

PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. MATTHEW JOSEPH THOMPSON

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NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name... Matthew and Mary Doris Thompson

Birth Date and Place... January 14, 1905, Longford, Ireland

Baptism Date and Place... St. Mary's Church, Newtownforbes, Longford, Ireland

Present Citizenship... American

If Naturalized, Date and Place... December 22, 1933, Los Angeles

Elementary School—Dates and Places... 1911 - 1914, Melview National
1914 - 1916 Garrowhill National, 1916 - 1917 Melview

High School—Dates and Places... St. Mel's College, September, 1917 - June, 1922

College—Dates and Places

Seminary—Dates and Places... St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif. 1922--1923

Sept. 1923 - June, 1928, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, New York

Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places

Degrees—Dates and Places

Ordination Date and Place... St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, N.Y. June 9, 1928

Ordaining Prelate... Most Rev. Emmet Walsh

Ordained for what Diocese... Los Angeles and San Diego

If incardinated in San Diego, Date... June 9, 1928

If not incardinated, Date of Arrival

What foreign languages can you speak?... Spanish

Name and address of nearest relative or friend

State where last will and testament is filed... Chancery Office

List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception... Domestic Prelate - 10/21/53.

State any special work or assignment and give dates... Editor SOUTHERN CROSS 1939 - 1941

Diocesan Consultor 6/9/53

Please type answers in full and return to the Chancery Office, 1528 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, California

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MATTHEW JOSEPH THOMPSON

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In re FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

Have you contracted any funded debts such as bank loans?

If so, in what amount?

Do you owe any current accounts?

If so, in what amount?

List of Appointments since Ordination

TOWN	PARISH	CAPACITY	DATES
Los Angeles	St. Gregory's	Assistant	10/28 - 5/30
Los Angeles	St. Ignatius	"	10/30 -
San Diego,	St. Joseph's	"	11/1/34 - 10/37
Calexico	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Pastor	10/37 - 11/39
San Diego	Our Lady of Guadalupe	"	11/39 - 12/40
San Diego	Nazareth Home	Chaplain	12/40 - 5/42
Big Bear Lake	St. Joseph's	Pastor	5/42 - 5/18/43
CORONA	St. Edward's	Pastor	May 18, 1943 6/7/75
Msgr. Thompson retired June 7, 1975.			
St. Edward's Parish in Corona.			
Msgr. Thompson died in Corona Sunday, October 3, 1976.			
Solemn Obsequies at St. Edward's as follows: Rosary, in English & Spanish, followed by a vigil service on Tuesday p.m. A Spanish Mass was offered at 9 a.m. Wednesday morning by Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez, Aux. Bp. of San Diego. Principal celebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial was Most Rev. Leo T. Maher, Bishop of San Diego at 11 a.m. The homilist was Most Rev. William A. Johnson, Bishop of Orange. Interment was in Crestlawn Cemetery, Riverside County. 10/6/76.			

Retired Corona pastor

Msgr. Thompson dies

Southern Cross Reporter

CORONA—The retired pastor of St. Edward parish, Msgr. Matthew Thompson, died in a hospital here Sunday, Oct. 3. He was 71.

Msgr. Thompson came to St. Edward's as pastor in 1943 and retired after 32 years, in 1975, to live next to the church he had served for a record period.

Msgr. "Mat" Thompson was responsible for all the present buildings which comprise the parish property in the 400-500 blocks of Fifth Street, Corona.

ORDAINED in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, N.Y., in 1928, for the Diocese of Los Angeles which then included San Diego, Msgr. Thompson was born in Longford, Ireland, in 1905. He attended seminary at St. Patrick's, Menlo Park and St. Bernard's, Rochester.

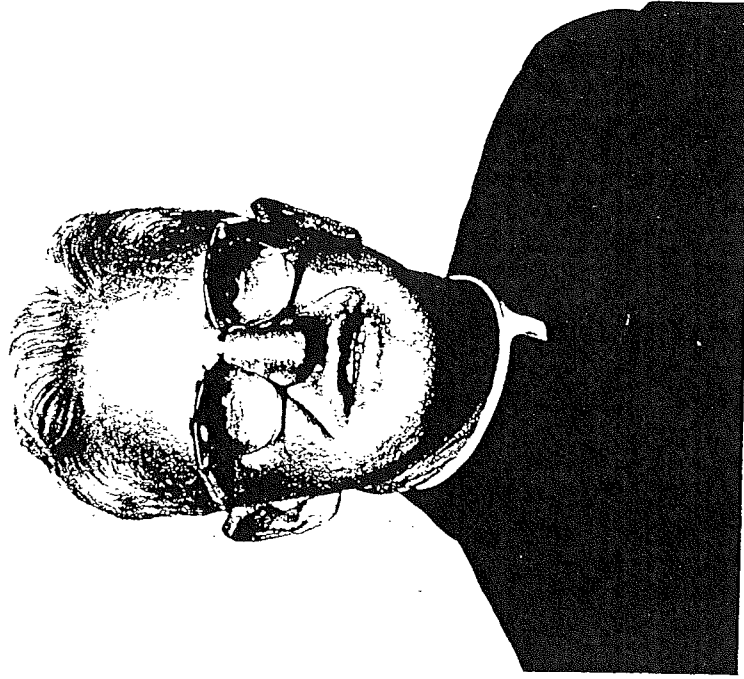
In a priestly apostolate covering almost 50 years, Msgr. Thompson served in parishes ranging from Los Angeles to Calexico, from Big Bear Lake to Corona. He was also, for a time, chaplain at Nazareth Home and part-time editor of the **Southern Cross**.

ROSARY services in St. Edward church in Spanish and English were held Tuesday evening and a Mass in Spanish was to be celebrated by Bishop Gilbert Chavez Wednesday.

Also on Wednesday was the funeral Mass with Bishop Leo T. Maher as principal concelebrant and homily by Bishop William Johnson of Orange diocese. (Report next week).



Msgr. Matthew Thompson



C O P Y

PENSION PLAN FOR PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

May 29, 1975

Mr. Dennis J. J. McGee
McGee and Company
Two Girard Plaza
Philadelphia, Pa. 19102

Dear Mr. McGee:

Thank you for your letter of May 22, 1975 regarding
the pension application of Rev. Msgr. Matthew J.
Thompson.

This is to verify that Msgr. Thompson has served con-
tinuously in the Diocese of San Diego since his
ordination June 9, 1928 rather than October 19, 1928.

Please be assured of my best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen
Chancellor

PENSION PLAN FOR PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Trustees:
v. John M. Tahany, Chairman
v. Thomas Prendergast, Secretary
Rev. Msgr. William D. Spain
v. Malachy M. McGinn
v. Rev. William G. Mooney
v. Eugene Lyons
v. John Rhatigan

Administrator:
McGee and Company
Two Girard Plaza
Phila., Pa. 19102
(215) 10 8-6600

May 22, 1975

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen
Chancellor of Diocese of San Diego
Alcala Park, San Diego
California 92110

Dear Monsignor:

We are processing a pension application for Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson under the Diocese of San Diego Pension Plan for Priests.

According to our records Msgr. Thompson has served continuously in the Diocese since his ordination, October 19, 1928. 4/9/28

At your convenience would you kindly confirm the above statement concerning Monsignor's service. We would need this information so that our file will be complete when his application is presented at the Pension Administrative Committee's next meeting scheduled for July 14, 1975.

Sincerely yours,

McGEE AND COMPANY

Dennis J. J. McGee

Dennis J. J. McGee
Administrator
(signed in his absence)

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C O P Y

May 13, 1975

Rev. Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson
St. Edward's Parish
P.O. Box 908
Corona, Dalifornia 91720

Dear Monsignor Thompson:

This is to assure you that you have my permission to reside in your suite of rooms at St. Edward's as long as you desire. I realize that you are very comfortable and you are among your friends. You are beloved by the parishioners and it will be a pleasure for them to see you whenever your health permits you to go among them.

While I assure you of your place of residence, I wish also to commend you on your great priestly service in the Diocese of San Diego and in particular your zealous work in the parish of St. Edward. You are leaving it debt free with a beautiful school and parish plant.

We wish you good health and if it permits you you should continue to participate in the life of the Church as much as you can.

With my gratitude and appreciation go my best wishes for your happiness in retirement.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

cc: ✓ Rev. Thomas Prendergast
Priests' Retirement Board

C O P Y

February 19, 1975

Rev. Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson
St. Edward's Parish
P.O. Box 998
Corona, California 91720

Dear Monsignor Thompson:

I was pleased to learn that Father Ortmann had an opportunity to discuss more fully the reasons of the recommendation of the Personnel Board. I believe that these presentations are valid as they do.

In the many changes in the Church, the great demands made on Pastors today is certainly sufficient reason for retirement. Archbishop Davis of Santa Fe willingly presented his resignation and handed his duties on to Archbishop Sanchez and he seems very pleased in the days of his retirement. There are many today who are willing to give up administration and allow the young men an opportunity to serve in this capacity. Certainly you have every right to retire if you so desire.

I am hereby granting you that permission and I am pleased to have you inform me whenever you have made up your mind to do so.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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Most Reverend Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Bishop Maher:

Recovered a little from the shock you administered to me yesterday I must now tell you my reactions.

Firstly, I reject in toto as fabrications the alleged reasons adduced for my contemplated removal as pastor of St. Edwards.

You said that the parish is rundown. If that is so how is it that the last penny owed on it was paid off just a few weeks ago? Have you ever been kept waiting for payment on any bills or assessments? Have you ever been around almost any night in the week to see the activities of the parish? Have you ever heard of any neglect of the sick or the living in the parish? Have you not heard of the attention given to the Mexican-American part of the parish? We have 1200 CCD students and almost 400 in the school. We have Adult instruction, Bible classes, ultreyas and individual instructions. We also have a few clubs for the young Mexican-Americans. Does that sound like a rundown parish?

The statements that I overindulge in liquor, despite what you say you saw yourself or what "my friends" say is simply not true.

This being the era of post Vatican II I challenge the Personnel Board to produce the evidence on which they based their unanimous judgment. I'm entitled to that.

My health, thank God, is reasonably good despite the wishful thinking of former associates.

If you wish to form a JUST judgment of the parish and of myself come and see for yourself and do not rely on clerical gossip. The facts speak for themselves and it is on facts I would like you to base your conscientious judgment.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Matthew J. Thompson

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Rev. Msgr I. Brent Eagen
The Chancery
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Monsignor Eagen:

Enclosed is a sealed copy of my Last Will
and Testament. This is a new will to replace the one on file
at the Chancery. Will you please return the old one.

With every best wish,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Matthew J. Thompson

Retd 4/17/74

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November 6, 1969



Most Reverend Leo T. Maher
The Chancery, Alcala Park
San Diego, California 92110

Your Excellency:

The Air Force sent me a xerox copy of the accomplishments of one of your priests. I thought that you might be interested in glancing through it when you have a spare moment.

He was chosen as the outstanding Chaplain of the Year of the American Air Force throughout the world and he received his award in Washington, D.C. on October 18. He will be out here in the near future for a short visit before going to Spain and during that time he hopes to be able to pay his respects to you in your office.

I feel a particular pride in the good work that he is doing, seeing that he is my nephew.

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Matthew J. Thompson

Rt. Rev. Msgr. M. J. Thompson

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 314TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (TAC)
SEWART AIR FORCE BASE, TENNESSEE 37169



30 JUN 1969

REPLY TO
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SUBJECT:

Nomination for Terence P. Finnegan Award

TO:

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1. Chaplain, Captain, James N. Thompson is the only Catholic Chaplain at Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee. He runs the Catholic Program while also participating in non-denominational activities. Since coming to this base his main objective has been to develop a vibrant Catholic community with full involvement of all his people. While each of the organizations he has established has its own proper goals, they all work together as members of a family for the good of all. The involvement, interest and cooperation of the single airmen in these programs are outstanding. Chaplain Thompson feels that single airmen should not be viewed as a group apart but rather as members of this family, enriching themselves and all the members through their interest and work. Specific details and significant results which exemplify his performance are:

a. The principal reason for his success with the single airmen is his daily duty station visits. He gets away from the office each day to visit the men at work, in the dining halls, during their leisure hours and in recreational areas. For him there is just no substitute for the friendships established during these visits. The men know he is interested in them as individuals and feel more free to come to him for guidance and counseling. The Catholic Chapel has become a friendly place to stop for lively conversation over a cup of coffee. He personally interviews each Catholic airman arriving on base. With such rapport established among the personnel, he has become the friend of each and every one.

b. As a result of his close contact with the single airmen, the Sunday School program has always had sufficient teachers and substitute teachers. As a matter of fact, there is a waiting list. The many single airmen add the touch of youth and sparkle in the classrooms. Airmen not engaged as teachers or substitutes help as hall guards, teacher assistants and supply handlers. They sponsor programs for the students in cultural and entertainment areas and conduct religious instruction by use of audio-visual aids.

c. Sewart Air Force Base has never had a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) until the single airmen, working with parents as advisors, sponsored a very successful program for the youth. Under Chaplain Thompson's direction, membership has reached 97. Meetings are held twice a month and include religious instruction, guest speakers, outings, fellowship and entertainment.

d. On the first Saturday of each month a folk mass is held, especially for young people. Single airmen have taken a prominent part in developing the music for the mass. Through their work in this field, they are able to form shows for the Sunday School and conduct classes and sing-ins through this medium. This provides for the future in developing ever more meaningful and timely forms of religious and cultural communication.

e. In the home mass program established by Chaplain Thompson, the families invite single airmen to their homes. Friendships are developed and excessive loneliness alleviated. After the masses the period for discussion gives opportunity for exchange of ideas, growth in knowledge of Christian living and good community fellowship.

f. Sewart AFB's first outdoor living Rosary ceremony on 25 May 1969 was planned by single airmen. They solicited and received advice and participation from the Knights of Columbus and local organizations. The spirit of unity and love was evident in the parts each organization played and the reception afterwards in the Chapel Center.

g. The Family Life Conference held 23 - 25 May 1969, had two sessions for single airmen. The large attendance attests to the interest shown by Chaplain Thompson who was project officer for this event. The discussions were lively and comments from the participants showed that they derived much benefit for enrichment of their lives.

h. With the aid of Chaplain Thompson the base participated in the Single Airman Workshop for Catholic personnel. Through his devoted effort the full quota of personnel was met and the conference was held at St Leo, Florida, 28 April through 1 May 1969. These men returned with new ideas and enthusiasm and have shared their experiences with the community. They are now actively engaged in putting their new ideas to work for the benefit of all.

i. This year also saw the beginning of the Parish Council in accordance with the Spirit of Renewal in the church. Elected representatives of each organization in the chapel program met to coordinate their efforts and share their ideas with the chaplain. Chaplain Thompson has provided for the single airmen by having them speak for their interests.

j. Chaplain Thompson started the Catholic Men Society. While working within this structure, the single airmen decided to do something special for their particular group and the idea of the "Lid" was born. "The Lid", a form of coffee-house fellowship and entertainment for all airmen, has proven very popular and promises a great future in presenting something new and unique.

k. When the choir was without a director, Chaplain Thompson obtained help from the single airmen. The new choir director is a single airmen whose major in college was music prior to enlistment in the Air Force. Under his direction the choir has increased in size by 100 percent and enhanced the beauty of the mass. The choir has been so enthusiastic that they will participate in the USAF Choir Contest.

1. With Chaplain Thompson's guidance, the single airmen have taken more leading parts in the worship of the community as choir members, lectors, commentators, ushers and altar boy director.

2. Chaplain Thompson has worked closely with the Installation Chaplain, keeping him informed at all times concerning his work. He is most congenial and brotherly with all chaplain personnel and is loved and respected by all who know him, regardless of religious faith. His performance here makes it easy to understand why he has received the Bronze Star and the Air Force Commendation Medal, with Oak Leaf Cluster, for service prior to his arrival at Sewart Air Force Base.

3. The idea of having the single airmen work in all phases of the chaplain program has proven an outstanding success. They believe they really belong and show that they have much to contribute. The Air Force likes to be known as a happy family with all the blessings that come from living and contributing in this way of life. Single airmen at Sewart AFB know the Air Force is indeed a happy family with much to offer. They know and experience this through the efforts of Chaplain Thompson who has devoted so much time and devotion beyond the call of duty to their welfare. Through his work the United States Air Force has benefitted very much indeed and I hasten to recommend him for the Terance P. Finnegan Award.

WILLIAM F. BROWN, Colonel, USAF
Commander

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November 7, 1969

Reverend Monsignor M.J. Thompeon
Saint Edward Church
P.O. Box 998
Corona, California 91720

Dear Monsignor Thompson:

Bishop Maher is presently in Washington, D.C. attending the National Conference. In his name I am thanking you for the report on Fr. James N. Thompson. It is good to hear this type of news.

His Excellency will send Father a note when he returns.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Reverend Roger A. Lechner
Vice Chancellor - Secretary

November 19, 1969

Rev. Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson
St. Edward's Parish
P.O. Box 998
Corona, California 91720

Dear Monsignor Thompson:

It was a great pleasure for me to receive your very gracious letter concerning one of our outstanding priests serving in the Armed Forces. I hope that ~~it~~ will soon have an opportunity to greet him when he visits here in San Diego.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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Dear Jim:

I'm enclosing a poorly done
Xerox of a letter to mgr. Doxie. I was amazed
at his highly intemperate attack on me
that arose from an unjustified interpretation
of the points. I read - He told me that
you felt insulted, as you should have if
the remarks were as he misinterpreted them.

I talked to some of the priests who were present
& they saw no attack, real or implied, in
the remark. Don told me that the Bishop
knew he was calling me. You may show my
answers to the Bishop, if you so wish.

as ever
W. J. Y.

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Dear Monsignor Doxie:

It is difficult for me to maintain composure in replying to your telephone conversation of yesterday. You had the advantage of me as you were angry when you called and I did not have a chance to get angry until after you hung up unceremoniously.

Your imperious attitude and dictatorial language went out with Urban VI who, I believe, was the last Pope to hang six of his Cardinals.

The notes from which I read covered the life of the priest and that included pastor-assistant relationship, attitudes, duties and courtesies of pastors and assistants and also relationship with the Bishop.

The part which you have interpreted personally is: "They (the priests) should have the right to see the bishop directly without having to tell the nature of their business to those who assist the bishop. All activities concerning personal matters in the Chancery should be kept secret".

All points, including this one, were of a general nature and I do not see why you should take it personally for it was not so intended. I regret very much the Monsignor Booth, whom I admire and respect, should be led to think that I insulted him or you. I also regret that you have placed on me the onus of writing a letter such as this.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Matthew J. Thompson

Rt. Rev. Matthew J. Thompson.

March 9, 1967

Right Reverend Monsignor Matthew J. Thompson
St. Edward Church
P. O. Box 998
Corona, California 91720

Dear Monsignor Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 1967. I have shown this to His Excellency.

You are correct when you state that I did have the advantage of you by being angry when I called you a few days ago. I can honestly say that I have never been so angry nor have I, either before my ordination to the priesthood nor since, spoken so abruptly to a priest. However, I feel that I was justified.

You have not as yet substantiated your right to include in your list of complaints or problems the statement directed to the so-called problem that exists between priests and the Chancery. You seem to think that I have taken this as a personal affront and that I am the only one who has done so. Let me set the record straight. The Bishop also felt this same way, and it was as a result of your statements, that he challenged me concerning the procedure that a priest goes through to see him.

I cannot agree that your remarks are of a general nature in this specific instance. Certainly your statement of Pastor-Assistant relationships can be accepted as general since there are several hundred of these. However, the Priest and Chancery relations of which you speak narrow down to two priests, who in any way whatsoever, have anything to do with a priest seeing his Bishop, namely the Chancellor and the Bishop's Secretary. How much more personal can you get? And you have not come forth with a single specific instance which would give motive and therefore credence to your remarks.

I am certainly in favor of improved attitudes and courtesies between priests and also as much democracy as is possible amongst priests; however, I do not intend to be made the scapegoat simply because I occupy such a very special post. I have always attempted to help the priests of the Diocese in every way possible, your own self included, specifically in your difficulties with past assistants. As far as I am concerned, this ends the issue. I am satisfied that I am doing my best to serve the priests and the Bishop and will continue in this until my superiors see fit to change.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Msgr. Donald F. Doxie
Vice Chancellor - Secretary

November 9, 1966

Right Reverend Monsignor Matthew J. Thompson
St. Edward Church
P. O. Box 998
Corona, California 91720

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor:

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the invaluable assistance you rendered to the Diocese of San Diego and to its Ordinary during the time you served as a Diocesan Consultor.

I am deeply grateful for the time and talent you gave in the fulfillment of the duties of this exacting office.

With prayerful good wishes, I remain

Very devotedly in Christ,

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey
Bishop of San Diego

August 20, 1964

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson
St. Edward's Church
P.O. Box 335
Cornna, California

Dear Monsignor Thompson:

Thank you very much for your kindness in sending me William Shannon's THE AMERICAN IRISH.

Needless to say I am delighted to have this book. With your kind permission, I will bring it with me to Rome and make use of it for "spiritual" reading on the side.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Very sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey
Apostolic Administrator

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

Post Office Box 335
605 WEST FIFTH STREET
CORONA, CALIFORNIA
RE 7-6432

June 23, 1964

Most Reverend Francis J. Furey
Apostolic Administrator
Alcala Park
San Diego 10, California

Your Excellency:

I have recently purchased a new set of Breviaries in English and I respectfully ask your permission to recite the Office in English. My reason for making this request is to gain a better understanding of the Breviary.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Matthew J. Thompson

*Granted
6-24-64*

LAW OFFICES OF
GANAHL & GANAHL

SUITE 2

JOHN T. GANAHL

1011 VICTORIA AVENUE
CORONA, CALIFORNIA
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ALPHONSE E. GANAHL
OF COUNSEL

July 11, 1963

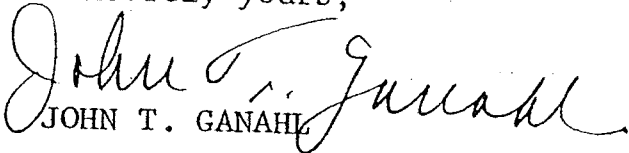
Right Reverend Msgr. James T. Booth
The Chancery
Alcala Park
San Diego, California

Reverend Monsignor Booth:

In accordance with Monsignor Thompson's instructions, enclosed herewith a sealed envelope containing a copy of his last will and testament dated July 3, 1963, the original of which we are retaining in this office for safekeeping.

Will you please return to Monsignor Thompson in care of this office the original will now in your possession, now revoked.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN T. GANAHL

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July 11, 1963

Mr. John T. Ganahl
Ganahl & Ganahl Law Offices
Suite 5
1011 Victoria Avenue
Corona,
California

Dear Mr. Ganahl:

Please be advised that we have placed Monsignor
Thompson's latest will on file. In accordance
with your request we are returning herewith the
former will which is now revoked.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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Saint Edward's Church

TELEPHONE REdwood 7-6432

605 West Fifth Street
Corona, California

April 18 1960

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy D.D.
The Chancery
San Diego, Calif.

Your Excellency:

Your kind telegram of sympathy and Novena of Masses for my brother is deeply and gratefully appreciated by me. I have informed my sister in law of your kindness and she wishes me to express her deep gratitude to you.

His death was sudden and at the comparatively young age of 51. It was a consolation to us all that when he was found dead in bed he had his Rosary beside him.

Most sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ

Matthew J. Thompson

August 3, 1959

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson
605 West Fifth Street
Corona, California

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor Thompson:

Today Monsignor Nuñez brought in your generous check in the amount of \$300.00 for Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel in the Immaculata.

Let me express sincere appreciation for this fine donation and the charity of Christ that inspired it.

Sincerely,

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

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February 27, 1959

The Rt.Rev.Msgr. Matthew Thompson
St. Edward's Church
605 West Fifth Street
Corona, California

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor Thompson:

Would it be possible for you to provide accommodations for His Excellency, the Most Reverend Richard Ackerman, and his Secretary, Father Campion, for the evening of March 21, 1959, after the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's Church. Since the Most Reverend Bishop is leaving for the Confirmation tour this next weekend, would it be possible for you to extend him the hospitality of the rectory by return mail, at the address given below.

With every kind wish,

Sincerely,

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

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His Excellency,
The Most Rev. Richard H. Ackerman, V.G.
Auxiliary to the Bishop of San Diego
2031 Sunset Boulevard
San Diego 3, California

April 15, 1958

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew Thompson
St. Edward's Church
P. O. Box 335
Corona,
California

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor:

Would you please help us out with regard to the enclosed indicated matter from the Corona Cemetery Association. We have tried to find out from them why the Bishop is being billed for the upkeep of the Moreno lots. The only answer we get is that Sister Mary Eliza would want it that way. We are sure she would, but why? Did the Bishop contract to do so, or is this a St. Edward's Parish contract? The Bishop has stated that he has paid it in the past, but doesn't recall who it is for or why. Is it Sister Mary Eliza that is buried there?

If you could contact them and get more than a pious platitude, we would be most grateful.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

TELEPHONE REDwood 7-6432 POST OFFICE BOX 335

605 WEST FIFTH STREET
CORONA, CALIFORNIA

September 2 1957

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy D.D. Ph.D
Bishop of San Diego.

Your Excellency:

Last Friday I called your office and Monsignor Booth told me that you were out that afternoon. My purpose in calling was to let you know that I am taking a few weeks vacation. I'm leaving tomorrow and expect to be back on the 24th of the month. In the meantime Father Bauman S.V.D. is staying here and will take my place.

Trusting that you are in your usual good spirits,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Matthew J. Thompson

September 6, 1955

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson
605 West Fifth Street
Corona, California

Dear Monsignor Thompson:

The writer of the enclosed letter makes some serious charges directly against Father Robert Omaña and indirectly against Father Neri. This case was all thrashed out by me while visiting San Bernardino in June.

The priest referred to as mistreated is Father Guajardo. Because this Padre appeared to be somewhat mental, it seemed prudent to terminate his services in this diocese. You can assure the one writing this letter that Father Guajardo was well taken care of. Father Neri and Father Omaña each gave him \$25.00 a month and when it was necessary for the priests to go out to a restaurant, Father Neri always paid the bills. Over and above that, for the less than three and a half months he spent in this diocese, I gave him personally \$600.00, besides Mass Intentions. So, he was well provided for.

But the honorable barber who writes this letter should be briefed and, at the same time, his wife protected from a possible separation. It will be reassuring to have Your Lordship prudently take care of this difficulty.

Most gratefully in the Lord,

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

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July 20, 1955

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson
605 West 5th Street
Corona, California

Dear Monsignor Thompson:

It is indeed gratifying to note your high esteem for Mr. Alphonse Ganahl.

When applying to the Holy See for Papal Honors, it is necessary to have answers to certain questions indicated on the enclosed form. Please supply me with this information so the petition to the Holy Father can be expedited.

With kindest regards and sincere appreciation,

Faithfully your servant in Christ,

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

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St. Edward's Church

605 W. Fifth Street

Corona, California

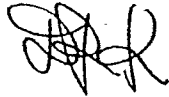
3-29-54

Dear Don:

We are still without a confirmation date &
the good sisters are pestering me and me you.
Quid dicis!

M. J. Thompson

replied 4/1/54



St. Edward's Church

605 W. Fifth Street

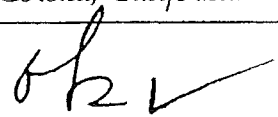
Corona, California

3-24-54

Dear Fr Booth:

I noticed by the So. Cross that
you are taking applications for the Easter Retreat.
I had sent a notice before, but want to make
certain that you hold me a spot for this
retreat after Easter. I'm feeling the need of it.

Sincerely yours
M. J. Thompson



ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

605 West Fifth St.
CORONA, CALIFORNIA

Port Rev. Charles & Buddy PhD. 12-12-'53
528 - 4th Ave
San Diego, Calif.

Telephone 353

Your Excellency:

With renewed thanks for your gracious kindness to me I send you the enclosed card. I'd like it to be much more but I'm finishing up on Noels tuition at the Seminary. Everyone in Corona is most grateful to your Excellency and the current topic of conversation is the two splendid addresses you gave.

Most sincerely yours in Christ
Matthew J. Thompson

December 14, 1953

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson
605 West Fifth Street
Corona, California

Dear Monsignor Thompson:

My cordial thanks for your very generous offering of \$250.00. This provides for all the related overhead and also leaves us a comfortable balance for the Immaculate Heart Seminary building fund.

The ceremonies of your Investiture were indeed most gratifying and true to form you gave the best and the most beautiful part to the Church.

It was also a consolation to note the evident contentment of Father Lawlor with residence in your home.

With cordial and fraternal greetings,

Devotedly your servant in Christ,

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

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Thompson

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH

605 West Fifth St.
CORONA, CALIFORNIA

November 10 1953

Telephone 353

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy Ph.D.
Bishop of San Diego
1528 4th Ave
San Diego 1, Calif.

Your Excellency:

In our meeting at San Bernardino I realized that I am not gifted in the expression of my feelings. Your manifestation of generous kindness in the high honor you procured for me from the Holy Father makes me understand that all the good things we enjoy are truly gifts. All I can say is that I am deeply grateful to your Excellency and I shall always treasure this honor for, in the words of Monsignor Dunne, "it is the gift of the Church and I love it".

The tailor tells me that he shall have the robes ready next week. Sunday afternoon seems to be the traditional time for Investitures and I shall leave the setting of the time to the convenience of Your Excellency.

With renewed expressions of esteem I beg to remain

Most sincerely and gratefully yours,

Matthew J. Thompson

Diocese of San Diego
1528 Fourth Avenue
San Diego, California
U. S. A.

November 11, 1953

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Matthew J. Thompson
St. Edward's Church
605 West Fifth Street
Corona, California

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor:

His Excellency directs me to acknowledge your letter of November 10, and to reply to the same.

The Most Reverend Bishop believes that the most opportune time for your Investiture would be Sunday, December 6, at 5:00 P.M.

Please inform the undersigned secretary as soon as convenient, whether this date and hour is convenient or not. If you would prefer another time or hour please let me know.

The Most Reverend Bishop sends his blessing and cordial regards.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Donald R. Kulleck,
Secretary.

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August 26, 1953

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
St. Edward's Church
605 West Fifth Street
Corona, California

Dear Father Thompson:

I regret I missed you Wednesday morning at the Office. I had a message for you. It is this: it is my earnest wish that you cooperate in the program herewith.

As you are aware, your Dean is on vacation and I am asking popular priests to help complete the program. In your Deanery I have asked Father Flahive to take the place of Monsignor Lynch in this matter. I am asking you in all humility to confer with Father Flahive and divide up the work of solicitation among the priests of the Deanery. I have suggested to Father Flahive that he engage the cooperation of any priest in the Deanery of his own selection. He may have done this, but nevertheless you pitch in with him. I am sure it is your feeling we must make this presentation a pronounced success.

Relying on your good offices and wishing you every success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Right Reverend Monsignor
Thomas J. McNamara, V.G.

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Enclosure

Greenagh
Wentworth
Longford

Aug - 4-52

Worst Rev. Charles F. Buddy A.A.S.

1578-4th Ave

San Diego, Calif.

Your Excellency!

Your kind letter was a great consolation to my family & myself & we are all most grateful to you.

My schedule calls for arrival in L. A. on Aug. 18th. Any day of the week beginning the 7th that would suit your Excellency's convenience would be acceptable to me for the Memorial Mass. If you would set the day & the time ~~it would be very thankful~~ you. ~~Any day~~ Any day 18!

It was good to hear that a favorable settlement had been reached. It will mean a lot of extra work for you in absorbing all these places fully into the diocese. But, thank be to God, it all settled as you excellency wanted.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Matthew J. Thompson

Thompson

August 12, 1952

The Reverend Matthew J. Thompson
605 West Fifth Street
Corona, California

Dear Father Thompson:

A cordial welcome home! This acknowledges your courtesy of August 4, 1952. Your letter mentions any date starting with August 25. If, then, Thursday, August 28, is agreeable, let us reserve that day.

If, however, you wish more time in which to get out a notice, you can let me know. If, instead of sending out a written invitation, you prefer a box notice in the SOUTHERN CROSS that, too, can be arranged if you telephone me not later than Tuesday, August 19. You understand the angle. We shall be happy when you phone if you have the time of the Mass and the Officers you selected.

Renewing sincere esteem,

Devotedly in Christ,

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

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July 24, 1952

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
Greenagh, Newtownforbes
Longford, Ireland

Reverend and dear Father Thompson:

Relative to your esteemed courtesy of July 20, please be assured that the plans you have made to return about August 20 are cordially approved.

That you could write so beautifully and with genuine appreciation for your dear father and all that he stood for does not surprise me. After you return, both your parishioners and your brother priests would like to assemble for a Solemn Mass to be chanted by you for the happy repose of your father's soul. Although our conviction is that he has long since been admitted to the vision of God, we would like to express for him and for you what is in our hearts. When your telegram arrived announcing his passing I consulted some of your friends among the brethren and they counseled me to await your return for this commemoration.

By way of a little welcome news you will be pleased to know that the related trials and the hard work of many years were terminated last week by a message from the Minister General, setting forth the final decision of himself and the Council of the Definitors to cede to the Diocese the parishes of Beaumont, Banning, Ft. Yuma, Immaculate Conception in Old Town and St. Boniface Indian School -- "all things work together unto good".

May you enjoy a little rest before returning home.

Devotedly in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy
Bishop of San Diego

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FATHER DIED 12 HOURS AFTER MY ARRIVAL=

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*Greenagh
 Newtownforbes, Longford, Ireland.*

7/8/52 - 2 30

DIOCESANS JOIN ME IN HEARTFELT SYMPATHY, PRAYERS. NOVENA MASSES STARTS TOMORROW. PLEASE VACATION THERE. BLESSING ALL.

S/ BISHOP BUDDY

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Greenagh
Newtownforbes
Longford
Ireland.

7-20-52

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy Ph.D.
1528 - 4th Ave
San Diego, Calif.

Your Excellency:

I would like to be able to express my deep feelings of appreciation to you for your great kindness to me on the occasion of my father's death. I hesitated to come to Ireland so soon again but I am very happy that I did for everyone seemed to be so pleased.

These old gentlemen who live so close to the soil really live and die like saints. It may sound strange, but it is difficult to feel homesome, for it looks more like someone who has just gone home.

Fr. O'Loole & Fr. McQuinn of L.A. were the officers of the Mass. It was good that they were home for all the local priests were on Retreat.

The earliest plane I could get back is on Aug. 11. That will just get me into Philadelphia in time to see my niece received into the Franciscan Sisters.

I hope to be in Corona about Aug. 20.

With renewed gratitude for your kind expressions
of sympathy & for the Masses for my father.

Most sincerely yours in Christ
Matthew J. Thompson

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH
413 West Sixth St.
CORONA, CALIFORNIA

19 June 1951

Telephone 353

Dear Father Waterfall:

I am enclosing my last Will and wish that you would send the one which is on file back to me. Will you also be so good as to send me a celebrant in care of St. Matthews' Rectory, 216 W. 68th Street, New York. My address for the summer will be Greenagh, Newtownforbes, Longford, Ireland.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours
Matthew J. Thompson

Waterfall

Will returned 6-25-51

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH
413 West Sixth St.
CORONA, CALIFORNIA

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Telephone 353

Dear Father Daniels;

You told me to drop you a line to let you know that I would be absent from the diocese for a few weeks. His Excellency gave me permission the last time I was talking to him. I will be absent for two Sundays and during that time the Resurrection Fathers will send a man to say two Masses on Sundays. Everything else is under control.

With every best wish for the joys of the Sea and if you were a pastor I would also wish you a big collection.

Sincerely yours
M. J. Thompson

October 16, 1946

Rev. Matthew J. Thompson, Pastor,
St. Edward's Church,
413 W. 6th Avenue
Corona, California

Dear Father Thompson:

The officers of the newly formed Court St. Joseph,
No. 1410, Catholic Daughters of America, have requested
the appointment of a Chaplain.

Will you kindly accept this office, not for the honor,
but for the lasting good you can achieve in this
splendid organization.

With every good wish and Blessing, and praying the Holy
Spirit to enfold the Catholic Daughters of Corona and
Narco with an abundance of Divine Grace, I remain

Devotedly your servant in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.

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cc- Mrs. Marcella Burke,
Rte. 1, Box 40-A,
Narco, California

July 10, 1945

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
413 West 6th Avenue
Corona, California

Reverend and dear Father:

It gives me pleasure to invite you to be my
guest during the diocesan retreat at San Diego,
which I presume you will be able to attend.

An immediate acceptance will please me greatly.

Yours very sincerely,

Rt. Rev. Monsignor
Thomas J. McNamara,
C H A N C E L L O R.

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St Vincents Hospital
Los Angeles
May - 8 - 45

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy Ph.D. S.O.
Bishop of San Diego.

Your Excellency:
Your kind and gracious telegram was deeply appreciated by me and I would have written to express my thanks, earlier were it not for the difficulty of adjusting myself to writing in bed.

From what they tell me I'm very fortunate to be alive at all. The shock has worn off. Thank God, and the doctor is waiting for the wound to heal before he operates. The knee cap is so shattered that it cannot be repaired so they will take that out altogether, probably in another week or two. The doctor assures me that it will not mean a stiff knee and that my "prayer-bone" as he calls it, will be almost as good as ever. I'm certainly grateful to God for getting off so lightly. While this is not serious it is tedious and it will probably be well into July before I can walk without a crutch. The doctor says that any undue haste would be unwise because of possible permanent results.

The chaplains have been most kind in helping out in the parish.

Sister Mary Magdalen was in to see me and we had a very nice visit. I pray that she is perfectly recovered.

With renewed expressions of gratitude to
your excellency:

Very sincerely yours in Christ
Matthew J. Thompson

March 21, 1945

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
413 West Sixth Street
Corona, California

Dear Father Thompson:

Your courtesy of March 19 explaining certain correspondence between yourself and the Very Rev. Provincial of the Trinitarians, is gratefully acknowledged. You have handled a delicate situation with fraternal charity, at the same time putting the good of religion where it belongs, in the first place. Any priest who is not willing to learn a little Spanish simply does not belong in this Diocese.

Happy memories still remain of your kind offices as toastmaster last Saturday.

With all good wishes

Faithfully your servant
in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.

ST. EDWARDS CHURCH

413 WEST SIXTH STREET

CORONA, CALIFORNIA

March 19 '45

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy Ph.D. D.D.
Bishop of San Diego
1528 4th Ave
San Diego, Calif.

Your Excellency:

In pursuance of our conversation of the other evening I feel that there are a few other things of which I should inform you so that everything may be in the clear.

When the Provincial of the Trinitarians was out here he asked me to write to him from time to time so that he might keep in touch with the progress of Fr. Philip. He informed me that he would then write and advise Fr. Philip and so aid in directing his development. I wrote to Fr. Nusca twice and noticed some change for the better in the young man afterwards. The last time I wrote I informed him that I asked Fr. Philip to learn Spanish when he came here as he would be of little use in a parish where there are more than 3,000 people who know no other tongue, if he did not know Spanish. At the end of a year it now comes back to me, to quote himself "to learn Spanish would be a waste of time for I will not be here long anyway". I told the Provincial that it would be necessary for me to request a change of curates for the good of souls unless the young man changed his attitude. I did not want to trouble your Excellency with any minor difficulties and I had hoped that with patience and a little pastoral charity there might be a change for the better. However, Fr. Philip is in an unsettled frame of mind and seems determined to leave the order. After observing him for a year I am of the opinion that it would be highly dangerous for him to leave the order. What he needs most now is to return to the order and to learn the practice of obedience. Believe me I say this not with the intention of stating a charge but with a view to his eternal salvation. He is stiffly pious and needs life

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in the order.

From the tone of Fr. Nusca's letter of this morning I think that he intends recalling him.

This note of explanation is offered to Your Excellency to clarify any reference Fr. Nusca may make about letters from me to him.

With sentiments of profound esteem

Faithfully yours in Christ

Matthew J. Thompson

ST. EDWARDS CHURCH

413 WEST SIXTH STREET

CORONA, CALIFORNIA

5-8-'44

Most Reverend, Charles F. Buddy Ph.D., D.D.
 Bishop of San Diego
 1575 - 4th Ave
 San Diego, Calif.

Your Excellency:

Enclosed please find two checks: -
 one for \$1,000⁰⁰ to be added to the St. Edward's account
 at the Chancery; and one in payment of the Mission
 assessment.

During the week Miss Emma Scully died
 and left \$1,000⁰⁰ to this parish "to pay off parish
 debts." After some other requests she left the residue
 of her estate for parish expenses. Mr Ganahl is
 executor of the will.

We are grateful for the confirmation date
 of May 22. However, we may have some difficulty in
 obtaining individual sponsors in the early afternoon
 as all the men and women are working during the
 day.

With all good wishes
 Sincerely Yours in Christ
 Matthew J. Thompson

(Zone 1)

February 23, 1944

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
413 West Sixth Street
Corona, California

Dear Father Thompson:

Will you kindly prepare a paper for the coming
Theological Conference to be held in Riverside
Monday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m.

The subject assigned for you is "Are Mass
Stipends and gifts taxable?"

The "Homiletic" and "Pastoral Review" for Feb-
ruary 1944 treats this subject exhaustively.
In the event that you do not have this perio-
dical, please advise me and a copy will be
sent from here. You can make the subject clear
in 10 or 12 minutes.

With all good wishes, I remain

Your devoted servant in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.

CFB;pc

December 10, 1943

Reverend Matthew J. Thompson
413 West 6th Street
Corona, Calif.

Reverend and Dear Father:

His Excellency directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 7 with the check for \$1,000 and the two \$25 bonds enclosed for the account of St. Edward's in Corona and also the check for the Catholic University.

Enclosed you will find a note for \$1,000 to acknowledge the loan and a check for one year's interest in advance.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Edward A. Johnson
S E C R E T A R Y, P.T.

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May 6, 1943

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
P.O. Box 65
Big Bear Lake, California

Dear Father Thompson:

You are hereby appointed Pastor of St. Edward's Church in Corona effective Tuesday, May 18.

I note from your recent letter that you have been suffering from eyetrouble. There is an eminent oculist Doctor Walker in Riverside whom you may wish to consult.

There is a big work to be done at Corona and your knowledge of Spanish will be very helpful. You are aware, of course, of the large number of Mexicans in the Corona Parish and you understand that they respond to kindness and patience. My earnest hope is that you will make your administration there an outstanding success. The parish is out of debt and has a substantial savings account here at the Chancery. Immediately after the war a new church should be erected in Corona. An active, Catholic U.S.O. Club there could do a tremendous amount of good. The zealous Sisters of St. Francis will second your every effort.

With every good wish and praying the Holy Ghost to enfold you with an abundance of Divine Grace, I remain

Your devoted servant in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.

CONFESSIO FIDEI

Ego, N.N., *Matthew J. Thompson*
firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quae continentur in
symbolo Fidei, quo sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo
in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visi-
bilibium 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 se-
pultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et as-
cendit 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 con-
glorificatur, 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 consti-
tutiones 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
proprio Sacramenta novae Legis a Iesu Christo Domino nostro institu-
ta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis,
necessaria, scilicet, Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Pae-
nitentiam, Extremam unctionem, 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. Pro-
fiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium et propitiator-
ium Sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis; atque in sanctissimo Euchar-
istiae 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.

May 2, 1942

The Reverend Matthew J. Thompson
Route 2 Box 200
San Diego, California

Reverend and Dear Father,

His Excellency, the Most Reverend
Bishop is pleased and thankful to you for the
beautiful memorial cards of Father John Rudden.

However, he begs the privilege of
supplying them himself.

Enclosed please find \$10.00 to cover
the expenses of printing the same.

With every good wish, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Maximilian Kubala, O.M.C.
Secretary P.T.

April 24, 1942

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
Nazareth Home
San Diego, California

Reverend and dear Father:

You are hereby appointed Pastor of St. Joseph's
Church in the city of Big Bear Lake.

You are kindly requested to complete arrange-
ments so that you can be at your new post of
duty not later than 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 9.

Praying upon your new field of labor the
blessing of Almighty God, believe me to be,
with sincere esteem,

Your devoted servant in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.

November 26, 1941

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
Nazareth Home
Route 2, Box 200
San Diego, California

Reverend and dear Father:

After due consideration and for good and sufficient reasons, it is advisable to relieve you of the Editorship of the Southern Cross.

With the issue, therefore, of Friday, November 28, your connection with the paper will completely terminate. This will enable you to give full time to the proper instruction and spiritual care of the orphans at Nazareth Home.

Praying for your work there every blessing, I remain,

Your devoted servant in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.



HOTEL GENEVE

7A DE LONDRES 130
MEXICO CITY
MEXICO.

Sat. Oct - 11 - '41

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy
Bishop of San Diego.

Your Excellency:

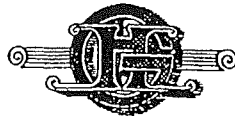
You have conferred a special favor on us by allowing us to visit Mexico City on this pilgrimage and all of us are deeply grateful to you.

When we arrived at Juarez on Tuesday there was considerable delay while the Mex. Immigration inspectors were having a good meal on the American diner that we had with us. However, the dinner put them in such good humor that they examined no baggage. The people on the streets could not figure out why so many priests descended on the

**HOTEL GENEVE**7A DE LONDRES 130
MEXICO CITY
MEXICO.

town at the same time. From there on the journey was like a train trip through Texas - very little to be seen on the vast plains. What little we did see was pitiful poverty.

In Mexico City the delegation was met by the Archbishop and the Apostolic Delegate. There was a large and enthusiastic crowd of people in the depot. Our first trip, direct from the Station, was to the tomb of Padre Pio in the Pantheon de Dolores. I had the special privilege this morning of offering Holy Mass on the altar used by Padre Pio and the server was a lawyer who was a bosom friend of the martyred priest. I offered it up especially for you and for all my friends.

**HOTEL GENEVE**7A DE LONDRES 130
MEXICO CITY
MEXICO.

The dedication of 'Cantwell Hall' was called off. It seems that there is a law forbidding the erection of any more Catholic Churches & as part of the building would be used as a Church permission was refused. The building was well on its way & is now destined to take its place with the great number of unfinished structures to be seen everywhere in Mexico. It is a disappointment but nothing can be done about it.

We are going out to see some more of the sights now. I shall get a story in the mail tomorrow and it should reach the S. Cross in time for Wednesday.

All the priests of San Diego join me in assuring you of special prayers in the Basilica in the morning.

Sincerely yours in J. C.
Matthew J. Thompson

IURISIURANDI FORMULA.

Juxta Motu Proprio *Sacrorum Antistitum* Primi Septembris, 1910.

"Ego.... firmiter amplector ac recipio omnia et singula, quae ab inerranti Ecclesiae magisterio definita, adserta ac declarata sunt, praesertim ea doctrinae capita, quae huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem Deum, rerum omnium principium et finem, naturali rationis lumine per ea quae facta sunt, hoc est per *visibilia* creationis opera, tamquam causam per effectus, certo cognosci, adeoque demonstrari etiam posse, profiteor. Secundo: externa revelationis argumenta, hoc est facta divina, in primisque miracula et prophetias admitto et agnosco tamquam signa certis imae divinitus ortae christianae Religionis, eademque teneo aetatum omnium atque hominum, etiam huius temporis, intelligentiae esse maxime accommodata. Tertio: Firma pariter fide credo, Ecclesiam, verbi revelati custodem et magistram, per ipsum verum atque historicum Christum, quum apud nos degeret, proxime ac directo institutam, eandemque super Petrum, apostolicae hierarchiae principem eiusque in aevum successores aedificatam. Quarto: Fidei doctrinam ab Apostolis per orthodoxos Patres eodem sensu eademque semper sententia ad nos usque transmissam, sincere recipio; ideoque prorsus reiicio haereticum commentum evolutionis dogmatum, ab uno in alium sensum transeuntium, diversum ab eo, quem prius habuit Ecclesia; pariterque damno errorem omnem, quo, divino deposito, Christi Sponsae tradito ab Eaque fideliter custodiendo, sufficitur philosophicum inventum, vel creatio humanae conscientiae, hominum conatu sensim efformatae et in posterum indefinito progressu perficiendae. Quinto: certissime teneo ac sincere profiteor, Fidem non esse coecum sensum religionis e latebris *subconscientiae* erumpentem, sub pressione cordis et inflexionis voluntatis moraliter informatae, sed verum assensum intellectus veritati extrinsecus acceptae ex auditu, quo nempe, quae a Deo personali, creatore ac domino nostro dicta, testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credimus, propter Dei auctoritatem summe veracis.

"Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subiicio totoque animo adhaereo damnationibus, declarationibus, praescriptis omnibus, quae in Encyclicis litteris "*Pascendi*" et in Decreto "*Lamentabili*" continentur praesertim, circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant— Idem repobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiae repugnare, et catholica dogmata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum verioribus christianae religionis originibus componi non posse.—Damno quoque ac reiicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi liceret historico ea retinere quae credentis fidei contradicant, aut praemissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo haec directo non denegentur.—Reprobo pariter eam Scripturae Sanctae diiudicandae atque interpretandae rationem, quae, Ecclesiae traditione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicae Sedis normis posthabitis, *rationalistarum* commentis inhaeret, et critice textus velut unicam supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere amplectitur—Sententiam praeterea illorum reiicio qui tenent, doctori disciplinae historicae theologicae tradendae, aut iis de rebus scribenti seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine catholicae traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus ope ad perennem conservationem uniuscuiusque revelati veri; deinde scripta Patrum singulorum interpretanda solis scientiae principiis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclusa, eaque iudicii libertate, qua profana quaevis monumenta solent investigari.—In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore profiteor, quo *modernistae* tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe deterius, pantheistico sensu illud admittunt; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historiae factis aequandum; hominum nempe sua industria, solertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes aetates continuantium. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retineo et ad extremum vitae spiritum retinebo, de charismate *veritatis certo*, quod est, fuit eritque semper in *episcopatus ab Apostolis successione*; non ut id 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."

(Signature) *Matthaeus Thompson*

Testis: *Laurentius Forristal*

Die 25^a Aprilis, 1914

PROFESSIO FIDEI

"Ego N. firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quae continentur in Symbolo Fidei, quo Sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur; videlicet; Credo in unum Deum Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum 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 coelis. 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 coelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos; cujus 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 baptismum in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

"Apostolicas et Ecclesiasticas traditiones, reliquasque ejusdem Ecclesiae observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item Sacram Scripturam juxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta Mater Ecclesia, cujus est judicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto; nec eam unquam nisi juxta unanimem consensum Patrum accipiam et interpretabor.

"Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novae legis a Jesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis licet non omnia singulis necessaria, scilicet Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Poenitentiam, Extremam Unctionem, 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 solemnibus administratione recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula quae de peccato originali et de justificatione 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 Jesu Christi, fierique conversionem totius substantiae panis in Corpus, et totius substantiae vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem Catholica Ecclesia Transsubstantiationem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas Fidelium suffragiis juvari. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis, offerre, atque eorum reliquias esse venerandas. Firmissime assero, imagines Christi ac Deiparae semper Virginis, necnon 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 magistrum agnosco; Romanoque Pontifici, beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori ac Jesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac juro.

"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 rejectas et anathematizatas ego pariter damno, rejicio 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 constantissime (Deo adjuvante) retinere et confiteri, atque a meis subditis, vel illis quorum cura ad me in munere meo spectabit, teneri, doceri et praedicari, quantum in me erit, curaturum, ego idem N. spondeo, voveo, ac juro. Sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia."

PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET IURISIURANDI FORMULA

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

Ego, N.N., *Matthew J. Thompson*

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"I . . . firmly hold and accept each and every definition of the unerring teaching of the Church, with all she has maintained and declared, but especially those points of doctrine which expressly combat the errors of our time. In the first place I profess my belief that God, the beginning and end of all, can be certainly known and therefore proved to exist by the natural light of reason from the things that are made, that is, from the visible works of the creation as a cause from its effects. Next I recognize and acknowledge the external arguments of revelation, that is, divine facts, especially miracles and prophecies, as most certain signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion, and I hold that these are altogether suited to the understanding of every age and of all men, also of our times. Thirdly, I likewise hold with firm faith that the Church, the guardian and exponent of the revealed Word, was proximately and directly founded by the true and historic Christ Himself, while He dwelt amongst us, and that she was also built upon Peter, the Prince of the Apostolic Hierarchy, and upon his successors to the end of time. Fourthly, I sincerely accept the teaching of faith as transmitted down to us from the Apostles through the orthodox Fathers in the same sense and even in the same wording; and, therefore, I wholly reject the heretical notions of the evolution of dogmas, which pass from one sense to another alien to that which the Church held from the start; and I likewise condemn every error whereby is substituted for the divine deposit, entrusted by Christ to His Spouse and by Her to be faithfully guarded, a philosophic system or the creation of a human consciousness, gradually refined by the striving of men and finally to be perfected hereafter by indefinite progress. Fifthly, I hold for certain and sincerely profess that Faith is not a blind religious sense making its way out of the hidden regions of the sub-liminal consciousness, morally tinged by the influence of heart and will, but is a true assent of the intellect to truth received from without by hearing, an assent whereby we believe to be true, because of the authority of the all-true God; whatever by the personal God, our Creator and Lord, has been spoken, testified and revealed.

Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subiicio totoque animo adhaereo damnationibus, declarationibus, praescriptis omnibus, quae in Encyclicis litteris "Pascendi" et in Decreto "Lamentabili" continentur, praesertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant. Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiae repugnare, et Catholica dogmata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum verioribus Christianae religionis originibus componi non posse. Damno quoque ac reiicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, Christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi liceret historico ea retinere, quae credentis fidei contradicant, aut praemissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo haec directo non denegentur. Reprobo pariter eam Scripturae Sanctae diiudicandae atque interpretandae rationem, quae, Ecclesiae traditione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicae Sedis normis posthabitis, *rationalistarum* commentis inhaeret, et criticeo textus velut unicam supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere amplectitur. Sententiam praeterea illorum reiicio qui tenent, doctorum disciplinae historicae theologicae tradendae, aut iis de rebus scribenti seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine Catholicae traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus ope ad perennem conservationem uniuscuiusque revelati veri; deinde scripta Patrum singulorum interpretanda solis scientiae principiis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclusa, eaque iudicii libertate, qua profana quaevis monumenta solent investigari. In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore profiteor, quo *modernistae* tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe deterius, pantheistico sensu illud admittunt; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historiae factis aequandum; hominum nempe sua industria, sollertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque Apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes aetates continuantium. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retineo et ad extremum vitae spiritum retinebo, de charismate *veritatis certo*, quod est, fuit eritque semper in *episcopatus ab Apostolis successione*; non ut id

"I further, with all due reverence, submit and with my whole mind adhere to all the condemnations, declarations, and ordinances contained in the Encyclical letter *Pascendi* and in the Decree *Lamentabili*, particularly regarding what is called the history of Dogma.

"I also reject the error of those who aver that the Faith proposed by the Church may be in conflict with history, and that Catholic dogmas in the sense in which they are now understood cannot be harmonized with the more truthful "origins" of Christianity. Moreover, I condemn and reject the opinion which declares that a Christian man of better culture can assume a dual personality, one as a believer and another as an historian, as if it were permissible for the historian to hold fast what his faith as a believer contradicts, or to lay down premises from which there follows the falsity or the uncertainty of dogmas, provided only that these are not directly denied. Likewise I reject that method of estimating and interpreting Holy Writ, which, setting aside the Church's tradition and the analogy of Faith and the rules of the Apostolic See, adopts the rationalists' principles and with equal arbitrariness and rashness considers criticism of the text the one only supreme rule. Furthermore, I reject the opinion of those who hold that a teacher of the science of Historical Theology or the writer on the subject must first put aside the notions previously conceived about the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition or about the divine aid promised for the perpetual preservation of each revealed truth; then, that the writings of individual Fathers must be interpreted solely by the data of science, without any reference to sacred authority, and with that freedom of judgment wherewith every profane record is usually examined.

"Finally and in general, I declare myself to be far removed from the error of the modernists who hold that in sacred tradition there is nothing inherently divine; or who—far worse still—admit it in a pantheistic sense; so that thus there would remain only a bare simple fact equal to the ordinary facts of history, viz., that the school started by Christ and His Apostles finds, in the ages that follow, men to carry it on by their energy, their skill, and their genius. Wherefore most firmly do I retain and to my last breath will I retain the Faith of the Fathers of the Church concerning the sure endowment of truth, which

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.

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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..... *Matthew J. Thompson*

Ex loco.....

Die..... *15* mensis..... *Feb* A.D. *1938*

Iuramentum rite coram nobis emissum testamur.

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~~Episcopus~~ (vel Delegatus Episcopi)..... *James J. Ryan*

"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.

St. Joseph's Church

Big Bear Lake

California

1-10-'43

Dear Tom;

My report on the State of the Union, financial, is now ready but find that I have no forms. Would you please send me a few, or am I being premature?

It has been very tranquil here for the last few months - no snow, no people.

With best wishes for the New Year

Sincerely yours

M. J. Thompson

Have received them

May 19, 1943

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
413 West 6th Street
Corona, California

My dear Matt:

I cannot explain to you the pleasure it gives me to have this opportunity of congratulating you on your promotion to the Parish of St. Edward's at Corona. It is apparent that you got the best of the deal since Corona is reckoned above the average as a Parish and has been for some time financially independent.

May I add that I rejoice also in the fact that you have been brought down almost to our level and as a consequence, you may expect to entertain travellers on the highway passing your door.

Again congratulations and every success!

Yours very sincerely,

Very Reverend
Thomas J. McNamara
C H A R C H E L I O N

JUS JURANDUM DE OFFICIO FIDELITER EXSEQUENDO

In nomine Domini. Ego, Matthaeus Thompson
spondeo, voveo ac juro me munus Consultoris
Paroecialis

mihi commissum in hac Curia Sancti Didaci sedulo ac diligenter impleturum; munera mihi in remunerationem, etiam sub specie doni oblata, non recepturum; et secretum officii religiose servaturum in iis omnibus quae Sacri Canones aut Superiores secreta servari jusserint, et quando ex revelatione alicujus actus praejudicium partibus aut Ecclesiae obvenire potest. Sic Deus me adjuvet.

Subscribitur Matthaeus Thompson

Ex loco Sancti Didaci _____

Die 25^a mensis Aprilis, 1940 A.D. _____

Iuramentum rite coram nobis emissum testamur.

N. Laurentius Forstal

October 12, 1938

The Rev. Matthew Thompson
P.O. Box 452
Calexico, California

Dear Father Thompson:

Before his departure for the east, His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, instructed me to inform you that you have been appointed a member of a committee to investigate and report upon problems of parish boundaries within the Deanery of Imperial. His Excellency desires that definite boundaries be fixed for every parish. Please consult the pastors concerned and where there is agreement between them make your recommendations accordingly. In case there is not agreement, the committee is asked to make suggestions.

The boundaries fixed by the Los Angeles Chancery or by Bishop Buddy since the formation of the new Diocese will remain unchanged.

Very Rev. Joseph V. Clarkin is the chairman of your committee. Please get in touch with him as soon as convenient as His Excellency wishes to have a report on this matter as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

Chancellor.

April 11, 1940

The Reverend Mathew J. Thompson
1770 Kearney Avenue
San Diego, California

Reverend and dear Father:

Now that the Holy Ghost Fathers are formed into a vicariate for Lower California, please be advised as follows:

1. All applicants for Marriages, Baptisms and Confirmations from Lower California are to be timely referred back to their respective pastors, unless they bring with them written permission and with a request that you perform a ceremony.
2. In the matter of sick calls if it should be an emergency and no priest is available, you should of course answer the sick call immediately.
3. Those who come, however, to assist to the Sunday or week day Masses are not to be molested.

With every good wish, believe me to be,

Your devoted servant in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.

October 26, 1939

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
P.O. Box 452
Calexico, California

Dear Father Thompson:

You are hereby appointed pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in San Diego. Kindly arrange to leave your present post at eleven o'clock on Tuesday, October 31, so as to be on hand for confessions in San Diego during the afternoon. Father Philip Baldonado, O.F.M., a Mexican Franciscan from Banning has been appointed to assist you for one month until your regular assistant arrives. Having successfully conducted the Mexican Parish in Calexico, we have every assurance of your zealous missionary apostolate in San Diego. Your old friends in this city are happy to welcome you back. Father Michael J. O'Connor will arrive before you leave October 31.

You are also hereby appointed editor of the Southern Cross. Later we shall take up with you the details of your duties.

With all good wishes and praying upon your new administration the blessing of Almighty God,

Faithfully your servant in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.

P.S. Inclosed, herewith, please find questionnaire covering financial conditions of the parish you leave.

CONFIDENTIAL

October 18, 1939

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
P.O. Box 452
Calexico, California

Dear Father Thompson:

It is my plan to make a change in pastors there around November 1. Regarding our conversation on September 19, the thought occurs to me that it might be a hardship to ask you to make the long trips back and forth to Carlsbad and also the expense of building and providing a residence there for you would be great. It would be more practical if we could place you here in San Diego.

Confidentially, do you think you could manage the Mexican Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe here? My understanding is that you can give an instruction in Spanish and that you have no difficulty in hearing confessions in Spanish. You would, of course, have an assistant and one who could speak Spanish. This parish is very desirable and I would like to have it for our own priests.

Please write me your reaction and let me know how many Mexican souls belong to your parish in Calexico and if it has been your custom to read the Epistle and Gospel and give an instruction to them in Spanish.

With all good wishes and trusting to hear from you promptly,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.

Referring to the letter from the Central Office of July 11th which quoted a telegram addressed to the Secretary by Rev. Matthew Thompson, Calexico, California, on the 6th Inst., regarding the prospective exclusion of four religious sisters at that port, to which your reply of course has not yet been received, it is deemed fitting now particularly because of the receipt of a much longer telegram of the clergyman of July 12th, to state that it is the policy of this Department in these sort of cases to regard the expenditure of money for the purpose of securing immigration visas and paying return transportation to the United States as a part of the remuneration for teaching or other duties which these sisters perform, rather than a gratuity as contemplated within the meaning of Section 3 of the 1917 Act. It is therefore ordinarily held that they are not properly excludable as persons whose passage has been paid ~~by~~ for by a society, corporation, association, etc., one of the excludable grounds under Sec. 3 of the Act mentioned.

In the cases of Manuela Reyes Hernandez and Maria Del Carmen Josefina Ruiz Velasco, your No. 11039/181 and Calexico No. 10539/44, whose appeals were sustained, you were informed substantially as above on footnote to the confirmation of telegram sent Calexico on July 12th.

EDW. J. SHAUGHNESSY
Deputy Commissioner

September 7, 1939

The Rev. Matthew J. Thompson
P.O. Box 452
Calexico, California

Dear Father Thompson:

First let me thank you sincerely for your valuable assistance to the Southern Cross by sending us the very fine editorials.

Sometime ago you presented a question regarding the absolution of penitents apparently under a censure from Mexico. After giving the matter considerable study and consulting two outstanding authorities, herewith is submitted the following opinion.

1. Theoretically it would seem that one must deny absolution to such penitents since they are going right back to the occasion of sin forbidden under excommunication.
2. There is a question in my mind as to whether or not these said people are under censure. Subjectively they are in good faith and not conscious of any sin and also not clear and explicit about incurring censure. It is very doubtful if they have, in reality, incurred censure.
3. Presuming, however, that they are under censure their proper Ordinary is after all the best judge of conditions in his Diocese and the presumption is in his See. Surely he knows all the difficulties of the penitents.
4. Practically I would advise such penitents to write to their Ordinaries and explain their difficulties and ask for permission to retain their positions giving the reasons that you gave to me on the occasion of your visit.

In dealing with each individual case, however, let us not forget that it is a very serious thing to refuse absolution and very rarely should it be done.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of San Diego.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

129 FOURTH STREET PHONE 422 CALEXICO, CALIF.

Jan 24 '39

Dear Kenny;

I am returning the forms as requested and have filled in all that I know about the cases. The injuries were so slight that I began to regret having mentioned them when I found out all the questions I had to answer.

With regard to the case from the Rota?, there are a number of Jesus Gonzalez living here and in Mexicali but none of them that I have questioned seemed to know anything about the Senorita Valencia. This is a part of the world where much of the population is nomadic and it is practically impossible to keep track of them. However I will keep my eyes peeled and try some more.

The Very Reverend Dean has written to you about the visit of His Excellency to the Valley, during the week ending April 30. The New Church will be ready for Dedication on that Day, April 30th. If it meets with the approval of the Most Reverend Bishop I would like to arrange this schedule; Dedication ceremony and Solemn Mass coram Pontifice at 11 a.m., Confirmation in the afternoon at 4 and a Civic Banquet in the De Anza Hotel at 7 p.m. But I am always amenable to suggestion.

The matter of a vacation has not yet received the due consideration so necessary for so important a subject. But you gave me an idea. Last year I did not take any but would like to get away for about a month this year sometime towards July or August. I suppose it would take a mandate from His Excellency to get anyone to take my place at that time.

With kindest regards

Fraternally yours in Christ

Matthew J. Thompson

Greenagh

Longford

Ireland - Aug-20-'37

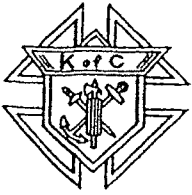
Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy D.D.
Bishop of San Diego.

Your Excellency:

Your very kind letter received yesterday leaves me deeply grateful to you for your generous thought of me. With God's help, I hope to be able to do the Pastor's work in Calexico for, as they say here, "I am sound in wind and limb" and have the desire for the active life. I am particularly happy that there is a good school where I am going.

My father is very thankful to your Excellency for your kind prayers, and thanks to God, seems well improved.

With deep sentiments of esteem for your
Excellency,
Very Sincerely Yours
Matthew J. Thompson



Knights of Columbus

IMPERIAL VALLEY COUNCIL, No. 2130
CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA

Aug. 12, 1939

Most Rev. Bishop,
Charles Francis Buddy, D.D.
Chancery Office
1528 4th Avenue,
San Diego, Calif.

Your Excellency:

The Imperial Valley Knights of
Columbus No. 2130 have appointed our parish priest
Rev. Father Matthew Thompson of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Calexico, California as Chaplain for this Council for
the coming year, and so hereby submit his appointment
for your approval.

Awaiting a favorable reply at your earliest
convenience, I remain

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

Octavio de los Cobos
Octavio de los Cobos
Grand Knight, Imperial Valley Co.
No. 2130
Calexico, California
Box 591

August 3, 1937

The Rev. Matthew Thompson,
Greenagh,
County Longford, Ireland.

Dear Father Thompson:

Many thanks for your kind and thoughtful remembrance of July 17. It is gratifying to learn from your letter that you have so thoroughly enjoyed your well-earned vacation. Please convey my blessing to your devoted father and assure him that prayers for his complete recovery are offered here each day.

Next Thursday the appointments of the Diocese will be announced in the Southern Cross, which paper the Diocese will take over within a couple of weeks.

After serious consideration, you are appointed pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Calexico. My thought is that you will find this a splendid field for activity. With a good school and a large congregation, you will have plenty to occupy you as well as the intense heat. My plan is to leave you there for two years.

If, for any reason of health, you could not take this appointment, please advise me by return mail and we can make some shift. It had been my purpose to write you long ago, but I could not find your address from any of the Fathers of the Cathedral. Father Michael O'Connor will send you a Southern Cross with the list of changes.

With every good wish and praying God to bless you and prosper your labors in Calexico,

Very sincerely yours,

Bishop of San Diego.

Breenagh
Kougford
Ireland.

7-17-'37

Most Rev Charles F. Buddy D.D.
Bishop of San Diego.
Your Excellency;

In traveling around this little Island I often think of San Diego and feel sorry that the two places are so far apart, for I would like to be in both places often.

I trust that your Excellency has been enjoying good health and enjoying the summer in California.

I found all my relatives that I had left in good condition and a fair sized crowd that I had never seen before. My father was in excellent form when I arrived home but unfortunately there has been a recurrence of an old ailment which may be quite dangerous. I trust and pray that it will respond to treatment and recommend him to the kindness of your Excellency's

prayers. The treatment lasts for about six weeks, so he ought to be better by the time I leave home.

The weather has been good in spots and much better, I am told, than last year. The whole country is like an immense garden with plenty of green growth everywhere. A strange thing to be noted in Ireland is the grass growing on the doorsteps of Protestant churches alongside the ruins of Abbeys destroyed to build those churches.

The priest at one of the local churches was looking at the disused bell of a Kirk and said to a boy 'Johnny, did you ever hear that bell ringing?' 'No, father, only when we peg stones at it when we are going home from school.'

With kindest regards to all the household and with sentiments of esteem

Sincerely Yours in Christ

Matthew J. Thompson

April 5, 1937

The Reverend Matthew J. Thompson
346 Beech Street
San Diego, California

Dear Father Thompson:

You are appointed Special Defensor Vinculi in the case
of Joseph O. Selby and Frances Fay Ellis.

Kindly review the evidence and in scriptis declare
whether or not you waive the right of a trial or whether
or not you have any objection to a declaration of nullity.

Very sincerely yours,

Bishop of San Diego

April 4, 1937
St. Mary's Parish,
Escondido, Calif.

Our Dear Bishop Buddy,

The altar boys of Escondido request that Father Thompson be appointed permanently in this parish,

We have the honor to remain your humble servants.

Signed, Lee Edward Ross,

Bernard Waneck

Jack Laryalere

Bobby Mornau

Bennie Weseloh

February Thirteenth
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Reverend Matthew Thompson;
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH,
346 Beach Street,
San Diego, California.

Dear Father Thompson:

His Excellency, the Most
Reverend Bishop has directed me to tell you, that
on account of the condition of your father's health
he is favorable disposed to grant you permission
to go home this year.

However, as we are very short
of priests, it will be necessary for you to arrange
for some priest that will be satisfactory with the
pastor.

Very sincerely yours,

S e c r e t a r y

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November Fifth,
19 34

Rev. Matthew Thompson,
316 North Ave. 61,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Reverend and dear Father:

Enclosed find your
official appointment as Assistant to the
Right Reverend J. M. Hegarty, St. Joseph's
Church, San Diego.

It is the wish of
the Most Reverend Bishop that you take up
your duties there not later than Friday,
November 9th.

Sincerely yours,

C h a n c e l l o r .

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PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. MATTHEW JOSEPH THOMPSON

SOCIAL SECURITY #) * \$es (

NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name Matthew and Mary Doris Thompson
 Birth Date and Place January 14, 1905, Longford, Ireland
 Baptism Date and Place St. Mary's Church, Newtownforbes, Longford, Ireland
 Present Citizenship American
 If Naturalized, Date and Place December 22, 1933, Los Angeles
 Elementary School—Dates and Places 1911 - 1914, Melview National
1914 - 1916 Garrowhill National, 1916 - 1917 Melview
 High School—Dates and Places St. Mel's College, Stepember, 1917 - June, 1922
 College—Dates and Places
 Seminary—Dates and Places St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif. 1922--1923
Sept. 1923 - June, 1928, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, New York
 Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places
 Degrees—Dates and Places
 Ordination Date and Place St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, N.Y. June 9, 1928
 Ordaining Prelate Most Rev. Emmet Walsh
 Ordained for what Diocese Los Angeles and San Diego
 If incardinated in San Diego, Date June 9, 1928
 If not incardinated, Date of Arrival
 What foreign languages can you speak? Spanish
 Name and address of nearest relative or friend
 State where last will and testament is filed
 List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception Domestic Prelate - 10/21/53.
 State any special work or assignment and give dates Editor SOUTHERN CROSS 1959 - 1941
Diocesan Consultor 6/9/53

PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. MATTHEW JOSEPH THOMPSON
 NAME IN FULL

In re FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

Have you contracted any funded debts such as bank loans?.....

If so, in what amount?.....

Do you owe any current accounts?.....

If so, in what amount?.....

List of Appointments since Ordination

TOWN	PARISH	CAPACITY	DATES
Los Angeles	St. Gregory's	Assistant	10/28 - 5/30
Los Angeles	St. Ignatius	"	10/30 -
San Diego,	St. Joseph's	"	11/1/34 - 10/37
Calexico	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Pastor	10/37 - 11/39
San Diego	Our Lady of Guadalupe	"	11/39 - 12/40
San Diego	Nazareth Home	Chaplain	12/40 - 5/42
Big Bear Lake	St. Joseph's	Pastor	5/42 - 5/18/43
CORONA	St. Edward's	Pastor	May 18, 1943 6/7/75
Msgr. Thompson retired June 7, 1975. Pastor Emeritus and in residence at			
St. Edward's Parish in Corona.			
Msgr. Thompson died in Corona Sunday, October 3, 1976.			
Solemn Obsequies at St. Edward's as follows: Rosary, in English & Spanish,			
followed by a vigil service on Tuesday p.m. A Spanish Mass was offered at 9 a.m.			
Wednesday morning by Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez, Aux. Bp. of San Diego. Principal			
celebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial was Most Rev. Leo T. Maher, Bishop			
San Diego at 11 a.m. The homilist was Most Rev. William A. Johnson, Bishop			
Orange. Interment was in Crestlawn Cemetery, Riverside County. 10/6/76.			

Please type answers in full and return to the Chancery Office, 1528 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, California

(Over)

THOMPSON - CDF 00094

1 LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

2 OF

3 MATTHEW J. THOMPSON

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5 I, MATTHEW J. THOMPSON, a Roman Catholic Priest of the
6 Diocese of San Diego, with the title of a Monsignor, a resident
7 of the City of Corona, County of Riverside, State of California,
8 being of lawful age and sound and disposing mind and memory,
9 and not being actuated by duress, menace, fraud or undue influence
10 hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and
11 Testament and hereby expressly revoke any and all former wills
12 and codicils thereto heretofore made by me.

13 FIRST: I direct that my funeral be conducted in St.
14 Edwards Roman Catholic Church, Corona, California. I desire that
15 my remains be buried in the Crestlawn Cemetery, in the County of
16 Riverside, State of California, and that the Thomas-Miller
17 Mortuary of Corona, California, or its successor in interest,
18 arrange for the funeral services.

19 SECOND: I direct the payment of my just debts as soon
20 after my death as practicable.

21 THIRD: I direct my executor to have 200 masses offered
22 for the repose of my soul by the Columban Fathers of St. Columban
23 Nebraska. The total amount of the stipends for these masses
24 shall be \$1,000.00. I further direct my executor to arrange with
25 the Columban Fathers for the offering of an additional 200 masses
26 as soon after my death as practicable for all mass stipends that
27 I may have forgotten to satisfy during my lifetime.

28 FOURTH: I hereby give, and bequeath \$2,000.00 each to
29 my nephew, MATTHEW J. THOMPSON of Longford, Ireland, and my niece
30 MRS. LOUIS MC DONALD of Kilmagish, Ireland. In the event either
31 of them shall not survive me, then the share of my estate herein
32 bequeathed to that person shall go and be distributed to that

1 person's then living children in equal shares.

2 FIFTH: I give and bequeath \$1,000.00 to ST. MARY'S
3 CHURCH, Newtown Forbes, Longford, Ireland, to be used for church
4 purposes.

5 SIXTH: I give and bequeath \$500.00 to my friend and
6 helper, MODESTA SAUCEDO.

7 SEVENTH: I give and bequeath my stereo set and records
8 to my niece, MRS. PAULINE MIRANDA.

9 EIGHTH: I give and bequeath my automobile to MR. and
10 MRS. DOMENICK MC NELLIS of Puente, California, or the survivor of
11 them.

12 NINTH: I give and bequeath \$1,000.00 to the ST. VINCENT
13 de PAUL SOCIETY, for the use of the poor of St. Edward's Parish,
14 Corona, California.

15 TENTH: I give and bequeath my large bookcase to MRS.
16 CHARLES CORONA, of Corona, California.

17 ELEVENTH: I give and bequeath my Zenith television set
18 to my niece, EILEEN GREGG of Los Angeles, California.

19 TWELFTH: I hereby give, devise and bequeath all the
20 rest and residue of my estate of whatever kind and wherever
21 situate, to my nephew, MATTHEW J. THOMPSON and his wife of
22 Longford, Ireland, share and share alike or the survivor of them.

23 THIRTEENTH: I direct my executor to advise St.

24 Bernard's Alumni Association of Rochester, New York, of my death
25 as soon after my death as practicable.

26 FOURTEENTH: If any person who, if I died wholly or
27 partly intestate, would be entitled to share in my estate shall,
28 in any manner whatsoever, directly or indirectly, contest this
29 will or attack or oppose in any manner, or seek to impair or
30 invalidate any provision hereof, or shall in any manner whatsoever
31 conspire or cooperate with any person or persons attempting to do
32 any of the acts or things aforesaid, then in each of the above

1 mentioned cases I hereby bequeath to such person the sum of One
2 Dollar (\$1.00).

3 FIFTEENTH: I hereby appoint and constitute as executor
4 of this will my nephew, REV. JAMES NOEL THOMPSON, without
5 requirement of bond. In the event for any reason he is not so
6 appointed or constituted, I hereby appoint my friend and attorney
7 ARTHUR R. SEIDLER, without requirement of bond.

8 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at
9 Corona, California this 7th day of November, 1975.

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11 ~~8~~ MATTHEW J. THOMPSON
12 Testator

13 The foregoing instrument, consisting of three pages,
14 including this page, was at the date hereof by the testator,
15 MATTHEW J. THOMPSON, signed as and declared to be his Last Will
16 and Testament, in the presence of us who, at his request and in
17 his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed
18 our names as witnesses thereto. Each of us observed the signing
19 of this will by the testator, MATTHEW J. THOMPSON, and by each
20 other subscribing witness, and knows that each signature is the
21 true signature of the person whose name was signed.

22 Each of us is now more than 21 years of age, and a
23 competent witness, and resides at the address set forth after
24 his name.

25 We are acquainted with the testator, MATTHEW J. THOMPS
26 who is at this time over the age of 18 years, and to the best of
27 our knowledge, the testator is of sound mind and is not acting
28 under duress, menace, fraud, misrepresentation, or undue influen

29 is true and correct.
30 We declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing

31 Executed this 7th day of November, 1975, at
32 Corona, California.

8 Helen L. King residing at Corona, California.

9 Arthur R. Seidler, residing at Corona, California.