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Rev. L. Burns S.J.
Principal,
Spanish Indian Res. School,
Spanish, Ontario.,

Dear Father Burns:

Effective April 1, 1954, the Department will allow your school an additional Per Capita Grant of \$35.00 per annum in lieu of the varying amounts which were previously allowed for the maintenance of the buildings and the purchase of equipment. The Per Capita rate for your school will therefore be:

Present Per Capita Grant Rate	319.99	
Adjustment	<u>.01</u>	
		\$320.00
Special Grant		<u>35.00</u>
		<u>\$355.00</u>
Total Grant:		

In view of this new rate, the Department will not provide funds for replacement of equipment or repairs and maintenance of buildings.

The Department will, however, continue to provide classroom equipment and supplies such as desks, teacher's desk and chair, blackboards, standard school supplies, standard text books, text books authorized by the Provincial Department of Education, library books and other miscellaneous school supplies and books.

In order to simplify the calculation of the quarterly payments of the grant a slight adjustment has been made in the grant for your school.

Yours sincerely,

R. F. Davey
Superintendent of Education.

Copies: Mr. R.P.G. Laurence
Mr. F. Matters.

June 12th, 1954

Very Reverend George Nunan S.J.,
2 Dale Avenue,
Toronto 5, Ontario.,

Very Reverend Father Provincial:

P. C

Sorry to learn of the death of Father Richard!

I conveyed the news to our Fathers at Wikwemikong and Garden River as well as to the French Fathers in Sudbury.

I phoned His Excellency Bishop Dignan and he asked me to convey to you and to the members of the Order his sincere sympathy on the passing of Father Richard. He mentioned that he could only offer the Holy Sacrifice and pray for him since he has been "confined to barracks" for six weeks under doctor's orders and rose from bed to answer the telephone. He is able to celebrate Mass daily but must rest through the day. He regretted that he was unable to attend the funeral.

His Excellency stated he would have the faithful pray for the repose of Father's soul.

I telephoned to the priests of the surrounding parishes and have written to the Sudbury and Sault-Ste. Marie papers. I shall also communicate the news to Mr. Pearson.

With best wishes,

Rae, Vae, servus in Christo,

2 DALE AVENUE
TORONTO 5, ONTARIO

June 19, 1954

Dear Father Burns,

P.C. You have probably seen that there is to be a Canadian Religious Congress in Montreal next month, 26-30. Father Provincial would like you to be present and your name has been sent to the Secretary. If you cannot be present would you arrange for a representative through me?

Mr. Murray should attend the summer school for Regents at Loyola, July 16 - August 5 and make his retreat there from August 6 to 15. I have forgotten where your scholastics take their villa - if at Stanely House, Mr. Murray will go to Montreal with the new Regents. As Mr. Joncas is likely going to Theology he would have to be at Muskoka for the summer school, which will take place from August 2 to about the 20th.

Father G. Lahey was appointed Rector at Loyola on Feast of Corpus Christi and Father McCaffrey is to be named Director of the Shrine tomorrow.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

E. J. Samling, S.J.

July 10, 1954

Reverend Leo Burns, S.J.
Garnier School
Spanish

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. You will have seen from the status that I have transferred Father McElligott to St. Ignatius', Winnipeg and that Father Barker is coming to Spanish.

I would like to ask your opinion concerning the position to be assigned to Father Barker at Spanish. It would not appear that there is enough work in the Parish to occupy the full time of a man as Parish Priest, while there are many jobs in the school that could be done by the person looking after the Parish. There is, moreover, the usual difficulty with Parish Priests living in our schools, viz. their office gives them an autonomy that is not easy to coordinate with the authority of the local Superior. This is a general problem and not peculiar to Spanish.

It occurred to me that the following arrangement might meet the needs of the situation at Spanish. It is that you would be appointed Parish Priest and Father Barker made Praefectus Ecclesiae, i.e. he would look after the church under your direction. That is what is done in many of our churches in the United States that are connected with colleges, e.g. at Xavier and 84th Street in New York.

Furthermore, Brother O'Keefe's death has left you with the care of the books. If Father Barker were made Procurator it would relieve you of a great deal of work and you would have more time to give to the general needs of all departments in the house. Father Barker has not had experience in keeping accounts and it would take him some time to get on to the system, but he is orderly and it is not unlikely that he would be able to master the details of accounting under your coaching.

This, then, is the plan that I would like to propose for your consideration. I would be grateful if you would let me know what you think about it. I shall have to propose the name of the Parish Priest to Bishop Dignan for his approval so I would like your opinion as soon as it is convenient.

Please remember me in your Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

G. E. Huron, S. J.

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July 14th, 1954

Very Reverend George Nunan. S.J.
2 Dale Avenue,
Toronto, 5. Ontario.,

Dear Father Provincial:

Thanks very much for your letter of the tenth of June!

Owing to different circumstances and pressing problems I had to interrupt and delay this reply.

With regard to Father Barker's work at Spanish, it is true and I always felt that there was not enough work for a pastor here as there are about fifty-four Catholic families in the village. Former pastors were too much upon the road even traveling considerable distances without superiors being consulted or even notified.

The suggested change with the Superior as Parochus and a priest as Praefectus Ecclesiae has many advantages as mentioned in your letter. It would also increase the Superior's responsibilities and give him extra work. As you write, Father could look after the Church and not oblige the Superior to be absent from Community Masses and other exercises. He would not have to go up every morning for Mass in the village church and even light fires on cold mornings.

It is true, the care of the books last year occupied a great deal of my time, but this work will be considerably lessened this coming year owing to experience and the fact that I have nearly everything up to date. Besides, I am afraid that if there is a Procurator, there may be considerable and unnecessary immediate purchasing and undertaking of works against which I had to exert a good deal of pressure during the past year. Many of Ours have the idea that the Department pays for everything and all we have to do is to order what we like and charge it up. Some, without experience, think that if placed in office, they may order what they wish regardless of the expense and and the state of our bank accounts.

At present, there is more need of Ours helping in class-work and religious instruction. Our Minister is more occupied with works and direction. He gives very little attention to preparation of classes. There is much need of our religious staff teaching catechism instead of leaving this necessary instruction to the lay members of the faculty even in the lower grades. Owing to our Scholastics being obliged to spend so many hours with the boys in recreation, dormitory and other duties they are overburdened if given much class-work.

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I wish to abide entirely by your desires. However if you wish my opinion with regard to Father taking over the Procurator's position I favor this appointment be postponed for awhile until I am able to carry out the Auditor's suggestions and bring the books in line with the Department's procedure and method. Then I could give Father some work in this department gradually or some other office-work, teaching or religion here or at the Convent. So, if you wish we may defer this for awhile.

Miss Strain is leaving this evening for Toronto. She is to sail from New York to Paris and then go on to India where she will take up social work. Her going will be a great loss to us as we depended upon her knowledge and information during the year. She was very valuable here in Spanish. But God wills otherwise. She is on her way to Toronto to-night. So, I must leave this letter. I have other matters to discuss and will write again to-morrow.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Your Reverence's servant in Christ,

Leo Burns. S.J.

July 18. - Report at St Ignace July 31. for Archbishop
meeting. - Permission granted
St. Sebastian's Church

Spanish, Ontario

July 15, 1954.

Dear Father Provincial:
P.C.

The status brought quite an unexpected change but not a disappointing one. I think it is best for me to a little more busy than I have been in the past few years. Work never hurts me, or has not at least, and plenty of it in half decent or harmonious circumstances has been best for me.

I do not know when Father Barker is coming in. There is the annual bazaar here on August 2nd. He will expect me no doubt to look after it.

Sometime before I leave for the west I would like to spend a couple of days at home and then pay a visit to the Shrine. If this meets with your approval, will you please let me know at once. My niece who takes my name in Religion is to have part in the Clothing ceremony at the Grey Sisters in Pembroke this next Thursday. That might be a good time to be there, as all my other relatives, four sisters and several brothers will be around for the occasions.

Thanks for the advance notice of the status, as far as my disposition was concerned.

With assurance of prayers,

Yours obediently in Christ,

P.C. McEllegott S.J.

August 2, 1954

Reverend Leo Burns, S.J.
Garnier School
Spanish, Ontario

Dear Father Burns,

P.C. When I returned to Toronto word was awaiting me that Bishop Dignan had approved your appointment as Parish Priest and Father Barker's as your assistant. The practical care of the parish can be left to him and you may assign him other work in the house that you think suitable. He could, as has been suggested, be shown how to look after the books, while you remain Procurator.

Please remember me in your Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

G. S. Hunan, S.J.

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August 6th, 1954.

Very reverend and dear Father Nunan,
Pax Christi.

Thank you for your letters about the changes in the missions. Any date for the change is suitable to me, with mid-September being a little preferable to early September. If it is to be in mid-September I will make my retreat before I go, with your permission.

As you suggest, I too think it would be a very good idea for me to see the Macdiarmid missions while Father Rolland is there. In fact, I wrote asking him when would be a suitable time, suggesting August 17th, but he replied almost begging me not to come while he is there. I wish to find out the physical aspects of the missions. He seems to be afraid that I want to get personal information about the people. I will write him again; also, I will try to see him when he comes down to see West Bay.

Father Rolland also asked me to ask your permission to take the car from these missions with me. I do not want to do that, but I will be quite satisfied with your decision. It seems to me that it would give a good-sounding argument to the anti-clerical minded people who say that the priests are more interested in money and cars (not to mention other things) than they are in souls. One of the very few complaints that I have heard of Father Tim Dwyer, God rest his soul, was that "when he needed a car we worked hard to raise money to buy one but then, when he left these missions, he took the car with him." The man who made that complaint comes from a family in which the faith was strong, but he now lives near some anti-clerical White people and, like them he sends his child to a public school even though, unlike them, he has no good reason to do so. The faith is on the way out of his family.

The life of the Indians of these North Shore Missions is changing quickly. They are no longer a people apart, but the White Man's world is rapidly engulfing them. They are buying cars at a great rate and are in town as much or more than rural Whites. And "the world" of the Whites seems to be doing a

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much more effective job of selling itself to them than does the religion of the Whites. For one who is trying to propagate Christianity among them "the world" has a thousand, and with much more alluring advertisements, propagating its spirit. It seems obvious to me, that if the faith is to be preserved among the people of these missions, then more attention will have to be given to their spiritual needs. Mass on one Sunday per month will no longer suffice to keep the faith alive among them, any more than it would ^{among} our White population.

At Sagamok, where there is an Anglican church under the care of an Indian minister, one Anglican has become Catholic in the last three years and one other has just started to take instructions. During the same time two individuals and two whole families turned Anglican and send their children to the Anglican residential school. Two other families want to send their children to the same school, and most likely will. In fact, of all the fifteen or so families who call themselves Anglican nearly all were at one time Catholic, including the parents of the minister. Of the fifteen couples whom I married at Sagamok seven were living in concubinage before marriage and four more had a child either already born or well on the way. Two other couples who should have been married by me were married by the minister and refuse to consider validation of their marriages. Another couple are to be married next week; they have been living in concubinage for some time, as are some others. And most of these are young people who have attended our schools. The faith is simply exercising much less influence on them than are the world, the flesh and the devil. At Cutler, the faith is stronger, at Mississauga about the same as at Sagamok, at Les Sables very weak, if not non-existent in about half of the church.

There are from twelve to fourteen hundred souls in these missions. If their faith is not to continue to grow weaker there is need of more pastoral care than they have been receiving. This is a simple statement of fact, to the best of my observation. Please keep us much in your prayers and intentions at Holy Mass.

In Our Lord,

John MacHugh P.F.

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August 15th, 1954

Very Reverend George Nunan S.J.
2 Dale Avenue,
Toronto, 5. Ontario,,

Dear Father Provincial:

P. C.

Thanks for your letter of August 2nd!

I shall do my utmost to fulfil the office of pastor. As suggested in your letter, I have left the practical work of the parish to Father Barker. We hope to line up the different functions between us and to iron out current problems gradually. By the end of the month with receipt of the Department's June Quarterly Grant and the payment of our outstanding accounts, I hope to have the books in order.

Quite a number of applications have come in to date, with eight or ten for the First Year High. Uncertainty about the return of last year's students leaves us in a quandary as to the acceptance of more boys and the need of an extra teacher to cope with the overcrowding of Grades 3, 4, and 5 class-room.

There are demands almost daily from parents in the surrounding district who are adverse to sending their boys and girls to the Public School at Massey. If our quarters were more spacious we could in accepting them favor the "assimilation policy" of the Department and thus circumvent the transfer of "reserve" children to public schools.

During our "Religious Congress" days in Montreal, I was very embarrassed and therefore hesitant about bringing before Your Reverence our most acute school and community problem. You were continually busy with Ours, with other religious Fathers as well as the sessions. Then, too, like the rest of us you were under the strain of the hot weather meetings.

After frequent intentions in Holy Mass, I submit our problem on this Feast of Our Lady to your reconsideration. It concerns our Prefect of Discipline and his retention in office.

At the time of your Visitation of our house you left me

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with the impression there would be no change, so I did not discuss this matter further but tried to resign myself to another year of trouble. However, with the publication of the status there was general surprise to Fathers both in the house and on the missions. Even those very friendly with the Prefect expected a change. Some have gone as far as to tell me I have an obligation before God to submit the case again to your Reverence, since the Prefect in this school more than in any other occupies such a key-position that he is able to upset the various departments, religious ceremonies, amusements, works throughout the house and grounds, studies, socials and relations with the general public.

His lack of judgment, instability of character with its frequent change of mind, mood and action and his inability to cooperate or follow orders or programs continually undermine the peace, welfare and charity of the community. Those in charge have always to deal with a 'fait accompli' - the sudden counteraction against the wishes of others. When taken to task, it is the same reply "If you want this, it will be done" and shortly after when the same or similar occasion presents itself the exact opposite of the command is in preparation or accomplished if the superior has not advance notice.

As to discipline it is wholly personal, subject to frequent changes of mind and his attitude towards persons, boys or community. If any remark is made, there is the inevitable result of all boys are sent to the superior's office.

Your Reverence asked me to refer further breaches of orders to you. At the close of the year he showed himself very anxious to go on the missions. On the last day of class he was busy packing and led us to believe he was ready to leave for Moberg. I asked him if he would go to Manitoulin with the children returning by Bus, especially since there was question of foster homes for many of the boys and girls. He did not see why he should go or any of Ours. That evening he informed the Minister he was going with the Bus the next morning after I had asked Mr. Murray to look after this transportation.

As most of the parents had sent Bus fares, I drew up a list of the boys who were going by Bus and told him he was not to take anyone who was not in the list. He argued that the children were taken other years and the Indian parents who had not forwarded fares gave them the big "Ha!Ha!" I told him it would not be so this year, and that he was to take no one who was not on the list. Result - some of the boys were taken and in particular, two brothers were taken and the third left behind, forbidden to go along - and the special visit by taxi on Sunday with the mother's and grandmother's questions "Why, bring two and not three?"

As arrangements had been made by the pastor of Wikwemikong with prospective foster parents I gave direct order that the prefect was to go directly to the Pastor before any boy was placed in any home. The Pastor informs me later that several boys were placed in homes before the Prefect's arrival at the Wikwemikong Rectory. Some of these boys were placed in homes he did not approve and would never send a boy to.

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When given papers to be signed by the foster-parents to offset former complaints that boys and girls were dumped on families, or these Indians were obliged to take them in their homes and to assure that Family Allowances and other payments were made to the proper guardians, he began to sign parents' names immediately in my office. When told it was not his signature but the guardian's I was asked "what difference did it make. The circular was signed, wasn't it? Then later, I received signed papers from parents who were taking home their own children, as if they were to be given remuneration. There may be some trouble later on this account.

Then, to close the day he has a scribbled note across one of the circulars- "I am staying over here for four days. If you need me let me know!" although he had been in my office three times that morning and mentioned nothing of the possibility of staying over at Wikwemikong. As a result, the next day Father Flaherty sent in a telephone long distance call and I had to wire Port Arthur that Father will not be in Mobert on Sunday. On the following Wednesday I am phoned ~~to~~ from Wikwemikong to be asked if anyone is going down to Wikwemikong so that his Reverence may come home. He left for the West the following Saturday.

I have mentioned the above in compliance with your wishes. This is one day's happenings. Similar problems happen frequently during the year and particularly during the hockey and other seasons of the year both inside and outside of the school.

Perhaps, your Reverence is at a loss to know what to do. I do not know either. I have followed your advice in the past twelve months. As to his teaching, his attitude expressed several times that the Indians know nothing and are incapable of learning does not help. From the past examinations, it appears that he set out to prove his point, with the result that the Department of Education Inspector for the Province of Ontario looked over his papers and asked the Prefect of Studies to change the marks as Grade Thirteen papers were set for boys in Nine and Tenth Grades. So the Dean of Studies informed me. There has been a constant feud between the Studies Department and that of Discipline all year.

Please pardon me for this detailed account. It is prompted by my own concern for the welfare of the community and school as well as by the demands of other Fathers and wrong influence which has been and may be further exercised over the Scholastics. There is question too of demands upon the Sisters and their school, for Miss Straine mentioned some of these which interferred with their school-order before her departure. It was the first time they were ever mentioned.

Last Sunday, following Father Dowling's retreat, the Sisters had the Profession of Faith and instalment of their new Superior Miss Gleason ~~from~~ Caughnawaga. She is of an entirely different character from Miss Straine. Miss Flanagan is still here.

We hope to have the kitchen in order for the opening of school. *as per contract*
Rae. Vae, servus in Christo, *Leo Burns. S.J.*

August 20, 1954

Dear Father McHugh,

P.C. Thank you for your letter of August 6. I think the week of September 5-12 will be suitable for the change of missionaries and I am writing to the other Fathers to this effect. You can arrange with one another the particular days in which the change over will be made.

The missionaries will not bring their cars with them but leave them in the missions to which they belong. The car belongs to the mission and not to the missionary.

I have asked Father Rolland to show you his mission stations. They cover a large territory but Father Hawkins will be able to give you further help when you are working on them.

Please remember me in your Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

August 22, 1954

Reverend Leo Burns, S.J.
Garnier School
Spanish

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. Thank you for your letter of August 15.

In view of the difficulties that you anticipate in having Father Brown as Prefect of Discipline, it would be better to give Father Maurice that office together that of studies. Father Brown will teach and he may be assigned such other duties in the school as you see fit. He will have charge again of the mission at Naughton.

You should try to deal with him as paternally as possible and aid him in correcting his defects. It is better that they be pointed out to him by the Superior than made the subject of discussion of any and every one around the house.

In regard to the administration of the parish, one thing that needs control is the use of the parish car. It should not be appropriated by the Assistant but its use should be at your discretion and the keys should be in your possession.

Evidently you are going to have a full school again this year. I trust that the kitchen will be ready for use before the school year begins.

Please remember me in your Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

G. E. Uman, S.J.

Garnier Residential School

Spanish, Ontario

August 31st, 1954

Very Reverend George Nunan S.J.
2 Dale Avenue,
Toronto 5, Ontario.,

Dear Father Provincial:

P. C.

Your letter of August 22nd was most gratefully received. Its contents were a source of relief to all of us. As your decision was made on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary we have looked upon it as an answer to our prayers. The community welcomed the change and it is no more a subject of discussion.

I thank you very much for your directive. I may have been at fault in discussing this problem too freely but it affected so many that it was difficult to avoid conversation about it. Besides the Fathers on our staff are consultors and an admonitor who was critical without knowledge of the situation and circumstances. However this is all in the past now and will not recur.

As to the parish, the use of the car has been a source of worry and I had purposed to exercise control and am exercising it gradually. Since Father Assistant leaves sometimes during my Mass and has often entertainments or something else connected with the parish many evenings of the week and should have a key in case of a sick-call or other emergency, it may not be possible to be around and give him the key each time he must have it. If it meets with your Reverence's approval, I am giving him notice that he must have my permission for trips outside the parish limits or the village.

Father Boday has asked me to drop you a few lines. He has written to you to-day. Since his coming here he has had several chats with me concerning his health. I think it may be better for him to go to Toronto and interview you and a doctor. At least he would have medical advice which may be very helpful in his case, before his return and the class-work and health which cause him to worry.

There has been a deluge of applications to the school. We have more than the required number but are counting on a number dropping out as in past years. The Prefect of Studies tells me that many do not return at this time of the year. Best wishes,

Rae. Vae, servus in Christo,

Leo Burns. S.J.

19/9/54 Spanish.

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September 16, 1954.

Dear Father Nunan.

P.C.

May I go to Loyola or Beaconsfield for my Annual Retreat, which I would like to begin around the end of this month? I would like to spend a few extra days in Montreal to visit relatives and do shopping, and also a few extra days in Toronto on the return trip home. This would give me a chance to see the Marian Year Pageant, do some shopping, and have parlour with three sisters who plan to converge on Toronto at that time.

All here at Spanish is going fairly well. The tiles have been laid and we are trying to finish up everything in a hurry. There has been quite a bit of confusion since the boys came back, because the tilemen did not actually arrive until after most of the boys had come, making the kitchen and scullery work very trying. However, most of it is over now and we are beginning to see results.

Assuring you of a remembrance in my prayers, I am,

Yours respectfully in Christ,

M. Mackenzie S.J.

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Spanish, Ontario

September 20th, 1954

Very Reverend George Nunan S.J.
2 Dale Avenue,
Toronto, 5. Ontario.,

Reverend and dear Father Provincial:

P. C.

As requested through Father Socius, we submit the enclosed Status of our School for the coming year, to your consideration. There is need of the appointment of an Admonitor and another Consultor to fill the positions held last year by Fathers McHugh and McElligott. The offices listed are similar to those held by those in the various positions last year, with exception made for the Parish Priest and the Curate, or Prefect of the parish-church.

We have a very large enrolment as you will notice. The growth has been chiefly in the lower grades. There are some ten or eleven day-scholars from the village owing to the fact that the Parochial School has no Grade Nine or High School class and the parents are opposed to their attendance at the Massey Public School. As these boys are here for classes and study and do not board at the school, the Sault Ste. Marie Superintendent of the Indian Department did not see any objection to their following the courses. The parents are willing to pay ten dollars per month for tuition. Many of the lads are partly Indian, (one of the parents being so). Our Consultors were in favor of their entry to classes. It is a trial (only.)

I am forwarding by separate mail the lists of pupils and their examinations for the past year. A copy of the 1951 report will show the averages to be about the same.

Father Minister will leave for his retreat soon. I have to make my own and may take in the Pageant if possible. Father Sherry has sent us a general invitation. Is it possible for some of our Brothers or Scholastics to witness this tribute to Our Lady? It is over the Thanksgiving week-end, and may be arranged to have the Brothers to have a break. Some of these have not been away from Spanish for years.

We were surprised to hear the news of Father Wilson's death. His loss will be felt by the Province for he was an able worker and teacher. We cannot afford to lose more of these members. Our Province needs them. But it is God's will and therefore acceptable as He knows best.

We hope your health is good and not affected by the poor weather which we have had in the past week and particularly to-day.

With best wishes,

Rae. Vae. servus in Christo,

Leo Burns. S.J.

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September 23rd, 1954

Very Reverend G, Nunan S. J
2 Dale Avenue,
Toronto 5, Ontario.,

Reverend and dear Father Provincial:

P. C.

Enclosed you will find copies of our June Examinations for 1954 and also those of 1951, if you wish to compare them.

The students in Grade Twelve are eligible for the Diploma of the Secondary School Grade Twelve (General Course) in which they have three optionals.

The Secondary School Inspector Mr. McKague recommended those who has passed the examinations this year and diplomas were issued by the Board of Education of Ontario.

The only news since last writing is that of the arrival of our new station-wagon which we received yesterday.

The weather has been extremely poor all week with the exception of yesterday.

Best wishes for a happy feast of our Canadian Martyrs;

Rae, Vae, servus in Christo,

Leo Burns. S.J.

Garnier Residential School
Spanish, Ontario

September 23, 1954.

Dear Reverend Father Nunan.

P.C.

Brother Voisin has to go away for his retreat two weeks from now, October 7. In his absence last year we had to hire two men to take his place. The prospects for hiring this year (i.e. of men who know this work) do not seem very good. Would it be possible to have a Brother come from Guelph for two weeks to take charge of things, like Brother Wolke did before on another such occasion? It might be a bit of a break for the visitor, and it certainly would relieve us of a good deal of worry. Kindly send the reply to Father Burns, for I will be going on my retreat about the middle of next week.

Yours respectfully,
M. Mackenzie S.J.

September 27, 1954

Reverend Leo Burns, S.J.
Garnier School
Spanish

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. Thank you for your letters of August 31, September 20 and 23. I am grateful for the reports on the June exams.

Father MacKenzie wrote asking for a Brother to replace Brother Voisin while he makes his retreat. I have asked Father Swain whether Brother Wolke could be sent to replace him, beginning October 7, when Brother Voisin wished to leave for his retreat, or later on, if October 7 is not feasible.

The appointments of Admonitor and Consultor have been made in the house status which I am enclosing.

The arrangements that you have made about the use of the parish car meet with my approval. The main thing is to check the abuse in the use of the car and the proprietary spirit which easily creeps in.

You may allow the Brothers to see the Pageant if it can be arranged for the Thanksgiving week-end. Please ask prayers for Father Lord that he may have the strength to complete the work of direction and make the Pageant a success. Rehearsals are a painful procedure for him and his condition is most precarious.

Father Wilson's death was unexpected. He seemed to be making a good recovery and had been getting up each day. His death was a great surprise to his doctors.

There are now sixteen first year Novices, including one who has been accepted for the Province of Greater Poland.

The fear that the number of students would decrease has not been realized although I notice that the number of boarders in the High School is considerably less than last year. The admission of day boys seems to be a good thing and I hope that it will work out satisfactorily.

Please remember me in your Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

G. E. Uman, S.J.

Spanish

Sept 28, 1954

Dear Father Provincial:

P.C.

Have been making the rounds of my new missions getting acquainted. In many ways it's like coming out of purgatory into heaven. Still I can see I'll have plenty of problems for one thing, the people just don't seem to turn out for Holy Communion on the occasion of the priest's visit and there's some laxity in the matter of marrying extra ecclesiam. However, the picture isn't too dismal, and if I can enlist enough prayers, the scene may change over the year.

What I want to discuss is the financial

set-up -

You know our system of book keeping - the day-by-day entries go into the cash book e.g.

Sept 10	Cutter Collection	4 ³⁵		Sept 9	Sagamok pain
"	Pers mass stipend	1-		Sept 12	Hean Lake - gas
" "	General fund: raffle	7 ⁸⁵			
					etc. etc.

These are all then gathered together into the journal on a monthly basis e.g. Sept. Cutter - collection 4³⁵ social etc etc.

Hean Lake - collection etc.

Missionary - - - -

Personal - - - -

And that gives you all the receipts & expenditures for each pt for the month

2) Then comes the ledger where a page is devoted to each place, so that a clear picture is given month after month, and the credit or debit balance is shown -

e.g. Cutler Aug - Receipts 31¹² Exp - 40¹⁵ bal 42
Sept " " " "
Oct " " " "
etc. etc.

It's only in the ledger that one gets the financial picture for each place - whether they are ahead or behind and how much -

Now here's my problem. Father McHugh kept up his Cash book regularly, but he never did up his Journal or Ledger since the fall of 1951, which means that for 1952, 1953 till Sept 1954 there is no way of knowing what is I.J. money, what is diocesan, whether Cutler etc. is ahead or behind - and the only way to find out is to wade through 3 years of the cash book entries and do up the Journal & Ledger for those 3 years - a fearsome task when you recall Father McHugh's scrawling way of writing

Now actually there's no cash on hand to bother about. Father McHugh left me roughly \$ 600.00. BUT

- 1) Equipment for putting hydro into Sagamore Church, came to \$ 146 which I had to pay on arrival here, and cost of installing 40
 - 2) His car insurance was cancelled, my new policy 112
 - 3) The three-year insurance on churches due in Oct 282.
- \$ 581.

So you see that by the time I put a few gals of gas in the car I've had it. Besides I have to buy all my winter fuel

3/ Furthermore both the cash books and journal are filled up and I'll have to buy new books -

So would you authorize my simply beginning everything anew for the time being and leaving the uncompleted journal & ledger to be filled out by Yr. Brennan or someone working under his direction. I simply couldn't tackle it now with all the spiritual and material work to be done before winter sets in. Then when he has finally established the credit or debit balance of each place we could make the appropriate entry in my new set of books -

The old panel truck that I rattle round my mission in has done 36,000 miles and seen its day. It should be turned in - is there any chance of borrowing \$1000.00 from the Mission Fund for a few months to swing the turn-in?

Cordially yours in Xto.

Sept 28/54

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P.S. Please excuse the different sizes of paper but I'm just about out of everything, couldn't find a matching sheet anywhere.