

Spanish Ontario.

June, 20 1952.

Dear Father.

As a member of Saint Sebastians Church, Spanish, we feel that it is our duty to inform you , in our opinion and in the opinion of other parishioners that parish priest is not performing his duties as he should and he is causing a great deal of scandal by doing things that are not indicitive of a Jesuit.

I , myself go to Mass only on account of my religion, and I feel it impessible to pray or even concentrate.

This is a very sad state of affairs especially in this community as people are inclined to neglect their religion in the first place, and now even more so. A priest like that should not be in a parish , as it has a great effect on the minds of the parishioners. Maybe he is ill, and in need of care, but of course we are only surmising this.

We were going to inform the bishop of the situation but thought it best that it be in your hands first.

FROM A PARISHIONER OF SAINT SABASTIANS  
CHURCH .?

SPANISH, ONTARIO.

July 6, 1952

Dear Father Oliver,

P.C. Enclosed please find Mr. Cornett's letter of dismissal from the Society. Would you have him write out the testimonial of acceptance and return it to me?

It is customary for the House from which the person leaves to supply him with what is necessary in the way of clothing and railway fare. Kindly give him Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) also and charge this to the Arca.

I saw Mr. Cornett and his mother for a few moments at Wilwemikong, but had no opportunity for a talk with either of them. Father Brennan said that you thought that Mr. Cornett should be sent, as a precaution, to a psychiatrist before his departure. This was done when he was at Guelph; he saw Dr. Geoghan of the Homewood Sanitarium. It does not seem to me that anything would be gained by sending him again.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

G. E. Nunan, S.J.

July 25, 1952.

Reverend Raymond Oliver; S.J.,  
St. Charles Garnier School,  
Spanish, Ontario.

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*Indian Residential School*  
*Spanish, Ontario*

August 26, 1952.

Very Rev. Father Provincial,  
2 Dale Avenue,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Father Provincial, P.C.

Just a few lines to let you know we are all on the job and things seem to be going well. I am just beginning to get my bearings and no doubt will find the work more interesting when I know the routine of this office work.

Our boys were supposed to return this coming Tuesday but we may have some difficulty getting them here. The bridge approaching Espanola went down under the weight of a heavy transport. Perhaps they will have some substitute by next week. We will have fairly close to 200 in our school and about 170 at the convent. Father Maurice is working on the schedule for teachers and appears to have things well in hand. Mr. Joncas is fitting in nicely and I have reasons to believe he will do well here. Mr. Conlon and he work well together.

Mr. Phil Phelan was here for a few days and I found him very interested and willing to help where he can. I approach him with the project of an extension to the boys recreation hall. I had in mind an extension of rather an addition of a building 90' x 20' with a cement floor and a new toilet and heating unit. The building would be of wood and covered with insul brick. It would be insulated and heated from our main system. We have, at the present time, eight toilets for nearly two hundred boys, so you can see the necessity of better facilities. We also need

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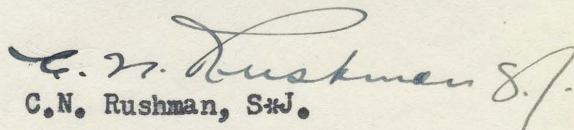
more cloakroom space and a smoker for the senior boys. This additional room would be a great help. Why we will build it off wood and insulbrick rather than cement blocks is because if this is a temporary arrangement, the lumber and insul brick will not be wasted. Mr. Phelan promised me \$3,000 for this project. I have a man making out an estimation of the cost. Perhaps it will come fairly close to \$4,000. If it does reach this amount, may I have your permission to go ahead?

We are going to change the dining room from where it is to across the hall where the two lay teachers had their rooms last year. We will have to tear out the partition and use both of these rooms. This way we should have a suitable dining room and also a parlour, which we badly need. We have varnished all the floors ~~and~~ in the study hall and classrooms and painted the lower sections of these rooms. It really makes a great improvement in this section of the house.

The brothers are all well. We finally got the hay in but will be short about 50 tons. We have a wonderful garden and an excellent potato crop. Father Richard is getting weaker each day but is still in the best of spirits.

Asking a remembrance in the Holy Sacrifice of your Masses, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
C.N. Rushman, S.J.

August 31, 1952.

Reverend C. N. Rushman, S.J.,  
Garnier Residential School,  
Spanish, Ontario.

Dear Father Rushman:

P.C. Your letter of August 26 was received yesterday morning after being returned from Guelph. You addressed it by mistake to Father Swain.

I am pleased that you are locating the community refectory in a more suitable place and that you have renovated the study hall and class rooms. Another part of the house that needs attention is the sacristy - the vestment cases should be painted. The floor of the chapel looked somewhat shabby when I was there, and needed to be done over.

It would be good to read the Memorials that I left after my visitation and see that the recommendations mentioned there are put into effect. A point that was omitted was that of community exhortations; they were neglected last year. At the beginning of the school year a list should be drawn up of those who are to give them and a definite day and hour chosen for them each month - e.g. the third Friday, or some other suitable day.

I should like more definite information about your proposal to add an extension to the recreation hall: where do you think of building it? Some sort of a rough plan showing its relation to the present building and the kind of structure you have in mind should be drawn up and sent to me. I do not understand why a temporary structure of wood is contemplated if the addition is to serve a permanent need. Would it not be better to add only what is strictly necessary and to build in the same materials as the rest of the building? If there were a permanent plan of what was needed, the additions that are most necessary now could be put up in keeping with it and the other parts added later on when they could be afforded. I must say that I do not care for the idea of putting up temporary structures unless there is a real emergency. I shall await further information from you so that I may know better what the present situation is.

Please ask the prayers of the Community for Father Costello. Last Sunday he suffered a paralysis of the right side. There has been improvement during the week, and his doctors hope for a good recovery; but they are quite certain what is the precise nature of his trouble. He needs our prayers to the Canadian Martyrs. I am glad that Mr. Joncas is fitting in. Last year he veered from being too easy to too great strictness with the boys, and he imposed unreasonable penalties on some. I hope that he will learn better how to handle them.

Sincerely in Christ,

*C. E. Newman, S.J.*

*Indian Residential School*

*Spanish, Ontario*

September 4, 1952.

Vrey <sup>Reverend</sup> Father Provincial, S.J.  
2 Dale Avenue,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Father Provincial, P.C.

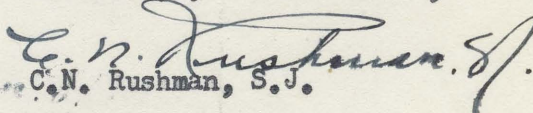
I am enclosing a plan of the first floor with the proposed extension attached. The main reason for the extension is the urgent need for more toilet facilities. As it is now, there are eight toilets for around two hundred boys. The additional space would also give us a badly needed cloakroom and a senior smoker.

The floor, toilets and heating unit would be permanent in the event that we would build a three story addition to the present building. I did not want to put cement blocks because the lumber will be cheaper and could be salvaged whereas the cement blocks would have to be broken up. I do not see any possibility of further building for some years. In the meantime, we would have this additional space at no great cost. Mr. Phelan was very much in favor of the plan, so much so that he is willing to give us a grant of \$3,000.

It seems quite possible that we will need more beds, bedding, and we do need almost an entire new set of dishes for the boys. It may be necessary to have Father Barry go to Toronto for this buying. If it is necessary, May I have this permission?

I will make every effort to carry out the recommendations you left at the time of your visitation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
C. N. Rushman, S.J.

We are praying for a complete recovery for Father Costello.



September 12, 1952

Dear Father Rushman,

P.C. Thank you for your letter of September 4 and for the plan of the proposed extension to the Boys' recreation hall.

I approve in general the plan proposed. I think, however, that the extension should be done in concrete blocks unless the cost would be much greater and for that reason beyond your present means.

My reasons are these: It would never be possible to continue the extension up to the third floor, since light would be cut off from the study hall and dormitory above. Hence the objection to using concrete would not hold. If a further addition has to be made in the future to the whole building it would take the form of a wing. A concrete extension to the recreation hall would be a permanent addition and would be in keeping with the rest of the building.

I should like you to get an estimate of the cost of building in concrete. If it is too expensive you may follow the plan you have outlined of building in wood with a concrete floor; the exterior should be finished in a material that would conform in color to the rest of the building. Would asbestos shingle be much more expensive than insul-brick?

You may send Father Barry to buy the dishes and other equipment you may need.

Please remember the needs of the Province in your Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

G. E. Nunan, S.J.



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FOR PRESENT  
ARRANGEMENT

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN DEC/19

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September 23, 1952.

Reverend C. N. Rushman, S.J.,  
St. Charles Garnier School,  
Spanish, Ontario.

Dear Father Superior:

P.C. Please announce to your Community  
that Father Robert McElligott has been appointed House  
Consultor in place of Father John McHugh.

Asking the prayers of the Community for  
the needs of the Province, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*George E. Nunan, S.J.*  
George E. Nunan, S.J.,  
Provincial.

Garnier Residential School

Spanish, Ontario

Permission given  
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Sept. 26, 1952.

Dear Father Nunan:

P.C.

With the informatio I thought I had better enclose a short note.

Things are going fairly well, but they are still very hectic and I am nowhere near having matters under control the way I want them. The studies and discipline problems together have been more than two handfuls. There were a number of improvements I wanted to have done before the boys returned as it affected the disciplinary angle quite a bit. We had them done, but it required quite a bit of work. The scholastics were very good but tired after it was all done. We are just beginning now to get out of the woods. I would have like to have had more time before school started. There were a great number of things in connection with studies that I knew next to nothing about. The text book problem was a real one. I still have a terrific amount of study to do on the educational aspect and I don't know when I shall find time. It has been so hectic that I lost all of the fifteen pounds that I gained down south. However, I am sure all will turn out fairly well and if I have next summer to do a bit of work on education here at the school, next year will be a lot easier, though it will always be busy.

Spirituals took a bit of a tumble as there just wann't enough time to do the necessary work on discipline and studies and still get all my spirituals in. It is better now. However, even though I had no permission from you to smoke, I did need something of the sort to keep me going. I think I shall be able to break off, but I am asking for permission until I can do so. I thought over this question of smoking during Tertian-ship and I am sure that I need something of the sort while under stress.

I hope all is going well with you. My best regards to

*Garnier Residential School*  
*Spanish, Ontario*

all at 2 Dale Ave.

Yours in Xto,

*Wm P Maurice S.J.*

Wm.P. Maurice S.J.

Garnier Residential School

Spanish, Ontario

*Am'd  
Nov. 10*

November 8, 1952.

Rev. Edward Dowling, S.J.  
2 Dale Avenue,  
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Father Dowling, P.C.

Please accept my congratulations, belated as they are, on your recent appointment. It is a big assignment but I know it is in capable hands.

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All goes well here. We have our Forty Hours this coming week. I have helping Father McHugh with his on three of his Missions. Father Richard keeps about the same and never complains. The Scholastics and Brothers are well and very busy as usual. You will be interested to know that Mr. Joncas is doing a very good job. He is very devoted to his work and had the young lads well under control.

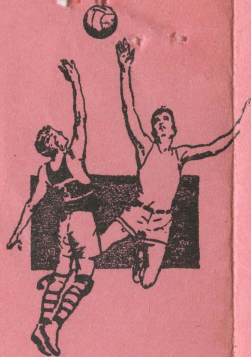
We were supposed to have started the extension to the Boy's recreation hall early in October but Ottawa is slow in moving. However, I was assured a few days ago that the material will be here shortly. They are giving us \$1500.00 worth of cement and lumber. I also hope to get \$1,000 as a labour grant. As far as the finances of this house is concerned, it appears that we just live from one check to another. By the time the quarterly grant comes in, our outstanding bills eat up the check, then we start on credit again till the next grant.

OK  
I am enclosing a little printed band that fits around a small tin can or penny bank. When Father Swain was Provincial, he gave permission for Brother Mara to send these little banks around to schools and friends. I believe Father Swain had two things in mind.. first, even though the banks are small and only pennies asked for, it would be some revenue; secondly, he thought that it would give Brother some added interest. The job here in the kitchen is a big one and pretty monotonous. Brother Mara had been sending some of these little banks and I just wised up to the fact that I should have your permission. May we continue to send these penny banks around to friends and to the schools?

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
C.N. Rushman, S.J.

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**INDIAN BOYS'**  
**SCHOOL**  
Spanish, Ontario



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