

**FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF CALIFORNIA, INC.  
(O.F.M.)**

**FR. MARIO CIMMARRUSTI**

**CLERGY CASES 1**  
**Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti**  
**Franciscan Friar (OFM)**  
**Personnel File**

# PERSONALITY RECORD

OF

Cimmarrusti, Walter S.

## I. VOCATION

I, the undersigned, of my own free choice, wish to become a Franciscan and a priest

A	B	C	D	F
X				
X				

## II PIETY

- Evidences of Piety
- Attitude to religious exercises

## III CHARACTER AND DISPOSITION

- Charity
- Candor
- Pocility
- Deference
- Dependability
- Resourcefulness
- Initiative
- Diligence
- Tact
- Manners
- Method & Order
- Neatness
- Sociability
- Leadership
- Popularity with students

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\*16 Does he display any abnormal traits: e.g. Morose?

Secretive? Shifty? Solitary? No

17 Does he inspire trust or distrust? Trust

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

\*18 Has he exerted a bad influence? No

Dissatisfied \_\_\_\_\_ Critical \_\_\_\_\_ \*Refractory

\_\_\_\_\_ \*Worldly-minded \_\_\_\_\_ \*Notably

proud \_\_\_\_\_

19 How has he observed Seminary regulations? well

20 Does any fault need particular attention? \_\_\_\_\_

Impetuosity

21 What outstanding good qualities does he display? \_\_\_\_\_

Enthusiasm for a cause

22 What character improvements have been noted? \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV STUDIES

Industry Good Thoroughness Fair

Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some

subject? Dramatics

V HEALTH Robust

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VII JUDGMENT OF THE FACULTY: Good risk

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2. Attitude to religious exercises

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2. Candor

3. Docility

4. Deference

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6. Resourcefulness

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9. Tact

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13. Sociability

14. Leadership

15. Popularity with students

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At graduation from St. Anthony's Seminary

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INSTRUCTIONS: Print type one character in each box. Leave line blank if information is unknown. Use no punctuation. Use spaces between words for clarity. Use extra pages, if required, for Sections H and I. Refer to glossary and codelist in appendix.

NOTE: Information on page 1 of this form is for publication in the Schematismus Totius Ordinis. That on pages 2 and 3 is for internal office use by the Order.

### SECTION A — NAMES

01. Family name: ICIMMIAIRIVISITII  
(Surname/Last name)  
02. Religious name: IMARIIO  
(From novitiate)  
03. Baptismal name: WAILTIERI  
(Given legal name)  
04. Any other name: ISIGMUNDI  
(Omit if none)  
05. Mother's name: IDELELWIAIELELIX  
(Given & maiden name)  
06. Father's name: JAMIESISIGMUNDI  
(Given name)

### SECTION B — BIRTH

07. Country of birth: UNITEIDSTATIES  
08. City/place of birth: LINGLEWOODICALLEPRINIA  
09. Diocese of birth: LOSANIGELLEIS  
10. Date of birth: 11/21/1910  
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr  
11. Country of citizenship: UNITEIDSTATIES  
12. Country where living now: UNITEIDSTATIES

### SECTION C — ORDER MEMBERSHIP

13. Reception to novitiate: 11/10/1917  
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr  
14. First profession date: 11/11/1917  
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr  
15. Solemn profession date: 11/11/1917  
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr  
16. Entity of reception: P1813  
(Use Province/Vice-province codelist)  
17. Entity of membership: P1813  
(Use Province/Vice-province codelist)  
18. Entity where living now: P1813  
(Use Prov/Vice-pr/Genl House codelist)

### SECTION D — ORDINATION DATES

19. Permanent Deaconate: 11/11/1917  
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr  
20. Priesthood ordination: 11/21/1917  
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr  
21. Episcopal ordination: 11/21/1917  
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

33a. MASTER'S DEGREE IN DEGREE name  
 b. MASTER'S DEGREE IN DEGREE name d. 10/31/08/16/31  
 e. DEGREE SPECIALITY  
 f. UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND GRANTING INSTITUTION  
 g. EXPLANATORY REMARKS

34a. DEGREE name  
 b. DEGREE name c. DEGREE name d. DEGREE name  
 e. DEGREE SPECIALITY  
 f. GRANTING INSTITUTION  
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 e. DEGREE SPECIALITY  
 f. GRANTING INSTITUTION  
 g. EXPLANATORY REMARKS

#### SECTION H - SPECIAL SKILLS / TRAINING / LICENSES

\*a\* grid uses: Mechanic/Pilot/Electrician/Painter/Typist/Cabinetmaker/Musician/Computers/  
 Nurse/Photographer/Tailor/Writer/Cook/Sculptor/Gardener/Preacher/Actor/Etc.  
 \*b\* grid uses: Give specialty training details, sources, titles, licenses, dates received.

36a. Skill name: TEAKHILING (Identify specialty name)  
 b. MASTERS DEGREE (Describe specialty training)

37a. Skill name: LINEAR MARIAM (Identify specialty name)  
 b. NO FORMAL TRAINING (Describe specialty training)

38a. Skill name: COOK (Identify specialty name)  
 b. NO FORMAL TRAINING (Describe specialty training)

#### SECTION I - PUBLICATIONS / WORKS / ART

39a. Title: (Identify publication/work/art name)  
 b. Description: (Describe work)

40a. Title: (Identify publication/work/art name)  
 b. Description: (Describe work)



April 5, 1971

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to introduce Father Mario Cimmarrusti, of the Order of Friars Minor, a priest of the Province of St. Barbara, who is presently assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel in Guaymas, Mexico. He has the full approval of his Religious Superiors for this and the faculties of the Diocese of Durango. Any courtesy shown to him will be greatly appreciated by the undersigned.

(signed)

(Rev.) [REDACTED]  
Minister Provincial

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April, 1966

### TEACHER EVALUATION

Name of School St. Anthony's Seminary

Subjects Taught Sacred Doctrine,  
English I

Name of Friar Fy. Mario Cimmarusti

Special Duties  
Prefect

### A. Personal Qualities

**Excellent**

### Average

**Below Average**

**Low**

## Responsibility

x

## Cooperativeness

X

## Sociability

x

## Loyalty

x

### B. Teacher Qualities

## Organization

✕

## Class preparation

X

**Class discipline**

X

### Ability to communicate

X

## Enthusiasm

X

### C. General Evaluation

✓ Indispensable      \_\_\_\_\_ Very valuable      \_\_\_\_\_ Replaced with difficulty

           Easily replaced                 Should be removed from teaching

**D. Recommended summer school program:**

Directed Readings - Minor Sem. Conference

### E. Additional Comments

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**0008**

CESSION OF ADMINISTRATION AND DISPOSITION OF USUFRUCT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I Felician J. Bachman,  
otherwise known as James Thomas Bachman, now of San Miguel  
California in the County of San Luis Obispo  
and the State of California

IN CONSIDERATION of the laws of the Roman Catholic Church concerning the administration of the property, its use and usufruct, of a member of a religious community acknowledged by said Roman Catholic Church (Codex Juris Can. 569,580),

First: Do hereby cede the administration of any and all property, whether real, personal or money which I now have or which may accrue to me therefrom, to Mr or Mrs J. Q. Bachman  
now residing in the County of Los Angeles, State of California,  
and I do hereby constitute and appoint him to be my attorney-in-fact for such administration giving unto him full power and authority to make all contracts and to do all other acts and things of every kind and nature whatsoever, necessary in and about said administration, including the sale and conveyance of real property, as effectually as I myself could do if personally present, and

Second: I do hereby ordain, declare and direct that all the use and usufruct of said property, to-wit: the interest, rents, income, securities, royalties, bonuses and all other benefits arising from or out of such property, shall be disposed of or expended by my said attorney-in-fact as he may see fit, according to his best judgment, and

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
County of San Luis Obispo } ss.

On this Ten<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year One Thousand Nine  
Hundred and Fifty, before me, F. W. TUTIN, a  
Notary Public, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, personally  
appeared Felician J. Bachman

known to me to be the person whose name i subscribed  
to the within instrument, and he duly acknowledged  
to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my Official Seal, at my office in the County of San Luis Obispo,  
the day and year in this certificate first above written.

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F. W. Tutin  
Notary Public in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California

PETITION OF NOVICE-CLERICS  
BEFORE PROFESSION OF TEMPORARY VOWS

(INSTR., S. C. RELIG., 1 DEC., 1931)\*

(A. A. S., Vol. XXIV, p. 79, n. 14)



BY THESE PRESENTS I, Frater Felician J. Bachman  
humbly beg to be admitted, as a cleric, to the Profession of Temporary Vows in the Order of  
Friars Minor, since I believe myself called to the priesthood in said Order.

WHEREFORE I NOW DECLARE that it is my firm resolve to devote my life to the  
service of God as a priest of the Order of Friars Minor in the Province of St. Barbara.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name this tenth day  
of July in the year of our Lord 1950.  
City San Miguel County San Luis Obispo  
State California

(Signature) Felician J. Bachman  
(Witness) Cyprian McCaffrey  
(Witness) Fr. Keith Kinnebrew, F.M.

# NOTIFICATIO

De Vestitione in Primo-Tertio Ordine

Ad Min. Provlem Transmittenda

## Nomen candidati:

Nomen ordinis: Marius

Nomen baptismi: Gaulterius Sigismundus

Nomen familiae: Cimmarrusti

## Nomen parentum:

Patris, nomen baptismi: Sigismundus

Matris, nomen baptismi et nativitatis (maiden-name):

Delphina Felix

## Nativitatis:

Dies-mensis-annus: 12 Augusti 1930

Civitas, Dioecesis, Status: Inglewood - Archidioecesis Angelorum - California

## Baptismi:

Dies-mensis-annus: 23 Novembris 1930

Ecclesia: Sti. Joannis Chrysostomi

Civitas, Dioecesis, Status: Inglewood - Archidioecesis Angelorum - California

## Vestitionis:

Dies-mensis-annus: 10 Julii 1949

Locus: San Miguel - Calif.

Officiator: Fr. Gregorius Wooler, O.F.M.

## Festum Patroni:

Dies-mensis: 19 Januarii

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**QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**GRADUATING CLASS OF SEMINARY**

N.B. - This questionnaire is to be filled out by the students of the graduating class at the beginning of the second semester and to be returned to the *Master of Novices* before the first of March.

1. What is your full name? WALTER SIGISMUND ANTHONY CIMMARRUSTI
2. What is your father's name? SIGISMUND CIMMARRUSTI
3. What is your mother's maiden name? DELPHINA FELIX
4. When were you born (day, month, year)? August 12, 1930
5. In what city and state did your parents make their home at the time you were born (can. 90)? INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA
6. To what parish did they belong at the time? ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, INGLEWOOD
7. In what places (city, state) have you resided for more than one. (morally continuous) year after completing your fourteenth year of age (can. 544,2)?

None

Omnibus has Litteras Visuris

SALUTEM IN DOMINO.

Cum dilectus in Christo filius Gaulterius Sigismundus Cimmarrusti  
filius legitimus Sigismundi Cimmarrusti  
ejusque uxoris Delphinæ Felix  
natus die 12<sup>a</sup> mensis Augusti 1930, in Paroecia Sti Joannis  
Chrysostomi Arch. Dioecesis Angelorum  
ibique Commoratus

ad habitum religiosum Ordinis Fratrum  
Minorum qua clericus admitti intendat, Nos ad normam

Can. 544, § 2 et Can. 545, § 4 hisce Litteris juxta scientiam Nostram testamur,  
eundem Gaulterium Sigismundum Cimmarrusti

legitimis natalibus ortum, pie educatum, bonis moribus ornatum, in fide christiana  
bene instructum, fama bona et conditione libera

gaudere, nunquam inquisitum, neque alia censura, irregularitate aut alio canonico  
impedimento irretitum, vel reddendae rationi alicujus administrationis obnoxium esse:  
eundem porro aere alieno non gravatum, nullis quoque promissionibus aut initis con-  
tractibus impeditum, nec habituali morbo affectum existere, quibus omnibus fieret, ut  
habitum religiosum Ordinis S. Francisci Seraphici suscipere non possit.

Datum in Civitate Angelorum sub nostris Signo Sigilloque

Die 18 mensis Aprilis 1949

Francis A. M. Dwyer

Archiepiscopus Angelorum  
in California

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DECLARATION OF INTENTION  
BEFORE INVESTITURE IN THE FIRST ORDER

(GEN. CONST., N. 37)



BY THESE PRESENTS I, Walter Sigmund Gimmarrusti,  
declare that of my own free will I ask to be admitted to the Order of Friars Minor in the  
Province of St. Barbara.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name this 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of July in the year of our Lord 1948  
City San Miguel County San Luis Obispo  
State California

(Signature) Walter Sigmund Gimmarrusti  
(Witness) Thomas J. Knight  
(Witness) Anthony Joseph Turner

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## PARENTAL WAIVER

We, the parents (guardians) of Walter Sigmund Cimmarusti  
do hereby waive our rights to any and all services of value of services by him to  
be rendered, and do hereby declare him to be legally emancipated.

DATED this 16 day of July, 1949

Jim Cimmarusti  
(Name of father or guardian)

Welfina Cimmarusti  
(Name of mother or guardian)

I do hereby ratify and affirm the foregoing Declaration and Release and do  
hereby waive any and all right to any disaffirmance thereof.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1949

Walter Sigmund Cimmarusti  
(Name of candidate)

## DECLARATION AND RELEASE

NOTE: To be signed by candidate (Gen. Const. n. 37) on arrival and signature to be witnessed by two priests of the order.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, the undersigned, being about to enter the Roman Catholic religious order known as the ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR, (incorporated under the laws of the State of California as THE FRANCISCAN FATHERS OF CALIFORNIA, and hereinafter referred to as the "religious order"), do hereby attest and declare that I am entering said religious order voluntarily and of my own free will, and am not acting under force, coercion or undue influence of any kind.

That for good and sufficient consideration and in consideration of the benefits received and to be received as a candidate, postulant, novice or member of the said religious order, I am prepared to and hereby promise and agree to give without compensation all of my services freely and to perform any and all work required of me by my superior in said religious order; and that for myself and my heirs I do hereby waive and forever discharge any and all right or claim which I might otherwise have to any wages, compensation, remuneration, annuity, pension or reward for the time that I shall devote or for the services or work that I shall perform with or for said religious order during the time I remain in said order, and do hereby expressly release said religious order from any claim on account thereof.

I understand and agree that the provisions of the Rules and Discipline of said religious order, and the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of The Franciscan Fathers of California, a California corporation, now in force and as hereafter amended, and the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church, and the substantive law of the State of California relating to the subject matter hereof are incorporated herein, and are to govern the interpretation and determine the legal effect of this instrument.

I do further certify that I have read and fully understand the foregoing instrument and that I sign and execute the same voluntarily.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1949, at San Miguel, California  
(city, state)

ACCEPTED and signature witnessed on behalf of said religious order

BY Fr. Bonaventura Olasagasti, O.F.M.

BY Fr. David Kempe, O.F.M.

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JURAMENTUM EDITTENDUM ANTE VOTA SOLEMNIA  
(coram Ministro Provinciali vel ejus Delegato)

"Ego subsignatus Frater Maria Walter Cammarum O.F.M.  
~~Alumnus~~ Ordinis Fratrum Minorum cum petitionem superioribus  
exhibuerim pro recipiendo subdiaconatus ordine, diligenter re  
perpensa coram Deo, iuramento interposito, testificor:

1- Nulla me coactione, seu vi, aut nullo impelli timore in re-  
cipiendo eodem sacro ordine, sed ipsum sponte exoptare, ac  
plena liberaque voluntate eundem cum adnexis oneribus amplecti velle.

2- Fateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera ex eodem sacro ordine  
dimanantia, quae sponte amplector, ac Deo opitulante propono me  
toto vitae curriculo diligenter servare.

3- Quae castitatis voto ac coelibatus lege praecipuntur, clare me  
percipere testor, eaque integre servare usque ad extremum vitae,  
Deo adjuvante, firmiter statuo.

4- Denique sincera fide apondeo jugiter me fore, ad normam sacrorum  
canonum, obsequentissime obtemperaturum iis omnibus quae mihi a  
praepositis, juxta Ecclesiae disciplinam, praecipientur, paratus  
virtutum exempla, tum opere, cum sermone, aliis praebeere, adeo ut  
tanti officii susceptione retributionem a Deo promissam accipere  
merear. — Sic testor ac juro, super haec Sancta Dei Evangelia,  
quae manu mea tango.

die 10 mensis Julii anni 1953

Frater Maria Walter Cammarum O.F.M.  
(manu propria)

Juratum coram me: J. Augustinus Boeck Min. Prvli.  
(vel) Delegato a Min. Prvli.

die 10 mensis Julii anni 1953.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

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IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

I, Frater Mario Cimmarusti, O.F.M.  
otherwise known as Walter Sigmund Cimmarusti, being of legal age,  
of sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

FIRST: I give, devise, and bequeath to

My living parents  
Anthony Mark Campillo  
Antonio Vazquez Ruiz  
all property, real, personal, and mixed, which I now possess or which I may hereafter acquire.

SECOND: I hereby nominate and appoint

Mrs. A. Campillo  
as the executor of this will, without bond or inventory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 1953.

(Signature) Frater Mario Cimmarusti, O.F.M.

Signed, published, and declared by the above named Frater Mario Cimmarusti, O.F.M.  
otherwise known as Walter Sigmund Cimmarusti, as his  
last will and testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request, and in the  
presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses the day and year above written.

(Witnesses) Fr. Forrest W. Mc Donald O.F.M.

F. Manuel J. Vaughn, O.F.M.

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UKo  
ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY

FRANCISCAN FATHERS  
GARDEN AND PUEBLO STREETS  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

August 30, 1964

Dear Father Provincial,

I would like permission to say the Divine Office in English. I feel that praying the office in English (in private recitation) will be a great benefit to me spiritually.

If this permission is granted, I would like to use the "Hours of Divine Office in English and Latin", Liturgical Press - Collegeville.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours in St. Francis,

F. N. Mario Ammaruti, OFM

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J. M. J. F.

Fr. TERENCE CRONIN

Ordinis Fratrum Minorum  
Provinciae S. Barbarae Minister Provincialis  
Humilisque in Domino Servus

DILECTO IN CHRISTO

R. P. (V. F.) MARTO CIMMARUSTI

*Salutem et Pacem in Domino Sempiternam*

Virtute Praesentium tibi mando, atque in meritum salutaris Obedientiae injungo ut, post harum litterarum receptionem, impedimento cessante legitimo, te quantocius transferas ex

conventu nostr. o ad S. P. N. Franciscum

TROUTDALE, Oregon

ad conventum nostr. um ad S. Antonium

Santa Barbara, Calif.

sub obedientia

R. P. Superioris loci illius de cetero moraturus, ac muneribus

Discr. Consil. Prof. Sem. Discipl. I

fideliter functurus

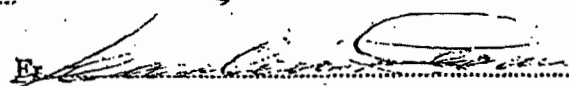
Cui te, sicut et reliquis illius Communitatis Patribus et Fratribus, quam possum carius in Domino commendo. Vale in Christo Jesu, Eumque pro me ora.

Datum in conventu nostr. o ad S. Elisabeth

Oakland, California

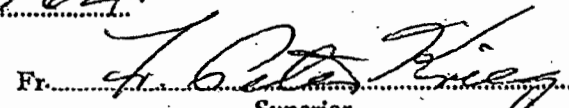
sub meo Chirographo Officiiue Sigillo maiori die 15a

mensis Iunii anno 1964

Fr.   
Qui Supra

Praedictus Pater (Frater) in locum destinationis suae pervenit: die 25

mensis Julii anno 1964

Fr.   
Superior

N. B.—Litterae Obedientiales coram Communitate legantur et statim, una cum ejusdem Patris (Frateris) "Relative Address Card", ad Ministrum Provinciale mittantur.

O.F.M. CIMM 1  
0020

March 6, 1964

Dear Father Mario:

The Directors of Music in our study houses are having a special meeting at St. Josephs Church in Los Angeles, Wednesday March 11. You should be present for this. It will be necessary for you to get down to Los Angeles the night before.

I would have told you this sooner but I just got news of the gathering myself, and am rushing this information on to you

With regards to all up your way, I remain

Sincerely Yours in St. Francis,

P.S. Show this note to Fr. Kevin.

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June 10, 1964

Dear Father Mario:

You will notice in the list of changes that you are to go to Saint Anthony's Seminary in Santa Barbara as Disciplinarian. The Obedience connected with this change will come to you in good time. This little letter is more in connection with your Summer school work. We would want you to attend a Counselling Course at Loyola University in Chicago, along with Father Claude Riffel. We would also like you to plan on taking in the Counselling Sessions presided over by Father Carroll Tageson here at Holy Names College in Oakland. This latter course will go from August 11th to the 20th. You should make all the necessary arrangements for these courses as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours in Christ and St. Francis,

Fr. Terence Crohin, O.F.M.



*Original released to family on request June 14 57 Marshal*

C O P Y

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL  
FRANCISCAN PROVINCE OF ST. BARBARA  
1500 THIRTY-FOURTH AVENUE  
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 23rd day of April A.D. 1913,  
JIM CIMMARRUSTI and DEFINA FELIX were united in marriage at Phoenix, Arizona,  
according to the laws of Arizona, and by the authority of the foregoing License,  
by Rev. Alban Schwarze in the presence of ARTHUR CRUZ and LEONOR CRUZ who  
have hereto attached their signatures as witnesses to said marriage ceremony.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said contracting parties, the said witnesses and  
the said Rev. Alban Schwarze, who solemnized such marriage ceremony, have here-  
unto set their hands, this 23rd day of April A.D. 1913.

/s/ Arthur Cruz, Witness  
/s/ Leonor Cruz, Witness

/s/ Jim Cimmarrusti, Contracting Party  
/s/ Delfina Felix, Contracting party  
/s/ Rev. Alban Schwarze

The above is a true copy

*[Signature]*

O.F.M., Sec&y Prov.

June 14, 1957

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SAINT BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES  
SAINT BONAVENTURE, NEW YORK

GRADE REPORT

STUDENT

MAJOR

STATUS

CIMMARUSTI, ER MARIO

80567  
FOR TERM ENDING

1500 34TH AVE  
OAKLAND CALIF

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE NAME	GRADE	CREDIT
518	SACS	AUD	2
521	SACS	AUD	2
535	SACS	NG	2
TOTAL CREDITS			6

GRADING SYSTEM

GRADUATE SCHOOL  
A HONORS I INCOMPLETE  
B SATISFACTORY W WITHDRAWN  
C CREDIT WP WITHDRAWN PASSING  
U UNSATISFACTORY WF WITHDRAWN FAILING

STATUS CODE  
1 - PROVISIONAL  
2 - REGULAR  
3 - SPECIAL

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# RENUNCIATION

## Before Solemn Profession

Place Mission Santa Barbara  
Santa Barbara, California

Date June 28, 1953

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I, Frater-Brother (full name) Mario Walter Cimmarusti, O.F.M., member of the Order of Friars Minor of the Province of St. Barbara, pursuant to Ecclesiastical Canons (Can. 581), hereby freely renounce all right to any temporal goods whatever, and I dispose of the goods which I actually possess, as also of all goods which I may obtain by parental inheritance, in the manner described in my LAST WILL executed in a separate document.

In confirmation of the above, I, Frater-Brother (full name) Mario Walter Cimmarusti, O.F.M., have to this Renunciation set my hand this 28th day of June in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and 53

Fr.-Bro. (full name) Frater Mario Walter Cimmarusti, O.F.M.

Signed by the above-named Frater-Brother Mario Walter Cimmarusti, O.F.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names at his request, as witnesses thereto in the presence of the above-signed Frater-Brother Mario Walter Cimmarusti, O.F.M. and of each other, this 28th day of June, 1953, at Old Mission, Santa Barbara

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

Address Old Mission Santa Barbara

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

Address Old Mission Santa Barbara, Calif.

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Saint John Chrysostom Rectory  
409 E. Manchester Boulevard  
Inglewood, California

Orchard 7-2735

To Whom it may concern,

Walter Bimmarrasti was Confirmed  
by the Most Rev. J. S. McGucken in  
the above Church on May 25<sup>th</sup> 1944.

Anthony F. Reidy

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## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON STUDENTS

Santa Barbara — San Luis Rey

Name Mario CimmarustiDate 6/12/53

RELIGIOUS LIFE	I YEAR	II YEAR	III YEAR	IV YEAR
Religious Spirit			II-III	II-IV
Personal Piety			III	IV
Observance of Rules			II	II
Regularity at Religious Exercises			IV	IV
Attitude at Religious Exercises			II	II
Poverty			IV	IV
Practice of Self Denial			III	III
Interest in Franciscana			II	IV
STUDIES				
Natural Talent			IV	IV
Application to Studies			IV	IV
PERSONAL TRAITS				
Care of Self and Effects			IV	IV
Manners			IV	IV
Attitude towards Authority			III	IV
Attitude towards Brothers			II	II
Fraternal Charity			III	IV

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EXHIBIT

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I	II	III	IV	V
Somewhat Worldly	Not Apparent	Variable	Regular	Recollected & Detached
Somewhat Scrupulous	Formalistic	Sporadic	Required Devotions	Added Devotions
Frequent Disregard	Occasional Disregard	Thru Human Respect	Regular	Conscientious
Often Late	Frequently Excused	Sporadic	Usually Just on Time	Very Regular
Listless	Variable	Individual- istic	Sincere	Exemplary
Independent Use	Somewhat Wasteful	Acquisitive	Dependent Use	Genuine Spirit
Over Indul- ges Senses	Indiscreet Denial	Indifferent	Prescribed Acts	Spirit of Sacrifice
Somewhat Depreciatory	Indifferent	Over Enthusiastic	Interested	Enthusiastic
Inferior	Mediocre	Average	Above Average	Superior
Lazy	Indifferent	Average	Thorough	Assumes Ex- tra Studies
Slovenly	Careless	Affected	Average	Superior
Boorish	Impolite	Somewhat Effeminate	Ordinarily Polite	Very Courteous
Somewhat Disrespectful	Somewhat In- dependent	Gives Demand- ed Obed.	Obedient on Principle	Genuine Spirit
Overbearing	Too Intimate	Indifferent	Considerate	Friendly Reserve
Argumentative	Inconsiderate	Somewhat Overbearing	Considerate	Self- Sacri- ficing

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## Semi-Annual Report on Students

Community Spirit					IV	IV		
Responsibility					IV	IV		
Special Tendencies					I	II		
Judgment					II	II-IV		
Emotional Stability					I	I		
Influence					II	IV		

## REMARKS:

We were somewhat severe in our report for the first semester but on the whole he shows good promise. He needs to settle down a little emotionally and spiritually. But he has shown a good religious spirit in late months - a perceptive thinker (asks penetrating questions) but not a thorough thinker - a couple of years without the choir to worry about will do him good.



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Somewhat Isolationist	Clannish	Indifferent	Cooperative	Genuine Spirit
Unreliable	Fair	Dependable	Good Leader	Leadership & Initiative
Proud	Forward	Timid	Docile	Candid
Tends to Imprudence	Impulsive	Fair	Balanced	Very Prudent
Somewhat Emotional	Somewhat Immature	Changeable	Balanced	Exceptionally Stable
Spreads Dissatisfaction	Critical	None	Limited for Good	Outstanding for Good

FINAL REPORT: (S.L.R. to S.B.)

Outstanding Good Qualities:

Faults needing continued attention:

*perhaps somewhat  
superficial*

Health:

*good*

Recommendation for further Study and Teaching:

Philosophy

Social Sciences

Education

English

General

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## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON STUDENTS

Santa Barbara -- San Luis Rey

Name

*Marie C. P. ...*

Date

*Dec 54*

RELIGIOUS LIFE	I YEAR	II YEAR	III YEAR	IV YEAR
Religious Spirit		IV IV	4	
Personal Piety		IV IV	4	
Observance of Rules		IV IV	4	
Regularity at Religious Exercises		IV IV	4	
Attitude at Religious Exercises		IV IV	4	
Poverty		IV IV	4	
Practice of Self Denial		IV IV	4	
Interest in Franciscana			4	
STUDIES				
Natural Talent		III III	4	
Application to Studies		III III	4	
PERSONAL TRAITS				
Care of Self and Effects		IV IV	4	
Manners		I-IV I-IV	4	
Attitude towards Authority		IV IV	4	
Attitude towards Brothers		IV IV	4	
Fraternal Charity		IV IV	4	

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## Semi- Annual Report on Students

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I	II	III	IV	V
Somewhat Worldly	Not Apparent	<i>Superficial</i> <del>Efficient</del>	Regular	Recollected & Detached
Somewhat Scrupulous	Formalistic	Sporadic	Required Devotions	Added <i>Zeal</i> Devotions
Frequent Disregard	Occasional Disregard	Thru Human Respect	Regular	Conscientious
Often Late	<del>Sporadic</del> <del>Frequently</del> <del>Excused</del>	<i>usually not</i> <del>Sporadic</del> <i>on time</i>	usually Inst on time <i>Regular</i>	Very Regular
Listless	<i>Variable</i> <del>not apparent</del>	Individual- istic	Sincere	Exemplary
Independent Use	Somewhat Wasteful	Acquisitive	Dependent Use	<i>Exemplary</i> <del>Genuine</del> Spirit
Over Indul- ges Senses	Indiscreet Denial	Indifferent	<del>Prescribed</del> <i>Acts Regular</i>	Spirit of Sacrifice
Somewhat Depreciatory	Indifferent	Over Enthusiastic	Interested	Enthusiastic
Inferior	Mediocre	Average	Above Average	Superior
Lazy	Indifferent	Average	<i>Industrious</i> <del>Thorough</del>	Assumes Ex- tra Studies
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Somewhat Disrespectful	Somewhat In- dependent	Gives Demand- ed Ched.	Obedient on Principle	Genuine Spirit
Overbearing	Too Intimate	Indifferent	Considerate	Friendly Reserve
<del>Argumentative</del> <i>Inefficient</i>	Inconsiderate	Somewhat Overbearing	Considerate	Self- Sacri- ficing

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Semi-Annual Report on Students

Community Spirit			<u>IV</u>	<u>IV</u>	5			
Responsibility			<u>III</u> <u>IV</u>	<u>III</u> <u>IV</u>	304			
Special Tendencies			<u>IV</u>	<u>IV</u>	415			
Judgment			<u>III</u> <u>III</u>	<u>II</u> <u>III</u>	4 + 2			
Emotional Stability			<u>III</u>	<u>III</u>	9			
Influence			<u>IV</u>	<u>IV</u>	4			

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4

REMARKS:

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Semi-Annual Report on Students

Somewhat Isolationist	Clannish	Indifferent	Cooperative	Genuine Spirit
Unreliable	Fair	Dependable	Good Leader	Leadership & Initiative
Proud	Forward	Timid	Docile	Candid
Tends to Imprudence	Impulsive	Fair	Balanced	Very Prudent
Somewhat Emotional	Somewhat Immature	Changeable	Balanced	Exceptionally Stable
Spreads Dissatisfaction	Critical	None	Limited for Good	Outstanding for Good

FINAL REPORT: (S.L.R. to S.B.)

Outstanding Good Qualities:

Faults needing continued attention:

Health:

Recommendation for further Study and Teaching:

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# Personality Report

NAME:

MARIO CIMMARUSI

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# Final Report

NAME Mario Lemmaruti Talent for College Work \_\_\_\_\_

Rating Scale: A - Very good; B - Good; C - Fair; D - Poor  
(B is the norm for the average cleric)

Semester	1st Year				2nd Year				3rd Year				4th Year				
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	
PERSONAL TRAITS																	
Religious Observance	1													X			
	2																
Poverty	1													X			
	2																
Self-denial	1													X			
	2																
Obedience	1													X			
	2																
Community Life	1													X			
	2																
RELIGIOUS LIFE																	
Neatness	1													X			
	2																
Charity	1													X			
	2																
Dependability	1													X			
	2																
Judgment	1													X			
	2																
Stability	1														X		
	2																
Courtesy	1													X			
	2																
Leadership	1													X			
	2																
Manliness	1														X		
	2																
APPLICATION TO STUDIES																	
	1																
	2																

## KEY - 1. RELIGIOUS LIFE

### Religious Observance

- |                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Recollected          | 5 Worldly                  |
| 2 Sincere              | 6 Insincere                |
| 3 Prayerful            | 7 Lacking in prayerfulness |
| 4 Observant of rubrics | 8 Careless                 |

### Poverty

- |                                       |                             |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Dependent spirit                    | 3 Independent spirit        |
| 2 Satisfied with ordinary furnishings | 4 Inclined to superfluities |

### Self-Denial

- |                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 Spirit of sacrifice | 3 Self-indulgent |
| 2 Discreet            | 4 Indiscreet     |

### Obedience

- |                                      |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Observant of rules                 | 5 Lacking in observance              |
| 2 Docile                             | 6 Self-willed                        |
| 3 Respectful to Fathers and Brothers | 7 Disrespectful                      |
| 4 Seeks required permissions         | 8 Does not seek required permissions |

### Community Life

- |                |                                       |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Good mixer   | 3 Leans toward particular friendships |
| 2 Good-natured | 4 Lone-wolf type                      |
|                | 5 Sensitive or touchy                 |

## II. PERSONAL TRAITS

### Neatness

- |                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Neat in personal habits   | 4 Slovenly in personal appearance |
| 2 Tidy room                 | 5 Untidy room                     |
| 3 Neat in class assignments | 6 Careless and slovenly           |

### Charity

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Helpful to confreres  | 3 Selfish       |
| 2 Considerate in speech | 4 Inconsiderate |

### Dependability

- |                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Persevering and thorough in jobs | 5 Careless and slovenly in jobs      |
| 2 Does duty despite disabilities   | 6 Uses minor disabilities as excuses |
| 3 Sense of personal responsibility | 7 Irresponsible when not supervised  |
| 4 Prompt                           | 8 Often tardy                        |

### Judgment

- |                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Prudent              | 5 Imprudent                     |
| 2 Deliberate           | 6 Impulsive                     |
| 3 Decisive in judgment | 7 Indecisive, easily led astray |
| 4 Seeks proper counsel | 8 Acts without proper counsel   |

### Stability

- |                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Satisfied               | 8 Dissatisfied         |
| 2 Not hypochondriacal     | 9 Hypochondriacal      |
| 3 Realistic about life    | 10 Immature            |
| 4 Self-controlled         | 11 Changeable or moody |
| 5 Relaxed                 | 12 Tense               |
| 6 Calm                    | 13 Excitable           |
| 7 Normally self-confident | 14 Timid               |

### Courtesy

- |                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| 1 Proper table etiquette      | 3 Boorish  |
| 2 Well-mannered toward others | 4 Impolite |

### Leadership

- |                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Able to direct prudently | 3 Unable to direct prudently |
| 2 Resourceful              | 4 Unimaginative              |

### Masculinity

- |                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Normally self-reliant | 5 Overly dependent on others |
| 2 Virile                | 6 Effeminate in mannerisms   |
| 3 Sturdy                | 7 Soft                       |
| 4 Minds in business     | 8 Gossipy                    |



Enthusiasm for Vocation:

Very enthusiastic - engenders enthusiasm in others.

Judgment of Faculty:

A good Friar. Made the best "cura" examination in our opinion. Not the "brains" to go far.

Special Remarks:

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PETITION OF NOVICE-CLERICS  
BEFORE PROFESSION OF TEMPORARY VOWS

(INSTR., S. C. RELIG., 1 DEC., 1931)

(A. A. S., Vol. XXIV, p. 79, n. 14)



BY THESE PRESENTS I, Frater Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
humbly beg to be admitted, as a cleric, to the Profession of Temporary Vows in the Order of  
Friars Minor, since I believe myself called to the priesthood in said Order.

WHEREFORE I NOW DECLARE that it is my firm resolve to devote my life to the  
service of God as a priest of the Order of Friars Minor in the Province of St. Barbara.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name this 10 day  
of July in the year of our Lord 1950  
City San Miguel County San Luis Obispo  
State California

(Signature) Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.

(Witness) Frater Duane Jackson, C.F.M.

(Witness) Fr. Barry Bruneman, O.F.M.

CESSION OF ADMINISTRATION AND DISPOSITION OF USUFRUCT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I F. Mario Cimmarrusti OFM  
otherwise known as Walter S. Cimmarrusti, now of  
San Miguel in the County of San Luis Obispo  
and the State of California

IN CONSIDERATION of the laws of the Roman Catholic Church concerning the administration of the property, its use and usufruct, of a member of a religious community acknowledged by said Roman Catholic Church (Codex Juris Can. 569,580),

First: Do hereby cede the administration of any and all property, whether real, personal or money which I now have or which may accrue to me therefrom, to Mrs. J. Cimmarrusti  
now residing in the County of Los Angeles, State of California,  
and I do hereby constitute and appoint him to be my attorney-in-fact for such administration giving unto him full power and authority to make all contracts and to do all other acts and things of every kind and nature whatsoever, necessary in and about said administration, including the sale and conveyance of real property, as effectually as I myself could do if personally present, and

Second: I do hereby ordain, declare and direct that all the use and usufruct of said property, to-wit: the interest, rents, income, securities, royalties, bonuses and all other benefits arising from or out of such property, shall be disposed of or expended by my said attorney-in-fact as he may see fit, according to his best judgment, and

STATE OF CALIFORNIA } ss.  
County of San Luis Obispo }

On this Ten<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year One Thousand Nine  
Hundred and Fifty, before me, F. W. TUTIN, a  
Notary Public, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, personally  
appeared Mario Cimmarrusti

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed  
to the within instrument, and he duly acknowledged  
to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my Official Seal, at my office in the County of San Luis Obispo,  
the day and year in this certificate first above written.

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F. W. Tutin  
Notary Public in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California



Novitiate Personality Record of Fr. Mario Cennamo

16. Does he display any abnormal traits: e.g. Morose? Secretive?

Shifty? Solitary? No

17. Does he inspire trust or distrust? Trust

Reason: He is reliable but glib

18. Has he exerted a bad influence? No

19. How has he observed Novitiate rules and regulations? Not particularly well.

20. Does any fault need particular attention? Impulsiveness.

Superficiality.

21. What outstanding good qualities does he display? Enthusiasm.

22. What character improvements have been noted? The usual ones expected in the Novitiate and in a moderate degree.

23.

### III READING AND THE NOVITIATE STUDIES

Industry Average Thoroughness Not outstanding

Does he display the proper interest of a student in reading and intellectual matters?

Yes though he inclines to the



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Santa Barbara -- San Luis Rey

Name

Mario Cimmarrusti

Date

6/12/53

RELIGIOUS LIFE

I YEAR

II YEAR

III YEAR

IV YEAR

Religious Spirit					II-III	II-IV		
Personal Piety					III	IV		
Observance of Rules					II	II		
Regularity at Religious Exercises					IV	IV		
Attitude at Religious Exercises					II	II-IV		
Poverty					IV	IV		
Practice of Self Denial					III	IV		
Interest in Franciscana					II	IV		
STUDIES								
Natural Talent					IV	IV		
Application to Studies					IV	IV		
PERSONAL TRAITS								
Care of Self and Effects					IV	IV		
Manners					IV	IV		
Attitude towards Authority					III	IV		
Attitude towards Brothers					II	II		
Fraternal Charity					III	IV		

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## Semi-Annual Report on Students

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I	II	III	IV	V
Somewhat Worldly	Not Apparent	Variable	Regular	Recollected & Detached
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Somewhat Disrespectful	Somewhat In- dependent	Gives Demand- ed Obed.	Obedient on Principle	Genuine Spirit
Overbearing	Too Intimate	Indifferent	Considerate	Friendly Reserve
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## Semi-Annual Report on Students

Community Spirit					<u>IV</u>	<u>IV</u>		
Responsibility					<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>		
Special Tendencies					<u>II</u>	<u>V</u>		
Judgment					<u>II</u>	<u>II-IV</u>		
Emotional Stability					<u>I</u>	<u>I</u>		
Influence					<u>II</u>	<u>IV</u>		

## REMARKS:

Our first report was somewhat severe, perhaps because of his effusive temperament. But he seems to show good promise and sincerity.

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Semi-Annual Report on Students

Somewhat Isolationist	Clannish	Indifferent	Cooperative	Genuine Spirit
Unreliable	Fair	Dependable	Good Leader	Leadership & Initiative
Proud	Forward	Timid	Docile	Candid
Tends to Imprudence	Impulsive	Fair	Balanced	Very Prudent
Somewhat Emotional	Somewhat Immature	Changeable	Balanced	Exceptionally Stable
Spreads Dissatisfaction	Critical	None	Limited for Good	Outstanding for Good

FINAL REPORT: (S.L.R. to S.B.)

Outstanding Good Qualities:

Faults needing continued attention:

Health:

Recommendation for further Study and Teaching:

Philosophy

Social Sciences

Education

English

General

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Before Subdiaconate      Date: 11 May 1956

Solitary?

no

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SUBDIACONATE PERSONALITY RECORD OF: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Does he inspire trust or distrust? trust
18. Has he exerted a bad influence? no
- Dissatisfied? no Critical? no Refractory? no
- Worldly-minded? no Notably Proud? no
19. How has he observed "House Regulations"? well
20. Does any fault need particular attention? immaturity
21. What outstanding qualities does he display? friendliness, perseverance
22. What character improvements have been noted? \_\_\_\_\_

IV. STUDIES:

1. Industry: very good Thoroughness: very good
2. Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some subject? speech & drama
3. Can he be recommended for post-graduate work in it? he has talent
- For literary or scientific work? \_\_\_\_\_
- For Music? \_\_\_\_\_ For teaching? yes, but no inclination
4. Does he manifest inclination for: Teaching? no Parish Work? yes
- Home Missions (Ind. Neg. Mex.)? yes Foreign Missions? \_\_\_\_\_

V. HEALTH: good

Evidences of Hypochondria? no

VI. ARE THERE ANY MISGIVINGS ABOUT ADVANCING HIM TO:

Subdiaconate because of character or talent? no

(consider carefully - a mistake here is fatal!)

VII. JUDGMENT OF: Guardian, Master and Faculty:

likeable, diligent cleric, still somewhat immature

works hard

## PERSONALITY RECORD OF

Cimmarrusti, Walter S. Mario  
 (last) (first) (middle) (religious)

End of Theology Course: Date: June 6, 1957

ACADEMIC DEGREES: B A

## I. STUDIES:

Industry: Good Thoroughness: Good

Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some subjects? None.

Strong suspicion that he has more talent than he has indicated here.

## II. FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:

## 1. GRADUATE WORK: Recommended by the:

Seminary Faculty in No recommendation

Philosophy Faculty in " " "

Theology Faculty in " " "

Intellectually capable of higher studies.

## 2. LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC, OR MUSICAL WORK: Recommended by the:

Seminary Faculty (specify) No recommendation

Philosophy Faculty (specify) " " "

Theology Faculty (specify) " " "

## 3. TEACHING: Does he possess the requisite qualities in the judgment of:

The Seminary Faculty? No recommendation

The Philosophy Faculty? " " "

The Theology Faculty? Seminary Ability for teaching questionable - worth a try.

## 4. MISSIONS: Does he reveal SPECIAL aptitude for:

Home Missions (Mexican, Indian, Negro)? Mexican

Foreign Missions? No

Preaching of Parish Missions? No

THEOLOGY PERSONALITY RECORD OF: Mario Cimmarusti

5. PAROCHIAL WORK:

Does he reveal a SPECIAL aptitude for Parochial work? Yes

III. INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCES:

For what Assignments has he declared a preference?

Phil. Missions-- Mexican Work -- High School

IV. OUTSTANDING QUALITIES:

Affable- Docile - Dependable - Enthusiastic

V. HEALTH:

Good

VI. IS THERE A SPECIAL FAULTY OR DANGEROUS TENDENCY?

Somewhat Immature --Tendency to Childishness. Hasn't improved.

VII. JUDGMENT OF GUARDIAN, MASTER AND FACULTY: (Stress Reliability, Judgment,

Prudence, Ability to speak, etc.):

Reliable -Good Judgment-Good Speaker-Easy Speaker

Engenders and instills enthusiasm in others

Recommended to Jr. Seminary. Needs guidance

J. M. J. F.

Fr.

Terentius Cronia

Ordinis Fratrum Minorum  
Provinciae S. Barbarae Minister Provincialis  
Humilis in Domino Servus

DILECTO IN CHRISTO

R. P. (V. F.)

Mario Cimmarusti

Salutem et Pacem in Domino Sempiternam

Virtute Praesentium tibi mando, atque in meritum salutaris Obedientiae injungo ut, post harum litterarum receptionem, impedimento cessante legitimo, te quantocius transferas ex

Convento

nostr.

Ad S. Barbaram, Santa Barbara, Calif.

ad

Conventum

nostr.

Ad Inzu. Concepci B.M.V. Phoenix, Arizona

R. P.

Cardiani

loci illius de cetero moraturus, ac muneribus

Coop.

fideliter functurus.

Cui te, sicut et reliquis illius Communitatis Patribus et Fratribus, quam possum carius in Domino commendo. Vale in Christo Jesu, Eumque pro me ora.

Datum in

Convento

nostr.

Ad S. Elizabeth, Oakland, Calif.

sub meo Chirographo Officiiue Sigillo

MAIORI

die 10

mensis

Julii

anno 1957

Fr.

Terentius Cronia, Fr.

Qui Supra

Praedictus Pater (Frater) in locum destinationis suae pervenit: die 18

mensis

Junii

anno 1957

Fr.

Blaise Groun

Superior

N. B.—Litterae Obedientiales coram Communitate legantur et statim, una cum ejusdem Patris (Fratris) "Friar-Relatives' Address Card", ad Ministrum Provincalem mittantur.

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J. M. J. F.

Fr. Terentius Cronin

Ordinis Fratrum Minorum  
Provinciae S. Barbarae <sup>DEMO</sup> Minister Provincialis  
Humilisque in Domino Servus

DILECTO IN CHRISTO

R. P. (V. F.) MARIO CIMMARRUSTI

*Salutem et Pacem in Domino Sempernam*

Virtute Praesentium tibi mando, atque in meritum salutaris Obedientiae injungo ut, post harum litterarum receptionem, impedimento cessante legitimo, te quantocius transferas ex Convento

nostr. O

Ad S. Barbaram, Santa Barbara, Calif.

ad Conventum nostr. um

Ad Inqu. Concept. B.M.V. Phoenix, Ariz. Obedientia

R. P. Guardiani loci illius de cetero moraturus, ac muneribus

Coop. fideliter functurus.

Cui te, sicut et reliquis illius Communitatis Patribus et Fratribus, quam possum carius in Domino commendo. Vale in Christo Jesu, Eumque pro me ora.

Datum in Convento nostr. O

Ad S. Elizabeth, Oakland, Calif.

sub meo Chirographo Officiique Sigillo MAIORI die 10

mensis Junii anno 1957

Fr. Terentius Cronin, F.  
*Qui Supra*

Praedictus Pater (Frater) in locum destinationis suae pervenit: die 18

mensis Junii anno 1957

Fr. Blaine Groun  
*Superior*

N. B.—Litterae Obedientiales coram Communitate legantur et statim, una cum ejusdem Patris (Fratris) "Friar-Relatives' Address Card", ad Ministrum Provinciale mittantur.

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June 10 1957

Dear Father Mariot:

Congratulations on your reception of the  
Gura. I know you will like your first assignment which, in-  
cidentally, happens to be the same first assignment I had 26  
long years ago. St. Marys is a great place to start. You  
should be on your way to Phoenix with Father Bernward not  
later than Monday June 17.

God bless you in all your work.

Sincerely Yours in Christ and St. Francis,

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ST. ISIDORE'S CHURCH  
560 COOPER AVENUE  
TELEPHONE SHERWOOD 2-2815  
YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA

July 11, 1958

Dear Father Provincial,

Just a few lines to let you know how  
Father Pacific and I are getting along.

As you already know, we arrived in  
Sacramento a week ago last Tuesday, and, much to  
our disappointment, found out that there was little  
work to be done. Due to the fact that some of  
the crops have failed this year, there are few braceros  
in this area. The ones that are here are being taken  
care of by two native Mexican priests - at least in  
the southern part of the diocese. When we arrived,  
the bishop was out of town, but we saw him a  
week ago yesterday. He seemed to know little of  
the situation but still wanted us to stay nevertheless.  
Father Mais, the priest who is supposed to be up  
on the bracero situation, told the bishop that at the  
present time there is no urgent need for priests  
to work among the braceros. He said I will come

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in August and September. I told the bishop that I would contact you to see if you might need me elsewhere and that is why I called you a week ago yesterday.

Finally it was arranged that we should go north. We were going to go up as far as Woodland, but then discovered that there was a Jesuit there working among the braceros. So we decided to go straight to Yuba City. All this took place during an endless week of inactivity.

When we arrived in Yuba City we discovered that the Mepicans are scattered around the area in small numbers. The greatest numbers range from twenty to forty whereas last year, I understand, they ranged from two hundred up. So we began to work in these small camps.

What work I have done among the braceros I have found most inspiring. We have met with much success in some of the small camps. Most of the men have been very responsive.

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and it has been a pleasure for me to work with them. My only regret is that there is not ~~too~~ much work. We have a lot of time on our hands and living in another man's house makes it hard to accomplish anything. However, the fathers here want at least one of us to stay in this area because one of them is going on a three week vacation. We will finish all we can do in this immediate area in a couple days. Then Father Pacifico plans on going over to Colusa to work among the camps in that area and then return here to help out on Sundays. The camps in Colusa are also small, but Father Pacifico wants me to help him there also. After that I don't know what will happen. It shouldn't take us more than a week to finish what we have to do in Colusa and then will follow two more weeks or so of inactivity until the men begin to arrive in

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August.

To be perfectly frank with you, Father,  
I'm a little afraid of this inactivity. I suppose  
if I really tried hard enough and used my  
imagination, I could keep myself busy - but  
perhaps I haven't matured that much yet.  
Then there's always the problem of imposing on  
your hosts - a problem which apparently does  
not bother some people but one which embarrasses  
me.

I will try to contact you sometime next  
week, Father, and then you can tell me what  
I am to do. I do not know whether when I  
am expected up north. I do not know what  
I am expected to teach when I get there. I  
do not know when I am expected to take my  
vacation. Really, Father, I don't know much, do  
I?

I will be most happy to receive any  
instructions that you wish me to follow.

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J. M. J. F.

Fr. David Temple

Ordinis Fratrum Minorum  
Provinciae S. Barbarae Minister Provincialis  
Humilisque in Domino Servus

DILECTO IN CHRISTO

R. P. (VXF) Mario Cimmarusti, O.F.M.

Salutem et Pacem in Domino Sempiternam

Virtute Praesentium tibi mando, atque in meritum salutaris Obedientiae injungo ut, post harum litterarum receptionem, impedimento cessante legitimo, te quantocius transferas ex Conventu

nostrum ad Sanctam Mariam (Immac. Concept.

D.V.M.), Phoenix, Arizona

ad Residentiam nostram ad Sanctum P. M. Franciscum,  
Troutdale, Oregon sub obedientia

R. P. Praesidis loci illius de cetero moraturus, ac muneribus  
Discr., Prof. Sem., Dir. III Ord., Proc. U.M.F. fideliter functurus.

Cui te, sicut et reliquis illius Communitatis Patribus et Fratibus, quam possum carius in Domino commendo. Vale in Christo Jesu, Eumque pro me ora.

Datum in Conventu nostrum ad Sanctam Elisabeth  
Oakland, California

sub meo Chirographo Officiique Sigillo maiori, die 15<sup>a</sup>  
mensis Julii anno 1958

Fr.

David Temple, OFM  
Qui Supra

Praedictus Pater (Frater) in locum destinationis suae pervenit: die 26  
mensis Augusti anno 1958

Fr.

Kevin Murphy, OFM  
Superior

N. B.—Litterae Obedientiales coram Communitate legantur et statim, una cum ejusdem Patris (Fratris)  
"Friar-Relatives' Address Card", ad Ministrum Provinciale mittantur.

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0059

May 27, 1960.

Dear Father Mario;

As you know, we intend to expand our building at St. Francis Seminary.

One problem that has concerned us a bit has been the weather. Everyone of the Friars who has visited the Seminary site has been most enthusiastic about it. I think that this has also been the general reaction of the lay people. However, there has been some question about the weather and particularly about the East wind which blows down the gorge.

Do you think that this is a deterrent factor to further expansion?

With every best wish in St. Francis, our father,

Fr. David Temple, O.F.M.

OFM CIMM 1

0060

August 1, 1960.

Dear Father Mario:

Under separate cover I am sending some Gregorian Chant books. I do not know whether you will be able to make use of these or not at St. Francis Seminary,

What actually I do have in mind is the fact that on each of the occasions when I have heard your Seminary Choir sing, I have been astounded at the proficiency of the choir in Gregorian Chant.

What you have been able to accomplish in a very short time is wholly extraordinary. It can be attributed only to your enthusiasm and to your skill, as well as to the cooperation of the boys.

With every best wish in St. Francis, our father,

Fr. David Temple, O.F.M.

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*St. Francis Seminary*

FRANCISCAN FATHERS

ROUTE 1 BOX 43  
TROUTDALE, OREGON  
August 10, 1960

Dear Father David,

The Gregorian books that you sent us have arrived safe and sound. They have augmented our musical library considerably, for so far I have not been able to collect much music. I'm sure that we will be able to use what you have sent, and I want you to know that we appreciate your kind regard in this matter. The boys up this way love to sing, although I do not think that God has endowed them with any special talent in this regard. Since they have been enthusiastic about the chant, we have been able to keep our musical program simple and direct. This has been a great advantage to me because I have many other things to attend to also.

The mercury has been hovering in the upper nineties of late, and we have made good use of the Sandy's refreshing waters. But the heat has been somewhat of an inconvenience to some of our retreatants who have presumably come up North to "cool off." It's all for the best, I'm sure, for we hope that these fathers will go away convinced that Troutdale isn't an outpost of the arctic circle. We hope this heat will be enough to dispell such nasty rumors.

Thank you again, Father, for sending us the music. We will be glad to receive any such material that you might wish to send us in the future.

Sincerely in St. Francis,

*Fr. Mario*

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PHONE CORBETT, OREGON  
FRONTIER 5-2932

*St. Francis Seminary*  
FRANCISCAN FATHERS

ROUTE 1 BOX 43  
TROUTDALE, OREGON

November 26, 1960

Dear Father Provincial,

I would like to know if you could give me permission to celebrate my daily Mass on the altar in our sacristy above the chapel. This, of course, would only be a provisional measure until our building program gives us more room.

Our morning schedule, as you know, is very tight. We do not begin offering Mass on the side altar downstairs until after meditation. At this time I hear the seminarians' confessions each morning. Many times there are only a few boys who wish to go to confession, and then I have to wait until Father finishes his Mass before I can begin. This, of course, rushes things up a bit, for other duties await me in the morning. It would be very convenient to set up the altar upstairs and to have it ready after I hear confessions.

The difficulty is that the upstairs sacristy is also used as a class room, due to our lack of space. Perhaps you might judge that this profane use of this part of the building might make offering Mass there irreverent. However, under the circumstances I find that I can offer Mass up there more reverently than below. At any rate, I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much, Father.

Sincerely in St. Francis,

*Fr. Mario*

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November 29, 1960

Dear Father Mario:

I have received your letter of November 26th, concerning the possible use of the altar which is placed upstairs until our building program shall have provided us with more room.

I trust that you have first taken up this matter with the local superior. If it is approved by him, I will also add my approval.

I trust that all continues well along the Sandy River.

With every best wish in St. Francis, our father,

Fr. David Temple, O.F.M.

ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY

FRANCISCAN FATHERS

GARDEN AND PUEBLO STREETS  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA - 93105

June 30, 1965

*Received  
June 30, 1965  
Superior*

Dear Father Provincial,

I understand that no one is scheduled to represent St. Anthony's Seminary at the annual meeting of the American Franciscan Society for Vocations to be held at Troy, New York, beginning on July 20th. I believe that [REDACTED] from Troutdale and Father Martin are the only ones so far who plan to attend the meeting. Our own Father Rector will be busy teaching at Notre Dame.

From the brochure that the Society put out, one gathers that vital questions concerning the minor seminary will be discussed at the meeting. "Times change and the young men who come to us have been formed by a world that has changed. Perhaps we have not been sufficiently aware of these changes and made the necessary adaptations. The Council is pointing the way and we must follow."

Frankly, Father, this whole subject has us somewhat confused. We are aware of the changes, but it is the adaptations that have us stumped. When one hears about a seminary in Europe opening up its doors to female students with the approval of one of the Council fathers, one doesn't know what to think.

My own ideas have changed in the course of this last school year. After being prefect for one year, I can't help feeling that it is not merely a matter of adapting the seminary to the type of boy that we are getting, but that we must also help the boy to adapt himself so that he will be able to live the type of life that he is preparing for. I'm sure I'm right on this point, but the question remains - how to balance off these two necessary adaptations.

At any rate, I'd like to ask permission to attend this meeting. I know that the meeting is primarily intended for rectors and vocational directors, but since Father Xavier will not be able to attend, it may be for the best interest of this seminary that another go in his place. I feel obligated at least to ask.

I would appreciate it very much, Father, if you would let me know as soon as possible what your decision on this matter is so that I can arrange my summer schedule accordingly. Thank you very much.

Sincerely in St. Francis,

*Father Mario*

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ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY

FRANCISCAN FATHERS

GARDEN, AND PUEBLO STREETS

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93105

September 7, 1966

Dear Father Provincial,

I would like to request permission to offer Mass on a portable altar in the students' infirmary for the benefit of those students who cannot attend the community Mass.

I realize, Father, that the traditional law of the Church opposes this procedure, but I think we have good solid reasons for initiating a new procedure.

We try to emphasize to the students that Holy Mass is the center of their day. Yet when they are ill, we deprive them of this grace.

We have so many Fathers offering Mass each day, and it would certainly be of no inconvenience for one of us to offer Mass in the infirmary. As it is now, I offer Mass in the community chapel and then take Communion to the sick students. It seems to me that it would be much more meaningful to offer Mass right there in front of them so that they could reap the benefits of the entire Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Our infirmary is a pleasant and decent place. When I was in San Jose this summer, I offered Mass in the back yards of some of the parishioners. Sometimes the surroundings were not without squalor. If this seems perfectly acceptable (and I think it is), why cannot we offer Mass in a clean and pleasant room like our infirmary. I'm sure there would be no question of disrespect.

I'm sure that the students themselves would appreciate a concession in this regard.

So I am asking for this permission and hope that you will regard it as a means to give our students a better appreciation for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Sincerely yours,

*F. Mario*

OFM CIMM 1

0066

Sept. 15, 1966

Dear Father Mario:

Your request to say mass in the infirmary for the boys came to me while we were holding a Definitorium meeting. I asked the Fathers their opinion about this and they thought that under the present legislation of the Church, I could not properly permit this. Since we happen to have two canonists in the group, I feel I must abide by their thinking.

The Fathers did say that they would continue to investigate this matter so that if there is anything different in official church practices it would come to their attention. If I learn anything different, I shall contact you.

Since Fr. Guardian is in charge of religious exercises locally, and since he should be the one to request special changes, I am sending a copy of this letter to him.

Praying Gods blessing on your important work, I remain,  
Sincerely Yours in Christ,

st. anthony seminary  santa barbara, california, 93105, 966-44

April 7, 1970

Dear [REDACTED]

I'd like to express my appreciation to you and the other definitors for the special consideration you gave me at your last meeting. I'm in a position now to make my plans accordingly and feel this is a great advantage.

I'm sure that leaving the Province physically will neither lessen my loyalty nor diminish my sense of belonging. In my work at Guaymas I will still be representing the Province of St. Barbara.

Please extent my thanks to the other fathers of the Definitorium.

Respectfully,

*L. Mario*

April 5, 1970

Rev. Mario Cimmarusti, O.F.M.  
St. Anthony's Seminary  
Cor. Garden and Pueblo Sts.  
Santa Barbara, California 93105

Dear Father Mario:

It was really good to hear from you in your letter of March 26th and to know that the trip to Guaymas was such a success. Father Solano and I had the chance to visit there some week s ago, -and were really impressed with the great work to be done. The people are ~~gery~~ happy with F.thers Fidelis and William, and I know they are waiting for you.

At the meeting of the Definitorium, the fathers responded very favorably to your request. They have asked me to tell you that they do approve of your going to Guaymas, -and that you can make plans to leave as soon after the school year as you think best. We will announce it with the changes now, so that you will not have to mwait to make plans.

All best wishes and regards to the friars at the Seminary,

Fraternally in St. Francis,



899. Sordan  
Guaymas, Sonora  
March 26, 1970

Dear Father,

I arrived here on Wednesday of Holy Week in time to offer the evening Mass in La Capilla and to hear some confessions in preparation for Holy Week. Since I've passed through here before, I'm not surprised by the poverty and poor living conditions of the people. I've already made some friends and find them very good people. I've had some long discussions with Fido and Bill and find that they have some very clear ideas as to what they are to do here. The more I think of it, the more I feel I could really learn a lot down here, especially along the lines of implementing the decrees of Vatican II, learning the customs of the people and mastering their language.

I realize there might be an element of escape in my wanting to come down here, but I think I know enough psychology to realize that we can rarely discount motives like this in the things we do. I feel that I have to be definite in the matter and have made up my mind that I would like to be sent here despite other openings for me in the Province. Actually, I feel it would be to the Province's best interest to send me here.

I am hoping to get this letter to you before the next Definitorium Meeting so that my formal request might be respected then. I think it's important for me and the fathers here to know as soon as possible if I will be able to join them after the school year. There is the matter of making preparations now, of perhaps getting a car, of making contacts in the States, all of which will help the cause down here considerably. Waiting for a new definitorium in June would cause long delays and inconveniences. I sincerely hope you will be able to take care of this matter in your April session, and in the event this letter arrives late, that you will be able to take care of it on your own.

I will remember you and the definitors in my Easter Masses and pray that you will have a very successful meeting.

Faternally,

*L. Mario Cimmaruta, Jr.*

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ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY

FRANCISCAN FATHERS

GARDEN AND PUEBLO STREETS

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93105

June 5, 1969

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing this letter with a great deal of reluctance. I know that you are facing many pressing problems throughout the province, and I hate to add another one.

The truth of the matter is, Father, that I don't feel I can tolerate the situation here at the seminary any longer. I assure you that I have tried my best. A year ago, when I was slated for a change, you told me that the province wanted more unanimity among the seminary fathers, and for this reason it was felt that I should be changed. After I had gotten myself to accept this fact, I later found out that the plans had been changed. I must admit that I was rather confused as to just what the province expected of me. At any rate, I made up my mind that I would not interfere with progress.

There was only one major complaint that I had, and I felt that you needed to be informed. I wrote to you at the beginning of the year, deploring the fact that certain members of the community were being given positions beyond their competence, e.g., brothers with only a high school education counseling seminarians. Then last visitation I objected to the fact that certain members of the community who were not directly involved in the school were given an equal vote in matters of school administration. It seemed unfair and unwise to me to equate the competence of a man who had been teaching in the minor seminary for over ten years with that of a young apprentice working in Serra Press. This might sound like the statement of a proud man, but I still think it's true.

What has been more disturbing is the fact that with the help of these inexperienced friars, the more liberal fathers have managed to attain a block vote in our community meetings, so that it has been almost impossible to maintain any kind of balance. The "community" has passed on so many innovations that one really wonders what happened to Franciscan fraternity. We never pray together, we never eat together, each friar is given the freedom to "do his thing." No one ever asks any permissions. No one ever talks about "a rule of life." As the result of this kind of living, I'm beginning to find myself spiritually bankrupt. I know this is mostly my fault - but I can't help thinking that I am now missing something that helped me before.

To get down to particulars, Father, this letter was occasioned by last night's faculty meeting. The "community" voted for [REDACTED] as senior class moderator and for Father Gino as junior class moderator. This was the straw that broke the camel's back. In my opinion, neither of these men is competent to be a moderator. Father Gino has proved this by his performance during the last school year. With all due respects to Father Gino, he simply is not the moderator type. He refuses to check up on the students, rarely refuses them a permission, and is often more of a buddy than an adult guide. Brother Kevin suffers from the same shortcomings. Also Brother has never had any formal training in counseling. Both of these men are creditable friars, and I don't wish to degrade them in any way. But I really do feel that they are poor moderator material and

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that because of their appointment, the over-permissiveness now rampant here at the seminary will increase next year to the detriment of the students and the school.

But what disturbs me most was how these men were voted in. This is certainly a matter of administration, because in becoming moderators these men become, by that very fact, the chief administrators of the seminary. (The rector has taken on a secondary role, relinquishing his authority to the "community" at large.) These men were voted in with the decisive help of Fr. Otto, who has nothing whatever to do with the school, of Brother John, the cook, of Brother Ron, the apprentice printer, and of Brother Clem, the maintenance man. To me this doesn't seem right.

At any rate, I feel that the above situation justifies me asking for a change. This is the first time I have even requested a change, and I must admit that I do so with ambivalent feelings. I really don't want to leave St. Anthony's. I feel that I have made my contribution to the school over the last five years. I also don't claim to be infallible in my point of view. But it's come to a point where I just can't sit idly by and let the seminary fall apart - even for the sake of unanimity. I'm obviously being subjective, but I want you to know how I feel.

Most of all I feel a need for real Franciscan fraternity. The kind of fraternity that I have always experienced in the Order up to two years ago. Father, Am I being too naive? One of the reasons why I hesitated to ask for a change before was because I feared that I might not find it at my new appointment either...

I am respectfully asking for a change only because I feel I must. I realize the difficulties you might have in making the change at this time. I want you to know that I will abide by any decision you make. I would really want to be where the province needs me the most. In fact, it would give me a great deal of satisfaction to be there - even if that place happened to be the one where I am now. I used to feel that I was really needed here, but in the last two years I've never worked harder nor been less fulfilled.

I would very much appreciate hearing from you soon. If you would like to discuss this matter with me personally, please let me know where and when you would like to see me. This is an awkward time of the year, I know, and I must make plans now that summer is upon us.

I want to apologize again for adding to your many burdens. I hope my present predicament can be solved without harming anyone else. I want to thank you beforehand for giving me your kind consideration.

Fraternally,

*L. Mario*

OFM CIMM 1

0072

October 18, 1968

Dear Father Mario:

I have just received your letter of October 17th and certainly understand your objection to the policy of having especially the Simply Professed with the Ex-Professo Counselors. I did not realize this was the policy and will be happy to speak to Father Xavier about this, and also with all the faculty if this is necessary.

Please let me know if you think I should come down and meet with the faculty again and discuss some of the questions that are of importance to all in the Province. I do value your opinion and would appreciate hearing from you in confidence.

With every best wish, I am,

Faternally in St. Francis,

[REDACTED]

st. anthony seminary  santa barbara, california, 93105. 066-44

October 17, 1968

Dear [REDACTED]

I am not accustomed to write this type of letter. I do not expect much to result from it, but I would like to go on record as strongly opposing a new policy here at St. Anthony's. I voiced a similar objection to you last visitation and have made my opinion known to Fr. Xavier as well.

The problem is a delicate one because it concerns the competency of the brothers, and one hates to bring up this question for fear of being labeled a non supporter of the brothers.

I strongly object to the brothers, particularly the simply professed brothers, being made the ex professo counselors of the seminarians. These brothers have had no training whatsoever in counseling. In fact I doubt whether they've had any academic training since high school. Some of the brothers are young enough to still be considered in their adolescence.

I do not object to the brothers talking with the students. I do not object to the students confiding in the brothers - as one friend might confide to another. I can see the possibilities of the students profiting much from this type of experience. I think that such an experience should be made available to our students. But this is not counseling.

I would like to see the brothers sent to school to learn how to counsel. A professional brother counseling here at the seminary would be a true asset.

I do not see the present policy as helping the brothers at all. In fact it could actually do them harm, not to mention the possible harm that might come to an individual student. The answer at the present time is not necessarily to give the brothers more responsibility. The answer, in my opinion, is to train and educate them to assume more responsibilities - like a true professional.

I just wanted you to know how I think on this matter.

Fraternally,

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*Fr. Mario*

PADRES FRANCISCANOS  
APDO. POSTAL 551 - TEL. 2-23-02  
GUAYMAS, SON., MEXICO

February 12, 1972

Visited 7/27/72

Dear [REDACTED]

I really should have written earlier, but something inside me keeps saying it wouldn't do any good anyway. At this particular moment I'm very tired, and not a little discouraged by the turn of events.

For the last 5 days, [REDACTED] and I have been the only priests here in Guaymas, which, you know, is a city of more than 100,000. Of those 5 days, [REDACTED] was out 3. Some old problem - as we both knew would happen sooner or later. Actually, it's been going on now for about 3 weeks - off and on. But this week was especially hard because of the circumstances - trying to figure out how I'm going to be at two different places at the same time; the hate he's I have to keep telling the people, keeping the kids away from [REDACTED] when he's in that condition, etc. I'm beginning to feel the pressure of it now more than ever. Today I was very sharp with a young man whose father died last night. What next?

[REDACTED] mother is arriving tomorrow, and I have to go to the States Wednesday to renew my visa. I don't know quite what to do. Play it all by ear, I guess.

A couple of weeks ago I talked to Salvador over the phone for about an hour. Personally, I'm convinced he wants to come down here, but the situation there is almost as

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0075

Jan.19,1973

Dear Father Mario:

Greetings! Many thanks for the great hospitality last week. I really enjoyed the visit and again came to see the great work that you are all doing there.

I asked Fr. Cornelius about the possibility of drugs from the Santa Barbara Home. He asked to have you fill this out and send it to the Foundation in Santa Barbara, telling them that Fr. Cornelius asked you to do this. We have worked closely with them and are sure they will help if at all possible.

Also, I would remind you to get any proposal for help to me before February 1st when we will have the meeting of the budget committee. Even though they have allotted the money on hand, they could certainly assign the future income. Also, tell Bro. Miguel to send in the request that he had.

I hope that you are getting enough rest and can arrange for a cut-off time from the work. Otherwise it gets to you faster than you think. It was really good to see Fidelis looking so much better, and Marty also. Miguel seems to have everything well in hand.

All best wishes and assuring you of my prayers for such a great apostolate.

Faternally in St. Francis,

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PADRES FRANCISCA  
APDO. POSTAL 551 - TEL. 2-23-02  
GUAYMAS, SON., MEXICO

October 28, 1971

Sal.  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your quick reply. It certainly makes [REDACTED] better to know you will do all you can to help us out here. I'm hoping you will be able to terminate Sal's contract with Bishop. I know we have done such things in the past, and with Al [REDACTED] cooperation, I trust we will be able to do something in the present case. I should think Alex would be quick to understand a man's need for personal fulfillment and the urgent needs of the friars in other areas. [REDACTED]

Regarding [REDACTED], I don't want our relationship to develop into some sort of father-son, doctor-patient, superior-subject type of thing. The two of us met with Sr. Minillo last week and had a very frank talk. Al [REDACTED] he knows

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October 23, 1971

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo. Postal 531  
Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Father Mario:

Many, many thanks for your letter. I really appreciate what you wrote regarding the situation there and the need for Fr. Salvador, - and his need for Guaymas.

I will have a chance to discuss this more fully with Fr. Salvador when I go to Santa Barbara for the area meeting. The very real difficulty at this time is the fact that the friars at the high school are on a contract, - and I do not know whether we could break this before the end of the school year. I will see just what the chances are. I know you are in real need there, and I hope that something can be done.

As to the condition there, - if there is anything at all that I can do, be sure to let me know. I could come down possibly in the early part of December, to look over the prospects for the orphanage, - and also to see if there is anything that can be done to help the problem there. Let me know how things come along.

With every best wish and regards to Fr. Marty, and to Brother Miguel if he gets over your way.

Fraternally in St. Francis,

October 23, 1971

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Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico

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With every best wish and regards to [REDACTED] and to [REDACTED] if he gets over your way.

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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PADRES FRANCISCA. S

APDO. POSTAL 551 - TEL. 2-23-02

GUAYMAS, SON., MEXICO

October 20, 1971

Dear [REDACTED]

The foregoing letter was written while taking a day off in Ciudad Obregon [REDACTED]. I returned, [REDACTED] was again having problems. We were supposed to eat at the home of one of our benefactors, but while there he became "ill" and I had to bring him home. While driving home, he expressed a desire to talk - revealing deep-seated doubts and fears about himself. He kept saying, "I love Mexico, but..." Really, [REDACTED] I'm beginning to have doubts myself whether we can carry on under the present circumstances. Well do all I can to help [REDACTED] at this end. Meanwhile, please consider sending us Sal as soon as possible. If he doesn't wish to come, though, let's talk about other possibilities.

Thank you so much for your concern for us here in Guaymas. X + . . .

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PADRES FRANCISCAN  
APDO. POSTAL 551 - TEL. 2-23-02  
GUAYMAS, SON., MEXICO

thought he was all right. I had the 6:00 o'clock Mass in one of the barrios and left. At 7:30 some of the men came to get me. They told me [redacted] didn't show for the baptisms at 6:30 and that the people who came to the 7:00 Mass were still waiting. They had sent a boy to get father, but the boy came back with the word that father had fallen when he came down the stairs had had to go back up again.

Please understand me, [redacted] This is no request that you change [redacted] I really think this the best place for him. He loves the people and the people love him. Pressure he has at times, but he would have much more in the States. Both of us get along fine. Sr. Murillo is seeing him regularly, [redacted] understands the problem, and wants to help.

But we do need Sal to help us here.

Both [redacted] and I are anxious for him to come. A bigger community would help [redacted] greatly - and when he becomes incapacitated, it won't be so hard for us to carry on.

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leaving - although I can't help but feel somewhat bitter about Alex going to Rome. Enough said there. But I really do think none of these should have a bearing on whether Sal comes down here or not. If they do - especially the latter - then there really isn't any justice at all.

I do wish we could settle the question once and for all - one way or the other. The Franciscans are becoming more and more involved there in Guaymas. We're beginning projects that will take some time to realize. At this end of town, I know I can't do it all by myself. Sooner or later [redacted] is going to have to go back to the States for extensive treatment. I'm willing to stay here alone - if it's going to cause waves in the States - but it would help our plans here if we knew for sure we could count on Sal sometime this summer. (This is what we've been hoping for these last few months.)

Miguel has initiated his orphanage program, but I'm not quite sure he's going to have any success with the present patronate. As far as I'm concerned, if he doesn't get his patronate functioning correctly, the whole project is doomed to failure. So far he's been very successful with the Americans - but in this case, it's the Mexicans that count.

The Franciscan Sisters have worked out fine. I hope they will grow to love Guaymas as much as we do.

So, [redacted] there it is, more or less in a nutshell. If this letter seems to be a bit negative, it's because that's been the prevalent mood here lately.

Let's hope things work out —

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Respectfully,

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PADRES FRANCISCANOS

APDO. POSTAL 551 - TEL. 2-23-02

GUAYMAS, SON., MEXICO

October 19, 1971

Dear [REDACTED]

It's been some time since we've been able to talk together. Your visit down here was so hectic, we barely got to talk to you. You were so busy during the chapter that again [REDACTED] the opportunity to talk with you.

When I did see you during the chapter, we laughed and joked about me trying to get Salvador down here. I guess it's a rather presumptuous thing for me to do, since there are so many other places in the province that would welcome him with open arms. But I do want you to know why I think it's so important that he come here - provided, of course, that he really would like to.

Granted when he was here we did try to brainwash him. At first we were sort of kidding, but when he responded with apparent genuine interest, [REDACTED] laid it on.

I was amazed that afternoon before your defeniturn [REDACTED] meeting, when [REDACTED] and I

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PADRES FRANCISCAN  
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GUAYMAS, SON., MEXICO

But, [REDACTED] there's another matter I hope I can explain to you clearly. You might be aware of it, you might not. I mention it only because I feel it's important for you to know the facts. I'm sure you will use the information I'm able to give you discreetly.

[REDACTED] is one of the best friars I've ever lived with, and the people here love him very much. But he does have a problem. It's very difficult for him to function under pressure. When something goes wrong - particularly with his youth work - he hits the bottle and becomes incapacitated. I don't think his problem is so much the drink as it is his inability to face certain realities. He is deeply interested in the youth here. He has done very fine work among them, but when something goes wrong, he tends to want to escape the matter than to face it head-on.

Sal is aware of this problem. When he was here, a young man whom [REDACTED] had been working with died in a fall. All three of us celebrated [REDACTED] funeral. [REDACTED] was the main

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## DISPENSARIO MEDICO

*San Francisco de Asis*  
GUAYMAS, SONORA

night for four days and made over  
8000 pesos. It was quite an inspiration  
for me to see the people work so hard.  
Some of the men didn't get any sleep  
for over thirty-two hours.

Our medicine account is in  
pretty good shape now.

Please extend my sincere thanks  
to all the members of the defintorium  
and assure them that the money they  
have pledged us will be well spent.

Fraternally,

Mario

DISPENSARIO MEDICO

San Francisco de Asis  
GUAYMAS, SONORA

March 14, 1973

Dear Father [REDACTED]

First of all I want to thank  
you and the fathers of the defensorium  
for responding so generously to the  
needs of our people here in Guaymas.

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PUNTA DE ARENA

TEL. 2-28-02

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We are still in the process of trying to purchase some land, and once things are a little more definite, I'll write a let you know when to send the money.

Our people had a booth in town during the carnival to raise funds for the dispensary. They worked day and

*Dispensario San Francisco de Asis, A. C.*

AVE. SERDAN NUM. 899 P. A. - APDO. POSTAL 551  
GUAYMAS, SONORA

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter should be waiting for you when you return from Rome. I trust the General Chapter was a grand success. We're waiting to hear all about it.

While you were away, I wrote for a<sup>nd</sup> received the \$12,500 the Province pledged the dispensary. Again I want to thank all who made this donation possible. It's really going to help us out a lot. We're about to complete negotiations on a piece of land about a block east of the present dispensary. We managed to get quite a good buy.

The purpose of this letter is to discuss a matter that means quite a bit to us. I've already discussed it with [REDACTED] and am following his suggestion that I lay the matter before you.

Our operation here in Guaymas has grown considerably in the three and a half years we've been here. We are now serving six chapels with their six different communities. The dispensary is taking care of the poor not only from the barrios entrusted to our care, but is accepting patients from the entire metropolitan area, not to mention the environs. Just the other day a whole truck load of patients arrived from an ejido many miles from Guaymas. Miguel and his good sisters are now taking care of twenty children in Hogar Paz y Bien. We now sponsor a commercial school that is training over thirty indigent students. There are other projects, not to mention our regular ministerial duties.

With growth have come problems, and as you will suspect, our main problem is a financial one. Although I'm beginning to lose a little sleep wondering where the money is coming from to pay all our bills, I realize that paradoxically, without such problems, Guaymas wouldn't quite be Guaymas. Perhaps to be really poor, one must worry about such things.

But our paper work is getting out of hand. We are perilously in arrears of keeping up our records, accounts, and other transactions that need secretarial attention. We feel we've arrived at the point where we need a full-time secretary to coordinate all these things. Our financial situation being what it is, we wonder if the FMI or the Province would be willing to hire one for us. We would need about \$300.00 a month for the salary. It would be a tremendous boost for us in realizing our mission here in Guaymas, believe me.

We're not suggesting this to get out of work. I can honestly say we're working hard here, and having a secretary isn't going to change the situation. Nor is it a matter of shirking responsibility. Just as any other large operation needs trained secretarial assistance to be effective, we feel the time has come for us to obtain the same.

Would it be possible for you to discuss this at your next Definitorium meeting? We are aware the Province has no obligation towards us, but sensing a genuine sympathy on the part of the friars for our work here in Guaymas, we make this suggestion with a great deal of confidence.

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**Dispensario San Francisco de Asis, A. C.**

AVE. SERDAN NUM. 899 P. A. - APDO, POSTAL 551  
GUAYMAS, SONORA

Before I close, I'd like to let you know how sorry we were to hear that the plans for Father Fidel to go to Guadalupe fell through. We're almost sure this will cause a great personal disillusionment for Father, not to mention the great loss to the people of Guadalupe. We hope if there's any possibility of reversing the decisions made, that sincere efforts will be made to do so.

Please receive regards from all your Franciscan brothers here in Guaymas, and sincere thanks for your interest and concern for us.

Fraternally,

*Mario*

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August 3, 1973

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Dispensario San Francisco  
Ave. Serdan Num 899 P.A.  
Apdo Postal 551  
Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Father Mario,

Many thanks for your letter which arrived in time for the Definitorium meeting. I brought it to the members of the Definitorium and they were certainly very much concerned about the terrific amount of work that you have there, and would want to see if something couldn't be done for sufficient help. I am asking Brother Conan, when he comes down, to help with the orphanage, also to look into the financial situation and the books there for you and see if something could be set up. Possibly he himself would be interested in some type of secretarial work there. If not, perhaps there would be some volunteer that we could get from the area or someone to help with this very important work. The Definitorium was hesitant to subsidize further because we do feel it is dangerous for the Americans to take over the support of the work there in Guaymas, for there is quite a bit of money in the hands of some of the wealthy Catholics. However, I am certainly open to considering all possibilities with you.

With every best wish and greetings to Father Marty, I am

Faternally in St. Francis,

[REDACTED]

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PADRES FRANCISCANOS  
APDO. POSTAL 551 - TEL. 2-23-02  
GUAYMAS, SON., MEXICO

January 26, 1973.

Dear [REDACTED]

At your suggestion, I would like to ask the Province for a sum of money. I do so with the understanding that we here in Guaymas do not wish to burden the Province with our financial problems and will be satisfied with any decision the Definitorium might make.

Most of the money we have been able to gather over the past three years has gone to maintain our Dispensary. We realize that the responsibility of keeping the Dispensary open rests primarily with our people, and they have been doing their best to meet its financial demands. But we'd like to build a new Dispensary, since the present one is definitely inadequate, and were we to depend solely on our good people, the project could hardly be realized within the next five years.

We estimate that to build a new Dispensary would cost somewhere in the neighborhood of from twenty-five to thirty-five thousand dollars. This would include buying land, paying the architect, and building the edifice. So we'd like to ask the Province for ten thousand dollars to help us along the way and submit this sum to the Definitorium.

Enclosed are copies of our recent financial reports to give the members of the Definitorium an idea of our present situation.

I trust that the members of the Definitorium -- will give this matter their careful consideration.

Sincerely

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## Dispensario San Francisco de Asis, A. C.

AVE. SERDAN NUM. 899 P. A. - APDO. POSTAL 551  
GUAYMAS, SONORA Advent 1973

Dear each and everyone,

Advent is here! Time to prepare for the All-Important One. Time to send a few lines to all of you who have been so important to me working here in Guaymas.

Three and a half years might seem like a long time, but to me it was only yesterday I arrived here, a little apprehensive, but willing to try my lot in a foreign land among people who are especially poor. These years have been particularly happy ones for me, and after thanking God for the privilege He has given me to work among His poor ones, I feel a real need to thank all of you who have shown such a keen interest in my work, and whose prayers and financial assists have been the backbone of what I and my colleagues have managed to accomplish here.

Somehow [redacted] has survived living with me for the last three years. His heart is as much in Guaymas as mine is. At present he is busy with the construction of our chapels in Monte Lolita and in San Carlos. Since he and the Brothers Crew have begun renovating our chapel in San José de Guaymas, they've inspired hope once again in the people who were beginning to doubt they would ever have an active mission there. Besides being the chaplain of our orphanage Hogar Paz y Bien, [redacted] also spends a good deal of his time counseling the youth of Punta de Arena and of our other barrios. He teaches English in our commercial school for underprivileged students, and still finds time to meet the demands of our active ministry.

Miguel is the director of Hogar Paz y Bien. The orphanage will celebrate its first birthday this January and now harbors around thirty orphans below the age of twelve. Miguel recruited five sisters from Mexico City, and together they are doing a great job maintaining this much needed refuge for children who would otherwise be neglected and forgotten.

Many of you have met Linda, our Franciscan sister and registered nurse working in the dispensary. She has been an indispensable help to us for the last two years. Working every day except Sundays, Linda sometimes can be found at the reception desk admitting patients, or in the first aid room doing all those things nurses do for the sick and injured, or in the storage room sorting and arranging medicines. She also teaches nursing twice a week to local girls who can't afford to go elsewhere. Linda also finds time to bake cakes and cookies, a pastime all of us like to encourage.

The dispensary has grown quite a bit from the days of Dr. Murillo and the box of medicine I brought down from the States. We still have seven doctors coming regularly to the dispensary, and there are quite a few specialists in town who are willing to receive our patients in their offices free of charge. We're taking care of about seventy patients a day, providing them with medical consultation, first aid service, and, most important of all, free medicine.

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GUAYMAS, SONORA

The present apartment we are occupying is definitely inadequate. Our waiting room is so small many of the patients have to wait outside. We've so little storage space we often find ourselves forced to get rid of medicines seldom used. Our plans are to build a new dispensary on a piece of land we purchased a few blocks down from the present location - when and if we ever get the money. At present we're having a hard time adding to our building fund since it is costing us over a thousand dollars a month to keep the present dispensary open.

As you can see, there's no dearth of activity here in Guaymas. But we sincerely hope there's much more to our mission here than mere sweat and strain. There's much more to working among the poor than tending to their material needs. Maybe the hustle and bustle of our lives has helped us to be a sign to these good people of a more positive form of Christianity, but as far as spreading the good news of the gospel and forming true Christian communities are concerned, I hesitate to give a glowing report. I mention this, not so much by way of criticism, but merely to emphasize that perhaps we are much more in need of your spiritual assistance than we are of your material donations.

Be as it may, we really have no complaints. God has always been good to us and we never have been in extreme need. We're working among warm, human people who fascinate us, not only by their virtues but by their failings as well. Our families, our Franciscan brothers, our friends and benefactors are supporting us generously with their interest, concern, and material donations. We've great reason to thank God and celebrate with joy the birth of His Son, our Brother and Savior.

With these sentiments I sincerely wish that each and everyone of you share abundantly in the grace that Christ has come to give us.

Seasonal Greetings!

*Francis*

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December 15, 1973

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo. Postal 551  
Guaymas, Son., Mexico

Dear Father Mario,

Many thanks for your Advent letter. It was really good to hear from you and to get a report on all that has been happening there in Guaymas during the past months. The activities are kind of overwhelming and I can only marvel at the fact that all of you are holding up so well. Twice I had planned to get down your way but both times something has prevented it. I am really looking forward to getting down there after the first of the year. With Air West coming in directly it should be a bit more economical to fly right into Guaymas now, and I am sure that you will find many of your American friends doing this. I am penning a letter to the donors of the donations that I sent from Tom Sawyer. He really is enthused and I know that he will soon have another check for you.

With every best wish and greetings to all the friars, I am

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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DISPENSARIO MEDICO

*San Francisco de Asis*

GUAYMAS, SONORA

*November 4, 1974*

*Dear* 

*Just a note to let you know we received the loan and are most grateful to all those who made it possible.*

*Right now we are in the process of negotiating property sales and drawing up plans for the Cultural Center. We will keep you posted on the progress.*

*Fraternally,* *Mario*

910 SERDAN

PUNTA DE ARENA

TEL. 2-23-02

Sept. 2, 1974

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo. Postal 551  
Guaymas, Son., Mexico

Dear Father Mario:

Your letter of August 22nd was awaiting me when I arrived back from the meeting of the Definitorium. I am sorry that we did not have it in time to make a decision.

I will make copies of it and circulate it to the Definitorium to get their reaction and their ok for the loan.

You are, no doubt, really giving the whole situation a lot of thought and I am sure the decisions you are making are really practical. The cultural center should be a great help to the barrios.

Perhaps with the coming of September the heat there will let up a bit. I understand our clerics, who were down, really had their share of the heat. Oakland has been cold the last days. Some of the forecasters are telling us we are going to have a cold Winter again. That could mean killing off some of the trees that Fr. Julian has been taking care of.

With every best wish and regards to [redacted] and Miguel and the Sisters.

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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August 24, 1974

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo. Postal 551  
Guaymas, Son., Mexico

Dear Fr. Mario,

Many thanks for the July report. It really is very thorough and I appreciate the explanation that you sent along regarding the expenditures. I know what a difference it means to have extra mouths at table and I think that the two of you are doing a great job, not only in preparing the meals and all for these guests but in being able to pick up the tab at the same time.

I remember hearing about the problem there with the dispensary, namely, that most of the people are coming from many miles away and that you are having to take care not only of the people there in the barrios but of so many from other areas. I am sure this is causing a good deal of strain on the people as well as on the budget. I hope something can be done to solve this particular problem.

I am glad you got the check from Mr. Sawyer and the Guild. I know you are anxious to get the dispensary finished and our prayers are with you that everything will work out for the very best.

With every best wish and greetings to all the friars and thanking you again for the tremendous inspiration you are giving to all of us, I am

Faternally in St. Francis,

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DISPENSARIO MEDICO

*San Francisco de Asis*

GUAYMAS, SONORA

having in the dispensary. Under Provisions  
de los Pacientes, you'll notice the various plans  
from which our patients are coming. Some  
of these plans are over 25 miles away. The  
original purpose of the dispensary was to serve  
the people of the first three towns mentioned,  
and there are also people who are coming to  
visit in the dispensary. But in your case

anti, out of our patients and moving from  
place outside their house. We are still  
trying to figure out how we can solve  
this problem.

We received the check from Mr.  
Ginger and the St. Louis Phil. Society for  
\$1000.00 to the contrary, I must admit we  
received this sum with a huge sigh of relief.

Hope everything is well with you and  
the rest of the Province.  
Sincerely,  
Francis J. Morris



May 20, 1972

Dear Father Mario:

Greetings! I hope that you are holding up under the strain of lack of personnel. There seems to be good reason to hope we will have some help for you this Summer. And Father Fidelis would like to comeback at the end of Summer.

The enclosed checks are from Tom Sawyer 95 Mesa Court, Atherton, Calif. 94025. He asked that the bulk of the money from some stock of his be sent for your work, some for [REDACTED] and some for some Nuns in La Paz.

I am enclosing the check for [REDACTED] also. And will send the other check to Mr. Sawyer.

All best wishes and regards to all the community. Hope the Sisters are doing well in the work there.

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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FARMERS' RICE COMPANY OF PUERTO RICO, INC.

DISPENSARIO MEDICO

San Francisco de Asis

GUAYMAS, SONORA

August 14, 1973

Dear 

I'd like to explain a few things about the July financial report. On page 3 under community expenses, you'll find under egresos (expenditures) the sum of \$ 3,986.35 (pesos) which is approximately \$135 (dollars). The greater part of this money

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PUNTA DE ARENA

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constituted our food bill, but the July sum includes most of our May food bills. It also must be taken into consideration that on week days we are feeding from 4 to 8 people - [redacted] and I doing the cooking.

Our table includes Sr. Linda, Sr. Joan, Brother Magid, and usually a guest or two - volunteers who are spending some time with us during the summer.

On the last page (4), I like to point out a rather serious problem we're

December 31, 1979

Dear Mario

I have finally recovered from whatever it was I picked up down there. I must say, I don't know when I have been so sick. Only my bout with Hepatitis compares.

Nevertheless, I did enjoy my visit there and look forward to a longer stay (drinking Pepsi and beer).

I recently was able to get information on the institute in Santa Barbara. It begins January 11. I know that is very close, but it is my experience that when we have to do something we end up doing it in a relatively short period of time, it is just that it takes us longer to start doing it.

I think this would be an excellent opportunity for you. You could get the updating at the institute and also get good medical help in Santa Barbara. I know that John tried very hard to get you up for the institute. Think how excited he would be to see you there when he comes here February 13.

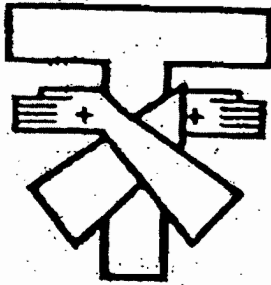
I got my small pox vaccination today and renewed my passport. I am now all set to leave for the Philippines January 18. I am really excited about going, both to see the place and also to see John. It will be a good trip. We will be there almost a month (two weeks is a seminar on formation--oh joy!) I hear that John is very anxious about his trip here. I know he is excited to see the friars. I do hope that you are around as I know he wants to see you.

Hope you all get off to a good New Year. My best to Antonio, Gloria, Lupita, Champin (?), and all.

Peace and lots of good.

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Dispensario San Francisco de Asis, A. C.

AVE. SERDAN 899 P. A. - APDO. 551

TEL. 2-28-02

GUAYNAS, SONORA, MEXICO

January 9, 1980

Dear [REDACTED]

Sorry to hear you were sick after your visit to Guaymas. I hope it wasn't anything I cooked.

I plan on making the Institute starting this month. Thank you for giving me the information and for your little quicke telling me of the change of date. I'd like to work it so I'll be in the States to watch the Superbowl on TV.

There is the matter of money. I believe we agreed the Province would help me out in this regards. Since you'll be away for a while, it might be good to talk this over with Martial. Meanwhile it wouldn't hurt to send me something to start out with. Martial could do it through

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Banco Internacional de Mexico, Guaymas,  
Sonora, Cuenta C-6172-2 - Walter S.  
Cimmarrusti. Let me know if you take  
this route, because the banks probably  
won't.

I hope you enjoy your travels, Louie.  
I hope I do too.

Fraternally,

Meris

July 30, 1974


Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo. Postal 551  
Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Father Mario,

Many thanks for the monthly report. I hope that all is coming along well. I note that the amount for the clinic seems to be growing. With the check from Tom Sawyer it should be given a little bit more of a boost.

With every best wish and greetings to all, I am

Fraternally in St. Francis,



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June 19, 1974

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo. Postal 551  
Guaymas, Son., Mexico

Dear Father Mario,

Many thanks for the monthly report. It really is a good complete picture of the situation there. The one item I have noticed especially is that of the money for the construction of the clinic. I hope that that will be growing by leaps and bounds in a short time. I enjoyed my visit there and hope that all is coming along well with the many different apostolates. Be assured of our prayers for all of you, and I would ask your prayers for the Province, particularly for a number of real opportunities that have come.

With every best wish and greetings to all, I am

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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Di. ario San Francisco de A. C.

AVE. SERDAN NUM. 889 P. A. - APDO. POSTAL 551

GUAYMAS, SONORA

Octubre 23 de 1974.-

1500-34th. Avenue,  
Oakland, Calif. 94601.

Estimado

Los elementos del Patronato del Dispensario San Francisco de Asis, A. C., conscientes del interes que han prestado a la obra que el dispensario tiende a bien realizar en la comunidad guaymense, nos estamos dirigiendo a ustedes con el proposito de exponerles nuestros puntos de vista sobre la realizacion de los proyectos de la ampliacion del Dispensario y la edificacion del Centro Cultural Social para el servicio de nuestras comunidades.

Como ya es de su conocimiento, el anterior proyecto de la construccion del edificio para el Dispensario quedo refutado en virtud del elevado costo de su sostenimiento, de acuerdo con el plan antes mencionado.

En junta celebrada por el Patronato del Dispensario se tomaron los siguientes acuerdos:

I .- La conveniencia de adquirir el area que ocupa actualmente el Dispensario con el fin de ampliarlo y acondicionarlo, ya que dicho edificio al ser habitacional no reúne las condiciones necesarias que se requieren para una institucion de esta naturaleza y que por otra parte su sostenimiento quedaria dentro de los alcances economicos de la comunidad.

II .- El Acta Constitutiva del Dispensario como Asociacion Civil, establece que sus fines no seran unicamente el aspecto medico, sino que realizara toda clase de obras de caracter social y cultural sin fines lucrativos. Para el debido cumplimiento de lo anterior, actualmente se imparten clases nocturnas a un grupo de jovenes de ambos sexos y de escasos recursos economicos con el fin de capacitarlos para el desempeño de trabajos de oficina. En el presente periodo escolar ha iniciado su tercer año de trabajo con la satisfaccion de tener a tres de sus elementos desempeñando funciones de oficinistas en conocidas firmas comerciales de la localidad, aun sin haber terminado su preparacion.

Para que nuestra escuela funcione dentro de las leyes mexicanas de educacion se nos exige un local y mobiliario adecuado y la autorizacion de la Secretaria de Educacion Publica nos es indispensable para la legalizacion de los estudios de nuestros alumnos y el Centro Cultural que se proyecta vendria a cubrir totalmente con estos requisitos, abarcando por otra parte cursos de capacitacion tecnologica y cultural.

III .- Si consideramos importante elevar el nivel cultural de la comunidad, mas importante es su formacion espiritual y moral con base en su instruccion religiosa que actualmente se imparte en los centros de catequesis (infantil) de la Capellania, centros que no pueden ser organizados debidamente por falta de locales apropiados, mismos que se Beneficiarian ampliamente con este Centro.

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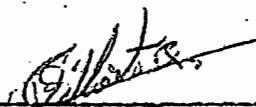
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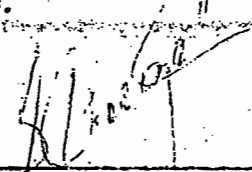
Creemos que las razones expuestas anteriormente -  
demuestran el interes que guia al Patronato del Dispensario para la realiza-  
cion de esta obra, no dudando nos enviaron los comentarios y sugerencias que -  
a su criterio amerite.

Reciban de los elementos del Patronato un afectuo-  
so y cordial saludo, a la vez que nuestros mejores deseos por su salud y feli-  
cidad.

DISPENSARIO SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS, A.C.



GILBERTO CALLES RAMIREZ  
PRESIDENTE.



GLORIA CHOCOZA FONTES  
SECRETARIA.

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La Comunidad Cristiana de la Capellanía de  
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

y el

Patronato del Dispensario Médico San Francisco de Asís,

Tienen el honor de invitar a usted, a la Misa de Acción de Gracias  
que con motivo de la celebración de las Bodas de Plata en la orden  
Franciscana de

Fray Mario Cimarrusti Félix O. F. M.

se oficiará el día 12 del presente mes a las 19-00 horas en el atrio  
de la Capilla de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Guaymas, Sonora, Julio de 1974.

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**Dispensario San Francisco de Asis, A. C.**

AVE. SERDAN NUM. 699 P. A. - APDO. POSTAL 551

GUAYMAS, SONORA

Noviembre 14 de 1974.-

[REDACTED]  
1500-34th. Avenue,  
OAKLAND, CALIF. 94601.  
U.S.A.

Estimado [REDACTED]


Los integrantes del Patronato Pro-Dispensario San Francisco de Asis, A.C., enviamosle un afectuoso y cordial saludo, - deseandole toda clase de bienestar y prosperidad.

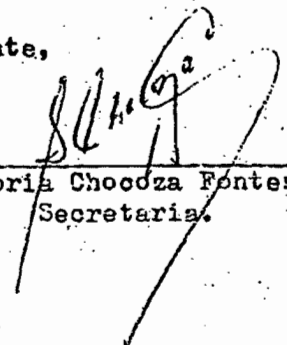
Asi mismo por medio de la presente queremos - patentizarle nuestro sincero reconocimiento por el palpable interes que - han manifestado en la obra del Dispensario entre nuestras comunidades, - interes que se ha manifestado a traves de la ayuda material, moral y es- piritual que nos han proporcionado.

Para corresponder a Uds. por la confianza y - responsabilidad que inmerecidamente han depositado en nosotros para lle- var a la feliz realizacion los proyectos que para el Dispensario nos he- mos mutuamente trazado, actualmente estamos activamente trabajando en -- los tramites legales correspondientes para que dichos planes se efectuen a la mayor brevedad posible.

Pedimos a Uds. no nos olviden en sus oracio- nes y con el afecto y respeto de siempre quedamos

Sinceramente,

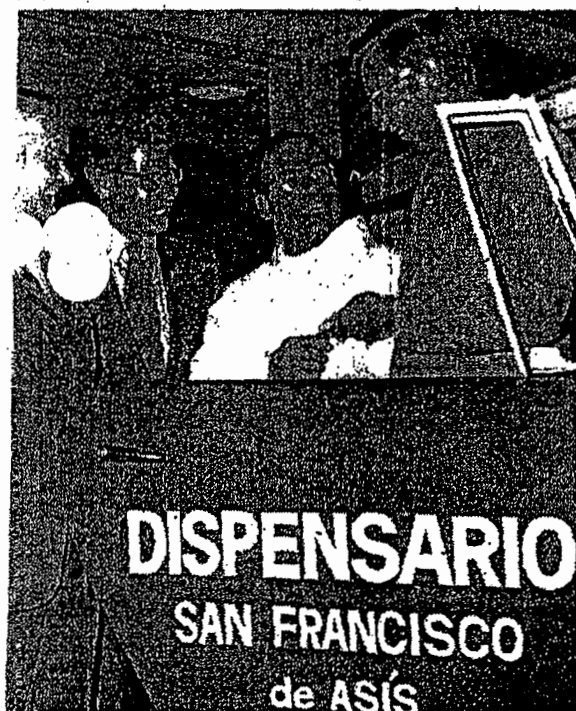
  
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Gilberto Calles Ramirez  
Presidente

  
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Gloria Chocoza Fontes  
Secretaria.

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Oct 7, 1971 So Cross, SD.



**FRIDAY** — The jeep-type vehicle handed over to Father Mario Cimmarusti, OFM, carried the inscription "from members and friends of Cabrillo Council, Knights of Columbus." Money raised from fishfries and other activities in recent months paid for the 4-wheel drive vehicle which will help the priest's work at the dispensary of St. Francis of Assisi in Guymas, Mexico. Presentation was made Friday by Knights (from left) Mitch Gos, Tom Hallauer, committee chairmen, and Grand Knight Mike Moran, Jr., handing over the keys. — SC Photo

So Cross — Apr 20, 72

## Knights aid poor in Mexico barrios

Southern Cross Reporter

TWO AMERICAN Franciscan missionaries are building a Christian community in three Mexican "barrios" where their spiritual ministry goes hand-in-hand with a social ministry.

Father Mario Cimmarusti and Father Martin Gates, from the Santa Barbara province, minister to the religious and material needs of about 30,000 people in Punta de Arena, Las Golondrinas and Monte Lobita, on the outskirts of Guaymas in Sonora.

But how far can they get when the weekly collections in the three chapels they serve totals only 270 pesos or \$21.60?

"WITHOUT OUR friends in the states we could not survive," says Father Cimmarusti. "We are most grateful for their interest, concern and true Christian charity."

More aid will come their way when the Cabrillo Council, Knights of Columbus, sponsors a benefit steak dinner Friday evening, Oct. 29, in their hall, 4425 Home Avenue, San Diego.

The donation will be \$3 and

Typical Barrio in Mexico served by American missionaries.



reservations may be made by calling 583-9182 or 469-3179.

FATHER CIMMARUSTI reports that "we live in an apartment house on the main street of Guaymas after it leaves the center of town. We have docks in front of us and behind us rise the barrios."

"The higher they rise, the poorer the people," he observes. "It is not uncommon to find families of 12 or more living on top of the ridge without water or electricity."

The priests' main social apostolate comprises youth work for Father Gates and medical service for Father Cimmarusti.

"A YEAR AGO it was a rare thing to see a young man here at our apartment," says Father Cimmarusti regarding the youth apostolate. "Today they are

here from morning till night."

Father Gates is not only their chaplain, but sponsors their football team, directs their fund-raising activities, and cuts their hair — sometimes — since he's also a barber.

Father Cimmarusti says, "I spend most of my time working in the dispensary as there are no medical facilities in this part of town."

"I'M SPENDING from 500 to 1,000 pesos a week on medicine," he adds, grateful that there are four doctors, four nurses and three receptionists who serve the dispensary part-time.

Pass your  
'Southern Cross'  
to another Christian

## Funeral

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May the Lord bless thee and keep thee;  
May He show His face to thee  
and have mercy upon thee;  
May He turn His countenance to thee,  
and give thee peace.  
May the Lord bless thee. Amen.  
The Blessing of St. Francis.

Dear Family and Friends,

In November the chanates flock to Guaymas. They are a dark migratory bird that come to roost on the trees between our apartment and the Boy of Guaymas. When disturbed by a passing train or the ferryboat's horn or the whistle from the near-by thermoelectric plant, they take to flight, etching intricate patterns of black clouds against the eastern sky with fantastic maneuvers in incredible unison. Then all of a sudden they head west flying over the Dispensary building. You can hear the swish of their wings as they fly overhead. They arrive in autumn and herald the coming of winter. During this time the nights come surprisingly early, and at long last the heat and humidity give way to cool evenings and cold mornings. It's a welcome respite from our unbearable summers. I chuckle to myself when our people complain of the cold. The closest they come to real cold is in the refrigerator and few of them have one. When they fret about the chilly weather, I remind them of how vociferously they complained about the heat during the summer months.

I enjoy standing out in front of the Dispensary under the tabachin tree, watching the chanates blacken the sky with their magnificent antics. It is a refreshing break from my work in the Dispensary.

tt The people who come to the Dispensary are poor and sick. They arrive with wounds full of coffee grounds or covered with the strange leaves of a local medicinal plant. They come with their burns smeared with lard, their bumps covered with toothpaste and their swollen joints wrapped with garlic cloves. Mothers come in last year's dresses holding their wrinkled babies bundled from head to foot. The old men come leaning on makeshift canes complaining of a new pain they didn't have yesterday. And as often as not, after they have seen the doctor and have been handed their medicine, they ask their simple questions before leaving. Can I eat seafood? Can I eat chile? Can I eat pork? Can I take a bath? Can I shave? Can I enjoy my wife? Often the doctors, in an effort to avoid bowel trouble, admonish the mothers to keep their babies' fingernails clean. This presents a problem for those mothers who refuse to cut their babies' fingernails until the day of their baptism.

Many of our patients have a problem with cleanliness, not because they are not a clean people but simply because they have no water. Sometimes before I can take care of a patient who has, for example, been beaten up the night before in some dark alley, I have to insist he take a shower in back of the Dispensary. For some it's their first shower ever.

People! People! People! They come a hundred a day from near and far to roost like the chanates in our sala de espera, waiting for that sudden moment when they will be able to fly again unburdened by pain and suffering.

So I like to go out in front of the Dispensary and watch the chanates zigzag across the sky. They remind me there are beautiful things to see and think about. They remind me that once again Christmas is at hand. A time to remember friends and loved ones. People who have been so good to us, who have taken such a lively interest in our work, who have been so supportive morally and financially, who have kept us going through all these years of the "Guaymas Experience." Thank you has to be the theme of December when we celebrate the giving of the Greatest Gift of All. May He bless each and everyone of you and be your special Gift throughout the coming year.

The chanates are swooping overhead now - heading into the sunset.

PS: Thank you again for the visit

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Seasonal Greetings  
Mario

Dec. 6, 1974

Dear Father Mario:

Your letter of November 4th arrived while I was away in Rome for the meeting of the plenary council. I am really glad that we were able to get the money for the loan as you had requested. The members of the definitorium are genuinely interested in the work at Guaymas and above all in the friars themselves. I can assure you of that.

Also, I want to acknowledge the letters from the officers of the Patronato. Would you thank Mr. Ramirez and Ms. Fontes and the members of the Patronato for me? It is really good to know that they have been doing such planning. I know they are genuinely interested.

The meeting in Rome was good. I think that it moved along better than most such meetings. And the papers that will come out from it should be helpful to us in thinking our way along these days. The major theme of Justice in the Order and the secondary theme of Authority and Obedience were treated in separate papers and should be very good for reading and meditating.

I hope that you, [REDACTED] and Miguel are all in the best of health and that the work is progressing right along.

All best wishes for a blessed Christmas.

Fraternally in St. Francis,

January 25, 1975

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo. Postal 551  
Guaymas, Sonora, MEXICO

Dear Father Mario,

Greetings! just a line to let you know that our next renewal institute for priests is scheduled for the Monday after Easter, March 31st. It will begin at 7:30 on that evening and continue until May 30th. We would be very happy to have you with us this time.

A good number of the friars have gone through the institute, and we feel that it has been very helpful to them individually and to the whole province.

Would you see if you could arrange your schedule so as to be with us from March 31 until May 30 at Old Mission Santa Barbara.

In the latest institute we had a number of priests from other religious communities, as well as from two dioceses of the west, and the results were really very satisfactory.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to attend.

With every best wish and greetings to the friars, I am

Faternally in St. Francis,



August 27, 1975

Rev. Mario Cimmarusti, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo Postal 551  
Guaymas, Son., Mexico

Dear Father Mario,

Thanks again for the very complete and exact account of the finances. I certainly appreciate receiving these regularly and am very happy that things are coming along so well there and that you are able to meet the expenses in such good fashion. I hope that the parish work, the clinic, and the orphanage are all flourishing and I am looking forward to any opportunity I might have in the fall to get down your way. Please give my very best regards to [REDACTED] and Miguel.

With every best wish, I am,

Faternally in St. Francis,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Sept. 16, 1975

Dear Father Mario:

Greetings! The enclosed check represents the money raised by the St. Dennis Guild in Menlo Park. Tom Sawyer sent it on today. Actually it is from some benefit last Christmas or thereabouts. I am writing to thank the pastor and the head of the Guild. You might want to drop a line to Tom.

Hope all is coming along well with the life and the work. No doubt the blessing of the fleet came off with great celebration. Am looking forward to the chance to be down there with you on the 12th of December.

All best wishes and regards to [REDACTED] Miguel was here today.

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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December 20, 1976

Revs. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M. &  
Martin Gates, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo Postal 551  
Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Mario, [REDACTED] and Tony,

Thank you very much for the wonderful hospitality that you showed us last week. It was really an enjoyable visit even though it was short. Enclosed are the letters that you asked for and also the celebrets. I hope that this is what you want. If not, let me know. The Province I.D. cards (for insurance) will be sent to you as soon as we get them back from the printer.

With regard to insurance on the cars when they are in the U.S., Fr. Martial suggests that when you know that you are going to go to the U.S., write in advance to the insurance agency and ask that a rider be put onto our policy for the time that you are going to be in the U.S. You should specify the make of the car and the I.D. number and the year of the car. They will add this as a rider to our policy in Arizona and we will be billed for it. If you get any bills for the insurance you can send them on to the office. This is where you should write: F.E. Wargel, Insurance Agency, 1917 N. 22nd Place, P. O. Box 5192, Phoenix, AZ 85006, and you can just address it to Mr. F. E. Wargel. I think we will all feel a lot better if you have insurance on the cars when you come into the States, because as far as I can see, if anything should ever happen without insurance, then the Province as such would be liable for the entire amount of damages. I know this will be a little bothersome, but perhaps you can devise some form-letter that you can fill in each time to make it a little easier for yourselves. If I can be of any help in this way please let me know.

I am looking forward to my return trip to Guaymas. It looks right now as if Louie and Jeff will be coming with me.

With every best wish to all of you for this holy season,  
I am,

Fraternally yours,

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[REDACTED]

February 12, 1977

Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Padres Franciscanos  
Apdo Postal 551  
Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Mario and [REDACTED]

This is a belated thank you for all your kindness and hospitality to us when we were with you a few weeks ago. We all agreed it was one of the nicest and most restful times that we had had in quite some time.

At the budget committee meeting a few weeks ago I brought up the idea of supplying Gloria's salary, and this received approval. It will now be up to the definitorium to approve it as part of next year's budget, and this should be done within the next few weeks. Just as soon as we get something definite on it I'll let you know.

The enclosed check for \$ 100 comes from Fr. Eugene Duggan, of Menlo Park, and the enclosed note explains the circumstances. I have already written a thank you note to Fr. Duggan.

A few days ago I received a letter from Bishop Miguel Gonzalez in which he asked for several Fathers to work with the Yaqui tribe, specifically in Potam. I will bring this up at the next meeting of the definitorium.

Some news from the province: Bro. Guadalupe is recovering successfully from surgery, as is Berard Weishaar. Tim Noonan is in the hospital recovering from a slight stroke. Frank Baur is up and around, but has been having trouble keeping his balance and has suffered severe headaches. They haven't been able to isolate the cause as yet. Pierre Etchelecu is doing fine, although tomorrow he is returning to the hospital for some more tests. They still haven't found out exactly what caused his sickness in January. Pierre and I drove to San Luis Rey last week, spent a few days there, and went on to Phoenix to spend a few days there. We were able to have a good visit with many of the friars. I hope that this finds you both well. Please give my best to Antonio and Miguel. I look forward to my next visit to Guaymas. With every best wish, I am

Faternally yours,

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Casa Franciscana

APDO. POSTAL 551 - TEL. 2-21-02

GUAYMAS, SONORA, MEXICO

February 24, 1977

Dear Manuel,

We are very grateful to the Budget Committee for their support. I talked to Gloria and she is willing to work full time for us. She was offered a job by Ernesto Zaragoza who is the big wheel in the local supermarket chain that bears his name but turned it down. She could have made a mint. Perhaps \$350.<sup>00</sup> would be more realistic. If needed be, we could augment it with our own funds.

I have my misgivings about sending our fruits to Potam. This might create a delicate situation because of the Mexican fruits at Esperanza who have no pastoral powers. The bishop, I'm sure, would give our fruits the same powers he has given us, and the proximity of the

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two places, it might cause some friction. I hope the Definitorium will consider this before making a decision.

The situation with Miguel has not improved. I think he thinks we embarrassed him in front of you and Louie. I'm sure there is no bad faith on his part. Miguel is Miguel and the possibility of him opening up to either [redacted] or me remains remote.

Linda lost her first baby last Monday and it was also the Dispensary's first death. I suppose now that we are having deliveries we're going to have to expect things like this happening, but the first time is always the worst.

Otherwise things are coming along fine.

Quero agradecer muito por ter gram apaga.  
Saludos a todos.

Fraternally,

Mario

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February 28, 1977

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Casa Franciscana  
Apdo. Postal 551  
Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Mario,

Thank you so much for your nice letter of February 24th. I am dictating this letter now under a little pressure, because I am supposed to leave in about three minutes to go down to San Juan for a workshop. So I will outline the answer here and talk with you more the next time I see you.

That reminds me, I certainly hope that all of you or at least as many of you (including Tony) as can will make it to the regional council at Scottsdale on Friday and Saturday, March 18 & 19th. If you can't make it for both days (as I easily can understand) I hope you might consider taking in the evening session on the 18th. I know this is a big request, but I think the friars need to see you, and I know that you want to see them. If you can't make it, I know we'll all understand. It isn't the best time possible. They chose the weekend so that the high school men could be there. Maybe next time they'll choose a day which will be easier for people like yourselves.

The Definitorium meeting is a week from now and the budget will be approved at that time. I really don't anticipate any problem in getting the request for Guaymas through, and \$350 a month is fine. If you think it should be more, simply tell me.

I am glad that you expressed your misgivings about sending our friars to Potam, and I can assure you that the Definitorium will consider your feelings before making any decision. I personally think that if we were to send anybody down there we would have to have a clear understanding with the Jalisco Province.

I am sorry to know that the situation with Miguel is not improved. I don't know at this point what can be done about it. The next time I get down there I hope to talk to him personally about it. I still think, though, that it was better to try to make communication than not to try at all. The situation couldn't have been really much worse than it was, and perhaps we simply uncovered something that was there all the time.

I'm sure it has been a hard thing for all of you, especially you and Linda, to lose the baby at the dispensary and I feel for you.

My three minutes are up. Thank you so much for the letter. I appreciate it deeply. I look forward to seeing you again just as soon as I can get back to Guaymas. With all good wishes to all of you, I am

Fraternally yours,

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October 30, 1977

Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Casa Franciscana  
Apdo. Postal 551  
Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico

Dear Mario,

I wish that I could deliver this letter in person, but I am not sure right now when I will next be able to visit Guaymas.

Since we are having a Definitorial meeting a week from today, November 7th and 8th, I wanted to make sure that you would have a chance to let me know if there is anything definite that you are asking for at this time. I have a note about our last conversation on the telephone, but, as I recall, it was more informative than a request.

If at this time you think that there is any definite request that you want to make, you could give me a call no later than next Monday evening, November 7th. I would suggest that you use the private number, and that way you don't have to go through the operator, since I am the only one that answers that phone. I should be home here off and on for the next couple of weeks, so if you don't reach me at one time keep calling, and be sure and let the phone ring at least ten times before you hang up. I can hear it down stairs but it takes a while to get up here.

This is a quick letter along with a lot of others, so I'll save news for a future occasion. I hope you are all well. Please give my regards to all.

Fraternally,





November 14, 1977

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Casa Franciscana  
Apdo. Postal 551  
Guaymas, Son., Mexico

Dear Mario,

I am happy to inform you that in a recent meeting of the Definitorium we approved a temporary subsidy of \$1,000 per month for the next year to provide for better salaries and to take care of the needs of the dispensary.

I look forward to being with you sometime on Sunday, Dec. 11th. I am not sure of my schedule right now. Very possibly I will have to fly down. But I will plan on arriving sometime on Sunday.

Please give my best to all the Friars and keep us all in your prayers.

Fraternally,



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Dispensario  
San Francisco de Asis

A. C.

AVE. SERDAN 899 - APDO. POSTAL 551  
GUAYMAS, SONORA, MEXICO

27th of November '78

Dear [REDACTED]

We hope you marked your calendar on the 12th of December and will be able to be with us on the Feast. We also hope you can spend a few days with us. The rest will do you good.

On Thanksgiving Day there were 11 friars in Guaymas. It was almost like being in Santa Barbara.

Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally,

Mario

Padre [REDACTED] TARJETA POSTAL  
Mexfotocolor

Panoramica  
Panoramic  
Guaymas, Son. Mex.

Saludos y felicitaciones!  
y muchísimas gracias por las llamadas. Desgraciadamente, el teléfono en la casa no sirve hace unos días. De todos modos, no había mucho daño con la lluvia - nada mas mucho ludo. Que Dios bendiga su Santa la semana que entra. Saludos de Mario

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Sr. [REDACTED]  
1500-34 Ave.  
Oakland, Calif 94601  
U. S. A.

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January 18, 1980

Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
Old Mission  
Santa Barbara, CA. 93105

Dear Mario,

I was delighted to hear from you and to hear that you will be able to make the Institute. I think it will be a time of renewal for you, as well as relaxation.

I got the message from your letter to send money to Guaymas to enable you to come up, but from the time that I got the letter I realized that it would be impossible to reach you before you would have already left. Therefore, I am confused as to just what to do. I have informed [redacted] of the situation, and would ask that you write him for money that you need, and if you had to borrow money from Guaymas, ask him then to reimburse the Guaymas account. I am sorry that I can't do something more direct than that, but I really wouldn't know what to do or how much to send, or whatever. But please do not hesitate to send to [redacted] both for the cost of the Institute and for the necessary funds for your expenses.

I do hope also that you will search out a good doctor there in Santa Barbara, and please do not hesitate to seek someone who really can help you, specialists, or whatever. Perhaps the Cottage might provide some good treatment. We do really hope that you will take this opportunity to really look into your health and get on top of it.

I am sorry that I am going to be gone and won't have a chance to see you for awhile, but I will look forward to seeing you when I return. I know that [redacted] will be very anxious to see you, also. We expect to return February 13th, and perhaps can see you shortly thereafter.

I mentioned to Bill Sisk just a while ago that you would be coming, and he was very, very excited, and looks forward to seeing you soon.


Again, thank you, Mario, for taking this time for yourself and for the good of the service that you can give to the Province. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for the marvelous service you have given in Guaymas.

Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
January 18, 1980  
Page 2.

Guaymas has been a very hopeful sign for the Province for a long time, and I know that you have made us very proud.

If there is anything else we can do to be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Fraternally,



O.F.M. CIMM 1

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# STATEMENT



November 30, 1981

1500 34th Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94601

Services rendered to Reverend Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov. 1981	Room Board	

Psychotherapist/Patient Privilege

Nov. 2nd -30th	29 DAYS AT \$65.00 PER DAY FOR THE ABOVE SERVICES	1,885.00
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Nov. 1981	Car insurance and car use \$1.50 per day x 29	43.50
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Nov. 1981	Supplies for workshop	20.00
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	Airfare to Minneapolis	128.00
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	Transportation to airport	10.00
	Combined Total For November	2,086.50

Due to inflation, increasing costs, and expanded services. Effective December 1, 1981, we will be forced to raise our rates to \$85.00 per day.

O.F.M. CIMM 1  
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# STATEMENT



November 30, 1981

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1500 34th Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94601

Services rendered to Reverend Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nov. 1981	Room Board Counseling Nurse on Duty Lectures by Staff	
Nov. 14 thru 18	Journal Workshop by Father William Perri, S.P., Ph.D.	
Nov. 23 thru 25	AA Retreat with Father Gavin Griffith, O.F.M. Lectures by Consultants	
Nov. 2nd - 30th	29 DAYS AT \$65.00 PER DAY FOR THE ABOVE SERVICES	1,885.00

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PATIENT

Nov. 1981	Car insurance and car use \$1.50 per day x 29	43.50
Nov. 1981	Supplies for workshop	20.00
	Airfare to Minneapolis	128.00
	Transportation to airport	10.00
	Combined Total For November	2,086.50

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Due to inflation, increasing costs, and expanded services. Effective December 1, 1981, we will be forced to raise our rates to \$85.00 per day.

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**HAZELDEN**

CENTER CITY, MINNESOTA 55012 • (612) 257-7184

TO

1500 34th Ave.  
Oakland, Ca. 94601

Re: Mario Cimarrusti  
Admitted 10-5-81

Admission deposit required upon admission to  
Hazelden.

This deposit covers approximately 28 days of  
treatment. The balance remaining after that  
time will be billed to you upon Mario's  
discharge from Hazelden.

Please remit to the Hazelden Business Office  
by October 21, 1981 Thank you.

DATE

10-7-81

\$2450.00

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March 18, 1982

Mario Cimmarrusti  
St. Mary's Church  
203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mario:

Thank you for writing. I really am sorry that you have this feeling that there is a lack of trust between yourself, and I suppose, myself. Perhaps this does have something to do with the way that this program and contract are set up. I must tell you that this is still an unfamiliar area for me, and I am trying to follow recommendations from experts that we have some kind of a contract and some kind of fraternal check on each other. But I certainly do not intend to imply that I don't trust you. I certainly do trust you. I trust you very much and have always had a high regard for you--which I continue to have.

I'm sorry that in your transition, and the visitation and all the difficulties of getting together we were not able to sit down and talk about this. I'm leaving for Oregon this mornigg, but I would hope that when I get back we could sit down and talk it out. I really would like to dispell your feelings that you aren't trusted.

Meanwhile, I'm glad that things seem to be going pretty well. I do hope that you are feeling more comfortable there in Stockton, and also I certainly hope that your health continues to improve.

I will continue to keep you in my prayers.

Your brother,

[REDACTED]

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St. Mary's Church

203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, California 95202

March 8, 1972

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is in response to  
your request that I be "monitored".  
I was at St. Mary's on  
the 6<sup>th</sup> of February. Since then I  
have attended 23 AA meetings.

I have kept in close contact  
with Fr. Bill and the rest of the  
community as regards my problems.  
I have been open and frank about  
it and have mentioned it often  
in my conversations.

Since the Twenty Four Hour

Thank you very much for the letter.  
I am under her care  
and am regarding my hypertension  
and under the doctor's care regarding  
my back.

I feel well accepted by  
the local community but do  
not feel that the Province truly  
meets.

I feel I am doing my  
best. At present taking that  
first look is one of the best  
of my people.

In faith,

Maria

St. Mary's Church

203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, California 95202

April 9, 1982

Dear [REDACTED]

From March 8<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup> I  
have attended 25 AA meetings,  
read the Twenty-four Hours a  
Day book daily, kept in  
contact with my doctor, consulted  
by Jimm, talked to Bill, and  
discussed my progress with  
the community . . . . .

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April 19, 1982

Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
St. Mary's Church  
203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mario:

Thank you for your recent note. I appreciate your continuing to report in. I know this is hard for you and I appreciate your faithfulness to it. I do hope you have or will soon have a chance to visit with Barbara Sterns at Peralta, and renegotiate this whole matter. I think it will be much more pleasant for you and more effective. I believe I gave you that phone number. If I didn't, it's 652-7000. She's a very pleasant person, and I think you'll enjoy dealing with her.

I hope you had a good Easter. I'm sure you missed Guinness and I know that's hard for you to be away.

Thank you again for the very nice visit we had that day. I enjoyed the talking after we got down to it and did really enjoy being with you. Looking forward to seeing you again.

With very best wishes and my prayers,

OFM CIMM 1

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May 30, 1982

Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
St. Mary's Church  
203 East Washington Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mario:

Thank you very much for your recent note. Glad to see that things are progressing. I hope you have had an opportunity to get together with Barbara ~~Se~~asat Peralta. I know this would be helpful for resolving some of these complicated procedures.

I know that you have been a big help at St. Mary's. Certainly Bill is very pleased to have you there. Thank you for your help.

With very best fraternal regards,

St. Mary's Church

203 E. Washington Street

Stockton, California 95202

May 5, 1982

Dear [REDACTED],

From April 5 to May  
5 I have attended 20 AA  
meetings, Read my 24 Hours  
a day book daily, spoken  
to my sponsor often,  
reported to Bill Fisk and  
have kept tabs on my  
health, consulting various

doctors. Accord Sept 12

My progress has been  
normal.

Respectfully,

Mario



May 11, 1982

Reverend Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
St. Mary of the Assumption  
203 E. Washington  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Father Cimmarrusti,

Greetings from St. Michael's! We trust all is well in your Community and this letter find you in good health.

This letter is to remind you of an Aftercare visit you agreed to attend to complete your commitments to sobriety.

Our next Aftercare session will be on June 15th, 16th, and 17th or July 13th, 14th, and 15th. Your attendance is optional on either of the above dates. Our Aftercare Program is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, but we suggest you arrive sometime on Monday and depart on Friday.

Enclosed please find a questionnaire that we ask you to complete and return as soon as possible. Also, we are sending another questionnaire to [REDACTED] and request that it be completed by someone who has knowledge of you during the past five months. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

We are looking forward to seeing you again, and if we can be of any assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

*F. Mike Adrian, O.S.C.*  
Father Mike Adrian, O.S.C.  
Aftercare Coordinator

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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*St. Mary's Church*

203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, California 95202

*May 17, 1982*

Dear [REDACTED]

Regarding the enclosed, would it be possible to allow me the following considerations:

1) that it be understood that my three-day visit to St. Michael's is simply a carrying out of a commitment made under extreme duress;

2) that I not be required to make any further commitments in writing, fill out any forms or sign any documents

3) that I have the assurance of my superior in writing that I may return to the Province after the three-day visit despite any pressures to the contrary.

Ans'd  
"no pressure"  
May 30

Respectfully,

Mario

# FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

January 11, 1983

Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mario:

I hope you had a good Christmas Season. It was probably a busy one. I went through a bout of the flu over New Years, but am now back at the job.

You no doubt received a copy of the letter from the Chancellor, Fr. McGovern, of the Diocese of Stockton. I had written asking for regular faculties for you. I had discussed this with Rupert and was thus aware that you had only temporary faculties, and it would be much better for the work there if you had the regular faculties. Rupert is very happy to have you there and very pleased with your work, especially with the Hispanics.

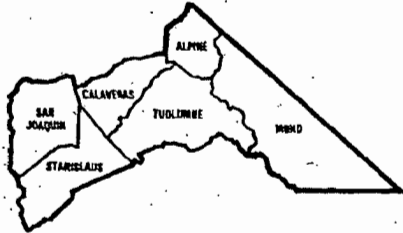
Mario, although I know it's not your first choice of an assignment, we are very pleased that you have fit in there; that you have handled the drinking problem and that you are contributing to the ministry there in Stockton. It seems to us at this time that this is the best assignment for you.

I am presently preparing for a trip to the Philippines later this month. In the early part of February, I hope to come over for a visit through the valley and would look forward to seeing you then. Thank you again for your good work, your ministry and your fraternal spirit.

Franternally,

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## DIOCESE OF STOCKTON



The Chancery  
1105 N. Lincoln Street  
P.O. Box 4237  
Stockton, California 95204-0237  
209/466-0636

January 4, 1983

[REDACTED]  
Provincial Minister  
Franciscan Friars  
1500 Thirty-fourth Ave.,  
Oakland, California 94601

Dear [REDACTED]

The Personnel Board reviewed your letter at our December 20th meeting and we are happy to have Father Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M. working in our Diocese. The Faculties of the Diocese are granted to him as is our custom with all Religious men.

Wishing you a blessed New Year, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Lawrence McGovern*  
Rev. Lawrence McGovern, S.T.L.  
Chancellor - Secretary

*Cimmarrusti*  
LJMcG:aa

cc: Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.

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St. Mary's Church

203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, California 95202

June 6, 1984

Dear [REDACTED]

After giving the matter a good deal of thought, I would like to ask for a change. I realize that this cannot be done until Fr. James returns from his jubilee trip in August, but I would like to give you some time to consider my request.

I will go wherever I'm sent, but the following are my preferences:

I like to work with Spanish speaking people, even in their own country. I like to work with the very poor, especially with people who live close to the land (or sea). I like to work with people of humble origin.

I realize that what I'd like and what is available are not always the same. I also realize that putting the right people in the right places is often a difficult task.

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*St. Mary's Church*

203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, California 95202

However, I feel I must ask for a change.  
I can honestly say that I have tried my best  
to fit into the present situation, but it seems  
I am becoming more and more frustrated.

Despite the frustration, I have not been  
tempted to drink, so don't feel that this matter  
is urgent on that account. Yesterday was an anniversary  
of sorts. I've been sober for two and a half years!

I hope this letter finds you happy and  
in good health.

Fraternally,

Mario

# FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

June 18, 1984

Mario Cimmarusti, O.F.M.  
St. Mary's Friary  
203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mario,

I received your recent letter concerning the situation there at Stockton.

I know that in the last visitation we discussed the possibility of a move that you wanted to wait and see how things went after Ignatius arrived and then some determination would be made. I appreciate the honesty of your response in this letter.

Unfortunately, we have just had a personnel meeting and made some changes. I am not sure just what the openings would be right now for the assignment such as you suggest.

As far as working in Mexico, I really would not have any ideas of any assignments there, perhaps you do but at least in my contacts I'm really not aware of the situation there. John McDonnell might have a couple of ideas as he spent time down there a few years ago.


As far as the province goes, there should be some good assignments out there, but I will have to do a little nosing around in order to un-earth them. I do plan in the next month or so to do some traveling around the province that will bring me in contact with some of our hispanic parishes. After that perhaps we can consider this further. I will bring it up at our July meeting.

I do hope the situation is not so troublesome that it will make it difficult to remain for at least some longer time. We will try to work as quickly as we can to find another assignment, so I ask you to bear with us as patiently as you are able.

Mario, I do appreciate all that you have been contributing there in Stockton. I hear many reports about all the people you reach and the good that you do, so I hope you can take some satisfaction in the time you've spent there.

With warm fraternal regards,

1500 thirty-fourth Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94601

  
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Provincial Minister (415) 536-3122  
Provincial Office (415) 536-1266

August 23, 1984

Dear [REDACTED]

Here is the letter I sent to  
Archbishop Echeverria over a month  
ago. I haven't heard a word  
yet. Please advise.

Maris

*St. Mary's Church*

203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, California 95202  
(209) 948-0661

21 de Julio de 1984

Arzobispo Bernardino Echeverría Ruiz, O.F.M.  
Arzobispado de Guayaquil  
Apartado Postal No. 254  
Guayaquil, Ecuador

Reverendísimo Arzobispo Echeverría:

Por este medio me presento ante usted después de saludarlo afectuosamente.

Soy el padre Mario Cimarrusti, O.F.M. de la Provincia de Santa Barbara, California, E.U.A. He sido franciscano durante 35 años y ordenado sacerdote por 27 años. Estuve trabajando como misionero en México durante 12 años.

Mi superior, el padre [REDACTED] me informó que el Ministro General de nuestra Orden, el padre [REDACTED] está pidiendo frailes para que vayan a trabajar con los pobres a las Islas Galápagos y que él me había mencionado como posible candidato para transferirme a ese lugar.

En lo personal estoy interesado en esta posible misión, pero me gustaría tener más información acerca de la situación de los frailes en relación a su trabajo misionero. También me interesaría saber el tipo de trabajo posible que desempeñaría en caso de que me fuera a las Islas, la vivienda, la relación que existiría entre los otros frailes y yo y en cuál de las islas me tocaría trabajar.

Por otro lado, desearía visitar las islas a principios de Septiembre de 1984, de ser posible por favor avíseme.

Dándole las gracias de antemano por sus finezas y en espera de su contestación, le saludo en el Señor.

Respetuosamente,

Rev. Mario Cimarrusti, O.F.M.

OFM CIMM 1

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# FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

November 19, 1984

Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
St. Mary's Friary  
203 East Washington Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mario:

I arrived back from my recent travels to find your letter waiting. Thank you for thinking all this out and presenting it rather clearly in your letter.

It would be our first choice that you go to Delano. I know that the Irish friars will be leaving and I think you could do very good ministry there. So, I am very happy that this is the decision that you reached yourself.

Regarding the time of the move; I had picked up from Tom that he thought Livin would be sick and leaving sooner and that he wanted to be sure and get out in June so I had mentioned to him that maybe you could come down really anytime and be ready to take over but I wouldn't want you to go if you would feel uncomfortable. Secondly; there are a couple of concerns in the Province where someone will be leaving in December and we have no replacement in sight and I thought maybe it would be possible for you to cover for a few months before going to Delano. I don't know how you would feel about that. I'm not really clear right at the moment where that would be and I could contact you as soon as I do so you might think about that possibility. I would really appreciate it.

I'm sure by now you've heard about Marty Gates having a heart attack. It really is too bad. I was over to see him on Monday and he felt very good. He is resting at the Casa. He said he felt just great and was anxious to get back to work. Nevertheless, the doctors did discover a great deal of blockage. The right ventricular artery is completely blocked as well as some other blockage so doctor Flynn thought it was most likely that the recommendation will be surgery. He is supposed to go back in a couple of weeks for a stress test and then he will make the decision.

I'm sorry about the indefiniteness over the next months. I hope we can work something out relatively soon. Meanwhile Mario, thank you again for your generous offer to go to Delano. We will keep this all in our prayers.

Faternally,

1500 thirty-fourth Avenue  
Oakland CA 94601

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Regional Minister (415) 536-3722  
Provincial Office (415) 536-1266

St. Mary's Church

203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, California 95202

November 7, 1984

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for giving me the time  
to think this thing out.

When I got home from vacation  
in September there was a letter from the  
Apostolic Prefect of Los Galapagos waiting  
for me. It was a hastily written  
letter and didn't give the impression  
that there was really a need for  
another priest in the area since an  
American priest had already arrived.  
Then in October I received another letter  
from Father Maldonado. In this letter he

described the Isla of Isabela: about a thousand inhabitants, very poor, very much in need of a priest, a house for the priest in need a repairs on a clear sandy beach surrounded by coconut palms, etc. Somehow the idea of being in the corner of the world on some tropical island appeals to me.

While on vacation I visited Helene. Spent some time talking with Fr. Tom, who gave me the grand tour, explained the situation there in Helene, etc. I was impressed.

Tom and Karin won't be leaving Helene until next summer. The date is still not clear since I think they

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Want to leave earlier than the arrangements  
call for.

After much thought and some  
prayers, I have decided to let you  
know (as John advised me) that I  
would like to go to Salinas next  
summer if the province sends me  
there. Wherever I go, I need a fresh  
start. This will spare me the anxiety  
of being accepted in a community and,  
I hope, give me an incentive to work  
hard among the poor.

If the province feels I should not  
go to Salinas, then I would really like

to be able to go on to Los Angeles  
and give it a try. Maybe I should  
go down there anyway and just look around  
as Fr. Maldonado invites me to do, but  
I would feel like I was working a deal  
just to travel since I've already made  
up my mind about Helms.

At any rate, these thoughts are  
for your consideration. If you want me  
to go to Helms, the question is when.  
I got a feeling from Tom that he  
wouldn't exactly like me to arrive  
there before July. I certainly would  
feel uncomfortable if I were to arrive  
early and merely be in the way.

St. Mary Church

203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, California 95202

I would be willing to stay on  
here in Stockton, although I must  
frankly admit that in some ways  
it would be very difficult.

I hope you are in good health.  
I also hope that soon you will be  
able to give me something of a reply.

Sincerely,  
Mario

December 11, 1984



Dear [REDACTED]

This is a busy season. So many things are happening. I sometimes don't have time to sort all out properly. As I understand things, my change to Delano is certain. This won't take place, however, until next summer. Meanwhile, you might want me to help out temporarily in Fresno, starting next month. O.K. I'll try my best.

My choice of Delano was heavily motivated by the fact that I would be able to go in and start on my own. Sort of a fresh start, as it were. Something that might help me to restore a little more confidence in myself.

Now I understand that you might ask James to go down to Delano next month to take Lenene's place. This has me thinking.

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First of all, [REDACTED] I really wouldn't mind living with James. He's a good man and popular with the people. But if James is to be with me in Helano, I know that I must accept him on his terms.

James has a way of setting things up for himself. Everyone who lives with him knows this, as it's no secret. He can be a wonderful man to live with as long as you can accept his penchant for creating his own world.

If James has a six month jump on me in Helano, I will in no way be going in to make a fresh start. I will have to accept much of the situation as he has arranged it.

I'm wondering if you might consider the possibility of letting me get there first. Let me get my feet at least somewhat on the ground. Then when James comes - or anyone else - I'm sure things will go a lot more smoothly - and perhaps more fairly.

I hope I am not guilty of  very thing I'm





objecting to. I've consulted another friar in this matter, and he seemed to support my way of thinking.

I hope all this doesn't create new problems for you. I merely want you to know my point of view and hope you might give it at least some consideration in making your decisions.

May God grant you special graces during this holy season and throughout the new year.

Fraternally,

Mano

# FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

December 17, 1984

Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
St. Mary's Friary  
203 East Washington Street  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mario:

Thank you for your recent letter. Once again I appreciate your openness and honesty in making your reply.

When James came to see me the other day I had not even thought of future plans such as your both going to Delano. I knew you were interested in going there and had already responded, but did not know of his interest. He stated to me that you had even suggested the possibility of his coming there with you so I presumed that that was something you would appreciate.

I do understand the difficulty of having someone go in ahead of you. I think you make a very good point.

I express to you confidentially the situation in Fresno with the imminence of Arturo's leaving at the end of December. I still have not gotten that settled but we might be rather desperate when he leaves. I would hate to close that option at this moment until we can see some other solution but first of all I would agree to not having James go ahead of you. Also, you mentioned to me before that you did not see it feasible to go down before June or July because that was the feeling you had gotten from Tom Gill. That is, that you would not be welcome there earlier. I certainly did not get that impression from Tom Gill but was trying to respond also to your desire to wait until the summer.

Perhaps the best thing we can do at this point is leave it that James would not go ahead of you. Perhaps he can either stay in Stockton or help out somewhere else until the summer. We can then still negotiate as to whether you would go earlier based on the situation in Fresno as well as your own consideration about going there while Tom Gill was still ensconced.

I'm sorry that this is so indefinite but I hope we can work out what is at present a difficult situation.

# FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
12/17/84  
Page two.

I'm sure you've heard about Marty Gates operation. He had a five way by-pass. I talked to him yesterday and he was feeling very good after all of that. He's hoping to return to Guaymas by Christmas, even if in somewhat of a handicapped situation. As perhaps you know, Bill Sisk has gone down so that will be some ease on the burden there.

Once again Mario, thanks for accepting this assignment. I have very positive hopes for Delano with you there. And perhaps you and James. I wish I could facilitate it a little more smoothly. Hopefully it will all work out.

May you have a very blessed and happy Christmas. Let's look for many good things in the new year!

With warm fraternal regards,

[REDACTED]

# FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

December 3, 1984

Mario Cimmarusti, O.F.M.  
St. Mary's Friary  
203 East Washington  
Stockton, CA 95202

Dear Mario:

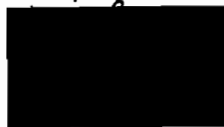
I appreciate your patience in waiting to hear something definite from us. We did have our meeting this week and we have got you slated for Delano when the friars leave next summer.

In the meanwhile a problem seems to be developing in Fresno. This is very confidential but it appears that the pastor, Arturo Lopez, will be leaving. We will probably not be able to replace him until the summer and so, in the eventuality that he does leave, which seems rather definite at this point, and unless we can find another more permanent solution, we were thinking to ask you to cover there from January until the summer. At least that would move you from the situation there in Stockton. If you have any problem with this let me know. In any case, let me know what your feelings on this would be.

I do understand that the situation is still a strain there in Stockton but I hope it's not too bad. Meanwhile you'll have a chance to finish up your commitments there.

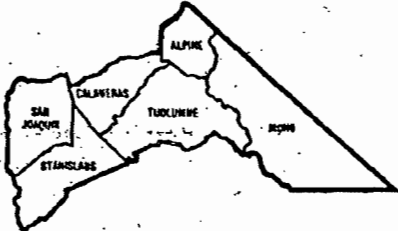
Thanks for your availability.

Your brother,



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The Chancery  
1105 N. Lincoln Street  
P.O. Box 4237  
Stockton, California 95204-0237  
209/466-0636

February 26, 1985

Mr. Terry J. Rubiales, Jr.  
417-B Tamz Place  
Manteca, California 95336

Dear Terry:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and I am grateful to you for your kind words concerning Father Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.

I certainly agree with you that Father Mario was a very zealous and wonderful priest for all of the people at St. Mary's Parish in downtown Stockton, and we shall certainly miss him very much.

As you probably know the number of priests is fewer than in the past and therefore I would appreciate your increased prayers that the Lord will give us more young men and women to serve both as priests and as Religious for the whole Church community.

Assuring you of my prayers and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Rmm

Most Reverend Roger Mahony  
Bishop of Stockton

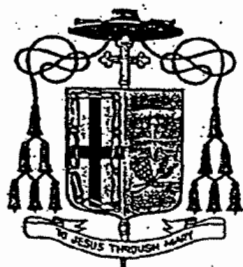
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Provincial  
Rev. Ignatius DeGroot, OFM

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*Diocese of Fresno*  
*Chancery Office*

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May 1, 1985

Rev. Mario Cimmarrusti, O.F.M.  
1015 Clinton St.  
Delano, CA 93215

Dear Father Cimmarrusti:

At the presentation of the Very [REDACTED]  
OFM, Provincial Minister of the Franciscan Friars of  
the Province of Saint Barbara in Oakland, California,  
I hereby appoint you as Pastor of the parish of:

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, DELANO, CA

with all the faculties, duties, rights and privileges  
according to the Code, to our Diocesan Statutes, and  
to approved custom.

Your appointment becomes effective on June 1, 1985.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ J J M

Most Reverend Joseph J. Madera, M.Sp.S., D.D.  
Bishop of Fresno  
JJM:g

cc: [REDACTED]

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# FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

August 28, 1986

Mario Cimmarrusti, OFM  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Friary  
1015 Clinton Street  
Delano, CA 93215

Dear Mario:

At our recent Definitorium meeting, just ended, we did approve the assignment of James Kyrie to be Pastor in Fresno. As you know we are hard pressed in the situation there, as Rigo is due to leave for studies in December.

I tried to call James and missed him. Pierre obtained his address in Cuernavaca, in order to write to him, so that he can get back here to take over in December. Hopefully, it might inspire him to work harder to learn his Spanish.

I realize that leaves you short. We are working on a possible replacement. Someone will be talking to Chris Berbena, OFM, asking if he might be available to go. He could be, I think quite helpful there. If that does not materialize, we will be looking to someone at least in the future, to fill-in there. I recall you saying, you could go for awhile without someone else, and at least keeping in touch with Jose Varo, for fraternity and support.

I'm sorry to disrupt your team there. But as you are aware, the situation seems to demand some kind of action, and we don't have too many options.

Mario it was great to see you recently, and to know you are doing such a good job there at Delano. Keep up the good work.

With gratitude & warm fraternal regards,

[Redacted Signature]

[Redacted Signature]

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# FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

November 7, 1986

Mario Cimmarrusti, OFM  
Our Lady of Guadalupe  
1015 Clinton Street  
Delano, CA 93215

Dear Mario:

I tried a couple of times to call you but did not catch you, so want to get a letter off to you. I don't know if you have talked to Bill Sisk by now but he would like to come to Delano, to work with you there in the parish.

Perhaps you are aware he did have a difficult time when he went down to Guaymas, after a week or two after being away for the summer. He just could not take it and has spent some time in Phoenix following a Stress program and is now somewhat on a mend. Bill is presently spending a couple of weeks on the Institute in Santa Barbara, and would then like to come to Delano.

I presume that is okay with you and am going ahead with the assignment even though I have not had a chance to talk to you about it. If there is any problem please get in touch with me as soon as possible. I am also writing to Bishop Madera to obtain the Faculties.

I do believe it is a good place for him. I am sure he can be of good support for you as you are both good friends. He may have to take it easy and I've encouraged him to do anything more than he is comfortable with. I do believe that after he settles in he will be okay and will be able to be a great help to you there, and certainly he will be good community.

If there is any problem with this Mario please contact me and thank you for the solicitude and care you are going to show Bill.

with fraternal regards,



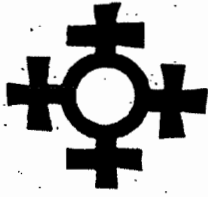
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

May 9, 1987

Dear [REDACTED]

Arrangements are being made to have Pedro Vinas spend the summer here in Delano working for the United Farm Workers' Ministry. I don't know if these arrangements are being made with the blessings of the powers that be or not, but I feel it necessary to write to you about the matter.

The idea of having a friar here during the summer months is certainly agreeable to me, providing this creates some possibilities for fraternity. Having

someone living here simply as a guest  
at a hotel can create a tension that  
right now I could do without. However,  
for the cause I'm willing to put up with  
this as long as it is understood this way.  
I need not be concerned if I don't see  
Pedro at Mass. I need not expect him  
for meals. It makes no difference how  
late he sleeps in the morning, etc. On  
the other hand Pedro is in formation.  
Are there going to be <sup>things</sup> expected of him?  
Is he <sup>going to be</sup> answerable to anyone? These  
are the things that are concerning me.  
I am not seeking to control or have  
authority over anyone. My <sup>position</sup> here



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

in Delano brings with it more authority  
than I care to have. What I am seeking  
for is a clarification of what this  
arrangement will be, if indeed it is  
to be, and how am I to respond to  
it.

Sorry to trouble you with this problem.  
The only alternative is silence. But silence  
has its own price to pay.

Fraternally,

Mano

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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

December 29, 1988

*file mmsc.*

████████████████████  
1500. 34th Avenue  
Oakland, California

Dear ██████████

When I first came to Delano, there were two house cars here. Well over a year ago, one of the cars, a Chevrolet Nova, was taken to Santa Barbara, so that the friar who was to help me on weekends would have the necessary means of transportation. Since then the practice of having a friar come to help me from Santa Barbara has been discontinued. Fr. Salvador occasionally comes to help me over the weekend.

The car remains in Santa Barbara, and I presume it is used by the friars there. This is a good arrangement because the car would only deteriorate here from lack of use. However the question now arises, which house should pay the insurance? Please help us solve this problem. Enclosed you will find a form that will help you take care of this matter with great facility.

I hope the Christmas feast has brought you many blessings that will last throughout the New Year.

Praternally,

*Mario*

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# Province of St. Barbara

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Mario Cimarrusti, OFM  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
1015 Clinton St.  
Delano, CA 93215

April 4, 1991

Dear Mario:

Peace and all good!

I hope that things are going very well with you. Thanks so much for your hard work there in Delano.

Enclosed please find a letter of obedience naming you as Vicar of our Lady of Guadalupe, Delano. As you know, this is an associate friary of Mt. Carmel, Fresno. The appointment has been reaffirmed by the capitular meeting.

May God bless you, Mario. Please remember me in your prayers.

Fraternally,



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# FRANCIS AND FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

April 4, 1991  
(date)

To Mario Cimarrusti, OFM

From

Provincial Minister

After prayer and consultation, and considering the many needs of the people to whom we minister, I am formally requesting that you accept a change of assignment from \_\_\_\_\_ to Vicar, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Delapo.

For the convenience of all concerned, I ask that this change of assignment become effective immediately (date).

As a sign of your acceptance, please sign below and return to the Provincial Office.

N. B. Sign and mail back immediately upon receipt.

Fraternally, \_\_\_\_\_, Provincial Minister.

To the Provincial Minister:

In accordance with the promises I have made to the Lord and to our Brotherhood, I accept this new assignment.

Mario Cimarrusti  
(signature)

May 18, 1991  
(date)

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# PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

June 5, 1992

Dear Mario

Peace. Happy Pentecost. I hope you are doing well.

I am off to Europe for about two weeks but will return on June 25th. I would appreciate it if you could make an appointment to see me in Oakland June 30 or July 1st. The matter is quite serious and I need to speak with you in private.

I have spoken with Fr. Finian about the issues, so perhaps in the meantime you can discuss with him.

I will see you soon.

Faternally



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## Province of St. Barbara

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Mario Cimarrusti, OFM  
Old Mission  
Box 69  
San Miguel, CA 93451

October 22, 1992

Dear Mario:

Peace!

The postman brought good news today. The memorandum of understanding that the province has authored has been approved by the diocese. Thus the conditions that were set by the diocese have been met. As a result, the diocese has granted you faculties for your placement at San Miguel.

I'm happy to give you this good news and hopeful that your time at San Miguel will be good both for you, the friars, and the parish.

I hope that you've enjoyed your vacation, found it relaxing, and are ready to return to work.

Fraternally,

RJB/jhs



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Bates Nos. 171 was removed by the Plaintiffs at the request of the Franciscans.



SAN  
P.O. BOX 767

SIANO RETREAT  
DANVILLE, CALIFORNIA 94526 (510) 837-9141

for - mario

October 18, 1995

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your words of support. Your personal and fraternal sentiments were most timely and much appreciated. I have felt a strong brotherly support from many friars and sincerely thank the Province for giving me the opportunity to better myself spiritually, psychologically and physically. You are in my daily prayers. Gratefully,  
Mario



Province of St. Barbara

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Memo

To

Apr. 15

Called Danville

Emanuel said:

Mario much more alert,  
temperature down, kidneys  
a functioning again —

The plan to remove tubes  
in a day or so. In San Ramon

Regional Hosp # 227.  
Can't talk yet - too many  
tubes.

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[REDACTED]  
April 23, 1997

Dear [REDACTED]

I received your FAX in which you requested that I notify Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti. I have given him your kind message.

Please be assured of my prayers for you. Know that your struggle does not go unrecognized. I admire your courage and your kindness.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

Minister Provincial

OFM CIMM 1

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Mario  
File

Provincial Minister  
Province of Saint Barbara  
1500 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94608

Dear [REDACTED]

I am sending you this FAX because I forgive the friars in connection with me and the sexual abuse events that took place at Saint Anthony's Seminary, Santa Barbara, for the time period of 1966 to 1970. Please notify Father Mario in particular that I forgive him, pray for him regularly, and that my thoughts for him are that he finds peace, spiritual growth, and healing.

I would appreciate it if you could tell me that Father Mario has received my message.

It has taken me some time to get to this point, as you can imagine. I have finally come to the realization that we are all only human and that we disappoint each other. To forgive is to unchain myself from a heavy burden.

Have a happy Easter Season.

Sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

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Mario Cimmarrusti, OFM  
San Damiano Retreat  
Danville, CA

March 16, 1998

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Dear Mario,

It was great meeting with you today. I hope you felt that it went well. I certainly feel that it was good. I'm glad that you had the chance to meet with Dr. Israel Rosales.

As per our conversation, I enclose a waiver for you to sign.

Please take care. Have a happy and prayerful Lent.

Your brother,

[Redacted Signature]

Min. Prov.



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February 24, 1998

Mario Cimmarrusti, OFM  
San Damiano Retreat  
P.O. Box 767  
Danville, CA 94526

Dear Mario,

It was so good to see you during the Guardians and Vicars meeting at Danville. As you may have read in the minutes of the last Definitorium meeting, we are trying to find some kind of uniformity in the after-care program of the Province. For this reason, Dr. Israel Rosales and myself would like to set up a meeting with you and discuss it. Could you possibly meet with us at the Provincial Office on March 16th (Monday), at 9:00am. The meeting will usually go from 9 to 9:45am. Please let me know, Mario, if the time is not satisfactory for you.

Fraternally,

[REDACTED]  
Provincial Minister  
[REDACTED]

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# Province of St. Barbara

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING "NO HARASSMENT" POLICY FOR FRIARS AND LAY MANAGERS

As a friar or lay manager or supervisor at San Dimas Retreat, I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Province's "No Harassment" Policy. I understand that the organization can be held responsible for any acts of harassment that I commit, condone, or tolerate. I also understand that I can be sued personally for any such acts.

I understand that if I know of, or have reason to know of any act of harassment or of the existence of a hostile, intimidating, or offensive work environment at this organization and I fail to report it to higher management, both the organization and I can be placed in jeopardy.

Therefore, I will immediately report any act of harassment and will take whatever action is necessary to correct the situation.

I have participated in the training program provided by the Province on preventing harassment. I have received and I understand the Province's organization's "No Harassment" Policy and agree to abide by it.

Mario Cimmaras  
Signature

Date 11/30/98

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**Sermon for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Barry Brunsman, OFM  
and Mario Cimmarrusti, OFM -  
Danville, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1999**

The Gospel speaks of planting and reminds us how much time we have to wait for the harvest... fine topics for an anniversary sermon.

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1949, 6pm, in the refectory of Mission San Miguel. The, then provincial, Augustine Hobrecht, OFM, asked a group of young men dressed in black suits and ties, "What is your petition?" Mario and Barry and the rest answered: "We want to be invested in the habit of the Franciscans and live by the rule: we want to do this because we want to do penance, amend our lives and serve God faithfully." Today we celebrate 50 years of doing just that... unexpected penances, many mini-conversions, and successful opportunities to serve God and God's people.

During the years of study, Mario became quite interested in music, directed the choir --and even the future Minister General, [REDACTED] Barry -- even then -- helped the young friar-students to become social beings by

writing and/or editing the first of his several books -- this one for us young-ens called "Father steps out." -- how to behave at dinners, at social gatherings, sort of a book on Franciscan etiquette. It was required reading for us in Novitiate. Both were ordained in 1956 almost ten years before the Council.

They've been stationed in many different places throughout the province where they did penance, amended their lives and served God and God's people quite well. Mario's first assignment was St. Mary's Church, Phoenix under [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had a reputation for training young, newly ordained friars and Mario lasted a full year and, then, went to Troutdale in Oregon to teach in the seminary there for six years -- from there to the seminary in Santa Barbara for another 6 years, in Guaymas -- as a missionary -- for twelve years where he began the clinic, and then to the central valley where he worked so well with his mastery of Spanish -- in our parishes there, being pastor of Delano for almost eight years.

Barry, on the other hand, started out as a high school teacher at Salem, Oregon, then to Provo with Fr. Colman Colloty, OFM where he gained National fame in collecting enough S&H "green stamps" to buy school

buses. After that, he worked in one of our parishes in Seattle and in 1963 he moved to the Bay area and worked at St. Boniface. In 1967, he began retreat work which lasted until 1981 — ten years of it at the Casa in Scottsdale, AZ. He was pastor in Portland and in Sacramento and now again here in retreat work.

We are grateful today for their perseverance and willingness to do so many different assignments in so many different places and we thank God for the many graces they have received. 50 years is a long time... an exceptionally long time — when we realize what the Church has actually gone through during that time.

Mario and Barry, the province congratulates you today for your generosity, openness and perseverance...for constantly trying to evangelize by your lives and by your words — for accepting the penances of life, for allowing yourselves to be flexible to change and conversion, and for serving God and God's people so well. Walter Burghardt, the Jesuit preacher and author, has a quote in one of his books of a lay person speaking about sermons and homilies and preachers: The person says: "I am afraid that too often our preachers entirely ignore what, we, the silent faithful, expect to hear in a sermon.... They address us as rebels whom they ~~must~~ <sup>must</sup> subdue; as idlers

whom they must shake up; as hardened sinners whom they must terrify, and as the proud who need to be humiliated... They never end in telling us of our duties and of our neglect of duty. When you come to examine it -- there is nothing easier than to put forth a person's duty -- and to hand out reproaches costs nothing either. The thing which is really difficult... is to give us a taste for our duties and to awaken in us a strong desire to do them and to be generous in doing them... Another name for a taste for duty is love. Preachers, then, make us love God -- or rather help us to believe in God's love for us."

Thank you, Mario -- thank you, Barry for helping us all believe in God's love for us. The Province is grateful to your parents and your family, and those whom you have served throughout these 50 years for helping you both appreciate your Franciscan life and God's love for you. Thank you both for sharing this with us.

**Franciscan Friars,  
Province of Saint Barbara**

**Facsimile Transmission**

**FAX: (510) 536-3970**

**To:** Franciscan Communities,  
Province of St. Barbara

**Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** Provincial Office

**Date:** July 12, 1999

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It is with regret that we inform you of the death of Connie Campillo, sister of Fr. Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti, OFM. The rosary will be recited on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in St. Hilary's Church, 5465 Citronella Ave., Pico Rivera, CA. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am in St. Mariana Church, 7922 S. Parsons Blvd., Pico Rivera.

**IMPORTANT!! PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION  
ON TO THE HOUSES YOU USUALLY CONTACT FOR  
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. SEE PAGES 18 - 20  
OF THE CURRENT PROVINCIAL DIRECTORY.  
THANK YOU.**

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# Province of St. Barbara

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To: [REDACTED]  
Barry Brunsman, OFM, Guardian, Jubilarian  
Mario Cimmarrusti, OFM, Jubilarian  
From: [REDACTED] and definitorium  
RE: Mario's request to drive  
July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000

Dear [REDACTED] Barry and Mario,

May the Lord give you peace!

At the definitorium meeting this week we discussed the request to return to driving. The discussion on the topic was quite good. Thank you for your letter of recommendation, Barry. The definitorium decided that it would be OK to allow a return under certain conditions and in steps or in stages. We would not like the return to take place until the three of you meet and determine how you can put in place the following conditions for the initial step and get back to us with your recommendations. We realize that you can certainly use someone who is able to chauffeur and accompany Emmanuel. At the beginning stages the definitorium wishes the trips to be monitored in the following way: 1.) A mileage log 2.) permission obtained each time 3.) only accompanied trips at the beginning. — this should be evaluated in three months to see how it is progressing.

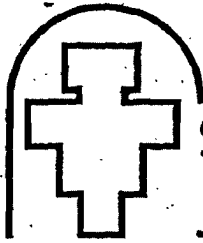
I know that this seems a bit too much, however, the definitorium is quite strong about this because of the problems in the recent past. I hope you can have the meeting and get back to us with the ways you will monitor the use of

the auto and other conditions you feel need to be placed or modified --  
before our meeting in September in San Luis Rey.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally, [REDACTED]

Min. Prov.  
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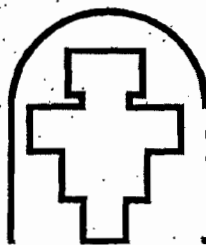
The Definitorium  
Province of St. Barbara  
June 9, 2000

Dear Brothers,

Following the instructions of [redacted] Province and at the promptings of my local superior, Fr. Barry, I respectfully request the privilege of the superior's permission to be able to drive a car. This privilege was taken away from me in April because of some irregularities on my part that took place last November 1999. [redacted] has agreed to fill in the details.

At present I am completely confident, due in part to a new menu of medication, that I am competent to drive without any unusual danger to myself or others. Being able to drive again will be a much needed boost to me psychologically and will be a great help to





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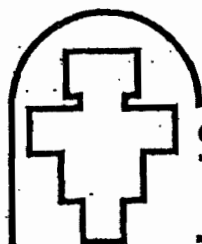
fulfilling my main responsibility - that of serving my local community, especially Fr. Emmanuel, whom I have choffered for the last four years.

I thank you for your consideration and pray God to help us all become better franciscans.

Fr. Francis,

Mario Ammarrusti O.F.M.

OFM CIMM 1  
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## SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

August 23, 2000

Dear [redacted] and Definitorium,

With regard to our response to you and the Definitorium and the matter of Mario's (Cimmarrusti) driving again, I would like to write the following.

Ray, Mario and I met a short while after receiving your letter. We had no reservations on the conditions laid down for Mario to resume driving. In fact, for the reasons listed below, we are very pleased with your decision. We have already implemented the required conditions.

Explicitly, the implementations are as follows:

- Permission. Mario must seek clearance for every use of the car from me first, then [redacted] Rufino, or Emmanuel, in that order.
- Mileage log. A mileage log and place of destination is kept in the upper sacristy in the draw where we keep the common money. I do review it at the end of each week.
- Being accompanied. Mario is always to be accompanied during his use of the car. James (Kyrie) continues to take Mario to his appointments with the psychologist.

We are confident about all of this. Mario is a different man than he was a year ago. He has become a real fraternity man, doing almost all the household work for the friary and doing it well. He is superb in caring for Emmanuel who, naturally, has many doctor and pharmacy appointments. I don't know what we would do without Mario to drive him considering our workload here. In this, Mario is a distinct blessing to say nothing of the physical relief. Mario also spends a great deal of time driving Emmanuel to the physical therapy sessions that the nurses have asked of Emmanuel.

Our trust level of Mario is much higher, too. He is very strict about his limitations of going out in the car, as well as with visitors who have children. He would not even move the car to a more secure location on the property here.

We hope there is no hesitation on your part about continuing this plan. It has lifted a burden off our community and has brought about a greater sense of joy for our being a "whole" friary.

Thank you for your love and concern.

Peace and every blessing.

  
Barry Brunman, O.F.M.

O.F.M. CIMM 1  
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July 20, 2000

8:17am

Telephone message (voice mail) from Barry Brunsman .....

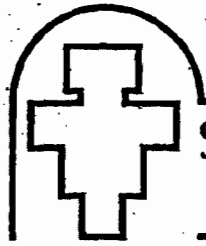
Re: Mario C.

Like to put in a word in support of Mario driving again. He has really improved and is very responsible. Barry said Mario is a changed man and very responsible and should be allowed to drive again.

Lack of drivers at San Damiano a big problem and Ray B. doesn't want to use Covenant workers to drive Mario or Emmanuel.

Barry B. is on vacation and will be back July 26<sup>th</sup> if you care to talk with him about this.

MR



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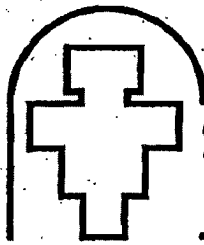
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Fr. Francis,

Minister General, O.F.M.

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TO: [REDACTED]

RE: Mario C.

FROM: Steve

March 8, 2000

[REDACTED] called today to let us know he is going to take the car keys and driver's license from Mario. Mario was involved in two hit and run accidents since November. One was in a parking lot the other was a rear end collision. No injuries and criminal action taken to date. He is going to do this in the presence of Mario's therapist.

[REDACTED] strongly feels Mario needs to be moved very soon. No one at Danville will drive Mario around to appointments. The friars there have no patience with Mario and want him to move.

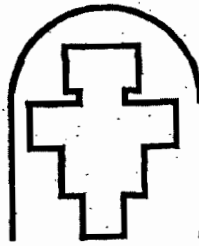
Larry only had three suggestions as to place: St. Mary's in Phoenix, Mission San Antonio, or RECON in Dittmer, MO.

I suggest Mario be added to the March definitorium meeting.

*Steve*

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## SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

August 23, 2000

Dear [REDACTED] and Definitorium,

With regard to our response to you and the Definitorium and the matter of Mario's (Cimmarrusti) driving again, I would like to write the following.

[REDACTED] Mario and I met a short while after receiving your letter. We had no reservations on the conditions laid down for Mario to resume driving. In fact, for the reasons listed below, we are very pleased with your decision. We have already implemented the required conditions.

Explicitly, the implementations are as follows:

- Permission. Mario must seek clearance for every use of the car from me first, then [REDACTED] Rufino, or Emmanuel, in that order.
- Mileage log. A mileage log and place of destination is kept in the upper sacristy in the draw where we keep the common money. I do review it at the end of each week.
- Being accompanied. Mario is always to be accompanied during his use of the car. James (Kyrie) continues to take Mario to his appointments with the psychologist.

We are confident about all of this. Mario is a different man than he was a year ago. He has become a real fraternity man, doing almost all the household work for the friary and doing it well. He is superb in caring for Emmanuel who, naturally, has many doctor and pharmacy appointments. I don't know what we would do without Mario to drive him considering our workload here. In this, Mario is a distinct blessing to say nothing of the physical relief. Mario also spends a great deal of time driving Emmanuel to the physical therapy sessions that the nurses have asked of Emmanuel.

Our trust level of Mario is much higher, too. He is very strict about his limitations of going out in the car, as well as with visitors who have children. He would not even move the car to a more secure location on the property here.

We hope there is no hesitation on your part about continuing this plan. It has lifted a burden off our community and has brought about a greater sense of joy for our being a "whole" friary.

Thank you for your love and concern.

Peace and every blessing.

  
Barry Brunsman, O.F.M.

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# Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (510)536-3722 Fax (510)536-3970

May 25, 2000

Fr. Mario Cimmarusti, OFM  
San Damiano Retreat  
P.O. Box 767  
Danville, CA 94526

Dear Mario,

May the Lord give you peace.

Thank you for your response to the questions for the members of the Definitorium. Most of you mentioned the need for someone who would visit each friar in after-care in a pastoral way. At the most recent meeting of the Definitorium, the members selected Brother John Gutierrez, OFM. We are seeking more specific information as to how we can help each friar in aftercare. Therefore, we have asked John to visit each of you and just talk with you about how this can best be done. He will be contacting you shortly. John's visit and the results are for the Definitorium. He is not reporting to the IRT, but he is helping us respond to your needs as friars.

Another item that the Definitorium discussed was the task of the monitor. We realized that having a friar as monitor tended to create a lack of confidence among the friars - for those in after-care and the mentors and the one mentored. Therefore, to create a better spirit in your friaries, we have asked the IRT to set up a program wherein the monitor is someone from the outside who will visit the friar-in-after-care regularly, check the sign-out sheets that are required, and report to the director of after-care. It is the hope of the Definitorium that this will aid in ameliorating a difficult situation.

Thanks for our cooperation.

Fraternally,

[Redacted Signature]  
Provincial Minister





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To: [REDACTED]

Barry Brunsman, OFM, Guardian, Jubilarian

Mario Cimmarrusti, OFM, Jubilarian

From: [REDACTED] and definitorium

RE: Mario's request to drive

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2000

Dear [REDACTED], Barry and Mario,

May the Lord give you peace!

At the definitorium meeting this week we discussed the request to return to driving. The discussion on the topic was quite good. Thank you for your letter of recommendation, Barry. The definitorium decided that it would be OK to allow a return under certain conditions and in steps or in stages. We would not like the return to take place until the three of you meet and determine how you can put in place the following conditions for the initial step and get back to us with your recommendations. We realize that you can certainly use someone who is able to chauffeur and accompany Emmanuel. At the beginning stages the definitorium wishes the trips to be monitored in the following way: 1.) A mileage log 2.) permission obtained each time 3.) only accompanied trips at the beginning. -- this should be evaluated in three months to see how it is progressing.

I know that this seems a bit too much, however, the definitorium is quite strong about this because of the problems in the recent past. I hope you can have the meeting and get back to us with the ways you will monitor the use of

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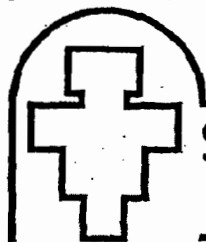
the auto and other conditions you feel need to be placed or modified --  
before our meeting in September in San Luis Rey.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally, [REDACTED]

Min. Prov.

cc. [REDACTED]



SAN DAMIANO  
RETREAT

*File* *Mario C.*

May 1, 2002

[REDACTED]  
1500 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94601  
[REDACTED]

In your letter of January 16 you granted permission to Mario to drive to local stores by himself. This was to be evaluated in three months. This is the purpose of this letter.

My evaluation, and Ray's, is that it has worked out fabulously for our community. He does all our shopping and necessary errands without our accompanying him. This is a critical help for us. He is faithful in asking permission too. I/we would like this privilege renewed.

Emmanuel is getting weaker by the day. His doctor appointments are increasing. I can't tell you how valuable Mario's care for him has been. I think Emmanuel's life span has been increased by this expert care. You might keep that in mind for other friars who need constant health care.

Thanks for all your care and concern. Bless you especially in this chaotic time.

Peace and every blessing.

*Barry*

(Rev.) Barry Bruusman, O.F.M.

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To: Barry Brunsman, OFM, Guardian.

From: [REDACTED]

Re: Mario C. and the discussion of the defintorium meeting – May, 2001  
May 31, 2001

Dear Barry,

As per our meeting of May 12<sup>th</sup>, I am sending you the results of the meeting with the defintorium:

1. a four to six month respite from group therapy. After that time, Mario will begin with a new group.
2. Mario will be able to drive alone to his doctor appointments once he finishes the course of the AARP.

Please share this with Mario. (Enclosed is a copy for him should you wish.)  
I hope this helps you all. Thanks for all you do for the Church and Province.

Fraternally,

[REDACTED]

Min. Prov.



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# Province of St. Barbara

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*For Mario C.*

To: Barry Brunsmán, OFM, Guardian  
From: [REDACTED]  
RE: driving for Fr. Mario Cimmarrusti, OFM  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Dear Barry,

I want to put in writing the conversation we had today. Mario can drive unaccompanied to and from his appointments with doctors. This will be evaluated by [REDACTED] and yourself in three months (late September). Permission is also granted for the vacation with Fr. Emmanuel.

Thanks Barry for all you do.

Fraternally,

[REDACTED]  
Min. Prov.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCE INFORMATION

NAME (type or print) Mario Cimarrusti O.F.M.  
 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER 7193863  
 DOCTOR'S NAME Dr. Virginia Salis TELEPHONE 466-2233 948-2886  
 Address of person to be notified in case of accident, illness or death:  
 NAME Connie Campillo RELATIONSHIP Sister  
 STREET 2339 Loch Alene CITY Pico Rivera STATE CA ZIP 90660  
 TELEPHONE 949-8666 (Use other side for additional persons if you wish.)

N.B. This card is to be filled out and kept on hand in the local friary. The copy in the Provincial Office should be updated when needed.

DATE FILLED OUT 3/14/82

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# FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

## NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN (please print/type)

Cimmarrusti Mario S  
Last Name Christian (Religious) Middle  
Birthdate 12/08/30 Birthplace Longwood, California  
Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Address of two (2) persons to notify in case of sickness/death:

- 1) Anthony Mark Campillo Nephew 909-588-5115  
Name Relationship (AC) Phone  
20146 E. Walnut Rd. Walnut, Ca 91787  
Address City/State/Zip
- 2) James Campillo Nephew 510-949-1773  
Name Relationship (AC) Phone  
Loch Lane, Los Bernal  
Address City/State/Zip

Do you belong to another Province? If so, which? no

Please carry your Insurance ID card with you. yes

Your medical doctor (MD) Neil R. Phamusa

Your Dr.'s Address and Phone San Ramon Valley Primary Care

Medical Group - 200 Porter Dr. San Ramon, Ca 94583

Blood Type: A+ Medical Allergies no 510-238-6533

Your Insurance Carrier Health Net

Have you made a last testament? If so, you are asked to attach a copy to this form and send it to the Provincial Office.

Additional copies of this request/testament should remain with you and with the local Guardian. When you are reassigned, your new Guardian should get a copy of this testament.

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Do you have special requests for your funeral service/arrangements? E.g., special hymns, type of music, homilist, closed casket, a family member or friend to help with the funeral? Any other wishes you might have that will help those planning the funeral.

Are there any personal items you want given to your family?

Do you have insurance policies, pensions, veteran's benefits, etc.? If so, please list.

If you have a bank account by reason of ministry, who is the co-signer on the account? (Any individual friar account must have at least one other friar as a co-signer.)

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In the event of a Friar's death, the Guardian should secure the Friar's room. All documents and personal effects should be sent to the Franciscan Province of St. Barbara Archives. If you have a file in your room for "sensitive" materials, please provide instructions for its disposal. Family photographs and other items not needed for Provincial History, may be given by the Provincial Archivist to the next of kin who requests them.

Signature of Friar Mario Guarnaccia Date March 20, 1987

A copy of this document goes to the Provincial Office and a copy remains with the local Guardian.

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## A PERSONAL STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe that every person is created by God as an individual of value and dignity. My basic worth and value as a person is inherent in the relationship of love that God has for me and not in my usefulness in society.

I believe that God has endowed me as His creature with the responsibility and privilege of sharing with God in the dominion over my earthly existence. I believe in the sanctity of human life which is celebrated in the spirit of creative living because it does have worth, meaning, and purpose. Therefore, I am responsible to use all ordinary means to preserve my life.

I further believe, however, that every human life is given dignity in dying as well as in living. Therefore, I am free to refuse artificial and heroic measures to prolong my dying. I affirm my human right which allows me to die my own death within limits of social, legal, and spiritual factors.

I believe I have the right to die with dignity -- respected, cared for, loved and inspired by hope. I consider as unjust the continuation of artificial and mechanical life support systems through expensive medical and technological means when there is no reasonable expectation for my recovery of meaningful personal life.

In order to avoid the useless prolongation of my dying and the suffering of my loved ones, I, Mario Cimmarusti, have executed the following Living Will/Directive to Physicians.

Signed: Mario Cimmarusti, Jr.

Dated: 6/13/03

TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

It is my firm conviction that my life as a Friar has meaning and value in any circumstance that occurs if I become disabled, incapacitated, or incompetent. My decision to join the Order of Friars Minor was a free choice and is one that has been constantly reaffirmed over time by my free choice to live this life. For this reason I have chosen to appoint a member of the Order of Friars Minor as my attorney in fact to make health care decisions for me in the event that I am unable to make those decisions myself. My attorney in fact may consult with my family and friends to honor my desires as expressed by my attorney in fact. This desire in no way manifests a lack of love for my family or friends; rather, it is an expression of confidence in my attorney in fact to act in accord with my known desires.

Accepting death with responsibility and human dignity is in keeping with the Creator's plan. Talking about sickness and death can be difficult, but it is part of our responsibility to ourselves and to the people we love. For this reason, I, Mario Cimarrusti, have executed the following Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

Signed:

Mario Cimarrusti, Jr.

Date:

6/13/03

[all states]

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Bates Nos. 205-212 were removed by the Plaintiffs at the request of the Franciscans.