [REDACTED]

PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. JOHN ANTHONY SCHMITZ
Name in Full

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name [REDACTED]

Birthdate and Place June 10, 1929 Waterloo, Iowa

Baptism Date and Place June 13, 1929 St. John's Church, Waterloo, Iowa

Present Citizenship American

If Naturalized, Date and Place

Elementary School - Dates and Places St. John's Waterloo, Ia. 1934 - 1943

High School - Dates and Places 1943-1947 Our Lady Of Victory Academy, Waterloo, Iowa

College - Dates and Places Loras College, Sept. 1947- Jan 1949. Conception College
Conception Mo. Sept. 1949 - May 1951

Seminary - Dates and Places Mount St. Bernard, Dubuque, Iowa 1953- May 1957

Degrees - Dates and Places B.A. Major in Philosophy, Minor in Latin

Post Graduate Work - Dates and Places

Degrees - Dates and Places

Ordination Date and Place February 2, 1957 Dubuque, Iowa

Ordaining Prelate Archbishop [REDACTED]

Ordained for What Diocese Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa

If Incardinated in San Bernardino, Date

If not incardinated, Date of Arrival January 6, 1983

What foreign languages can you speak? none, I want to learn Spanish

Name and address of nearest relative or friend [REDACTED]

State where last will and testament is filed Chancery in Dubuque, Ia
(The clergy are obliged to deposit at the Chancery the original or a copy
of their last will)

List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception

State any special work or assignment and give dates

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Please type answers in full and return to the Diocesan Pastoral Center,
1450 North D Street, San Bernardino, California 92405

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In re FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

Have you contracted any funded debts such as bank loans? NO

If so, in what amount? _____

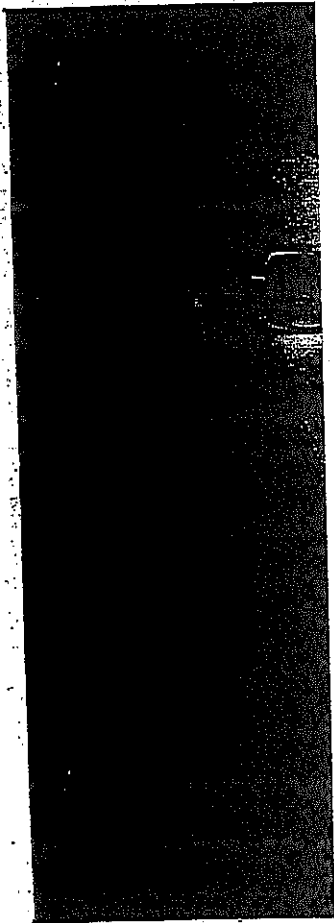
Do You owe any current accounts NO

If so, in what amount? _____

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS SINCE ORBINATION

TOWN	PARISH	CAPACITY	DATES
Lansing, Ia.	Immaculate Conception	Assistant Pastor	June 57 - Sept. 5
Dubuque, Ia	Sacred Hearts	Assistant Pastor	Sept. 59 - Oct 6
New Hampton, Ia	St. Joseph	High School teacher Assistant Pastor	Oct. 61 - June 66
Mason City, Ia	St. Joseph	Assistant Pastor	June 66 - July 7
Cedar Rapids, Ia	All Saints	Assistant Pastor	July 71 - Oct 73
Greeley, Ia.	St. Mary's	Administrator	Dec 73 - June 74
Clermont, Ia	St. Peter's	Administrator	June 74 - July 7
St. Anthony, Ia	Sacred heart	Pastor	Aug 75 - Oct 79
Greene, Ia	St. Mary's	Pastor	Oct 79 - March 8
San Bernardino	Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral	Associate	7-1-83 - Apr. 8

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With regard to the celebration of the Tridentine Mass in the Diocese of Orange, the following is the scenario as well as we are able to determine:

A) Any correspondence received from the Diocese of Orange regarding the time and location of the Tridentine Mass, will have, among other strictures, the implication that one must sign a petition prior to attending Holy Mass. In a telephone conversation with a Reverend Father of authority, I was told that there would in fact, be no issue of tickets nor roster of attendance.

B) In the same telephone conversation, the Reverend Father reminded me that while it was regrettable that word of the Mass was leaked to the press via the "letters column" of the Santa Ana Register, the stipulation still remained within the Indult (according to Diocesan interpretation,) that the "celebration of the Mass must take place exclusively for the benefit of those who petition it." In other words, the Diocese does not want a crowd, so the fewer who know about it, the better.

C) The celebration of the Tridentine Mass will take place on the first Sunday of each month, beginning on May 5, 1985, at 2:00 in the afternoon. The hour of course is inconvenient, and meant to be so, in order to discourage as many as possible from attending.

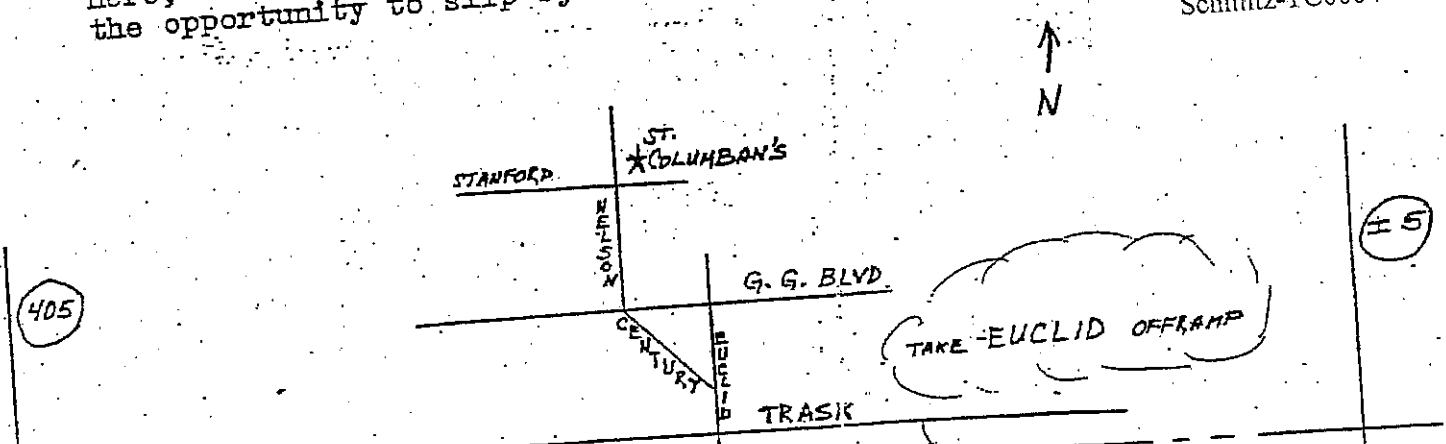
D) The celebration of the first Mass will be by a priest confirmed in the Novus Ordo. Each subsequent Mass will have a different celebrant, also, one may be assured, drawn from the non-conservative Novus Ordo clergy. This ploy is apparently to avoid the possibility of drawing a large following by the appointment of a regular, known-conservative or traditional priest.

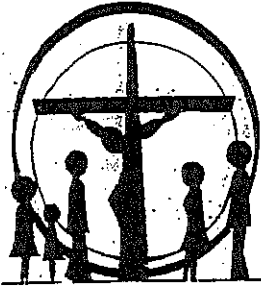
E) The church selected for the celebration of the Tridentine Mass is St. Columban's in Garden Grove, which in point of fact, is the largest church in the Diocese of Orange.

In fine, what the Diocese of Orange desires, is the least number of people, dwarfed to the fullest extent by an oversized church; thus their desired result: no crowd - so no more Mass. Since the Diocese has been gracious enough to offer her largest church, we must reciprocate by packing it to the gills.

St. Columban's is located at 10801 Stanford Ave. on the corner of Nelson (Century St.) not more than three blocks from the Garden Grove Community Center. This is our chance to show that we are out here, and that we are a force to be reckoned with. Let's not permit the opportunity to slip by.

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

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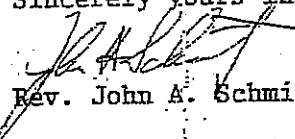
March 6, 1985

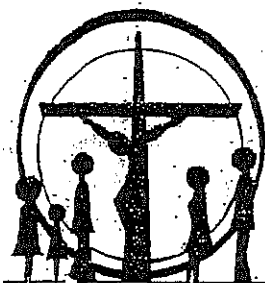
Rev. [REDACTED]
Pastoral Center
1450 North "D" Street
San Bernardino, CA 92405

Dear Father [REDACTED]

Please find enclosed a letter [REDACTED] asked me
to write to Archbishop [REDACTED] concerning my status here.
I guess [REDACTED] is concerned that if and when I leave he gets
an associate.

Sincerely yours in Christ


Rev. John A. Schmitz



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

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March 5, 1985

Archbishop [REDACTED] O.S.B.
Archdiocesan Center
1229 Mt. Loretta Ave.
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Dear Archbishop [REDACTED]

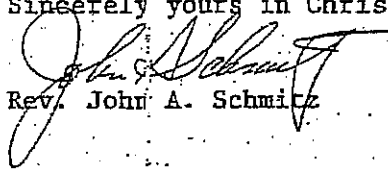
Father [REDACTED], the Rector of the Cathedral asked me yesterday if I had heard from you about your plans for me. They are concerned because the Personnel Board is now meeting to make assignments.

Bishop [REDACTED], Father [REDACTED] and the priests and people of the diocese of San Bernardino have been very good to me, therefore I feel I must be as helpful to them as possible.

If it would please your Excellency please write or contact Father [REDACTED], here at the Cathedral, or Father [REDACTED] Vicar General, at 1450 North "D" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405, phone 714 889 8351.

I thank you for your kind consideration of this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ


Rev. John A. Schmitz

cc: Rev. [REDACTED]
Rev. [REDACTED]

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PERSONAL RECORD :

Rev. John A. Schmitz.

Parents: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: June 10 1929

Place of Birth: Waterloo, Iowa

Occupation of parents: Farmers

I was the 2nd oldest of 5 boys. There were no girls in my family. My father passed away in August of 1979. My mother still lives in Waterloo and is in reasonable good health. I have one uncle who was a priest and four aunts who are sisters belonging to the School Sisters of Notre Dame. All my education was in Catholic Schools.

Education:

Grades K - 9 St. John's School, Waterloo, Ia.
Grades 10 - 12 Our Lady of Victory Academy, Waterloo, Ia.
College: September 1947 - Jan 1949 Loras College Dubuque, Ia.
September 1949 - May 1953 Conception College, Conception Mo.
Major Seminary Sept. 1953 - 1957 Mt. St. Bernard Seminary, Dubuque, Ia.

I was ordained February 2, 1957, and returned to the seminary to complete my studies in May 1957 and receive my first assignment.

ASSIGNMENTS AFTER ORDINATION:

1. Immaculate Conception Parish, Lansing, Ia. June 1957 - Sept. 1959. I served as assistant pastor, high school teacher, coach for girl's and boy's basketball, and boy's baseball.
2. Sacred Heart Church, Dubuque, Ia. Sept. 1959 - Oct. 1961. I served as assistant pastor; taught in the Central High School, and directed the Religious Education Program for students not in the Catholic Schools.
3. St. Joseph Church, New Hampton, Ia. Oct. 1961 - June 1966. I served as assistant pastor, taught in the grade school and served as hospital chaplain.
4. St. Joseph Church, Mason City, June 1966 - July 1971 to serve as assistant pastor, and teach in the Central High School and coach girl's golf.
5. All Saints Church, Cedar Rapids, Ia. July 1971 - Oct. 1973. Served as assistant pastor and teaching in the grade school.
6. St. Mary's Church, Greeley, Ia. Dec. 1973 - June 1974 to serve as administrator to a pastor who was incapacitated.
7. St. Peter's Church, Clermont, Ia. June 1974 - July 1975 again to serve as administrator.
8. Sacred Heart Church and St. Gabriel Church Zearing, Aug. 1975 - Oct. 1979 where I served as Pastor.
9. St. Mary's Church, Greene, Ia. Serving as pastor.

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SPECIAL OFFICES AND ASSIGNMENTS:

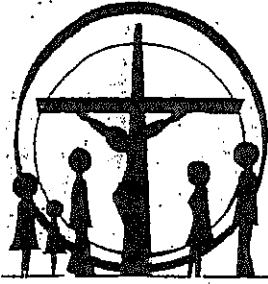
1. Catholic Scouting Committee of the Archdiocese of Dubuque,
2. Assistant Spiritual Director of the Cursillo Movement 1975 - 1980.
3. Chaplain to the Knights of Columbus, Council 1566 Cedar Rapids.
4. Priest's Senate as Denery Representative 1980 - 1982
5. Served as Retreat Master 1966 - 1973 preaching weekend and High School Retreats at the American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls, Ia.

SPECIAL TALENTS/SKILLS, INTERESTS AND MINISTRIES:

1. Woodworking: I have achieved the status of finish carpenter, and cabinet maker. I also do wood sculpturing.
2. Renewal: I was called to preach many weekend retreats at the Retreat House, to serve as Spiritual Director at Cursillo Weekends, and Coordinator for the "Teen Encounter with Christ".
3. Working with Divorced and Separated Catholic Groups.
4. Scouting: I served on Council level as Chairman in charge of Adult Leader Training, and Merit Badge Counselor coordinator.
5. Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance rated. While working on the committee at Clermont to get a resident doctor I helped a group of people to train and qualify to be First Responders in an emergency. I took the training and certified with them.

PROJECTS/AWARDS:

1. 1958 - 1959 planned and directed the remodeling of Immaculate Conception High School Building in Lansing so it could serve as the Center for the New Central Catholic High School.
2. 1969 Directed the remodeling and redecorating of St. Joseph Church in Mason City.
1970 Directed the remodeling of St. Joseph Church Hall, and Kitchen.
3. 1973 was awarded the "Silver Beaver" in Scouting.
4. 1974 Serve on the committee to encourage a doctor to locate in the Town of Clermont, which eventually led to the formation of an Emergency Medical Response Team of which I was a certified member. Received man of year award at Clermont.
5. 1975-1982 served as one of the area coordinators of T.E.C. (Teen Encounter with Christ).
6. 1975 - 1980 served as Assistant Spiritual Director for the Cursillo Movement.
7. 1977 - 1980 served as an elected City Councilman for the town of St. Anthony, Ia. During this time I served on Senator Grassley's committee for the poor and ageing.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

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May 26, 1984

Very Reverend [REDACTED]
Vicar General, Chancellor
Diocese of San Bernardino, CA.
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San Bernardino, California, 92405

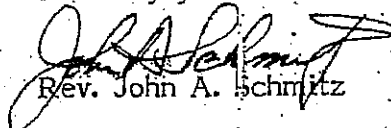
Dear Father [REDACTED]

Since my visit with you and Bishop [REDACTED] several months ago, concerning my future plans, I have decided to make a commitment to the Diocese of San Bernardino for at least 3 years. During my recent visit to my home diocese nothing was resolved and I don't see that it will be in the near future. I don't know how we can work out the retirement problem yet and that is why I have decided to commit myself to this diocese for 3 years rather than ask for incardination. During this time I am sure something can be worked out.

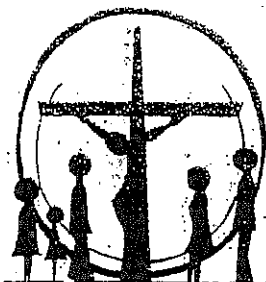
A number of priests that know me have been after me to apply for some of the parishes that are opening up. Fr. [REDACTED] told me I should apply for Our Lady of Lourdes at Montclair. Knowing a little about that parish and the people there from my stay in Ontario, I would like very much to work with them and I ask that I be considered for administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes at Montclair. I am aware that I could not be appointed as pastor since I am not incardinated.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter. I have the feeling of being presumptuous asking for a parish when I am in the diocese so short a time, and I only do this at the urging of my fellow priests who have come to know me since I came to California.

Sincerely yours in Christ


Rev. John A. Schmitz

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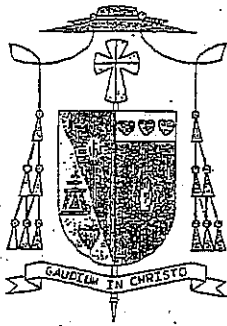
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Diocesan Pastoral Center

Diocese of San Bernardino

May 19, 1983

Reverend John Schmitz
St. George Church
325 West "E" Street
Ontario, CA 91762

Dear Father Schmitz:

I am pleased to appoint you as Associate Pastor to:

Very Reverend [REDACTED]
Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral
265 West 25th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92405

This assignment will be effective July 1, 1983.

I appreciate your fine work at St. George's, Ontario, in Father [REDACTED]'s absence and I pray that the Lord will bless your apostolate at the Cathedral.

Sincerely in Christ,

[REDACTED]
Most Reverend [REDACTED]
Bishop, Diocese of San Bernardino

cc: Very Reverend [REDACTED]
Very Reverend [REDACTED]
Very Reverend [REDACTED]
Reverend [REDACTED]

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January 21, 1983

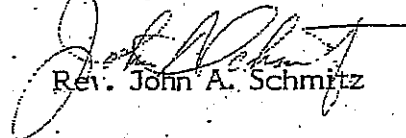
Reverend [REDACTED]
1450N. D Street
San Bernardino, CA. 92405

Dear Father [REDACTED]

Please find inclosed a copy of the letter that I sent to Archbishop [REDACTED] advising him that the Archdiocese of Dubuque, would be expected to provide my health insurance and retirement benefits during the period before I am incardinated into the Diocese of San Bernardino.

I am looking forward to working in the Diocese of San Bernardino, and pray each day that I will be able to be another Christ to God's dear children. I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ



Rev. John A. Schmitz

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