

PRIEST FILE

PERSONAL RECORD OF REV.

JOSEPH ROSSELL

NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name. ROSSELL, John and Coma Mary
 Birth Date and Place. July 20, 1907 - Baga' (Barcelona) Spain
 Baptism Date and Place. Baga, St. Steve Parish, July 25, 1907
 Present Citizenship. Spaniard
 If Naturalized, Date and Place. _____
 Elementary School—Dates and Places. Baga' 1912-1918, San Julian de Vilatoria 1919-1922

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 Ordained for what Diocese. titulo Messone Commussis in Congregatione Filiorum Sacrae Famislie
 If incardinated in San Diego, Date. March 19, 1954
 If not incardinated, Date of Arrival. March 13, 1953
 What foreign languages can you speak? Spanish, English, Italian, French
 Name and address of nearest relative or friend. Richard Guardiola (nephew) Firebaugh, Box 923, Calif.
 State where last will and testament is filed. None
(The Clergy are obliged to deposit at the Chancery the original or a copy of their last will. Dioc. Stat. No. 231)
 List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception. _____

 State any special work or assignment and give dates. _____

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BANKCAL**THE BANK OF CALIFORNIA**SAN BERNARDINO MAIN OFFICE 714-889-9931
PO BOX 851, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92403

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FATHER JOSEPH C ROSSELL
CLINICA SALUS INFIRMORUM
C/O LOUIS CONSTONS 130
BANOLAS GERONA
ESPANA 00000STATEMENT DATE
07/12/82ACCOUNT NUMBER
040-906371

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Please notify your branch office of any errors in the above address.

BEGINNING BALANCE	DEPOSITS AND CREDITS	CHECKS AND DEBITS	SERVICE	ENDING BALANCE
AMOUNT 5,296.27	NO. 3 AMOUNT 785.59	NO. 0 AMOUNT .00	CHARGE .00	AMOUNT 6,081.86

CHECKING ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
06/29	300.00	DEPOSIT
07/01	459.00	DEPOSIT
07/12	26.59	INTEREST PAID

DAILY BALANCE

DATE.....	BALANCE	DATE.....	BALANCE	DATE.....	BALANCE
06/09	5296.27	07/01	6055.27		
06/29	5596.27	07/12	6081.86		

6/9 - date of death

AVERAGE BALANCE THIS PERIOD 5,591.25

INTEREST PAID YEAR-TO-DATE 160.63

PLEASE NOTE AN ASTERISK(*) NEXT TO A CHECK NUMBER
INDICATES A BREAK IN THE CHECK NUMBER SEQUENCE.

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ESTATE OF JOSEPH ROSSELL
RICHARD R. GUARDIOLA, EXECUTOR

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ELOW FOR FILING STAMP ONLY)

PAY TO
THE ORDER OF

ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF SAN DIEGO \$ 5,296.27

Five thousand two hundred ninety six and 27/100 DOLLARS

SECURITY PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK
Claremont Office #0133
203 Yale Ave., Claremont, CA 91711

Richard R. Guardiola
RICHARD GUARDIOLA, Executor

Distributive Share

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

In the matter of the Estate of:)
JOSEPH ROSSELL)
Deceased)

NO. PW 4227

RECEIPT FOR DISTRIBUTIVE
SHARE

RECEIVED OF RICHARD GUARDIOLA, as Executor of the Estate of
JOSEPH ROSSELL, all of the property due:

1. Funds from Bank of California, San Bernardino Branch
in the amount of \$ 5,296.27

and in accordance with the terms of the Decree of Distribution
heretofore entered in this matter. Said funds are to be used
for the celebration of masses for the repose of the soul of JOSEPH
ROSSELL.

Dated: 7/27, 1983

ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF
SAN DIEGO

By */s/ BMC*
sent same date

William E. Dennis

A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

212 YALE AVENUE

Claremont, California 91711

(AREA CODE 714)

624-9112

July 26, 1983

Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego
San Diego Catholic Diocese
Al Cala Park
San Diego, CA

Re: Estate of JOSEPH ROSSELL, Deceased

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Check in amount \$5,296.27 as your share of the above-entitled estate according to the Last Will and Testament of Joseph Rossell, deceased;
2. Receipt for Distributive Share; and one copy;
3. Return envelope.

Please sign the Receipt and return it to my office in the enclosure provided indicating you have now received your full share of the estate. It will then be filed with the court.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Also enclosed is the section of Joseph Rossell's Will indicating instructions for the use of said money.

Yours very truly,


WILLIAM E. DENNIS

WED/c
enclosures

Last Will and Testament

OF

JOSEPH ROSSELL

I, JOSEPH ROSSELL, A Catholic Priest, presently residing in the County of Los Angeles , State of California, being of lawful age and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under duress, meance, fraud or the undue influence of any person whomsoever, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, and do hereby expressly revoke all former Wills and Codicils to Wills previously made by me.

FIRST: I give, devise and bequeath all of my estate, whether real, personal or mixed, wherever situated, and however held, in or to which I have any right, title or interest, or which may be held by any person for me in trust, as follows:

a) All monies held in an account at the BANK OF CALIFORNIA, San Bernardino Branch, San Bernardino, California, to the ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SAN DIEGO, a sole corporation, for the celebration of masses for the repose of my soul.

b) All of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to the SONS OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

SECOND: I have intentionally omitted to provide in this Will for any of my relatives or any other person whatsoever, whether claiming to be an heir of mine or not.



Diocesan Office
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

Date _____

TO: *file*
FROM: *Pomraney*

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|--|---|
| ☐ FOR YOUR INFORMATION | ☐ SEE ME |
| ☐ FOR YOUR COMMENTS | ☐ REPLY & SEND ME COPY |
| ☐ FOR YOUR APPROVAL | ☐ NOTE & RETURN |
| ☐ TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION | ☐ NOTE & FILE |
| ☐ CALL ME | ☐ FOR YOUR SIGNATURE |

COMMENTS:
*Will of 1/20/61
superceded by
will admitted to
probate.*

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

 Last Will and Testament
of
JOSEPH ROSSELL

Dated: Jan. 26th, 1961.

RAYMOND P. COADY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
441 BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING
SAN DIEGO 1, CALIFORNIA

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

of

JOSEPH ROSSELL

I, JOSEPH ROSSELL, a Catholic Priest now serving in the Diocese of San Diego, California, declare this to be my Last Will, and revoke all former Wills:

FIRST: I direct my Executor to pay my just debts, last illness and burial expenses. I desire that my said funeral and burial expenses shall not exceed a minimum amount. I direct that my Executor shall use the balance between the cost of my funeral and burial expenses and the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) for the celebration of Masses for the repose of my soul.

SECOND: I give, devise and bequeath the following property to the following persons:

- 1) All my books to the UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, San Diego, California;
- 2) My automobile to the MISSIONARY SISTERS for their use in teaching of catechism in the Diocese of San Diego.

THIRD: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, wherever situated, I give, devise and bequeath to the ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SAN DIEGO, a corporation sole, for the exclusive use of Immaculate Heart Seminary, San Diego, California, for the education of young men to the Priesthood.

FOURTH: In the event that any of the gifts mentioned herein are or become invalid, in whole or in part, for

Joseph Rossell

any reason, said gift or gifts, or parts thereof declared invalid, I give, devise and bequeath to JAMES T. BOOTH and CHARLES F. BUDDY as joint tenants.

FIFTH: I nominate and appoint as Executor hereof REVEREND GREGORY SHERIDAN, San Diego, California, to act without bond. In the event that said Executor is unable or unwilling to so act, I nominate as Executor hereof REVEREND ALFREDO GIL MATEO, Diocese of San Diego, California, to act without bond.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26TH day of January, 1961.

Joseph Rosell

The foregoing instrument consisting of two pages including this page, was subscribed on the date thereof by the Testator, JOSEPH ROSSELL, 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.

<u>Edmond P. Coady</u>	Residing at	<u>4650 Yerba Santa Dr.</u>
		<u>San Diego, Calif.</u>
<u>Joseph Barker</u>	Residing at	<u>4183 - 4th Ave. Apt A</u>
		<u>San Diego, Calif.</u>

BERGMAN & DENNIS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
212 YALE AVENUE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA 91711
TELEPHONE 714-624-9112

Attorneys for Petitioner

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:) CASE NO. PW 4227
JOSEPH ROSSELL,)
Deceased.) NOTICE OF HEARING ON FIRST AND
EXECUTOR; PETITION FOR DISTRI-
BUTION; EXECUTOR'S COMMISSION
AND ATTORNEY'S FEES

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the hearing on the First and Final
Account and Report of Executor; Petition for Distribution;
Executor's Commission and Attorney's Fees, has been scheduled
for June 20, 1983, at 8:30 A.M. in Department "D-5" of this
Court, located at 1540 No. Mountain, Ontario, California.

No appearance is necessary unless you desire to attend.

DATED: May 25, 1983.

William E. Dennis

WILLIAM E. DENNIS
Attorney for Petitioner

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212 YALE AVENUE
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA 91711
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Attorneys for Estate/Petitioner

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

In the Matter of the Estate of:) CASE NO. PW-4227
JOSEPH ROSSELL,)
Deceased.) NOTICE OF CONTINUANCE
OF HEARING ON PETITION
AND FOR PROBATE OF WILL
AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO ALL INTERSTED PARTIES:

TAKE NOTICE that the hearing on Petition for Probate of Will
and for Letters Testamentary in the above-entitled matter, which
was set for hearing on November 29, 1982, has been continued to
December 20, 1982, in Department 5, of the Ontario Superior Court,
located at 1540 N. Mountain, Ontario, California at 8:30 A.M.

No appearance is necessary unless you desire to attend.

Dated: December 8, 1982.

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WILLIAM E. DENNIS

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name and Address): WILLIAM E. DENNIS A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION 212 Yale Avenue Claremont, CA 91711		TELEPHONE NO.: 714-624-9112	FOR COURT USE ONLY
ATTORNEY FOR (Name): ESTATE			
NAME AND ADDRESS OF COURT, OR BRANCH: WEST VALLEY DIVISION SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 1540 N. Mountain Ontario, CA 91762			
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH ROSSELL			
NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBATE)			CASE NUMBER: PW - 4227

This notice is required by law. This notice does not require you to appear in court, but you may attend the hearing if you wish. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file a request with the court to receive special notice of the filing of the inventory of estate assets and of the petitions, accounts, and reports described in section 1200.5 of the California Probate Code.

1. NOTICE is given that (name): RICHARD GUARDIOLA
(representative capacity, if any): EXECUTOR
has filed (specify): PETITION FOR PROBATE

reference to which is made for further particulars.

2. A hearing on the matter will be held

on (date): 11/24/82 at (time): 8:30 AM in ☒ Dept.: 5 ☐ Div.: ☐ Room:

located at (address of court): 1540 N. Mountain Avenue
Ontario, CA 91762

Dated: November , 1982 Clerk, by _____, Deputy

This notice was mailed on (date): 11/15/82 at (place): Claremont, California.

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF ☐ POSTING ☐ MAILING

I certify that I am not a party to this cause and that a true copy of the foregoing Notice of Hearing (Probate)

1. ☐ was posted at (address):

on (date):

2. ☐ was mailed, first class, postage fully prepaid, in a sealed envelope addressed to each person whose name and address is given below and that the notice was mailed and this certificate was executed on (date): at (place):, California.

Clerk, by _____, Deputy

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this cause. I am a resident of or employed in the county where the mailing occurred. My residence or business address is:

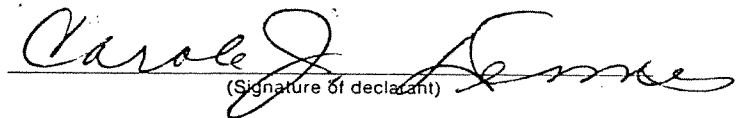
I served the foregoing Notice of Hearing (Probate) by enclosing a true copy in a sealed envelope addressed to each person whose name and address is given below and depositing the envelope in the United States mail with the postage fully prepaid.

(1) Date of deposit: 11/15/82

(2) Place of deposit (city and state): Claremont, CA

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed on (date): . . . 11/15/82 at (place): . . . Claremont, California.

Carole J. Dennis
(Type or print name)


(Signature of declarant)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON TO WHOM NOTICE WAS MAILED

Sons of the Holly Family % Edward C. Donahue, 51 Monroe St., Rockville, Maryland 20850
Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego, Catholic Diocese, Al Cala Park, San Diego, CA
Richard Guardiola 118 E. Arrow Hwy, Claremont, CA 91711

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Diocesan Office
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

June 23, 1982

Dear Brother Priests:

This is to inform you that Rev. Joseph Rossell died in Spain on June 6, 1982 of cerebral thrombosis. He was born July 20, 1907 in Barcelona, Spain and attended schools there. He was ordained March 16, 1930 for the Congregation of the Holy Family.

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Very Rev. Angel López, S.F.
General Secretary
Curia General
Entenza, 301
Barcelona 29
SPAIN

Dear Father López:

I am very grateful to you for sending information of
Father Joseph Rossell's death on June 6th.

He had a wonderful priesthood. He was exemplary in his
priestly life and served the Church here in San Diego with
great zeal. He found a great comfort in his retirement, even
though he was suffering from several strokes, being in his
homeland and with his family and his friends.

Please convey to his family my deepest sympathy and
assure them of our prayers for his eternal reward.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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**CONGREGATIO
FILIORUM SACRAE FAMILIAE
IESU, MARIAE ET IOSEPH**

Laudetur Sacra Familia

Barcelona, June, 15th 1982
Mons. Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego
CALIFORNIA



Your Excelency,
Not long ago we read your "Shepherd letter" to our dear Fr. Joseph Rossell in Holy Thursday 82, meanwhile the illness he suffered was being worse and worse for him.

Our Father received him in the Reign las June, 6 th and our Congregation and Church has another priest celebrating his priesthood with Christ in the Kingdom.

With that pain and joy I annouce Your Excelency the last human step of Father Rossell, while we keep in mind the period of his life deserving his priesthood in the Diocese of San Diego. It was a very good time for him. So in his name and in the name of Fr. General and his Council I thank again your kindness and love for him.

Cordially yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

P. Angel López, S.F.
Secretario General

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Curia General: Entenza, 301. Barcelona-29. España. Tel. 2394304-05

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CONGREGACION
DE HIJOS DE LA SDA FAMILIA

Enlenda, 301-Tel. 239-43-05

BARCELONA (15)

CURIA GENERALICIA

Barcelona, 9 junio 1982

Muy señor nuestro:

Entre la correspondencia del P. Rossell José, hemos encontrado su dirección y el repetido interés de su amistad.

Con estas líneas queremos hacerle saber que falleció el pasado día 6, víctima de una trombosis cerebral y tras su largo período de convalecencia y dolorosa enfermedad.

Con la conformidad de no disfrutar de su compañía terrena, nos conforta y alegra su intercesión y presencia en la Casa del Padre.

Encomendándole a sus oraciones, nos reiteramos en su amistad y afecto, afmo.s.s.


P. Angel López, S.F.
Secretario General



CONGREGACION
DE HIJOS DE LA SDA. FAMILIA

Enlenda, 301-Tel. 239-43-05

BARCELONA (15)

CURIA GENERALICIA

Barcelona, 9 junio 1982

Muy señor nuestro:

Ru Shm. A. Kraft

Entre la correspondencia del P. Rosell José, hemos encontrado su dirección y el repetido interés de su amistad.

Con estas líneas queremos hacerle saber que falleció el pasado día 6, víctima de una trombosis cerebral y tras su largo período de convalecencia y dolorosa enfermedad.

Con la conformidad de no disfrutar de su compañía terrena, nos conforta y alegra su intercesión y presencia en la Casa del Padre.

Encomendándole a sus oraciones, nos reiteramos en su amistad y afecto, almo.s.s.

Angel Lopez
P. Angel López, S.F.
Secretario General

*Copy of announcement rec'd re
fr Rosell's death.*

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Holy Thursday, 1982

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Clinica Salus Infirmorum
C/. Mn. Luis Constans, 130
Banolas (Gerona) - SPAIN

Dear Father Rossell:

As we are about to celebrate Holy Thursday, I send you my most cordial greetings of gratitude and appreciation for your active priestly ministry among us. Recalling your years of faithful and zealous service to the people of God in the Diocese of San Diego, I join with your brother priests in remembering your generosity and dedication in promoting God's Kingdom.

It was in the Eucharist that you found the full experience and expression of your priestly ministry. You continue to receive nourishment, hope and life itself, from God's Holy Word and the Eucharist. The Eucharist, the sign of God's love, is also the sign of the priest's ministry of love. In a special way, the Eucharist sums up the meaning of priestly ministry and makes clear that it is a ministry of love. Everything important about a priest's person and mission is suggested in a Eucharistic celebration.

Over the years you have always unveiled your world of faith in all its beauty and attractiveness so others would accept it and embrace it. You called people into a new world of meaning and opened up new horizons of visions and values that guided them.

I join with you, thanking God for the gifts you have received and shared so freely and generously with others in your active priestly ministry and still do through your priestly activities and life of witness of the High Priest, whose ministry you share.

Cordially yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

Holy Thursday, 1981

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Clinica Salus Infirmorum
c/ Mn. Luis Constans, 130
Banolas (Gerona)
SPAIN

Dear Father Rossell:

On this Holy Thursday, I remember with gratitude and appreciation the marvelous priestly work you achieved in the diocese. I recall your dedicated service and zealous ministry.

Your faithful covenant of love with Christ and His Church still communicates an interior fullness of charity and radiates the paschal joy of priestly life. You diffuse the goodness that flows into your own life by grace and prayer.

This Holy Thursday should bring you renewed joy and happiness in your continued strength to transmit the Gospel's vitality in witness of dedicated priestly life.

The priest fulfills his principal mission and is manifested in all his fullness when he celebrates the Eucharist. The authentic sense of the Eucharist becomes, of itself, the school of active love. We not only know love; we ourselves enter, so to speak, upon the path of love and along this path make progress. Thanks to the Eucharist, the love that springs up within us from the Eucharist develops in us, becomes deeper and grows stronger.

With prayers and affection from your devoted Bishop, I send you on this Holy Thursday, the "Feast of Priests," fraternal greetings of joy. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta says: "Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Risen Christ."

Cordially yours
in the Risen Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego



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July 23, 1980

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Clínica Salus Informorum
C/ Mn. Luis Constan, 130
Bañolas (Gerona) ESPAÑA

Dear Father Rossell:

I am so pleased to receive your letter and learn of your Golden Jubilee celebration, and see firsthand through the pictures of this celebration. People are frequently asking me concerning you and how you are doing, and now I will be able to give them a complete report due to your thoughtfulness in sending me your recent letter.

It is fortunate that you are able to have your relatives and dear friends around you to assist you and encourage you in your progress.

When you were able to return to assist during the summer months, you were so warmly received and the people loved to have you. You are certainly missed.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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Rdo. P. JOSE ROSSELL GOMA

Clinica Salus Infirmorum

C/. Mn. Luis Constans, 130

Tel. 570203

BARCELONA (Gerona) - España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher Bishop of San Diego.

Diocese of San Diego- Alcalá Park.

P.O. 80428

San Diego, California - 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Exelency:

It is a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to write to Your Exelency after so long since I have writen to Your Exelency because I have ^{been} very sick. As Your Exelency know on the sixth. of December ¹⁹⁷⁸ I had an other stroke and this time a double, and it is in both sides. After a few days I was sent ^{to a} hospital in Barcelona where I stood for six th months. I din't improve anything almost. After, I went to another hospital in Marresa. There I stood also about anoter six months and improve much more and I could walk a little with some instrument and do some other things. Finally I came to Barolas and here with the help off the sisters and the Doctors I have imor

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proved a great deal and I can do many things, move more ~~my~~ arms and walk much better. Since the 18th, of December 1979 I also say Mass sittine in a chair and in the 16th. of March I could celebrate my Golden Jubeely with greate solemnity being sorraundet~~d~~ with the Community of sisters of St. Joseph and many Priest of the Holy Family who concelebrated with me and many people of the town attended. It was a great celebration thaks to God.

Since the 18th. of December 1979 I have said Mass everyday without any inter~~ru~~ption. I feel~~d~~ much better and with wheelchair I can go for a walk to the thwn wher the time permits.

Asking God for Y.E. and for the Diocese and for the faithful of San Diego and asking Y.E. some MASS intentions for mysef if Y.E. have some surpluses I beg Y.E. Yours prayers for me and promise to pray always for Y.E. and for the Diocese of San Diego. Kissing Your Pastoral Ring I am sincerly Yours in Christ

Fr Joseph Rosell

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March 21, 1980

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Rev. Joseph Rossell
Ctr. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n
Alto Llobregat
Bagá (Barcelona)
SPAIN

Dear Father Rossell:

On this year of your Golden Jubilee we shall remember you in our Masses here and thank God for your fifty years of priestly service. We shall rejoice in the happiness and the blessings that you have brought to all those whose lives you have touched.

Yours has been, indeed, a life of dedicated service to God's people and has borne much fruit.

We felicitate you on this your Golden Sacerdotal Jubilee and I express to you my own personal gratitude and appreciation for the splendid work you accomplished here in the Diocese of San Diego.

May this holy season bring you abundant graces and happiness.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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March 19, 1980

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Ctra. Guardiola-Baga, s/n
Alto Llobregat
Baga (Barcelona)
Spain

Dear Father Rossell,

When Pope John Paul II visited Ireland, he addressed the priests of Ireland in Maynooth. As you recall, he used Maynooth as a symbol of what was noblest in the Catholic Priesthood and spoke of it as the seedbed of priestly vocations and of missionaries, saying that Maynooth is a school of priestly holiness, an academy of theological learning, a university of Catholic inspiration.

The sentiments enumerated by the Holy Father in reference to this historical institution calls forth our appreciation of your priestly service and zealous ministry here in the Diocese of San Diego. In the Pope's address, he stressed what people expected of the priest, namely, faithfulness to the priesthood, and he said such faithfulness speaks to the people of faithfulness to God. This is what strengthens them to be faithful to Christ through all the difficulties of their lives. In a world so marked by instability as our world today, we need more signs and witnesses of fidelity. Your faithful witness has shone brightly for all to see. Your priestly life manifests strength and the grandeur of priestly fidelity.

On this Holy Thursday, I send my blessing and thanks for what you have done for this Diocese by your sacrifices, service and prayers. May you continue to minister and serve and pray for me.

In the words of Pope John Paul II, I say to you: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Rejoice in your vocation." I repeat to you the words of St. Paul: "I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4-7)."

Cordially yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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J. M. J.

El P. Superior General
de los Hijos de la Sagrada Familia

saluda e invita a V. a la celebración de las BODAS DE ORO sacerdotales del Rdo. P. JOSE ROSSELL COMA que, debido a sus condiciones de salud, tendrá lugar en la Capilla de la «Clínica **Salus Infirmorum**» de Bañolas (Gerona), el día 16 de marzo a las 10.30 horas.

Después de la misa se ofrecerá un vino español.

Barcelona, febrero de 1980.

DEMOS GRACIAS A DIOS

Entenza, 301 - Tel. 239 43 05

BARCELONA-29



CONGREGACION
DE HIJOS DE LA SRA. FAMILIA

Entenza, 301-Tel. 239-43-05

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April 5, 1979

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Ctra. Guardiola - Baga, s/n
Alto Llobregat
Baga (Barcelona), Spain

Dear Father Rossell:

As we celebrate Holy Thursday I join with you in thanking the Lord for the Eucharist and for his holy priesthood and our share in them. Both the Eucharist and the priesthood belong to the order of grace to the mysterious sharing in Christ's divine love.

The broken bread calls for sharing, as does the priesthood itself. The broken bread causes us to break down the wall between hostile brethren and to grant them access to the Father's love. It is likewise true of the priesthood to break down barriers and allow the free flowing love of God into the lives of those to whom we minister.

Your priesthood over these many years has filled your life with great enthusiasm in the service of your noble ecclesial vocation. Your marvelous experiences in your priestly ministry cannot but be a great consolation. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

It is true, he that is mighty has done great things for you, and you have responded with a full heart. By means of the priesthood, you became particularly like Jesus "the firstborn among the brethren." You have continued to respond gladly and willingly to eternal Love, placing your trust and hope in him who called you. Jesus turned his special look upon you and loved you particularly when, from the cross, he said to his disciple, indicating his Mother: "Behold your Mother." In Mary's motherly aid you found the strength to overcome moments of difficulty and the generosity of commitment required by a faithful response to your priesthood.

On this Holy Thursday I send my personal gratitude for your zealous ministry among us and join you in praying to the Eternal High Priest for your continued fruitful priestly life.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

J. M. J.

December 1, 1978

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocese of San Diego. Administration Building/ Alcala Park.
Post Office Box 80428.
San Diego, California. 92138. U. S. A.

Your Excellency:

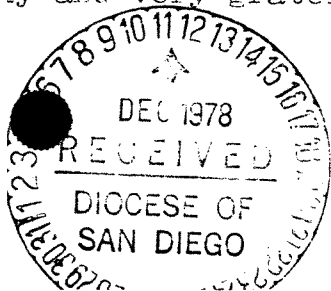
Since the great and beautiful Feast of Christmas is around the corner, it is my fervent prayer that Your Excellency may enjoy with your beloved ones the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ and may the Babe of Bethlehem bestow to all His choicest blessings of joy, peace, love and divine grace not only during this Holy Season but throughout the New Year of 1979.

Through the Southern Cross I learned that Your Excellency was sick for a while and had to undergo surgery. I am very glad that everything went out very well and I thank God for it. I pray that Your Excellency may feel perfectly well by now. I was informed too that Your Diocese has been divided and I thank God that your difficult and tremendous work has been reduced and it may be concentrated in a more reduced territory and faithful and therefore be more efficient and the soul may gain greatly.

I thank Your Excellency too for the 20 Mass intentions Your Excellency sent me through the Chancery office. The check of \$100.00 was sent on the 14 of November and received on the 20th. The Masses for the deceased George Vreeland are being offered and I thank Your Excellency for your help and charity toward me.

in my prayers Remembering Your Excellency, the clergy and faithful of your Diocese and kissing your Pastoral Ring and asking your blessing I beg to remain sincerely and very gratefully yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell
Fr. Joseph Rossell.



Jesus. Mary + Joseph

P. José Rossell

C/. Viladordis, 28 bis, 2.º, 2.º

Teléfono 874 73 67

MANRESA (Barcelona) España

June 9, 1978.

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of S. Diego

Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry.

Post Office Box 80428 - Alcala Park.

San Diego, California 92138. U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

These few lines are just to thank your Excellency very kindly for the 20 Mass intentions your Excellency so generously let me offer once in a while. Really is a great help to me, and gives me the opportunity to defray some of my expenses specially for medicines, which I used plenty to keep my blood circulation in relative good condition and they are quite expensive. Thank your Excellency again and again. The check in the amount of \$100.- to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of Geo. Vreeland, issued on the 10 of May 1978 and sent on the 25th, was received on the 30, 1978 and the Masses are now being offered.

Asking the good Lord His choicest blessings for your Excellency, your beloved ones in the Diocese of S. Diego and kissing your Pastoral Ring I beg to remain sincerely and very devotedly yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell

J. M. J.-

July 4, 1978

P. José Rossell

C/. Viladordis, 28 bis, 2.º, 2.º

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MANRESA (Barcelona) España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of S. Diego

Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry.

Alcala Park - P.O. Box 80428.

San Diego, California, 92138. U.S.A.

Your Excellency: These short lines are only to thank Your Excellency very kindly, for the 20 Mass Intentions your Excellency have ordered to send me. The check issued on June 14, 1978 was received by me a week ago, and was for \$100.- to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of George Vreeland. The Masses, now are being offered. - I am very grateful because this is a great help to me specially now that everything is going up. - I ask the good Lord to reward your Excellency very abundantly for your charity toward me. -

I receive the Southern Cross, and it is a great consolation for me to realize the great work that under the guidance of your Excellency is done in the Diocese of San Diego in all the fields.

Asking the Almighty God, His choicest blessings for your Excellency your beloved ones and all the Diocese I beg to remain sincerely yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell

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Jesús, Mary + Joseph

P. José Rossell

C/. Viladordis, 28 bis, 2.º, 2.º

Teléfono 874 73 67

MANRESA (Barcelona) España

April 14, 1978

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry.
Post Office Box 80428 - Alcala Park
San Diego, California 92138 - U. S. A.

Your Excellency;
These few lines are just to acknowledge receipts of two checks. One issued March 15, 1978 in the amount of \$100.00 for 20 Masses for the eternal repose of Geo. Vreeland (deceased). These Masses have been already offered. The other one issued April 5, 1978 for the same amount and for the same number of Masses to be offered for the eternal repose of the soul of Mary Francis Short. These Masses now are being offered. I thank Your Excellency for your charity toward me and ask the good Lord to bless Your Excellency, your beloved ones and your diocese very abundantly for remembering me in my material needs. - Asking the Holy Spirit to be with Your Excellency and inspire your Excellency in the government of your important Diocese and kissing your Pastoral Ring, I beg to remain very devotedly and gratefully yours in Christ.
Fr. Joseph Rossell

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MEMO-LETTER®

TO Rev. Msgr. William Cooney

DATE April 8, 1978

From: Bishop Leo Maher

SUBJECT Spanish priests for
summer supply

There are two Spanish priests interested in spending
summer here in the Diocese of San Diego. If some pastor
was interested in procuring assistance, they are available.
Would you kindly inform Father Joseph Rossell whether it
is possible to accommodate them?

J. M. J.

Manresa 25 de Marzo de 1978.

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.

Alto Llobregat

Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D. D. Bishop of the
Diocese of San Diego.
Diocesan Office for the Apostolic Ministry
ALCALA PARK. P. O. 80428
SAN DIEGO, California 92138. U. S. A.

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

It was very paternally of Your Excellency to send me such a beautiful letter on Holy Thursday that gave great consolation and encouragement = Thanks ever so much for every word of it. May the Risen LORD bestow upon Your Excellency His choicest blessings in this Season of Holy Easter and throughout the year as well as to all your Diocese.

Another reason that I am writing to Your Excellency is on behalf of two priests of the Diocese of Vich (Manresa belongs to this Diocese) who desire to spend a month and a half in your Diocese during the month of August and half of September this year to be appointed to one of the Spanish speaking Parishes to work and to learn the pastoral ways and the particular manners to deal of the different kind of people and apply it with the permission of their Bishop to this Diocese or parishes that they may be assigned later. THEY have permission and the diocesan letters that are enclosed. I know one of them Fr. Codinach who doesn't speak English at all. The other knows a little English. If your Excellency thinks you can admit them for this period of time you may let me know or let be known to Chancery Office of VICH.

With best wishes and the assurance of my daily prayers for Your Excellency and your beloved ones and kissing your Pastoral Ring I beg to remain sincerely a very gratefully yours in Christ

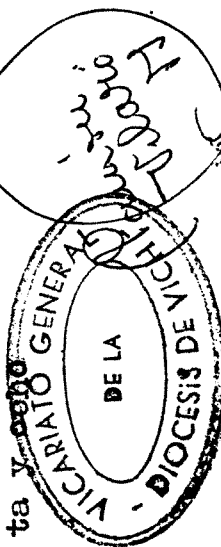
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El infrascrito RAMON VILARO SALLA, Vicario General y Provisor de la Diócesis de Vic, en España:

HACEMOS SABER que el Rdo. Sr. D. RAMON BUFI PUIGORIOL, es sacerdote de esta diócesis de Vic, con el cargo actualmente de Vicario Coadjutor de la parroquia de Santa María de Manlleu, disfrutando de la confianza del Sr. Obispo y de las licencias ministeriales propias del sacerdote.

Dado en Vic, a cuatro del mes de marzo de mil novecientos setenta y ocho

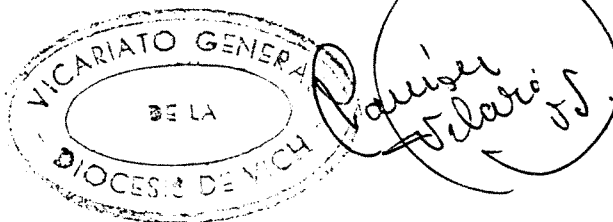


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de la
Diócesis de Vich

El infrascrito RAMON VILARO SALA,
Vicario General y Provisor de la Dió-
cesis de Vic, en España:

HACEMOS SABER que el Rdo. Sr. D. JO-
SE CODINACH CASAS, Pbro, es sacerdote
de esta diócesis de Vic, que ejerce ac-
tualmente el cargo de Consiliario Comar-
cal de la HERMANDAD OBRERA DE ACCION CA-
TOLICA, con residencia en la ciudad de
Manresa, disfrutando de la confianza
del Sr. Obispo y de las licencias minis-
teriales propias del sacerdote.

Dado en Vic, a cuatro del mes de
marzo de mil novecientos setenta y ocho.



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Holy Thursday, 1978

Reverend P. Jose Rossell
C. Vilardordis, 28 bis, 2.º, 2.ª
Manresa (Barcelona)
SPAIN

Dear Father Rossell:

On this Holy Thursday I send to you my personal greetings and gratitude for your faithful and zealous priestly ministry in the Diocese of San Diego. Your contribution of service and charity are recalled with thanksgiving to God. As St. Paul says, let us be dedicated to thanksgiving to God.

Priestly holiness itself contributes very greatly to a fruitful fulfillment of the priestly ministry. You have accomplished great works because you have been docile to the impulse and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As shepherds of Christ's flock, you have carried out your ministry with holiness, eagerness, humility and courage in imitation of the eternal High Priest. By assuming the role of the Good Shepherd, you found, in the very exercise of pastoral love, the bond of priestly perfection which gave you great joy and happiness.

Since pastoral love flows mainly from the Eucharistic Sacrifice, which is therefore the center and root of the whole priestly life, you have personally penetrated more deeply into the paschal mystery.

In sending you my thanks for your priestly love and service and sacrifice, I rejoice with you on this celebration of Holy Thursday.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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J. M. J

February 18, 1978

P. José Rossell

C/. Viladordis, 28 bis, 2.º, 2.º
Teléfono 874 73 67

MANRESA (Barcelona) España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry,
Alcala Park, P.O. Box 80428,
San Diego, California, 92138

Your Excellency:

just three days ago I received a check in the amount of \$ 100 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of George Vreeland, issued on the 25 of January 1978. I thank Your Excellency very kindly for this charitable condescension toward me, which represents a great help for me in these days of great inflation and when I need so many medicines to avoid another stroke. The Masses are being offered.

Asking the good Lord, to bless Your Excellency, your beloved ones and the whole Diocese I beg to remain sincerely and very devotedly yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Rossell

Jesús, Mary + Joseph

February 10, 1978

P. José Rossell

C/. Viladordis, 28 bis, 2.º, 2.º
Teléfono 874 73 67

MANRESA (Barcelona) España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego - Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry.
Alcala Park - P.O. Box 80428
San Diego, California, 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency: I am very grateful to Your Excellency for the 20 Mass intentions Your Excellency ordered to be sent to me to be offered for Geo. A. VREELAND. The check issued December 14, 1977 reached me on the 20th of January 1978. The mail even Air Mail, the last three months, has been very irregular. - That's why I answer Your Excellency so late. The Masses are almost all offered. - May the Good Lord reward greatly your charity toward my humble person.

Kissing your Pastoral Ring and asking the good Lord to bless Your Excellency, your beloved ones and the Diocese I beg to remain sincerely and very gratefully yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell

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Jesus, Mary + Joseph
P. José Rossell
C/ Viladordis, 28 bis, 2.º, 2.º
Teléfono 874 73 67
MANRESA (Barcelona) España

November 4, 1977
Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry -
Healey Park - P.O. Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

These few lines are only to thank your Excellency for the check in the amount of \$ 100.00 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of Mary Francis Short. The check was issued October 11, 1977, the letter and the check was received on the 23rd of October 1977. The Masses are being offered and I thank your Excellency very kindly for this very important help and I ask the good Lord to bless your Excellency and your undertakings for your charity toward me.

My health more or less is the same, and I am doing fine in general except for the paralysis. - The weather up to now has been mild. -

Thanking you again and asking your Pastoral blessing I beg to remain sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Rossell

Jesus, Mary + Joseph
P. José Rossell
C/ Viladordis, 28 bis, 2.º, 2.º
Teléfono 874 73 67
MANRESA (Barcelona) España

October 25, 1977
Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
Healey Park - Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency: These few lines are only to acknowledge receipt of a check in the amount of \$ 100.00 To offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of Mary Francis Short. - The check was issued on September 14, 1977, and reached to me by the end of September. - The Masses are being offered and are in the end. I thank your Excellency very heartily for helping me in such a wonderful way. - The living cost here in Spain has increased greatly, 30% a year. Your Excellency's help is highly appreciated and I ask the good Lord to reward greatly your charity toward me. -

Manresa is a better place to live than Bagá. I feel fairly well. With best wishes for your Excellency and with the assurance of my daily prayers for your Excellency and the whole Diocese and kneeling for Pastoral Blessing I beg your Episcopal blessing Fr. Joseph Rossell.

P. José Rossell

Calle Viladordis, 28 bis, 2.º, 2.º
Teléfono 874 73 67

MANRESA (Barcelona) España

Jesus, Mary + Joseph

August 31, 1977

P. JOSE ROSSELL

~~Villa Viladordis~~ Calle Viladordis 28 bis 2º - 2º

Atto-telegraph
Teléfono 88 874-7367

EST. (Barcelona) España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry - Alcala Park
Post Office Box 80428, San Diego, Calif. U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

It was a pleasure for me to visit with Your Excellency in my recent visit to my Diocese of San Diego, and have a nice talk with Your Excellency after 3 years almost of my last visit. - It was very interesting too to see many of my old parishioners and friends, and specially to be Pastor for almost 40 days while the good Fr. Omasa was in vacation. He has done very well and has improved many things throughout your high and wise guidance for the whole Diocese. Was a nice experience that I shall remember for a long time, and I am very grateful to Your Excellency and Fr. Omasa. - I was unable to see Mrgr. Omasa, when I was able to pay him a visit he was in Ireland, and I was also unable to see Mrgr. Ryan, because he was away too, and the same with other Priests of the South Bay Diocese. I could see Bishop Gilbert Chavez two days before my departure. -

Up to now I have lived with my little sister in Baga, my native town, and since my oldest sister is alone and is a widow I have determined to go and live with her in Manresa and stay together in her house, Calle Viladordis 28 bis - 2º - 2º - Manresa (Barcelona) Spain. Manresa is about 40 miles

the City of Barcelona and is a Town of about 100,000 population and has very good communications with Barcelona, where I have to go often, because there is my doctor, as is care of me since I came to live in Spain, and besides my oldest sister has family there, and in winter is not as cold as Bagá. - Therefore I ask Your Excellency to send my letters and communications to there according to the address I am enclosing. -

When I returned from my visit to U.S.A. I received a check of \$100. - for 20 Masses for the repose of the soul of Msgr John Baer, which Masses I offered the next day of my arrival it is the 19th of August - The check was issued on the 28 of June 1971. - I thank Your Excellency very kindly for your charity toward me, and these Mass Int are a great help to me to buy some medicines that I have to take in order to avoid another thrombosis of the brain since the level of living is going up very fast and the pension I receive is always the same, that extra income of Mass stipends is of much help. Therefore I dare to ask Your Excellency to remember me if Your Excellency may dispose of some of them, even if possible.

Thanking Your Excellency for all your kindness and charity toward me and with the assurance of my daily prayers for Your Excellency and for the good of the Diocese and kissing your Pastoral Ring I beg to remain sincerely and very devotedly yours in Christ.

F. Joseph Russell



José. Mary + Joseph

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

June 20. 1977

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher C.D. Bishop of
San Diego. Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry,
Alcala Park. P.O. Box 80428,
San Diego, California

Your Excellency:
At its due time I received a check in
the amount of \$100.00 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose
of Mgr. John Baer, for which I am very grateful to your Ex-
cellency and ask the good Lord to reward your Excellency a hun-
dred fold for your charity toward me. - The Masses are almost offered.

My health, thanks to God, is good, even though the rem-
nants of the paralysis are in me, and therefore on account of the
weakness of the paralyzed side I can't walk too well. -

I do hope and pray to be able to pay a visit to your Diocese
and your Excellency in the beginning of next month. Soul body has been good
enough to pay my fare both ways. My stay will be about 45 days -
With best wishes of prayers for your Excellency and beloved ones, and
kissing your pastoral ring I beg to remain sincerely and very grateful to G.E.
Fr. Joseph Rossell

J. M. J

April 6. 1977

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Most Rev. Leo T. Maher Bishop of San Diego.
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
Alcala Park. Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138. - U.S.A.

Your Excellency: I thank Your Excellency for the most beautiful
letter to the Priests of the Diocese of San Diego in the occasion of
Holy Thursday of 1977 commemorating the Institution of the Holy
Eucharist and the Priesthood by our adorable High Priest and Ed-
vior. It really is inspiring and I thank you for it and wish Your Ex-
cellency a very joyous Easter and pray the Risen Lord to bless your
Excellency and your beloved ones and faithful of the Diocese of
San Diego very abundantly with His divine graces. -

Also I want to thank Your Excellency for the 20 Masses
for the eternal repose of the Soul of Rev. Mgr. John Baer. The check
was received on the 24 of March and since then the Masses are being
offered. May the good Lord reward your charity toward me.

Hoping to meet Your Excellency by next July and with the assurance
of my daily prayers for H.E. and Diocese and kissing your Pastoral Ring I
beg to remain very gratefully and devotedly yours in Christ.
Fr. Joseph Rossell

March 24, 1977

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Ctr. Guardiola-Baga, s/n.
Alto Llobregat
Baga (Barcelona)
SPAIN

Dear Father Rossell:

On this Holy Thursday, the feast day on which the Eucharist and the priesthood were established, I send you my most cordial greetings. My greetings are joined with deep appreciation and gratitude for the priestly service you have given here in the Diocese.

Your priesthood has been a very fruitful one, bearing fruit a hundred fold. By your generous cooperation and response with the graces of your priestly vocation, you have given and continue to give a ministry of service that has brought fruitful results.

Your ministry of word and sacrament, as well as every ministry of the Church and every work of the apostolate, are linked with the Holy Eucharist and are directed toward it. For the Most Blessed Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ Himself, our living bread.

Certainly you have found and continue to do so that the Eucharist is the source and apex of the whole ministry of preaching the gospel. The font and source of all priestly life and activity is Christ. The Eucharistic action is the very heartbeat of the congregation of the faithful over which the priest presides. The priestly ministry reaches its summit in the celebration of the Eucharist which is the source and center of the Church's unity.

It is the Eucharistic action that nourishes the priest to fulfill his complete witness to Christ and of building the Christian community.

With renewed thanks and appreciation, I assure you of my prayers for your happiness and good health.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

Jesús, Mary + Joseph
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April 6, 1977.

Right Rev. Msgr. Brent I. Eagan Chancellor
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
Alcala Park, P.O. Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Msgr.: On the 24 of March I received a check in the amount of \$100.00 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of Msgr. John Boer. The Masses are being offered since that day, it is March 25, 1977. I thank you very kindly for thinking of me to offer some of these Masses. May the good Lord reward greatly your charity toward me.

Wishing you and your beloved ones this very joyous Easter and asking the Risen Lord to bestow upon you and your beloved ones His choicest blessings in the greatest feast of the Church I beg to remain sincerely and very gratefully yours in Christ
Fr. Joseph Rossell

Jesús, Mary + Joseph
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February 7, 1977.

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Alcala Park, Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry.
Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency: This short letter is to thank Your Excellency very kindly for the 20 Mass stipends Your Excellency has provided to be sent to me almost every month to help me to defray my medical expenses and increase of living. The last check of \$100.00 was received by me on the 13th of January and the 20 Masses for the eternal repose of Rev. Msgr. John Boer are being offered. May the good Lord reward Your Excellency a hundredfold for your charity toward me.

Thanks to God I am fairly well even though the remnants of the paralysis are noticeable in me. Asking God to bless very abundantly Your Excellency, your beloved ones and all the faithful under your Apostolic zeal and kissing your Pastoral ring I beg to remain sincerely and very gratefully yours in Christ
Fr. Joseph Rossell

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Jesus, Mary and Joseph February 7, 1977.

P. JOSE ROSSELL

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Right Rev. Msgr. Brent E. Egan Chancellor.
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry, Alcalá Park
Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Rev. and Dear Msgr.: These few lines are to acknowledge receipt of your check issued January 5, 1977 at its due time to offer twenty Masses for the eternal repose of Rev. Msgr. John Barr \$5.00 each. The Masses are being offered and I thank you ever so much for helping me to defray my medical expenses and increase of the cost of living with the \$100. Mass stipends monthly. - May the good Lord reward you a hundredfold for your charity toward me.

With best wishes and the assurance of my daily prayers for your beloved ones I beg to remain sincerely and very gratefully yours in Christ
Fr. Joseph Rossell

J. M. J.

January 12, 1977-

P. JOSE ROSSELL

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Right Rev. Msgr. Brent E. Egan Chancellor.
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry, Alcalá Park
Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California, 92138 - U.S.A.

Rev. and Dear Msgr.: I am in receipt of a check in the amount of one hundred dollars, issued on Dec. 9, 76 - and received in its due time to offer Masses (I suppose 20) for Rev. Msgr. John Barr. The Masses are being offered and I am in the 15th today. For these Masses and for the Masses you sent me every month I am very grateful and thank you very kindly and they help me greatly specially now a days when everything you need for dressing, eating and medication, doctor and so on is going up and the ordinary income is not sufficient.

Wishing you a very blessed New Year I beg to remain sincerely and very gratefully yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Rossell

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J. M. J.
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BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

October 15, 1976

Rt. Rev. Mgr. I Brent Eagen, Chancellor
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry - Heala Park
Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Mgr: I am in receipt of your very welcome letter of September 9, 1976 in which you are kind enough to tell me that the check for \$100.- that I received for Filomena Palenik is for 20 Masses at \$5.00 each. Thank you ever so much for your explanation.

On September 15, 1976 you sent me another for the same amount and for the same person Filomena Palenik and I received it on the 21 of September and for which I am very grateful and the Masses have been already offered.

The Mallorcas who came to San Diego are coming this

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October 15, 1976

Most Rev. Rev T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry - Heala Park
Post Office Box 80428.

San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

It is very kind and charitably of your Excellency to help me so much with your good Mass stipends on these difficult days when the cost of living is so high and besides being sick I have to face medicines and doctors with the same pension of 4 years ago. - 20 Mass stipends almost every month at \$5.00 each is really a good help and I am very grateful to Your Excellency and ask the good Lord, to bless your Excellency, your beloved ones and the Diocese very abundantly. - Now I have offered during August and September and part of October 40 Masses for Filomena Palenik received in two checks of \$100 each. Before, the Masses were for the eternal repose of Rd. Fr. Phillip Watz. - Throughout the Southern Cross I learn about the wonder-

month should be very happy to see the actual San Diego with all its splendor and beauty and for their connationals who started the city with the Mission and the Presidium more than 200 years ago. They did a great job but their successors hat exided themselves - Now thanks to your zeal and the help of the Bishop the Mission is a Basilica and you are the author of such change and improvement. God Bless you. -

It is possible that sometime next year I can pay a visit to the Diocese specially St. Anthony and the Basilica and the Bishop, yourself and another very diledted Priests who have been so good to me when I was active in the Diocese and after.

With best wishes and prayers I beg to remain sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ.

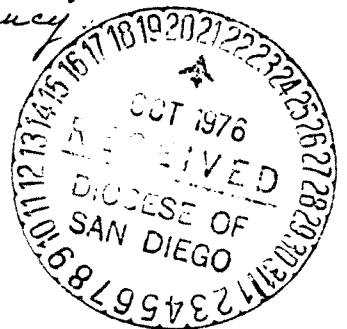
Fr. Joseph Russell

ful things that are taking place in the Diocese of San Diego under your very wise and Apostolic leadership - and I thank God for your Excellency and magnific collaborators. -

My health more or less is the same, hasn't improved too much but I can move, talk, preach and do everything by myself therefore my cross is not as heavy as it could be if I could not recuperate my movements in part. For it! thank God.

Praying that everything is O.K. with your Excellency and with the Diocese, priests and the faithful I beg to remain sincerely and very grateful to your Excellency.

Fr. Joseph Russell



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Jesus, Mary + Joseph

January 12. 1977.

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Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego, - Diocesan Apostolic Ministry - Alcalá Par.
P.O. Box 80428

San Diego, California 92138, U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

These few lines are just to acknowledge receipt and thank very heartily Your Excellency for the 20 Masses Your Excellency sent to me on the 9th of December 1976 to be offered for Msgr. John Baer. The Masses are being offered. Your charity toward me is a great help which I appreciate very heartily, especially now a day when everything is going up and the ordinary income is not sufficient. Again thanks ever so much.

Praying the Almighty God to bless Your Excellency very abundantly during this Year of 1977 - as well as all your undertakings in behalf of the faithful of the Diocese of San Diego and kissing your Pastoral Ring I beg to remain sincerely and very grateful yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell

Jesus, Mary + Joseph

August 26. 1976

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Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry - Alcalá Par.
Post Office Box 80428 -

San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

It is with deep gratitude that I acknowledge receipt of your check dated August 11. 1976 to offer Masses (I suppose 20) for Filomena Palenik. These Masses are now being offered. I want to thank Your Excellency in a special way for this charity toward me. Now a day everything is very expensive and since I need, according to the doctor, plenty of Medicines that are quite expensive and the stipends of Masses are very helpful specially when they are good as the ones Your Excellency send me.

Thanks to God I feel fairly well even though my walking is not too good, because I don't have enough strength in my leg. - Asking God to protect Your Excellency and make your Pastoral work very fruitful and kissing your Pastoral Ring I beg to remain very devotedly yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell

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Jesus, Mary + Joseph

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.

Alto Llobregat

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BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

August 26. 1976

Rev. Msgr. D. Brent Eagen Chancellor.

Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry - Alcala Park

Post Office Box 80428

San Diego, California 92138. U.S.A.

Right Rev. and Dear Monsignore: I want to acknowledge receipt and thank you very kindly for the check of \$100.00 to offer Masses (I suppose 20) for Filomena Palencia. I will appreciate if you tell me how many Masses I have to offer any time you are so kind to send me some stipends. - I suppose 20 because that was the amount for \$100 when you sent me the same amount of \$100 to offer Masses for the eternal repose of Rev. Fr. Phillip Watz.

Thanking you very kindly and with the assurance of my daily prayers I beg to remain sincerely yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Rossell.

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September 9, 1976

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Ctra. Guardiola-Baga, s/n.
Alto Llobregat
Baga (Barcelona) Espana

Dear Father Rossell:

Thank you for your letter of August 26, 1976 which I received today. The check for \$100 you received for Filomena Polemic is for twenty Masses at \$5.00 each.

We are looking forward to the visit of a group of Mallorcans in San Diego next month.

I wonder if you are planning a visit sometime to the United States. We would be happy to see you.

Please be assured of my best wishes.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen
Chancellor

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Jesus, Mary + Joseph

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
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BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

June 30, 1976

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry, A.P.
Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

With deep gratitude I address these few lines to your Excellency to let you know that I am in receipt of a check in the amount of \$100.00 issued June 9, 1976 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of Rev Fr. Watz. The Masses are being offered and I thank you + Excellency very kindly that through this monthly help I am able to buy the medicines I need to keep my health in a way that I can do everything by myself.

Praying for your particular intentions, especially for the good of the Diocese both spiritual and material, and kissing your Pastoral Ring I beg to remain sincerely and very devotedly yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Russell

Jesus, Mary + Joseph

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
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BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

June 30, 1976

At Rev. Mgr. Brent I Egan Chancellor
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry (A.P.)
Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Mgr.:

I thank you very heartily for the check in the amount of \$100.00 issued June 9, 1976 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of Rev. Fr. Phillip P. Watz, for which I am very grateful. The Masses are being offered.
- May the good Lord bless very abundantly the charity that Chancery uses toward me and bestow upon its officers His choicest blessings.

With the assurance of my daily prayer for all of you I beg to remain sincerely yours in Christ.
Fr. Joseph Russell

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J. M. J.

P. JOSE ROSSELL

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BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

June 10, 1976

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego.
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry, Alcala Park
P.O. Box 80428.
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

These few words are only to acknowledge receipt of a check in the amount of \$100.- issued May 19, 1976 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of Rev. Fr. Phillip Watz for which I am very grateful and I want to express my deep gratitude to your Excellency for the great help you are giving to me for the opportunity to let me offer these Masses so often. The Masses are being offered.

Thanks to God my health more or less is the same and up to now I am able to do everything by myself and with my mental faculties as good as always.

Thanking your Excellency for your great charity toward me I beg to remain sincerely and very devotedly yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Rossell

J. M. J.

May 12, 1976

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Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego.
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry, Alcala Park. P.O. Box 80428 - San Diego.

Your Excellency: It was with great joy and gratitude that I received your beautiful letter of Holy Thursday about the Institution of the Priesthood by our Divine Savior and High Priest. It really was very inspiring and of great consolation to my soul. May the Eternal High Priest reward you very abundantly for the encouraging things your Excellency say.

I want to thank your Excellency too for the last 20 Mass stipend your Excellency has ordered to send me. The Masses for the eternal repose of Fr. Phillip Watz are being offered.

Kissing your pastoral ring, I beg to remain sincerely and very gratefully yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell

J. M. J.

May 12, 1976

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
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Rt. Rev. Msgr. Brent I. Egan (Chancellor)
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
Heala Park, P.O. Box 80428.
San Diego, California, 92138. U.S.A.

Right Rev. and Dear Msgr.: These few lines are just to let you know that I am in receipt of the last check of \$100.00 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repos of the soul of Fr. Phillip Watz. The Masses are being offered. And I thank you very kindly for the great favor you are doing to me. It helps me a great deal in buying my medicines that I have to use to avoid another stroke.

With best wishes + prayers I beg to remain sincerely and very grateful
Fr. Joseph Rossell

J. M. J.

P. JOSE ROSSELL

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Alto Llobregat
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BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

June 10, 1976

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Brent I. Egan, Chancellor
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry - Heala Park
Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Msgr.: This is the usual acknowledge of the receipt of the check in the amount of \$100.00 and issued on May 19, 1976 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. Phillip Watz; for which I am very grateful and ask the good Lord to reward the charity the Chancellor of the Diocese shows toward me. - The Masses are being taking care and I can assure you they are a great help to me. Thanks a million.
With best wishes and prayers I beg to remain sincerely yours and grateful in Christ.
Fr. Joseph Rossell

C O P Y

Holy Thursday
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Reverend Joseph Rossell
Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Lobreget
Baga, Spain

Dear Father Rossell:

On this day Our Lord instituted the Holy Priesthood, I send to you my personal greetings, felicitations and prayerful thanks for your devoted priestly service to the Church.

Your priesthood has been a ministry of sacred realities, especially in the Sacrifice of the Mass and also in confidently making known the mystery of Christ whose ambassador you are. Following in your Master's footsteps, meek and humble of heart, you show that His yoke is easy and His burden light. By a truly evangelical life, in much patience, in long-suffering, in kindness, in unaffected love, you bear witness to the Lord.

Through the priesthood you continue to make visible Christ's saving actions. Since you became a living instrument of Christ the eternal priest and carried on through these many years Christ's wonderful work, you have been a saving influence for numerous persons. Christ lives and acts in many ways through and in you. Certainly you have brought human life into contact with divine life.

You have listened to Christ with the ear of the heart, and your ministry has been the ministry of the heart expressing your love of Christ, His Church, His word and His people. You have experienced so often that the power of the Word of God is great and this greatness is recognized when it is expressed with the love of the heart.

I wish to rejoice with you on this blessed Holy Thursday and share with you my happiness and joy for your great priestly work and generous service.

Fraternally yours in Christ
the Eternal High Priest,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

J. M. J.
P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
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March 31, 1976

Most Rev Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
Alcala Park, P.O. Box 80428.
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

I feel a deep duty of gratitude to let your Excellency know that I received a check of \$100.00 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of Rev. Fr. Philip Watz, check issued on the 10th of March 1976 and received by me on the 15th of the same month - for such a charity towards me I am deeply touched and thank your Excellency very kindly and pray the good Lord to bless your Excellency very abundantly as well as your apostolic undertakings for the good of the faithful and the Diocese under your care and wise guidance. The Masses are being offered as myself, thanks to God, I enjoy good health and do fairly well. With the assurance of my daily prayers for your Excellency and kissing your Pastoral ring I beg to remain sincerely and devotedly yours in Christ
Fr. Joseph Russell

J. M. J.
P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
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BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

March 1, 1976

At. Rev. Monsignor Brent I. Egan Chancellor
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
Alcala Park.
San Diego, California 92110 - U.S.A.

At. Rev. and Dear Monsignore: These few lines are to acknowledge receipt of your check of \$100.00 issued on the 11th of February to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of Rev. Father Philip Watz for which stipends I am very grateful and the Masses are being offered. Hoping and praying that you are well and everything is O.K. with you I beg to remain sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ
Fr. Joseph Russell

J. M. J.

March 31. 1976.

P. JOSE ROSSELL Rt. Rev. Msgr. Brant J. Egan Chancellor

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.

Alto Llobregat

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Diocesan office for Apostolic Ministry.
Alcala Park, P.O. Box 80428

San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Msgr:

These few lines are only to let you know that I am in receipt of a check in the amount of \$100.⁰⁰ issued on the 10th of March 1976 - and received by me on the 15th of the same month to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. Philip Watz. The masses are being offered and I thank you very kindly for such an act of charity toward me.

With best wishes and prayers I beg to remain
Sincerely yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Roscell

J. M. J.
P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
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January 30, 1976.
Rev. Richard F. Duncanson Secretary to the Bishop of San Diego.
P.O. Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Rev. and Dear Fr.:

I am in receipt of your very welcome letter of December 22, 1975. - written to me by the order of the Most Rev. Bishop Leo T. Maher in answer to my letter to His Excellency of December 16, 1975.

Today I am sending another letter to His Excellency Bishop Maher thanking Him for all He has done for me in many ways, and for His interest about my pension. But I had to tell Him with great regret that up to date I haven't receipt any monthly pension since the beginning of November 1975. -

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I do hope that something will be done that I may receive the overdue pensions and the others on due time and regularly.

Mr. McGee has told me that since December 31, 1975 they are not taking care of the Administration of the Pension Priests of the Diocese of San Diego.

They told me to contact Rev. John Tabany, Chairman of the Trustees I did on the 24 of this month.

I don't want to bother the Bishop about this matter. Please, inform me to whom I have to may my claims in case things like these happen again once the present situation is ~~in~~ order again. I noticed that every end of the year, for a reason or another I have trouble in getting my pension in time.

Thanking you very warmly I beg to remain sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Russell

J. M. J.
P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
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January 6, 1976.

Rev. Monsignor I Brent Eagen
Diocesan Office, Alcala Park -
San Diego, California, 92110. U.S.A.

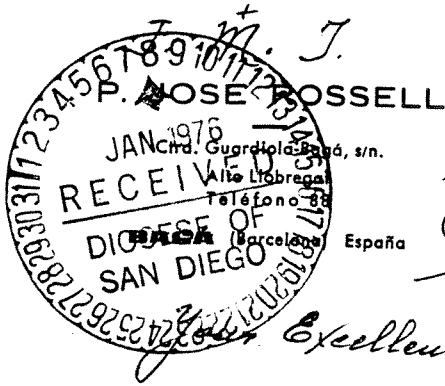
Right Rev. and Dear Monsignor: On the 17th of December 1975 I received a check of \$100.00 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of Fr. Philip Watz signed by you. I want to thank you very heartily and assure you that these Masses are being offered.

I do hope and pray that you have enjoyed a very merry + holy Christmas and I pray the Infant Saviour may grant you a very blessed New Year of 1976.
Sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ Fr. J. Russell

January 30, 1976

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen, Chancellor.
Administration Building, Alcala Park
P. Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138. -

Right Rev. and Dear Msgr.: I want to thank you very kindly for the check of \$100.00 to offer 20 Masses for the Eternal repose of Rev. Fr. P. Watz issued on the 5th of January 1976 and received on the 9th of this month. The masses are almost offered. - The stipends have helped me greatly since I haven't received my pension since the beginning of November. That was the last up to date.
With best wishes and prayers I beg to remain sincerely yours in Christ Fr. Joseph Russell



January 2, 1976.

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of
San Diego
Chancery Office, Alcala Park -
San Diego, California 92110 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

This few lines are only to thank Your
Excellency very kindly for your interest in providing me
with some Mass Intentions. On December 17th I received
a check of \$100.00 to offer 20 Masses for the eternal
repose of the soul of Rev. Fr. Philip Watz. and this is
the third check of \$100.00 for the same purpose
since I have asked Your Excellency if it was possi-

ble to help me with some Mass stipends to defray expenses of medicines and increase of living because my Diocesan pension \$322.²² and my small Social Security 117.²⁰ was not enough. - The Masses are being offered and I want to express to Your Excellency my deep gratitude for your charity toward my humble person. -

I do hope and pray that Your Excellency have enjoyed a holy and happy Christmas and I ask the Babe a Bethlehem to bestow upon your, Excellency, and upon your Diocese and faithful His choicest blessings during the year of 1976 and always.

Kissing your Pastoral ring I beg to remain sincerely and devotedly yours in Christ.
Fr. Joseph Rosell

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SAN DIEGO DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

Alcala Park
San Diego, California 92110

(Mailing address: P. O. Box 80428, San Diego 92138)

Date 22 DECEMBER 1975

TO: MR. DENNIS J. MCGEE
FROM: FR. RICHARD F. DUNCANSON
RE: FR. JOSEPH ROSSELL

YOUR PROMPT REPLY TO FR. ROSSELL'S INQUIRY
ABOUT HIS DECEMBER PENSION CHECK WOULD BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED.

MEMORANDUM

DIOCESAN OFFICE
FOR APOSTOLIC MINISTRY / ALCALA PARK
POST OFFICE Box 80428
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92138
714 - 298-7711

December 22, 1975

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Ctra. Guardiola-Baga s/n
Alto Llobregat
Baga [Barcelona]
Espana

Dear Father Rossell:

This is in reply to your letter of December 16, 1975, addressed to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Leo T. Maher, Bishop of San Diego, wherein you convey kind season's greetings and express concern about your monthly pension check.

After reading your letter, Bishop Maher has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful Christmas message and to assure you that he has done everything possible to arrange regular payment of your pension. As you know, however, the Diocese of San Diego Pension Plan for Priests is operated independently of the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego. Your pension check is not prepared here in San Diego by our Accounting Department, but by McGee and Company, Two Girard Plaza, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Copies of your letter and this reply will be sent to Mr. Dennis J. McGee since McGee and Company are still administrators of our pension plan for priests. Hopefully by the time you hear from him you will have received your December check. With so much Christmas mail to be dispatched and delivered, delays are bound to occur.

Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend Richard F. Duncanson
Secretary to the Bishop

cc: Mr. Dennis J. McGee

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P. JOSE ROSSELL

Villa María Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

December 16th. 1975.

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

Your Excellency:

May, in first place, Your Excellency, enjoy a Marry Christmas very blessed with heavenly gifts and may this great Feast of the Nativity of our Lord be for Your Excellency a source of great joy for your soul and for all the faithful entrusted to your pastoral care and may the New Year of 1976 be very blessed for all of us.

In the second place I must tell Your Excellency, that up to date, I haven't yet received the check of my monthly pension for December 1975 in the amount of \$322.22 Generally I receive it on the 4th. or 5th. of the month, but this month that I need it more I haven't received it yet.

I shall appreciate it very much if Your Excellency can do some thing about it and see that I may receive the check of my pension regularly or at least let me know the reason for the delay.

Thanking Your Excellency for everything you have done and do for me I beg to remain sincerely and very devotedly to your Excellency

Fr. Joseph Rossell

Fr. Joseph Rossell



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J. M. J.

November 22, 1975

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

Rev. Msgr. I Brent Eagen Chancellor
Diocesan office, Alcala Park
San Diego, California 92110 - U.S.A.

At. Rev. and Dear Msgr. = This few lines are on-
ly to acknowledge receipt of a check in the amount of
\$ 100.- to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of Rev.
Father Philip Watz. The masses are being offered and I
thank you for letting ^{me} offer these Masses which are a great
help to me.

I am living in the same place even though if you
pay attention to the head letter the address is ~~the~~ little
different. Instead of Villa Montserrat it reads Ctra =
(Carretera = Highway) = Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá s/n = (sin
numero = without number). Because many letters with the
old address Villa Maria Montserrat were going to the Monas-

J. M. J.

November 22, 1975.

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

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SAN DIEGO

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop
of San Diego.

Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
P. office Box 80428 - Alcala Park
San Diego, California 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency: This letter is to thank Your
Excellency for the 20 Mass stipends I received
from the Chaucery a few days ago. to be offered
for the eternal repose of Father Philip Watz.
It is the third time within a couple of months
that I received the same amount of stipends and
for the same purpose. I am very grateful to
Your Excellency for your charity toward me and

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tery of Montserrat, like the last one and from there are forwarded to me. - The name Baga' too is very important because is the town I live. (Barcelona) is the Province besides being a city capital of the Province. This time you even didn't put Baga' and the letter could be easily lost or returned to you. - In Montserrat they put or added Baga' It finally reached me. - The best address is the one that is in the head letter. - I am enclosing the envelope so that you can realize what I am saying. -

With best wishes and prayers I beg to remain
sincerely yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Russell

since the stipends are very generous (\$5.00 for each Mass) it is a great help to me to buy medicines and other necessary things. May the good Lord reward your Excellency a hundredfold. -

With regard to my health it's improving a little since I may walk a little faster and I feel a little stronger in my arm and leg, thanks to God. -

Here in my native town the weather is cold and on the top of the mountains there is snow. - But we have in general good sunshine during the day

Asking the good Lord to assist Your Excellency in the government of the Diocese and praying that under your wise leadership it may always grow both spiritually and materially and kissing your Pastoral Ring I beg to remain sincerely and devotedly yours
in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Russell

J. M. J.

October 30. 1975

P. JOSE ROSSELL Most Rev. Leo T. Maher Bishop of San Diego
Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n. The Chancery - Alcala Park.
Alto Llobregat P.O. Box 80428
Teléfono 88 San Diego, California, 92138 - U.S.A.
BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

Your Excellency:

It is with deep gratitude that I acknowledge receipt of a check in the amount of \$100.- to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of Fr. Philip Watz. issued October 14. 1975. These stipends, no doubt, are a great help for me to buy medicines and meet other expenses -

The Masses are being offered, and offering these Masses my thoughts and prayers go too, to my generous benefactor. May the good Lord reward your Excellency a hundred fold for your charity toward me. me.

J. M. J.

September 30. 1975

P. JOSE ROSSELL Rev. Msgr. I Brent Egan, Chancellor
Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n. Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
Alto Llobregat Post office Box 80428
Teléfono 88 San Diego, California 92138. U.S.A.
BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

Right Rev. and Dear Msgr.: Even though I have never written to you from Spain, nevertheless that doesn't mean that I don't think of you and pray for you. The main purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Check of \$100.- to offer 20 Masses for the eternal repose of the soul of Rev. Philip Watz and for which I thank you very heartily. The Masses are being offered and no doubt they are a great help to me especially to buy medicines that I need and are quite expensive.

- My health thanks to God is improving little by little and I am grateful to the good Lord that I am able to do every thing by myself, and on Sundays I help the Pastor

This time of the year, a year ago I had the pleasure to visit with your Excellency and I was very happy to have the opportunity to talk with my beloved Bishop and I shall always remember your kindness toward me.

- Here in Bagá the weather is not as mild as in San Diego during Fall and winter but since it is my native town I love it as it is. My health is very good in general except for the remnants of the paralysis I suffered four years and a half ago, and the doctor has told me that I have to carry them for the rest of my life. If it is the will of God I accept it with resignation and thank Him that at least I can do everything by myself even though with some difficulties.

Thanking Your Excellency again and with the assurance of my daily prayer for your Excellency and your beloved ones and kissing your pastoral ring I beg to remain sincerely and very gratefully
Fr. Joseph Rosell

by saying a Mass and preaching. The population of this town Bagá is about 2500 people and there are two Priests besides myself. Really I am not needed but I like to help. My house is in the outskirts of the city and to go to Church everyday is a good exercise, because I must walk at least two kilometers both ways. The place is beautiful, very high mountains and big forest. The valleys are green and there is plenty of water. In Summer the population doubles and on the weekends the same.

Hoping and praying that you are in good health and that everything is O.K. with you and your beloved ones I beg to remain sincerely and gratefully
yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Rosell

J. M. J.

September 30, 1975.

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Ctra. Guardiola-Bagá, s/n.

Alto Llobregat

Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry (Alcala Park)
Post Office Box 80428
San Diego, California, 92138 - U.S.A.

Your Excellency: It was a real pleasure for me to receive your most welcome letter of September 11, 1975 and I thank very heartily Your Excellency for your interest in being informed about my health. - Thanks to God I feel fine and the last test has showed that I am perfectly well in my physical condition except for the remnants of my paralysis due to the clog that I still have in a vein of my brain. If some day it may be dissolved, maybe I can be completely healed. But I am quite sure that is a very difficult thing, even though the doctors do their best to help with some special medicines - Little by little I do move better my fingers and walk faster and easier.

I want specially thank Your Excellency for your cha-
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city toward me by telling Monsignor Logan to send me some Mass stipends, what he did on the 17th of September by sending me a check of \$200.⁰⁰ to offer 20 low Masses for Fr. Philip Watz deceased. The Masses are being offered and the offering for each is very good and therefore a great help.

- Here in the heart of the Pyrenean Mountains the weather is a little cold already at nights, but have plenty of sunshine and when is necessary we can heat the house -

Asking the good Lord to bless Your Excellency very abundantly and your beloved ones, and all your undertakings in favor of the Diocese I beg to remain sincerely and very great fully yours in Christ and kissing your Pastoral ring

Fr. Joseph Russell

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September 11, 1975

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Baga (Barcelona) ESPANA

Dear Father Rossell:

I was very pleased to receive your letter just to know that you are doing so well. It is important that I hear from you frequently so I will be sure that you are taking care of yourself.

Your last visit here impressed me with your good health and your daily activities. I shall submit your request to Monsignor Eagen or to Father Anthony to see if we have any Mass stipends for you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

J. M. J.
P. JOSE ROSSELL

Villa María Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÀ (Barcelona) España

January 31, 1974

Rev. Mgr. I Brent Ecagen

P. O. Box 80428-

San Diego, Calif. 92138.

Rt. Rev. and dear Mgr.: It is with gratitude that I am answering your note of January 14, 1974. I thank Bishop Maher and you for your prompt response to my letter and the same to Mr. McGee. Now everything is in order. First I received the check of my pension of January 1, 1974 than the one of December 1973. - Up to date everything is O. K.

One thing is very important when you address any letter to me. The word "Bagà." Bagà is the

name of the little town where I live, by the being time
The Headletters of my envelopes and cards and letters are
correct. - Yours as you can see by yourself is not correct -
-and if I received your note is because of the name Villa
Maria Montserrat, wich is the name of my house where I
live, and since you overlooked the word Bagà it went to the
Monastery of Montserrat, and there because of the name
"Alto Llobregat" (Llobregat is a River that starts in the Piry-
nees mountains close to my native town Bagà) and alto means
upper, they thought was addressed to Bagà and that's the rea-
son I received it and was not returned to you -

With best wishes and gratitude I beg to remain
Sincerely yours to you
Fr. Joseph Rossell

Office
: Ministry/Alcala Park

80428, San Diego, California 92138

AIR MAIL

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Villa Maria ~~Montserrat~~
Alto Llobregat
(Barcelona,) Espana

~~Fr. Joseph Rossell~~ Bagà

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

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Rev. Eugene Lyons

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

January 18, 1974

Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen
San Diego Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
P. O. Box 80428
San Diego, Calif. 92138

Re: Rev. Joseph Rossell

Dear Monsignor:

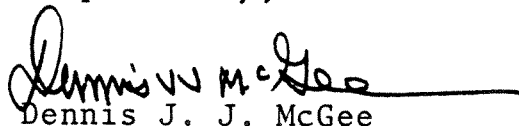
In acknowledging your memorandum of January 14 and Father Rossell's letter of December 31, I should like to explain to you the circumstances surrounding the December check that was mailed to him on Friday, November 30, 1973.

The address as given in the upper left-hand corner of Father Rossell's letter to you was followed with one exception. The envelope omitted the word BAGA. The check was returned to us on January 3, 1974 from Spain marked "improper address." On Tuesday, December 31, 1973 Father Rossell's check for the month of January in the amount of \$322.22 was mailed to him so that he received his January check before he ever got his December check.

Upon receipt of the returned envelope which had the December check in the amount of \$322.22 in it, we made out a new envelope and sent that check off to Father on January 3, the day we received it.

A letter has been written to Father Rossell explaining these circumstances to him and I assume that as of this date, he has both checks and everything is satisfactory. I shall, however, write to him of your inquiry and if there are any problems, ask him to let me know.

Respectfully,


Dennis J. J. McGee

DJJM:mrh

cc: Rev. Joseph Rossell
Rev. John M. Tahany
Rev. Thomas Prendergast

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January 18, 1974

Rev. P. Jose Rossell
Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
BAGA (Barcelona) Espana

Dear Father:

Monsignor Eagen inquired about your December check which was lost in the mails due to our not using the word BAGA. I am enclosing a copy of my answer to him. I trust that as of this date you have both your December and January checks. If not, will you please call me and reverse the charges.

Father, as you know, this is the first time that a check has not been delivered to you. We have accommodated you in so far as translation of money from American to Spanish and have done everything else that you've requested. This was due to nothing more than a clerical error. In the United States, as you know, it is not customary to use a name such as BAGA in an address. However, in the future you may rest assured this procedure will be followed and your checks will be delivered to you on time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. J. McGee

DJJM:mrbb

cc: ✓ Rev. Msgr. Eagen
Rev. John M. Tahany
Rev. Thomas Prendergast

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January 14, 1974

REV. JOSEPH ROSSELL

MSGR. I. BRENT EAGEN

MONTHLY PENSION

Bishop Maher has passed your letter
of December 31, 1973 to me and I
have forwarded it to McGee & Company
asking that payment be made immediately.

Be assured of my prayerful good wishes
in the New Year.

January 14, 1974

MR. DENNIS J. J. McGEE

REV. MSGR. I. BRENT EAGEN

REV. JOSEPH ROSSELL

We are enclosing copy of Father
Rossell's letter dated December 31, 1973.

It will be appreciated if you will
give your very prompt attention to this
matter.

P. JOSE ROSSELL

December 31, 1973.

Villa María Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

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

Your Excellency:

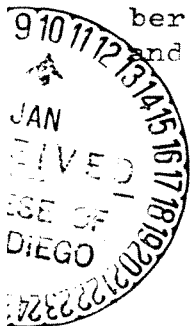
I wish and pray that Your Excellency have enjoied a very happy and Holly Christmas very blessed with heavenly gifs. And pray too, that the ~~New~~ year may be a very blessed one too for Your Excellency and the whole Diocese with both spiritual and earthly blessings.

My Christmas hasn't been too good this year and I pray that the coming year be better. Up to date I haven't yet received the check of my monthly pension for December 1973 in the amount of \$322.22. On the 17th. of this month I wrote to the Administrator Mr. Dennis McGee in Philadelphia, but up to date I haven't received from him a word. I was asking him to tell me if he had sent this check to me already or not. And if not to let me know the reason.

I will appreciate very much if Your Excellency can do some thing about it and see that I receive the check of my pension regularly and if there is any reason for not sending it in time at least write to me the reason for such interruption and keep me informed and not suffering thinking the worse.

Hoping that I may receive both checks corresponding December 1973 and January 1974 as soon as possible I beg to remain sincerely and devotedly yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell
Fr. Joseph Rossell



July 24, 1973

Rev. Anthony Chy~~l~~ewski

Bishop Maher

Mass Int. for Father Rossell

I have received word from Father
Joseph Rossell and hope that you will
be able to send him some Mass Inten-
tions. The cost of living is going
up and Father needs some help.

His address is:

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Baga (Barcelona), Spain

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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July 24, 1973

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Baga (Barcelona), Spain

Dear Father Rossell:

Thank you for your letter of June 11.
I am very pleased to receive your report and know
that you are so very active.

It is good to know that you can take the
necessary exercises to improve your health and that
you can participate in the parish life, especially
offering Mass on Sunday.

I am sure that you read the Southern
Cross with great interest and follow the many
changes taking place. We are especially preoccupied
with the Synod and hope that it will be very fruitful.

I shall ask Father Anthony to send you more
Mass Stipends.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

June 11, 1973

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher D.D. Bishop of San Diego
Administration Building, Alcalá Park
San Diego, California. 92110 U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

Since it is quite a time I haven't written to Your Excellency I think it is my duty to tell your Excellency how I am doing.

First of all through the Southern Cross I am informed about the many events and progresses in my Diocese of San Diego and for all the improvements due to the superb leadership of your Excellency, please, accept my deep and sincere congratulations and the assurance of my daily prayers for your personal welfare and the Diocese.

About my health I can't say too much. My improvement is slow. Certainly I can walk without any aid and do almost everything, but with some difficulty. The strength of my leg, arm and fingers is coming back very slow, otherwise my health is good, and I do walk two or three miles every day besides other exercises. I do say Mass every day and Sunday on my Parish Church and to go there I have to walk a half a mile or a mile both ways. On Sundays I say a schedule Mass and preach.

I don't have Mass intentions. The Propagation of the Faith has sent me twice in more than a year. If Your Excellency can say a word in my favor maybe it will help and I shall be very grateful to Your Excellency. Living is getting higher and higher here in Spain too, about 9 or 10% each year.

Asking God His choicest blessings for Your Excellency and the Diocese I beg to remain sincerely and devotedly your in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell

Missions Office sent stipend recently
4/12/73

March 6, 1973

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Villa María Montserrat

Alto Llobregat

Teléfono 88

BAGÀ (Barcelona). España

Rev. Msgr. I Brent Egan, Chancellor
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry
San Diego, Calif. 92110. - Alcala Park.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Msgr.: I thank you ever so much for
your letter of February 6, 1973. about my pension - I didn't
receive the pension of January in the proper time and
since nobody had told me about the change of sending
the pension and not receiving it I was upset. Finally on
the second of February I received a letter from the office
of the Central bank in Berga that I had there the equiva-
lent in pesetas of \$644.44 it is the pension of January
and February. I wrote to Mr. Dennis J. McGee that
the best way for me to receive the pension was through
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a personal check that I could cash very easily at the local bank. - and Mr. McGee told me that from now on they will do it this way. and he have already done it for March.

The only inconvenience now is that due to the devaluation of the dollar I receive 2500 pesetas less now than before the devaluation every month for the same amount of dollars. - I wrote to the Propagation of the Faith Rev. Fr. Anthony Chewleski if he could help me with some Mass intentions, but I didn't get any answer this time. On the end of last Summer he sent me 100, but they have been already offered. - If you can do something in this part I shall remain very grateful. -

My health has improved greatly and I hope and pray that through Spring + Summer it will improve much more. -

Thanking you for every thing and asking God His choicest blessings for you and your beloved ones I beg to remain sincerely yours in Christ. Fr. Joseph Roscell

February 6, 1973

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Barcelona, SPAIN

Dear Father Rossell:

We were pleased to receive your letter of January 25, 1973 with the good news that your physical condition is improving.

We called McGee and Company in Philadelphia to ascertain the reason for you not receiving your January pension check. In an effort to make it more convenient for you to have your pension in pesetas rather than dollars, the bank was to have air transferred your pension. On January 23 McGee and Company learned that the matter had not been handled by the bank so your pension for both January and February was mailed. You should now have received \$644.44 for the two months.

We sincerely hope this money has now been received by you. Please let us know if you have any further problems.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen
Chancellor

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SAN DIEGO DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

Alcala Park
San Diego, California

(Mailing address: P.O. Box 80428, San Diego 92138)

air transferred money 1/23
mailed both checks 322²²
changed into pesetas

Miss Nancy Boylan

644.44

J.M.J.

January 25, 1973



P. JOSE ROSSELL

Villa María Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher, Bishop of San Diego
Diocesan Office for Apostolic Ministry - Alcala Park
P.O. Box 80428
San Diego, California 92138

Your Excellency:

It was very kind of Your Excellency to answer my letter of December 1972 on the 29th. of the same month. Thanks to God I am improving little by little and I can do almost everything with my paralyzed side but not as fast as I do with the other side. I am happy to know that both Your Excellency and Monsignor Purcell are interested in my humble person and also to know that my Diocese is progressing so greatly under your leadership.

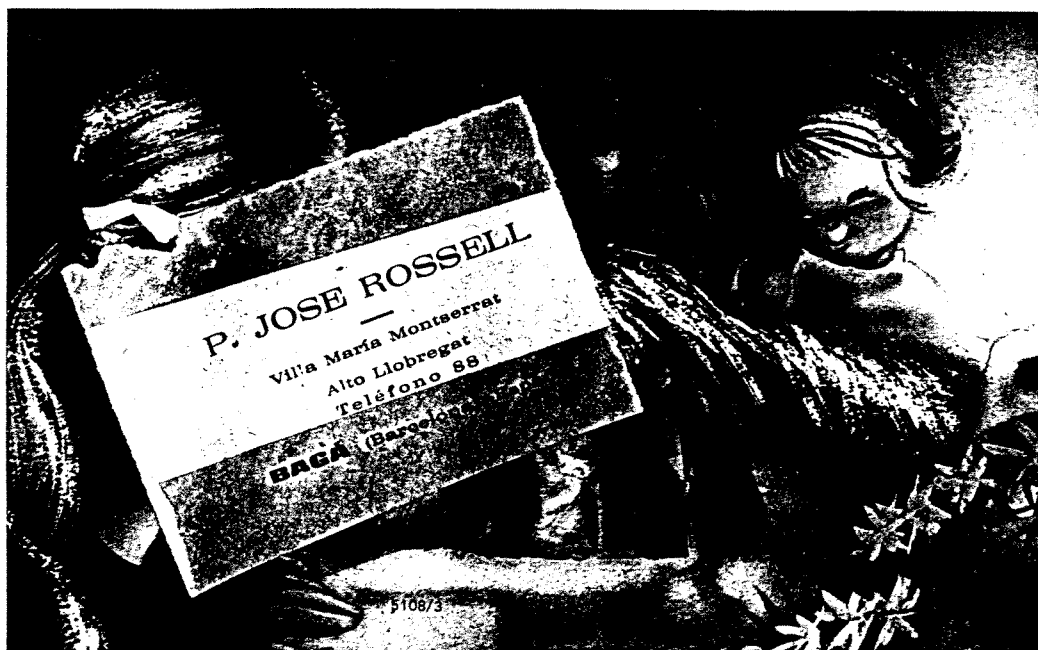
This month of January I didn't receive my pension of \$322.22 that I used to receive every month since the 1 of August 1972 after my sixty fifth birthday, July 20, 1972. Ordinarily the check was sent to me on the first of each month and I received it between the 5th. and 7th. but since this month I didn't receive it at the usual time I wrote to Mr. Dennis McGee the Administrator on the 11th. of this month. Up to now I didn't receive any answer. Since this pension is vital for me to pay my room, board, medicines which are very expensive, doctors, travel, dressing and so on I will appreciate if Your Excellency can provide that this pension reaches to me each month at the proper time including this one of January that I didn't receive yet.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter that Mr. McGee sent to me on April 5, 1972.

Asking God His choicest graces for your Excellency and thanking your Excellency for all you did and do for me and kissing your pastoral ring I beg to remain sincerely your in Christ

Father Joseph Rossell

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Mother and Dear Father: Since the
 great feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
 is just around the corner, it is my
 fervent prayer and desire that the
 Beatitude of Jerusalem may last for e-
 ver. This is our annual celebration,
 the only time this Holy Sunday but
 has the richness of the Holy Spirit
 1973 which I wish for your ex-
 cellency very blessed with good.
 and I hope it is as well as many
 important being enriched with divine
 light for your excellency and all the
 very and faithful of the Diocese
 through the Holy Spirit I am improving
 in daily and spiritual life, but it is
 long time that I write every where
 about my and our care.
 asking the favor of your Excellency
 may be for me and with the other
 who I am for your Excellency and
 would ones and all the Diocese,
 being your pastoral being I feel to
 and sincerely yours, Joseph
 Dr. Joseph Rossell

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 Rev. John M. Fahany
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 Rev. Thomas Pfendergast
 Rev. Eugene Lyons

April 5, 1972

Administrator
 McGee and Company
 Two Girard Pla.
 Phila., Pa. 19111
 (215) LO 8-660

Rev. Joseph Rossell
 Saint Anthony's Catholic Church
 1816 Harding Avenue
 National City, California 92050

Dear Father Rossell:

Thank you for your completed application and proof of date of birth
 which was received in this office last Friday. We await receipt of a copy of
 the letter from the Bishop granting you permission to retire.

Father, upon your sixty-fifth birthday, July 20, 1972, you will
 have completed a total of nineteen years and four months service and will
 be entitled to monthly pension of \$322.22. Your first pension check under
 the Diocese of San Diego Priest's Pension Plan will be payable August 1, 1972.

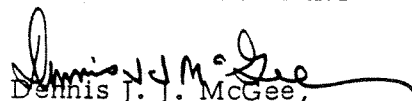
We have made note of the address in Spain and your checks will
 be sent there.

To the best of my knowledge, monies leaving the United States
 are not subject to U.S. tax; however, I am not familiar with the laws of Spain
 and suggest that when you get to Baga, you consult an attorney concerning this.

Father, if you have any questions or require additional information,
 please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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 Dennis J. J. McGee,
 Administrator

December 29, 1972

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Baga (Barcelona) Spain

Dear Father Rossell:

I was very pleased indeed to receive your letter of December 6 and learn that you are enjoying your retirement and especially your improved health. The fact that you make such great effort to exercise will give you greater development and strength.

Monsignor Purcell and I frequently speak of you and I will be happy to give him such a fine report.

All goes well here in the Diocese and we are looking forward to the New Year.

Please keep us informed on your own activities. It will always be wonderful to hear from you.

With best wishes for a New Year filled with God's good gifts, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

P. JOSE ROSSELL

Villa María Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÁ (Barcelona) España

October 31, 1972.



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

Your Excellency:

It was indeed a pleasure and a source of encouragement to receive Your Excellency's letter of July 19, 1972. Thanks to God my health continues improving and according to my Doctor, by the being time, I have the movements of my paralyzed side recovered 90%. Now I don't use the cane at all and just to go forth and back to my Parish Church to say Mass I walk about two miles. Some days I do walk two or three more extra miles.

Just a few days ago I received from the Director of the Propagation of the Faith Rev. Anthony Chylewski one Hundred Mass stipends I thank very heartily Your Excellency and the Propagation of the Faith. For the same I ask God to reward all of You a hundredfold. They are helping me a great deal in buying my medicines which are quite expensive and the Doctor, just yesterday, besides the ones I have been taking, prescribed another one, the purpose of which is to help to open completely, if possible, the clog in the vein that caused my paralysis. May the Good Lord grant me this favor.

With best wishes and prayers for Your Excellency and the Diocese under your excellent care and kissing your Pastoral Ring I beg to remain sincerely your in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell
Fr. Joseph Rossell

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July 19, 1972

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Baga (Barcelona) Espana

Dear Father Rossell:

It was wonderful to hear from you and to know that you are so happily situated and that your health has improved so greatly. No doubt your retirement has been beneficial in the great progress and development of your health.

I note in your letter that you are looking for Mass stipends to assist you in your obligations. I will be pleased to present your request to the Propagation of the Faith to see if they have any stipends to forward to you. Likewise I shall present your thinking, as stated in your letter, to the Retirement Board for their consideration.

Please keep me informed concerning your good health. I will be always happy to know that you are enjoying your retirement.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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JOSE ROSSELL

Villa María Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Teléfono 88

BAGÀ (Barcelona) España July 13, 1972.



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

Your Excellency:

This letter is to thank Your Excellency for granting me an extended vacation until the time of my retirement July 20, 1972. My vacation is going to end next week and thanks to God my health has improved greatly under the good care of Doctor Pedro Balsells Bordas. My life is quite different than in St. Anthony's. Thanks to God I offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass every day at the Parish Church, on week days I have no schedule, but on Sundays voluntarily and because it's a joy for me to do it I celebrate the Mass at 11.60 a.m. and preach. They can't do it without me, so there is no gratification of any kind. My Pension according to the years of my services in the Diocese is only \$322.22 monthly starting next month and my social security is only \$68.10. The dollar dollar has been devalued at least 10% to the Peseta and being sick and needing very expensive medicines is not too much. Besides living outside the States I don't enjoy Medicare or medicare or insurance of any kind. I think the States should do something for the retired priest living outside of the States. Meanwhile since I don't have Mass stipends I will appreciate if the Diocese can provide me with some each month to help me to pay for the medicines and Dr. bills. If Your Excellency can help me with it I shall be very grateful.

Jose Rossell

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With the assurance of my daily prayers for Your Excellency and for the Diocese of San Diego and with deep gratitude for everything you have done and can do for me and asking your PASTORAL BLESSINGS I beg to remain sincerely yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell

Fr. Joseph Rossell

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April 7, 1972

Rev. Joseph Rossell
St. Anthony's Parish
1816 Harding Avenue
National City, California 92050

Dear Father Rossell:

After our interview of April 7 I am pleased to comply with your desire to retire on July 20, 1972. At that time you will reach the age of 65 and because of your health you find it necessary to retire at that time.

I am granting you permission to resign your parish as of May 1 and take an extended vacation until your retirement. At the earliest possible date I shall notify you of the name of the priest who will replace you.

I wish to express to you my sincere thanks and deep gratitude for your faithful service and your great zeal in serving the people especially at St. Anthony's.

Wishing you the greatest happiness in your deserved retirement, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

P. José Rossell

*Villa Maria Montserrat
Alto Llobregat
Bagà (Barcelona) Spain*

Teléfono 88

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April 7, 1972

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to confirm that the Reverend Joseph Rossell, a priest of the Diocese of San Diego, is in good standing and has served the Church faithfully and zealously. He has sought permission to retire because of his health and this has been granted to him.

Whatever assistance can be given to him will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

August 24, 1971

MONSIGNOR SEAN MURRAY

BISHOP MAHER

FATHER JOSEPH ROSSELL

I have had an interview with the Pastor of St. Anthony's in National City, Father Rossell, and find that while he is improving it is still difficult for him to carry the burden of his pastorate.

However, he does desire to remain in this position until he is 65 years of age so that he can not only receive a pension but also his Social Security. He will become 65 July 20, 1972. So, unless there is great improvement in his health, he will retire on August 1, 1972.

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

CERTIFICO que el Rdo. Sr. D. José Rosell Coma
de la diócesis de San Diego, California, USA, Párroco
de S. Antonio de National City, Calif. ha practicado los Santos Ejercicios
del 17 al 22 de julio

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Montserrat, 22 de julio de 1967

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St. Anthony's Catholic Church
1816 HARDING AVE.
NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.

December 16, 1966

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, D.D., , Ph. D., LL.D.
2031 Sunset Boulevard
San Diego, Calif. 92103

Your Excellency:

It is my fervent prayer and desire that this Holy Season of Christmas be one of great joy and happiness for your Excellency and the New Year of 1967 may bring to your life the fulfillment of many of your great ideals.

As a token of my appreciation I shall offer the holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Christmas Day at your intentions.

Missing your pastoral ring and asking for the favor of your prayers I beg to remain sincerely and devotedly yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Russell



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THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY

NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA



OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR



January 10, 1966

To His Holiness, Pope Paul VI
The Vatican
Rome, Italy

Your Holiness:

During the 24 years of my life spent in the service of my country in the United States Navy, both in peace and in war, I have fought for the freedom and dignity of all peoples. It is in retrospect that I am taking the liberty of writing this letter.

I am the Vice Mayor of the City of National City, California, and have resided here for a period of 33 years. It was during this time that I became acquainted with one of your emissaries, the good Father Joseph Rossell, pastor of St Anthony's Catholic Church. Father Rossell's parish is situated in the West side of our city, an area populated primarily with Americans of Mexican extraction. It is the intent of this letter to bring to your attention, the work of a wonderful man who has done so much toward improving the welfare of these sensitive people.

Father Rossell has worked diligently for and effected the improvement of better working and living conditions, has completely renovated his church making it an outstanding building in the vicinity, and was responsible for the recent completion of a beautiful recreation hall, separate from the church, for his parishioners. He was presented with a plaque by the "Beautification Committee" of the City of National City Chamber of Commerce for this accomplishment.

His Holiness Pope Paul VI

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January 10, 1966

Although I am not a member of his Faith, in view of his outstanding accomplishments, I feel incumbent upon me to express my sincere feelings of appreciation and respect on behalf of us in city government, for the civic work this dedicated man has done for this community.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cecil F. Allen".

CECIL F. ALLEN

Vice Mayor

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J. M. J.

July 29, 1964

Most Rev. Francis J. Tuncy Apostolic Administrator of
the Diocese of San Diego.

Administration Building, Alcalá Park -
San Diego 10, California - U.S.A.

Your Excellency:

Please accept my deep gratitude
for the long and nice vacation your Excellency
has granted to me. - I really am enjoying a
wonderful time among my relatives and friends.

On May 23rd I performed the ma-
riage of my nephew, and both make a wonderful
and happy couple. They certainly appreciate your
blessings. - Recently I have visited South Spain
and in the many shrines of our Blessed Mother (Mont-
serrat, El Pilar, La Macarena etc.) I have prayed
for your Excellency and for the Diocese of San Diego.

On the 20th of August I have to marry
my niece and I shall convey your Excellency's
blessings to them.

I plan as agreed to be in St. Anthony's
in National City by the 3rd of September. Thanks to
God I am enjoying excellent health and I am full of
enthusiasm to continue my parish work with renewed
zeal. -

Thanking again your Excellency for my vacation
and kissing your Papal Ring I am sincerely and devotedly
yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Russell

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
1816 HARDING AVE.
NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.

December 20, 1963

Most Rev. Francis J. Furey, D.D., Ph.D., LL.D.
Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of San Diego.
2031 Sunset Blvd.
San Diego 92103, California.

Your Excellency:

Moved by the words of Saint Paul to his disciple Timothy: "Qui episcopatum desiderat bonum opus desiderat". Tim.: I, 3,1. I dare to ask your Excellency to be appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Calexico if Your Excellency thinks that I am qualified for such a Parish.

I am 56 years old and I was ordained March 16, 1930. I have already been in the Diocese almost 11 years and incardinated about 10 years. I was assistant to Mrgr. Nunez 2 years in O.L. of Guadalupe, San Bernardino. I was Administrator for 7 months in St. Anthony's Parish, Imperial, and since March 19, 1956 I have been Pastor of St. Anthony's in National City. This Parish is a National Mexican Parish ~~without~~ boundaries and rather a difficult one for this reason. A change for a territorial Parish better than St. Anthony's in National City after almost 8 years of very hard work I think the translation will make me happy and will encourage me in the discharge of my pastoral duties. Since the Parish of Calexico is vacant, for the death of our beloved Fr. Vincent (R.I.P.) and is a Parish with a very great percentage of Spanish speaking people I think in the Lord, to be capable of handling such a Parish if appointed Pastor.

This letter on account of its subject is not easy to be written, but if I don't ask who is going to do it for me? and if nobody does how will your Excellency know that I desire to be promoted to a better Parish with boundaries, like Calexico, O.L. of Guadalupe in San Bernardino, St. Anthony's in San Bernardino, St. Mary's in Redlands? All Parishes of a very great percentage of Mexican speaking people.

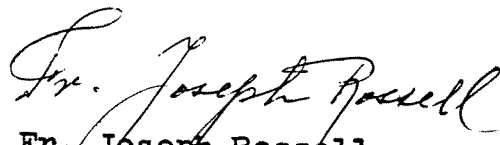
This letter therefore serves to let

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
1816 HARDING AVE.
NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.

Your Excellency know about my aspirations.

I do hope and pray that the opening of my heart to your Excellency has nothing wrong and if so I humbly ask Your Excellency forgiveness.

Kissing your Pastoral ring and with conformity to the will of God to your Excellency's final decision I beg to remain sincerely and obediently yours in Christ


Fr. Joseph Russell.

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August 22, 1963

Rev. Joseph Rossell
St. Anthony's Church
1816 Harding St.
National City, California

Dear Father:

Sisters of St. Francis
Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent
745 Beardsley
San Diego, California 92113

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J. M. J

Zaragoza, July 10, 1961.

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy D.D. Ph.D. Bishop of San Diego.
Administration Building, Alcala Park
P.O. Box 2422
San Diego, California, U.S.A.

Your Excellency.

It is with a deep gratitude that I address myself to Your Excellency. My vacation in my native country is going along very fine and my health is gaining plenty from it. I have spent the most part of the time in Barcelona and Baja my native town - Now I am here in Zaragoza visiting the oldest shrine of Our Lady the Basilica of el Pilar in the banks of the river Ebro. - Today I have offered the Holy sacrifice of the Mass to your particular intentions in the Altar of the Blessed Mother. - The Boat leaves Le Havre on the 23rd of August and arrives in New York on the 29th. I plan to be in St. Anthony's by the 2nd or 3rd of September, and hope everything will be all-right there. - I do hope and pray that Your Excellency is completely recovered and your leg is perfectly normal. -

With the assurance of my daily prayers and thanking your Excellency again for this vacation I beg to remain sincerely and devotedly yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Russell

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July 17, 1961

The Reverend Joseph Rossell
Baga - Barcelona
SPAIN

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

Your kindly thought in remembering me with a gracious letter is sincerely appreciated.

You are making the best of your well-earned vacation and find much interest in visiting the various Shrines, especially those of Our Lady. She can be counted on to protect you during this entire trip.

The fact that you offered Holy Mass for me is the perfect gift, one that will always be cherished.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you, it is my privilege to remain, with a triple blessing on the balance of your vacation,

Sincerely in Corde Regis Regum,

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

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ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

1816 Harding Avenue
National City, California

April 14, 1960

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, S.T.D., Ph.D., LL.D.
Bishop of San Diego.
Administration Building, Alcala Park.
P.O. Box 2422.
San Diego 12, California.

Your Excellency:

Once again in this solemn Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord I raise my thoughts to Our Divine Redeemer and in the day of His triumph I ask Him to bestow upon Your Excellency His divine gifts and guide all your enterprises to the greatest glory of God and the salvation of the great multitude of souls entrusted to your Pastoral care.

On Easter Sunday I shall offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at your especial intentions as my gift to your Excellency in such a great solemnity and as a token of my gratitude and appreciation for the many benefits I have received from Your Excellency since the blessed day I had the fortune to put myself under your inspiring guidance.

Kissing your Pastoral ring I beg to remain sincerely and devotedly yours in Christ
Jesus Our Lord

Fr. Joseph Rossell
Fr. Joseph Rossell

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OCT 1 1959

The Reverend Joseph Rossell
St. Anthony's Church
1816 Harding Avenue
National City, California

Sisters of St. Francis
Our Lady of Guadalupe School
47 South 19th Street
San Diego 13, California

July 24, 1958

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
237 pl - Mallorca St.
Barcelona, Spain

Dear Father Rossell:

It is gratifying to have your letter of July 1st from Lourdes, France. Thanks be to God for you!

You must have beautiful inspirations at Our Lady's Shrine in Lourdes and you can be assured of my deepfelt gratitude that you remembered me there with your generous thought of offering the Adorable Sacrifice for my intentions.

Everything here in general, and in your own parish of St. Anthony's in particular, seems to be going along satisfactorily.

Your plans to arrive home at the end of August are quite agreeable.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you and imploring a safe journey home, where a loving welcome awaits you, it is my privilege to remain,

Your devoted servant in
Corde Regis Regum,

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

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J. M. J.
Lourdes, France, July 1, 1958.

The Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San
Diego, California

Your Excellency:

It is with deep appreciation that I am writing this letter to Your Excellency - I am enjoying my vacation - I spent the beginning of it with my relatives and friends in Barcelona city and its Province - Now I am visiting the shrine of Lourdes and the world fair of Bruxelles - This morning I have offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the Basilica of your intentions -

I plan to sail from Barcelona on the 15 of August and be back to my Parish in National City by the end of the same month.

If I am needed before, just let me know and I will be back at the time your Excellency desire - My address in Barcelona

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is:

Calle Mallorca 237 principal
Barcelona - Spain.

My health, thanks to God, is very good.
Asking your Pastoral Blessing. I beg
to remain, sincerely and respectfully
yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Rosell

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November 4, 1957

The Reverend Joseph Rossell
St. Anthony's Church
1816 Harding Avenue
National City, California

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

Let me hasten to acknowledge with sincere appreciation your gracious letter of November 1 with your cordial congratulations on my 70th birthday and a generous offering of \$25 to commemorate it. You may be pleased to know that this gift has been allocated to the Immaculata -- University Chapel Building Fund, where, please God, it will bless you and bless us.

Let me also express gratitude for your very substantial check in the amount of \$400 representing the net proceeds from your bazaar, a contribution to the University of San Diego. The enclosure of 12 names and addresses will also be helpful to us.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you and for your spirit of loyal cooperation,

Faithfully your servant in Christ,

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

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St. Anthony's Catholic Church

1816 Harding Avenue
National City, California

November 1, 1957

Most Rev. Charles Francis Buddy, D.D. Ph. D., Bishop of San Diego.
Administration Building, Alcala Park.
P.O. Box 2422,
San Diego 12, California.

Your Excellency:

First of all I fervently pray to Your Heavenly Patron, St. Charles Borromeo, the holy Archbishop of Milan, to bless Your Excellency very abundantly in your feast day. As a token of my deep gratitude to Your Excellency, on the 4th of November I shall offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at your special intentions asking God that the apostolic zeal and holiness of St. Charles may continue being yours till the end for the good of the Diocese and the every day increasing number of Souls entrusted to your care.

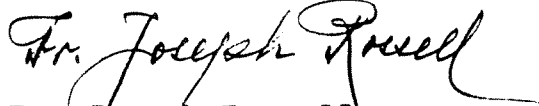
On your 70th. birthday, October 4th, it was impossible for me to be physically present, on account of the annual bazaar which took place on the 5th. and 6th. of October and the most part of the preparations of it were under my personal care, yet my spirit and prayers accompanied Your Excellency in such a happy occasion.

As an small contribution to the purse that the Priests and the Faithful offered to Your Excellency in the opportunity of your birthday, please, accept this humble offering of \$25.00.

Also as an annual contribution of St. Anthony's Parish to the University of San Diego, I am very pleased to enclose this check in the amount of \$400.00 from the net proceeds of our Bazaar.

With regard to the campaign to provide an Art & Science Building for the University of San Diego all the directives are being followed ad pedem litterae. In a separate sheet of paper you will find the twelve names and addresses of twelve members of my Parish. I don't think they can help too much. They are just one dollar contributors in the Sunday Collection. All my Parishioners are common laborers with large families.

Kissing your Pastoral Ring and asking your blessings I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in Christ


Fr. Joseph Rossell

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April 17, 1957

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
1816 Harding Avenue
National City, California

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

In offering Holy Mass for me on Easter Sunday
you have bestowed upon me the perfect gift.

With deepfelt appreciation I can pray: Thanks
be to God for you!

Let me reciprocate your good wishes and pray
for you an abundance of Easter graces.

Devotedly in Our Risen Saviour,

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

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ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1816 HARDING AVE.
NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.

April 16, 1957

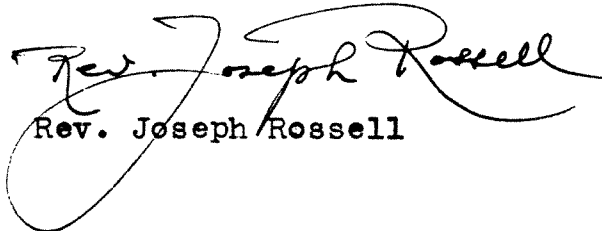
Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, D.D., Ph.D., LL.D.
Bishop of San Diego
Chancery Office
P.O. Box 2422
San Diego 12, California.

Your Excellency:

It is my fervent prayer and desire that Our Risen Savior may bestow upon Your Excellency His choicest blessings and divine Gifts in this coming Easter.

As my spiritual gift to your Excellency in this occasion I shall offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at your special intentions on Easter Sunday.

With deep gratitude and appreciation I kiss your Pastoral Ring and beg to remain sincerely yours in Christ.


Rev. Joseph Rossell

March 5, 1956

Rev. Joseph Rossell
St. Anthony of Padua Church
210 West 7th Street
P.O. Box 271
Imperial,
California

Dear Father:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has directed me to write this letter confirming your appointment as Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Barton Road and California Street, Bryn Mawr, effective Wednesday, March 7, 1956 at 2:00 p.m.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. James T. Booth, J.C.D.
CHANCELLOR

cc: Fr. Cerezo

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November 28, 1955

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
P.O. Box 788
Imperial, California

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

Many thanks for your esteemed courtesy of November 25.

In response to your inquiry, let me respectfully submit that the change indicated to you was intended for December 1st. Inasmuch, however, as Father Cerezo is now content in Bryn Mawr and also because of extensive dental work under way, perhaps it will be better to postpone indefinitely any further thought of a transfer.

Please possess your soul in peace and continue on a permanent basis.

Let me add this, that you have been very patient and obliging. In fact, you have exemplified the true spirit of the Priesthood of Jesus Christ by your prompt willingness to cooperate with the unworthy Bishop.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you, I remain,

Your devoted servant
in Corde Regis Regum,

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

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cc: Father Cerezo

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J.M.J.
St. Anthony's Church

POST OFFICE BOX 788
IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA

November 25, 1955

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, D.D. Ph.D. LL.D.
Bishop of San Diego.
Administration Building, Alcala Park.
P.O. Box 2422.
San Diego 12, California.

Your Excellency:

A month ago Your Excellency proposed me to be moved to the Sacred Heart Church in Bryn Mawr. I understood that this change was going to take place the next following week, and being that nothing happened I thought that things were going to stay the way they are, which thought, made me feel very happy. Then the changes have come up in the Southern Cross without any official appointment from the Chancery directed to me, and through gossip I understand that these changes are going to take place early in the month of December this year.

If I may ask for a favor it would be that these changes be postponed till next January if they necessarily have to be done. At anyhow if Your Excellency feels that ~~this~~ this favor can not be done to me I am ready to obey your orders at any time.

With my deepest appreciation and gratitude I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in Christ.

Fr. Joseph Rossell
Fr. Joseph Rossell

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November 22, 1955

The Reverend Joseph Rossell
Sacred Heart Church
Box 21
Bryn Mawr, California

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

You are hereby appointed Administrator of Sacred Heart Church, Bryn Mawr, California. This appointment is effective December 1, 1955.

Praying for you every blessing and bespeaking your continued loyal cooperation, I am,

Your devoted servant in Christ,

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

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August 12, 1955

The Reverend Joseph Rossell
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino,
California

Reverend and dear Father Rossell;

You are hereby appointed Administrator pro-tem of

St. Anthony of Padua Church
210 West 7th Street
Imperial, California

effective Saturday, August 13, 1955, at 3:00 p.m.

With every good wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy
Bishop of San Diego

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+ July 23, 1955
J. M. J.

The Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.T.D and Ph.D. Bishop
of San Diego. -

Alcala Park,
San Diego 12, California.

Your Excellency:

I am in receipt of your
most welcome letter of July 12, 1955. which was
forwarded to me on my arrival - July 19. -

I thank your Excellency for it and for the
encouraging expressions you so kindly direct to
my humble person. -

The boat "Saturnia" sails from Barcelona
on July 27 and is due to New York August 6
or 7. - And I will do my best to ~~report~~ report to your
Chancery Office on August 13. - or before if it is
possible. -

Before-hand I thank Your Excellency
ever so much for my new appointment whatever
it may be, and I must do the best of my power
to fulfill my new obligations, always in accordance
with your high direction and paternal guidance. -

With my deep and sincere gratitude to Your Ex-
cellency for the wonderful vacations I had in this
jubilearian year of my priesthood I beg to remain sincerely
and respectfully yours in Christ

St. Joseph Russell

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July 12, 1955

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
Calle Ausias March 46 - 3º- 1ª
Barcelona, Spain

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

My cordial thanks for your thoughtfulness in writing me from Jerusalem and also for offering the Holy Mass at Mount Calvary for the welfare of this diocese and the intentions of its unworthy Bishop.

It is gratifying to learn from your letter of your intense interest in and appreciation for those holy places.

A warm welcome awaits your return. In fact, it will be of great advantage if you can arrive here on the 13th of August so as to take up your new post on the 14th and permit a brother priest to start his vacation.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you and ~~sending~~you a triple blessing, it is my privilege to be,

Your devoted servant in Christ,

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

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Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.D and Ph.D.
Bishop of San Diego -
Administration Building, Alcala Park
San Diego 12. California.

His Excellency:

From Jerusalem, where I am since July 4, 1955 I want to express your Excellency my deep gratitude and appreciation for permitting me to celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Priesthood in the Holy City of Jerusalem where our Lord and Redeemer Jesus Christ has offered the first Mass in this world and has given to the Apostles and successors the same power. I feel very happy visiting these holy places and heartily thank God and your Excellency for this joy and this opportunity which I have been longing for so many years.

Today I have offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Mt. Calvary for the intentions of your Excellency and for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Diocese of San Diego as a token of deep gratitude for what your Excellency has done for me.

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I am in a group of 14 American priests visiting the Holy Land for ten days. - I will be back in Barcelona on the 17 of July.

The boat sails for New York from Barcelona on the 27 of July and arrives in New York on the 6 or 7 of August. - and I expect to report in your office and receive orders on the 13 or 14 of August. -

Thanking Your Excellency again and again for everything you have done for me and specially for the great privilege to celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Priesthood in Holy Land I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in J. M. J.

Fr. Joseph Russell

Jerusalem, July 7, 1955.

April 15, 1955

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
Calle Ausias March 46 - 30 - 1a
Barcelona, Spain

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

This acknowledges with sincere appreciation your two letters of April 6, 1955, including your generous check in the amount of \$50.00.

The plan you have for meeting the Incardination fee is quite satisfactory. Later you will wish to take care of this item so your record will be clear and up-to-date, but you have at least two or three years in which to do it.

I rejoice with you and congratulate you on your Twenty-Five Silver Years in the Sacred Priesthood. It is also gratifying to know that you are realizing your dream of many years, to visit the Holy Land. My fervent prayer is that your health will remain normal and that you will enjoy every moment of your well earned holiday.

Thanking the Holy Spirit for you and begging a remembrance in your prayers, it is my privilege to be,

Your devoted servant in Christ,

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

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J.M.J.

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

April 6, 1955

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.T.D. and PH.D.
Bishop of San Diego
Alcala Park, Administration Building
San Diego 12, California.

Your Excellency:

In this joyous Eastertime it is my fervent desire and prayer that Our Divine Risen Lord may bestow upon Your Excellency all the graces and blessings He deserved for us in His passion and death and has confirmed in His glorious Resurrection.

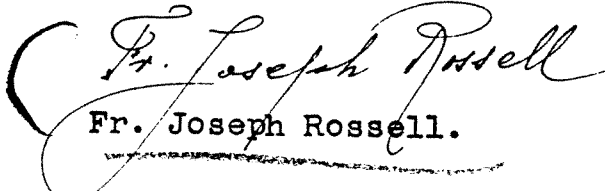
As my humble gift to your Excellency in this Easter Season of 1955 I shall offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass for your intentions on Easter day.

I take this opportunity to thank again Your Excellency for permitting me to go to Holy Land to celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Priesthood. I will leave San Bernardino on Easter Sunday at 3:00 p.m. and I plan to be back on the States and in the Diocese of San Diego early in August.

The most part of the time, while not traveling, my residence will be;

(Calle Ausias March 46-31^a
Barcelona-Spain.

Asking your Pastoral blessing I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in Christ


Fr. Joseph Rossell.

J.M.J.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino, California

April 6, 1955

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.T.D. and Ph. D.
Bishop of San Diego
Administration Building, Alcala Park
San Diego 12, California

Your Excellency:

I am in receipt of the Incardination fee \$ 200.00 for the Priest Relief Society. I most pay this fee very gladly, but I ask your Excellency to allow me to pay this bill little by little. Right now, on account of my trip I am only able to pay fifty dollars and coming back I plan to pay the rest in monthly instalments of \$25:00 if your Excellency permits me to do so.

Kissing your Pastoral Ring I beg
to remain sincerely and faithfully yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rossell
Fr. Joseph Rossell

O.K.

*50 deposited in
Chancery*

Carolus Franciscus Buddy

Dei et Apostolicæ Sedis Gratia
Episcopus Sancti Didaci



DILECTO NOBIS IN CHRISTO

Dmo. JOSEPH ROSSELL

Salutem in Domino.

Votis tuis libenter annuentes, ^{Sacra Congregatione Negotiis Religiosorum} ~~Reverendissimo ac Illustrissimo D. D. Episcopo~~
N. 2900/53
per rescriptum saecularizationis sub proto. ~~hactenus Ordinatio tue, sicut~~
~~per scripta nobis constat~~, assentiente, te in nostram Sancti Didaci Diocesim in California
suscipimus ac te susceptum et participem omnium iurium et privilegiorum necnon et officiorum,
quæ ad dilectum nostrum clerum pertinent, per præsentem has litteras declaramus, faustissima
quæque tibi insuper precantes.

Datum Civitate Sancti Didaci ex ædibus Nostris, die 19a mensis

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A. D. 1954

+ Carolus Franciscus
Carolus Franciscus
Episcopus
Sancti Didaci.

De Mandato Rev^{mi} ac Ill^{mi} D. D. Episcopi,

Donaldus R. Kulleck
Donaldus R. Kulleck
Secretarius.

Litterae huiusmodi incardinationis perpetuae et absolutae con-
servandae sunt in archivio diocoesan.

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CONGREGACIÓN
DE HIJOS DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

Entenza, 301 - Telef. 23 82 96
BARCELONA (15)

CURIA GENERALICIA



EXC.ME ac REV.ME DOMINE,

Grati animo ~~Litteras~~ Excellentiae Vestrae
Rev.mae recipimus, vi quarum notum Nobis facis Re-
verendum Patrem, hactenus Congregationis nostrae
professum a votis perpetuis, JOSEPHUM ROSSELL,
praehabito Indulto Sacrae Congregationis Negotiis
Religiosorum Sodalium praepositae, incardinationem
perpetuam et absolutam in Sancti Didaci Dioecesi,
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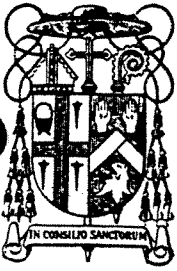
Barcinone, die 7 aprilis 1954.

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Pastoralem exosculatur



Martius Millet S.F.
Superior Generalis,

Exc.mo Domino Episcopo Dioeceseos SANCTI DIDACI.



Diocese of San Diego
1528 Fourth Avenue
~~San Diego 1, California~~

New Address: Alcala Park
San Diego 12, California
June 8, 1954

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Reverend and dear Father:

His Excellency directs me to inform you that the Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Family has informed this Chancery of the receipt of your letter of Incardination into the Diocese of San Diego.

As you are aware this completes canonical process of Incardination.

The Most Reverend Bishop sends his blessing and cordial regards.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Donald R. Kullock,
Secretary.

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Rosell

J.M.J.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Fifth Avenue
San Bernardino, California

April 10, 1954

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.T.D. and Ph. D.
Bishop of San Diego
1528 Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Your Excellency:

It is my fervent prayer and desire
that the Risen Saviour may fill your heart with His
choicest blessings and gifts in this holy Easter of
1954.

As a token of my deep gratitude for
the many favors received from Your Excellency I will
offer the holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Easter Sunday
at your especial intentions.

With my deep appreciation and respect
I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in
Christ Our Risen Lord

Fr. Joseph Rosell

J.M.J.

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

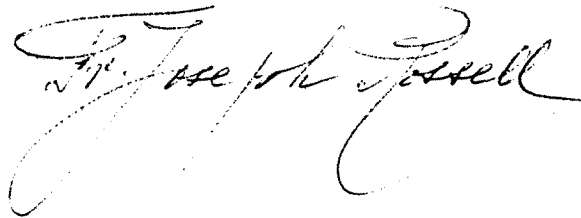
March 30, 1954

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.T.D. and Ph. D.
Bishop of San Diego
1526 Fourth Ave.
San Diego 1, California

Your Excellency:

I thank your Excellency very kindly for the great privilege to be fully attached to the Diocese of San Diego by the Decree of Incardination I have received yesterday. I must do my best to be always worthy of belonging to your Diocese and I solemnly promise to work with my whole strength for the good of the souls and for the good of the Diocese under your wise guidance.

With sentiments of my deep appreciation and gratitude I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. Joseph Rosell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.

LITTERAE INCARDINATIONIS

Copies to:

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Diocesan Archives
Sacred Congregation for Religious
Superior General, Congregation of the Holy Family

JOSEPH ROSSELL

Sacra Congregatione Negotiis Religiosorum

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Carolus Franciscus

Donaldus R. Kulleck

Litterae hujusmodi incardinationis perpetuae et absolutae communicandae sunt cum Sacra Congregatione Negotiis Religiosorum.

J.M.J.

San Bernardino, March 16, 1954.

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Most Rev. Charles Francis Buddy S.T.D. and Ph.D.
1528 Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Your Excellency:

Today 16, 1954 is the 24th anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood and I take this commemorable opportunity to renew my request for incardination into the Diocese of San Diego where I have worked already for over a year under your guidance and since I feel very happy in Your Diocese and I deeply appreciate the kindness Your Excellency has shown to me, I have a great desire to be fully attached to the Diocese of San Diego at your earliest convenience if Your Excellency thinks that I am worthy of this great privilege.

Following the advise Your Excellency gave me in the Rectory of East Highlands when we talked about that matter on the 8th of this month I will make a brief narration of the events since my coming to your Diocese.

I came to the Diocese of San Diego on March 13, 1953 and I was assigned to St. Joseph's Cathedral. On April 14th 1953 I was appointed assistant to the Right Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Nuñez, Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Bernardino, California. On June the 2nd, I made my first application for incardination into the Diocese of San Diego and at that date I sent to the Chancery Office ~~the~~ original Rescript of my secularization praevis experimento in which it is stated that Your Excellency is the executer, and can incardinate me "transacto experimento tempore, vel etiam prius". By the order of Your Excellency The Very Rev. James T. Booth J.C.D. Vice-Chancellor at that time answered to my request on June 3rd. saying: "that His Excellency wishes to assure you that your request for incardination into the Diocese of San Diego will receive every consideration possible". In the meanwhile I was request to send to the Chancery Office a recent health certificate and a Chest X-ray as a further requirement, what I did immediately.

Maybe the untrue charge that Fr. Dominic Morera S.F. made againsts me in a letter to Your Excellency September 15, 1953 had something to do ~~with~~ to postpone my incardination. On November 4, 1953 Your Excellency wrote me to answer these charges directly to Fr. Dominic Morera S.F. submitting to him "An accurate and forthright statement of facts" and to send a copy of this statement to Your Excellency. I did that on November 6, 1953. The Very Rev. Vice-Chancellor following your instructions wrote me on the 8th of November that this statement had been received by Your Excellency. On December 10th. I received the answer from Fr. Dominic Morera S.F. and he sent a letter of the same tenor or a copy to Your Excellency in which he didn't seem very pleased of my letter November 6, 1954. I answered that letter on the 21st. of December explaining everything and telling Fr. Dominic Morera S.F. not to bother me any more. This letter is very long, about eight pages of typewrinting, and I sent a copy to Father General, Rt. Rev. Martin Millet S.F. who lives in Barcelona, Spain. Fr. General gave me the permission to come to your Diocese and sent to Your Excellency the confidential letter about my person before I was admitted to the Diocese of San Diego.

Since that letter December 21, 1953, Fr. Dominic Morera S.F. has not written me any more, and I am sure that Fr. General told him not to bother me again for anything. Fr. General on the 28th of December wrote me a short note telling me that he had received the copies of the letters I sent

to Fr. Dominic Morera S.F. and thanked me for the information I had given to him. Enclosed is the original of Fr. General's note.

To clear up all this wickedness of Fr. Dominic Morera against me I paid a visit to Your Excellency on January 29 and explained all the questions Your Excellency made to me and I left your Office with the assurance that everything had been cleared up. This assurance of Your Excellency gave me courage ~~to ask for~~ in our interview of East Highlands March 8, 1954 to ask again for my incardination and your promise that it would be granted provided that I make the petition in writing. I thought it would be the best thing to make this petition in the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood which took place in Barcelona on the 16 of March 1930.

Thanking Your Excellency for all the considerations you always shown to me specially for the one of my incardination so dear to me I beg to remain sincerely yours in Christ

Fr. Joseph Rosell

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February 26, 1954

The Reverend Joseph Rossell
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
322 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Reverend and dear Father:

His Excellency directs me to acknowledge your letter of February 23rd and to reply to the same.

The Most Reverend Bishop feels that it would not be wise for you to act as sponsor for any of the confirmandi. Therefore, he regretfully declines your request to act as sponsor to _____

As regards the Mass Stipends, it has been the custom of this Chancery to send them to the priests at Our Lady of Guadalupe through Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nunez. A supply of these Stipends are being sent to Monsignor in this mail. His Excellency is sure that a request directed to your good pastor will provide you with the necessary Stipends.

The Most Reverend Bishop sends his blessing and cordial regards.

With every good wish,

The Rev. Donald R. Kulloek
Secretary

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J.M.J.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino, California

February 23, 1954

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.T.D., Ph.D.
1528-Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California.

Your Excellency:

_____ one of the boys to be confirmed March the 14th. wants me to be his sponsor in the reception of this sacrament. If it is possible, according to canon ~~796~~-3 referred to can 766-5 I ask: Your Excellency the necessary permission.

I would appreciate very much also, some surplus of Mass Intentions since I am out of them at the being time.

With the assurance of my daily prayers for your intentions and kissing your pastoral ring I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in J.M.J.

Fr. Joseph Russell

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DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO
IN CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
1528 FOURTH AVENUE
December 14, 1953

Your Excellency:

In re: Father Joseph Rosell.

It is my humble opinion that the evidence submitted against Father Rosell by his superior indicates that Father is in the wrong in the matter of obtaining money and Mass stipends under the guise of still being an active member of the community.

Sincerely,

James T. Booth

Greeley, Colorado
Dec. 10, 1953

The Most Reverend Bishop Charles F. Buddy
2031 Sunset Boulevard
San Diego, California

Your Excellency:

Please be assured of my appreciation of the spiritual value, the good advice and the Fatherly kindness you have expressed in your letter to Father Rosell.

I shall not infringe upon your valuable time with a further detailed explanation of this bothersome situation. I deem it sufficient to submit, for Your Excellency's consideration the following, as shown by photostats.

1. Father Rosell's letter to me, undated, but apparently written in sequence of your letter to Father Rosell. It would appear that the requirements you impose upon Father Rosell have not been met by his actions subsequent to your instructions.
2. Copy of letter to Father Rosell in reply to his enclosed statement to me.
3. Your Excellency will also find a photostat of letter and envelope from one, Rosaliade McAnally from Castro Valley, California, September 24, 1953, appearing to be self explanatory in nature.
4. The photo of the envelope from 336 East Lincoln Avenue, Alameda, California, October 22, 1953, is not attached to its contents. It is submitted to show the manner in which Father Rosell was usually addressed.
5. The photostat of letter dated March 18, 1953, from Saint Joseph's Cathedral at San Diego written by Father Rosell to Mrs. Rios at Platteville, Colorado, is presented to illustrate how Father Rosell framed, in recent months, his appeals for funds.
6. Photostat of the statement of the Postmaster at Firebaugh, California, November 10, 1953, is offered to show the scope of Father Rosell's directions, for

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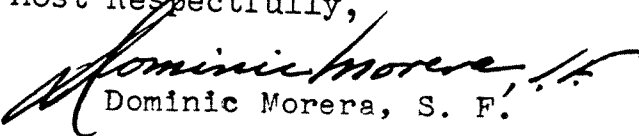
the forwarding of mail, and the nature of the Postmaster's compliance therewith.

7. Also enclosed is photostat of letter from Father Rosell from Father Martin Millet, S. F., Superior, dated April 27, 1953, in explanation of that writer's official attitude toward Father Rosell.

Again permit me to thank you, Most Reverend Bishop, for your study of the problems involved in the statement of facts covered by my efforts. I shall be pleased to have Your Excellency's judgment, and assure you that I shall be most agreeable to compliance with whatever suggestions you may see fit to give to me.

I remain,

Most Respectfully,


Dominic Morera, S. F.

J.M.J.

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

M. R.P. Doningo Morera S.F.
P.O. Box 306
Greeley, Colorado

Muy Rdo. y apreciado P. en J.M.J.:

Acabo de recibir una carta del Sr. Obispo de San Diego en la que me advierte de graves acusaciones que V.R. hizo en contra mia en carta 15 de Septiembre de 1953 en la que se afirma por parte suya que yo "still seek to maintain control over the Community fiscal business" y que yo "receive mail and solicit funds in the name of the Community". y que yo me hago pasar todavia como miembro de la Congregacion.

Como en dicha carta el Sr. Obispo me dice que le escriba y que me justifique ante su R. lo voy a hacer brevemente.

En primer lugar al irme a la Diocesis de San Diego con permiso del R.mo P. General quedamos con el P. Millet que tanto el como yo diriamos que me iba para una nueva fundación para evitar en lo posible el escándalo. Yo dije eso a algunos de mis amigos, pero al saber despues que por parte de la Congregación se habia violado este pacto entre el P. General y el que esto escribe entonces dije ya claramente a todos mis amigos que me habia salido de la Congregación. Si es verdad, que recibí algunos pequeños donativos la mayor parte de los cuales consistian en Misas de las que yo mismo he tomado la obligacion de celebrarlas o hacerlas celebrar. Ademas desde que V.R. mostró la carta de la Sra. Rios que yo le escribí al principio que estaba en San Diego en contestación a una suya, al R.mo P. General, el R.mo Padre me escribió diciendo que no pidiera mas en nombre de la Congregación y yo le prometí que en adelante lo haría siempre en nombre propio y el P. General me contestó que así lo debía hacer y que no me costaría nada encontrar mejores amigos que los que tiene la Congregacion en Firebaugh. Si despues he recibido algunas intenciones de Misa de algunos Padres amigos nunca las he pedido en nombre de la Congregacion siempre las he pedido en nombre propio y si he firmado

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Mi nombre y he puesto las iniciales S.F. es porque todavia no estoy incardinado en la Diocesis y mientras no este incardinado solo tengo el decreto de exclaustración, asi que no estoy completamente separado de la Congregacion al menos canonicamente.

Esté seguro P. Morera; que yo no intento hacerles ningun mal, pero no creo que V.R. ni nadie me pueda impedir de escribir en nombre propio a quien quiero. Si algun P. me ha mandado Misas o algunas religiosas y si pensaba que las mandaba a la Congregacion yo procuraré devolver los estipendios si es que su voluntad era unicamente favorecer a la Congregacion y no a mi, pero nunca mas, por mi parte, daré lugar a confusion y si necesito intenciones de misas y me veo obligado a recurrir a alguno de los PP. que me las mandaba cuando estaba en la Congregacion le diré sencillamente la verdad de mi caso y asi si me manda será porque me quiere favorecer a mi aun estando separado de la Congregacion.

Esperando que esta explicacion sea satisfactoria soy de V.R. afec.mo s.s en J.M.J.

P. Jose Rosell S.F.

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Greeley, Colorado
Dec. 10, 1953

Reverend Joseph Rosell, S.F.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Dear Father Rosell:

I have read your last letter and have faithfully compared it with the one you have received from the Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego. I have found, in this comparison, that you neither "clarify the situation" nor "submit an accurate and forthright statement of facts."

According to the indicated instructions of His Excellency you state "there was an agreement to tell the people you went to San Diego to establish there a new foundation to avoid scandal." Was such fair to the Diocese? A letter from Father M. Millet, S.F. of April 27, 1953, clearly forbade you to misrepresent the facts of the situation to the friends of the Congregation.

On March 14, 1953, you gave a written order to the Postmaster of Firebaugh, California, directing that all mail bearing your name be forwarded to you. You made no distinction concerning Nazareth House or Post Office Box 923. It appears that your orders were fairly well followed. It also seems evident that much of the mail involved was actually intended for the Congregation.

In your letter you admit having received some donations and a number of Mass intentions. Do you consider yourself as justified in celebrating some of these Masses and giving the intentions for the rest of them to others for celebration? Your attention is directed to the statement of His Excellency entreating with you, to the effect that "you will see the justice and the necessity of returning these funds immediately."

I am neither minded nor able to stop you from soliciting Mass intentions but it would seem to me that it ought to be obvious to you that by so doing you seriously endanger your status with your ecclesiastical superiors. The S.F. I shall never try to take away from you, and hope and pray that you live and die in the meaning of these initials.

In answering your letter, Father Rosell, I had in mind

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J.M.J.
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino, California

*granted
Dec. 4, 1953
JB*

November 30, 1953.

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy Bishop
of San Diego
1528 Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Your Excellency:

This letter is to ask the renewal
of my faculties in the Diocese of San Diego which
expire January first 1954.

Thanking your Excellency very heart-
ly for all your kindness and charity, I beg to remain
sincerely and respectfully yours in J.M.J.

Fr. Joseph Russell

resque reversionis

Rosell

J.M.J.

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

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy
Bishop of San Diego
1528 Fourth Ave.
San Diego 1, California

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

I thank your Excellency very kindly for your letter November 4th, 1953 and for the \$ 50,00 you so generously sent to me.

With regard to the serious charges againsts me from Fr. Dominic Morera S.F., as your Excellency told me I answered to Fr. Morera the following letter:

"Very Rev. and Dear Fr. in J.M.J.: I have just received a letter from the Most Rev. Bishop of San Diego in which He tells me of the serious charges you made againsts ~~me~~, in a letter September 15, 1953 in which you affirm that I "still seek to maintain control over the Community fiscal business" and that "I receive mail and solicit funds in the name of the Community" and that I misrepresent myself as a member of the Congregation.

As the Most Rev. Bishop in His letter tells me to write to you and make a statement of facts I am going to do that briefly.

In the first place when I came to the Diocese of San Diego it was understood between Fr. General and ~~myself~~ that I and the Community of Firebaugh will tell people and friends that I went to San Diego for a new foundation to avoid a possible scandal. I explain my case to some friends in that way but as soon as I have known that the Fathers of Firebaugh told friends that I left the Congregation I started to tell my friends the same. In the beginning I was in San Diego it is true I received some little donations, the most part of them consisting of Mass Intentions which I took care of them. Besides yourself showed to Fr. General a letter that I wrote to Mrs. Rios who sent me to Mass intentions and since Fr. General on account

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of that latter wrote me not to ask in the name of the Congregation I stopped completely and promise him to ask my friends in the future in my name and Fr. General told me that that would be much better and that I was smart enough to make friends by myself. And if later on I have received some Mass intentions from friends that used to send them to me when I was in the Congregation and have never asked them in the name of the Congregation but only in my name and if I have signed my letters with the initials S.F. it is because I am not yet incardinated to the Diocese and while I am not incardinated I still belong to the Order at least canonically.

Be sure Fr. Morera that I do not intend to do you any evil, but I don't believe that you and anybody else can forbid me to write to my friends in my own name and ask them what I want. If some of my friends has send me some Mass intentions and they thought it was for the Congregation and you can prove that I will refund you all the stipends. And be sure in the future I will never ~~will~~ ask anything but in my name and telling them that I do not belong any longer to the Congregation.

Hoping that this explanations will satisfied you I beg to remain sincerely yours, in J.M.J.

Signed. Fr. Joseph Rossell S.F. "

I do hope Dear Bishop, that Your Excellency will ^{not} scold me for asking some Mass intentions to my friends but if it is againsts your desire I will never do at least to those Priests and Sisters that used to send me *some* when I was in the Congregation.

Thanking Your Excellency for all your Kindness and charity I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in J.M.J.

Fr. Joseph Rossell

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November 9, 1953

Rev. Joseph Rossell
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino,
California

Reverend and dear Father,

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has directed me to acknowledge your letter of recent date and to answer the same.

His Excellency appreciates your prompt attention given to the matter at hand.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. James T. Booth, J.C.D.
Vice Chancellor

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November 4, 1953

The Reverend Joseph Rossell, S.F.
522 Pico Street
San Bernardino, California

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

Returning to my desk yesterday morning from the Ad Limina visit to Rome, it was a matter of deep regret to find a letter from Greeley, Colorado which contained serious charges against you.

It is understood and has been made a matter of record that having been separated from your Religious Congregation known as the "Sons of the Holy Family" you thereby surrendered all business relations and terminated any position or authority that you enjoyed in the said Congregation of the Sons of the Holy Family.

It is now alleged that you "still seek to maintain a control over the community fiscal business" and that you "receive mail and solicit funds in the name of the Community". It is furthermore alleged that you misrepresent yourself as a member of the Sons of the Holy Family.

While no documentary evidence has been submitted to this Chancery that the allegations are true in whole or in part, permit me to advise you to clarify the situation without further delay. If through some oversight or misunderstanding you have received funds in the name of the Sons of the Holy Family or collected funds on their behalf, you will see the justice and the necessity of returning these funds immediately to the Reverend Dominic Morera, S.F. who writes me that he is the lawful representative of his Order.

Dear Father Rossell, you can understand that any irregularities or violations of truth or justice in this regard could lead to very serious consequences.

You owe it to yourself, then, and to your reputation as a priest to write without delay to

The Rev. Dominic Morera, S.F.
P.O. Box 306
Greeley, Colorado

and submit to him an accurate and forthright statement of facts. Father Morera indicates to me in a letter underdate of September 15, 1953 that he can adduce evidence if required. I must beg of you then to permit nothing of this kind to mar your zealous record for the good of souls in this Diocese. Please send me a copy of your report to Father Morera.

Praying the Holy Spirit to guide us all through these difficult situations, I remain

Your devoted servant in Christ,

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

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cc: The Reverend Dominic Morera, S.F.

October 23, 1953

The Rev. Dominic Morera, S.F.
Box 306
Greeley, Colorado

Dear Father Morera:

Since His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has not returned from his visit to Rome, permit me to acknowledge your letter of October 17, 1953.

Please be assured that the matter mentioned in your letter will come to the attention of His Excellency immediately upon his return October 31st.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. James T. Booth, J.C.D.
Vice-Chancellor

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August 21, 1953

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
St. John Bosco Church
3 Merriss Street
East Highlands, California

Dear Father Rossell:

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Picco Avenue
San Bernardino, California

effective 7:00 p.m., August 21, 1953.

With every good wish and blessing,

Sincerely in Christ,

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

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cc: Monsignor Nunez

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August 12, 1953

The Reverend Joseph Rosell
504 Fifth Street
San Bernardino, California

Reverend and dear Father Rosell:

You are hereby appointed Administrator of

ST. JOHN BOSCO CHURCH
3 Merriss Street
East Highlands, California
San Bernardino Deanery

effective at twelve noon on Saturday, August 15, 1953.

Respeaking for this new assignment your usual loyal
cooperation, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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

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J.M.J.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino, California
August 12, 1953

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.T.D. and PH.D.
Bishop of San Diego
1528, Fourth Avenue
San Diego, 1, California.

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

Since Your Excellency has been so kind and considered to me on account to defray the expenses of my car to the point that Your Excellency sent me \$ 25,00 in the beginning of July as I was told by Your Excellency on the retreat, I am wondering if I can count on these \$25,00 while I am in our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

This month I need them very badly because I have to pay the insurance of the car for the second trimester \$25,60, on the 20th of this month.

Thanking Your Excellency ever so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness I beg to remain most sincerely and respectfully yours in J.M.J.

to Fr. Joseph Rossell

\$150.00

from Charity acct.

of E. Highland

Rosell
P.O. Box 306
Greeley, Colorado
October 17, 1953

The Most Rev. Charles Francis Buddy
Bishop of San Diego
1528 Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop Buddy:

The writer is the Provincial in the United States of the religious order known as the "Sons of the Holy Family". I am also President of the incorporated body, known as the Sons of the Holy Family, Inc., a Colorado corporation of long standing. Prior to his joining the Diocese of San Diego, we had as a member of our religious community, Father Joseph Rosell, who is now stationed under your authority, last reported at San Bernardino, California.

While he was a member of our community, Father Rosell had certain authority connected with the business affairs of our order. He had his headquarters at Firebaugh, California, and there he received the mail addressed to him, in his capacity, as our representative and to our order. Upon his separation from our community we had a mutual understanding, expressly treated in writing, that all his authority concerning the business of our order was terminated and Father then promised that he would have no further contact with our affairs.

Lately it has been reported to me that Father Rosell still seeks to maintain a control over our community fiscal business. He is receiving our mail and soliciting and keeping funds asked for in the name of our community. There is no doubt about the fact of these practices because I have definite and ample proof that Father Rosell is still holding himself out, for business reasons, as a member of and representative of the Sons of the Holy Family.

There is involved, I am informed, a violation of the postal laws of the United States in connection with the conduct of Father Rosell.

I regret exceedingly the necessity of your Excellency's attention to this matter, but the practice seems to involve a rather substantial right and purpose on the part of Father Rosell to continue it.

May I ask a proper directive from your Excellency forbidding Father Rosell from any further contact with the affairs, the management or the funds of our community and that he be ordered to turn over to me, as the representative of my order, all records that properly belong to our community and all funds collected on our behalf.

Knowing that I shall have your Excellency's cooperation and that you shall find the facts as I have stated them, and offering to present proof if you require, I remain,

Most respectfully yours,

Dominic Morera, S.F.
Rev. Dominic Morera, S. F.

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United States Post Office

FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 10- 53

CLASS

IN REPLYING
MENTION INITIALS AND DATE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This office received forwarding card form 22 B, dated March 14, 1953,
from the Reverend Joseph Rosell, Box 923, Firebaugh, requesting all mail
be forwarded to 1567 Third Avenue, San Diego, California.

This office has been forwarding all mail since that date bearing the Rev-
erend Joseph Rosell's name to his above address.

SIGNED



POSTMASTER, FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA

Rev. J.R.#2

these words: "IN VERITATE ET CARITATE."

In conclusion I trust you will find it appropriate to return to me the mailing lists which, it is assumed, you kept upon separation from the Congregation. You should also, I request, cancel any existing order heretofore issued to the Postmaster for forwarding of mail to you. There should be returned to me, for the Congregation, letters and envelopes containing donations and Mass intentions and there should be supplied to me a complete list of the Mass intentions, offerings and other donations.

Fraternally Yours in Jesus, Mary
and Joseph,

Dominic Morera S.F.

8415 Proctor Rd
Castro Valley, Calif



Rdo P. Jose Rosal
Nazareth House
FIREBAUGH, Calif

Septiembre 24, 1953.

Rdo P. Jose Rosal

Rdo Rosal: ¿Como siguen todos? yo continuo en
forma y compensando q' nada fuera de la or-
don me podria salvar apelo a la justicia para que
ellos se designen ellos los jueces al todopoderoso.

¿Como sigue el Rmo? cuantos me dicen recibiendo
casos suyos asi q' por favor no deje de transmitirlos.

Algunos por favor si recibis los q' daban q' de-
nie y q' ahora le envio de nuevo por q' via recibis
del Padre Danne-

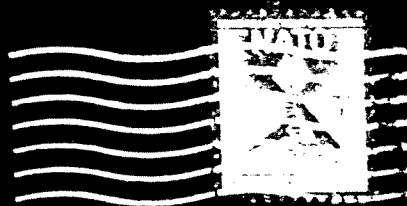
Por favor contesteme pronto y quedo de Vdte
n.a.

Rosal de Rmo Rosal

25 de mayo mas para la causa del P. Mariano

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336 E Lincoln Ave
Alameda, Calif



Edo. P. Jose Rosell
Nazareth House.
Box 923
FIREBAUGH, CALIFORNIA

July 9, 1953

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Dear Father Rossell:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has directed me to acknowledge your letter of June 30, 1953, and to thank you for the same.

You will be pleased to know that the X-ray reports from St. Bernardine's Hospital arrived safely.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. James T. Booth, J.C.D.
Vice-Chancellor

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July 8, 1953

St. Bernardine's Hospital
2101 Waterman Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Dear Sister:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the recent X-ray findings
requested for Father Joseph Rossell.

We appreciate your kindness in this matter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. James T. Booth, J.C.D.
Vice-Chancellor

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Rosell

J.M.J.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue

San Bernardino, California

June 30, 1953

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.T. D. and Ph. D.
1528 Fourth Avenue
San Diego, California

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

According to what the Rev. James T. Booth, J.C.D. wrote me on June 3, 1953 by the order of Your Excellency with regard to my request of incardination to the Diocese of San Diego I have obtained a recent health certificate which I am enclosing and a chest X-ray in St. Bernardine's Hospital. This X-ray will be sent to Your Excellency directly from St. Bernardine's Hospital according to what the Sister Superior told me.

Having verified this requirement, again I ask humbly to Your Excellency the privilege to be incardinated in the Diocese of San Diego at your convenience.

Kissing Your Pastoral Ring and with my deep appreciation for all the good things Your Excellency has done to me I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in J.M.J.

Fr. Joseph Rosell

ST. BERNARDINE'S HOSPITAL
X-RAY DEPARTMENT

NO. 14584

Date 6-26-53

Name Father Joseph Rossell

Room Out

Examination of Chest

Referred by Dr. R.A. Vargas

Roentgenological Findings:

There is no evidence of cardiac or pulmonary pathology.

There are no abnormalities of the diaphragm, pleura, or great vessels.

CONCLUSION: Normal Chest.

As an incidental finding there are slight hypertrophic changes from the margins of the dorsal vertebrae.

Date 6-30-53
SMW

G.L. Pelkey, M.D.

RADIOLOGIST

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R. A. VARGAS, M. D., A. I. C. S.

Hours: 10 to 12 — 2 to 5

1181 North Mt. Vernon

San Bernardino, Calif.

Office Phone 5-0270

NAME _____

DATE _____

6/15/53

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

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This certifies that I have examined
Rev. Father Joseph Rossell today + I
find him to be in good physical
condition at this time.

REFIL UT DICT. 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ Times. P.R.N. ☐ Not Rep. ☐ Refilled.....



R. A. Vargas, M. D., A. I. C. S.

Registry No. _____

St. Bernardine's Hospital

San Bernardino, California

To:

The Chancery Office
Diocese of San Diego

Enclosed is a copy of the X-ray findings which
Father Joseph Rossell requested for his report to the Most Reverend Bishop.

St. Bernardine's Hospital

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J.M.J.

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

June 8th, 1953

The Rev. James T. Booths J.C.D.
Vice Chancellor
1528 Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Rev. and Dear Father:

I thank you very kindly for
your letter June 3, 1953.

As soon as I have the opportunity I will go to see a Doctor in order to have my health certificate and a chest X-ray which is required in order to obtain the incardination in the Diocese of San Diego.

I take this opportunity to ask for some Mass intentions ^{if the church has} some spare ones for the priests in need of them as I am.

Thanking you in advance I beg to remain sincerely yours in J.M.J.

St. Joseph Russell S.T.

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6/13/53

N.M.]

Barcelona 28 de dic. 1953

Rev. P. Jose Rosell

San Bernardino, Calif.

Rev. Padre:

Recibo su copia de las cartas
al P. Domingo Morena .. F. que
paso al P. Secretario para su
debido estudio y archivo.

Se queda muy agradecido
su atte c. s.,

P. Martin Millet S. F.

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June 3, 1953

The Rev. Joseph Rossell
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
522 Pico Avenue
San Bernardino, California

Dear Father Rossell:

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop, has asked me to acknowledge your letter of June 2, 1953.

His Excellency wishes to assure you that your request for incardination into the Diocese of San Diego will receive every consideration possible. However, a longer period of time of probation would seem to be indicated, as it is not the custom of His Excellency to incardinate after such a short period of residence in the diocese.

His Excellency assured you, also, that he will present the matter to the Consultors during their meeting.

A further requirement which you may be able to obtain now, will be a recent health certificate, which would include a chest X-ray.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in the future, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Rev. James T. Booth, J.C.D.
Vice-Chancellor

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Rosell

J.M.J.

Consultant

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

June 2, 1953

Most Rev. Charles Francis Buddy S.T.D. PH.D.
Bishop of San Diego
1528, Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

I have received from our Father
Procurer General in Rome the Rescript of saecula-
rization praevis experimento, in which it is sta-
ted that Your Excellency is the executer, and since
I feel very happy in Your Diocese and I appreciate
very deeply the kindness Your Excellency have shown
to me I have a great desire to be fully attached
to the Diocese of San Diego and therefore I ask Your
Excellency to incardinate me in Your Diocese at Your
earliest convenience if Your Excellency think I am
worthy of this great favor.

Enclosed is the Rescript of the Sacred
Congregation of Religious.

Thanking Your Excellency most heartily
for Your kindness toward my humble person and kissing
Your Pastoral Ring I beg to remain sincerely Yours
in J.M.J.

Fr. Joseph Rosell

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BEATISSIME PATER,

P. Joseph Rosell Congr. S. Familiae

ad pedes Sanctitatis Vestrae provolutus implorat indultum saecularizationis, praevio experimento ad normam Can. 641, § 2, ob causas Sacrae Congregationi de Religiosis allatas.

Et Deus, etc.

Vigore facultatum a Ssmo Domino Nostro concessarum, Sacra Congregatio Negotiis Religiosorum Sodalium praeposita, audito voto

Rev. P. Proc. Gen.

et attentis litteris testimonialibus Ordinarii *T. Didaci*

Eidem Ordinario benigne commisit ut, pro suo arbitrio et conscientia, Oratori concedat indultum exclaurationis, durante experimenti tempore, deposita exteriore forma habitus religiosi et servatis ceteris servandis ad normam Can. 639 Codicis Iuris Canonici. Si forte, perdurante experimento, ab Ordinario, praemonitis Superioribus *Congr.*, dimittatur, statim ad claustra redire teneatur. Transacto vero praefato experimenti tempore, vel etiam prius, si definitive recipiatur, Orator, novo titulo canonico vel, ipsius Ordinarii iudicio, alio modo, congrua sustentatione provisos, maneat saecularizatus, ideoque liberatus a votis in religione emissis, firmis oneribus Ordini maiori adnexis, ac ipso facto incardinatus *Diace. T. Didaci* ad normam Canonum 640, § 4, nn. 1, 2 et 641, § 2 et 642 Codicis Iuris Canonici. Decretum autem executoriale huius Rescripti communicetur cum hac Sacra Congregatione et cum Superiore Generali *Congr.*

Contrariis quibuslibet non obstantibus.

Datum Romae, die

29 Aprilis 1953

P. M. Lamey Lee

*H. Agostini
Ad. a. Studier*

Heic fiat vel adnotetur rescripti exsecutio ab
illo, cui commissio data est, peragenda et
subsignanda cum additione datae.

SACRA CONGREGATIO
DE RELIGIOSIS

Saecularizatio praevis experimento

S. C. DE RELIGIOSIS

Taxa Lib.

Decem milia et

Expensae Lib.

45 - quinquenta

Agentia Lib.

200

Exsecutio Lib.

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April 17, 1953

Molto Rdo P.
Magino Morera, S.F.
Via Giovanni Giolitti 154
Chiesadi Sta. Bibiana
Rome, Italy

Dear Monsignor:

The Most Reverend Bishop has directed me to send you the enclosed copy of his letter to Father Rossell expressing His Excellency's willingness to accept Father for a triennium with the prospect of incardinating Father if his work proves satisfactory.

Father Rossell has requested that this copy of His Excellency's letter be sent to you in order to fulfill your request and that of your Superior General.

Trusting that this letter will supply you with sufficient material to present to the Sacred Congregation of Religious, I am

Respectfully yours in Christ,

The Rev. Richard A. Waterfall
V i c e - C h a n c e l l o r

n
enc.

April 14, 1953

The Reverend Joseph Rossell
1567 Third Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

You are hereby appointed Curate to the Right Reverend
Monsignor Joseph P. Munez, Pastor of

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH
522 Pico Street
San Bernardino, California

effective Tuesday, April 21, 1953 at 12M.

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

Sincerely in Christ,

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

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Copy sent to H. Millet.
4/10/53

J. M. J.

Saint Joseph's Cathedral

Rectory

1567 THIRD AVENUE
SAN DIEGO 1 CALIFORNIA

Marzo 18. 1953.

tra. D^a Francisca Rios. -

Box 356.

Platteville, Colorado.

Muy apreciada y recordada tra. en J. M. J.: Su muy bien venida carta del 14 del actual me ha sido mandada a San Diego donde encuentro para ver si con el tiempo y la ayuda de laagrada Familia hacemos una nueva fundación. - Por lo que me dice en su carta veo que su salud está muy resucitada. lo cual me siento muy apenado y pido al buen Dios que le liviarte y darle un poco de descanso, a fin de que.

alegre y pueda trabajar por la gloria de la Congre-
gación de los Hijos de la Sagrada Familia. - La Misa para
mi hijo M. Rios, la ofreceré mañana fiesta de San José. -
Yo le ruego que me ayude mucho con eso de las Misas, pues
lo necesito mucho, ya que por aquí apenas tengo ninguna.
Diga a todos sus conocidos que fueran hacer celebrar Mi-
sas me las dejen ofrecer a mí. - Cuando me escriba me
escriba a la Catedral, cuya dirección ya está en el sobre.
Con cariñosos saludos y con la seguridad de mis peticiones.
- Soy de V. at. y s. s. que de corazón la bendice

P. José Rosell S. F.

Duplicado

Laudetur Sacra Familia

Rdo. P. José Rosell

San Bernardino, California.

Muy apreciado P. en Jesús, María y José: Por la presente debo decirle que ha sido nombrado Superior Delegado de la Congregación en Norte América al M. Rdo. P. Domingo Morera S.F. y que si le ocurriera tener que consultar alguna cosa respecto a los asuntos de la Delegación puede escribirle al Box 306 de Greeley, Colorado.

Todo cuanto necesite para activar el Decreto de Secularización, el P. Magín Morera S.F. nuestro P. Procurador en Roma, le atenderá como él sabe hacerlo.

Como muchas de nuestras amistades de California y Colorado ya están enteradas de su salida, sería conveniente que no pidiera limosnas de misas, ni otros socorros a nombre de la Congregación ni para ayuda a la nueva fundación que dice V.R. tiene la misión de efectuar, pues origina una tremenda confusión a sus conciencias.

Atentamente le saluda su s.s. en Jesús, María y José


Martin Millet S.F.
Sup. Genl.

Firebaugh, California, a 27 de abril de 1953

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO
IN CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
1528 FOURTH AVENUE

4/8/53

Your Excellency:

The Procurator General of the Sons of the Holy Family has requested that Father Rosell send him a copy of Your Excellency's Letter of Feb. 2nd. The Procurator feels that this letter will make it much easier to obtain Father Rosell's decree of secularization from Rome.

D.R.K.

n.b. a copy of your letter of Feb. 2nd is attached.

DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO
IN CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
1528 FOURTH AVENUE

4/9/53

Dick,

If the Bishop approves the forwarding of the attached, Father Rosell would appreciate our sending a notarized copy rather than the original which he would like to retain.

D.R.K.

If the Bishop sends another letter, the facts which should be brought out are acceptance for triennium and incardination if service is satisfactory.

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Rosell, S. F.

J. M. J.
Nazareth House
SONS OF THE HOLY FAMILY NOVITIATE
BOX 923—PHONE 4831

Firebaugh, California March 11, 1953

Rev. Donald R. Kulleck - secretary -
1528. Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Rev. and Dear Fr.: I thank His Excellency
and yourself for your kind and encouraging
letter March 4th 1953. -

The Bus leaves Fresno 9.10 a.m. and
arrives San Diego - Depot 7.20 p.m. - Thus, with
the help of God, I do hope to be in San Diego
on March 13th. at 7.20 p.m. - and I will cer-
tainly appreciate very much to meet some-
body there, who will direct me to some place.

- With my best wishes and prayers, I beg
to remain sincerely yours in J. M. J.
Fr. Joseph Rosell S.F.

Rosell

March 4, 1953

The Most Reverend Martin Millet, S.F.
Superior General of the Congregation
Sons of the Holy Family
Nazareth House
Box 923
Firebaugh, California

Most Reverend and dear Father General:

Permit me to express sincere appreciation for your esteemed letter of February 28, 1953. It is gratifying to have your gracious recommendation of the Reverend Joseph Rosell who has applied for entrance into this Diocese. In a letter received this morning Father Rosell indicated that he expected to arrive here March 13.

The work in this missionary field is difficult and requires great zeal and deep spirituality on the part of the priest. With so many different nationalities and the over-all picture of a weak faith it is easy for even a good priest to become discouraged. Be assured that we will take a paternal interest in the general welfare of Father Rosell.

Praying the Holy Spirit of wisdom and understanding to guide us all through these difficult days, I remain with kindest regards,

Fraternally in Christ,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy
Bishop of San Diego

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March 4, 1953

The Reverend Joseph Rosell, S.F.
Nazareth House
P.O. Box 923
Firebaugh, California

Reverend and dear Father:

His Excellency directs me to acknowledge your letter of March 2nd and to inform you that a most cordial welcome will be extended to you on your arrival in San Diego on March 13th. If you will inform this office as to the precise time of your arrival in San Diego, you will be met at the train(or bus) depot.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Donald R. Kulleck
Secretary

J.M.J.
Nazareth House
SONS OF THE HOLY FAMILY NOVITIATE
BOX 923—PHONE 4831

Firebaugh, California March 2, 1953

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy S.T.D. and PH.D.
Bishop of San Diego
1528 Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

I thank Your Excellency for the fi
and encouraging letter Your Excellency sent me through your
Secretary Rev. Donald R. Kulleck on February 11, 1953.

Yesterday The Right Rev. Fr.
Martin Millet S.F. Our Superior General wrote to Your Ex-
cellency a letter regarding my humble person and I do hope
that everything is all-right now for me to work in Your
Diocese. I plan to be in San Diego on the 13th of this
month.

I would appreciate very much
from Your Excellency to let me know where You want me to
stay that I can go there directly and thus save money ins-
tead of living in an hotel.

This is my fervent desire to
work under your guide and do my best for the fulfilment
of my duties and for the salvation of soul and my-self.

Hoping to hear from Your Excel-
lency and kissing your pastoral ring I beg to remain sin-
cerely and respectfully yours in J.M.J.

Fr. Joseph Russell S.F.

J.M.J.
Nazareth House
SONS OF THE HOLY FAMILY NOVITIATE
BOX 923—PHONE 4831

Firebaugh, California

March 2, 1953

Rev. Donald R. Kulleck, Secretary
1528, Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Rev. and Dear Father:

I thank you very kindly for your
letter February 11, 1953. Today I wrote the Most Rev. Bi-
shop telling him that I will be able to go to San Diego
on the 13 of this month.

Hoping to see you very soon and
with my best wishes I beg to remain sincerely yours in
J.M.J.

Fr. Joseph Russell S.F.



CONGREGACIÓN
DE HIJOS DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

Entenza, 301 - Teléf. 23 82 96
BARCELONA (15)

CURIA GENERALICIA

February 28, 1953

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, D.D,
Bishop of San Diego
1528, Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

This is to certify that Rev. Joseph Rosell has belonged to the Congregation of the Sons of the Holy Family since 1922. He was ordained on March 16, 1930 in Barcelona. During his religious life his conduct has been that of an observant religious and has fulfilled his duties according to his Superiors wishes and has proved himself completely able to accomplish offices of responsibility satisfactorily.

His present attitude of leaving the religious state is from his own choice, and the reason seems to be the great difficulties he has found lately to deal with some characters of the same Congregation, and other inconveniences of the common life.

He has been a conspicuous student and won the degree of Doctor in utroque Iure in the Pontificium Athenaeum Lateranense in Rome in 1941, with the qualification Magna cum laude.

I really regret his leaving of the Congregation and I think Your Excellency will be pleased of him in his abilities, and I do hope and pray that he may always be a good and holy Priest under your Superior guide.

I give him the necessary faculties to live in your Diocese while he is securing from the Sacred Congregation of Religious the decree of secularization.

With my best wishes and respect I beg to remain sincerely yours in J.M.J.



Martin Millet S.F.

Martin Millet S.F.
Superior General of the Congregation
Sons of the Holy Family

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February 11, 1953

The Reverend Joseph Rosell, S.P.
Nazareth House
P.O. Box 923
Firebaugh, California

Reverend and dear Father:

His Excellency directs me to express his thanks for your letter of February 6th. He requests that you come to San Diego as soon as it is possible for you. The Most Reverend Bishop sends his blessing.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Donald R. Kulleck
Secretary

J.M.J.

Nazareth House

SONS OF THE HOLY FAMILY NOVITIATE

BOX 923—PHONE 4831

Firebaugh, California

February 6, 1953

Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy,
Bishop of San Diego
1528 Fourth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

In reply to Your Excellency's very welcome letter which filled my heart with hope and joy I must thank very kindly Your Excellency for your charity and understanding toward me. May God bless your Excellency and I must do my best to fulfil all the duties Your Excellency may impose upon me.

It is most likely that I shall be able to come to Your Diocese early next month. We are not organized in Provinces yet, and each house or Community depends directly from the General who lives in Barcelona, Spain- Calle Entenza 301. Just two days ago I received a letter from our Fr. General, Rt. Rev. Martin Millet S.F. telling me that he is coming to pass the Canonical visit to our Communities of North America and he plans to be in Firebaugh on 25th of this month. In his letter he assures me that he will write to Your Excellency about my humble person and will send the two letters of recommendation one and confidential the other as Your Excellency request.

It could be possible that he would liked to pay a visit to Your Excellency. If it is going to happen I will inform Your Excellency in advance indicating the time.

With my best wishes and deep appreciation and gratitude for your charity I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in J.M.J.

Fr. Joseph Rosell S.F.

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February 2, 1953

The Reverend Joseph Rossell, S.F.
Nazareth House
Box 923
Firebaugh, California

Reverend and dear Father Rossell:

Absence from the city will explain the delay in answering your esteemed inquiry of January 24. Please be assured of my sympathy and understanding of the problems that confront you. There is a definite apostolic work to be achieved in this diocese for zealous, active priests.

Assuming that your Superiors can give you a letter of recommendation, you will be very welcome to come here for a triennium and if your work proves satisfactory you can be certain of being incardinated provided, of course, that the necessary permission can be obtained from the Congregation of Religious. At any rate, know of my interest and sincere invitation for you to come and help us provide even the necessities of religion for the thousands of souls coming to California at the rate of 30,000 a month. We need good priests.

Please ask your Very Reverend Provincial to write me a confidential letter. If you can spare the time to make another trip here and write in advance indicating the approximate time of your arrival, I shall be glad to have a little visit with you.

Praying the Holy Spirit to guide us all through these difficult days,

Sincerely in Christ,

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

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J.M.J.
Nazareth House

SONS OF THE HOLY FAMILY NOVITIATE
BOX 923—PHONE 4831

Firebaugh, California

January 24, 1953

Most Rev. Charles Francis Buddy S.T.D., Ph.D.
Bishop of San Diego
1528.- 4th Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Most Rev. and Dear Bishop:

Though I have not the pleasure to know Your Excellency in person nevertheless I feel that I am going to find in Your Excellency a father who will understand me and care for my present troubles.

I am a religious priest belonging to the Congregation "Sons of the Holy Family" since 1922. I am 45 years old and I was ordained on March 16, 1930 in Barcelona, Spain. From 1930 to 1934 I was a teacher in our Seminary in Barcelona. From 1934 to 1936 I have studied Canon and Civil Law in the Appollinaris Rome, From 1936 to 1939 I have taught latin and greek in the Minor Seminary in Bahia Blanca, Argentina, which Minor Seminary was under our care at that time. From 1939 to 1941, again I was in Rome studying Canon and Civil Law in the Pontificium Aeternum Lateranense and in June 1941 I obtained the degree of Doctor in utroque Iure. In that Summer of 1941 I was appointed Secretary of the Father General and I remain in that appointment till 1947 living in Barcelona, Spain the headquarters of our Congregation. In 1947 I came to this Country and after a while I was appointed Pastor of Holy Name of Mary Church, Del Norte, Colorado, Dioceses of Pueblo, in care of our Congregation. In 1950 I was sent to California to try to establish a Novitiate for our Order. We bought a property in Firebaugh, Diocese of Monterey-Fresno. The Novitiate has not been established yet and still is in process of formation.

My difficulties are that in many occasions I have desired to abandon the Congregation of the Sons of the Holy Family because I don't feel happy in it on account of many envies, criticism and a complete absence of religious charity.

Since a year ago for these reasons and others I have ardently desired to leave the Congregation and look for a little happiness in the parochial life as a secular priest and do my best for the salvation of my own soul and others.

It is about two months and a half I wrote to my Superior General asking him the permission to leave the Congregation and become a secular priest. He answered giving me good advice and telling me to think it over. I did and finally I wrote him saying that I have determined to abandon the Congregation and become a secular priest. I didn't receive an answer to that letter.

I do know that the Sacred Congregation of Religious do not use to grant a decree of secularization without securing a "Benevolent bishop". For this reason I made a special trip to San Diego on the 21st of this month to ask Your Excellency if it would be possible for me to find a job in your Diocese at least "ad experimentum" and in the meanwhile Your Excellency would be able to know me. I was not lucky, Your Excellency was out, in a confirmation tour. I talked about that matter with Msgr. Francis Dillon, who has been very kind to me and let me to celebrate the Mass in the Cathedral, and treated me very kindly advising me to write this letter to Your Excellency.

So I humbly and respectfully ask Your Excellency to accept me in your Diocese at least ad experimentum. As soon as I have this permission I will write to the Sacred Congregation of Religious in Rome to obtain the decree of secularization or at least a temporal permit to reside in Your Diocese.

With my best wishes and prayers I beg to remain sincerely and respectfully yours in J.M.J.

Fr. Joseph Rossell S.F.

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PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. Joseph Rossell IN MORSE
NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name Rossell John and Coma Mary
 Birth Date and Place July 20 - 1907 - Baga (Barcelona) Spain
 Baptism Date and Place Baga St Steve Parish July 25, 1907
 Present Citizenship Spaniard -
 If Naturalized, Date and Place -
 Elementary School—Dates and Places Baga - 1912 - 1918 - San Julian de Vilatorca 1919 - 22 -
 High School—Dates and Places Barcelona 1922 - 25
 College—Dates and Places -
 Seminary—Dates and Places Barcelona - 1922 - 1930 -
 Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places National Teacher - 1929 - 1933 - Barcelona
 Degrees—Dates and Places Doctor in Utroque Jure, Pontificum Athe nece Lateranense - National Teacher - 1933 - Barcelona - Rome June 1941
 Ordination Date and Place March 16, 1930 - Barcelona
 Ordaining Prelate Joseph Miralles - Bishop of Barcelona
 Ordained for what Diocese titulo Mensae Communis in Congregatione Filiorum Sacrae
 If incardinated in San Diego, Date March 19, 1954
 If not incardinated, Date of Arrival March 13, 1953
 What foreign languages can you speak? Spanish, English, Italian, French
 Name and address of nearest relative or friend Richard Guardias my nephew - Firebaugh Box 923 - California
 State where last will and testament is filed -
 List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception -
 State any special work or assignment and give dates -

In re FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

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

If so, in what amount? _____

Do you owe any current accounts? no

If so, in what amount? _____

List of Appointments since Ordination

TOWN	PARISH	CAPACITY	DATES
Barcelona	Holy Family Seminary	Professor of Theologia Fundamentalis and Historia Ecclesiastica	October 1930 - till June 1934
Rome	student of Canon and Civil law - Athenaeum Lateranense	Apollinaris Pontificium	November 1934 till July 1936
Bahia Blanca - Argentina	Professor of Latin and Greek - in Minor Seminarian Seminary		Since 1936 - to 1939
Rome	Student of Canon and Civil law - in Pontifical Athenaeum Lateranense		Since Nov. 1939 - till June 1941 - where I obtained the degree of Doctor in Utroque Jure
Barcelona	Teacher or Professor in Holy Family Seminary, Canon law and Theologia Moralis - secretary of the same Fraternity of Father General		till 1945 - since 1941 - till till July 1945
Fort Collins - Colorado	U.S.A. Assistant Pastor of Holy Name of Mary Parish		since 1945. December 1947. May 5 -
Fort Collins - Colorado	U.S.A. - Pastor of the Holy Name of Mary Parish		since May 5, 1947. till April 1950 -
Firebaugh, Calif.	U.S.A. - trying to establish a minor seminary of the Congregation of the Holy Family - in Firebaugh		Since April 56 - till March 15 - 1955
SAN DIEGO	St. Joseph Cathedral	Curate	3/13/53 - 4/21/53
SAN BERNARDINO	Our Lady Guadalupe	Curate	4/21/53 - 8/12/55

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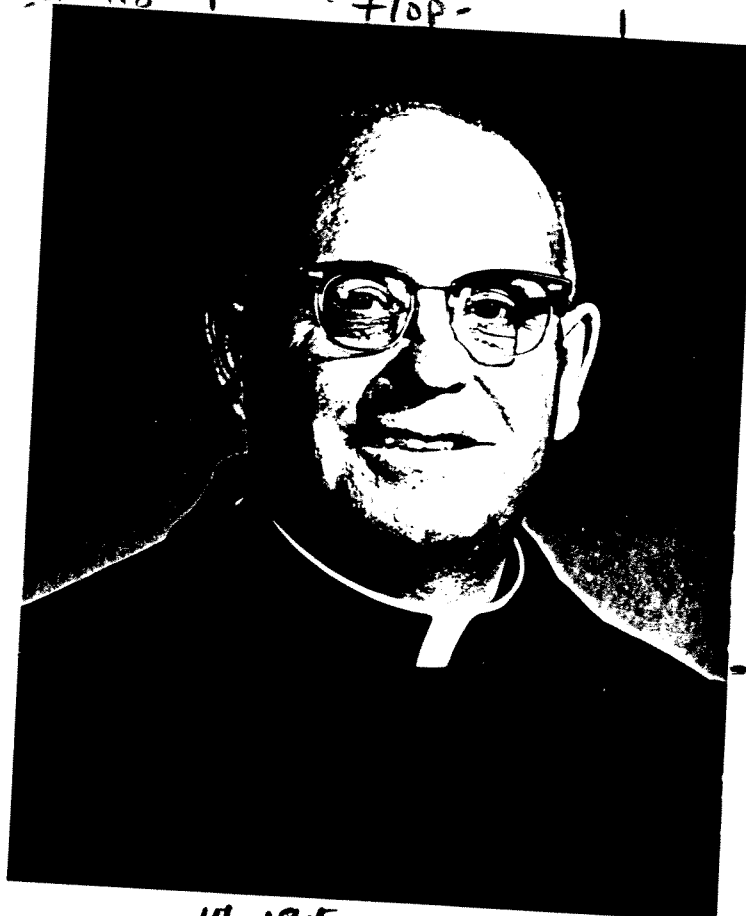
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Rev.
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RETURNS HOME — Father Joseph Russell, retiring pastor 1953 he came to the San Diego diocese and was an associate pastor at St. Joseph's Cathedral and Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Bernardino. He was pastor of St. Anthony's church, Imperial, from 1955-56 when he was assigned to St. Anthony's in National City.

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PERSONAL RECORD OF REV.

JOSEPH ROSSELL

NAME IN FULL

Father's and Mother's (maiden) name ROSSELL, John and Coma Mary

Birth Date and Place July 20, 1907 - Baga' (Barcelona) Spain

Baptism Date and Place Baga, St. Steve Parish, July 25, 1907

Present Citizenship Spaniard

If Naturalized, Date and Place _____

Elementary School—Dates and Places Baga' 1912-1918, San Julian de Vilatoria 1919-1922

High School—Dates and Places Barcelona - 1922-1925

College—Dates and Places _____

Seminary—Dates and Places Barcelona 1922 - 1930

Post-Graduate Work—Dates and Places National Teacher 1929-1933, Barcelona

Degrees—Dates and Places Doctor in Utroque Yure, Pontificium athe naco Lateraneuse National Teacher 1933, Barcelona - Rome, June 1941

Ordination Date and Place March 16, 1930 - Barcelona

Ordaining Prelate Joseph Miralles, Bishop of Barcelona

Ordained for what Diocese titulo Messone Comussis in Congregatione Filiorum Sacrae Famislic

If incardinated in San Diego, Date March 13, 1953

If not incardinated, Date of Arrival March 13, 1953

What foreign languages can you speak? Spanish, English, Italian, French

Name and address of nearest relative or friend Richard Guardiola (nephew) Firebaugh, Box 923, Calif.

State where last will and testament is filed None
(The Clergy are obliged to deposit at the Chancery the original or a copy of their last will. Dioc. Stat. No. 231)

List of ecclesiastical dignities and date of reception _____

State any special work or assignment and give dates _____

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If so, in what amount?

If so, in what amount?

List of Appointments since Ordination

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