

October 26, 1954

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

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. My brief stay at Spanish was very pleasant and I want to thank you and Father MacKenzie for the transportation to Wikwemikong and Gore Bay.

During our conversation about Mr. Orr I said that it would be best for him to stay at Spanish and do a year of regency before beginning Philosophy again. I wish now to confirm this and would therefore like you to assign him a job in teaching and prefecting. He has another appointment with Father Samson in November. He will be away for a few days and then return to Spanish.

I am still awaiting a report from Montreal about Mr. Logan's father's condition. If it is favorable he will leave for Spanish as soon as possible. He is to wait there for word from Father General.

Thank you for sending my raincoat. It arrived this morning.

Please remember me in your Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

A. E. Hagan, S.J.

October 21st, 1954

Dear Father Dowling:

Pax Christi!

Your letter arrived this morning by late train.

We shall do our best to meet Father Provincial in Sudbury at 2.45 P.M., as requested.

Upon my return to Spanish by the circuitous route via Smiths Falls, Carleton Place, Pembroke etc, I learned that Father Costello had already left for Garden River and Batchewana. Father Flaherty has postponed his retreat for a week thus lessening our difficulties. Father Barker will supply at Little Current for Father Kennedy and Father Maurice will look after the Spanish Parish Masses. Some one will also help out at Thessalon.

Father Oliver will be pleased to know that Very Reverend Father Provincial is coming to Sudbury Saturday afternoon. The Sunday morning train from Toronto may be late. If so, we should have difficulty in reaching Wikwemikong in time.

Thanks for your message!

With best wishes,

Yours in Domino,

P.S. Please excuse the typing as this letter has been written in haste and amid ahundred interruptions.

20/54. Answered verbally - Candidate needs
at present only informal examination

Garnier Residential School

Spanish, Ontario

November 17th 1954

Dear Father Provincial:

O. C.

Please excuse this hurried note!

I am preparing to leave for the
Seminary, - to make my Annual Retreat - amid
a hundred and one ^{customary} distractions, before setting
out. -

The Report on our Marian Year activities
is somewhat late but still in time, I believe, for
your report to Rome.

All are well here with the exception of
one of our lay professors. Mr. Heisz who has to
rest until Christmas. - Mr. Orr is taking his
class. - The latter seems to be getting along better.
He is different since his last trip to Montreal. -
Much better than after his former visit to Fr. Samson.

Our numbers are still on the increase.
We have now about 199 boys. - Only 50 are in
High School.

One of the older boys George Buzere of
Fort Francis is desirous of becoming a lay brother
and would like to go to Guelph after Christmas.
Should we have him examined. There are no
Examinators Candidatum on our status.

Spent to-day, about ten-thirty, of Father
Boyle's death. - It was so sudden and came as a shock
to our community. - His departure is a serious loss. - You
know this better than I. - May he rest in peace. - Please excuse this
hurried note. - Mac. Val. servus in Christo. Leo Burns. S.J.

11/12
54 answer thro Fr Burns

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Garnier Residential School

Spanish, Ontario

Nov. 26th, 1954

Very Rev. & Dear Father,

Pax Christi

Fr. McHugh was very glad to learn that I could help him this Christmas and thinks I could go into Cull Bay for midnight mass. Fr. Barry offered to take over Naughton for me if you would give him permission to do so. If you do not want him to take Naughton perhaps one of the Frs. from Spanish could do so as Fr. MacKenzie who has taken three months for me during the summer.

Fr. Roland is not well, a touch of pneumonia and he is asking for help over this week end or the next. The school is free from sickness. Fr. Burns is still away on retreat. Fr. Oliver is here making his. The classes are making slow progress in Latin but quite up on French and Maths.

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Rev. Peter J. Brown S.J.
Rev. P. J. Brown, S.J.

Reply 19/12/54

Garnier Residential School

Spanish, Ontario

December 10th, 1954

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

Dear Father Provincial:
P.C.

Since Father Boyle's funeral and my return from retreat, everything has been going on fairly well here with the exception of the illness of some of Ours.

Father Flaherty has been in the Sudbury General Hospital for a week and had an operation on his foot. His Achilles' tendon has been badly injured which will necessitate his wearing of a heavy cast for six or seven weeks and then a lighter one. Last Wednesday he had another operation for nasal and sinus trouble. Father Costello returned to us last week and has been looking after Father Flaherty's missions for the time being. However, he claims he must go to Batchewana or Goulais Bay as he promised Father Mayhew to say Masses there on Christmas Day.

Mr. Orr appeared to be better at the beginning of the week, so I thought it advisable to let him make his renovation-triduum with the others in preference to making it alone. He was told just to follow the points if he could not do better and to renew his vows with the others. As he had an appointment with Father Samson, I considered it better to have it postponed for a few days. During the week he has been upset again, particularly with the return of Mr. Heisz for a few days. The Spiritual Father thinks something should be done since he thinks Mr. Orr cannot go on as he is. He tells me he cannot read, he cannot pray nor apply himself to anything even to outside work. He has even been to different Fathers telling them how they should fulfil their office and what they should do for the boys. Some of his visits to Father Samson have not done him much good although his last one was favorable since he was not so tense for a few days.

Mr. Heisz is leaving us soon, having offered his resignation. Mr. Orr with a full class may forget his troubles, though there is the probability that he will give way to tenseness and too much demand to foster his idealic life. It is a rather embarrassing case.

We shall be short-handed for Christmas. Father Flaherty's absence complicates matters. We have already turned down several demands and priest have applied unsuccessfully elsewhere. Father Rolland may not be

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able to look after his missions as he was in the hospital recently. We had to replace him several times. Father Costello informs me that he made arrangement to take some of Father Mayhew's Christmas ministry. Now Father Brown claims he had offered himself to Father McHugh to celebrate Mass at some of his stations and Father McHugh was to see you about this. This will mean a replacement of Father Brown at Naughton and we have not anyone available.

We have had our setbacks as usual. This time it is a difficulty in providing heat for our kitchen and scullery. It seems that every time we touch the furnace system there is some leakage and repairs elsewhere. Such is life in the missions.

Our Marian Year was closed with a solemn triduum which the boys and girls followed with much earnestness and devotion.

I shall be very grateful if Your Reverence would send us a number of blank forms for the required "Informationes" regarding acceptance of Lay-Brothers.

With best wishes,

Rae, Vae, servus in Christo,

Leo Burns. S.J.

P. S. Had a letter a few days ago from Father Laviolette asking for pictures and progress of our former High School pupils for an article in the Indian Historical Record published by the Oblate Fathers. This article will be against the policy of "your friend Mr. Davey" of placing Indians in Protestant public schools. I do not see any reason for his phrase quoted above. As mentioned to your Reverence in Kingston, Father Fournier O.M.I. Provincial of Alberta had informed me that the Department of Indian Affairs was divided on the assimilation policy, with Colonel Jones and Mr Davey in opposition to Laval Fortier and others.

December 11, 1954

Reverend Leo Burns, S.J.
Garnier School
Spanish

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. Father Brown wrote some time ago asking whether Father Barry might come to take Naughton for Christmas, as I had given Father McHugh permission to have Father Brown help him at Gull Bay. I waited until Father Lahey came here for consultation to ask whether Father Barry was free. He informed me that Father Flaherty had asked for Father Barry to assist him and that he was willing to let him go. It is agreeable to me, but I do not know whether that solves your problems for Christmas ministry.

The fire at Guelph makes one think of possible hazards elsewhere in our houses. I do not know what you have in the basement at Spanish but none of the rooms down there should be used for a workshop or for storing paint. These should be in an outside building such as the one where the electric power plant used to be. The convenience of having these shops and store-rooms indoors may lead to a neglect of the danger they present.

Please remember me in your Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

G. R. Uman, S.J.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam
Garnier Residential School
Spanish, Ontario

Dec. 16th. 1954

Rec'd Dec 20
9.30 P.M. Arrived Dec 20
OK they better to Burns if no help available later supply depends on your decision

Very Rev. & Dear Father,

Pax Christi!

I promised my people at Naughton that they would have mid-night mass this Christmas and that if I was called away to help Fr.McHugh, I would see to it that they got another priest to be with them. Fr. McHugh has scheduled masses for the Christmas season at Gull Bay and as far as I can make out at Ferland etc. Since I am unable to bilocate I thought to wait till I heard from you through Fr.Burns my superior. To be frank I do not where I stand, so unless I hear otherwise from you I will celebrate my Christmas mass at Naughton.

I think Fr.McHugh should be let know as soon as possible as to whether he can expect help for Christmas. Since I do not know, perhaps you would write him. If you think it worth while I could try and make up by leaving for his missions on Dec 26 and do Gull Bay on New Years or whatever days he wishes. I know he will be dissappointed but in writing a reply to his request for help I mentioned that I would go if and when the proper authorities said I could and should. At the time I knew Fr.Barry was hoping to come this way for Christmas but Fr.Burns said he is now no longer free.

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Your servant in the same

Rev. Peter J. Brown, S.J.
Rev. Peter J. Brown, S.J.

Y.S.
Merry Christmas!

Manresa

Jesuit House of Retreats

R.R. 2, Pickering, Ontario

December 19, 1954

Dear Father Burns

P.C. Father Brown's telephone inquiry this morning has left me somewhat confused. I thought that I had written you about ten days ago telling you that I had given Father McHugh permission for his leave at Christmas, but apparently you have not received this letter.

Your letter of December 10 arrived just before I came out here for my retreat. Since my previous letter had given the information about Father Brown there did not appear to be any

urgency in replying to it, and it was not clear that you were asking for any one else.

I was sorry to learn of Father Flaherty's injury. The missionaries are being hard hit with Father Holland also ill. I trust that you will be able to work things out satisfactorily for the necessary Christmas ministry.

Mr. Orr's lack of improvement is disappointing. Perhaps we are not being sufficiently stern with him, and he is receiving too much kindness in our treatment. ^{of him} Certainly it is unfitting that he should be giving directions to others about how they should do their work, and he should be given an admonition about it. It may do him good and get rid of some of his difficulties.

Happy Christmas to all

Sincerely in Christ
P. Ellman



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Rev Father Burns
Gardier School
Spanish Ont.

Father Browns letter arrived today further help from here not available have him inform Father McHugh Later supply for Father McHugh left to your direction sincerest greetings to all

Father Dewling
1222PM NS

December 28, 1954

Reverend Leo Burns, S.J.
Garnier School
Spanish

Dear Father Superior,

P.C. I trust that you were able to get through the Christmas work without too much difficulty.

Father Labelle phoned yesterday from the hospital in Sudbury. He had caught cold on Christmas and the infection in the bladder flared up again. It is possible that another operation may be necessary.

I would be grateful if you would go to see him and give me a report on the situation. It is quite likely that he may have a long hospitalization and it will be necessary to appoint someone to look after his mission stations.

I would also like your opinion as to whether Father Costello is now capable of taking some regular appointment and responsibility.

Wishing you every blessing during the New Year, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

G. R. Uman, S. J.