

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

Jan. 8, 1958

Very Rev. & Dear Father Provincial, P.C.

May I please have permission to borrow three thousand dollars on the government account. I wish to borrow two thousand from the bank and one thousand from ourselves. All previous loans have been paid off. These loans will be paid off by March 31. Then I will have to borrow again. If Jesuits worked for free we would not have to borrow. In trying to get something ready for Halifax I have discovered that the most the govt. grants will allow us for salary is eight thousand dollars for one year. Govt. grants for the fiscal year 1957 came to forty six thousand dollars. Operating expenses were fifty nine thousand dollars. So you see we do have some difficulties. Mr. Davey said in Ottawa last August that he would not pay our salaries and he has certainly kept his word. You may pass on to Father Crusoe that the large surplus the sisters' account showed a year ago was a mere fiction. This was discovered around Christmas.

Christmas here was most enjoyable principally I think because Father Brown was not home. He is a very upsetting personality. I have not written Father General as yet. I do not know what to tell him except that this is difficult house to manage from the point of view of money and personalities. And I think the personalities are more annoying than the lack of funds. So be it.

In Christo,

*M. J. Kellum D.C.*

DAUGHTERS OF THE HEART OF MARY  
4122 Delorimier Avenue  
Montreal, Que.

January 9, 1958.

Reverend Clement J. Crusoe, S.J.,  
General Director of Studies,  
Bellarmine Hall,  
226 George Street,  
Toronto 5, Ont.

Dear Father Crusoe:

May I introduce myself by saying that I am the successor of Miss Flanagan, former Vice Provincial (in charge of English affairs) of our Society, whose term expired last spring.

I have recently come from our school at Spanish and have <sup>had</sup> long talks with Father Kearns and Miss Berrigan. Father Kearns suggested that I write to you, giving our views as to the way we would like the school at Spanish to develop.

At first Miss Berrigan thought we should continue with the junior grades and give up the High School, but after looking at the question from all sides, she finally came to the conclusion that, since the Government gives us only problem (2) children among the little ones, and as these should, by right, be placed in foster homes where they might get the needed individual attention, we would do better to keep up the High School, as well as grades 7 and 8 as feeders. ??

This, of course, would only be possible if the Department were to guarantee us about 50 students at about \$50 per month each; we would then have to supplement with a number of white girls, say another 20, or more if we could find them. What the chances are that we shall be given 50, you, Father, are in a better position to say than we, and we would like to be guided by your advice.

The following may not be news to you, Father, but as it came from someone on the inside, I pass it on for what it is worth. Mr. Fulton, Minister of Immigration, etc., as well as Minister of Justice, is an ardent and very active Catholic, strong supporter of Indian Catholic schools and not afraid to say so, and trusted friend of the Oblate Fathers. Unfortunately, most cases do not come to his attention, but when they do, he takes a stand about which the others can do nothing.

As to the probability of our obtaining white students in the north, there would seem to <sup>be</sup> some factors that make this uncertain, as for example if the U.S. succeed in revitalizing used uranium, or if Britain should find that hydrogen will replace uranium, then the future of Canada's uranium output might be strangled. Already I hear that about 1,000 white workers have left the Elliott Lake district. No use being pessimistic, but at the same time, we have to face facts.

Miss Alice Carney, who works very closely with me here, wishes to be remembered to you, Father.

With every good wish for the New Year, and with our prayers for your intentions,

Sincerely in the S. Hearts,

*Madelaine MacDonnell*

BELLARMINE HALL

226 St. George Street  
Toronto 5, Canada

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Vice-Provincial,  
Daughters of the Heart of Mary.

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These are just some of the problems, Miss MacDonald, that have been troubling us as we attempt to solve the Spanish situation. Be assured that your representation will be added to my report-- and given every consideration. I shall keep you informed when some definite course of action is worked out--not likely until late in the month, I fear.

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January 13, 1958

Reverend W. J. C. Kearns, S.J.  
Garnier School  
Spanish

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. This is late - it is much easier to type other men's letters than to compose and type my own!

You may borrow \$2,000.00 from the bank and \$1,000.00 from the Jesuit account to help out the government account.

Father Crusoe was pleased to hear that the Girls' School did not have that large operating surplus last year.

Father Hourigan is supplying at Little Current for Father Shea and then he will go over to Spanish for the triduum to the Daughters of Mary, beginning January 29.

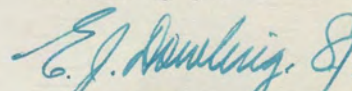
Father Brennan is preparing the data for your lecture to the Jesuit Rectors.

I would suggest you go to Halifax prepared also to talk about Spanish and its future. I won't guarantee that there will be time to discuss this problem with Father Provincial and the consultants but Father Crusoe and I think it should come up at this time - not to be settled this month, but to get the discussion going. You should call Father Oliver over and get his advice, too. I don't know whether you have discussed this matter with him, but, as he started the high school department, I feel he would be able to help you out - at least by his strong stand against giving up the school. I have to write to him today so I will ask him to give the matter some thought and tell him that you might appreciate talking with him before you leave for Halifax.

If you want to put your stuff on Stenorette tapes, it will be possible for you to use my machine in Halifax.

Keep an important intention in mind in ~~my~~ your Masses and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
E. J. Dowling, S.J.  
Vice-Provincial

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

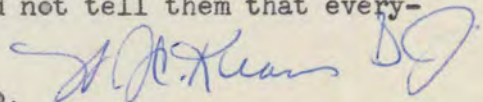
Jan. 19, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Fr. Dowling, P.C.

Certainly you are a very accomplished letter writer. Your letter to Mr. Liptay certainly packed a wallop. He was up for the first Mass today and meditated. I hope that he can keep this up. His attitude of mind is certainly quite different from what it was last Sunday. Once more there is hope.

I understand that you would like to build a new Seminary in Toronto and enlarge Guelph somewhat. Mr. Edwards of Edwards Grain Sudbury was in yesterday to buy some land. He wants section 41 of Sheddon township. This is our property. Really it is his son who is buying the property. His son wishes to have the property for a summer camp. At present the Edwards all summer over on Manitoulin island. However they are finding it a bit crowded over there. So the father has suggested that the son buy here. Now Edwards in Sudbury are into about everything. They have propane gas and hardware etc. The father of the son who is buying this piece of our land was born in Petrolia. Rumor up here is strong that imperial oil have something in the wind for Cutler. I believe they are going to start shipping next summer from Sarnia up here. The father has been back and forth to Toronto several times in the past week. He has stock holdings etc. and seems to be very well up on things financial. These people were so polite and insistent on buying yesterday that I could have closed the deal. The only thing that stopped me was the fact that I have no authority to sell. Secondly I know nothing about the land and had to learn from their maps where it was. They were particularly interested in the water rights. They did not make any down payment. I told them that since this was church property any sale would have to have the ratification of Rome. They simply took that as the usual amount of red tape and it did not phase them at all. Either before I arrive at Halifax or while I am there a map will arrive of the land. They will have obtained this from the Sault. Your archives according to records here will possess the ownership details of section 41. The going price of land up here is \$1000.00 for a small lot. So-----check on the Edwards, check on imperial oil; set your real estate agents to work in Toronto to see what they can find out.---This piece of land is right along the Cutler reserve; the sulphuric acid plant is on the Cutler reserve; who would want a summer camp near a sulphuric acid plant. Superior propane is giving Edwards a run for their money. Maybe it would be good for Dow chemical to be near the sulphuric acid plant. ---All this speculation may sound wild but this is wild country. Noranda tried to deal with us directly and were rebuffed. Maybe a new tactic is being tried. Once we receive the map from them, everything will be in the hands of 2 Dale. I did not tell them that everything would be handled from Toronto.

In Xto,



Summer College  
Dunham, Ontario

Pardon the addenda: These people seem to know their stocks awfully well. I just happened to mention Nickel Rim that Mr. Johnson has, Fr. Johnson's cousin and they gave me the whole story of nickel for the next few years. They knew all about nickel rim too. I was just talking to Fr. Maurice and he says that there is a rumor of another uranium mine opening up between here and Cutler in the spring. These people yesterday of course never mentioned anything about mining rights. Why would people interested in a summer camp want mining rights anyway. Everything about this deal is all rumor except the actual desire to buy. I hope that you have the contacts in Toronto to sift everything. Little wonder that we can't invest in speculative stocks. I would hate to have to go through this every day.

I really did not think that this letter would grow to be so long. At present I feel like Fr. Flaherty when he churns out his tired missionary letters. Since I began this letter I have gone out and had a look at the property with Bro. Vandermoor and Bro. Mara. We went at ten thirty this morning and somehow or other Bro. Masterson turned up in time to save the dinner because when we got back the dinner that Bro. Mara was cooking was ready. A house of miracles. The property is perhaps a hundred acres or more over past Brendan Harbor and is certainly ideal for a fishing camp. There is one of these camps at Brendan Harbor where wealthy Americans fish all summer. Cabins there go at fifty dollars a week. So no matter what the land goes for, that is whatever purpose it can certainly pull in a top price. Over behind the property can be seen the smoke of the acid plant at Cutler. There is a fair amount of rock on the land but I do not think there is anything large enough to yield a uranium mine. At any rate the land is certainly first rate in my estimation.

Bro. Masterson is now taking typing lessons. Miss LeTray is teaching him. He is practising diligently. We are slowly breaking him into book keeping. He has not taken to kindly to this. But is now showing a definite improvement. That is he turns up in the office more regularly. He has always been an excellent Brother, now he is becoming more excellent. We also put our stamp of excellence on all the Brothers here without exception.

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March 2, 1958

Reverend W. J. C. Kearns, S.J.  
Garnier School  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. There was not time for more than a card the other day. I hope you can give me an answer about the Brothers' retreat soon. Perhaps the following may help you decide.

There has been an urgent request from Brother Vandermoor's relatives that he be allowed to go to Vancouver or Victoria to see his sister, Mrs. Schellinck. They have not seen each other for over 35 years and her plans to travel to eastern Canada a year or so ago were upset by a heart attack. She also suffers from arthritis of the spine. Her daughter is married to a Dr. Baker of Regina, a prominent member of the Campion Advisory Committee. Dr. and Mrs. Baker are the ones proposing the trip and Father Farrell thinks they will contribute to the cost of the trip but that should not be taken into consideration.

Father Provincial wishes to give Brother Vandermoor this permission and hopes you can allow Brother to go and also persuade him to go - the latter may be the more difficult chore. Would you take this up immediately and if possible get Brother going on this journey soon? He should be allowed ten days to two weeks on the West coast, with stopovers in Regina on the way out and perhaps in Winnipeg on the way back.

Father Provincial has decided that the Province tax will be increased by \$100 per man beginning August 1, 1958, with the door left open for discussion of a further increase beginning August 1, 1959.

Enclosed is a circular about the Novena of Grace. I am sorry it came so late but the new Litanies regulations had to be considered. Also the visitation schedule. It is most unlikely that Father Provincial will have time for any side trips - Soo, Wikwemikong, Fr. Flaherty's missions, so you may warn anybody you meet about this hurried visit.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*E. J. Dowling, S.J.*  
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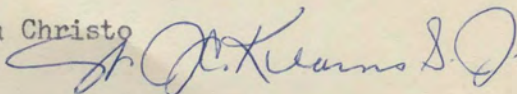
Garnier Residential School  
Spanish, Ontario

Mar. 29, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Fr. George, P.C.

This letter I do not consider as an official document. The large one I do. This case of Fr. Popelka is very serious. I deem it necessary for you to fly to Sudbury immediately. By immediately I mean Monday. We will have to get there and meet you with the car. The urgency of the case is not this particular incident but the fact that ~~this~~ this has been going on for so long. This incident today I feel is the signal for you to act as Provincial.

In Christo

J. P. Kearns S.J.

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

Mar. 29, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial, P.C.

I petition your reverence to act as soon as possible on the letter from Rome re the dismissal of Rev. Jaroslous Popelka. He should be dismissed from the Society as soon as possible.

Throughout the year since my appointment here Father has publicly and loudly spoken of the injustices done to him by the superiors of the Society. Most recently has been his condemnation of superiors for the death of one of the men of his province in Australia.

This afternoon Father came to me for Mass stipends. I told him that Fr. Minister would give him stipends and then I asked him if he wished the stipend money to be sent to his own province. He said that he would look after the money himself. I then informed him that he could not have the money for personal use. At this point Father informed me that he was a missionary in this country just as he had been in England. He could look after his money in Canada just as he had in England. I informed Father that his status in this province was the same as Father Krajcars in so far as submission to superiors goes. But according to Fr. Popelka he has one Provincial and he is in jail in Europe.

This whole blowup took less than five minutes. To continue then; Father Popelka becomes violent at my refusal to hand over money. He berates me for not allowing Fr. Flaherty to hand over stipend money to him and finally puts me in the category of all those superiors

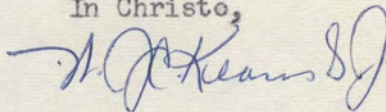
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who have treated him so badly in the Society. Up until now I had been the one exception.

I have used the term of Father becoming vilent. I say this because just before Father left my room he spat on the floor which act was equivalent at spitting at the person. He said something I did not understand. Then left the room.

In Christo,



W.J.C. Kearns, S.J.

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

OK  
May I have permission to go to North Bay April 17 & 18. There is a meeting of principals of Indian Schools. I am to give a learned paper on the problem of Indian day students in an Indian Residential School. Father Maurice thought that would be a good time to see the Bishop and x tell him what we are doing here. I do not think we know yet. Therefore I do not think it is time to see the Bishop.

Father Schretlen is still a reformer of all things. I say reformer because most people when they find fault with something are content to let their difficulty be known without advising the superior that the fault be immediately set right. There is no patience with Fr. Schretlen. He is also tremendously pessimistic. In a three and one half hour argument with him last week it turned out that he considers it his job in the Society to preserve the integrity of the high ideals of the institute. In his mind he allies himself with the prophets Socrates and St. Thomas. I won't say more about this because his manner of acting will be clear to you in a very few minutes at visitation. The only thing I do not like is the fact that he visits with the Indian agent for the Toronto area. This he does at his Aunts place. I hope that he says nothing detrimental to the school. He says that he doesn't. The agent is a Catholic and so I suppose everything is alright.

Father Brown enjoyed Fr. Acevez very much. The only untoward thing about Fr. Brown in the last while is that he said that he thought morning visit was not important since no one seemed to go. However that is Father. Attendance at morning visit is poor. Father maintains a very strict fast during Lent but he does not attend community recreation; he does not play cribbage during this time but will play chess all the while up in a lay teachers room. There is of course nothing to this; just part of the man's oddities. I would say that since my return there has been a general air of external happiness about Fr. Brown.-- However I would like to see him get rid of his hatred for Fr. Burns and for the Sodality movement at visitation time.

You have shown great wisdom in leaving the time of your visitation of this house until the end of April. Things become clearer all the while. I find Fr. Schretlen very upsetting with all the little things he is constantly calling to my notice. His manner does it. Fr. Popelka was an unexpected shock. Fr. Brown is now quiet. Yet I would say judging from the way these people affect myself when they interfere with the order of the house and knowing how they bugged Fr. Burns that no other three factors have done more to upset the smooth running of this house. When anyone of these has stepped out of line it has been near impossible to run the house smoothly. Fr. Burns had several years of this. It is a wonder there is any Spanish left.

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J. A. Kearns S.O.

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

Apr. 1, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Fr. Provincial, P.C.

This is the letter that should have gotten off in March. We have done the best we can to get the physical plant in as good shape as possible. The peace that reigns in the house at present is at best negative. There always seems to be low rumblings in the educational department. I cannot pin the causes down for this disorder. This much is true: the Indian children are of low intelligence; intelligence tests last year showed this and their exam results seem to bear this out; the white children we have seem also to be below average. Is there any fault in our teaching? I cannot say definitely. I can point to faults in one or the other of our teachers but I cannot make a general statement about inefficiency. Hence I cannot get to the bottom of the difficulties in the teaching department. Further our teachers' meeting after my return from Halifax was peaceful. There was no disapproval of the Dean's work.

In the period from Dec. 1 to Feb. 28 it took <sup>by way of extra funds</sup> \$5000.00 of Jesuit money to keep the school running plus a \$2000.00 bank loan. All monies have been returned. The Jesuit money is used to cash salary cheques of the lay staff. I may have to borrow more money from the bank this time because I am paying the big farm bills out of the Jesuit account. By the big farm bills I mean feed bills and fertilizers. I shall charge the govt. cash for the produce we use for the children from the first of March. Before we simply recorded the produce in a book for the govt. auditor. We paid all feed bills for the animals out of the govt. account.

OK  
I ask permission to borrow \$3000.00 from the bank if the need so arises. I ask permission to keep cashing my salary cheques and some food bills through our own account. The money borrowed from the bank will be borrowed in thousand dollar installments only if I actually have to do so. The girls' school across the way seems to have no difficulty with finances so far as I can learn. Whether the farm is the catch in our system, I cannot tell. They no longer maintain a farm.

The auditors have had our books for over two week now. They said the work would only take ten days. The year 1956 is being audited as you requested. A E la wyer was engaged in the Sault. Mr. Majic is his name and he was chosen on the advice of Bob White in Mr. Day's office. The land has all been found in order except instrument 310. B ut I have taken this up with Fr. Brennan.

I visited the Anglican Indian School in the Sault. It is nice. There the Anglican Church throughout Canada provides the children's clothing. But they have the same difficulties as we do except that it is easier for them to get money from the govt. But promises are broken withem as they are with us. Having your school owned by the govt. by no means solves the problem of educating Indian children.

We were hosts last Friday to teachers from Indian schools. Everything ran off like clockwork. Everyone seemed very pleased with the place. No-one asked to go through the school but we were prepared for this.

REGIOPOLIS COLLEGE  
KINGSTON, ONTARIO

April 9, 1958

Dear Father Kearns,

P.C. You may be hearing from Father Provincial shortly concerning the matter of your last letter but I believe he has communicated with you by phone so it may take a little while to get his written reply on the tape and then on paper.

Father Provincial has decided to delay again his visit to Spanish. He thinks the visit to Spanish after Montreal at the end of this month would be too rushed. He has to attend the Provincials' Meeting in Milwaukee beginning May 3 or 4.

So the visit to Spanish will come after the middle of May so we are back again at the old time schedule for Spanish and the missions.

Enclosed is another circular; it does not need to be read in the refectory (it concerns the Socius, chiefly and practically ) but it can be posted.

Weather bright and clear here but there is a chilly breeze blowing still.

We go to Montreal on Saturday night if all goes off well here.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*E. J. Dowling, S.J.*

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Spanish, Ontario

Apr. 11, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial,  
P.C.

Please pardon the red ribbon. I am waiting for a new ribbon and the black half of this one fades out at times. I finally got my letter off to Very Rev. Father General. Father Naughton sent a notice that I was delinquent. Father Popelka's behavior since his return has been most edifying. The penance was performed, apologies made. We have not yet settled his financial status. It should work out smoothly. I think the trip to Toronto did him a lot of good. After your phone call I phoned Father Johnson and had Father Popelka do some shopping for the band. This seemed to prepare him for his return. Father reported to me that while he was in Toronto a man reported to him that another man of some rival political party had been commissioned to get Father Popelka into trouble with the bishop; this trouble occurred when Father was in Chatham before his posting to Spanish.

There are no crises in this letter that require your immediate attention and answer. The further delay of your visitation is good. The main point of my writing is to report my interview with Father Brown this afternoon. Father is making his retreat and came in to see if I had anything for his speculum. I mentioned the incident of last Fall when Father ran down the Sodality and Father Daly. It appears that he did not wish to speak against the Sodality but only against Father Daly. Father Brown was at the Shrine when Father Daly was put in charge of the Sodality movement in Canada. Father Daly told Father Brown that now the Sodality would be operated correctly. Father Lord's notions were all wrong etc. This made Father Brown very mad and Father Brown still seems to be mad at Father Daly. After all Father Daly stole his blue-print notes from Father Fleming and claimed credit for them as being his own. Father Daly is a mortician and does not know how to run a sodality. He is all theory and has <sup>nothing</sup> for the sodality. He tells people that they are an elite a bunch of saints. Further Father Daly has passed on all these ideas to Father Shea who also is no good. So in substance did Father Brown report with great feeling.

The marks of the children here in the high school are bad as I reported in my last letter. So I am becoming more and more involved in the studies. I want the teachers in 9 & 10 to give three questions each Friday each Friday covering the work taught in the past week. I know that the children will not get the answers. After this little unannounced test each week I wish the children to be given the right answers. Now on Sundays I have three hours of study. I am going to try and drill these answers into their heads by board work etc. I may be beating my head against a brick wall but I want the satisfaction of having tried everything possible to push them ahead. Father Brown does not think that this will work at all; I want the experimental knowledge that it won't work. Father suggests that I leave the studies as they are until next Sept. He says that they have greatly improved just by my being in the building. Further Fr. Maurice should have this worry and not me. That is very true but it now seems abundantly clear to me that Father Schretlen and Fr. Brown have so scuttled the efforts of Father Maurice that he is powerless to do anything about the studies.

Father Brown says that he understands the difficulties of Father Maurice's work since he himself has held Fr. Maurice's job. (Father also knows Sodality well too since he was in the Sodality of Father Fleming.) Father Brown says that

Thanks for  
buying report  
you have done well  
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he has no trouble getting along with Father Maurice. However Father does not agree with any of Father Maurice's policies. The way that Father Maurice does things is not the way Father Brown would do things. Father cited the arrangement of the dining room and the lockers as one thing he disagreed with. Father Maurice can paint his room nicely and can draw up nice charts but he cannot coordinate things.

About this time I mentioned the fact that I want homework not done reported at once over the intercom to Fr. Maurice and that I want a notification also. Father said that he had used the intercom several times but that Fr. Maurice was not there. Further Fr. Maurice sometimes annoys his class when he uses the outside speaker. In Father's opinion the intercom should be thrown out as useless. However Father forgets that he thought the intercom was useless from the very day it was installed before he ever saw it in operation. But I will concede Father Brown two points on the fact of Fr. Maurice not being readily available and that Fr. Maurice has disturbed his class. These two complaints I have been expecting since the set was installed. The abuses are normal and will be remedied. Why they were not mentioned sooner I do not know.

When Father Brown spoke of Sodality and his deep understanding of it I asked him if he would run the Sodality here. He said he could not do that because he would run a Sodality for students and of course we have no students. The work that Mr. McCardle is doing in his estimation is practically useless.

What is the basis for the way of thinking adopted by Frs. Schretlen and Brown I do not know. I pass on to you what information I can glean in the hope that you will be able to put your finger ultimately on the difficulty.

Father Maurice himself is not without a strong will. For example he will say to me that he told Fr. Nunan that if <sup>such a</sup> this wasn't done he would not meditate and that is all there is to it. I dare say that if you told Fr. Maurice he should rise at 5.30 even though it would be very difficult for him you would have quite an explosion. He cannot understand why 2 Dale never acted on his letters of previous years. He told Fr. Nunan that Frs. Brown and Schretlen were no good and were ruining the school. This year he wanted me to go after Fr. Barker and get a census of the parish. Father was very worked up over the state of the parish. ---There is a certain something in Father's character that does not make him easy to get along with; emotion rather than reason seem to drive him on. How does he fit into the picture of Frs. Schretlen and Brown?

On Holy Saturday evening Fr. Minister suddenly got excited and decided we should not let Fr. Barker have the collection taken up in the chapel at the vigil services. Why had he not thought of this some weeks before I do not know. However we settled things smoothly. On Tuesday at our consultors meeting we will discuss the houses arrangements with the parish. I hope my consultors are calm. I have not held a consultor's meeting since December. I have seen nothing that merited discussion. Further I saw that by discussing the real state of things I simply depress the whole house. Then too Fr. Schretlen usually attempted to run the meeting. C'est la vie.



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Spanish, Ontario

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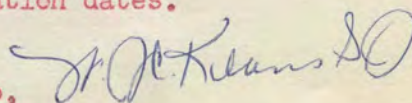
We are having a private dance here on Tuesday. I imagine that you may hear complaints about this at visitation time. However it is the only way our ladies auxiliary has of raising money. Father Schretlen is holding a vocation week the last week of April. Both of these events have been held here before. So they are not innovations. The Provincial cemetery board wants us to fix up our cemetery. However there is one fact the board has not gotten straight and that is that the cemetery was intended for private use only. The townspeople just moved in on us as it were. Our four lay teachers will not be with us next year. Father Maurice has inserted an ad in the paper (Globe and Mail) for teachers. I do not know how we shall pay them but that will be settled in due time. The auditing firm that has our books has not returned them yet. I do not know whether the delay is the difficulty of the auditing or the press of other business. At any rate I have to have the books here ~~xxx~~ for Monday Apr. 14. The government auditor will be here from Toronto.

One other item about Father Brown. The children had a picnic the other day. Father Brown reported that knives and forks and salt shakers were left behind them in the woods. Father discovered this the day after. I asked Father if he brought the things home and he said no. It is when I hear things like this that I must laugh to myself. Life is a mystery.

I had a three hour session with Father Popelka. He was more calm than usual. He had asked the children to pray for him before he went to Toronto so that he would say the right things. He said that he said mostly the wrong things in your presence. He has not relegated you to the ranks of the superiors he dislikes. Father does not think you realize that the wounds of the soul cannot be healed whereas those of the body can. However I think he will eventually change that opinion of you. I believe he will be much calmer in his next visit with you. Father gave me the same story of his life all over again. The story does not change. I have heard it twice. One thing I did notice is that political seems to be used in two ways with him. Sometimes it means the teaching of right conduct for public life; at other times it means a rightist party opposed to leftist party. Instaurare omnia in Christo seemed to be the motivating force behind the work. One new fact came up. When Father Popelka was 12 or 13 years of age he was accused of stealing stamps at one of our boarding schools. After six weeks he was exonerated. The disgrace hurt him terribly. The Jesuit prefect who accused him was later responsible in an indirect fashion for Fr. Popelka and other Jesuits going to the concentration camp. Father speaks of the lack of interest superiors have had in him. I noticed this was our attitude towards Fr. Sprusansky when he was living in Vancouver. We just could not figure the man out. Now that I have seen him back here with the rest of the Slovak Fathers, there is nothing strange about him. At the Seminary we all thought Fr. Dostal was strange sort of creature. There was always a certain amount of difficulty in dealing with Fr. Krajcar. I guess the displacement of these foreign elements has caught us without any kind of psychology to understand them. Further their own displacement has built up in them a defense mechanism that we find difficult to overcome.--Again let me say that Father's submission has been exemplary. I hope that things stay smooth.

Enclosed, one book on Indian Affairs the latest. The statistics may be of some aid to you. I am not expecting any reply to this letter. We received notice from Father Dowling re the change of visitation dates.

In Xto,



Regiopolis  
April 12, 1958

Reverend W. J. C. Kearns, S.J.  
Garnier School  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. As I mentioned to you on the telephone the other day, you have permission to borrow \$3000 from the bank if the need arises and to continue cashing salary cheques and some food bills through your own account.

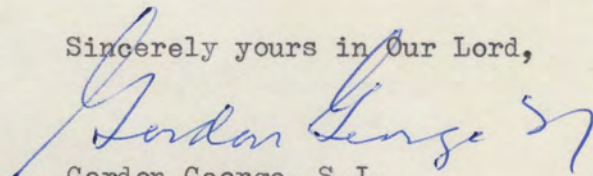
I am very pleased to learn that the auditors are working on your books and I look forward to the opportunity of studying the situation with you when I go to Spanish. I have decided to postpone my visit until after the Provincials' meeting in Milwaukee and I should be at Garnier some time around the middle of May. This may not be the most convenient time for you but it will give a little more leisure and the visitation will not have to be rushed when so many important points will be up for discussion.

I hope the meetings at North Bay will be of some profit to you and that your paper on the problem of Indian day students in a residential school will go over well.

You are learning the hard way what every Superior knows - that he must carry his own burdens along with many others on his shoulders. God will give you great graces to be patient if you ask Him and He will reward you for looking after His least brethren. You are winning the confidence of your community and that is a great thing. Keep on with the good work.

Please pray for me as I move on to Montreal this evening for the visitation at Logola.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

  
Gordon George, S.J.

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

April 22, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial,  
P.C.

Today was a more or less happy day. We had some good laughs at table. The only thing to mar the day was the fact that Father Minister reported Father Schretlen was lighting fires in the cemetery. At this season one must have a permit to light fires. However I looked out my window and saw no smoke. Nor am I too disturbed over Fr. Schretlen's action since he really has a knack for setting grounds in order.

Neither Father Schretlen nor his fires are the object of this letter. My purpose in writing is to send on to you information about the North Bay meeting. I shall not enclose any lengthy comments.

The sisters have been somewhat disturbed over the auditor's investigations. They have summoned Miss McDonald to Spanish and she will arrive tomorrow. However I think they are unduly alarmed. They have a very secretive attitude; they still have a fear that Ottawa will know that they are sisters. Further Miss McDonald is of the impression that no auditor should examine the books because the school is private. However my opinion of the auditor still stands. He impresses me as a very fine man. There are simply anomalies in the book keeping up here that have to be straightened out. The auditor is going right to the heart of the matter. For example he asked me just what agreement we had with the govt; what did we expect to get by way of salaries. I said I did not know although Fr. Brennan told me that 2 Dale always expected at least the Province tax by way of salary. ~~It~~ True, but I think that this was an understanding among ourselves and not with the government. So far as I can tell there has never been a bilateral agreement since the first agreement between Bishop Scollard and the govt. This agreement lapsed five years after it was signed.

To me one of the glaring anomalies in the books is this. We use govt. grant money to pay for the food for the cattle and chickens etc. The cattle and produce are used to feed the boys. A record of the value of all this is kept. We own the cattle and if any are sold we keep the money; it goes to the S.J.s. Of course our brothers who worked the farm received no money for their labors over the years. We bought all the farm machinery. The nub of the anomaly seems to be that the govt. feeds the cattle etc. but if we sell any cattle we the jesuits pocket the money. I proposed this to Fr. Sheridan in January. He said that if the govt. knew this was going on, not to worry. I am not. It will be interesting to see what the auditor says. Fr. Nunan was of the opinion that once we received the grant money it was ours and that no auditor should check it over. You yourself will probably be in Toronto when the auditor returns. I think he will be here some little while yet. I just wish they had had this man years ago.

*No* | We have set renovation day for the 15th of May. Is it alright if the renovants make their own triduum? If there is anyone available from outside the house we will gladly accept him. I received a reply from my letter to Very Rev Fr. General. The instruction re the Brothers is really a masterpiece. I guess I better take up farming. I shall need it when they go to Tertianship. I am going to write Guelph to see what kind of Juniorate schedule they have for the Brothers. Brother Masterson is not doing too badly. He is taking typing and as far as culture goes we have subjected him to

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Mozart and Beethoven here in the office. In fact I have even caught him playing the records himself although his preference is cowboy songs.

In January you said ~~that~~ that we would proceed here in the same fashion next year as we had this past year. Father Maurice is most optimistic that we will go on forever here educating white and Indian. I myself in no way feel certain about our future. However I have your clear directive that we are going on next year at least. And fortunately our other Fathers feel we are going on indefinitely. I did not communicate to them what went on at North Bay. (Father Maurice knows) In view then of our continuing next year is the booklet enclosed approved for distribution? It is modelled after the syllabus of St. Mary's University High School. By distribution I mean is it alright to give this book to people when they enquire about our work here? Ordinarily I would not have to ask this permission but since Dale seems to have known so little of what was done up here I think that I had better ask permission to be on the safe side.

My personal opinion is that Fr. Maurice has done a good job of this and that no harm can come from this little syllabus. I got quite a lift out of reading it. Further I think a thing like this may give the faculty a lift and may even put a spark of life in the boys. Father Maurice's doggedness is certainly praiseworthy though very often it is very hard on the superior because the future of the school is shaky. Maybe we have made a bit of progress in strengthening our position this year. We should keep on trying. Although I have strong doubts about our future still I have done everything possible to point us into the future from furniture for Fr. Brown to ferns at the front entrance.

To sum up then there are just two things. Is a private renovation in order---is our enclosed syllabus approved.

no.

yes

In Christo,



W.J.C. Kearns, S.J.

Loyola College, Montreal  
April 25, 1958

Reverend W. J. C. Kearns, S.J.  
Garnier School  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father Kearns,

P.C. Thank you for your letter of April 22. I am still in Montreal and will not return to Toronto until Monday evening.

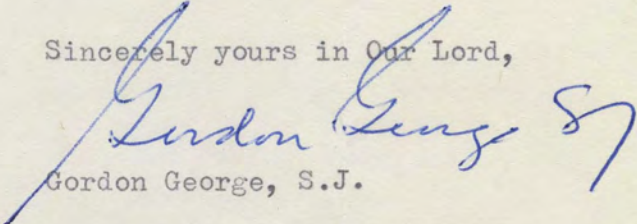
Thank you for the data on the North Bay meeting. We can discuss the pertinent points when I arrive for the visitation.

I realize that it is difficult to arrange for a triduum when there are so few renovants, but I think you should appoint someone for the task. If you wished to delay the renovation for a few days it would be possible for Father Dowling to give the points during the visitation. I am not just sure when we will be able to get to Spanish but I will try to let you know by May 1 or 2.

You may use the syllabus. It should be sent to the parents of the boys who are to be accepted for next year and to others who inquire about the school.

Father Tom Malone had another serious operation the other day for the removal of gall stones. So far, reports indicate that it was successful.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

  
Gordon George, S.J.

**Loyola**  
College  
Montreal Canada

April 26, 1958

Dear Father Kearns,

P.C. Wish we were arriving at Spanish this mornigg. Father Provincial is winding up the visitation here but he does not expect to leave until Monday.

I informed you earlier that it seemed wise to shift the dates for the Brothers retreat this year to the first part of July.

Can we make it June 30 to July 9? This does not give you any leeway after the departure of the boys but it is important that there be a few days intervening between the Brothers' retreat and the house retreat at Guelph which opens on July 13. Then, too, Brother Hinton will be able to make it, if it ends on July 9. I presume most of the Brothers will want an extra day or two before or after the retreat.

I would be grateful if you could confirm this soon.

I will let you know as soon as I can about the dates of the visitation. Mail for the Provincial will be going your way these days as it was not announced throughout the Province that he had changed his schedule. It can all be sent to 2 Dale.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*E. J. Dowling, J.*

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

May 12, 1958

Very Rev. & dear Fr. Provincial,  
P.C.

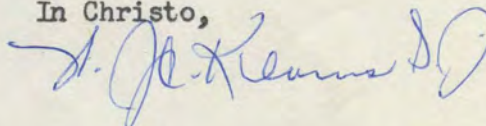
This note should not need any acknowledgement because you will soon be here. It is in order here that Father Veltri take his course. However we shall need someone to replace him because the little ones are here until the end of June. I understand that Father Sheridan is willing to allow Mr. Brennan to come up here if he is asked for. I think the asking for must go through 2 Dale. Father Schretlen will be available to teach at the Sault as requested. Fr. Maurice will be very happy to go to Denver. I shall let you ask Fr. Popelka about the Shrine. I understand he had some photographic difficulties there last time. He really won't be available until the end of June. We are having no money problems with him now. All seems to be smooth. It might help if Father MacKenzie attends the Liturgical meet that Fr. Stanley is speaking at. Father looks after the singing in the school. He might at the Liturgical meet find ways to get away from the jazz of the St. Basil's hymnal. We leave this to visitation.

My books are getting a little behind. The government auditor ate up time like nothing on earth. His report is still not finished. He was working on it last week in Toronto. He says he will send it along when it is finished. The figures I quoted you in Halifax were substantially correct. Our disbursements in the govt. account were \$70,000.00 in '57 and our income was \$40,000.00. I said that the per diem cost here was \$1.50 per day. The govt. auditor made it out to be \$1.65 per day. And of course there are many complications.

Fr. Popelka has just informed me that Fr. Janda of Toronto may ask for him for July. This will be through 2 Dale.---The inspector for Indian Schools was here. He remarked that the govt. is certainly getting its money's worth. His reports on the teachers all tallied with Fr. Crusoes even to Fr. Brown. Fr. Crusoe had wondered whether a teaching course would improve Fr. Brown any. However Fr. Crusoe hesitated to recommend Father for a course because you can never tell what Father is going to do next. The inspector had no sooner sat down to table with us when Fr. Brown tried to engage him in an argument over integration. The inspector asked me afterwards whether Father was looking for an argument or whether he was just that way.---The inspector was here for our hockey banquet and was very impressed by it and by Fr. McArdle's work.

Enclosed is the new grant system for government owned church schools. The auditor let me have a look at it and make a copy. Officially this does not apply to us. But the man has to audit our books under these directions. He thought it would be wise for us to know what was going on.

In Christo,



Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

May 18, 1958.

Dear Father Crusoe:

P. C.

Received your letter regarding the possibility of attending the Principal's Institute. Many thanks for your offer. I think it would be helpful. I had already written to Father Provincial stating that I thought I could attend and would be glad to do so.

I think that I could get a good rest here during the month of July and also make my retreat. Since there would not be any work in the way of studying or preparing matter, I think I could make it. I could try to get ready for next year ahead of time. If my presence is required here early in August, I could come straight back without too much of a delay.

Father Provincial will be here shortly and I will discuss the matter with him. I would like to go out by way of Winnipeg and Regina if possible and leave early for that purpose.

We have one teacher hired for Grades 1-2-3. We still need three others. I have possibilities of one other. I don't know what the possibilities for students are for next year. It doesn't look too bright as far as Indian students are concerned. I have contacted the missionaries but have had few replies so far. Those I have had, from Fr. Oliver, Fr. Hynes and Fr. Dwyer offer no possibilities at all. We will probably get more non-Indian students but it is still too early to know for sure.

In Xto,

W. Maurice, S.J.

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Thank you.

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4122 Delorimier Avenue, Montreal,  
May 24, 1958.

Very Reverend Gordon F. George, S.J.,  
Provincial of the Province of Upper Canada,  
2 Dale Avenue, Toronto.

Reverend and dear Father:

After prayer and mature consideration, we have decided, owing to existing conditions, to withdraw our two missionaries, Miss Goody, teacher, and Miss Boisvert, house-keeper-companion, from the mission of Sagamok. The Indian Affairs Department is being notified of this intention, as well as Father O'Flaherty.

We trust that there will be no difficulty in finding another community to take over this work which we have been doing for the past number of years.

With sincere regret,

Respectfully in Mary's Heart,

*Madeline Mae Donald*

Vice-Provincial,  
Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary

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(by: Rev. A. Rolland, S.J., West Bay, Excelsior, Ontario.)

a letter from Fr. O'Flaherty says he has asked you for Fr. M. Houskins, - as a curate or assistant. (By the way, Fr. O'Flaherty has 2 priests working for him now.) Fr. Houskins has been a Parish Priest a vast very long while. He was very successful at Sault Ste Marie. He is very much liked as such at Amnontong. I think, for Amnontong, you should either give Fr. Houskins an

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(by: Rev. A. Rolland, S.J., West Bay, Excelsior, Ontario.)

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May 28, 1958

Very Reverend and Ben Felix Provincial - P.C. This is a letter as Controller of the Indian Missions. I think a Parish Priest should not become a curate, because: ① It is considered a punishment by the Secular Clergy. ② It is a demotion in the eyes of the lay-people. This does not matter to a Jesuit, - and I am not thinking of myself.

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I'd be inclined to say give me  
all the permit pieces in book  
the Discovers? For William and I'll extract,  
and bring the Permits with this Discovers.  
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if the permit (should there be one at all  
consent) were a friend, who could

help me and I him, occasionally  
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be solidified as a permit work  
and as permit headquarters + as a high  
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Missions in Ontario, —  
and that all missionaries  
and Parish Priests should be  
expected to spend a few days  
there every year, — for spiritual  
and physical rejuvenation,  
and for unity of thought  
and action.

Servus Tuus Obediens,  
in Jesu per marian.

O. Rolland, O. I.,

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Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

May 29, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial, P.C.

I did not think that I would have to write you so soon. However your questions about female help set me thinking. I had more or less forgotten the siren qualities of women having had to work with so many of them at the Seminary and in the retreat movement.

Only one of our fathers is consistently becoming involved with women. That is Father Peter Brown. By involved I mean taking on the guidance of women without the superior's prior knowledge. First off last Fall father had Margaret here (the young girl who you advised that we fire; she will be dismissed at the end of June) already to go into the convent. He is now quite miffed when he sees the boys helping her with Saturday morning works.

One Sunday afternoon last Fall he got permission to take the car to Wik-wemikong to save some other girl from the moral evils over there. On the last day of your visitation he got permission to go to Espanola to save some other woman. He said that he could not write because if the matter of the letter became public it would be embarrassing. A week or so before you came father showed me a letter he had received from Cutler. In the letter the girl said she was drinking and that she would commit suicide if father did not come. He said he did not care to go.

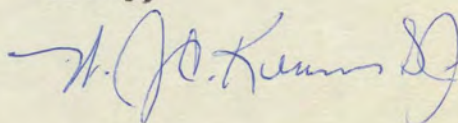
To say the least father is being bothered by some sexual aberration. Since last January father and Mr. Prudhomme have been behaving like a couple of convent girls. Mr. Prudhomme is very effeminate. When I arrived here I heard that there had been trouble with the public showing of movies. I checked with father to see what the trouble had been. He informed me that he returned from ministry during the showing of a night movie and found two necking in a car outside the back door. To play a joke he summoned Fr. Schretlen and told him there were people from Quebec outside the back door to see him. Father Schretlen went down and talked to the people for some time.

Father Brown has very strict ideas re television and movies. Recently father enjoyed very much the T.V. story "The Outcast of Poker Flat". He was the only member of the community who saw this play. I was in only for its closing moments. The next day there appeared in the Telegram a picture of a young catholic actress who was fired because she turned down a part in this play on moral grounds. She considered the part indecent.

Early last fall father warned me about all the evil things that would take place during hockey games in the arena. To date we have had no report of same.

I am still digesting the memoriale. It is a good one.

In Xtp,



May 30, 1958

Reverend William Koerns, S.J.  
Garnier Residential School  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father Superior:

P.C.

Arrived in last night after a pleasant trip down from Wikwemikong.

Mr. Brennan will be on hand to replace Mr. Veltri on June 11th. He will leave Toronto as soon as his exams are over. I have been wondering if it would be possible for Mr. Veltri to leave Garnier even earlier than this. It would be a great advantage if he were able to get his retreat in before his lengthy summer course begins. Mr. Quest is beginning his retreat at Guelph on the evening of June 6 and if Mr. Veltri could make it for the same evening they could both have someone to direct their retreat at the Novitiate. This would also leave Mr. Veltri a breathing space at the end of the summer before his return to classes and prefecting.

It may not be possible for you to get along without him until Mr. Brennan arrives. I will have to leave you to judge what can be done and I will quite understand if you tell me that it can't be worked out.

Please drop me a note as soon as you can.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Gordon George, S.J.

May 31, 1958

Miss Madeline MacDonald  
Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary  
4122 Delorimier Avenue  
Montreal 34, P.Q.

Dear Miss MacDonald,

I am grateful for your letter of May 24 with the information that it has become necessary to withdraw Miss Goody and Miss Boisvert from the mission school at Sagamok. I have just returned from the visitation of Spanish and Wikwemikong so I now have some slight knowledge of the conditions to which you refer. It is to be regretted that Sagamok will lose the devoted services of your community but I can do no more now than express to the Society the great debt of gratitude the Jesuits have for all the help and the many kindnesses shown to them over the past years. May Our Lord be your reward for your goodness to us.

I spent about a week at Spanish and learned, also to my regret, that the future of our school there is not very bright. Changed conditions among the Indians, the new policy of the Indian Dept. and other factors seem to indicate that our services would be needed for a diminishing number of boys. The financial situation is very critical and will not improve until we get a larger number of boys and this seems unlikely.

I am not able to say just now what plans will be made for the future of Spanish but I will let you know as soon as I can.

Your comments on the situation as you see it would also be appreciated because the two schools at Spanish are closely bound together in many ways.

Commending myself to your prayers, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Gordon George, S.J.  
Provincial



June 1, 1958

Reverend W. J. C. Kearns, S.J.  
Garnier School  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father Kearns,

P.C. Thank you again for the information you gave me this morning on the phone.

I would be grateful if you would arrange for Mr. Veltri to arrive at Guelph on June 6, so that he can begin his retreat there that evening.

Much time and thought has been given to the future of the school at Spanish and I can only say at the moment that that future is not very bright.

Since this is so, I would recommend that there be no recruiting of students for the coming year until we have reached a decision. I expect that we will have definite word about this by the third week of June.

What reasons would militate against closing the school this summer, should the final decision be to close it? I am thinking here of the practical difficulties that would arise as far as St. Joseph's School is concerned, the need to continue for the sake of boys who have already begun their course at Garnier, the disposing of the cattle and other livestock, the need for a residence for those engaged in parish work.

There is no definite decision yet, but should it be in favor of closing the school, are we committed to keeping it open for at least another year?

Great tact will be needed in discussing this with Miss Gattie and some of the members of your community so you should try to avoid and prevent needless rumors and talk about the future.

Again, sincere thanks for your many kindnesses to myself and Father Dowling during our stay at Spanish.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Gordon George, S.J.

Garnier College

Spanish, Ontario

June 1, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial, P.C.

One teacher is already hired for next year at \$3200.00 and another is in the process of being hired for \$2700.00. The \$3200.00 teacher can command \$3400.00 in the Sault.

If we are not going to operate next year both teachers must be notified now to hold on to their positions or else they will suffer a grave damnun. What do you advise?

We cannot secure the services off Tim McGrath. We thought over a process of each of us substituting but that would only be chaotic. Therefore we need someone. However do not send Mr. Brennan early as that would work too great a harship on him with his exams.

In Xto,

*H. J. Kearns S.J.*

*and by  
Telephone  
June 2/58*

*Cancel  
arrangements*

*Keep  
Mr. Valchi  
Here*

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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE  
SULT POINT  
MICHIGAN

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

June 4, 1958

Dear Father Dowling, P.C.

Here are some ruminations I thought I would pass along. Nothing in the letter is of any great consequence. I was looking over some old letters up here and I learn that in 1922 Rev. Fr. General approved the use of wine at table for first and second class feasts for this Province. Most interesting of the letters was Fr. Hingstons handing over of the parish at Guelph in 1931. He wrote this letter from Vancouver. I infer from his letter that the missions up here were in his opinion at that time completely self supporting. Hence the finances from Guelph were superfluous. Father Keane wrote his letter about the province finances in 1934. The only conclusion I draw from this is that Guelph had been maintained for some time this place might have maintained some of its money and kept itself in better repair. Just an interesting sidelight in our present considerations.

I think there is one point we did not consider. Spanish, the town, cannot support a boarding school. Even if the government were to pay our going tuition rate we would still need the assistance of alms to keep our head above water. All our colleges need this. We cannot get it up here. True we raised \$4,000.00 to pay for the Zodiac car and lockers. But a couple years of this ~~amix~~ would be enough to kill a man. Too vast a territory to cover to raise the money.

I have taken of a listing of our accounts in the Jesuit Ledger for 1956 & 57. This is not a balance statement. But it is accurate enough because it shows a \$4,000.00 spread between receipts and expenses. This \$4,000.00 spread plus, is tied up at present to back the salary cheques of our lay staff. The S.J. salary that is shown is real cash, not uncashed cheques.

The Jesuit salary for 1957 might be put like this:

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Actual Cash              | \$12,288.00 |
| Free board 13 men        |             |
| for 12mo. @55.00         | 8580.00     |
| Board for 50S.J.         |             |
| retreats at \$2.00 daily | 800.00      |
| Total                    | \$21,668.00 |

A govt. owned church school where children are housed only; education except for grades one to three in city schools.

|                        |           |                      |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 4 matrons at \$2100.00 | \$8400.00 | Ottawa               |
| Principal              | 3400.00   | plus a home; Ottawa* |
| Engineer               | 3000.00   | Ottawa               |
| 120 pupils at \$80.00  |           |                      |
| per quarter            | 38,400.00 | Ottawa*              |
| Repairs                | 9000.00   | Ottawa *             |

\* de facto conditions; the rest of this statement, I think is safe guessing from observing.

Church owned school where children are taught:

|                       |                  |        |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------|
| 120 pupils at \$88.75 |                  |        |
| per quarter           | \$42,600.00      | Ottawa |
| Salaries 12 religious | 12,288.00        |        |
|                       | <u>30,312.00</u> |        |
| Night Watchman        | 700.00           | Ottawa |
| Manual training       | 1500.00          | Ottawa |
| Hi school special     | 3400.00          | Ottawa |

No reply expected to this letter.  
If the numerical calculations help to clear up anything, so much the better.

In Xto,

*John Keane*

Very Rev. P. Provincial.

BELLARMINE HALL  
226 St. George Street  
Toronto 5, Canada

June 6<sup>th</sup> / 58.

Dear Father George,

P.C. Our telephone conversation this morning pretty well covered the situation but just for the record I shall mention a few of the main points. My reception was very cordial and the case was given a thorough hearing by the Director, Col. Jones, and the Supt. of Education, Mr. Darcy.

At their request I left a copy of the memo (encl.) with them - after re-stating that it outlined our thinking but was not an official statement of policy. Mr. Darcy promised a written communication from the Dept. before our meeting.

My own observations:

While Mr. Darcy spoke of our plans as bringing bleak news to his Dept., I noticed that he did not put strong objections to our statements. He did insist that the financial situation could be remedied - & would be, if we continued; he would need a report to base his increased grants on, naturally. He seemed relieved at the thought that our plans did not include the girls' school. The Sisters certainly will be listened to - at least for a year or two, since the welfare work involved was a matter of main concern to Mr. Darcy. As far as I could judge, our High School proposals were given very little consideration. I feel satisfied that we have given the Dept. an opportunity of supporting us in H. School Indian education - if such was their policy. In Dominio, C. S. C. S.

Society of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary  
Provincial House  
4122 Delorimier Avenue  
MONTREAL

June 10, 1958.

Rev. C. J. Crusoe, S.J.,  
Bellarmine Hall,  
226 St. George Street,  
Toronto 5, Canada.

Dear Father Crusoe:

Here I am bothering you again, when I suspect you are about swamped with many things, but I think this is urgent.

I had a talk with Rev. Father George, Provincial, Sunday when passing through Toronto. He told me you had gone to Ottawa to put the case of the Spanish School before the Department, and that I would have news on your return.

Last night Miss Straine of Toronto called long distance on some business connected with that house, and told me you had been speaking to her. She said that the Department got quite a surprise to think that the Girls' School might not continue to function. When I questioned her more about it, she did not seem too sure as to whether or not the Department is under the impression that we are giving up. I was rather disturbed about this, as we did not intend to give up suddenly, because we would need time to make other plans. I cannot blame Miss Straine for not being too clear about this, as she is not now connected with Spanish, nor with the Provincial House, and I did not discuss this situation with her during the three days I spent at Dawlish lately, our time being given to Toronto affairs.

Would it be asking too much, Father, for you to give me some idea as to just where we stand, and also if anything definite has been decided for the school at Spanish? If the Government thinks that we, too, are giving up, they will quickly make other arrangements, and we shall be left with a rather large house on our hands, with no income to keep it up! That would be bad! Do you think it necessary for us to go to Ottawa yet to make other arrangements?

Incidentally, in a letter from one of our people in Ottawa, I learned that there is now a new Minister for the Department of Immigration and Citizenship,--Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, M.P. for Hamilton. In the previous parliament she was Secretary of State. Perhaps this is not news to you.

With apologies for bothering you, and sincere thanks for past help,

Sincerely and respectfully in Mary's Heart,

*Madeline Mac Donald*  
Vice-Provincial.



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

OUR FILE NO. 13/25-1-471 (E)

YOUR FILE NO.

Ottawa, June 11th, 1958.

Rev. C.J. Crusoe, S.J.,  
Bellarmine Hall,  
226 St. George Street,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Father Crusoe,-

With reference to our meeting of June 4th with Col. H.M. Jones, the officials of the Branch have now given consideration to your comments about the operation of the Spanish Residential School.

It has been noted that the function of this school, serving as it does largely pupils in the elementary grades, is not one which is normally undertaken by your Order and that you feel that recent developments including the expansion of our day school programme, of the activities of the Childrens' Aid Societies and the use of bus transportation facilities have, to a considerable extent, reduced the necessity for an institution of this nature for boys at the elementary school level.

It was noted that your Order is not in a position to give any assurance that non-Indians would be enrolled in substantial numbers.

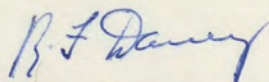
Although I am confident that the financial problems could be solved, I regret that the Indian Affairs Branch is not in a position to give the guarantees which you consider essential if the Spanish boys school is to continue to operate under the jurisdiction of your Order as a high school. The sense of these requirements were given, I believe, as follows:

1. Written guarantee of a full complement of Indian students to ensure an enrolment of 150 at the high school level.
2. A written guarantee by the Department that it would subsidize the required equipment for a broad programme including such subjects as industrial arts and motor mechanics.

3. A guarantee to pay the salary or salaries of vocational and technical teachers.
4. A guarantee to build whatever additional facilities are required, such as an industrial arts shop.
5. Increased grants to be paid by the Government for Indian students which would cover their costs.

Both Col. Jones and I will be grateful if you could inform Indian Affairs Branch, as soon as possible, of the decision of your Order with regard to the continued operation of the Spanish boys school. However, irrespective of the nature of this decision, I do wish you to know that the officials of this Branch greatly appreciate the efforts of your Order in connection with the operation of the Spanish School and we are not unmindful of the contribution that has been made over the years by this school in the interests of our Indian people. I also wish to thank you for the careful study which you have made of this particular problem, your generous cooperation and the frankness with which you presented your views.

Yours sincerely,



R.F. Davey,  
Superintendent of Education.



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

OUR FILE NO. 13/16-2-471(E6)

YOUR FILE NO.

OTTAWA

June 11, 1958.

Reverend Wm. Kearns, S.J.,  
Principal,  
Spanish Indian Residential School,  
Spanish, Ontario.

Dear Father Kearns:

With reference to your letter, dated May 30, pertaining to the auditor's inspection at your school, I am informed that this report has not yet reached the Department.

It is expected that copies of this document will reach this office within the next two weeks. As soon as the audit report is received, a copy will be forwarded to you for your information.

Yours sincerely,

R. F. Davey,  
Superintendent of Education.



Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

June 14, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial,  
P.C.

In view of Ottawa asking us for financial reports, I would say the time is ripe immediately to approach Ottawa for more money. Ottawa supposedly already has at hand the information it is asking for. The government books have always had a government audit. It is the first time they have had an audit by the department of finance. This year the audit done was on the calendar year. But till this time the pattern of the government fiscal year was more or less followed.

At any rate Father Oliver should have some interesting ideas when he sees the letter. To me the letter seems most strange. Almost seems as if someone were being hauled over the coals. How possibly could our grants or the grants for any schools be determined if the information asked for were not at hand.

I am enclosing three copies of the report by the Brunton Company. I shall bring the rest with me. Mr. Bazinet is still with us. We have not kept him on purpose. But he says that his next assignment is to be in Toronto on Thursday with the other philosophers to prepare for ordinations. He has helped us out very much even since Mr. Brennan arrived because Miss Mousseau took sick on us. She is on the verge of a nervous breakdown anyway. Mr. Bazinet will be in Toronto for Thursday unless he is ordered back sooner. Both scholastics have the added value of spreading much sweetness and light in the community.

In Xto,

4122 Delorimier Avenue, Montreal,  
June 16, 1958.

Reverend Clement J. Crusoe, S. J.,  
Bellarmine Hall,  
226 St. George Street,  
Toronto 5, Canada.

Dear Father Crusoe:

How can I ever thank you for your kind letter of the 12th? It certainly was reassuring, and now that I know the facts, there is no need to worry further; perhaps if I had more faith, there would not be, anyway! It was the sudden prospect of transplanting so many people, some of them advanced in years, during the summer, that seemed a bit staggering. I have been in this position only fourteen months and they say "the first hundred years is the worst". Fortunately, I have been in Spanish off and on, even before I was Superior there, so I understand the situation.

I must confess that the prospect of Spanish without the Jesuit Fathers, who have always been a tower of strength to our people there, seems a little dismaying; however, if the good Lord wants the Fathers for more important work elsewhere, fiat; not even in wish should we stand in their way.

If a decision should be arrived at, no doubt I shall hear. If it is thought advisable for us to go to Ottawa to present our needs, it shall be done. I was to have sailed with Miss Carney on the 24th for our Mother House in Paris, but was asked to cancel the reservation as so many things are pending. Poor Alice naturally does not relish the idea of going alone, but once she reaches our London house, she will be royally taken care of--I have had the experience.

You and your intentions, Father, will be firmly entrenched in our prayers--it is the least, but at the same time the most, we can do to repay you.

Sincerely and respectfully in the S. Hearts,

*Madeline MacDonagh*

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

June 17, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial,  
P.C.

In conformity with 602 of the Epitome I believe that our work here at the school in Spanish Ontario should cease. I have freely reached this decision after most thorough discussions with you and our house consultors and with you and the consultors of the Upper Canadian Province.

In Christo,



W.J.C. Kearns, S.J. Superior

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

June 18, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial, P.C.

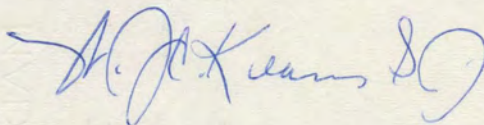
We have a wire here requesting Father Maurice to aid Father McKey etc. in July. Father Maurice does not wish to accept this ministry. I believe he is justified in refusing since he has been working very steady for the past 24 months. However he said that if word came to him from Toronto he would accept the work.

If it should come to pass that our work here is finished this will be a big shock to Father Maurice. There is a certain amount of bitterness in him over the way things have gone here in the past few years. Emotion is so strong in him that he cannot just say to himself that superiors did things a certain way, and leave things at that. This rankling bitterness will receive fresh impetus if things do not go as father hopes they will. Therefore I think it worth our while that father have some rest at the start of July. Further I think that father would be better off making one of our house retreats this year.

It could help him to change some of his ways of thinking. At present father is planning to make his retreat during the dates the brothers are making theirs here.

Maybe I am left of centre in my thinking on this matter. However I do think it in order that father be told to take some rest and that more than ordinary care be given to the making of his retreat.

In Christo,

A. J. Kearns SJ

June 21, 1958

Reverend William Kearns, S.J.  
Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father Kearns:  
P.C.

Thank you for your two letters, one expressing your definitive opinion about the future of Garnier, the other containing your observations about Father Maurice.

Father Maurice should not accept the invitation of Father McKey. I will write to both of them.

I think your suggestions about Father Maurice are very wise and a reflection of your paternal interest in his true welfare. I am grateful for them.

In going over some old documents here I note a statement that the parish church and the land on which it stands belongs to the Society. Up to the present I have been unable to discover any evidence that it has ever been alienated. Perhaps Father Brennan will be able to help us out when he returns. In the meantime you might be able to trace the history of this matter in your own records there.

We will let you know promptly of Father General's decision about Garnier.

I commend myself to your prayers and Holy Sacrifices.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Gordon George, S.J.

Batchawana  
June 25, 1958

Very Rev. Gordon George S.J.  
2 Dale Ave.  
Toronto

Dear Father,  
Pax Christi

I am hoping that in this letter I may say something constructive concerning the school at Spanish. I speak, probably with great prejudice, and a good deal of ignorance; prejudice because I certainly want to see the school continue, and ignorance because it is fifteen years since I was a scholastic there (for three years), and I cannot claim to be really conversant with the peculiar problems of today. However, I want it known that I feel that it is only in the details that I am ignorant. The larger problems and the larger purpose of the school must remain the same.

I think that the fundamental issue of just what is the purpose of the school at Spanish is neglected. Instead of comparing the achievements and the possible achievements of the school with the general aims of the school, we are comparing its achievements with these of other colleges.

The aim of Garnier should be to educate the Indian boys and girls for life, so as to raise the standards of living and morality among the Indian people. I don't think we should expect doctors and lawyers from Spanish, unless we get one or two outstanding pupils who are much above and beyond the general run. These children are one step out of the forest, we need a generation to educate them. I think that more consideration should be given to just what their education should consist in, and that that should not be the work of one man alone but that the considered opinions of the entire faculty should be heard. I think that the course should be similar to that in a technical school. It should embrace, citizenship, responsibility, and a good grounding in language (English) and solid arithmetic and geometry. (By 'solid' I mean a good grounding in these subjects, not 'solid geometry')

If we give them a course in subjects that they can master and which their parents can understand, along with a good knowledge of citizenship, embracing their duties to God and man, they will improve themselves. They will learn habits of work, and they will pick up ambitions and learn to want not just a house and wife and kids but a Home and a Family. I am, of course, speaking of ideals. I have in mind the famous Paraguay reductions. The fathers trained their mass servers and gave them a true place of honor in the elaborate religious celebrations. They also emphasized public plays and demonstrations that the people, by their very nature loved to see. They included moral and civic ideals in their presentations and also encouraged ambitions to be better.

We could emphasize the public displays at Spanish, encouraging improvement in speech, poise and at the same time dramatize the ideals we want to set before them. We could also give more technical training in carpentry, gardening, raising of live stock and mechanics. For those who are definitely not up to heavy literary work we could go back

to the old system of the half day workers. Some boys used to work half a day and go to class the other half. Now if this system were used carefully, and if, under competent direction from the Brothers they learned good farming methods and the proper way to raise poultry and other live stock, including the book work and marketing etc, then I should think the school could be run more cheaply. I dont see why it should cost as much to run Spanish as it does to run Regi, when Spanish has its own farm produwng meat, milk, butter, vegetables and so on. As I see it, Spanish would make an excellent place for training for Brothers too.

I know I havent got the financial figures before me but the old saying, 'figures dont lie', is one of the really big lies. If I am so very wrong about that, you will certainly know it by this time so I wont venture to argue the point.

As for our suitability to handle small boys, I think that having a woman teacher in the lower grades is an adequate solution. I taught grades three, four and five for two years and now that I have seen some of the teaching in our schools on the reserves here, I dont hesitate to say my boys were far ahead of them. So long as the scholastics are given adequate help and instruction and supervision, I think they can do the job. We had little of those things in my time; we were on our own.

I have watched some very intelligent white boys go to Tech here in the Soo, and a lot of them drop out. They drop out at Collegiate too, and it is no wonder if the Indian boys, with their lack of background, and lack of encouragement, drop out too. I think we should send a man out with an attractive sounding program to recruit good looking prospects for the school. The Technical part of the school should turn out some good work that could be put on display. The school could talk more of its achievements and less of its failures. And we ~~shou~~ should not expect miracles, doctors, lawyers, teachers, right from the start. The Tech has plenty of scholastic work, enough so that good students could get the training to go on to other studies if they got a little extra help, but such students are bound to be a minority. We dont get high class 'scholastic' material from the reserves but we do get a lot of good common sense that can be developed.

With regard to the 'Attractive Program' I wonder if we couldnt devise a program that would sound good to the Indian Department too? A sound plan of training for life on a Technical School basis would I think sound much better in Ottawa than a Collegiate program.

Well Father, I think I could write a lot more without saying much. Perhaps I havent said much but if we have to give up the school at Spanish I dont want to see it go without a shot being fired even if it is only in the air. As I said, I am prejudiced. We had a hard life at Spanish in my time. We had short Summer holidays, and no holidays during the year, no Christmas or Easter break and simply, no holidays and I mean no holidays, during the scholastic year. I taught little children when I thought I should have taught in High School, but no scholastic was ever sadder at leaving a place than I was when I got on the train to leave Spanish. I dont think I would have felt that way if I dint think we were doing some good.

Now that I have reread what is written, I find I have to go on to a third page. I am sorry to take so much of your time, but I must point out that I am writing this in my capacity as a consultant of the Indian Missions, and, as I mentioned to Fr. Nunan, I have in mind a man who could, I think, manage very well at Spanish, Father John McKey. I also suspect that Fr. Oliver's attitude would be very constructive if he were sent back again. He did a fine job as Superior before. I think if he were asked to reconstruct, he could do it.

One more thing I would like to ask, as an old friend. If this letter is, in your opinion, truly out of touch with the present situation at Spanish, if my suggestions are naive , then burn it for me and dont file it.

By the way, I have the Volkswagen Van and I find it very useful and it gives very good gas mileage.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Bernard A. Mayhew S.J.



Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

June 28, 1958

Very Rev. & dear Father Provincial,  
P.C.

This is <sup>one</sup> ~~see~~ time of the year that one sees the dire poverty of these Indians. The parents come for their children either by private car or taxi. Those who have not cars have friends who do have cars.

It seems a shame to use so big piece of paper for so short a letter. But this is the only way to keep Father Dowling happy. Smaller size paper does make for awkward filing. No one here can contest the statement of the church property. No one has heard of it being the Bishop's property. Fr. Paquin built the little village church in 1912, Fr. Barker informs me. It is now clear why our cemetery has become so mixed up. I thought the church belonged to the Bishop.

I meant to say that one of the Southwinds was going to send a plane for his children. A man in the district has a plane and Mr. Southwind thought it would be novel for his children to fly home to Sagamook.

Father MacKenzie informed me last night that the public high school in Massey is closing. Some of the protestant families wanted to send their children here. Father MacKenzie capably stalled them off.

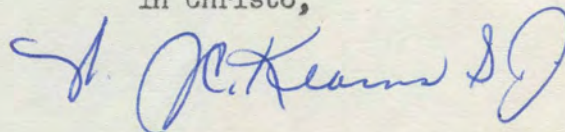
Brother Voisin has not heard from his brother since 1955. Then the only letter he received was "I am leaving the Jesuits and the priesthood."

Father Popelka did not ~~hear~~ hear from Father Janda. Father <sup>Popelka</sup> was going to write you about making his retreat in Toronto. It is good that Fr. Janda did not write. There were little squabbles brewing between them.

May we have permission to be out of the house over night. We ask only ad cautelam. We are planning to drive Mr. Brennan to Villa on Wednesday. We may not be able to make it back to Spanish on the same day. I presume that Fr. Barker now has permission for his two days per month in the Sault.

I sent Mr. Davey the auditor's report. I had a very nice letter from Father Brown in Winnipeg. His letter and his way of acting here certainly portray two different men. Well I guess Fr. Dowling triumphs. I did need a big sheet of paper.

In Christo,



BELLARMINE HALL

226 St. George Street

Toronto 5, Canada

(copy.)

June 28, 1958.

Mr. R. F. Davey,  
Superintendent of Education,  
Department of Citizenship & Immigration,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Davey:

I received your letter of June 11, stating your Department's decision on our proposals re the continuation of the Boys' school at Spanish. This letter was duly presented to our Consultants by our Provincial Superior. Even though your Department could not meet our requirements nor make the necessary guarantees, the question was given every possible consideration. Yesterday a final decision was reached and I have been asked to inform you that the Jesuit Order does not intend to continue its work in the field of Indian Education at Spanish. We plan to close the Boys' school this summer.

I trust this information will give you an opportunity to make other arrangements. I think we could help you place a few of the more deserving Indian boys of High School level in our various High Schools--if you so wished.

We do appreciate your kind praise of our Order's educational work on behalf of the Indian children during more than half a century.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) R. J. Cruise, S.J.,

Director of Studies.

Legenda in triclinio

Provincial's Residence  
Toronto, Ontario  
June 30, 1958

Reverend Fathers and dear Brothers in Christ, P.C.

After intensive investigation and study of the present difficulties and future prospects of our residential school for Indian boys at Spanish, I have decided to discontinue this work.

This decision has been reached in the light of our rules for the choice of ministries and has been approved by Father General.

As you know, not every apostolate is proper to the Society and among those that are, we must select ones which promise a more universal and lasting good. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the prospects for a fruitful and lasting apostolate in this school are not sufficiently evident to justify its continuance.

Many of Ours will receive with keen regret this announcement which brings to a close a work so generously carried on by Jesuits over the years.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all of Ours, Superiors, Fathers, Scholastics and Brothers, who in the face of much hardship have carried the burden in the heat of the day.

I commend myself to the Holy Sacrifices and prayers of all.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

*Gordon George, S.J.*  
Gordon George, S.J.

June 30, 1958

Reverend W. J. C. Kearns, S.J.  
Garnier School  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. The accompanying circular letter bears the sad tidings that we are discontinuing the residential school for boys at Spanish. This will be a blow to those whose zeal has been and is being expended in our Indian missions of Northern Ontario as some of them have felt that the school is an important adjunct to their apostolate.

This major decision brings with it the necessity of making many other decisions and arrangements for the closing of the school and the termination of this work among the Indian boys. As many of these decisions will have to be made on the spot and after discussion on the local level, I am asking Father Dowling to go to Spanish for a few days to help you with this work. He will arrive on Thursday morning by train.

Father Dowling and I have discussed the kind of policy I think should be followed in making these arrangements about the closing of the school and the house and I feel sure that, in general, what you and he decide in these matters will have my approval as well.

Please assure Father Bourke and the Brothers that we are praying for the success of the retreat.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Gordon George, S.J.

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

July 1, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial,  
P.C.

We read your letter at table this evening. Father Maurice has already begun to clean out his room. The news is difficult for him but your letter to him paved the way for this letter. I asked the community in conformity with rule 36 of the Common Rules not to mention the matter to externs. I presume 2 Dale may make some public announcement in due time. I am very glad that Father Dowling is coming up.

I am enclosing a copy of the Indian Record. It points to the new trend in Residential Schools.

Father Barker and Brother Masterson leave for Winnipeg tonight. Father Barker seems to be quite ~~ok~~ well. He has been resting since Sunday. I hope the doctor's diagnosis was wrong. But we cannot take any chances. The symptoms seemed to indicate coronary. Since Father has been on liquids we could not let him travel alone. Further since we are not certain as to the nature of his illness it would be quite merciless to have him navigate under his own steam alone. Brother Masterson has instructions to take the next train back.

Mr. Brennan would like permission to stay on here to settle things up. That decision can come from you with Father Dowling.

In Christo,

A. J. Kearns SJ

July 2, 1958

Miss Madeline MacDonald  
1122 Delorimier Avenue  
Montreal 34

Dear Miss MacDonald,

I am now able to inform you that Father General has agreed that our school for boys at Spanish should be closed this year. I have notified Father Kearns and the Indian Department of this decision and that we will not be accepting any students there this coming December.

A policy for the continuance of a Jesuit community at Spanish has not yet been formulated but I feel sure that there will be some Fathers there for the coming year and that Miss Gattie can count on the services of a chaplain from among those Fathers.

Father Dowling is going to Spanish tomorrow and he and Father Kearns will work out the more practical details of the arrangements for the coming year.

This news will a serious blow to those Jesuits who have counted on Spanish as an important adjunct to their work among the Indians. However, much thought has gone into this decision and extensive consultations failed to give sufficient evidence for the need of continuing the school.

I commend myself to your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

Gordon George, S.J.  
Provincial