

December 20, 1979

REDACTED

Mr.

Brookhaven, Georgia 30319

Dear Mr. REDACTED:

We have your letter of December 18, 1979 inquiring about your second cousin, Rev. Msgr. Joseph V. Clarkin, retired. His last address was 6333 Rancho Mission Road, Nazareth Retirement Home, San Diego, 92108.

Msgr. Clarkin died of a heart attack on February 9, 1979 in a Travelodge Motel in Brawley, California. He suffered apparently from hypertension and was found dead in bed.

A copy of our letter sent to all the priests in the diocese gives more information and is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen  
Chancellor

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December 18, 1979

Chancery Office  
Diocese of San Diego  
San Diego, California 92138

Dear Reverends:

I am seeking information about a second cousin of mine the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph V. Clarkin (Retired) formerly Pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea, La Jolla, California whose last address was 633 Rancho, Mission Road, San Diego, California 92103.

A returned letter indicated he was deceased, but no additional information. By chance if you have any information as to date of death, burial site, etc. I would appreciate forwarding it to me. Father Clarkin was ordained in Ireland and came to this country in 1920.

My thanks for your interest.

~~Cordially~~  
REDACTED

deC/s

**CORONER'S REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

J. LEONARD SPEER, SHERIFF-CORONER  
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

<b>IDENTIFICATION</b>	Coroner No. <u>79-8710</u>
	Classification <u>Misc. Natural</u> Date of Report <u>February 13, 1979</u> ( <u>Heart</u> )
	Name of Decedent <u>Joseph V. Clarkin</u> Wgt. <u>175</u> Race <u>White</u>
	Sex <u>Male</u> Age <u>77 yrs.</u> DOB <u>060101</u> Ht. <u>5'8"</u> Hair <u>Black</u> Eyes <u>Blue</u>
	Identifying Characteristics <u>None</u>
	Birthplace <u>Ireland</u> Occupation <u>Priest</u>
	Employer <u>Church</u> SSAN <u>571-50-4360</u>
	Marital Status <u>Never</u> Name of Spouse <u>N/A</u>
	How Identified <u>CA Drivers License V0401350</u> Fingerprints <u>None</u> FBI <u>CH</u>
	RESIDENCE
INJURY	Place of Injury _____ Time _____ Date _____ At Work _____ Describe How Injury Occurred _____
PLACE OF DEATH	Place of Death <u>Travel Lodge Motel, Brawley, California</u> Time ED <u>0950</u> Date <u>Feb. 9, 1979</u> Inside Incorporated City <u>Yes</u> Reported By <u>Brawley Police Department, Brawley, California</u> Length of Stay in County of Death <u>Unknown</u> Years. State <u>Unknown</u> Year _____
NEXT OF KIN	Nearest Relative <u>Unknown</u> Relationship _____ Address _____ Person Notified <u>Father Eagen</u> Relationship <u>Priest</u> Address <u>San Diego, California (714-298-7711)</u> Who Notified <u>Enrico DeMarco</u> Time <u>1100</u> Date <u>Feb. 9, 1979</u>
PROPERTY AND REMAINS	Remains to <u>Frye Chapel, Brawley, CA</u> Orders of <u>Coroner</u> Property Receipt No. <u>5291</u> Cash <u>\$36.40</u> Disposition <u>Released to Enrico DeMarco</u>
MEDICAL	Autopsy <u>Yes</u> By <u>F. R. Modglin M. D.</u> Time <u>1540</u> Date <u>Feb. 9, 1979</u> Place <u>Frye Chapel, Brawley, California</u> Photos <u>None</u> Present <u>Glen Iverson, A R Crowder</u> Cause of Death <u>Coronary Artery Occlusion</u> Due To <u>Hypertensive Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease</u> Due To _____ Contributing _____
INVESTIGATION	Blood Alcohol <u>None done</u> Barbiturates <u>None done</u> Pathology <u>None done</u> Other <u>None</u> Witnesses 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ SYNOPSIS: <u>Decedent was last seen February 8, 1979 at approximately 2100 hours</u> <u>Found on February 9, 1979 at approximately 0950 hours.</u>  Investigator <u>A R Crowder, Deputy Coroner Investigator</u> Copies To: _____

OREN R. FOX Sheriff-Coroner  
1097 Airport Road  
Imperial, CA

CLARKIN CDF 00009

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

RIGHT REVEREND JOSEPH V. CLARKIN

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I, RIGHT REVEREND JOSEPH V. CLARKIN, a resident of the County of San Diego, State of California, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under duress, fraud or the undue influence of any person whomsoever, do hereby make, publish and declare this my Last Will and Testament, and I do hereby expressly revoke all former Wills and Codicils to Wills by me made in the manner following, that is to say:

FIRST: I direct that all my personal bills, expenses of last illness, funeral expenses and luncheon for the Clergy be paid by my Executor. I direct that La Jolla Mortuary have charge of my funeral. I direct that my body be decently buried with proper regard to my station in life and the circumstances of my estate. I request that my funeral, rosary and Mass take place in Mary, Star of the Sea Church, La Jolla, where I was Pastor for thirty years. It is my express wish that there be no eulogy or homily at my funeral Mass, except for a short meditation on death by Father Thomas F. Byrne, if he is available and that one decade of the rosary be recited after the Mass in honor of Mary, Star of the Sea, for the happy eternal repose of my soul.

SECOND: I direct that the sum of NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$900.00) be distributed to my Executor out of my estate

to be held in trust by him for redistribution to other priests of his choice for the purpose of having three hundred (300) Masses offered for the repose of my soul, and that an additional sum of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) be so distributed for the purpose of having one hundred (100) Masses offered for the repose of the souls of my deceased parents and family.

THIRD: I give and bequeath my clothing, personal effects and such household furniture as I may possess at the time of my death to FATHER THOMAS F. BYRNE or if he is then deceased, to FATHER MICHAEL J. COUGHLAN of St. Michael's Church, Poway, California, to be disposed of by said recipient as he may see fit.

FOURTH: I give the following cash bequests to the following persons:

a. To REDACTED  
Ireland, the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,000.00).

b. To REDACTED  
Meath, Ireland, the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000).

c. To REDACTED  
New Jersey 07002, the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00).

d. To REDACTED  
Lakewood, New Jersey 08701, the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00).

e. To REDACTED  
Lakewood, New Jersey 08701, the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00).

f. To REDACTED  
Plains, New Jersey 07060, the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00).

g. To REDACTED  
ellen, New Jersey 08812, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00).

LARS (\$5,000.00) to be disposed of as she sees fit. It is my desire which is not binding on her that she use the said funds for the support and education of her children.

h. To REDACTED  
Payonia Ct., Bayonne, New Jersey 07002, the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00).

i. To REDACTED  
#4 Pavonia Ct., Bayonne, New Jersey 07002, the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00).

j. To REDACTED  
relative, 110 N. Columbus Ave., Apt. 6, Glendale, California 91203, the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000).

k. To REDACTED  
Los Angeles, California 90006, the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00).

l. To THE CARMELITE SISTERS, 5158 Hawley Boulevard, San Diego, California, the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00).

m. To THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL ADORATION, 3888 Paducha Street, San Diego, California, the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00).

n. To REDACTED  
ireland, or the survivor of them, the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help raise and educate their family, but such desire on my part is not binding on them and they shall be free to dispose of said funds as they or the survivor see fit.

o. To REDACTED Knockaraheen, Virginia, County Cavan, Ireland, or the survivor of them the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) to help raise and educate their family, but such desire on my part is not binding on them and they shall be free to dispose of said funds as they or the survivor see fit.

p. To REDACTED Lurganboy, Virginia, County Cavan, Ireland, or the survivor of them the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00).

q. To MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY, Nirmal Eridy, c/o Monsignor J. R. Feiten, 1315-12th Avenue N. W., Rochester, Minnesota, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000).

r. To the COLUMBAN FATHERS, 2600 North Vermont Street, Los Angeles, California, for their Missions the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00).

s. To the SISTERS OF MERCY, Box 155, Kitui Post Office, Kenya, East Africa, the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00).

t. To FATHER THOMAS J. BYRNE, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, San Ysidro, California, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to be used for the building of the proposed new church in said parish.

u. To the SISTERS OF NAZARETH, Nazareth House, San Diego, California, the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) to be used for their orphanage.

v. To MRS. REDACTED 12576 Lomica Drive, San Diego, California 92128, the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00).

w. To the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00).

x. If any of the foregoing bequests are not disposed of to the persons or organizations named in each such subparagraph, either by reason of death or otherwise, then I direct that the sum of money bequeathed under said subparagraph shall be disposed of as part of the residue of the estate. I further direct that if there are insufficient funds to pay all of the foregoing bequests, then the gift in paragraph w. to the SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH shall first lapse, and if there are still insufficient funds, then all of the remaining bequests shall be reduced proportionately.

FIFTH: All of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to THE DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO, a corporation sole, to reimburse the San Diego Diocesan Clergy Plan for what it has paid me during the time of my retirement and for what it has paid for my doctor's and hospital bills during my illness.

SIXTH: a. For the information and guidance of my Executor, I hereby state that at the date of my death, I may have

a bank account in the Central Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin, Ireland. I direct that such asset be sold and the proceeds divided as follows: SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) thereof to be given to the KILTEEGAN FATHERS, County Wicklow, Ireland, and the remaining TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) to be given to the ABBOT OF KILNACROT, Ballyjamesduff, Co. Cavan, Ireland, toward the building of the new Monastery.

SEVENTH: I intentionally and with full knowledge omit to provide for any of my heirs or relatives or for any person or persons claiming to be such, whether now living or hereafter born, except as provided in this Will.

EIGHTH: If at the time of my death I own my residence at 12206 B. Rancho Bernardo Road, Rancho Bernardo, California, then I direct that such residence shall be sold. I further direct that MONSIGNOR DANIEL COLLINS, St. Lawrence Martyr Church, 1900 Prospect Street, Redondo Beach, California 90277, be given the first choice to purchase said residence before said property is offered for sale to the open market.

NINTH: I appoint Reverend THOMAS F. BYRNE as Executor to serve without bond. If for any reason he is unable, unwilling or fails to serve as said Executor, then I appoint Reverend MICHAEL J. COUGHLAN as Executor to serve without bond. I direct



that all death taxes of every kind which may be due by reason of my death be paid from the residue of my estate without apportionment, deduction or reimbursement therefor. I authorize my personal representative to sell property of my estate subject to court confirmation as may be required by law. I request my personal representative to retain my attorney, VINCENT J. McMAHON.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 27th day of March, 1978.

JOSEPH V. CLARKIN  
RIGHT REVEREND JOSEPH V. CLARKIN

The foregoing instrument consisting of six (6) pages, including this page, was subscribed on the date thereof by the Testator, RIGHT REVEREND JOSEPH V. CLARKIN, and at the time of subscribing was declared by him to be his Last Will. Said subscription and declaration were made in our presence, we being present at the same time, and we, at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have signed said instrument as witnesses thereto.

JACK E. COOPER

Residing at 2010 Flying Hills Lane

El Cajon, CA 92020

LOUISE WILLIAMS

Residing at 2821 Carleton St.

San Diego, CA 92106

January 27, 1954

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph V. Clarkin  
Mary Star of the Sea Church  
7727 Girard Avenue  
La Jolla, California

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor:

His Excellency directs me to inform you that REDACTED  
2320 Frederick Blvd., St. Joseph, Missouri, has expressed in-  
terest in the projected Pilgrimage to Rome for the Marian Year.

REDACTED is a wealthy Catholic and has been very generous to  
the Church in the past. Consequently, the Most Reverend Bishop  
would appreciate it very much if you would send her a personal  
invitation to accompany the Pilgrimage to Rome. He will appre-  
ciate anything that you can do to assist REDACTE .

With every good wish,

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Donald R. Kulleck,  
Secretary.

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January 22 1954

The Most Reverend Charled Francis Buddy  
Bishop of San Diego  
1528 Fourth Avenue  
San Diego, California

Your Excellency:

Enclosed are a few of the folders descibing the coming STAR OF LA JOLLA PILGRIMAGE to Rome which I am sure you will want to have.

There seems to be considerable interest in our planned trip and we already have some deposits paid in.

Also enclosed are post cards that Monsignor has asked me to forward to you. Mary Star of the Sea is certainly a beautiful structure and I think these cards ALMOST do it justice.

I am at your service for anything you might want me to do relative to the PILGRIMAGE and if you want more of these folders, I will get them to you at once.

Most respectfully yours,

*Paul D. Spillane*

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*FK - Thank you for courtesy - ask mung. Clarkin to write & send literature as personal invitation to Miss Mary U. Neipp 2820 Frederick Blvd., St. Joseph*

*Miss Neipp by long distance expressed which to go. She is a wealthy Catholic*

Clarkin

Right Rev Charles Buddy

4 Paronia Ct  
Bayonne N.J.  
Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 51

Dear Bishop Buddy

When I received your wonderful Telegram last May I was overjoyed at the great news about my nephew Fr Joe and wanted to write and thank you at once. I did not have your address and besides I have never had the honor of writing to a Bishop before. I thought it best to write to Fr Joe in Ireland for your address, He was in Rome at the time and delayed until now in replying to me. I assure you I regret the delay. I wish to say here that I heard your clear voice on records in your address at the Mass offered for Fr Joes Silver Jubilee and for this I also wish to sincerely thank you

I am now 77 years living in the world. your message was the most wonderful I ever got in all these years

With Best wishes for you

I am Sincerely yours

Peter Swaney

now we must change Fr Joe to Monsignor