

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 [REDACTED]

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

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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.

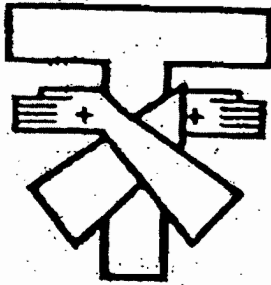
I got my small pox vaccination today and renewed my passport. I am now all set to leave for the Philippines January 18. I am really excited about going, both to see the place and also to see John. It will be a good trip. We will be there almost a month (two weeks is a seminar on formation--oh joy!) I 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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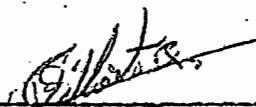
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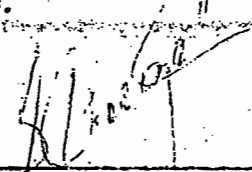
Creemos que las razones expuestas anteriormente -  
demuestran el interes que guia al Patronato del Dispensario para la realiza-  
cion de esta obra, no dudando nos enviaron los comentarios y sugerencias que -  
a su criterio amerite.

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.

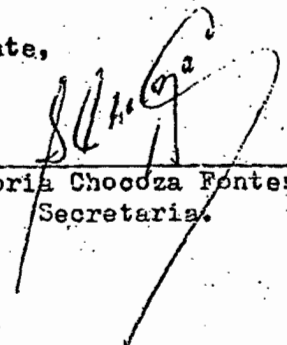
Asi mismo por medio de la presente queremos - patentizarle nuestro sincero reconocimiento por el palpable interes que han manifestado en la obra del Dispensario entre nuestras comunidades, - interes que se ha manifestado a traves de la ayuda material, moral y espiritual que nos han proporcionado.

Para corresponder a Uds. por la confianza y - responsabilidad que inmerecidamente han depositado en nosotros para llevar a la feliz realizacion los proyectos que para el Dispensario nos hemos 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,

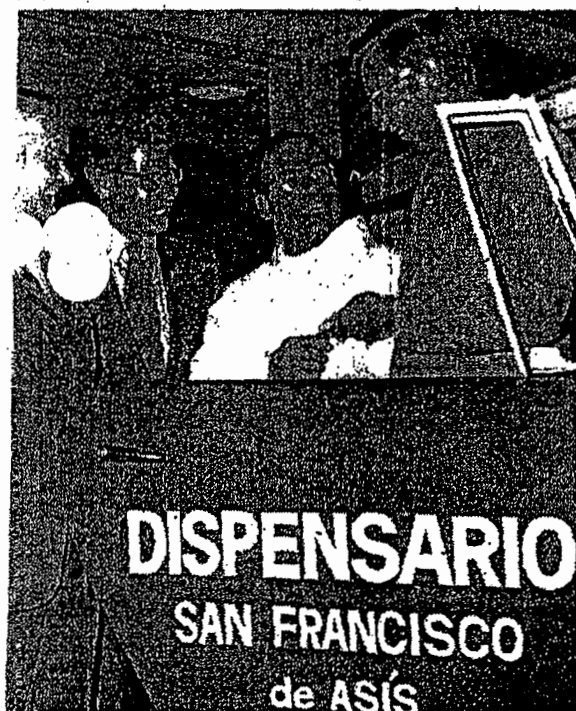
  
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Gilberto Calles Ramirez  
Presidente

  
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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

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## 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.

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*  
*Maria*

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,

Fraternally 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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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,



OFM CIMM 1

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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 Cimarrusti, 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
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	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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# STATEMENT



November 30, 1981

**REDACTED**

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 for your 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  
accepts me.

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,

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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~~ ~~Re~~ ~~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 31

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.

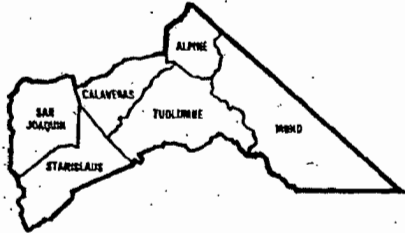
Mario, although I know it's not your first choice of an assignment, we are very pleased that you have fit in there; that you have handled the drinking problem and that you are contributing to the ministry there in Stockton. It seems to us at this time that this is the best assignment for you.

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.

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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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Louie

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Personnel 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 Helano. Spent some time talking with Fr. Tom, who gave me the grand tour, explained the situation there in Helano, etc. I was impressed.

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

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203 E. Washington Street  
Stockton, California 95202

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 Galapagos  
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 Helino.

At any rate, these thoughts are  
for your consideration. If you want me  
to go to Helino, 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:

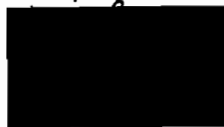
I appreciate your patience in waiting to hear something definite from us. We did have our meeting this week and we have got you slated for Delano when the friars leave next summer.

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.

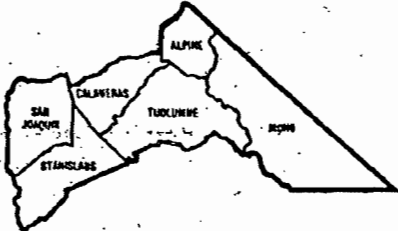
Thanks for your availability.

Your brother,



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DIOCESE OF STOCKTON



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

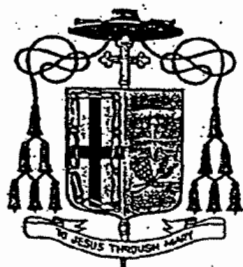
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Provincial  
Rev. Ignatius DeGroot, OFM

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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,



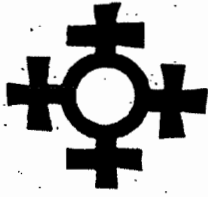
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

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.*

[REDACTED]  
1500. 34th Avenue  
Oakland, California

Dear [REDACTED]

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

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

1500 34th Avenue Oakland California 94601 (415)536-3722 Fax (415)536-3970

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,

[Redacted signature]

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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.

Faternally,

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

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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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# Province of St. Barbara

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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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# Province of St. Barbara

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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

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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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 Cimmarosa  
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**

<b>To:</b>	<u>Franciscan Communities, Province of St. Barbara</u>
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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.

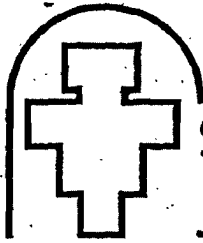
I know that this seems a bit too much, however, the definitorium is quite strong about this because of the problems in the recent past. I hope you can have the meeting and get back to us with the ways you will monitor the use of

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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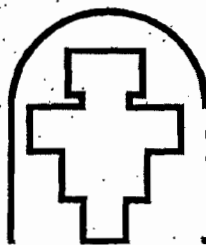
The Definitorium  
Province of St. Barbara  
June 9, 2000

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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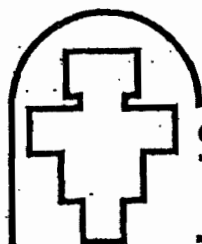
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Fr. Francis,

Mario Ammarrusti O.F.M.

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August 23, 2000

Dear [redacted] and Definitorium,

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Thank you for your love and concern.

Peace and every blessing.

  
Barry Brunman, O.F.M.

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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.

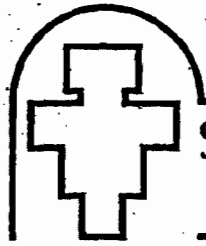
Lack of drivers at San Damiano a big problem and Ray B. doesn't want to use Covenant workers to drive Mario or Emmanuel.

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

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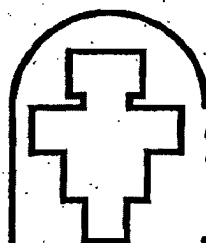
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The Definitorium  
Province of St. Barbara  
June 9, 2000

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 Province'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.

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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.

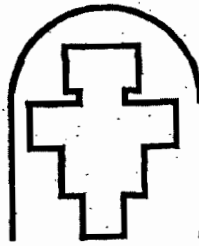
Larry only had three suggestions as to place: St. Mary's in Phoenix, Mission San Antonio, or RECON in Dittmer, MO.

I suggest Mario be added to the March definitorium meeting.

*Steve*

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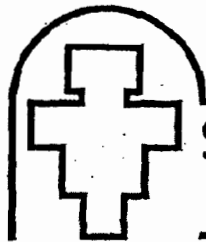
the auto and other conditions you feel need to be placed or modified --  
before our meeting in September in San Luis Rey.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally, [REDACTED]

Min. Prov.

cc. [REDACTED]



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*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

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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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 7339 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. Stalaw Rd. Stalaw, Ca 91787  
Address City/State/Zip
- 2) James Campillo Nephew 510-949-1773  
Name Relationship (AC) Phone  
Lock 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.