

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

July 4, 1958.

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It is with very deep regret that we have to inform you that Garnier College for Boys is no longer operating as a school. We are informing you as soon as possible so that you may be able to make provision for your boys to attend school next September either at a local school or at some other boarding school.

We know that this will come as a shock to you as it has to us who have endeavoured to keep the school operating so that we could provide an opportunity for education in a Catholic school for our Indian boys.

However, for many reasons and after a great deal of discussion and consideration, our Father Provincial with his consultors and our Father General in Rome have decided, that although a great deal of good work has been done at Garnier for so many years, we can no longer carry on this work. Due chiefly to the policy of integration, the number of boys who have applied and are now applying for admission to our school has been and is so much on the down grade that we cannot carry on this work with any measure of hope that our services are needed any longer. Perhaps if all other Indian parents and guardians had insisted, as you have insisted, that their children attend a Catholic High School, we would have enough students to compensate for the great expenditure in the lives and labours of our Fathers, Brothers and Lay Teachers and enable us to continue.

Now that we are faced with this decision which is definite and in effect immediately, we can only express our regret and advise you to consult your missionary about the placement of your children in other schools. You may also refer this matter to your agent who will be notified of this decision.

Complete school records will be mailed to you shortly. These you will need for a transfer of your boys to other schools. These records should be kept for future use as well, as it will not be possible to obtain these when the school has concluded the business of closing. You should have received the report for June of this year.

We say goodbye with deep regret to you and to our former students. We pray that you will do everything in your power to provide so that your boys-our students will continue to pursue their education in Catholic schools wherever that is possible.

May God be with you always,

*Rev. Fr. Wm. Kearns S.J.*  
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Spanish - Garnier School  
Closing Arrangements

A. Disposal of lands -

- In general we will go slowly in matters dealing with the sale of land, particularly those sections that surround the buildings, i.e. east and west divisions of Section 39 and what we own in the east subdivisions of Section 34.
- The land on which the parish church is situated is Diocesan property.
- It is fairly well settled that we will arrange for the transfer of the ownership of the McGrath lot to the McGrath family for a nominal price.
- It is also fairly well established that we will sell the land in the immediate vicinity of the old separate school to the Spanish Columbus Club. The Club has offered us \$1000.00 for the land, which is about an acre and a quarter in extent, but perhaps it will be reduced if a road has to be put through on the east of this land.
- Edward Grain Limited, Sudbury, has asked for a price on Section 41, about 60 acres on the shore west of Brennan Harbor and extending as far west as the Serpent River (Cutler) Indian Reservation. After discussing this matter with Mr. Majic (lawyer) in Sault Ste. Marie, it was agreed that we should ask Edward Grain Limited for \$1000.00 an acre for this land.
- Surveying: Before the McGrath and Columbus Club arrangements can be settled, the land will have to be surveyed, as title deeds cannot be given without an exact description of the land. Where surveying has to be done, the question arises who will pay for it?
- Cemetery: Is Jesuit property but perhaps should be transferred to the Diocese. It too will have to be surveyed. Whether further space for the cemetery can be provided by extending the present grounds to the west will have to be decided. The Department of Health can give us an opinion on whether a graveyard at the present site will have any bad effect on the well which is at the bottom of the hill. If the present cemetery should not be enlarged then land will have to be provided elsewhere for a new cemetery.
- Ownership: These lands are registered in the name of: "The Jesuit Fathers of Upper Canada Holding Corporation". Hence all inquiries and arrangements concerning the sale of land will have to be carried on with the office in Toronto, i.e. Father P. B. Brennan, the Province Procurator. Mr. Majic is presently dealing with Edward Grain Limited over the price of Section 41.
- Plan: A rough sketch is attached of the lands which the Society owns in this area.

## B. Farm -

- Farming and gardening operations will continue until the livestock has been transferred to either Guelph or Oakville or has been sold.
- All crops will be taken in and if it is not feasible to seal them they may be taken to either Guelph or Oakville.
- Garden produce should be offered to the Scholasticate in Toronto. If some other house cannot use it or find it unadvisable to bring it so far, then it may be offered to the Girls' School or sold in neighborhood.
- Farm equipment should be offered to Oakville or Guelph. Whatever is not purchased there can be sold in the neighborhood.
- Fr. Superior will determine with Br. McLaren about the canning of garden produce.

## C. Records -

- No records, correspondence, or anything of value as historical archives should be destroyed without first checking with Father ~~LXX~~ Nelligan.
- All financial books, receipts, bills, etc. should be kept.
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## D. Books -

- New textbooks or such as can be used again by the Department should be kept until officials claim them or should be transferred to the Girls' School.
- Used textbooks which might ordinarily be discarded should be offered to the the Missionaries or the local separate school.
- Books belonging to the Jesuit Community should be kept until checked by the librarian from either Guelph or Toronto
- No periodicals should be destroyed until likewise checked by one of the librarians.
- The Local Superior shall determine what books he wishes to remain in the house for the interim period.

## E. Furnishings -

- An inventory should be made of all furnishings and equipment that:
  - 1) Could be used in another Jesuit community.
  - 2) Could be sold as good used furnityre, and would not be needed in another Jesuit house.
- Fr. Provincial will determine the disposal of house typewriters, office equipment such as filing cabin/ets, machines, etc.
- The dictating machine in Father Superior's office will be assigned to the office of the Province Prefect of Studies.

E. (cont). Fr. Maurice's estimate of property belonging to Indian Department:

Text books - some story books

3 sets of classroom desks (new - withing last 3 years)

4 Teachers' desks

8 Teachers' chairs

Plywood stackaway chairs

1 35 mm. projector and screen

1 Typewriter (stamped "Dominion of Canada")

3 globes

1 Adding Machine (in Dean's office)

4 Electric clocks

Physics Kit (at girls' school)

School supplies

Athletic equipment (no hockey sticks)

Filing cabinets - 2 four-drawer (1 in Dean's office and 1 in Superior's office)

- 1 single

Note: -It is officially stated in the correspondence that the 35mm. projector and screen are "on loan" to the school.

**B. Buildings:**

- There should be no dismantling of any fixed furnishings or equipment such as blackboards, cupboards, electrical or plumbing fixtures until it has been determined what will become of the buildings.
- Such changes or additions that will be needed to accommodate the house temporarily to the use of a smaller community should be made - blocking off stairs, draining pipes etc.



# Garnier Residential School

Spanish, Ontario

## List of Garnier Materiel Father O'Flaherty could use.

(As outright gift for S.J. purposes or by purchase for diocesan churches)

Bell (on roof)	McBean Harbor
Sacred Heart Statue on lawn	Sagamok as outdoor shrine
Out-buildings	Missions churches as sheds etc.
Boat, motor etc.	S.J. residence
Safe (in power house)	S.J. residence
5 armchairs	Missionary's room at various churches
12 good chairs	Sanctuary chairs at Missisagi, Cutler, Sagamok
3 beds & bedding	missionary churches
6 beds & bedding	S.J. residence
chairs & tables	S.J. residence
Whitewashing machine	Sagamok
Mimeograph machine	S.J. residence
2 typewriters	S.J. residence
T V set	S.J. residence
Adding machine, filing cabinets, office furniture	S.J. residence
Extra church furnishings	mission churches
Truck & car	S.J. residence
Kitchen utensils etc.	S.J. residence
Dining room services	S.J. residence

The articles listed for "S.J. residence" would of course remain at Garnier until a new residence for the Jesuits remaining in the area would be built and there was nobody living at the School.

DAUGHTERS OF THE HEART OF MARY  
4122 Delorimier Avenue  
MONTREAL

July 5, 1958.

Reverend Gordon George, S.J., Provincial,  
2 Dale Avenue,  
Toronto.

Dear Father George:

Thank you so much for your kind letter of July 2. Naturally, we regret that the Jesuit Fathers will no longer be at the Boys' School, but time has a way of doing such things. It is a comfort to know that some of the Fathers will be in Spanish for the coming year, at least.

If our Sisters at the Girls' School can be of service, in any way, to the Fathers who remain, I am sure you know you may count on them.

Miss Berrigan has made an appointment with Mr. Davey and she and I are to go to Ottawa Wednesday to see what arrangements the Department is willing to make with us for the coming year.

We shall certainly keep you in our prayers, Reverend Father, and may we ask an occasional remembrance in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?

Respectfully and sincerely in the S. Hearts,

*Madeline MacDonnell*

Vice Provincial

Garnier College,  
Spanish, Ontario.  
July 5, 1958.

Rev. and Dear Father Provincial:

P. C.

Naturally, the news that Garnier is closed is very hard to take. I rather expected it when you told me that I should prepare to accept as coming from the hand of God whatever decision was made. However, since I never for a moment thought that the solution to the problem was closing the school but rather to adapt our approach to it and try to solve it by integrated education, it is very difficult. I have sent notices to all parents to inform them about the decision. I am going ahead with the disposal of books and with a general clearing of all the appurtenances of my offices. It will be a tedious job and will require quite a bit of time.

Since I have spent practically every summer away from Garnier, I would prefer not to go away for a holiday or for my retreat. I am making arrangements for <sup>the</sup> trip to Denver. Will it be necessary for me to write to them to let them know that I am coming?

I haven't the faintest notion what you have in mind for me. However, while leaving myself completely at your disposal, I would like to mention that my heart is and always has been for our Indian missions. I was interested in education as long as it could be used here at Garnier, and for our Indians. I don't think I shall ever be able, no matter how hard I try, to work as I have worked here. The temptation is certainly to ask what is the use, and, of course, the only answer that comes is that no matter what we do, it is not what we do but rather that we are doing it for God and not for men, or for the temporal evidence of the work. Certainly if I were to be looking for the easier and pleasanter work, I would ask you to send me to another college, but I have absolutely no desire, naturally speaking, to go to any of them.

I would like to make this my consultant's letter at the same time and make my last observations in that capacity.

First of all, I think that someone should be put in charge of the parish here who will not disgrace the Jesuit name as it has been disgraced for the past number of years. I say disgraced because I think we have fallen down very badly in the care of souls in this parish. While a place like Wikwemikong has about 900 people, there are close to 1500 here. The people never have a pastoral visit, the school is never visited, there are no altar boys, no organizations for youth or married people. I think that the people here will curse the name of Jesuit if something is not done soon to give them a priest who is a pastor. Sometimes we wonder why people have no use for Jesuits and often the trouble stems from just such a condition as exists in Spanish at the present. They think that now, with the school closing, we are deserting them, because their boys who have gone to high school have come to us at Garnier for the most part. If they were to be given a parish priest with a bit of zeal, perhaps they will not thank God the day they are rid of Jesuits. I think it is my duty as a consultant to make this parish condition known to you as I think the present state calls for some remedy.

While I admire Father Kearns in very many respects, I was very amazed at his lack of leadership in our recent problem. There is no doubt that he was quite cooperative during the year. He did help to solve problems arising from dealings with Fathers Brown and Schretlen. However, as far a public relations man with externs, both lay and secular, he failed very badly. He seemed always to be concerned about externs' dollars but not about their goodwill. I commend him very much for his interest in ~~the~~ trying to size up and understand the workings of the school when he first came here. His attitude and lack of interest in the parish which is his ~~part~~ responsibility as parish priest is very hard to understand.

I have heard rumours that the people of the parish are trying to do something about the situation here, even to going down to see the Bishop. Certainly none of us here have anything to do with it. We have told them that it is settled and that nothing can be done any further. Should you happen to hear from them, please do not think that anybody here has instigated it or encouraged it.

Since the school here is finished, I can think of nothing else which I should include as part of a consultor's report. I just hope we never sell this place to Protestants at any time or they will achieve a complete victory. They are gloating over the closing now as a victory for them.

I commend myself most earnestly to God  
in your prayers,

Your servant in Christ,

*Wm. Maurice, S.J.*  
Wm. Maurice, S.J.

July 9, 1958

Very Rev. Gordon George S.J.  
2 Dale Ave.  
Toronto 5, Ont.

Dear Father:

P.C. Thank you for your letter of July 4th. In view of the fact that you have had a very trying decision to make, I appreciate the trouble you have taken to discuss the matter again with me. I am sure you have been over this ground many times.

With regard to abnegation of will and judgement, I am sure that with God's grace I shall be able to conform to the decision if it is truly final. At the same time our rule requires us to set forth our reasons to the superior if anything occurs to us contrary to what he has ordered. I do not feel that my last letter covered the ground sufficiently because I was not aware at the time that the school was really being closed. Accordingly I shall write my opinions for your benefit and will then consider the matter closed.

1) The school was running at a loss. ---- It is the opinion of some of the fathers that money could be raised for the support of the school. We have had such governmental support over the years that we have been tending to depend on it completely. The Indian schools in the States do not receive such support and yet they continue.

2) The Missionaries are sharply divided in opinion. ---- It is quite customary for the missionaries to be divided in opinions, but I think there would be a sharp lessening in the division of opinion if they were asked, 'Should we close the school?' Each one has his own little ideas about how the school should be run, and he may also condemn certain things that are done and think we are not getting the most out of the school, but not many would say we should not keep trying.

3) The Indian Department is not interested in Spanish as an Indian school. <sup>333</sup>~~227~~----- We are not running the school for the sake of the Indian Dept. but for the Indians. We should make them be interested. We should apply pressure.

4) With regard to the fact that a great deal of intensive investigation went into this decision.

(1) I admit the fact but feel that the investigation was a little too impersonal and theoretical. The situation was not easy, it required an intensive investigation, evidently, and an investigation that leaves out of consideration the human ability to rise to an occasion, is not complete. It seems to me, and I imagine to the other missionaries that the real personal effort to keep the school open was not made. I feel that in dealing with the question by impersonal figures of past performance we do not do it justice. The question was settled by men who do not know the school over the years. It is unfortunate that so much depended on Fr. Kearns who is so young and has been there such a short time. The entire defence fell upon Fr. Maurice and the consultors could not help thinking that he was too much involved personally to give an unbiased *opinion.*

2) with regard to the Mission consultors, there might have been differences when they were spoken to individually, but I am sure some unanimity would have been achieved if they had been brought together.

c) Some of the Province consultors have never even seen Spanish and I know the reputation of the school has suffered from foolish stories repeated over and over again. When I was appointed to Spanish as a scholastic, I had a sick stomach for three days before and after my arrival. Yet I was sick at heart when I had to go away to Theology.

N.B. { d) In view of the fact that a lot of the theoretical facts were contested by those who are interested in the school and close to it, I think the intensive investigation should have included a trial period, in which the staff would be told that there was question of closing the school, that after the experimental period a final decision would be made. That would give us a chance to test the human element and find out if the spirit of sacrifice might make a difference. I would like to point out that among ordinary or mediocre men, indifference is much more of a vice than a virtue, it is only among the truly talented that the Ignatian virtue of indifference becomes a practical virtue. There have been differences of opinion in the past and among the members of the staff at Spanish that has done harm. A big thing like this would unite the staff as it has seldom been united before. Great things might be done.

5) On the positive side it might be remembered that Spanish is the only real Jesuit community in this area where the Missionaries can get a few days of community life once in a while. If it were impressed on everyone that it was a kind of house of formation, in a sense, it would serve, and it does to a degree, as a great spiritual help to the missionaries. I think the missionaries should go there for a few days of recollection from time to time, to make up for the fact that we are alone so much. In fact, now that we are losing Spanish, I think we all begin to see how much it meant to us and how much more it could mean.

6) I guess I have already mentioned in my other letter that the shows and exhibitions that are put on by the school have a subtle influence on the students and also on the parents and friends who come to see them. The graduation exercises each year are particularly impressive and everyone is moved by the sight of these young Indian boys and girls who have stayed in school in spite of the jibes of their lazy friends and sometimes lack of encouragement from their parents. These graduates have heard noble sentiments expressed throughout their four years, it is only on the surface now, perhaps but as they raise their own families these ideas will come back to them and I believe that from their children the real good will come. A school looks to the future, not to the present.

N.B. { In conclusion let me remark that in spite of a tremendous sense of loss and personal disappointment, I will be able, with God's help, to go along with the decision, even though nothing is changed. I sincerely hope that you will try to be very understanding with Fr. Maurice who has put his heart into the school 24 hours a day since his appointment. He has worked there as no other man ever did in my experience. He has never thought of personal recreation or relaxation for years. What this means to him I couldn't even guess. With deep sympathy for your position, I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ

Bernard A. Magheau S.J.

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

July 10, 1958.

Dear Father Dwyer:

P. C.

The closing of the school came as quite a shock to all of us here. I did everything I could. However, now it is final and I could not stop it.

There will be the matter of providing for the children from you missions who have gone here during the past year. I am listing these for your information. The families have been notified. I am enclosing a letter which I sent to all parents and guardians.

Ronnie Pelletier - at present is on Manitoulin Island and staying with Mrs. Dave Roy at Wikwemikong.

Carmen, Robert, Stanford Rote - are with their parents.

Harold Nadiwan - is with his father who is working in Wiarton as far as I know. He went home with Edward Lavalley.

Dennis Lavalley - is at the Cape. He also went home with Edward Lavalley and Mrs. Bourget.

I think these are all the boys. We are busy arranging for the disposal of school books etc. There will probably be a couple of Fathers and a couple of Brothers here for the coming year to look after things.

I hope the celebrations were a success. You were probably glad when they were over.

In Xto,

*Wm. Maurice, S.J.*  
W. Maurice, S.J.

July 11, 1958

Reverend Raymond Oliver, S.J.  
Holy Cross Mission  
Wikwemikong, Ontario

Dear Father Oliver:

P.C.

By this time the news of the closing of Garnier School has percolated through the area. As was to be expected there has been some vigorous reaction but so far it seems to be within bounds. There seems to be some, as yet unorganized, pressure for an all-white highschool to service the area in place of the residential school. Bishop Carter informs me that he has had a number of phone calls from people of the district urging such a school and Father Dowling, who has just come back from Spanish this morning tells me that Father Farrell of Elliot Lake is pushing this idea strongly. I can sum up my immediate reaction briefly -- it is out of the question! The place is wrong, the buildings are wrong, the student population of adequate calibre is extremely doubtful and besides we haven't, nor will we have, the men to staff such a school adequately nor the finances to risk a deficit.

As you may know, Father Crusce went to Ottawa to present our ultimatum to the Indian Department in June. Their reply by letter expressed regret at the thought of our closing Garnier but accepting it and offering no solution to the problems presented. They asked for prompt notification of our final decision. We notified them on July 2 and as yet have had no reply.

One thing that concerns me is this. I feel that we should do all we can to see to it that those Garnier students who wish to continue their studies have an opportunity to do so. We are contacting the highschool students and offering to place them in our other boarding highschools. The elementary school children are, of course, the responsibility of the Department of Indian Affairs and the Child Welfare. I would like to cooperate with them in any way we can and indeed to spur them on if need be so that an efficient job may be done. This is where I would very much appreciate your advice. We don't know what, if anything, they are planning. I feel this is urgent because time is of the essence. You have carte blanche to take any action or make any enquiries you deem advisable and I would be exceedingly grateful for your advice and action if that is indicated. I believe you know more about the child welfare than the others up there. Should you find it possible to go over to Spanish it would be a good thing, I believe -- though you would have to use some tact in dealing with the local Jesuits. You may quote me as giving you this commission if need be.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Gordon G. Orgo, S.J.

Re Spanish

Holy Cross  
Mission

Manitoulin Island

July 14th 1958

Mikwemikong.....  
Ontario

Very Reverend Dear Father Provincial  
P.C.

We heard of the petitions etc on the North Shore. It is rather to be expected in the case of the closing of a school or any house. I took the liberty of asking under strict confidence, Father Mannin's reaction...having already jotted down my own for comparison..and this after several hours of consideration....our reactions.. were much the same....<sup>1</sup> shall try to make this brief..but it must on account of the technicalities involved, take some writing... I..As regards my going over that way to assess the situation and to do any directing..of the placement of the pupils..this would cause friction and give opportunity to those who may be completely opposed to the closing of the school...an opportunity to argue.. and would not promote unity among the missionaries...Of course if Your Reverence had enjoined it strictly or does so..I shall be there..But I think that the disposition of the pupils is an easy matter and must beg your "everence's forbearance while I point out the logical manner..according to the department's way of doing things by which the pupils would find themselves in the category and place into which they would have landed if it were not for the existence of the school these last years....

Second section...

The orphans at Spanish school..those who are WELFARE in the junior section. PROCEDURE...

Since the Indian Dept thru its superintendent in each AGENCY made a contract with Childrens Aid Society in THAT section...to look after the children who fall under CARE that is who have no parents or unsuitable ones..etc....then the procedure would be IND for the PRINCIPAL of the Residential school...to write the Superintendent and to the Childrens Aid representative...in that area...and send a copy of his letter to Mr Davey..thus the agent (IND) is notified the field worker for the CAS is notified...and the Dept at Ottawa which controls the admission and DISCHARGE of pupils to Res Sch is notified..and our responsibility ends....

Corollary to this...

To the argument the CAS may place them in Protestant homes...this they cannot do..and the missionary should be vigilant in finding some decent Catholic homes and vigilant in helping the CAS worker to make sure the e homes are morally good.No one can do this as well as the missionary since he knows the people better than the outsider. Thus disposed of the category of homeless...

Those far from school....

<sup>1</sup>t is up to the Principla to make the round in his own section of the

By phoning CAS in Sudbury names of all CAS workers & sections can be had



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country I.E.Sagamok and find out if it is not possible for the bus to get down to the section where the children come from..and that would constitute a good case load...he should encourage Mr Blaherty to get the people after the Ind Dept to get those children transported.. Number of juniors is, very limited and those distant from school will be very few...and again if the agent is notified and Mr Davey notified..and told of the problem of distance..it is up to them and I feel sure they will cope with it as they did right here on the Manitoulin when boys and girls were released and then the Dept forced to put in Transportation....

In any case when pupils are discharged from any Residential School the Principal has the obligation to write the Department about each case and tell of the reason for the discharge...and tell also of what the future (immediate) of the pupil is...v.g.Paul Jones leaving will stay at his Grandma's at....and go to school there.This is ordinary procedure...and in the closing of the school it is a matter of greater numbers being discharged..but same procedure...

So...in the case of the CAS children...I do not see any reason in the world why it cannot be handled right there by Mr Superior.. as also obtains for the far from school children....the letters in triplicate..

N.B.Another reason that these individual letters must go is that family allowance is involved...and each year each child leaving falls under a new or renewed guardian...

#### HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

In every Indian Agency Office there are forms for FURTHER TUITION GRANTS..There is no difficulty about obtaining them...we shall explain the grant form further...

Procedure...

Principal should write each Ind Supt involved..about pupils belonging to that agency..and send copy to Davey...this letter should contain the names of high school or entrance pupils who belong in that agency and he should ask the agent to make sure these pupils get the forms for further grant application...a copy of this letter to the missionary and the parents of the pupil involved...should cover the matter...if the notification of agent missionary pupil and Davey in Ottawa does not bring about the use of the simple form...we can hardly blame ourselves....

THE THING..the form is simply an application for further monies for education (in High School or college) and parents are asked to pay what they can towards the cost... there is a space for former principal to fill re schol standing..space for Ind agents recommendation etc etc;..this form is filled out by the pupil with the help of the agent and then sent back to Garnier for their recommend..then to the parents for signing and then back thru the agents office to Ottawa for the final approval...this should be done soon...

  
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High School Pupils...

If we want to make sure that these pupils get places then we could notify the agents in the same letter that there is space in such and such of our schools...or we could wait until we find out ..and in the event of these pupils being too late for room in other boarding schools..we could THEN try to fit them in to our schools.I feel that we would be making a grave mistake to institute scholarships for them just because "arnier is closing, then be committed...the Dept pays fully if the parents czn not...

Surely the procedure is not too hard for the disposition of any of these pupils.. a lot of letter writing but the cost of of a stenographer for a few days does the trick..and since every letter would be acknowledged the file would be complete...This way ~~is~~ the matter is disposed of quietly without discussion and there will be few if any loose ends or loose lil Indians..and they could be dealt with..

About the all white high school backed by "r arrell..to get into that discussion over there would for me, be useless..I think if His Excellency who has several good ears to the ground in that section ..Msgr Humphrey, "rs Skillen and Benoit..if His Excellency thought that there was necessity and future ~~for~~ a high school there he would have asked for it.. *and would back it financially*

*Not* I do think that anyone there can be a fair assessor..nor can any Indian missionary seem unbiased..an outsider from the Province could dispassionately survey the actual potential in definite names and numbers and no shenanigans..and take his findings back and show that there is, no potential right now for a white high school...and the question ~~is~~ as of right now... I do believe this white high school movement must be just a cloud of dust..and until His Excellency should ask for the high school and consider it necessary..it would NOT HAVE THE POTENTIAL NUMBER OF WHITE PUPILS...if he did ask then we would be in a more difficult position because he would urge parish priests to send pupils....of the potential I could be no super sure judge but I fail to see where it has been in any way proved...

Your everences pardon for such a long involved letter..  
Servus in Xto

*Raymond Owen*

July 14, 1958

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

Dear Father Kearns,

P.C. My sincere thanks again for your hospitality during my visit to Spanish. I did not get in any swimming but that was the only flaw!

I have had a chance to discuss the points in the memorandum with Father Provincial and Father Brennan. There are several other matters as well about which there was some hesitation and decisions have now been reached.

1. Father Provincial approves of your making a deal with Storm Construction Company for the sale of 7500 cubic yards of gravel from the pit along the road at a price of 20 cents a yard. If there is any top soil or sod available it might be reserved for use in the cemetery. If the trees on the land would be useful for lumber they should also be reserved.
2. There should be no announcement whatever to anyone about Father McElligott's appointment as pastor. This is under review again. Father MacKenzie should be informed.
3. Father Provincial wishes you to remain in charge until Father MacKenzie has made his retreat and has received the medical attention that he spoke about.
4. Brother Mara cannot be spared for a Long Retreat this year, so he should be sent to make the retreat at Muskoka, July 22-31. If Mr. Brennan does not finish that work on the transcripts sooner, he should be sent to Muskoka also for that retreat.
5. You may arrange with Brother Voisin for the sale of all your cattle and whatever hay and feed can be harvested from our land. You and Brother will be able to determine how to get the best return from these sales.
6. Re the Memorandum "Closing Arrangements" enclosed:

The points in the memorandum were approved by Fathers Provincial and Brennan with the exception of those checked in red. These are under consideration still. Father Brennan will visit the school in August and Father Provincial and/or I will try to be there at the same time and we will go into these items again. You may tell Mr. Muncaster or Mr. St. Denis that we will be in touch with them later in the summer.

2 DALE AVENUE  
TORONTO 5, ONTARIO

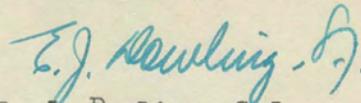
We have had no further reports on Father Barker besides what you already know. He is supposed to be in the hospital for three weeks and to convalesce for another six weeks.

I cannot think of anything else just now, except to suggest that you be sure to tell all people leaving the house not to destroy anything that will be useful as historical records - pictures, programs, copies of year-books and such like. Your own correspondence files and those of Father Maurice should be kept intact.

I wish I could tell you when the status will appear but there are still a number of appointments pending and Father Provincial is hoping that the document which appears will be the final one and that a third will not be necessary.

Again my sincere thanks for your help and hospitality.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. J. Dowling, S.J." with a stylized flourish at the end.

E. J. Dowling, S.J.

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

July 15, 1958

Dear Father Dowling, P.C.

We received your instructions today. One thing you unwittingly did when you were here was to absolve me from making carbon copies of my letters. I have not been able to find the carbon paper.

I kept very few carbon copies of my letters because this office is more or less public. I do not think these letters should be given over to the Province archivist. It is not the usual thing for letters that are so recent to fall into the hands of any archivist. Further even the letters you have on hand at 2 Dale are supposed to be weeded out from time to time I understand. Is my letter to the General and his reply to be preserved? Quite frankly I am not contemplating the destruction of any records. You can answer my requests when you come up in August.

Father Hawkins is here for retreat; Bro. Dolese arrived today; Fr. Moylan is coming.

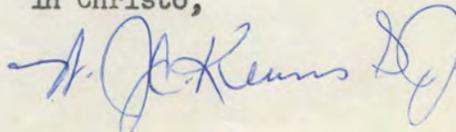
Father MacKenzie is going to Montreal for his retreat this Saturday. He cannot have his nose operation until after August 15. The doctor will not be available until then. Father would like to keep two floors open. The recreation hall and T.V. room will not be used. The heat can be shut off in the rooms not used. I think this is wise. It saves the tearing of things apart. The heat requirements will not be any greater. Bro. McLaren has assured us of this. Only a letter from Father Provincial will keep Father Flaherty from piling junk all over the house shut off or not shut off.

Father Flaherty's disposition of goods as enclosed will explain why I am not going to enter into any inventory of things until you and Fr. Brennan arrive. Further I am not going to attempt to sell any of the house goods. By August when you arrive things will be more settled and the "let's strip the corpse" attitude will be gone. We shall attempt to sell farm produce when it is ready. It may be October before the cattle can be sold, Bro. Voisin has advised.

I believe the plan of the cemetery will show that room for 40 more graves can be acquired without any threat to well water.

Probably on Thursday we shall drive to Villa with the three retreatants. We ask permission to be out of the house over night if it is impossible to get back the same day. Work on the parish books has been a little involved. We will report shortly.

In Christo,



Garnier College

Spanish, Ontario

July 16, 1958

Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial

P.C.

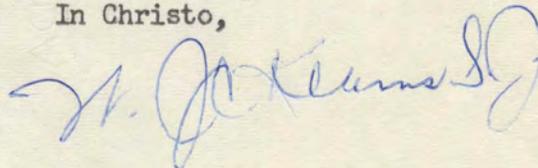
The flub-bub of the closing of the school seems to have subsided. There have been some amusing observations connected with the closing. On the day of the bazaar here the women thought I had been crying. When Fr. Farrell was down from Elliott Lake he told Br. Mara that he thought Fr. MacKenzie was a broken man.

There is really nothing too startling in the account of the parish. I do not know how Fr. Barker paid off the two thousand dollars that he ~~is~~ borrowed. It would help if Winnipeg could have father give us power of attorney to close off the Blind River account and investigate the records of the account.

Fr. McElligott is a happier man tonight. He was certainly all mixed up last night. I am going to get to work on my first marriage on Friday. I guess I shall ask Fr. Flaherty some questions and plough ahead.

We are off to the Villa tomorrow. I shall not expect any reply to this letter.

In Christo,



July 18, 1958

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

Dear Father Kearns,

P.C. Thank you for your recent letters to Father Socius and myself. I am sorry that you have had so much trouble with Father Barker's books but it is fortunate that you had this opportunity to see them.

One of our chief concerns in this matter of closing the school should be for the Indian boys whom we cannot take back in September. I had expected that we would have heard from the Indian Department about the future schooling of the boys. It is three weeks now since we wrote to the Department but we have received no communication about this matter. In addition, therefore, to the letter which Father Maurice sent to the boys or their families, I feel we should take more steps right away. What I wish to propose may involve some clerical work and you should be ready to hire a typist if necessary in order to finish this matter before Father Maurice leaves for Denver.

I am enclosing a form of procedure which I think should be followed. If we do this, then we can be sure that we have done our utmost to fulfil any obligations to the boys who have been at the school.

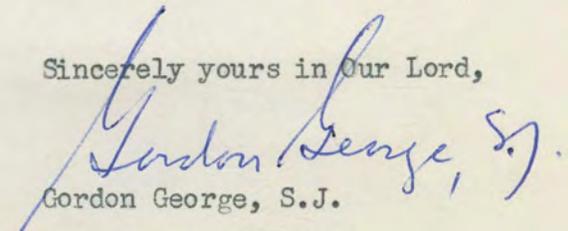
About the correspondence files. You should save all letters with the Department. Naturally, letters to and from Father General, and letters of a more personal nature to and from Father Provincial should not be kept. However, it will be useful to keep those that chiefly concerned the operation of the school or the direction of the community. Not all former Provincials kept carbons of their letters.

It is too bad that Father MacKenzie cannot get that medical treatment now, but I guess the situation cannot be helped.

Father Flaherty's recommendation about the use of furniture and other equipment from the school will be considered when it is decided to dispose of these items. In the meantime, then, I think you should go ahead with the inventory of the furniture and equipment as outlined in the memorandum prepared by Father Socius.

The second status has been held up for one reason or another but I hope it will be ready soon.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

  
Gordon George, S.J.

*Agent, school closed.  
Sault & Sudby Child Aid  
Shaw.*

I - HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

1. A letter, signed by the Principal, Father Kearns, should be sent to the Indian Agents with a list of the boys from their respective agencies who were in Grades 8, 9, 10, & 11, in 1957-58. The agent should be urged to see that each of the boys on his list gets a copy of the form of application for further education grants and he should be informed that the Principal will be willing to recommend qualified students for further high school studies in another of the Jesuit schools.
2. A copy of the letter to each agent should be sent to Mr. Davey in Ottawa and to the priest or priests in charge of missions in each agent's territory.
3. A form letter should be sent to the parents of each of these Indian boys informing them what has been done and advising them to ask the agent for the application form.

II - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOYS

1. Non-welfare cases (boys who live too far from local schools)
  - a) Indian Agents should be informed of the boys from their agencies thus concerned, that the school has been closed and that other plans will have to be made for these boys.
  - b) A copy of these letters should be sent to Mr. Davey and to the local Pastors or missionaries of the area. The missionaries should be urged to take immediate action in arranging for bus transportation, if it is feasible or for boarding these boys in homes nearer the Catholic school.
2. Welfare cases:
  - a) A letter, likewise signed by the Principal, should be sent to the Superintendent of Indian Agencies (or Superintendents) with a list of the boys of his area who were at the school last year and are welfare cases. He should be informed that the school is closed and that other arrangements will have to be made for these boys.
  - b) Copies of these letters should be sent to the Pastors and missionaries of the area and to Mr. Davey in Ottawa.
  - c) The Children's Aid Society should also be sent copies of these letters so that the local field-workers will be able to get working immediately on foster homes. The Society's office in Sudbury will be able to supply the names of the local field-workers.

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION



CANADA

DIRECTION DES AFFAIRES INDIENNES

MINISTÈRE DE LA CITOYENNETÉ ET DE L'IMMIGRATION

OUR FILE NO. 81/25-1 (E)  
Notre dossier n°

Rev. Father J. E. McKay, S.J.,  
Garnier College,  
SPANISH, Ont.

Box 896,  
North Bay, Ont.,  
July 19, 1960.

Dear Father McKay:

Following our report to Branch Headquarters regarding plans for a vocational training programme at the Spanish Boys' School, we have been advised that the Department is not in position to undertake a project of this magnitude until more urgently needed classroom accommodation has been provided.

As you realized Regional Office is very anxious to see a vocational programme of the type we discussed put into operation for our young men. At the same time we realize that it would involve some considerable funds.

We thank you for your interest and cooperation in the programme and trust that, if at a later date the building is still available, we may be able to pursue our proposed programme.

Yours very truly,

*F. M. Shaw*  
F. M. Shaw,  
Regional Inspector of Schools.

*Re. St. Sebastian's  
Spanish*

Spanish, Ont. July 19th, 1958.

Rev. Father Provincial, S. J.,  
Jesuit House,  
Dale Ave.,  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Reverend Father:-

I am taking the liberty in writing to you personally regarding the Village of Spanish with its ever increasing population and need for religious care.

Our Parish Priest Rev. Father J. J. Barker S. J. who has not been very well, was very much aware of the needs and wants of our growing community and was doing everything in his power to assist us but being handicapped as he was, was unable to put forth too much effort and strain and was taken sick when needed the most by the people of Spanish.

We expect to have our new school finished and ready for opening September first and would like to have our school visited once a week by our parish priest which was not done in the past.

If you could, Reverend Father, send us a priest who would help us organize and set things in order we would appreciate it very much.

Trusting you will do everything in your power to assist this community to reach its goal of attainment and knowing full well that you understand the need of religious instruction in the school we patiently await your answer. The condition here is far more serious than it seems.

If you wish to inquire about conditions here or ask any questions relative to our town I would gladly answer them.

The population here is over 75% Catholic.

An early reply would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

*A. St. Denis*  
A. St. Denis.

Re Spaw  
July 20, 1958

Reverend Raymond Oliver, S.J.  
Holy Cross Mission  
Wikwemikong, Ontario

Dear Father Oliver:

P.C.

Many thanks for your lengthy letter. It provided just the information I wanted and I have already given instructions to Father Kearns to carry out the suggestions you have made. There are other jobs in the closing of Garnier that can wait but it seems to me that this one is soon or never. I recognize that the responsibility falls on the Indian department and the CAS but I feel that we should bend every effort to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Some unfavorable reaction to the closing of the school was inevitable. No petitions ever reached me here though there was some bit of talk about them around Spanish. Indeed I am of the opinion that it has come off much better than we could have expected. Father Dowling went up to Spanish and got things under way firmly and as far as I have heard, Ours have proved their stellar worth by curbing expression of their own opinions. God will certainly bless them and the Missions for this spirit.

I am already planning a meeting of the missionaries for next spring. The closing of Garnier does not mean we intend to abandon our apostolate. On the contrary. The status will be a disappointment to some up there but I want you to hold the fort until we get under way. Father Maurice will not be permanently lost to the missions.

Would Your Reverence and Father Hannin give some thought to agenda and topics for discussion for the pow wow next spring? We could have a meeting sooner but I'm afraid of a talk-fest ending in a welter of opinion, unless there is thorough preparation.

Again, thanks for the lengthy letter. I quite understand your reasons for demurring on a trip to Spanish and I am glad you did not go. Keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely in Our Lord

Garnier College

Spanish, Ontario

July 21, 1958

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

Your letter and the status arrived today.

It is not surprising that you have not heard from Ottawa. The placing of children in school is no longer the worry of Ottawa. This was decided at the meeting in April at North Bay. The office in North Bay decides which children go where. Mr. Shaw the head of education for this district has received the list of High School students, the promotions and failures. However we have not offered him the service of Jesuit schools.

Each month Mr. Davey receives a list of the High School students we have. Every three months he receives a list of the whole school.

Before the closing of the school the missionaries received lists of their boys here.

Enclosed is the form letter which has already advised parents to look after next year's education.

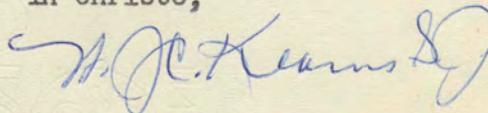
We consider a true welfare case existing only when we have to find a foster home for a child for the summer. We have four of these. At the end of June as a matter of routine involving Family Allowance each agent was notified as to which children of his agency were in the school.

Really then what remains to be done is to inform the agents that the school is closed. I should advise the welfare offices in the Sault and Sudbury. I should offer Mr. Shaw a chance to enrol students in Regiopolis. Enclosed is a list of the marks of High School students which we would like returned. It is the only one in this form. You can see that a real damnus is not being inflicted on the children by a discontinuance here. Very few can be recommended both because of marks and of social development.

Perhaps with Mr. Shaw we should leave the matter vague by saying we will be glad to take any at Regiopolis he desires to send. Fr. Belyea could keep a weather eye on them.

Mr. Davey did acknowledge to the sisters when they were in Ottawa that the school had closed. We have received notice that the balance of our June grant is coming.

In Christo,





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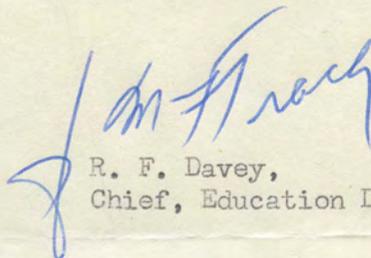
OTTAWA  
July 22, 1958.

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

Dear Father Kearns:

Further to my letter, dated July 11, per-  
taining to the auditor's inspection of your school,  
attached is a copy of the audit report for the boys'  
and the girls' sections of the school.

Yours sincerely,



R. F. Davey,  
Chief, Education Division.

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

July 22, 1958

Dear Father Dowling,  
P.C.

Father MacKenzie has the house diary with him. He always takes it with him on retreat. Father Barker never kept nay house diary to my knowledge.

Enclosed is something for the Newsletter which you can boil down and do as you like with it.

Two items omitted: Very Rev. Father Provincial adjudicated an oratorical contest moderated by Father Brown.  
May 22-Beautiful new table tops arrive for the boys' dining room. These salmon tinted arborite tops were purchased with the remainder of the money raised by the car raffle held last Fall.

Actually Ottawa did react to Fr. Crusoe's visit. The day after our meeting in Toronto Mr. Shaw and Mr. LeMay were here. Mr. Shaw is the Indian Inspector of schools for this district. He taught once with our fathers in Ethiopia. Mr. LeMay was from Ottawa; Vocational Guidance in Indian Schools i.e. manual training etc. He and Mr. Shaw knew of the intended closing. Mr. Lemay was surprised at the paucity of material we had for manual training and said that any time he enquired about manual training grants for the school of Mr. Davey, Mr. Davey simply said "as before!" This implied that Mr. Davey had no interest in this matter as pertaining to here. Mr. LeMay expressed dissatisfaction with the girls' school over the fact that they did not put in a bid for domestic science grants. They seemed to want to go their own way.

Mr. Shaw said that the Dept. was thinking of making Spanish the centre for Indian High School education in this part of the country. This was going to be discussed in a meeting at Winnipeg. I was very courteous with both gentlemen. I did not inform Toronto of this visit because matters there were already settled. If this fact were true Mr. Davey should have informed Fr. Crusoe in Ottawa. Further the report submitted in April after the North Bay meet was quite other.

On March 17 I wrote Mr. Davey re the payment of some grants that had been disallowed until a technicality could be cleared up. I received no reply until after I saw him on April 18 in North Bay. It is not strange then that no reply has been received in Toronto. The most active time for Indian affairs is from August 15 to Sept. 30.

I do not think we need worry about the missionaries not seeing their children are properly looked after as witness Fr. Hynes in Garden R. last summer; Fr. Oliver's barrage of telegrams to Ottawa re his school at Wikwemikong; Fr. Flaherty's letter to the Sault agent last Fall.

I have stacks of bills before me in the hope of getting at them some day. We are going to have two Masses down here on Sundays till the end of August and just the 8a.m. in the village. I got up enough courage last Sunday to announce the change of Masses in French and read the gospel in French at one of the Masses. French confessions though leave me pretty well at sea.

*Next to M. O. Keenan*

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

July 23, 1958

Rev. & dear Father Dowling, P.C.

Today was a red-letter day. I received a letter from Very Rev. Father General and the financial report from Indian Affairs. Father General's letter was a reply to a petition that had been sent from the village to keep the school in operation. Since no particular person claimed responsibility for sending the letter Father General asked me to convey to the people his reply. His reply was that the matter had been thoroughly investigated before the decision was made. I communicated this reply to the people and acknowledged Father General's letter.

Enclosed is Indian Affairs audit report for the two divisions of the school. No acknowledgement of this has been sent. You may send the report of the girls' division on to Miss MacDonald. On May 30 I sent a most urgent request for this report asking that it be sent to Father Provincial.

In Christo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. J. Kearns S.J.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

July 24, 1958

Mr. A. St. Denis  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Mr. St. Denis,

Your letter of July 19 was received here this morning.

Arrangements are now being made with His Excellency, Bishop Carter, for the appointment of a pastor for St. Sebastian's Church, Spanish, in the place of Father Barker whose recent heart attack makes it necessary that he be given a less burdensome assignment.

I feel sure that the new Pastor will have the interest of the parishioners and the new parish school very much at heart and that he is looking forward to a post where he can count on the cooperation of all the parishioners.

May I take this opportunity of expressing to you, personally, the gratitude of the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers for the generous assistance you have given them over the past years in the operation of the school for Indian Boys at Spanish. You can be sure that this generosity will not go unrewarded - you have been and are much in their prayers.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Gordon George, S.J.

JUL 30 1958

Rev. Gordon George S.J.,  
Father Provincial,  
2 Dale Ave,  
Toronto, Ont.

Spanish, Ont. July 26th, 1958.

Reverend Father:-

It is with great pleasure and honor that I received your letter of July 24th, inst., stating that arrangements are now being made with His Excellency Bishop Carter for the appointment of a pastor for St Sebastiens Church, Spanish, (but we would have liked Rev. Father Wm. Maurice ) but with deep regret that we are to lose Rev. Father Barker through illness and other circumstances.

It is with great reluctance that I bow to the inevitable and humbly ask your prayers for the success of our parish in its endeavors.

I am sorry to have bothered you Reverend Father in this matter but it does me a lot of good to know that you have not forgotten us in seeing that a parish priest will be appointed to take up where Father Barker left off, although we will miss Fathers sunday sermons , that we looked forward to every sunday.

It is with deep regret that Garnier College is closing after being with us for so long a time, we will miss the sports activities and mostly so the hockey games, the shouts and cheers of the fans, the Carnivals, Graduation Exercises and the entertainments put on by the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers for their charges the Indian Boys and as well for the Indian Girls of St. Josephs School, and the Community as a whole.

I felt and always did feel as though it was a second home to me and regret that I was unable to do more but maybe in some future date I will be in a position to do as much again if not more for the Reverend Fathers and Brothers.

I would like to take this opportunity first for myself and second on behalf of the parishoners of Spanish to thank the Reverend Fathers and Brothers of the Society of Jesus for all their past favors and hope that this will not be the end of

of our association together knowing that we shall be in one anothers thoughts continually.

May God Bless you Father and the Society of Jesus and may we humbly ask your blessing,

I remain, sincerely yours,



A. St. Denis.

Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

Aug. 3, 1958

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

A bit of a new problem is arising here re the closing of the school. However a letter from 2 Dale for the files here will keep the problem under control.

The problem is this. The townsite people are beginning to ask if they can use our classrooms because the local separate school will not be ready for a September opening.

My answer to this would be no. We have closed this building as a school and that is the end of it.

Further if we do assist these people they will never finish their local school. Last year we gave Mr. St. Denis who heads the local school-board space in the rink presumably until January. He used the space all year.

The previous Spring Father Burns loaned Mr. St. Denis money to pay the teachers' salaries. This year Mr. St. Denis attempted the same thing but in a different way. He asked me to approve a bank loan for this purpose. I went to the bank and spoke to the manager. He was willing to grant the loan to the board but advised me there was heavy borrowing already. Further Mr. St. Denis had promised to pay off the previous loans by collecting taxes. This he had not done. I then agreed with the bank manager that no further loan should be made. Somehow or other Mr. St. Denis solved his insolvent problem.

If we allow the local children in the school there will be a high incidence of vandalism. We have had trouble with these children in the past year.

If we do not allow the local ~~people~~ people to use our classrooms there will be some bitter feelings for a while and maybe some more of the nonsense that occurred when we closed the school. But the final effect will be that the townsite residents and the old timers will have to stop their feuding and pull together for the new school. By the end of October everything should be satisfactory but only if we stand firm and keep the people out of our buildings.

Father Costello has been very busy organizing the separate school at Sprague. He is soon going to resign from the board because the work is too tiring. Father Flaherty is busy getting a separate school organized for Serpent River.

If you do write it would be wise to advise against public dances or private ones here on the premises. We had one of each last year and I was dissatisfied with both. There are now two dance halls in the village. This was not the case last year.

So far as <sup>can</sup> be ascertained things are going well with the placement of children by Indian Affairs.

*D. L. M. J. Keenan S.O.*

Garnier College

Spanish, Ontario

Aug. 3, 1958

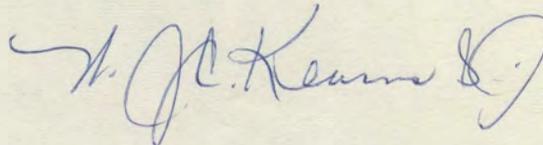
Very Rev. and dear Father Provincial,  
P.C.

I learned from Mrs. LaRochelle that she and Mrs. Bishop were responsible for the petition to Very Rev. Father General. Mrs. LaRochelle is pretty much the voice of the townsite people and Mrs. Bishop one of the voices of the old timers. Father Maurice had a great deal of dealing with Mrs. LaRochelle re the townsite children who were attending the school here last year. Brother Mara was a close friend of the Bishops. I have absolutely no proof that either of these men had any direct influence in sending the petition. Women usually act in different emotional ways when we terminate our ministries with them. This petition was the particular way these women acted up here.

In view of the way things have gone up here I think it would be wiser if Father Hugh Barry did not put in an appearance here this summer. We understand from hearsay that he is coming this way around August 22. Father's roots up here are as strong as if he had just left here yesterday. His presence here and visiting would simply mean further outside discussion of the closing.

Father Morris Monaghan is becoming tired and complaining about Father Shea. His particular trouble seems to be transportation to and from the retreat house. I mention this only for the record. If any other complaints <sup>come</sup> from other men something definite will have to be arranged next year. Father is out relaxing today with Father Costello. He has two more retreats to give and I think he will get by without incident. We shall make things here as easy as possible ~~make~~ for Father. He poses no problem as I know what to expect from him. I think the work he has done this summer is truly a tremendous accomplishment.

In Christo,



August 6, 1958

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

Dear Father Kearns:

P.C.

Thank you for your two letters.

Father Socius is away on his retreat now and like any other good thing you miss it most when you haven't got it.

About the possible request for the use of the Garnier school quarters by the local people, you can solve the matter simply, should they approach you, by referring the matter to myself. Tell them it is something that would have to be taken up by them with Superiors in Toronto.

Father Norbert MacKenzie has been appointed Pastor of St. Sebastian's by Bishop Carter with Father Hyrchenuk as his assistant.

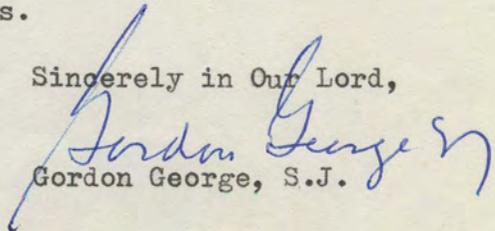
See what you can do to keep Father Monaghan in peace of soul. It is not always an easy task.

I did not know that Father Barry was heading for Spanish around August 22. At any rate I do not believe that he would cause trouble. Should he arrive while you are there it would be well to advise him of the stern instruction I sent to our men in the area during Father Dowling's visit. It is still in force and I would not have anyone in the slightest doubt about the seriousness of my intention. Disturbers or sowers of discord will not be tolerated for a moment.

Should any evidence appear that any of ours were in any way involved in the petition of laypeople to Father General you should consider it your duty to let me know.

Keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

  
Gordon George, S.J.

# Indian Residential School

Spanish, Ontario

August 7, 1958.

Very Reverend Father Provincial

P.C.

Father Kearns informed me to-day that I was appointed Parish Priest of Spanish, with Father Hyrchenuk as assistant. (I had already received a form letter from the Bishop to this effect). One little question concerning this appointment: Am I to have the same position that Father Kearns and Father Burns had? In other words will I be just a nominal Parish Priest, with Father Hyrchenuk actually doing all the work and running everything in the Parish as he sees fit? That is the way it was with Father Barker... That would leave the Convent and the House to take <sup>care</sup> of. If it is your wish that I should take an active part in the Parish and its activities and be Parish Priest de facto and will as de iure, I should like to know.

I made my retreat in Montreal before the 31st, and saw my sister Angela (the Presentation Sister) in Ottawa on my way back and forth. She is there taking summer-school at the University. She will see Vincent in Montreal after his summer-school is finished. I am hoping Vincent will come this way for his retreat: I have not seen him since he found out he has diabetes. I am curious to see how "bad" he really does look. Kindly remember us in your prayers especially for our success in our new endeavours.

In the S.H.

M. Mackenzie S.J.

August 9, 1958

Reverend Norbert MacKenzie, S.J.  
Garnier College  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father MacKenzie:

P.C.

I will shortly be sending a letter to Garnier appointing you Superior of Garnier Residence. This should not be too heavy an assignment because the community will be small.

As for the job of Pastor of St. Sebastian's my intention is that you should be a full-fledged pastor. I am giving you Father Hyrchenuk as your assistant in the parish. Father Hyrchenuk will also be chaplain to St. Joseph's school.

For one reason and another St. Sebastian's has not been a well run parish. The parishoners have not been visited. Parish organization have been defunct or non-existent and the revenues of the church have not been adequate.

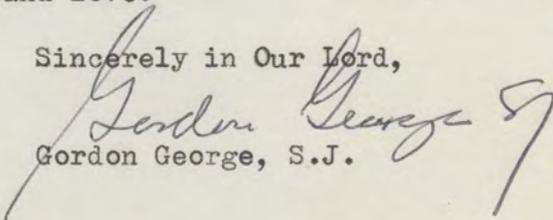
It is the Bishop's plan to establish a bilingual parish there as soon as he is able. Our job should be to prepare the way for this by developing a parish spirit and a parish consciousness.

A Jesuit pastor, it might be well to mention, is not a man given over by the Society to the control of the local ordinary. He is the agent of the Society, responsible to the Provincial for the manner in which he carries out his task and subject to the direction of the Provincial in all that does not conflict with canon law or the legitimate directions of the Bishop.

Father Dowling will be up your way again in a short time and he will be able to give you the advice and help you need in beginning your new work.

May Our Blessed Lord grant you abundant grace to carry your new responsibilities with loyalty and devotion. Many souls will depend on your generosity and love.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

  
Gordon George, S.J.

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PROVINCIAL'S RESIDENCE  
2 DALE AVENUE  
TORONTO 5, CANADA

August 11, 1958

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

Dear Father Kearns:

P. C.

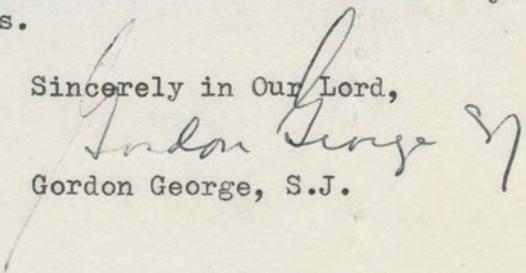
I hereby appoint Father Norbert MacKenzie, Superior of Garnier Residence to replace Your Reverence.

This appointment will take effect immediately after the reading of this letter in the refectory.

May I take this occasion to thank Your Reverence for the devoted service you have given to Garnier and the Province during your own term of office. May Almighty God bless you and your successor and all those who have cooperated with you in your work at Spanish.

I commend myself and the works of the Province to your prayers and Holy Sacrifices.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

  
Gordon George, S.J.

September 3, 1958

Reverend N. MacKenzie, S.J.  
Carnier School  
Spanish

Dear Father MacKenzie,

P.C. Father Brennan has been in touch with Mr. Majic and it looks as though we will have a meeting with the real estate man at Spanish one week from today, September 10. Father Brennan and I will drive up on Tuesday and return to Toronto on Thursday. If there are any changes in this plan I will try to inform you as soon as I can. You may hear from the real estate man - I think his name is Robertson - and if he cannot be there on Wednesday, you might let me or Father Brennan know by phone.

The important item of this letter is to the effect that Father Hyrchenuk will not be with you<sup>4</sup> for a while, perhaps not at all. They have been running into a great deal of trouble with the staffing problem at Campion. One of the Scholastics had to be removed and they seemed unable to find replacements for Mr. McGee and Fr. Leonard. Father Hyrchenuk, surprisingly, was not unwilling to stay and Father Farrell asked if he might do so. I agreed.

To your problem, now. If Father Provincial does not approve the above plan you may get Father Hyrchenuk shortly after October 1. If he does approve, we need a replacement for him on a permanent basis. It may be possible to send you Father McElligott again. He could not settle down in Winnipeg and has come East to see Dr. Dixon at Sudbury and to spend some time with his brother at Deep River, Fr. Jim McE. I will get in touch with him again and advise him to go to Spanish, if the Doctor approves. He can keep in touch with Dr. Dixon from there and will be of help to you with some of the work. It isn't the solution, I'll admit, but it is the best we can plan at the moment. Naturally, Father McElligott is only supplying at Spanish, and you continue to have full charge of the situation there in the parish. I will make that clear to him.

Naturally, this information about Father McElligott is confidential. No one need to know why he is at Spanish and if he wishes to advertise his difficulty, that is his privilege.

We can talk this over again on Tuesday next.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

E. J. Dowling, S.J.

September 15, 1958

Very Reverend J. P. Monaghan, S.J.  
Jesuit Novitiate  
Guelph

Dear Father Monaghan,

P.C. I had a third trip to Spanish last week. On my return I found a telegram from Father Hoppe's sister waiting for me. She reports that the operation was successful and that we should pray for a successful recovery. I presume you had a similar message.

I apologize for not replying sooner to your letter of August 16 about the possibility of obtaining some of the equipment from the school at Spanish.

Not all of the items you mention are available at the moment, some because Father MacKenzie plans to keep most of the individual rooms there furnished and equipped, others because he has not come to a decision about future policy.

The Indian Dept. will wish to remove the better school equipment and textbooks in good condition. It would seem to me unwise to move any of the remaining desks, e.g. to Guelph, as they would not be in very good condition. What is suitable among the room furniture will be needed at Spanish for the time being. The blankets, apart from those still needed there, were not in very good condition and were sold at the rummage sale. I imagine the laundry equipment, the small tractor, farm equipment, will be available, but I do not know when.

Father McInerney's sister, Mrs. Williams, died in Montreal yesterday, and Father Walter Burke-Gaffney's brother, Father Noel Burke-Gaffney, S.J., died in Australia yesterday.

Father Provincial has written occasionally. He still expects to be back in Toronto on September 30, but goes to Winnipeg that evening.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

E. J. Dowling, S.J.



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YOUR FILE NO.

OTTAWA, September 18, 1958.

Reverend C. J. Crusoe, S. J.,  
Director of Studies,  
Bellarmine Hall,  
226 St. George Street,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Father Crusoe:

Prior to July 1st, 1958, the  
cheques, representing Per Capita Grant payments  
for the Spanish Indian Residential School, were  
made out:

The Spanish Indian Residential School,  
c/o Reverend William Kearns, S.J.,  
Spanish, Ontario.

I have a letter from Miss Annie  
M. Berrigan, Principal of the Spanish Indian Residen-  
tial School, Girls' Section, stating that Father  
Kearns is no longer resident in Spanish and has  
requested that future cheques are forwarded directly  
in her care. In view of the closing of the Boys'  
School this would seem in order but before effecting  
any change in issuing cheques for this school, I  
would appreciate your direction in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

H. F. Davey,  
Chief, Education Division.

Enclosed List.

BELLARMINE HALL  
226 St. George Street  
Toronto 5, Canada

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1958  
File No. 13/25-1-4711

Mr R. H. Dorey,  
Chief,  
Education Division,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration

copy sent

Dear Mr. Dorey:

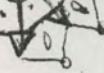
I have your letter of Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> requesting direction regarding the issuance of cheques to the Principal at Spanish. Our Superior asks me to instruct you that it is correct & quite in order <sup>in my</sup> to forward them to her directly in the care of the Miss Anne Berger, principal, Spanish.

I trust

It is my hope that the new arrangements are working out remarkably well.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) P. J. Curran S.J.  
Director of Indian Affairs



*Garnier Residential School*

*Spanish, Ontario*

Very Reverend Father Provincial  
2 Dale Avenue,  
Toronto, Ont.

October 3, 1958

Dear Father Provincial.

P.C.

Father Hitter came here on the train this morning to help out here for a month (so he says). One of the first things he told me on his arrival was that he had a bad heart and bad lungs: he said he was in the sanitarium for some time, had to rest a lot, etc. If he has, or had, tuberculosis, it seems to me unwise to have him here, because of the danger of passing on the germ to the children of the schools. The Government especially is extremely careful about having tubercular people come in contact with the Indians, because of their propensity to pick up the disease. We had one person here teaching who had had T.B. and had been declared "cured", but still the health officials insisted that we get rid of him. If Father Hitter is to do any work here at all, he will have to hear confessions and distribute Communion to the children (about 300 in Separate School, and 125 in Girls' School) and it seems to me that in his state, is too dangerous to allow him to come in such close contact with these children. This is worrying me at the moment, and I would like to get rid of this worry. All is going fairly well here. Have not much time to tell you more of what is happening. Will tell more later.

In the Sacred Heart, *M. Mackenzie S.J.*

October 8, 1958

Reverend N. J. MacKenzie, S.J.  
Garnier School  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father MacKenzie,

P.C. I sympathize with you in your doubts about Father Hitter and the advisability of having him in contact with the Indians. I think you are right and I think such contact should be avoided as much as possible.

I have told Father Farrell at Campion that Father Hyrchenuk must be made available for the work at Spanish after the first term, which would be during the Christmas holidays. In the meantime, I hope you will be able to carry on. I have plans for giving you further assistance around the end of October or early November. Father Hitter should be able to help out by saying Mass at the parish church and along with Father Costello I think you will be able to make a "go" of it. If it is not possible or if the burden is too great, please let me know.

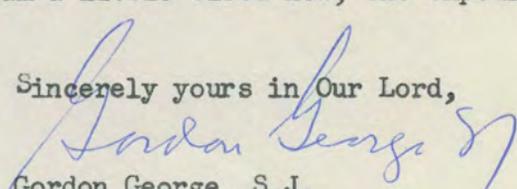
I have another proposition which I would like you to consider right away and to let me know your reactions. The National Jesuit Fund is very anxious to get the services of Brother Dolese to help them out with a serious personnel problem. Father Rector is not willing to let Br. Dolese go, naturally enough, unless he can be assured of a replacement. He would be quite happy to have Brother Hinton. Would it be possible for you to hire a lay cook to carry on in Brother Hinton's place? The National Jesuit Fund which would be indirectly causing you this inconvenience would pay the salary of your cook. I know this is a little unsettling and will pose a further problem for you there, but if you feel you can help out with this emergency, it would be a very charitable thing. •

The question of Brother Voisin's assignment is also rather urgent at this time as his services are needed at Oakville. If he is staying on for the sake of the few cattle still in your barn, it would seem possible for Brother McLaren or Vandermoor to look after them.

God bless the good work you are doing at Spanish. I know that the shift and changeover has not been easy but bear up and continue to take things in your stride.

It was most encouraging for me to see at first hand what our men are doing in India and although I am a little tired now, the expedition was certainly worthwhile.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

  
Gordon George, S.J.

*St. Sebastian's Church*

*Spanish, Ontario*

OCT 16 1958

October 14, 1958.

Very Reverend Father Provincial  
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Father  
P.C.

Brother Voisin will be leaving Spanish Saturday night for Toronto. He is still pretty busy, helping to get in the potatoes, close up the barns, kill and dress a beef or two for the winter, etc.

As to Brother Hinton's going to Toronto! At times it seems to me we could spare him, and at other times I have my doubts. He is the only one here who knows anything about medicine; the only one who can sew for us, etc. I maybe able to get someone to cook (possibly one of the women who worked here before), but it is hard to get such a person to be here in time for breakfast, to work on Sundays and holidays, etc. I was planning on using Brother Hinton around the Arena in winter time: we pretty well have to keep the Arena going, since it is the only place within sixty miles the people can skate, and I wanted to keep control of it ourselves as much as possible. So if you think the need in Toronto outweighs our inconveniences....Possibly another Brother could come who would not be talented along the same lines as Brother Hinton?

In the Sacred Heart,

M. MacKenzie P.J.

November 2, 1958

Reverend Norbert MacKenzie, S.J.  
Garnier Residence  
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father Superior:

P.C.

Father Peter Brown will have told you the arrangements that have been made for the immediate future.

Until Father Hyrchenuk arrives after Christmas, Father Brown will be with you and at your disposal. I think you should lend him out freely on the week-ends to help Father Flaherty, but it will be up to Father Flaherty to ask for him for a specific job so that he is not to be considered as under Father Flaherty.

Father Costello will be with you only for a short time and I will let you know when I have been able to make arrangements for him in some other house. In the meantime be patient with him, remembering that his nerves get the best of him at times. He should not spend the night out side of Garnier -- i.e. at Spragge or anyplace else along the line.

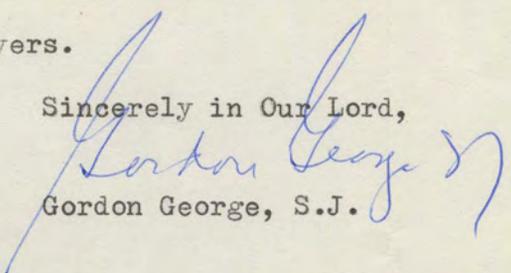
During the week Father Brown could be allowed to visit Naughton to teach catechism etc., unless you have need for him at some other job.

I know very well that things have been somewhat confused up your way because of the shifting of men and I am grateful for the patience with which you have met the various emergencies.

Father Dowling should be on hand around the 7th or 8th of this month.

Keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely in Our Lord,

  
Gordon George, S.J.

November 21, 1958.

Reverend Father N. J. MacKenzie, S.J.,  
Pastor,  
St. Sebastian's Parish,  
Spanish, Ontario.

Dear Father MacKenzie:

P. C.

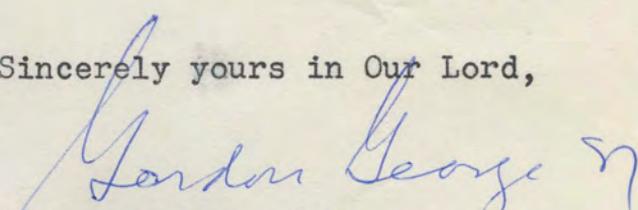
Last year the total subscription to the National Jesuit Fund was \$1,743,000.00. We have already received \$1,038,000.00 which leaves \$705,000.00 to be collected.

Some of our benefactors asked us to call back. Some of the pledges have become inactive, twenty in your area.

A successful "follow up" campaign has been conducted in Halifax, Guelph and Toronto. Those who asked us to come back have, with one exception, duplicated their first contribution. Those whose pledges had become inactive received our calls graciously and over 50% of them have promised to fulfill their pledge. We do need the money. We also need to know what we may reasonably expect from the outstanding pledges.

I am sending duplicate cards to Your Reverence for your area. In the places mentioned it has been found that a personal call gets the best results. The next best is to call by phone. Could you arrange to have these calls made, note on the card the donor's intention and send the cards and any returns to me in care of the National Jesuit Fund, 417 Wellington St. W., Toronto, 2-B, not later than December 5th, 1958.

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

  
Gordon George, S.J.  
Provincial

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H. Howlett,  
Glenochy, Ont.

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Rev. Peter J. Brown S.J.,  
292 Arthur St.,  
Port Arthur, Ont.

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
*Ministère de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration*

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Seine River Reserve,  
Glenorchy, Ont.,  
March 10, 1960.

Dear Rev. Fr.,

Your letter did not arrive until yesterday and so this reply will be too late to serve the purpose intended.

This is my fourth year with Indian Affairs and all my schools have been in isolated areas. I have had an opportunity to speak with other teachers however, and it would seem that the integration issue is being forced a little too strongly.

In the case of the Emo school the experiment has been favourable. This is due to several factors which are not necessarily present in all areas. The children entering this school are from a relatively central reserve and they have a better knowledge of the English language than others from more isolated areas. Then again there is a difference of mentality with those children who are raised in a rural community. Generally they are not quite so prejudiced as children in a city school. The principal, Mr. Morfatt, is quite happy with the Indian children which makes for success.

The conditions in this school I feel help to make the integration successful but I don't feel this could be said for all schools.

In an urban school the Indian children would have far less chance of being accepted by the other pupils, at least that is my opinion. Then again how many Provincial teachers are willing to take in children who lack a working knowledge of the language (in this area the case is true for most reserves) ?

I feel that integration at the third or fourth grade level might work out but it is a little too soon to enter the Indian children at the grade one level.

As I'm sure you already realize, Father this is not so much a social question with the Dept. as it is a religious one. In this regency more than in any other the Catholic residential school is a thorn in the sides of our respected Masonic officials. No doubt there are some aspects of the residential school which is not one hundred percent perfection, but where in our Dept. can one look for that rare commodity? In the case of integrated schools the children would still have to be boarded and in this regard alone I feel the residential school cannot be replaced. The Department is definitely forcing the issue a little too hard.

In the case of this reserve which is still over half ritualistic pagan the religious question has been a sore one. My predecessor here was refused another school in this agency after transferring for a year into Northern Affairs. Although they had no teacher for that school and he was more than qualified some vague reasons were forwarded as an excuse. It seems he was a little too active in Church affairs, namely bettering the moral standards of the natives. Several of the children from this reserve had been attending the residential school at Fort Francis and during that time the parents were

repeatedly enticed to take them out by our Dept. officials. Finally last Fall against the wishes of the parents they were sent back to the reserve- even though the home situation practically warranted welfare care. Later the local agent, in my presence, told Mr. Foss that the parents had requested their return. If the matter were brought in the open there would only be a barrage of denials so it was better to let it rest. This regional office seems to be a little more active in this anti- residential drive than most. But when the dust clears it all adds up to the one fact- the drive to integrate the Indian children is merely a move to eliminate the residential school and thus the Catholic influence on the native.

They would sure have to show me something better than the present system before I'd be convinced. I don't think the officials in the Dept. realize the problems an Indian speaking child faces in conditioning himself to white social standards. In most cases these children come from homes where the native tongue is spoken exclusively. Although they adapt quickly they are also, by their nature and birth more open to a feeling of inadequacy. I have found that children coming back from training at a residential school have acquired a good grounding in the language and are on a par with pupils from the white schools. Thus I think integration from this point on in a provincial High School would be the best solution.

You must forgive this rather pithy epistle but this question has been a sore one with me since I moved to this agency. I would appreciate obtaining your views on the situation. Hoping this will answer some of your questions, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Harold Hubert