

Nov. 12, 1973

Dear Bro. Berard:

Many thanks for the newspaper from Richfield. That is really some picture. I will put it on the board and then keep it for the file.

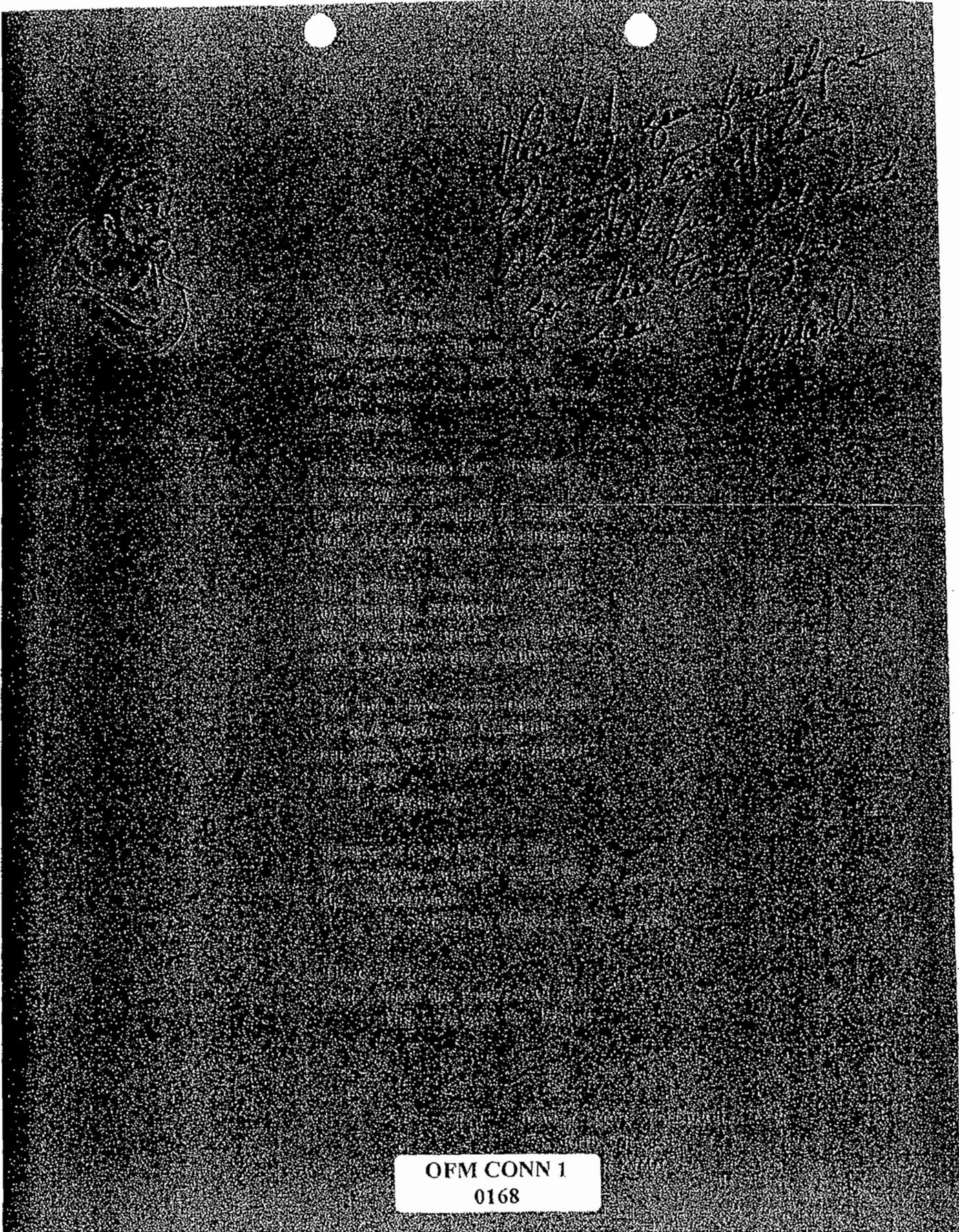
Hope the province gets more and more acquainted with what is happening in Utah these days.

Regards to all.

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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172 NORTH 5TH WEST - PROVO, UTAH 84601 - (801) 373-5071

April 21st, 1974

Dear Father Provincial,

I have been on the otherside of petitions from parishioners and in too recent memory I have been on the otherside of a request from confreres. Now I would like to express my hope that our Provo community can go on with its present membership.

Father Howard shared the letter from you in which you brought up the possibility of his going to Las Cruces. Terry, Tony and I talked it over and felt it would be fair to the Province, and ourselves, to express our feelings in this matter.

The suggestion that Father Howard might be moved cast gloom over Holy Week. He did receive your letter on Good Friday. While we know Province needs are important and that no community is entirely dependent on one man I do think Provo is unique. We are isolated and no where to go and "bitch". Here we are very dependent on one another. For reasons known but to God we four friars do like one another and do work well together.

I have long felt the unifying force in Provo was Father Howard. While he was in Santa Barbara this was brought out very clearly. The parish kept going with Tony, Terry and I but something was missing in the house. It was Howie's quiet understanding, his willingness to share all things, his evening pop-corn ritual. Perhaps these are simple reasons but we friars do thrive or fail on simple things.

I feel the parish is at the breakthrough of being one of our best parish families. With his patience and understanding Father Howard has converted most of his detractors. This past Holy Week saw so many divergent parishioner working together. Religious education is making great progress, the liturgy is meaningful to the greatest crowds in St. Francis' history. After a rather long winter the parish of St. Francis of Assisi is on the verge of blooming fully. I really think the friar who wintered the storm should share in some of the harvest.

I know from personal experience the diocesan priests have great confidence in Howie. Even this week several asked to meet with him to share a bit of his "recycling". He is very well thought of by the bishop - who in all candor - may wonder about the rest of the minor brothers.

And finally, Father, I owe a great personal debt of gratitude to Howie for providing a shelter for my "exile" and helping me once more a viable friar.

My thoughts and prayers in hopes the Provo community will be able to stay together. Others in the Province may not understand it but we do like - and even love - one another.

Thank you, Father Provincial.

Faternally, *Berard*

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- Lehi
- Alpine
- Valley View
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- Wildwood

April 23, 1974

Bro. Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
172 N. 5th W.
Provo, Ut. 84601

Dear Brother Berard,

Many thanks for your letter of April 21. Father Howard told me that he had asked the community to write, and I do appreciate hearing from you. It is great to get a notice of a community that is doing so well. I certainly have felt this myself when I visited there in Provo.

I can assure you that there is no need for worrying regarding the change of Father Howard at this time. Due to the note that he had put in regarding the possibility of retreats in the future we simply sounded him out in the matter of Holy Cross in New Mexico, and even though he certainly would be willing to take on anything that would serve the best interests of the Province, we would never want him to leave a very important role there in the community unless there were a real dire emergency, and I am sure that this has not arisen at this time.

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

Fraternally in St. Francis,



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In August I would like to attend the Chapter of Mats, see my folks a few days, make my retreat and then go to Mexico.

Tom Rosenberger spoke very highly of the Centro de Idioma y Cultura Latinoamericana in Cuernavaca. I have written them and am impressed by their program and the spirit of the people at the school. If I am to do it I would like to enroll at CICLA and spend three months there, Christmas in Guaymas to see if I've learned anything and then back to the states.

The cost at CICLA is \$240 a month plus about \$150 to stay with a Mexican family recommended by Tom. If the Province could help the first month or so I could beg, borrow, steal or earn for the rest. My vacation could help cover transportation and perhaps some tuition.

In January, and hopefully with some working knowledge of spanish, I could be assigned or return to Provo. Howard Hall invited me to St. Mary's, Kevin Dunne wants me in Highland Park. I'm interested in college people and I'm interested in Third Order. Believe it or not, I feel my greatest talent is in speaking!

What about a replacement? John Fowlie has a deacon already working in American Fork and he could easily work in Provo also. I hear John has the possibility of two Victory Noll Sisters coming for full time religious ed. and parish work. As I told you, much of my work here is work I have taken on myself.

I hope this isn't a heavy trip I'm putting on the definitorium. I hope it will understand my needs and feelings at this time. Am I looking forward or am I merely in the menopause. This letter may not be all that clear but it is a start. With you helping in my discernment we'll probably do alright. I am content to stay in Utah if you wish. I would like to do my thing at Cuernavaca. I am asking not to be moved before Mats.

I talked much of this over with Lou during the Plenary meet at Scottsdale so I am sending him a copy of this letter. Also, here is a resume I wrote a few months ago for a formation committee.

Howie's jubilee celebration in Provo was just great. Eddie Fronske was keynote speaker for the Diocesan Youth Conference and wowed the 500 kids present at the Salt Palace.

Thanks, John.

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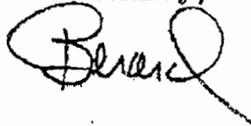
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May 18th, 1974

Dear Father Alan,

We have discussed your talk at the house chapter and have reflected on how we responded to the recent meat shortage. We are wondering if the enclosed from the Salt Lake Tribune is special for Utah consumption.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernard".

OEM CONN 1
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May 22, 1974

Dear Brother Berard:

Greetingg! Many thanks for the clippings. Am glad to know that you will now be better received in Utah, -since you among the prophets. I was really surprised to find that the press was present at the meeting of friars. The stories that have come out have really many different versions. The meeting did bring out some good discussion. Father General took a very active part in the sessions.

All best wishes, -hope I can get to prove for a good session perhaps some time during the Summer when you will all be home.

fraternally in St. Francis,

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I invite you to share in my happiness and to
thank God with me at a 7:30 P.M. Mass at The
Ascension Church, 76th and Yamhill Streets, Portland,
Oregon, on Tuesday, October 16th, 1973. A
reception will follow the Mass.

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Dear Father Provincial,

Bonnie was telling me some of the Brothers on the coast are being appointed, commissioned, ordained, sustained or whatever to the office of Lector and Acolyte.

I have been assisting at Communion and lectoring for six years so is there something I should check on or read up on concerning this.

Life goes well. Was with Bonnie in Richfield over the weekend. Komatke - where the grass grows thin - can't be much hotter.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 21 of July.

Fraternally,

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June 19, 1974

Bro. Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
172 North 5th West
Provo, Utah 84601

Dear Brother Berard,

Many thanks for your letter with the inquiry on the ministry of Lector and Acolyte. We have been interested in this for some time, and since Fr. Brian Flynn was working with some of the friars in Theology, we asked if he would prepare those in this area who would like to receive Lector and Acolyte, and he did so during the past months. Actually, Fathers Pierre and Brian are working out some material on this so that we can present it to the Province. I am sure that with your background both in ministry both as Lector and Acolyte there would be no difficulty in your being appointed to these offices officially. I will be happy to be in touch with you on this as soon as we get some material.

~~With every best wish and looking forward to being with you on July 20, I am~~

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Fraternally in St. Francis,



ready.

I am glad that Bonny had a chance to be up there with you and hope that it will be a little change for him. He really had a very full year there at St. John's.

With every best wish and looking forward to being with you on July 20, I am

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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October 24th, 1974

Dear [REDACTED]

Again I want to thank you for the opportunity of the Brothers' Institute. I, and I am sure the other Brothers attending, appreciate you and the others taking the time to help us be the friars we want to be.

It was especially good being with the friars and sharing their hopes and their ideals. As I grow older some of my values change but more and more it is the friars who have meaning in my life.

Fraternally,

Berard

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November 16th, 1974

Dear Father Provincial and
friars of the Definitorium,

I am writing this in behalf of a confrere and classmate - and
unknown to him.

When and if the time comes for selecting the friars for a Samoa
mission I hope full consideration will be given Brother Anthony
Lavorin. I know of no friar more dedicated to the poor nor more
zealous in things of God. I have known Tony for almost thirty
years.

Since news of the Samoa invitation was made known, Tony has many
times expressed his interest and his hope in being sent. He has
written departments in the Samoan government and in fact has made
plans. Getting Tony out of these mountains is a problem but he
recently went to Scottsdale to visit two Samoan deacon candidates.
To me this is proof of his genuine interest.

Both Tony and I realize age, and perhaps health, may be against
him but in all fairness I hope you will not overlook the greatness
of the friar and the man that is Brother Anthony.

I do not doubt your wisdom - well, most of the time I don't doubt
it. I write you because I know that being in Utah Tony is out of the
"mainstream" and could be overlooked when you go over the friars
who have volunteered.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Eternally,

Berard Connolly, O.F.M.

cc: Father Provincial and the friar-definitors

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December 27th, 1974

Dear friars,

Man proposes and God.....

Due to personnel changes here in Zion and the fact that rather few friars of the area thought the proposed mini-chapter was a good idea at this time, Terry Wenzl and I think it may be best to postpone the meeting until a better time for all. Hopefully a friar in the Intermountain/Southwest area will get it going and the interest will be more vital. Thirty friars responded out of seventy which isn't too bad an average for we friars!

Thanks for answering and let's hope we can get up enough interest for another try.

Fraternally,


Berard Connolly, O.F.M.

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Dear brothers,

Last weekend in Tooele (!) I shared with ten college men and women, two nuns and a diocesan priest, in a vocation workshop. It was a closed SEARCH-type experience - you know, sleeping bags and up all night - and many good things happened.

Our theme was the religious as a clown. This may sound obvious but there actually was a lot to it. I so appreciate the theme as brought out that I'm sending this resume to the formation houses in hopes you'll post it, read it and probably forget much of it.

Life goes well enough in Zion. It's snowing lightly this morning. Have a happy Easter!

Peace!

Bernard

Dear Father Martial -

Thought the enclosed diocesan directory might find space somewhere in your office.

The Provo Daily Herald article should be read with a violin background.

Like everyone, we were saddened at Phil's death.

Fraternally,

Bernard

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Minister Series

Franciscans, Early in Utah

By

By Berard Connolly, O.F.M. of St. Francis Catholic Church

"We climbed a small hill, and beheld the valley and the lake of Nuestra Senora de la Merced de Los Timpanogotzis ... — the diary of Father Escalante, Sept. 23, 1776.

With this simple entry, the coming of the first white men into present day Utah County is recorded. Every Utah schoolboy knows these first explorers were the Franciscans Francisco Dominguez and Sylvestre Escalante.

They came seeking an overland route from the City of the Holy Faith in New Mexico to Serra's California Missions.

The Franciscans remained in Utah County only a short while, but time enough to tell the Indians about the One God who loved them, to meet tribal chiefs of the Timpanogos — the fish-eaters — and to hear stories about the very end of the earth at the strange sea of salt water 40 miles to the north.

They told the Indians to pray and that someday the brown-robed men who laughed and loved the little ones would return.

Utah became truly a cross-roads of the west. The explorers, Etienne Provost, James Bridger and William Ashley passed through. In 1847 the Mormon Pioneers under the leadership of Brigham Young entered Utah after their heroic trek from Nauvoo, Ill.

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Francis, the man who shared everything with the poor, who kissed a leper, who obeyed the Pope and who asked for candy on his death bed to make amends to Brothers Ass, as he called his body, asked but one thing of those who would follow his example of gospel living.

He asked that his brothers be men who would go about spreading joy and peace, saying yes to life. To remind them of their calling, he named them the friars minor, or in today's English, "the lesser brothers."

It seems Franciscans have always been around. We find the minor brothers confronting king and sultan, living and dying with the poor, charting new lands where to tell the Christ-story as did Escalante and Dominguez.

For the past 42 years, the Franciscans have grown with the Catholic community in Utah County to where this community stands today giving witness to Christ and saying yes to life. Hopefully they have always been men who laughed and loved the poor.

Today's Franciscans serving in Utah County belong to the Santa Barbara Province, composed of some 300 friars wandering in the western part of the United States and in missions in the Philippines and in Mexico.

The lesser brothers are to be found wherever there are poor, wherever there is a cause to bring peace.

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In 1931 the Catholic Bishop of Utah requested the Franciscans to take over the care of souls in Utah County. Some 155 years after the passing through of Dominguez and Escalante, sandal-shod feet once more cast a print in the black soil of Utah County.

Who are these Franciscans, these men "who laugh and who love the little ones"? They are men who since 1212 have with varying degrees of success followed the Gospel of Jesus Christ by living in obedience, without property and in the celibate service of others following the example of Francis from Assisi.

The whole world knows St. Francis of Assisi and he belongs to the whole world. His genius in bringing the God-Man to everyone we see at this season whenever we visit at Christmas Creche or manger

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In future columns we hope to tell more of the activities of St. Francis Parish, Provo, but as we enter this Bicentennial year of the coming of the Franciscans into Utah, we want to share a bit of Franciscan background. The background of Francisco Domingues and Sylvestre Escalante, the first white men to look on Utah Lake, men who loved the little ones.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — St. Nicholas, the fourth century bishop of Myra, Turkey, who was the prototype for Santa Claus, is the patron saint of pawnbrokers, schoolboys, bankers, maidens, sailors and thieves.

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"My meat and drink is to see a clown."
(William Shakespeare)

CLOWNING

An Important archetype for the creative minister is the fool or contemporary clown. His craft is ancient and honorable (philosopher, jongleur, goliard, jester, etc.) and like the prophet sometimes his success is measured in rejection, derision and crucifixion. So he performs a sacred role in the community: the mirror to the people of their ethic and possibilities, a teller of truth standing naked in the market place and confronting the powerful with his playful disorder, a beggar, a story-teller, a magician. The fool is often a lonely wanderer, without a tribe or family, yet this is his calling and when immersed in his folly he experiences a special intimacy with those who join him; promises implicitly are exchanged and a kinship forms--folly is contagious.

The contemporary clown wears white faces. This is not intended to mask him (though it can sometimes) but rather to provide the basis for an exploration of the inner face, a self-revelation beneath the mask of flesh. There are few moments more sacred to a novice clown (also called joey, tanbard, etc.) than when he finds his "real face," when the inner self surfaces in its wonderfully exaggerated features. Little wonder that clowns act so freely and exert such magic!

The conventions of clowning are fascinating and deserve mention since there are many parallels with religious life. Once a clown dons white face he undergoes a terrible transformation. According to the ancient convention he becomes neither old nor young, neither male nor female, neither black nor white--he is ageless, sexless, raceless, without parents or children. In greasepaint a clown has not ordinary appetites. He cannot eat (unless it is a rubber hot dog), drink (unless he spills it all over himself), smoke (unless it explodes in his face) or sleep (unless he is rudely awakened)--he has not a stomach, lungs, bladder or genitals. He has no nerve endings and cannot feel pain which is why everyone laughs at the clown who is thwacked from behind or over the head by a giant paddle or club. In makeup the clown cannot die, yet he can feel exquisite sadness and emptiness. He is an embodied fantasy, the scapegoat of his people yet their deliverer also. It is not surprising that Christ is frequently portrayed in clown motif. By impertinent truthfulness he can break through the rigid social conventions that bind his audience. Few things are more awesome than a clown let loose in the streets. The freedom he embodies is totally inviting and threatening. His very presence is a statement of liberation that reveals to the spectator his own chains, and it is far more tempting to capture and abuse the clown than to become one. But the clown is legion; his folly is latent in all of us.

Vocation Weekend - Tooele, Utah
The Clowns - Bob, Jeremiah, Berry, Eileen
with Joe, Mike, Greg, Kathy, Bob, Greg,
Cindy, Pat, Marilyn, Paul....



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July 28th, 1975

Dear [REDACTED]

Our personal thanks for asking Father Dominic Amennuno to help out in Provo this weekend.

Dominic flooded this house with happiness and his simple joy was so beautifully shared in with the people at Mass. We both deeply appreciate his willingness to let us share in the liturgy in an active role.

Assisi must somehow be his spirit - if it isn't it should be. Our one regret is that Dominic never met that nice Italian girl, Angela Moroni!

Faternally,

Bernard Tony

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Dear [REDACTED]

Just so you'll know we're doing our bit here in Zion.

Interesting reaction to my suggestion to sponsor a poor student at a state college..... dead silence and then "That's a fine idea, Brother — and now about the rodeo.." We'll keep trying!

The friars here asked me to represent us. Will keep you informed. This Dominguez-Escalante is big here in Utah.

Fraternally,

Berard

September 4, 1975

Bro. Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
172 N. 5th West
Provo, Utah 84601

Dear Brother Berard,

Many thanks for your note and the enclosed in regard to working on the Dominguez-Escalante celebration. I think it is great that the Friars are involved with this and that the people are willing to go ahead in those plans. I am glad you were able to represent the Friars of Utah for the occasion. The suggestion about the poor student at a State College certainly is a good one and I think they will pick it up eventually.

With the enlarged community there and with Fr. Theophane, we really feel we have a pretty good hold in the Land of Zion. I hope your summer has been a good one and that the coming year will be one of real life and growth for the entire area.

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

Fraternally in St. Francis,



O.F.M. CONN 1
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April 1, 1976

Bro. Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
172 N. Fifth West
Provo, Utah 84601

Dear Brother Berard,

Many thanks for your note and the enclosed article on Clowning. I certainly appreciate your sharing your experience with the friars in formation. I found that the theme of The Clown is one that really has a lot to say both to the young people today and to the old people who perhaps forget much of the tragedy that is in the very concept of clown.

I hope all is coming along well there in the Mormon country and hope we will be seeing you before too long.

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

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for the information regarding Tony's departure. Linus said it would be a good idea for me to take part in it so hopefully I'll be seeing you over the weekend.

Thanks too for the TO suggestion... however the secret of my living with John Fowlie both here and in Spokane is that I recognize him as being absolute as pastor while at the same time keeping my identity in house and friar things. I could not work well with John in Third Order so I ask that my name not be considered as a Spiritual Assistant. Hope you understand my thinking... by now you must be aware of the idiosyncrasies of many a friar.

Thanks for caring for the Province of St. Barbara, virgin and martyr. Hope to see you next weekend.

Fraternally,

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Dear [REDACTED]

First off, thanks for your time and insights shared during our retreading month at Santa Barbara. After your class on vows and spirituality I guess I have to admit with others that you were a pretty good novice master at that. Your presence meant a lot to me personally and I know the other Brothers feel as I.

- Santa Barbara was a fantastic month. For sure the classes were good but to me at least, the "hidden agenda" is the all important. Just getting to know guys like Mateo, Didacus and Bob has given me so darn much hope. It's not too hard to call a friar "brother" but it takes the give and take of living together to call him "friend". You know, that's another reason I'm glad we shared the novitiate!

The other evening I had a call from a parishioner in Spokane asking for Claude's sister's name and address. Could you or Martial dig it up for me.

Also, you mentioned the possibility of me contacting Damian Isabel regarding the Assisi experience one of these years. Now I can't find his address.

Thanks again, [REDACTED]

Always,

Bernard

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February 17, 1977

Bro. Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
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Provo, Utah 84601

Dear Berard,

Thanks very much for your nice letter, which I received earlier this week, and thank you also for sharing your feelings and your enthusiasm about your month at Santa Barbara. As I think I have told you, I have enjoyed both of my stays at the Brothers' Institute very much. The openness, and the evenness, and just the goodness of all the Brothers is a touch of real Franciscanism.

Claude's sister's address is:

Mrs. W. H. Micke
Rt. 1, Box 650
Yreka, Calif. 96097.

Damian Isabel's address is:

Rev. Damian Isabel, O.F.M.Cap.
Catholic Theological Union
5401 S. Cornell
Chicago, Ill. 60615
Tel.: 312-324-8000.

Thank you for sending me "Samoan News." The same day it arrived, I got another letter from Tony, which brought me up to date on his experiences. He really writes a good letter.

So do you. Thanks very much for everything.

Faternally,


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John David [unclear]

Lay Franciscans in Utah

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JULY 1977

Dear brothers and sisters,

Pioneer Day is almost dissolved in a wonderful sunset as I write you. This day has a strange flavor for those of us not "pure" Utahns and I admit a bit of my built in gentile paranoia creeps in. Anyhow, what better way to end this state holiday than to share a few of my thoughts with you who with me share in the Francis vision.

July has been a good month weatherwise although for a while we thought Utah County would be drowned in the several horrendous thunder storms. I wanted to write you sooner but I never seem to make Bob Ryan's deadline. That's the trouble having an efficient Lay Franciscan Bulletin editor.

We speak of many things in this monthly letter. I enjoy writing it and I am told at least some of you enjoy reading it. As your Spiritual Assistant I feel this is an important as well as enjoyable duty of mine.

In the past weeks we friars received another fine letter from our Minister Provincial. Father [redacted] is Minister Provincial for all Franciscans living in the western states. Your's as well as mine. [redacted] is deeply interested in Lay Franciscans having been Spiritual Assistant at Sacramento, California, and Reno, Nevada. A [redacted] is deeply skilled in things Franciscan as well as in those wonderful workings of human nature. If I may boast (you haven't been able to stop me yet!) [redacted] and I were classmates years ago. I only hope a bit of his spirituality will rub off on me.

In his letter, [redacted] reminds the friars of the blessings which come to them through the Lay Franciscans. Here is a paraphrase of some of the high lights of the Minister Provincial's letter to the friars:

"The relationship of all friars to our Lay Franciscans can be best seen when we remember that our Franciscan family is a very large one.

"It is sometimes said, half in jest, that the Lay Franciscans are a 'Happy Death Society'. If we friars show little interest then we are in part to blame. My own experience is that you (friars) will find many genuine Franciscans among the Lay Franciscans who put us friars to shame.

"But the Spirit does not breathe in vain. It is a layperson's Order: we are not to 'run' it or 'direct it'. But we are called to work along with the secular Franciscans.

"The best way we can be true to the Lay Franciscans is to be true to our call and by listening! Listening to our brothers and sisters - some of those 'other' Franciscans. For in fact, we need them as much as they need us.

"We learn Christian teaching from good books and teachers; but we assimilate it largely from working with people who have the Spirit of Christ. Similarly we will carry the Franciscan Fire as a deep moving force within us, if we pray and if we have vital contact with other real Franciscans. If you go among these other Franciscans, these Third Order members, you will see a witness of poverty, chastity, obedience, disponibility, minority, prayerfulness, charity, and zeal for the Kingdom of God which will attract you and lead you to want to do and be the same....."

There is little I can add to [REDACTED] words which I know will be an encouragement to you. In light of these words which have renewed my own convictions regarding the office of Spiritual Assistant, I have a request of each of you.

In the several months I have been Spiritual Assistant to this fraternity I hope I have done what I can to encourage you but never do I want in any fashion to "run" or to "direct" the fraternity. (To be honest, you wouldn't let me even if I tried!) You ministers and chapter and all of you too well realize this is your part of the Francis charisma and you are doing it your way, rightly so.

In the Fall a meeting is being scheduled for the Spiritual Assistants in the St. Barbara Province. I look forward to sharing with my brothers who are involved in Third Order. In a rather human fashion, I am anxious to brag to them about the great tertiaries in the Salt Lake Valley. To help me better prepare for the meeting, I ask you to fill out the enclosed questionnaire and to please mail it back to me at your convenience. Your feedback will help me better serve you as together we each follow the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Peace, my dearest brothers and sisters!


Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
Spiritual Assistant

PS. My "visitation" of the fraternity goes on slowly but surely. You just never know the day nor the hour when I'll appear at your kitchen door. And, seriously, if you want to see me regarding your Franciscan growth, please call or write me. I'll be up to see you as soon as possible. b.

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- a) In light of the Minister Provincial's letter, how do you see the role of the friar who is Spiritual Assistant of this fraternity?
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Dear [REDACTED]

To the Province's grief at the death of Pierre I know must be added your own personal and deep loss.

I am happy he spent his last night on earth sharing happily with you and the brothers. This is the most any friar could ask for.

[REDACTED] my sympathy and my prayers. I wonder if when our turn comes we will find Pierre handing out freshly mimeographed copies of our entrance hymn.

Always,

LAY FRANCISCANS IN UTAH
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My brothers and sisters,

With sadness I announce to you that Sister Death has called the Vicar-Provincial of the St. Barbara Province. Father Pierre Etchecuecu, O.F.M., who was elected Vicar or Vice-Provincial of the Province only last year, died of a sudden heart attack yesterday, July 30th. He was 45 years old and a Franciscan 26 years. Mass of Christian burial will be offered at Old Mission Santa Barbara, August 3rd. May he be with God!

Pierre was superior of the Franciscan School of Theology, Berkely, California. He was a distinguished musician and liturgist. A very genuine friar, Pierre was always a joy to be with.

In your good prayers, please remember Pierre, his mother and brother, and all your brothers in the Province of St. Barbara, especially our Minister Provincial and his council, who have suffered a very personal loss.

Peace!


Brother Berard Connolly, O.F.M.

Aug. 9, 1977

Bro. Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Provo, Utah

Dear Berard,

Thank you for your beautiful message of concern and sympathy on the occasion of Pierre's death. I appreciate your sensitivity. Thank you also for sharing with me the beautiful letter that you wrote to the Lay Franciscans in Utah. This was typically very good of you.

Please be assured of my deep gratitude, Berard.

Fraternally,



*acknowledged
see person*



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June 20, 1977

re: San Damiano Retreat

Provincial Office:

Thank you for asking for feedback from the Province regarding building plans at San Damiano.

In the few times I have visited the retreat house I have noticed space at a premium. Perhaps the retreatants, and surely the friars, have grown in stature since Kenan Osborne first thought "Swedish Modern" on that hill top.

From my vantage point of some seven hundred miles away, I would opt for Plan Two, the building of a new chapel and the redoing the present chapel into conference rooms, etc.

Today more than in years past there is renewed interest and experience in prayer. The chapel is the rightful heart of a retreat house. I would like to see it not an all-purpose building but a true chapel. I am confident good liturgical responsibility would go into the design and building. If I may, my only and personal caution is that "honest materials" are used. The plastic altar at Scottsdale will always bother me. Many years ago I became convinced that only the honest materials of wood, stone, steel, wool are proper for church building.

My final thought is a vote of confidence for [REDACTED] He did such a fantastic job in sharing the Franciscan vision and dream at Casa Paz y Bien that I pretty much feel that if Mike thinks it a good idea let him go ahead. I wouldn't want to see him repressed (if that were possible) at San Damiano.

Peace!

Berard Connolly, O.F.M.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed is my contribution to whatever happens building-wise at San Damiano. Thanks for asking. Thanks, too for those great Provincial Letters. With your right foot forward, surely you are doing a goodly thing!

I'm settling in for another year in Utah. I feel this will be my last in these wilds. The northwest still calls! The possibility of going to Sacramento made me take stock in what I'm about and I was pretty well set for the move. I am very happy with the man who is going into formation. Angelo is a great guy and will be a very important part of formation. Besides the usual qualms moves arouse, I guess down deep I had the fear of getting into formation "politics" This vacation I plan on spending a few days possible with Tony in a formation house. Might do me some good. [REDACTED] I only hope my hesitation wasn't an added burden on you. I do know my hesitation resulted in a better person for the job.

As long as I'm in formation and as long as this letter is still personal, there is something which bothers me. At this moment I have hesitant feelings about Greg Sandritter entering the novitiate this year. I don't know if being area vocation promoter gives me the right to say this but I feel being a friars does.

Greg is a nice enough fellow and I do like him but I also have serious reservations about his maturity and stability. I feel he has shown a certain lack of both this summer. He is staying with a parish family which regards pot and somewhat anti social behavior as of little or no consequence. I very often [REDACTED] Greg is worse than the kids. I realize the men living with him in formation are better able to judge but I feel my conscience tells me to at least raise the caution.

On a positive side, Greg has some genuine qualities which may grow and mature under the proper direction. I am also very much aware that he has not been made to feel welcome in this friary. This is a serious lack on the part of we friars! I am not trying to push Greg out but I do ask that care be given him in these formation years. I hope you will appreciate my motive in writing this.

How were things in Guaymas? Tony told me you and he were heading down that way. The Hogar really grows on you. Last night I was showing some slides I took (for a fund raiser) and again fell in love with the little people at the orphanage. Hope Tony'd health is OK. He sounded like he's anxious to get to work with the Mexicans in Oakland and with formation.

Life goes well enough here. I plan on spending more time this year with the Salt Lake Lay Franciscans. They are just great people. I'll share

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Franciscans Meet

St. Barbara Province Franciscans, both Friars Minor and Lay Franciscans, met at the San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville, California, recently to share mutual problems and successes and to reappraise the role of the Spiritual Assistant (usually a friar or Sister) in the lay order.

Brother Bernard Connolly, O.F.M., Spiritual Assistant to Lay Franciscans in the Salt Lake area attended along with thirty friars and a number of Third Order members. The meeting was chaired by Father Terry Wenzl, O.F.M., Southern Regional Minister, and Father Brendan Mitchell, O.F.M., Provincial Minister. Delegates hammered out guidelines defining the role of the Spiritual Assistant and means of increasing vocation awareness.

Forty men and women in the Salt Lake area share the common bond the Order provides for mutual help in following the Gospel of Jesus with a simple and honest outlook. The Lay Franciscans are for the most part active in their parish families and in the diocese. Many walk the extra mile in caring for the sick and lonely. All are invited to share in a directed spiritual life. Members meet monthly in a gathering which combines light-hearted community banter with ever-new study of the Gospel. The Lay Franciscans continue to draw strength from their seven hundred year history and find definite direction toward spiritual progress which enhances their involvement in parish, as well as in the Cursillo, Marriage Encounter and other apostolic movements.

Great interest among the delegates was focused on a plan for the "simple life." Father Geoffery Bridges, O.F.M., Ph.D., San Francisco, spoke to the establishment of fraternities of friars and lay men and women living according to the Franciscan ideal of the Gospel emphasizing the poverty and simplicity of this ideal. Elements in this life style would include:

- 1) A living together in the same or adjoining housing. This would involve the friar leaving the security of his friary and the lay members "selling and giving to the poor."
- 2) A definite choice of a simple life style in food, housing, neighborhood, transportation, clothing, "conveniences."
- 3) A commitment to anti-

consumerism; resistance to annual fashion changes, annual model changes in autos, etc., a determination not to be influenced by commercials, fads, and the "need to buy."

- 4) A commitment to coop approach to food buying, avoiding as much as possible large food chains.
- 5) A commitment to promote means to rectify the distribution of good — to work for world food justice.

Quoting from a column in the San Francisco Chronicle, October 26 1977, *The Move to Living a Simple Life*, Harold Gilliam, Father Geoffery reminded the delegates that millions of Americans are living the simple life and are doing so without knowledge of the Gospel call. Their motives may be practical and secular but a change of value is setting in. This could well be a "preparation for the Gospel."

Reasons for this return to the simple life include the fear of running out of resources, pollution, failure of wealth to bring happiness, inflation,

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Parish Sets Celebration

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, 9th South 2nd East, Salt Lake City, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the present church building this Sunday, December 11th. His Excellency, Bishop Federal, will offer Mass at 4:00 P.M. Monsignor William E. Vaughan, present pastor of St. Ambrose Parish, under whose pastorage Sacred Heart Church was built, will speak at the Mass.

After the Mass, parishioners and friends who have made reservations will have dinner prepared by the CYO.

Before the present Sacred Heart Church was built, parishioners used an old wooden frame building from 1917 till the present church was dedicated in 1952. The old church was named church of the Divine Saviour. It is now being used as a union meeting hall.

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These men range in 56 and have complete intensive training a Selected in the Fall of received instruction scripture, psychology been given technique velopment and gro

chronic unemployment. On the positive side, the simple life results in lowered stress, more leisure, serenity and self knowledge. Though often not recognized as such, each of these reasons is another aspect of the gospel call to share, the give drink, to turn the other cheek, to forgive, to not worry, to love.

It is estimated that 5 million Americans are full fledged adherents of living the simple life. Another 50 million are partly involved or are sympathizers to the movement. The Roper Poll, 1975, gives these figures 51% are convinced we must cut back of production/consumption; 92% disapprove of yearly model changes in cars; 91% are willing to give up meat once a week; 90% are ready to dispense with annual fashion changes in clothing; 75% are willing to keep clothes until they wear out; 72% would change life style toward less consumption if it meant lower risk of inflation and unemployment.

This simple life style is also the goal of the Lay Franciscan and with varying degree is sought after by two million tertiaryes the world over. The challenge is there — to follow the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ — and the Lay Franciscans seek to find the encouragement in the fellowship of their fellow Franciscans. Men and women in the Salt Lake area interested in knowing more about the Lay Franciscans are invited to contact Mr. Stan Stott, 8301 So. 835 E. Sandy, UT. or Mr. Bill Marcovecchio, 178 W. 12300 So., Draper, UT. Persons interested but living outside the Salt Lake area are invited to contact Bro. Berard Connolly, O.F.M., 172 No. 5th West, Provo, UT.

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May 3rd, 1978

Dear [REDACTED]

It was good seeing you in Phoenix. After getting back to Utah I did some thinking, sought in discernment with people I trust and love, and then wrote Tom Rosenberger.

As I told you, trying to get a handle on Spanish has been a hope of mine ever since Martial tried to teach me from Pitarro and Green. Seems like wherever I've been I have left "easy to learn" Spanish books and records. I have a helpless feeling when so many expect a friar to have at least a little knowledge of their language.

May I propose this for your consideration...

I have been in Provo for over seven years. I wonder if the time has again come to be stranger and pilgrim. I do good work in Provo, mostly with the youth. I am especially sought out by collage kids but more and more I feel I have lost my "charisma" with high schoolers except in one on one situations where I still seem to have it. In fairness to the kids I wonder if I should move on. I also feel this parish has lost its unique Franciscan style. We once had a flair here. Just ask the bishop!

I am now fifty. My life is more than half over. I do not want to lose my creativity before time. I want to experience community, to share in house chapters. There are so many friars I do not know and yet I call them brother.

It will be hard leaving Utah, if this is your decision. It is a beautiful state. I am happiest in small towns. I do not like cities and have no enjoyment in the city attractions of movies, ball games, restaurants, etc. I am a valued member of the diocesan Youth Ministry. Many in Utah lean heavily on me. I love and am loved with a passion I nowhere else experienced. I am perfectly willing to leave Utah if I should and willing to remain if I should. If I am to leave, may I ask this:

I am attending the ordination of one of my Portland kids in June. I am committed to youth retreats, workshops with the diocesan office during June and July. I plan a Bible week during June with children at Payson. Also, John and Linus expect me to handle the liturgies at the mission stations during June and July while they are on their vacations.

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What do I do?

Well, I live and breathe and sometimes pray. I feel good about myself and my life - unless I'm in a pit of despair.

My work here in Utah is varied and gives me great opportunity for personal growth and to share what I believe to be the gospel of Jesus. I'm kept somewhat busy and would be even moreso were I not somewhat lazy and a great procrastinator - as the lateness of this proves.

In the friary I cook the evening meal just about every day. I do much of the shopping and am more or less sacristan. I think this is important because there is something special about Franciscans "working with their hands". I take care of the house books and am listed as librarian but do not let that bother me.

Working with youth is my principal assignment. I've been in kid work since the beginning when I had the Altar Boys in Portland, Oregon. (My God, one of them will be ordained a Jesuit this June!) Where once I related to kids as a brother, then as a father, today I feel more like a grandfather. I teach all four high school religious ed. (CCD) classes, hold meetings, try to entertain the high schoolers, play in the snow, listen to and try to heal their heartbreak, laugh and cry with them and otherwise try to do the friar thing. On the diocesan level I am a part of the Office of Youth Ministry, help give youth retreats and prayer nights. I have directed SEARCH programs for the diocese. I am a member of the diocesan vocation committee and work for diocesan and Order vocations. I seem to have good success sharing with the college people at the U of U and Weber State Newman Centers. I enjoy working with the young but am beginning to feel I am not fair to the kids since age is creeping up and I'm just not as exciting as I once was. I know I offer a necessary maturity-balance but ---- hell, I have a hard time climbing these Utah mountains. I'm out of breath just climbing the stairs to see who's making out in the choir loft!

I serve as Catholic Chaplain at the Utah State Mental Hospital here in

Provo. Twice monthly I hold a Communion Service where the lucky patients listen to a fantastic homily. As they say, "Berard, we like you because you're like us!" I enjoy this work and feel I have something good to offer. I seem to have understanding for the mentally ill and I have no fear of them although I was once beaten up by a patient. I also visit the Utah State School for the Severely Retarded. Again, I think I relate well enough.

In the parish I bring weekly Communion and visit with a number of shut-ins and they do seem to appreciate my visits. I do whatever listening (as distinct from counseling) I am asked to do by parishioners who have become friends and by strangers. I believe I offer a different dimension.

I have been appointed Spiritual Assistant to some fifty Third Order members in Salt Lake City. I meet with them two or three times a month. I try to make home visits to these tertiaries and visit whenever one is in the hospital. I never miss a funeral! I really encourage men in formation to become interested in the Third Order. It is rewarding in so many ways.

I consider myself fortunate being in a spread out diocese like Utah and sharing with priests, nuns and folks who are generous to a fault. I'm the only Brother in Utah except for some Trappists - but they're locked up!. Because of this I'm in demand as a speaker on pannels and women's clubs and Bar Mizvah. I'm a novelty!

A help in my doing my thing for the kingdom is that Canon Law doesn't perceive a Brother being anything but a monastic laborer, the bishop isn't quite sure what the hell I am and here in Utah I am free of stereotype. Incidentally, here in Zion you can't compliment a man any higher than by calling him "brother".

As I enter my third quarter of life I am at peace. I'm content with still enough gnawing to keep me restless and wondering. I see the unique gifts I am free to offer as a Brother not tied by the ecclesial and I wouldn't trade my life for anything.

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February 26th, 1978

May 18, 1978

Bro. Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
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Dear Berard,

Thank you for your welcome letter of May 3rd. It was a beautiful letter, full of many deep Franciscan sentiments, which I know are true and real to you.

They come across as real to other people too, Berard, and it is for that reason that the Definitorium would like to appoint you to the staff of the Novitiate house here in Oakland. As a member of the solemnly professed community your principal work would be to give support to the Master of Novices and good example to the novices. I think we may be able to make that a little more precise as time goes on. For the time being that would be the substance of the assignment.

I would like to tell you the reasons why you were chosen for this position. To sum it up, it is because you are a genuine Franciscan. You also have a great deal of patience, are a good man to talk to, know all sorts of things about Franciscan history past and present, you work well with young people, and you work well with those who are not so young.

I was just thinking of my father's funeral and how the whole Province of St. Barbara was represented by you. I think you will do equally well in representing the Province and the Order to the novices. I can think of very few assignments that have given me greater joy and community.

Before I send an obedience I would like to know if you think that you should accept this assignment. I will appreciate an early answer if this is possible.

A secondary part of the assignment would be one or two more possibilities. You asked to go to Mexico to study Spanish. Would you consider postponing that, and I do not mean to make any promises, but you are solidly established in the novitiate it might be a possibility. I think that you would also have the opportunity to study Spanish here in Oakland at the same school where Tony has been studying. You could get in touch with him and see what he thinks of it. My

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Impression is that it has profited him quite a bit. It certainly is not the same thing as living in a foreign country, but for your present purposes you might find it quite adequate.

There is still another possibility and that is that you could spend some of your time working in the parish here at St. Elizabeth's. Recently, Fr. Oliver asked for a friar whose principal ministry on a part-time basis would be the care of the elderly especially those in the convalescent hospitals and care homes and those confined to their own home. This would involve working closely with the pastor and the pastoral staff here at St. Elizabeth's.

These then are the main considerations: living in the novitiate community and being of help to the Master of Novices to the degree that both of you feel comfortable with, with the possibility of some time spent in studying Spanish and/or some time given to the care of the elderly here in St. Elizabeth's parish.

I would appreciate any reflections you may have on this request. I assure you of my prayers and of the confidence that the entire Definitorium has in you.

With every best wish, I am

Fraternally yours in Our Father St. Francis,





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Dear [REDACTED]

To further your growing belief that the friars get stranger as they get better, will you please put this in my file or wherever.....

THREE SIMPLE REQUESTS FOR MY FUNERAL:

- 1) I want a closed casket. No viewing. I feel very strongly about this. (I'll haunt you if you don't follow my request.)
- 2) If you can find it in my room, I want my Oregon State flag over the casket. The Northwest will always be "home".
- 3) I do not want a concelebrated Mass. Most concelebrated Masses, in my eyes, lack beauty and I feel they separate the gathered brothers.

Thanks.

Peace!

Berard Connolly
Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
May 31, 1978

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May 31st, 1978

Dear [REDACTED]

In regard to your letter and our telephone conversation.....

The possibility of going to the novitiate was a bomb shell. It almost blew me away but I guess I have the required orneriness and resilience and here I am!

This time I really read the signs wrong. I prayed - but perhaps not enough -, I sought in discernment with trusted and loving friends and for the first time in my life I requested something of the definitorium. I was so sure of going to Mexico I renewed my passport, contacted the Mexican Consulate in San Francisco, got a schedule from Aereomexicana and sent a registration to the Centro de Idioma y Cultura in Cuernavaca. What went wrong????

I'm still vasilating between feeling sorry for myself with thoughts of "I'm being screwed" and old deep feelings of not straining after vain learning, to perhaps it is better the young friars have the opportunities, to I'll probably be very happy in Oakland - I love Utah after hating to come here after Spokane. Anyhow, [REDACTED] you know me well enough to understand my feelings. I know things will work out.

I am confident I am doing right in leaving Provo at this time. This is a hard thing to do! After the decision was made I looked at things in a different light. I've been here long enough, I see parishioners who will do better than I with the kids. My two regrets are leaving the diocese where I am even more than a "character" and am loved and sought after by so many. I also find it difficult leaving the state with which I have a sincere love/hate relationship. I am very, very much affected by my surroundings. (Did I ever tell you two things I've often prayed for - that I not be stationed in the Bay Area and especially not at St. Elizabeth's? Just asking!)

[REDACTED] I'm grateful for whatever trust you have in me. I am looking forward to seeing more of the friars including yourself when you are not wandering around the Province or wherever else you wander. I'm fairly confident I'll work well with the novitiate and I'll find enough to keep me busy. I don't like the Bay Area but I might come to like it. More than anything I will probably miss the freedom

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which comes with the use of a car and driving hundreds of miles of empty highways. I'm another friar who finds driving the great relaxer. Or is it called therapy.

So, [REDACTED] I'll be seeing you at Mats and at Oakland in August. I'll leave another set of easy-to-learn-do-it-by-yourself Spanish books in Provo and get on another kick. As Martial told me so long ago "Connolly, you're a dreamer."

Next year in Jerusalem..... or Cuernavaca!

Peace!

c: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Obedience came this morning. Thanks for your consideration. I'm actually looking forward to the novitiate house. I'll be in contact with Brian and probably Oliver.

[REDACTED] and Linus are wondering if anyone will be coming to Provo. You may want to drop them a note. Both have been supportive of me regarding this Obedience.

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27 June 1978

Bro. Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
St. Francis Church
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Provo, Utah 84601

Dear Berard,

Thank you for your letter of May 31st. I am sorry that it has taken me so long to answer, but I count on your understanding. I have been more than usually busy with correspondence, changes, and a bit of traveling.

Thank you for the funeral request which I hope we won't have to use for a long time. I agree with numbers one and three; number two belongs to you alone, since I have never been stationed in Oregon. The letter will be kept on file.

I appreciate you giving me your frank reactions to your change and the beautiful spirit of obedience that comes through your remarks.

However, don't rule out the possibility of going to Mexico in the future and learning Spanish. Spanish is not vain learning. I too made a request to go to summer school and take more Spanish the year that I was transferred to the novitiate, so maybe there is a pattern going on here. I also was turned down.

Maybe it would be a good idea to bring the set of Spanish books along. You may be surprised that you will have some time here to use them. Possibly after you've gotten settled down, maybe about a year from now, you might consider going down to MACC or Cuernavaca for the summer to take a Spanish course. Anyway time will tell on that and there'll be time to talk about it during the coming year.

John Fowlie was here for Ronan's funeral the other day, and although I visited with him together with other friars, I didn't get a chance to talk to him in private. It didn't seem to be the place and there wasn't enough time.

I look forward to seeing you at the chapter of mats and then occasionally when I stop in Oakland after that. All the best to you, Berard, and thanks again for your generosity.

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Fraternally,




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My sisters and brothers,

"They shall be pilgrims and strangers, wanderers, for the sake of the kingdom"....francis of assisi

After eight years it is again my turn to be wayfarer for the kingdom. Our Provincial asks me to leave Utah and be an associate at the Franciscan novitiate. I will leave for Oakland, California, August 7th.

I have mixed feelings. I am somewhat humbled, or is it embarrassed, that the Province feels I have a dimension to offer the young friars in formation. I am saddened with the realization I will no longer share in the Church in Utah. You are exciting Church, you are close, you are generous often to a fault.

I have been part of our Lay Franciscan Salt Lake community for not too long. I am very proud of you because of your generosity in sharing yourselves with the Church and for our brothers and sisters.. (You should hear me bragging about you in a shamefully un-Franciscan way whenever I meet Lay Franciscans from other fraternities.)

Father [redacted] and Father Brendan Mitchell, Provincial Assistant, will appoint another friar to be Spiritual Assistant. I am already jealous of him. I know he will share a greater expertise than I. I know you will be as generous with him as you have been with me.

I especially thank Stan and Bob who have ministered to us these years, and to all our ministers. I thank Alyce Bai for her encouraging morning study group. I thank our visitors to the sick, our fantastic pot-luck ministers, our "prayers", our shut-ins, our young couples. I thank you all for being true brothers and sisters. I thank each of you who, in the spirit of our father Francis, each day "begin anew".

My sisters and brothers.... the Lord give you Peace!

Berard

Brother Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
Spiritual Assistant

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What more can I say?

berard

Brother To Leave Utah

Brother Berard Connolly, O.F.M., St. Francis of Assisi Friary, Provo, received word from his Provincial superiors that he has been reassigned. On August 7 Brother Berard will leave for California, where he will take on the duties of an associate at the Franciscan Novitiate in Oakland. He will also do pastoral work in a nearby parish.

Brother Berard has spent seven and a half years at the Provo friary cooking for the Franciscan community, in pastoral assignments and in working with youth ministry and in religious education. He is active in the diocesan Search program, in vocation and prayer weekends and in other diocesan youth involvements.

At Provo, Brother Berard is Catholic Chaplain at the Utah State Mental Hospital, conducting chapel services twice monthly. He is chaplain at the Utah State School for the Retarded, American Fork. Brother holds memberships in the National Apostolate for the Mentally Retarded, the Mental Retardation Association of Utah and the Utah Association for Retarded Citizens.

He is Rocky Mountain area vocation coordinator for the Franciscans



Brother Berard Connolly, O.F.M.

and serves on the diocesan vocation board. In this capacity he has spoken to groups throughout Utah on the Franciscan and Brother vocations. He is regional representative of the National Assembly of Religious Brothers (NARB).

In 1974-75 Brother Berard spent six months as pro-tem administrator of St. Elizabeth's parish, Richfield, then under the care of the Provo friars. During that time he improved the mission building and undertook a census of Sevier, Sanpete, Wayne and Piute counties.

For the past two years Brother has served as Spiritual Assistant to some fifty Lay Franciscans living in the Salt Lake Valley. The Spiritual Assistant is a resource person for the Lay Order and a liaison between it and the friars of the St. Barbara Franciscan Province.

Brother Berard was a charter member of the Utah County Dominguez/Escalante Bi-centennial planning committee, and in 1975 rededicated a D.A.R. plaque in Spanish Fork City Park honoring these early missionaries. He has spoken before the Provo city council and the Utah County commission and on KBYU-TV. He is a member of the North American Vexillological Society.

On leaving Utah Brother Berard has this statement: "We friars are called to be wanderers but it is so difficult leaving Utah and I ask your concern and love as I take on this new ministry. It is difficult leaving because the Church in Utah is an exciting Church where God's word is joyfully proclaimed in so many trying situations. I am especially grateful to have shared this word with Father John Kokal and the Diocesan Youth Ministry, and with priests, Sisters and folk who are generous to a fault. In the words of a song so important to the youth of our diocese, 'All I ask of you is forever to remember me as loving you.'"

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Gracias!
Bernard

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in person
12-26-78

December 18th, 1978

Dear [redacted]

May I add this to the work awaiting your return from Guaymas. When you have the time I would like to talk to you about the content.

Last week I saw [redacted] in LA. It was a good visit and we talked over the possibility that I may be working the Vocation Office and WESTFRIARS. [redacted] was, as usual, very helpful.

VOCATION OFFICE I list Vocation Office first because it interests me the more. [redacted] was very positive and feels I would do a good job and work well with him and the other friars in formation and in vocation work.

The difficulty as I see it is simply that [redacted] does not want to give it up. He has gotten wind that I may be in line for it and has expressed his feelings to a novice he knows from Sacramento. [redacted] also phoned me and said something about the possibility of me taking on the Oakland office when he is unable to come down from Sacramento. He realizes how much he is needed in St. Francis parish with Dave being ill and Harold not that well. At the same time he seems to feel the need for the "outlet" given him in the Vocation Office.

I realize this is a touchy issue but the Office of Vocation is a one man job and I have no desire to be a second man in it. I can see only conflict with [redacted] and frustration within myself since my style would differ from his.

If [redacted] can see fit to become a full time assistant in Sacramento I would be more than happy to take on the Vocation Office. He could certainly continue with those contacts he has been working on.

If I should be assigned to the Vocation Office I would like to lay claim on the car I believe was purchased for this office.

WESTFRIARS Kevin and I spent several hours on this issue. I also spent some time with Leander over at the FCC Office. I came up with the following I also present for your consideration.

WESTFRIARS is a bigger job than I first thought. At least in its present format. I feel I can accept it only if I am to be Editor and responsible directly to you and the definitorium. I would like to select, recruit and work with my own committee. I mention this because in our conversation I began out as Editor but in the course of the same conversation became Managing-editor. Perhaps I am asking for more than you wish at this time but since you asked... I especially question what Jeff's position would be. He was mentioned by you when we spoke of forming a committee.

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I see the need of groundrules being cleared beforehand. A statement of policy much like the present WESTFRIARS policy would be approved by you. I think the matter of finances should be clearly spelled out and a sufficient budget formalized.

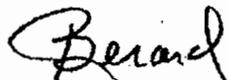
In moving the operation to the Bay Area there would be some extra initial expense: new permit, perhaps a different addressograph system if we cannot use the present type and the purchase or rent of a good IBM typewriter with carbon.

In the Bay Area we would not have the use of the at times exotic lay-out materials as available at FCC and in the Los Angeles operation. However, I think we could do well and put out a good WESTFRIARS with an IBM machine and the use of local print shops and camera ready copy. I am sure I could count on the help of the novitiate in preparing for mail, etc. Again, format is something to be discussed by a committee, yourself and with a set of estimates in front of us.

Should you decide on my being editor of WESTFRIARS I will try my best. I hope you understand my hesitancy. Both Kevin and Gino are professionals in this field.

I hope this letter isn't too demanding but you asked for my feelings about the possibilities. I have talked over the idea of Vocation Office and WESTFRIARS with friars I have trust in and seem to have come up with the concensus of this letter. I am looking forward to talking over the matter with you when you have the time. My first choice in the Vocation Office but I am sure I could handle both without conflict with my ministry at the novitiate. I would ask that I be taken off St. Elizabeth's.

Thanks, John.



Berard Connolly, O.F.M.

PS - While I have you.... I am working on a trip for the novices to the Poor Clares. I'd like them to have the opportunity of visiting the Clares, praying with them, etc. Would you suggest Aptos or Los Altos?

O.F.M. CONN 1

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April 12, 1979

Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
Franciscan Novitiate
2011 - 38th Avenue
Oakland, Calif. 94601

Dear Berard,

After obtaining the favorable vote of the members of the Definitorium, I am happy to announce that you have been appointed as Examiner for Candidates to the novitiate, in accord with Art. 156, 4-a of the General Constitutions.

I want to take advantage of this opportunity to thank you for all that you have done for the novices during this past year. I know it has meant much both to them and to Brian, and has given the novitiate another dimension that makes it even more Franciscan.

With fraternal regards and thanks, I am



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January 8th, 1980

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

I am writing on behalf of [Redacted] and myself.

May we have permission to take a "jubilee trip" to Assisi during the year 1980. The actual jubilee was in 1973 but we three are procrastinators and because of circumstances none of us took a jubilee trip at that time.

I requested permission last year and received it but time has run out on the OK.

We will probably need some assistance.

Fraternaly,

Bernard

Bernard Connolly, O.F.M.

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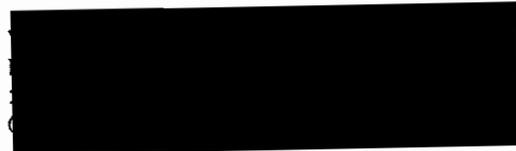


Lord, what do you want me to do?
— Francis of Assisi

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March 5th, 1981



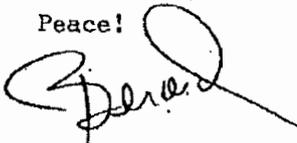
Dear 

Three post-novitiate friars in Santa Barbara are scheduled to renew their Simple Promises April 16th. They are: Gus Krumm, Joe Schwab and David Paz. May I have delegation for Robert VanHandel to receive the Promises of Gus and Joe and David Temple to receive them for David Paz.

On March 25th we will have a day of recollection at Serra Retreat for Gus, Joe, Dave and myself. The eminent preacher Brian Flynn has agreed to share the day with us. You're invited! I will also invite Steve Gillis and Ernie Pico.

Thanks.

Peace!



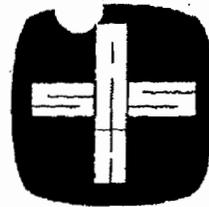
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*Sent to James - pastor
Ben*

February 26, 1981

Dear Father,

Sunday morning Brother James Phelan died. He died holding the hand of one of our students who was at the Mission doing "Christian Service II". I am happy Jimmy was afforded this consolation at the moment of death. Jimmy was interested in our Formation Program. I see a "passing it on."

I am taking a few moments of your time because you are the front line of the Province's ministry to the people we serve. You are the Province's image. In this busy ministry may I add another request.

I ask you to be on the look-out for likely candidates for St. Anthony's. At present only three Franciscan parishes are represented in our studentbody: Tigard, St. Clare's and Huntington Beach. The boys from these parishes are of superior quality. I am certain there are equally fine 8th, 9th and 10th grade boys in your parish for whom St. Anthony's would be the ideal school.

St. Anthony's is a good school. For some it is the ideal school. Perhaps it would be the perfect school for a boy from your parish. Should there be such boys in your school or CCD Program, please let me know and I'll set up an appointment to speak with them individually and/or as a group. I do have a classroom program I am anxious to show to Eighth Grade Boys.

In past years there have been many questions regarding the idea of a school such as St. Anthony's. And, too often, unknowing answers. I believe St. Anthony's has examined every question and where advisable has responded by action. Today we are proud of the eleven young men, graduates of SAS, in the Province Associate Program.

As I visit schools I see much of the former opposition to minor seminaries being replaced by a new awareness. I am welcomed by teachers and principals where only a few years ago a Vocation Promoter would be shown the door.

I am proud that the majority of the people we serve in the St. Barbara Province are classified "minorities." I am also proud of the St. Anthony's studentbody where close to forty percent of the students are from hispanic backgrounds. We offer these young men the promise of a superior education with an appreciation of their heritage. And we look to the future of our Province and ministry.

A student wrote the following about SAS - "The most beautiful thing about St. Anthony's is knowing you are not alone. There is always someone to help you when you need it. There are friends who care. This must work both ways. You must care and help those around you. SAS is a place where we can live and know ourselves. It helps us realize our talents. That we are valuable people. That a person is more important than material things."

Thank you, Father. You may wish to use the enclosed in your parish bulletin.

Peace!

Bernard

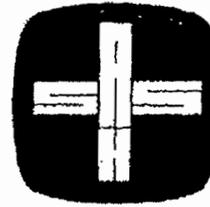
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Dear [REDACTED]

While I'm thinking of it..... You said you would be in a bind with our graduation and Loren's priesthood coming on the same day.

If I can help you out at graduation - and should there be no one greater than I - let me know and I'll say a "few" words in behalf of yourself and the Province.

See you in Cowiche!

Have a Happy Easter.

Peace!

Beard

*Beard
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Lord, what do you want me to do?
— francis of assisi

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May 19th, 1981

Dear [REDACTED]

I phoned Miguel in Guaymas and asked him to write up a request for the money he needs. Kevin had already contacted him and he is quite happy. Miguel sounded good and very appreciative. (Now I hope it goes through!)

Also, will you write a message of some sort to our graduates for me to read to them at graduation. Naturally, I'll say a "few" words but I know something from you will be appreciated by the kids, parents and especially the faculty.

Life goes well here. Ozzie seems content at the Old Mission. Thursday I'll be in LA talking to some older candidates and will venture into St. Joe's.

Will I see you Monday at St. Elizabeth's?

Peace!

Berard

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October 16, 1981

Dear [REDACTED]

Back in Zion! One of my kids sent me the ticket so here I am for another wedding. One day they are freshmen and the next married men. It's been a good visit, the snow flew a little and those damn mountains look good.

Have spent not a little time with the friars. Things look good here. Rodrigo and I went for a ride this afternoon and he seems very content. Speaks well of Donan, Paschal and Connie. Hope the best for all. (I guess I do have to admit a special consideration for Zion.)

This is not entirely a social letter.....

1) I have some better than I thought feelings about Bill Brand and the Secular Franciscans. Met Bill when he was Santa Barbara for a TO visitation. Seems to have a bit more maturity about the TO than I expected.

2) Bob Artman, IC Province, seems to be trying to get back out to the Old Mission infirmary. He tells Pierre his Provincial might (!) OK it though there may be question regarding his formation director. Pierre asked me the particulars should a man wish to enter our Province. Don't want to push anything but thought you may be interested.

3) re Gus Krumm. Sorry for not getting letters of recommendation out to you. I was of the opinion you would ask those you wished to ask and it was unnecessary for the community to vote. I passed Gus' request on to Robert. I will write my letter as soon as I again see Gus, hopefully when I am in San Francisco-Danville this coming week.

Will I see you at Danville for the pre-novitiate directors meeting.

Peace!

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May 28th, 1982

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for the visitation and for the "up" you have given the friars and the kids. I personally thank you for the encouragement you gave me. Just don't let anyone snap their fingers when I'm around the jelly beans!

This morning [REDACTED] was telling me two or possibly three of his "pilgrims" may not be able to make the trip because of illness. I do not know what this could do to his plans.

I think it important that [REDACTED] does go as he hopes to. He is counting on the trip and at this time needs it. Should something fall through with the pilgrimage plans I hope we can provide the wherewith to send him to the homeland and to Assisi.

If you concur, I hope we can assure him he will be able to go pilgrimage or not. I may be jumping the gun but he does count on the trip.

Peace!

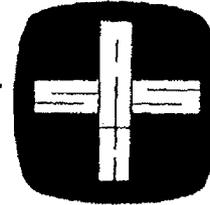
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October 15, 1982

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for taking care of the GUaymas thing. I called Marty this afternoon. They were still awaiting the Obispo. Hope things go OK. God knows there is more than enough work for all!

Talked with David Carriere. First I spoke with David Temple. At first Dave C accepted things alright but became a bit more agitated as we went on. He was more calm than I expected but I suppose he will meet you well armed with papers from his doctors and supporters. Poor guy.

Interestingly enough David Temple suggested that perhaps Dave would do a bit better working with hispanics. Says Dave hold his knowledge of spanish as an achievement - which it is.

Guadalupe is still bitter. Sad how a guy can be so eaten up. Hope I'm better able to face life when I am his age.

Antonine Correa, at the Mission, asked to be considered for Denver! He is interested primarily because it is within walking distance of the college - also wants a new start from the Mission. Another one to see at the "visitation".

Regarding the FC allocation: I want to wait until we meet at SJB. Again, too big a money for me to grasp!

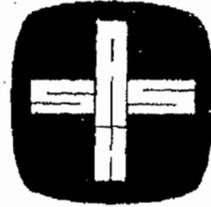
Peace!

[Signature]
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Jeff -

Richard McManus asked me to see if I could get discussion of the Health Committee on the agenda of the upcoming definitorium meeting.

He is willing to serve on the committee, especially in the field of mental health.

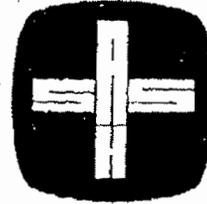
See you the Fifth!

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March 8, 1983

Dear [REDACTED]

To let you know Tony Lavorin has arrived at the Old Mission. Today, Tuesday, he goes up to St. Francis Hospital for three days of tests.

I spent awhile with Tony yesterday. He looks very good and seems in equally good spirits. He is concerned about his internal problems and admitted his back is quite painful.

Right now, as far as his future goes, he reminded me that when he, Joe and Tom went to Peru they made a pact that the last one there would have six months to pack-up and say goodbye. While he talked a little about returning to Peru he is honest to admit he just may not be up to it.

He told me you had spoken of Whiteriver with Eddie Fronske. He is interested in that. They would be a great team - although Tony is tone-deaf!

The Peru situation could free Tom Messner for FST. Hate to say we give up Peru since I have always believed the missions are our first call, but at least we would be building up the Indian missions with Tony. Also, we have to find help for Joe C.

Peace!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerald".

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

April 13, 1984

Berard Connally, O.F.M.
St. Anthony's Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Barry,

Thanks for your letter and fill in on things that happened while I was out of the Province. I'm sure sorry that I was not able to be at the Southern California Regional. I hope Peter can get on top of this and that we can get a schedule together that does not conflict with things such as our Provincials meeting. We had to actually change one of them because they were even scheduled to conflict with themselves.

I heard from Alan about John Donnelly pulling out of the infirmary. Apparently he found Sister just too bossy. I don't know how to react to that.

I appreciated your comments about Larry Hogan's will. Could you possibly pass that on to Gavin in Scottsdale? He would probably be the one to look it up.

I don't know what to think about the hand-maidens at Mission San Antonio, I really have not heard anything from Josef about it. I suppose it could work either way, either he could mention it to Joe Larue or if he prefers, I could send a note. He did say they were only there for a limited time and I think Joe Larue is aware that they should not be there when the novices come if for no other reason than the question of space. Generally when he does his booking he is very conscious of other groups coming and very cautious about double booking.

I did get a little chance to talk with Tom Mesner and I got a letter also from Tony Lavorin. It seems that at present, Tom will go down this summer to teach for a couple of months at the little seminary there and then talk to Tony when he comes back about what the prospects look like. I guess one concern is that the Bishop may be moving out and could be replaced by an "Opus Dei" type.

Thanks for looking into the situation with Paschal, I hope that it will work out so that he feels happy and not pushed out.

Finally, I'm glad you got a chance to come up and see your mother, Edilbert filled me in that she is now home but went through a rather rough bout. I hope everything will be O.K.

Thanks again for keeping on top of so many things and for the full report. I appreciate it. We'll be off to Vegas tomorrow, hope you also have a good Holy Week and Easter.

With fraternal affection,

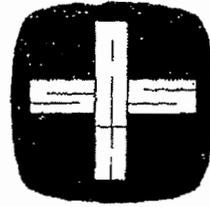
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Louie

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April 5

Dear [REDACTED]

In case I miss you this weekend while I am in Oakland. Hope to see my mother as she isn't too well. Also, I'm with Mike Weldon on the vocation program at FST.

- 1) Spoke to Finbar about Larry Hogan's "fortune." Finbar remembers him saying that whatever he has will go to the friars. He suggests contacting Valley Bank of Phoenix for the will. They may have it or at least have a lead as to where it may be.
- 2) Anthony Lavorin called me the other night. Is interested in Mescalero but much more interested in Peru. Claims his health is OK.
- 3) Spoke with Tom Messner at the So. Cal. Regional. Tony has been in touch with him. He asked Tony to wait until he return from the summer at the seminary in Peru. Then perhaps both of them will go - to the seminary, not the mountains. The prelate has invited Tony back. There is still question as to what will happen should JP 11 appoint an Opus Dei prelate or bishop.
I suppose I do not have that great a concern for Tony's physical health. Better to die happy than otherwise.
- 4) Joe Prochnow is very concerned about the Hand-maidens at San Antonio. He doesn't want them at the Mission when the novices are there. Doesn't know if he should tell Joe La Rue or if it should come from the Provincial Office. Perhaps Joe P. could invite them to stay at the novitiate while the novices are at San Antonio. They are good housekeepers!
- 5) You were missed at the So. Calif. Regional. The guys understand you couldn't be there. Since I was not prepared I did not give a report, same goes for Josef. There was a bit of flack about dates being changed but this was by the more professional flack-makers. The talk was unbelievable. You will hear about it. Don't know where Anthony G. picks up his speakers. Well, at least we learned that we will still (!) be potent at age 150 if we eat correctly.
- 6) John Donnelly saw me earlier this week to tell me he no longer works full time in the infirmary. The separation was more peaceful than I feared. He will still be "on call" when needed.
- 7) Hear nothing but praise for Loren B. and Joe C. from Jeff Macnab, Elmer and John Donnelly for the pre-solemn vows meeting at San Juan. First time I've heard such praise for that gathering.
- 8) Mike Welshaar asked me to see Paschal about moving to San Miguel. Talked with Evan who says Paschie is now happy to stay at 3 Rivers and that he would also welcome Wendy. I want to see Paschal on my way home from Oakland on Monday.

Welcome home!

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Lord, what do you want me to do?
— francis of assisi

FRANCISCANS

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April 17, 1984

Dear [REDACTED]

Happy Easter! The Lord could have been born in a woods but surely He rose in the desert.

Was in Oakland last weekend. Hauled some kids up and also saw my mother. She isn't doing that well but is a determined woman. Have been doing some serious death-thinking lately, perhaps because of my mother or John or lent. We have a good faith. Edilbert is a support for my mother as he was for me a long while back at SAS.

Went over to Three Rivers to see Paschal. He is genuinely concerned about doing God's will and seems to fear his determination could interfere with it. I suggested he offer three places he may want to go to and the Provincial would help him discern. He is not adverse to staying at Three Rivers although he says the hustle and the noise of a retreat center does bother him. He asked about Cowlitz and San Miguel. He definitely does not want to be put on the shelf. Several times he told me that and that his health is much improved. Where did formation go wrong with men like Paschal, Ivo and Romauld.

Evan says he is happy with Paschal staying there if he wants to. He would not want Paschal to be pushed out and feels he would work along with Wency should Wency be going to Three Rivers. Mike W.'s wishes are no secret to anyone at Three Rivers. Evan is more concerned about Roy. I believe he is willing to take a firmer hand but is wondering as John A. told him he would take care of it. Now what? While at Three Rivers I spent some good time with Ron Hesson. Also with Lester who I am worried about. Lester still smokes and pours on the salt. He is just not taking care of himself. I know he is a grown man and there is little anyone can do about it.

Easter Monday I am driving Antoine to San Luis Rey for a few days. He is interested in making habits - says he ought to work for the Province! He wants to check out the SLR tailor shop and I suppose the community. He has talked about this with others including Alan. Would like to come to some decision before our May meeting. I talked over some of the difficulties I can see but he feels that he could make it as long as Ralph could be his spiritual director. I have been working with Antoine for awhile and have encouraged him. I do not think the Old Mission SB is all that healthy for him. Let me know your hesitations and should someone check with his doctor. Joe C will be in tomorrow so I will speak to him about it.

This afternoon I'll meet with the wellness committee. Sad that this is becoming a political thing. I'll talk with you about John and the infirmary when I see you. It isn't as bad as it sounds.

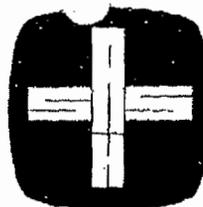
Regarding Tony Lavorin. Hope you have the opportunity of talking with Eddie and Elmer. I guess I still favor Peru for Tony.

Will be at the N/W Regional. Going up for Michel's celebration on Sunday. --- Again, Happy Easter!

Reverend

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March 18, 1984

Dear [REDACTED]

It was good being with you and the definitorium last week. In many ways it was a very different meeting. There wasn't the pressure of deadline and yet there was the frustration which always comes from personnel. The FST issue is deadly and I guess I too much take to heart whatever comes flying toward SAS. Still, we kept our cool and for this I thank you.

While it wasn't the same without [REDACTED] - especially that "I'll go" of his great heart - we pulled together and who knows how proud [REDACTED] may be of us. In my Irish way I appreciated [REDACTED] not sitting at [REDACTED] usual place at least for that first meeting. Now we're on our own.

To be sure Josef and I have difficulties regarding the philosophy of novitiate, formation and perhaps life - especially in the realm of poverty, location and style of novitiate and yet I was very pleased with how easily he fitted into the definitorium. He is a good man.

Josef and I visited at San Antonio on our way south -- wheeeee! Joachim seemed more phrenetic than usual and Joe LaRue more resigned. We missed Frank and Leo! Saw the "Handmaidens" from afar. Who were we to violate their cloister! I know this business is a concern of Josef and one which will have to be cleared up before the novices are at San Antonio. John kept Joe and company at SAM on the right path. I hope Josef will be able to do as well. It is a novitiate of the Province. The enclosed newsletter was in the Mission church and gives a clue to Zimmer and the handmaidens! Of course, Joachim thinks they are the greatest thing since Ursula and her ten thousand virgins.

San Miguel was more pleasant. Reggle looked good and seem quite alert: Says he has a little trouble when on his feet too long but is looking forward to the September Fiesta.

Back home the big talk was the flap over at the Mission because of the Infirmary. Josef talked with Alan and I hope he has been in touch with Joe C. or yourself. Sister was pretty distraught. A sad scence, the whole business. Goodness does conquer, I'm told.

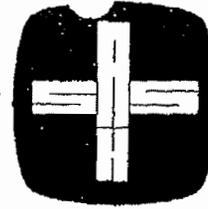
Phil is not doing all that well here at SAS. Since the guys here, myself included, are a bunch of whoosis, they are hesitant about the "push 'em to the brink" school of confrontation and hope you will talk with Phil rather than Joe C. I guess this is a judgment call. We will do our best.

When I returned home I found just too many kids wanted to talk with me and my community asked me to stay home. Therefore, I did not go to Phoenix. Next week I

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will be going south with Floyd.

Tony Lavorin wrote me about MAAC and also Peru. He wants to see me. Do I encourage? Will you be in touch with him before I see him? It was a good letter. He says his health is better -- what else is new?

Talked with Benny yesterday. Didn't make too much headway about his either helpin in or taking over a parish. Is very interested in being at a retreat house. You know, we are becoming contemplative by default. In any case, Benny has himself pretty well occupied until the end of the year with institutes and Europe. Brother Tom Paige was telling me this morning over coffee how important Benny was to the institute and how he encouraged the men.

Almost forgot, at San Antonio Theophane wanted to talk with me so I asked him to include Josef. Theo is very anxious to get a hospital or rest home. Has an appointment with Bishop Schubsda and hopes McFarland won't blackball him as to his health. I suggested, since he wants to be in Monterey now, that he get in touch with the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph for Dying Sinners! They're a local group and who knows. Is Moe's sister still Mother General? Theo looked very thin but seems to be OK. Brought up the Jewish question!

My God, I wish I wrote this much for Westfriars.

Thanks again. Have a good visit in Madre Mexico.

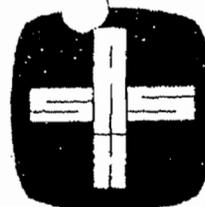
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February 5, 1985

Dear [REDACTED]

After the def. I went on to Guaymas with Sam and the Waltzs. Was a good trip although the car was throughly searched at the Border by the Mexicans. Seems they are more than a little concerned about arms coming into the country, especially in cars bearing California plates. On way through Hermisillo we found snow off the high way which seems to be the first snow many have seen.

Guaymas was good and as usual I fell in love with the kids there. If only I spoke that language! Believe it or not I did have a great two hour visit with a sixteen year old I've known since he was a little kid at the Hogar some six years ago. Dario is the only person in all of Mexico who understands my Spanish!

I saw Marty only briefly on his way to Tucson. He does look good and just about everyone who spoke to me said how well he is doing. Friars even speak of him having a "new heart."

Saw Antonio at San Fernando where I went for Sunday Mass and where he was substituting for an assistant. Says a fine Mass. I understand the guys had a good meeting and a lot of their problems were brought out into the open. The friars gathered at Miguel's place one evening and we had a good visit. It does seem they are trying to "begin anew." The problems are by no means one sided, or so I am told and so I saw myself.

Bill says he has seldom been happier. In many ways he seems to be a leaven to the situation, listening to all sides, being impartial. We spoke a few minutes so he told me of his hopes of taking classes this summer in the states when Guaymas is too hot. Bill sounds like he would like to stay in Mexico.

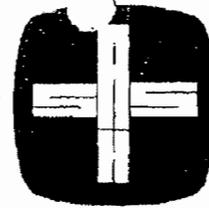
Miguel is happier with the situation since the meeting and says all must share in whatever difficulties they have community-wise. He is often pre-occupied with finances and does feel somewhat left out when it comes to Province thought about Guaymas. He is sensitive to this and perhaps the Visitor's schedule is an example of his place seemingly being slighted. He is doing well but, like all of us, needs assurance that others care. He is working on paying the FMU back for his van but this is almost an albatross around his neck. Several times he told me of how he is doing what he can. Says Martial is understanding but has reminded him of the debt. We'll work it out someway.

Sam is Sam and I was nevertheless surprised at the distance he kept

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between himself and Oscar and Jose. Miguel believes Sam needs more direction as to where his life is going. Like many of us, Formation is almost the moth/candle situation where he can't stand it and yet can't keep away from it. Sam does good manual work in fixing the places in the area and for this Miguel is most appreciative.

I did not see Oscar but I am assured he is doing a fine job on the dispensario's finances and in apostolic ministry. I was amazed at the number of funerals he and Jose take. They would do well at Cooper's.

Had a good visit with Jose. He looks good and seems busy in whatever they were sent to Guaymas to do. He is interested in coming back to the states but says he is not yet ready for the Bay Area. Asked if there would be a place at SAS for him should another plan not work. I do not know what "other plans" involve nor do I know how Formation would feel about him coming to SAS. I personally would welcome him.

Had an interesting discussion with Jose, Miguel, Sam and John Howard where all said we should encourage vocations to look at the Mexican Province. Say the vocation director is a good man and things are now much better in that Province. Jose, surprisingly to me, feels quite strongly about this..The matter was brought up because there is a high school boy in Guaymas Marty would like to send to SAS and also a young man in his twentys interested in the SB Province.

Physically the place looks good. Miguel's place is spotless as usual but he is afraid he may have to replace the roof over the boys dorm due to rot. San Damian is in fine shape. The new building behind the dispensario seems adequate and part of it is being used by the AA.

Personally, this was one of my best visits. Miguel and I spent many hours talking together and renewing some good things in our lives. Mexico can bring out an honesty in one.

Hear you will be with us next week so will see you then.

Peace!

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March 11, 1986

Dear [REDACTED]

I suppose I should tell you of my latest adventures in the world of health.

Five minutes before my operation two doctors came into my room (Drama!) to tell me the knee operation would be "too dangerous." The second blood test showed too much sugar in my blood.

The days after were bad. Depression or whatever told me I had lost the Church in September, my mother in December and now my health in March! I was feeling very, very sorry for myself.

Anyhow, I have gone to Dr. DeBerry who tells me I have Diabetes II and with medication and diet control should be able to get the blood back to normal and also get my knee worked on. I have confidence in DeBerry and let's hope things go well.

Dr. DeBerry graphically showed me how the sugar does change my moods and causes a real let down feeling. Things I consider moral malfunctioning - mood swings and general lethargy - seem to have a physical cause. He drew a curve chart which mapped my day almost exactly. Down with Jelly Beans at definitorium meetings!

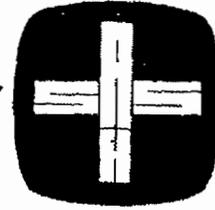
Otherwise, life on the 16 1/2 acres goes well enough. I have Loren Blessing coming in tomorrow for our recollection day. Hope we just don't sit in silence.

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Because of the above doctor's appointment, I wasn't able to get to Tom's funeral but a good number of us, including kids, were at the burial last evening. Tom was good to me at St. Joe's in those early days.

Hope the Province and yourself are well. Be seeing you.

Peace!

Benny Crowley

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UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA 46556

July 10, 1985

Dear [REDACTED]

And here we are at Notre Dame! Tonight Loren B., Howard, Joaquin and I left campus for an Italian dinner (good!); a fun evening with toasts to "our mother in the west." Only friars from St. Barbara's province would walk a mile and a half for dinner.

Class and life at Notre Dame have been just great. A thank you to and the Province. I could get used to this life! Had a great class on sexuality and intimacy. Now I know why some of my friends act a little funny. My afternoon class is the true delight - Drawing 101! Yesterday I glowed like a second grader when the teacher said my drawing of a chair was so good I could go on and draw the table. I was waiting for a nude.

Notre Dame is impressive. Liturgy is certainly grand high church. I guess I really prefer the Grotto. There are a good number of Brothers at the Institute, mostly Irish Christian Brothers, and we form a type of support group. Most of my fellow students are nuns in well stretched stretch pants coming in all colors. I think I'm in love with a Vietnamese Holy Cross Sister novice. From my art class, naturally.

The downer is my mother is again in the hospital and doing poorly. This does preoccupy me. I call my sister each evening. May be my Irish but I wonder about July 16.

Hope the Province is well. Out here you certainly hear the praise of FST for its openness and willingness to extend itself to all. We are a good province.

Peace - or as we say, Louie, xin chúa ban bình an cho anh!

Benny Connolly

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MADELINE MARY SCOTT

COOPER MORTUARY

12-11-85

CHARGE:

RECORD:

BROTHER BERARD CONNOLLY OFM
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Holy Cross Cemetery

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December 23, 1985.

Brother Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

RE: MADELINE MARY SCOTT, Deceased
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Dear Brother Connolly:

In response to your letter of December 14, 1985 regarding the interment charges for your late mother, it is regrettable that the individuals who will be paying the bill were not able to come to the cemetery to make the interment arrangements as all the charges would have been fully explained to them at that time.

The total of \$954.26 on invoice #135342 covers the following:

Interment (Opening and Closing of the grave) - Labor	\$378.00
Recordation (Fee for recording the interment)	60.00
Grave Box (This is a liner for the grave in which the casket is placed and is a requirement by the cemetery)	327.00
Tax on same.	21.26
Installation of the Grave Box (Labor to install)	88.00
Graveside Service	80.00
Total	<u>\$954.26</u>

We hope the explanation of the charges will be of assistance to those who will be paying these charges, and will help them to understand that it is not just for the labor to open and close the grave.

Assuring you of our cooperation and desire to be of assistance in all matters pertaining to the cemetery, I remain,

Sincerely,

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HOLY CROSS CEMETERY
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Office Supervisor

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November 30

Dear [REDACTED]

Stopped at San Miguel on my way back to Santa Barbara. Saw Cliff, had a candy bar or two and was on my way.

- 1) He is willing, agreeably so, to stay on until Felipe comes in April or summer or "whenever."
- 2) He has already called on Leo and this information is in their Sunday Bulletin. He and Leo are working out the schedule.
- 3) I told him the definitorium is interested in his ideas for a House of Prayer and that with him we are closer to the reality than ever. I talked a bit about the Spiritual Life committee. Cliff wants us to realize this will take time, over a period of years, and the friars will in the long run determine the course and style of a hermitage.
- 4) I thanked him for what seems to be a renewed interest in life for Reggie. Cliff says Reggie now wants more to do (!) and this is something they will work out. The same seems to hold for Tom.
- 5) Cliff has already had a visitation with everyone in the community. This week he will see the lay staff. He will soon tackle the books which he says are in sorry state from at least five years back. The books include parish, house and retreat center.

Things look a lot better at San Miguel. Only hope the guys will adjust. I think they will.

Peace!

Bened

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814 Island Pine Ct.
Hayward, CA 94544
January 9, 1986

Dear [REDACTED]

In a recent note from my brother, Berard, he again mentioned how much you helped him during our recent loss of our mother.

At this time I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for that same help and for the support of all the Franciscans to my brother in this time of sorrow. I know our mother would have been very proud and I'm sure she was smiling down on all of us at the beautiful Mass at St. Elizabeth's.

I also want to thank the Franciscan Order for the assistance they have given with the expense for my mother's funeral and burial.

I pray that time will help lessen the loss I feel now for my brother and myself, but I am not sad as I know my mother is happy now and has no more pain. I know my brother will find strength in you and his fellow friars.

Yours truly,

Dolores McGrath

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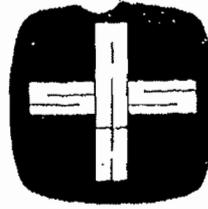
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funeral was, as the Irish say, a grand one and I am still
from the great presence and love of the friars. You
so right when at the airport you told me people were for
ing at times like this.

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Brian

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January 11, 1986

Dear [REDACTED]

Hope you and Mike gave Fernando a good send-off. There was good coverage here in the LA area both by radio and TV. The S/W friars did well by Paul. About a 100% turn out of friars. Mike Dallmeier, as usual, gave a fine homily. It was nice of Bishop O'Brien to officiate but having an outsider does take away a little of our ownership of the affair. I know it's probably poor theology speaking of a Bishop that way but anyhow...

A few items -

As you know, Richard McManus' father died. Richard seems quite shook up by it all. I decided on my own to represent the Province at the funeral. Joe C thought it good to do so. I also want to repay Richard for the good things he did for me at my mother's funeral last month. Will you ask Martial to reimburse me.

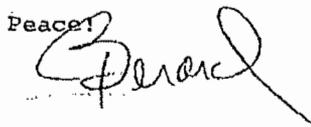
I spoke to Jan about his eyes as you asked. I encouraged him to see another doctor. He went to Dr. Hogan, a very good eye doctor, and is now scheduled for catarack (sp?) removal the end of this month. Mike will inform you.

When Mike goes on sabbatical I will be here as Vicar. I won't tell Hammar if you won't! Will you spell our jurisdiction for me and the community. I believe we said something about the minister provincial reserving jurisdiction to himself when a Brother is superior. I really am not all that clear on jurisdiction except I believe it's a no-no for a layman (even a "pious" one) to tell a clergyman where to get off.

Fabian went to the Bay Area this morning. His sister's cancer is quickly spreading. There has been so much death and illness this month. I've had some strange reactions in myself since my mother's death and may stop by Dr. White's for a visit or two.

Talked in San Diego area schools earlier this week. Saw Mike at SLR! Also Alex at Huntington Beach. Hope to be in the Bay Area the week of the 20th so maybe our paths will cross. In anycase, we'll all be together at SLR the end of the month!

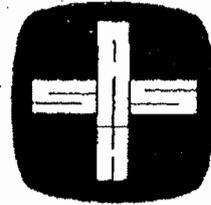
Peace!


Richard's home phone: 305-968-2335

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st. anthony's seminary



high school

Dear [REDACTED]

Just a quick note to thank you for the two provincial letters I received this afternoon.

I think you very well addressed the financial overhaul in the Provincial office and were exceptional kind to Martial. It wasn't maudlin and it was very true.

I was very touched by your letter on prayer. I guess I should say I felt a bit guilty. I hope Cowlitz will help me refocus more of a prayer life. After all, I guess prayer is why we became friars.

While your letter spoke of prayer, Louie, to me it was another example of your heroic poverty. I would find it difficult to stand (or write) before the friars and tell them of my prayer as honestly as you did in your letter. There is something about standing "naked" which in my case is more obscene and less exciting.

See you at Danville.

Peace!

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernard".

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

August 19, 1986

Berard Connolly, OFM
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Dear Berard:

I understand you have arrived in Washington, and should be in residence at our Historic Spot at Cowlitz Prairie. I'm sure you are doing a bit of taking the land, and sinking your roots at this time, and that should be a good time. I am very happy about what is going on there Berard, and I am looking forward to the future. I hope you will be happy there, and feel fulfilled.

I do want to thank you Berard for your recent letter, in response to the Provincial letters I sent out. It was very nice of you to make the comments that you did. When you send out those kinds of letters; both the one about Martial & the one about prayer, you do feel hesitant about how they will be received, and I appreciate very much your comments. When I returned home, they were already here waiting for me.

Your encouragement in the past is what has spurred me on, in trying to do this sort of thing, so I am glad to receive that continued encouragement.

I met with Joe to plan out our meeting coming up next week. It should be a good time to reflect on where we are going, as there are not too many demands for personnel.

Thanks again Berard for your warm fraternal support.

With warm fraternal regards,



Please give my best to Steve, in your new venture.

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

November 8, 1986

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Dear Berry:

It was good talking with you the other night.

I want to thank you once again for helping me with visitation. I did get the report on the visitations that you had. I must say you did a lot better of a visit than I did, as I seem to have been focussed on the present problem where you raised some very interesting questions and got some very good feed back from the guys. I really appreciated that and thanks a lot for sending your notes.

Over-all I think the house is doing rather well. I appreciated the strong affirmation for Pat that you registered. I will pass those on to him as I know those will be of considerable help for him.

I am heading on down to San Antonio and the following day to St. Anthony's. I know that is a real concern for you and hope that I and the others can be as sensitive to their needs as you are.

Thank you again Berard for your support in so many other ways. I do look forward to our working together as we finish out our time on board.

Please give my best to the other friars there.

with fraternal affection,



December 30, 1986

Dear [REDACTED]

The end of 1986 finds me at Pat's hide-away in Long Beach, Washington. I came over here yesterday morning and will return to Cowlitz tomorrow. Didn't make a regular retreat this year so thought it best to finish up the year with a couple of recollection days. I'm glad I did. This place is excellent and I can see why and how Pat found it.

Why am I writing you? I don't really know except I guess there are things I want to say and really do not know who else to say them to at this time. Besides, I guess it goes somewhere in your job description as Minister Provincial.

What have I thought about these couple of days? This afternoon I walked along this huge and mighty beach alone. There wasn't a soul on it. Water always attracts me. I'm a genuine Pices. The sea attracts me and brings the best out of me. Must be the Irish in me. This afternoon the tide was far out. This is the time for the highest tides with the moon, earth and stars all being in the right path. I walked to the very edge of the beach, to the tideline. It must have been like standing at the edge of the world. The ocean is immense, the beach seems without end and yet the sky is so very near.

I felt so ~~usual~~ usual, even for me! This my first full year of being an orphan, has been not so much difficult but more unusual. Standing alone on that beach I felt as though I were the only man on this planet and yet somehow standing against that cold wind I felt completely enveloped in God. I thought I ought to cry but I felt too provided for to do that.

This evening, before lighting a fire in the fireplace and writing this letter, I sat on the porch of this little cabin listening to the roar of the sea but I couldn't keep my eyes from the sky. It is crowded with stars. Like a thousand Christmas trees. The vault of heaven covers me and I feel so very mortal. Does everyone go through ^{this} at certain times in life, or is it that earth, moon, star pull we have today? Sin is surely a part of my life, the sin of neither loving wholly nor accepting without a lot of phantoms hurting and getting in the way. Yet even this is no where as real as somehow being completely held in God's arms. I can't run into the sea and this damn leg keeps me from sprinting along the beach. I guess I just want to lay on the sand and hope that God will hold me tight.

I am so grateful for Pat's discovery of The Light House. I called a piece of driftwood "The Patrick" this morning and I threw it into the ocean. I hope it drifts as far as Oakland. I think it was cedar.

Tomorrow it's back to Cowlitz. Steve took off today for a day in Portland so I won't be leaving him alone this somewhat busy week. We'll cover New Year's and the Sunday and then he'll spend a few days in Spokane with his folks. It will be good for him.

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Steve is doing a great job with the parishes. Even today I met a priest here in town and he told me he had heard good things about our work in Cowlitz. Winlock is more receptive but they have had more or less alive friars while poor Toledo has had little but sin and "obedience" to the Holy Father poured down their necks.

Still, we are making good progress. It seems each week another family finds its way back to church. Families seem to like me, and I enjoy the work. I'm also a hick at heart.

Christmas was quite different. I missed the fun of the gatherings of friars, kids and friends at SAS but Christmas here was special in other ways. I helped folks build creches and decorate altars. (St. Francis has so many trees in it you expect to see Santa Claus sitting in the sanctuary.)

Sunday, several Winlock families put on a "progressive dinner" and we went from farm to farm eating all the way! So many folks in both parishes brought us home made cookies and candies. I had a very good Christmas preparation the days before. Instead of the usual fighting over Christmas decorations and nick-knacks. I visited several of the older parishioners at their homes. I brought the Holy Communion and told them the Christmas story. Don't tell Wherl but when I bring Holy Communion to someone I always break a part of the Host and "eat with them." Somehow it seems the normal thing to do. They eat alone too many times as it is.

There is a high school age boy in the Winlock parish who has been home in a coma for two years following a car accident. Somehow cradling his head in my hand and telling him the Christmas Story was the most important thing I did this Christmas. Looking into his eyes and not knowing if he heard a single word!

I wish life in the friary was as spiritfilled as life is in the parishes. I honestly do not know when I will explode - and I DO explode! How much longer I will be able to take Roger and his turning off lights and heat and going through my trash. Louie, I know you say "Do you want me to shot him? on occasions like this. Don't say it to me or I may ask for a gun! No matter what Steve and I try to do, Roger works to keep the house cold and dark. I'm getting more used to his junk everywhere and have been trying to clean up some of the filth in the house. I don't know if I am angry at Roger for being nuts or at the system that allowed him to develop into a man who saves even USED Christmas card envelopes! Maybe Steve and I should move to Winlock.

Well, now that I have that out of my system I realize I should have spent less time on looking at stars and ocean and more on the basic facts of friary life. But, Louie, I know this damn arthritic knee of mine isn't based on attitude but I have to admit it hasn't hurt as much the past two days as I know it will when I return.

Like I know you do, I've had some sleepless nights. I just don't know where to go on this SAS decision. I toss this way and that. Mind usually loses out to heart. One minute I know the kids would be

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better at home and then I remember the kinds of homes some of them have. I really do not think it is an attachment to SAS that bothers me. I told you that many years ago SAS fucked both Kevin and I. That's past history and today I see good things being done.

The day before Christmas I was settled down regarding SAS when I get the enclosed letter. It's from a kid in Utah. Mike Weldon knows him. Jerry is flakey; when he wasn't accepted with us he tried a poly-gamous arrangement over in Utah. (And I have my opinions on that, too!) Anyhow, my friend Jerry is now in prison for holding up the American Fork branch of Zions First National Bank!

What Jerry wrote about things happening to him when St. Francis School, Provo, closed, hit me hard and I replaced Jerry, a Polish kid, with Tony, José, Victor and dozens of kids at SAS. Why do I have to get letters like this the day before Christmas!

Louie, the process still bothers me. SAS still seems to be the little guy on the block, a little guy with not too many friends. The friars at SAS try to do the right thing and all they get from so many in the Province is criticism. We probably have a situation at FST which ~~so~~ many in the Province will talk about but never criticise as they do SAS. St. Anthony's does its best, without too much money, to educate minorities and friars speak ill of it. FC caters to a different crowd and is home free because it has three million.

█ please believe me when I tell you I know we are all trying to do what is right. I am trying to make sense out of it and I am trying not to let emotion get the better of me. I have been called by the Province to make decisions on fact, and with heart. I will do my best.

Well, now that I'm riled up again I best once more look up at the stars and tell the Lord of those heavens that right now I may need a clearer head and His steadying strong hand. I pray He hold me if I need him next month.

So, Louie, this is what happens when I lock myself up in a cabin on the beach. It has been good. I am merely sounding off to a friend whom I care very much for. Please, there is no need to answer this.

I pray we all have a good new year. Knowing that I can in some way share the burden you and Joe carry makes it a year I am looking forward to.

A Happy New Year to you and to Joe!

Peace!

Gerry
Amulet

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Dear [REDACTED] and Sacred Dicasters,

It's done. Last night and at two Masses this morning I spoke the enclosed to the folks of St. George's. It was difficult because there were so many genuine tears, fond memories of just about every friar I mentioned - even Mike Dallmeier. I did not fully realize the affection the folks there have for us.

Jack Wamsley spoke for the diocese and I for the friars. I thought he did a fair job. They ARE ready to go---meeting with Parish Council Thursday, parish profile, etc. Hope the folks are ready for that organization. I thought Victoria, the Pastoral Assistant, especially cold. Perhaps the spoils...? Margaret, Parish Secretary, was very broken up.

Because parishioners are hurting I felt it was not a time to go into gory detail but to give them a chance for memories and to mourn a bit. I spoke my Irish best with necessary pauses, resonance and inflection to allow the mourning to flow. On the way down the aisle I remarked to Jack Wamsley that I felt I was at a funeral and I was the body. When asked privately I told them simply the diocese wanted the parish and they (the parish) will do well. I did a lot of hand holding and hugging (only those 18 and older!).

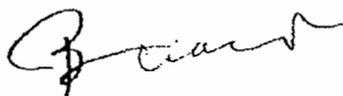
People have beautiful memories going back to Clement and certainly of John Altman. I am glad I mentioned a number of friars by name. "Fr. Clement married us," "Fr. Gratian built the church but Fr. Cornelius paid for it," "Fr. Michael was such a beautiful preacher," "I loved Fr. John," etc. etc. And everywhere, "How is Fr. David?"

Liturgy at St. George's is wonderful. The friars did well. Lectors, excellent choir, well trained altar persons and a congregation willing to sing and pray together. It was a good Sunday, though sad and still with questions.

Let me know if I am to do anything about the friars' account and anything we may have at the parish. I told Jack Wamsley I could come back in a few weeks to see what needs be done. Perhaps Mike and I.

Before returning to Cowlitz I visited with the Sisters across the street. Good visit and better sweet rolls.

Peace!



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Another impulse!

I am sure many of the Brothers will wonder what the hell I'm writing about but I know others want me to say something.

Peace!

Bened

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Brother,

Yesterday I attended the Profession of nine friars at St. Elizabeth's. It was a good celebration with many friars, good music and a generous reception. Flying back to Cowlitz last night I knew I wanted to write the Solemnly Professed Brothers, the ones they call the Lay-brothers. Us!

In the past weeks I have been almost obsessed with thoughts of the new General Constitutions, especially with their Articles 2 and 3 which confirm the Friars Minor as a "clerical order" and what that means to us, to the Order and yes, to the Church. Several of you have telephoned me or have written. At yesterday's Solemn Profession I picked up so much hurt and anger from Brothers.

As a Brother who happens at this time to be definitior, I have a special concern for Brothers. True, I was elected to represent the whole Province as was every definitior on the board but because I am a Brother our needs are my first objective. This is why I am writing you.

My first reaction on hearing of the imposition of the new constitutions was to want to resign from the definitorium. (Not a big deal as I have only nine months left of my final term!) It would be a protest and perhaps a few - very few - would hear it. But what would that do to the possibility of another Brother being elected to the board? I don't know. I have an obligation to the Province and to the Provincial and the other definitiors. I did not know what to do. After talking with several friars I decided to remain on the definitorium and perhaps in the nine months left I may be of service to the Province, especially we Brothers, as we cope with the new constitutions. If you feel otherwise, please let me know.

There are many who will wonder what the fuss is about. We have always been a clerical order so what's new! Some of you with your own unique Franciscan vision will simply say God's will be done! But others, and I believe the majority of you, are angry and hurt. I am. It is not because we aren't good friars but because in the past fifteen or so years we have come so far. We saw how much more we could do with the Order and the Church. We have a precious ownership of the Order and the new constitutions make all this questionable - at least in the mind of the Church. Being superior is not that important; belonging is.

Brothers, I thought of so many of you while flying Alaska Airlines last night. (No, it wasn't the food!) We are good people and we do much for the Order and the Church. I was impressed by the number of Brothers asked to be witnesses at the Solemn Profession. We do make a difference in the life of the friars. I am proud of men like Paschal who shows the contemplative dimension of our vocation, the wellspring of the Brother-call. And Gerard, Isidro and David at the Old Mission and Francis telling "those old enough to hear" the true history of our Province. I thought of Kelly teaching little kids in the Tenderloin and Pat breathing "anima" to the St. Elizabeth community. Ed Dunn "somewhere" in the heat of Central America and Tony in the Whitemountains; Bob Rodrigues telling high school kids about God and Jesse assuring battered kids that this God does love them. Gerard Saunders showing there is more to life than football - even at St. Mary's! - and Antonine reaching out to new worlds of art. Miguel caring for his orphans, Kevin his prisoners and Arturo his novices. Jim making our lives bright with garden color and Joe Brand greeting seniors he can hardly see. And

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August 25, 1987

Jerome Cardinal Hamer, O.P.
Congregation of Religious and Secular Institutes
3 Piazza Pio XII
Rome, ITALY

Your Eminence

Respectfully, may I share my keen disappointment at the insistence of the Congregation of Religious and Secular Institutes that the Order of Friars Minor be considered a "clerical order."

My disappointment is not so much for what is, but for what could have been for the Franciscan Order and Holy Church.

Perhaps not in your lifetime nor in mine, but I believe this injustice will one day be remedied. As for now, so little has changed since blessed Brother Martin of Porres sought to be a friar preacher.

Asking for Your Eminence's blessing and with a firm wish for peace, I am, respectfully,

Berard Connolly, O.F.M.
Provincial Definitior

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Dear Jeff,

Enclosed is a letter I sent to CRIS. It will probably end up in some ornate Italian waste basket. But, then on the other hand, I may end up at the stake. In either case, you may want to see what I wrote in case Rome's thought patrol writes the office.

Peace!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dw" or similar, written in a cursive style.

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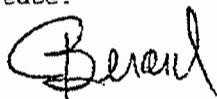
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slow. Maybe I'll be able to go hide someplace on the 7th and tend to a little mourning business.

Will see you in Santa Barbara. I've been talking to Gus a few times by phone so I really do not know what to expect as we gather at SAS. I may need more than prayer with this one. Now if I can get Alain to fast for me!

Hope your Thanksgiving was good. We have a country ecumenical service this evening, Don't know if you wear boots to it. Saturday brings an Advent Wreath party at Winlock and then the beautiful and haunting season of Advent begins.

Peace!



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Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed is the report of my visit to St. Francis, Provo. It was a fraternal visit. The friars were hospitable and I tried to live within their community expectations. I listened to anyone willing to talk with me, I took notes and I snooped. I guess this is what a fraternal visitation is about. "Correcting" I leave to those with jurisdiction.

The side perk was certainly visiting old friends in the parish. The kids have grown and now I feel like a grandpa meeting their children. A parish like Provo is one you more appreciate after leaving.

My luncheon with Fr. Bob Bussen was a joy. You know how I like to relive past experiences. Also with Bob I could share some of the dreams we have as a Province plus my own hopes. Bob very much encouraged me to look into a Spanish language school in Bolivia! Something else to look forward to ~~what~~ ^{when} I take a sabbatical.

Life goes well here in the N/W. Roger hasn't been too well. His leg is bothering him quite badly. I visited Mike D the other night and he brought me up to date on the Ministers and Parochial workshops. Nice evening. Personally I'm having a little roughness in an unexpected way. December 7 is my mom's first anniversary and memories and tears come at embarrassing moments. My reactions have always been

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

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Berard Connolly, OFM

I am sorry to hear from your letter that you still feel a lot of pain over the situation at St. Anthony's, but I know that is to be expected.

You mentioned the graduation at St. Anthony's. Robert did make some oblique reference to it, but nothing clear request and I have not written down the date, nor do I know what it is but if it is good for me to go, of course I will if its at all possible. Maybe we could ask the Pope to send over his Pope-mobile ahead of time for us to use.

I hope that Easter time is a healing time and I look forward to seeing you at our meeting. Thanks a lot Berry for all that you do. Also for the last good issue of westfriars, I really do find that the friars do enjoy it and that it is more and more a source of spirit for the province, so thanks a lot.

with fraternal affection,



FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

April 15, 1987

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Dear Berry:

Thank you for your recent letter, I appreciated you sending me a copy of your letter to Richard Juzix. I was concerned to hear of the development there, I still don't know quite what to make of it. I am trying to communicate from Richard and am presently expecting a call from him, but I think it is something we are going to have to discuss and try to come up with something, when we meet in May. I appreciate your answer and think it is a good one, and maybe this is the way we have to go. I also have not talked to Gino, as I am sort of waiting to hear what Richard has to say, but I will also try to get some kind of answer from him. As you may recall it was the desire of the definitorium to have that matter resolved at the May meeting, to get some kind of definitive answer about Gino whether he expects to go back or not. I have not heard of any new development so I imagine the situation is about the same there, and we are getting rather close to the May meeting, so we will have to see what happens.

There are many problems so bring your thinking cap with you. The situation at FST is not a good one and a difficult one to solve. I appointed a small committee; Geoffrey, myself and Floyd to do an evaluation of the administration there. We've spent three mornings visiting the faculty and members of the administration. They are pretty hard on Xavier, but I don't know just how much drastic action we will have to take. That will be something we will have to discuss at our meeting.

I've also been interviewing some of the people involved in changes, and I hope we can work them out. It does not seem that there will be too many, but it is never easy. We also just finished a meeting of the finance committee, and I don't know if we are getting too far on that but they are concerned of some more direction from the definitorium.

I also met down in Los Angeles with Bishop Ward, Rene Juarez and also Dan Young, to go over some of the ideas for the remodelling. At least they are of a conclusion the place is a disaster and something has to be done, even though they tend to blame us for the present situation. Or at least us and the liturgists. It is a little bit tricky as when we go before him, we have to play down what the liturgists are suggesting, and then it passes him it has to go to the chancery where the liturgists have more to say, so we walk a bit of a tight rope. Once again we can hope for the best.

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

March 25, 1987

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Dear Berard:

I received your recent note as well as the letter you wrote to Gus. Berard you really are a wonderful guy. I really appreciate what you wrote Gus and I know it comes pretty much from the heart, and I don't know if he is quite deserving of all of your attention and care, not that he personally isn't of course he is but that perhaps his behaviour is something he has to work through and that even though I tend to do the same, it probably is not necessary to feel too guilty about it as I think it is part of an immature response. On the other hand you are accurate that there is a lot of hurt and pain because you feel it yourself and that certainly is not immature but realistic, and I appreciate that you can relate to that and share that with Gus. I am sure he hears you even though he has not responded too soon.

That is interesting that you mention Leo's computer reports said there were 39 men open to; " St. Anthony Seminary", I wonder where they were when we sent out our letter. Of course the way that was worded; open to.. was a very kind of confusing category and it is pretty hard to know what that meant. I would debate with checking everything with that or nothing with that, because I didn't know whether it meant if you were told that you absolutely had to go there, you wouldn't keel over with a heart attack or it meant that you were interested. Anyway it just shows how consistent the friars tend to be.

Berard thanks for all of your concern as I know how hard it is on you. I do hope that word gets down to the guys that did vote for that proposal for the juniors. I did put it in the minutes that it was a majority so I am sure that people will suspect your loyalty.

Thanks again and looking forward to seeing you next time around if not before.

affectionately,



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March 18

Dear 

Hope things went as well as could be expected in New Mexico.

SAS is still troublesome to me. Leo's computer report with news that 39 men were "open to" going to SAS will not help the mood down there. I'll delete when I put it in WESTFRIARS because it is no longer viable but somewhere, some place, Gus will get hold of it.

I'm not going to the Ministers' Meeting. Steve is. I do not know when I'll next be in Santa Barbara - I'll check my tires!

Here's a copy of a letter I wrote Gus last month. No response but I do understand.

Peace!

Benny

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Dear [REDACTED]

Enclosed is a copy of my answer to Rick's letter about the St. Ann's situation. I know it's not my decision but his letter deserved my response.

The shortage is beginning to tell on the guys. Now if there were a way to break up the enclaves and shore up the smaller houses.

Was in Spokane last week for what turned out to be one of my best visits in years. But when did those Marycliff girls become middle age women? I was proud of how well Richard McManus' mission went.

Heard from some SAS kids the other day. If I do go down at graduation may I ride the "Popemobile" with you!

Have a good holy week and a great Easter!

Peace!



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February 4th

Dear Jeff,

Perhaps the enclosed should be sent in a plain brown envelope. I hope it doesn't ruin your day. He sent it to priests of the Seattle Archdiocese so you can understand it is an embarrassment to the friars.

Unfortunately, Milano has rotten friends in high places in the church and general Order so there really is little we can do about it except to try avoiding being as hateful as they.

On a much better side....! Went to the Maloney Family 50th wedding anniversary and sat with a John Magano who is married to Alice Maloney. John asked about you and remembers you as being the inspiration in his life when he was at USF. John is friends with John Gutz, Bill Short, etc. Gad, Alice with in the sixth grade when I first met the Maloneys!

Peace!

Gerard

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

February 20, 1987

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Dear Berard:

Jeff shared with me the communique from Father Milano. I did see a copy of orthodoxy magazine at the last regional, I think it was the last one. It really is bad stuff. I have discussed it with a number of people and just have no idea on how to stop him. I have not really much jurisdiction over him as he comes from another province and I am sure he would do almost nothing that I suggested, but if you have any ideas maybe we should give it a try. It surely is awful stuff. We have tried so hard to show our appreciation for Archbishop Hunthausen that it is hard to think that his might undo and then some, all that we have tried to do.

Well Berry I hope things are pretty well with you. I spent last week at the Seminary during the CMSM meeting, once again they put me up at the Casita. I felt like all the students were glaring at me especially the juniors. The first night I came up with a flat tire which Brent changed for me. There was a piece of wood jammed into the side which caused the flat as I must have run over something. I don't know maybe some student shoved a paddle up there I don't know. Anyway it was interesting. Seriously they seem to be getting along although some of the students seem angry and probably they will stay that way. I don't know what will happen to this program for the juniors as they are still checking it out.

There have been many offers for the school. The latest while I was there on the last day, a Bishop of the Orthodox Church came through asking about it's availability. They are interested in establishing a theological seminary for the Orthodox. That would be interesting. Well that too will be an interesting development.

I know Berry how ^{really} hard it was on you and people feel badly down there that you caught the brunt of things. At least know that you made a noble commitment.

I'm heading for Spokane as the people from St Ann's especially want to talk so we will see how that goes. I hope the weather is not too bad and I don't mean only outside.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting which won't be too long now. Thanks again for your support and especially for your help at St Anthony's.

with fraternal affection,

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future - like where to go to high school! You know I believe presence is a big thing so being with you and Robert, no matter how unwelcome, seemed the right place to be. In the afternoon I sat in the chapel while the sun played on the reredos. this time was different. I wasn't the hurting little kid of so long ago. This time it was St. Anthony's that was hurting. And SAS hurts big.

I think we all did well while we were at SAS - here I mean yourself, Richard McManus, Jeff and I. I was the junior partner but I am glad I was in the partnership. I believe we four had a vision and even if it wasn't shared by too many others, it was the right vision for the school. I think we suffered with the kids and were often hurt unfairly by the system. But, I'm glad I was a part of it.

I'm letting this letter get away. I'm again beginning to forget my role and feel like I am still a part of St. Anthony's. I am sorry I am intruding into your realm, Gus. I do respect your mourning and the mourning of the kids. I may be down you way one of these days. I will keep my distance as difficult as that will be for me.

Gus, you are not the only one distraught by all this. Forgive me for saying it but I, too, went to school at St. Anthony's. For six years I tried to get others to come to the school because I believed it was a good school for them. And I have to suffer the anguish of knowing if only I had worked harder the student body would be larger. Always I was torn between my affection for and wanting to be with the kids I brought and my job of being away at schools or at those damn meetings. You and I have talked long and you know my love for many of the kids. Out here on the Prairie I'm kept a little more sane because I know Arturo Urrutia is in Cornell and Andrew Garcia is in cooking school, Ruben is growing into a wonderful young man. I know I am able to cry with Dale and to be hugged by Randy. And these are all things I shared with you. How long will it be before you are able to share these weeks with me.

So, friend, perhaps you've read this and perhaps you haven't. Whatever. Life will go on and there will be another time when we can talk about our hopes and dreams for Victor and Mark and so many, many others who, at times, only you and I thought we understood. There has to be another time.

Finally, I once told you I believed you are far more valuable than even SAS. I believe it, Gus. You have the ability to feel, to hurt with. You are passionate. You are a friar who is able to love - this is why you hurt so much but it is also why I and so many others who love you do hurt with you. Others may, and perhaps rightly so, tell you to "get over it" but people like me can only tell you "I think I know how you feel."

Take care, Gus. And I am glad children I too love are in your care these difficult days.

Peace!

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PS If it won't make them angry, say hello for me to the kids in your office tonight

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February 20, 1987

Dear Gus,

As you probably guessed, I have hesitated in writing you or anyone else at St. Anthony's with the exception of a kid or two, such as Victor Zambrano. I know you are going the whole spectrum of emotion these days and I just don't know how to handle it. I hear things — never have I heard more friars express their concern over one friar as guys do you. It would seem the guys are little concerned about the buildings or the 90 year history or even the kids. "How's Gus taking it?" IS what is on many minds and in many hearts.

I know you felt I let you down. I am sorry for this. I fought for SAS for six years on the defintorium, but the war was over. There were no reinforcements. You know you would last about five years, Gus. Mike not even that. Steve was already looking on another assignment. Robert has done the best job possible but he too would be a basket case. No one would fill in. Even men who spoke about it would not make any kind of a longer term commitment. It was in the cards yet I could and would not make the last play until all cards were in.

Were you a fool? No, Gus, you are not a fool. Every minute you have been at SAS has been of the greatest value. We did well and we did what we could. Men like you and Jeff, and in an earlier time, Josef, and in my time Hilary and Edilbert and before that there was Louie Schoen and I guess finally Peter himself. None of you were fools.

I feel badly, Gus, not only because of the closing of St. Anthony's but far more, because of what this closing is doing to you. You are a passionate young man and because you are passionate you hurt deeper and with far more anger than so many of us who are less so. There is nothing I can say that will change this.

I care an awful lot for you, Gus. I love you more than I do many friars. As a matter of fact, I really don't love that many. And, here's the rub, few friars have shown me the love and care you have. This is what I hurt about. I know the kids at SAS will be alright. What is not alright is our relationship.

We both know, dear friend, that it will take time. It may take years before you will accept and trust me. I will not rush it because I hurt as well. Someday...

Why did I go to St. Anthony's immediately after the meeting which closed SAS? I asked myself that question so many times since. Perhaps I went because Irishmen need to be martyred and to suffer for their acts. I wanted to see the place which was my own boyhood home, the place I loved more in adult years than as a boy. There were Victor, Darrel, Arthur Morales, Mark, etc., etc. (and yes, Tony, too) I wanted to see how they were. I wanted to be with you, Gus. Looking back, I see what a shit-head idea I had. I thought I could "help." Believe it or not, I really was not thinking I was "a power that be", "a god-damn power that be." I was unthinking enough to forget my role and to think I was still a member of your community and a "friend" of the kids. Well, I've seldom been more wrong! Since the visit I have replaced things in order, am aware of your great hurts, can accept the coldness and even rudeness of the kids — the ones I foolishly thought would understand what I had to do.

And, there were good things, too. A few of the kids shared their hopes for the

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

February 2, 1987

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Dear Berry:

Thank you very much for writing. I did very much appreciate hearing from you. Thank you so much for your great help at St Anthony's. I did feel badly that you got the brunt of it all and felt sorry that I had to go off leaving you with such a burden, but I really did not know what else to do.

Things went as well as could be expected. There is not too much we can do except hang in there. I did have a very nice visit with Michael who drove me down to San Luis Rey, and he seemed to be in a very positive mood as I saw him 2 or 3 times and he was always quite positive. So I hope that it's for the better as I know there are times when he has bad times with it, but at least he was very good when he was around me.

I do know that Gus is very angry. Garret was here and told me that Gus's anger seems to get even more irrational but there is not too much we can do about that except hold out a hand and hope and pray.

Otherwise the decision has been fairly well received. I got some very nice letters of support for making the decision, people realizing how difficult it was. People that in general had been very positive about St. Anthony's accept the decision as something that had to be done.

The funeral for Bonny went well. I do believe that he was a very dedicated friar who did a lot of good in his own way. Nevertheless the doctor said he was very very sick and suffering a lot and it was some relief to see him go.

Meanwhile I am still working on trying to get Tom Ganmy placed and it is really extremely difficult. It seems as though I go up one blind alley and down the other, but I think I am getting a little closer so say a prayer that we get this resolved. I do have a feeling that it is going to be somewhat on-going, continually coming up for review and probably requiring new tactics so we can only take it one step at a time.

Thanks again Berry for your wonderful encouragement and support. You don't know how much I appreciate it. Looking forward to seeing you before too long.

affectionately,



Louie

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January 24, 1987

Dear Lou,

And it was the week that was! Hope you made it through the SAS situation, Bonnie's death and funeral, the Mexican artists convention at St. Joe's and the Alkie Board. I made it back ok, saw the guys at Hoyt St., Sean and Matt at St. Clare's and then Peter at Ascension. Next morning it was skipping through freezing rain on Hwy 5 outside of Vancouver and then back to the prairie.

Two after thoughts of SAS... visited with your friend Andrew Garcia. Andrew felt said about the school, credits it with taking him from a bad school situation and "making him the man he is." Still, he believes we had no choice.

When I get home there is a letter waiting on my desk from a teeney-bopper in Santa Barbara who "fell for his sweet talk", referring to a SAS student. The poor kid is a pretty nice Chicana who sort of likes me. (Don't they all!) Her letter made me recall what I consider one of the bigger lacks in SAS education. Don't know how many times I asked the faculty to seriously talk about sexual morality but Steve could speak only in profundity, Gus with emotion, Mike was afraid and unless they did it in 16th century England Robert was at a lose. I'd get dirty! On this point I often worried about the kids - the good old boy locker room sex-ed. Well, now it's up to their parents.

While in Santa Barbara I went to see the Mother Abbess at the Poor Clares. Explained the situation to her - before she heard many differing opinions. A good woman who saw the need. Also, thanked Paul Smith informally for the Board.

Another letter on my desk was from friend Jerry doing time for bank hold-up, in Minnesota. A fellow federal prisoner is a Father Paul Kaut, in for trying to destroy a missile site. Know of him?

Hope Joe isn't freezing.

Peace!

Jerry

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September 9

Jeff -

Don't know this to be a Provincial appointment or not but Steve
and I divided up the jobs and I'm FMU Procurator and Syndic.
A success story for one who flunked Algebra I!

Will you please pass on the enclosed FMU and Health Insurance
cheques. Salary is on its way!

Peace!



PS - I'm anxious to push FMU anyway I can.

Lowie FYI

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ST. GEORGE, Seattle
March 6-7-1988

Thank you, Jack,

You have such good liturgy at St. George's. It is always so good to pray with you. You are a very, very good parish.

Two years ago I was involved with the decision to close a high school. Today there are one hundred and eleven Californians not speaking to me! I hope you will invite me to your Spaghetti Dinner next month.

My sisters and brothers,

A long time ago, when I was a freshman in high school, I walked past a camouflaged Boeing plant, up over an even then shaky wooden bridge and looked up at the little steeple of St. George's Church. I remember an imitation stained glass window in the vestibule. I think it was an ugly green color.

I have returned and this morning (evening) I stand in this pulpit, the last Franciscan to do so in St. George's Franciscan Parish. I do so with heavy heart but with the Christian confidence given us by the great Franciscans who shepherded St. George's over the years -- Gregory, Clement, Cornelius -- their names read like Eucharistic Prayer Number One -- Roy, Howard, Gratian, Fredrick, Oswald, Terence, Clifford, Maurus, and John Altman, Louie, Michael and David, the last of the Franciscan pastors of South Hill.

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ST. GEORGE, Seattle
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We friars minor move on, as we have done for nine hundred years. I pray we have touched your lives for good, we welcomed your children into the church, we married you and your sons and daughters, we buried your parents and relatives and friends. We prayed for your living and we prayed for your dead. In short, we shared in your lives. And, because we shared deeply with you over the years, perhaps, we have hurt or wounded you. For this we are sorry but this too is the nature of sharing.

You are the Church of Seattle, a prophetic church. You will do well. And I take a little pride in knowing the friars gave you your start. We will always look to St. George's with love and gratitude. And, like a parent, we will be watching as you continue to grow.

Having diocesan priests with you you will be even closer to the Archdiocese and perhaps a more integral part of diocesan growth. The Archdiocese wants you, the Archdiocese needs you.

The Franciscans hope to return to Seattle but doing ministry other than parochial. Our strengths today often go beyond the parish. Our presence in the parish will remain in the Franciscan Sisters and in the brothers and sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order.

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ST. GEORGE, Seattle
March 6-7-1988

You are a good parish. I so well remember Father John Altman, that loving giant of a man, telling us about you. In particular John was proud of an Easter Candle you made from bits of colored wax of all sizes and shapes. He thought it so typified this parish with its multiplicity of cultures, races, and economic factors - this parish consuming itself to be light for one another.

So dearest friends, in the name of the friars, I say goodby. But before leaving I charge you with this charge - be peacemakers, be lovers of the poor, defend all, work for equality of women and men - even in the church. (It is so good seeing girls and women involved in your liturgy.) And please, always remember we Franciscans as loving you.

In the name of the Franciscan friars and Loren Kerkof, a Franciscan son of this parish, with the love John Altman had for you and with the love David Johnson has for you, and in my own name I pray

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May he show Himself to you and have mercy on you
May he turn to you and give you peace
May almighty God bless each of us --
The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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ST. GEORGE, Seattle
March 6-7-1988

St. Francis of Assisi tells us: "Up to now we have done
little, LET US BEGIN ANEW!"

Peace!

remark at end of Mass: "We Franciscans like having the last
word. Thank you for painting your church Franciscan brown."

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March 17, 1988

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Dear Berard:

I hope you are doing well. Thank you very much for going to St. George's. I really appreciate you taking the heat. I was rather reluctant to do so. As it turned out, I am glad I did not go early as I did have the great benefit of being able to be there just as Larry Tozseo died, and to be of some comfort for his mother and his close friends. As you probably heard the funeral was a really great celebration. A lot of friars there and I think a lot of healing. It is something tough to go through, and I am glad I could be of some help. As you are probably aware, I did come back early from my meeting in order to be there for the funeral. So I was kind of able to cover it from both ends.

Meanwhile, you did go to St. George's and you did a great job. I thought your talk was very very nice, and I do hope that you are publishing it in Westfriars. If I had just received it from some other source, I would immediately send it to you, but I presume you still have a copy. So I am sure it would be nice to share that with the other friars.

I hope that healing can come to St. George's, as I am sure it is going to take some time.

Thank you again for your sensitivity, and for the great franciscan spirit you show in your letter and in your willingness to go there. Even in the tears that you shed. I really believe that is a major contribution you make to the province Berard. And we are all very enriched, especially over these last nine years.

We rush now into the closing days. Let's hope that we can leave behind a province that is rather healthy. Thanks again Berry.

affectionately,



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Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for a good week. And the Chapter was a very good week. Besides the obvious, there was a feeling of re-birthing in the Province. Perhaps labor-pain will temper this but there is a lot of hope.

I was touched by your talks. It may sound strange coming from me but I agree in an emphasis on scholarship within the Province.

The purpose of this letter - besides buttering up the Provincial Minister

Today I received a poem from Theophane Robertson praising Frederic Jansoone who will be glorified along with the Father of the California Province, ie. the Bay Area.

Theo's note reminded me of his great devotion to "Good Father Frederic." This devotion goes back many years. Perhaps there might be some recognition of Theo's devotion in all the hoopala around Serra. If there is some general trip to Rome perhaps Theo could be asked along with all the devotees of the "Grey Ox."

Take care of yourself. Like not being trampled by FST students rushing over to the GTU Library to get their library cards.

Peace!



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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

June 27, 1988

Berard Connolly, OFM
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Dear Berry:

Thanks very much for your letter. I appreciate very much your support and good wishes. As I mentioned to you at the chapter, one of the gaps in the present provincial council, will be your own presence. Over the last nine years, I have really enjoyed working with you. Learned a great deal from you, and treasure your friendship. I hope we can continue our relationship in many different ways.

This is just a short note, but I want to thank you for the reference to Theophane Robertson, and let you know that I will be following it up. I remember now, his devotion to Frederic Jansoone, and I am grateful for your reference.

It's interesting sitting here in the office, and having to deal with all sorts of things. I am not sure that the place is as organized as it could be, and that will probably be the first order of business. I think if it were a little more organized, the provincial or myself, might find more time to do some visiting and positive things for the friars. At any rate, things are going well. I am looking forward to seeing you soon. Take care of yourself.

Fraternally,



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SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER MISSION

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August 30, 1988

Dear brothers,

One hundred fifty years ago, Secularized but three years, Mission Santa Barbara was pillaged, Los Angeles a small and smokey pueblo, the Gold Rush wasn't yet a San Francisco treat, and Oakland grew a few nuts. The friars minor were several rag-tag groups not speaking to one another. There wasn't yet a War Between the States nor a Kulturkampf; but one thing for sure, it was raining in the Northwest Territory, on Cowlitz Prairie.

Simon Plomondon, a Hudson Bay Company trapper on the Prairie, felt the need for a wife, but without a priest - Simon being a very good Canadian - there could be no marriage sacrament. He portaged the 2000 miles to Quebec to see the archbishop who promised to send missionaries. On December 16, 1838, Father Francois Norbert Blanchet arrived at Cowlitz Prairie.

Simon was a very special man, a sort of northwest Daniel Boone; a Hudson Bay scout, trapper, explorer and Indian agent. He out lived at least three wives, one of them an Indian princess and another the niece of Archbishop Blanchet. Simon lived to be 100 years of age and is buried in the St. Francis Xavier Mission Cemetery. Many of his descendants are parishioners.

Father Modeste Demers built the first permanent church in 1839. It may be noted that St. Francis Xavier Mission was not founded by Jesuits not has it ever been a Jesuit institution. The "Blackrobes" here were French Canadian diocesan priests.

Early history of the Cowlitz mission reads like missionary adventures we all probably dreamed about. Missionaries gone for months at a time, traveling in Indian canoes from the Columbia River to the Straits of Juan de Fuca, Indian wars and broken treaties, British Imperialism versus American adventurism.

Priests came and went, one group of nuns headed for California when gold was discovered. (To become dancing girls?) Sisters of Providence founded an orphanage and school. Three times the church burned to the ground, once killing the pastor of only one day. (Old ones in the parish tell stories of the poor man fallen in the snow dying of burns while flames licking at the bell rope sounded the alarm which brought parishioners.)

Italian Theatine Fathers staffed the mission only one winter. In 1908 the friars of the Sacred Heart Province came to the Prairie. Truly the friars came like a whirl-wind. They built and restored churches from Woodland to Morton. The names are a litany marking glory years of our birth as a Province: Kalama, Cougar, Kelso, Longview, Cathlamet, Skamokawa, Ostrander, Castle Rock, Toutle, Ryderwood, Vader, Napavine, Winlock, Mary's Corner, Ethel, Onalaska, St. Urban, Salkum, Cinebar, Mossy Rock, Harmony, Morton and Toledo. And great men of our Province matched the mission. In the 80 years the friars have been on the Prairie, over 94 friars have been stationed at St. Francis Xavier Mission, ten of whom had two or more assignments at this Mother Church of the Prairie.

On September 25, 1988, we celebrate our 150th birthday. We praise God and I suppose we wonder and reflect - We have a mission unique in that it was founded by a layman looking for a priest to bless his love of a Klicitat maiden, not imposed. What kind of men were those missionaries on horseback, in canoes, on foot, winter and summer, facing voyageur, trapper and governor? Did those Gold Rush Sisters really become California dancing girls? How the Theatines felt they had left all civilization as pasta went limp in the wetness of the Prairie. How did the people rebuild the church three times, but why didn't they build it closer to the town of Toledo? Did Aegidius Herkenrath's horse "Max" ever draw up lame? Why did the Province give up Kelso/Longview (pop.42,000) and keep Toledo (pop 570)?

Steve, Roger and Berard hope you'll think of us and our people on the Prairie on September 25. We'd like you to join us. The choir is humming up a grand Mass and the Archbishop will be here. There will be square dancing, story telling, baseball games, "find a coin in the bale of hay," horseshoes, and perhaps improvised chip tossing. We'll bury a time capsule with an authentic history, names of parishioners, a few coins, a list of friars, letters from famous folks like [redacted] and Grover Laseke, Mayor of Toledo. Ladies of the Cowlitz Grange are providing a dinner which will set you ready for threshing or cow milking or to driving your 4x4 up to the county seat in Chehalis. -bc



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Newsletter
Franciscan Province of St. Barbara

Dear [REDACTED]

My sincere thanks for your recent Provincial Letter on Junipero Serra. Thanks, too, for including Toledo in the first paragraph!

Your letter is inspiration touched with poignancy. Perhaps you have surpassed David Temple! The presentation is professional, a sometimes missed quality among we minors.

I would appreciate having three copies to send to select members of your fan club.

Hope all went well in Europe and you were edified by your fellow Ministers.

Peace!

Berry

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Dear [REDACTED]

No, I usually don't write this often to the Provincial Minister.

We sent a packet of info to the archives but you being an historian may be interested in the enclosed brief history of Cowlitz. It was written by a parishioner who actually did quite a bit of leg work, So much of our history was destroyed in the several fires.

The celebration went well in spite of bad weather. Our folks are a hearty lot.

The "time capsule" was my idea. Many parishioners took advantage of the "Book of Life" and wrote items (often very touching) for a future generation. The enclosed is my contribution. It's to be thrown away, please.

God rest Frank Longo. I'm afraid if I were in California I'd spend half my life going to funerals - so many folks from my past are slipping away. I'll get some material for the next WESTFRIARS.

Peace!



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Westfriars

Newsletter
Franciscan Province of St. Barbara

John Bernard Connelly
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Dear 

Here's the letter both you and Mike said I should send off to the definitorium. I'm actually asking for whatever forms you folks use these days.

Another suggestion: I send Bro. Gerard Valentine a tape I make of WESTFRIARS each edition. Last week I had a note from Jerry saying my tape is the only way he knows of what's happening in the Province as he cannot see any more. I bet he'd appreciate it if someone at the office sent him tapes of Provincial communications. (I'll do it but there's the delay.) ((Wait till you hear my rendering of your FST speach in the December WESTFRIARS!))

re: my letter. I think Miguel would like to go.

Peace!



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November 20, 1988

Dear Joe, Ray and Sacred Dicasters,

Forty-three years ago this afternoon I was worried how I would ask the community to allow me to be invested in the habit of a Tertiary Brother in the morning. And here I am writing you and still asking for something.

I am once more asking for permission to take a "sabbatical" and hopefully this coming year.

As some of you know, I was scheduled to go to Mexico a number of years ago and instead ended up on 38th Avenue with the novices and Brian Flynn. A great and grand experience it was but it wasn't Mexico. Last year I again had hopes of going to Mexico but once more plans were changed.

It has been suggested I go on the Assisi Experience. May I apply for this?

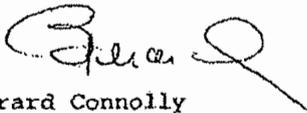
I still feel called to Mexico. May I inquire into this again?

I realize this is just the first salvo and with your generosity I may get something going this time.

Also, What are the chances the FMU could fund my classmate Miguel Lozano going on the same trip. I have not mentioned this to him so I do not know if he would want to.

Thank you.

Peace!



Berard Connolly

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

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December 5, 1988

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Thank you very much for your letter of November 20th. which I referred to the definitorium.

I'm really happy to report that the definitorium has approved your Assisi experience request. We suggest that you forward the appropriate request to the continuing education committee which usually has charge of the Assisi experience. Also, please fill out a travel form which I enclose in this letter.

The definitorium is also very supportive of your sabbatical, and again would like to encourage you to pursue this. Please fill out the sabbatical request form and send it to the continuing education committee. This basically is for the purposes of detailing your sabbatical program. You may take it that you have permission to go on sabbatical, so I wish you luck.

Berard, I really think this is the best thing to do for you. I felt very good after our long conversation in Oregon, and I know that you have been looking forward to a sabbatical trip, possibly to Mexico or elsewhere for quite some time. I really appreciate the fact that you have been open to staying on there at Toledo and Winlock, both to help Steve and to be a Franciscan presence in the area. This has been extremely beneficial both to the Province, and to Steve. He told me so himself. As to the timing of your request, at this moment I really don't know quite what to say. Of course, the Assisi experience would begin sometime in the summer - would you want to take a sabbatical before then, or start your sabbatical with the Assisi experience? That also would be possible. May I suggest on the side that when you do take your Assisi experience, you would be, I hope, looking at a couple (a week or ten days) in the island of your choice.

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I will be talking to Steve in the next few days about the plans for Toledo and Winlock, and for Roger. I know that both of you felt that it was a very pressing issue to attend to, and I feel that very much. Physically, it's impossible for me to get up to Toledo before Christmas, however, I will be coming up to the northwest in the first part of January (2nd. to 11th.), so I would hope to settle all of the matter at that time. I know this puts an added strain on you and Steve. I guess I'm asking you to be patient with my own inability to deal immediately with the situation. We did discuss it at some length at the Provincial Council meeting, and so I feel that I have some light as to where to go. I have asked Finian to talk to Donan about coming to Toledo/Winlock to live with Steve - that is the suggestion that Steve made, so I presume that he is open to it. Donan has apparently improved a good deal in Fresno, and so he might be a good addition there. I don't think we see it as a permanent placement. Perhaps over the next year with Donan there we can be working on some other alternatives. At any rate, that's a possibility which I can talk over with you and Steve when I see you, and also pursue perhaps the placement of other people there.

I don't know what to say about your request with respect to Miguel Lozano. I doubt seriously if the FMU could fund his trip, as I don't think that would fall within its norms. If he would like to go, he should certainly submit a request not be bashful about it.

Thanks for your support for me Berard, peace and all good, especially during this Advent season. I hope that the good Lord comes and blesses you in superabundant ways, as you come and bless so many of us.

Faternally,



file Bernard Conroy

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Here's the original.

Nice article in Catholic Digest. You and Frank in the same liberal magazine! Never knew you collected holy cards. I would send you mine but mine have gold stars on them.

On a more serious point: thanks for telling me about Miguel's work. For years it has bothered me that visitations and visits concentrate on Marty's work and so little said about Miguel. I remember asking Neal to make a special point of seeing the Hogar. I appreciate it, 

As I read somewhere, may the God of all lights ask the right questions and bless you and the province.

Peace!

Benny

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

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Berard Connolly, OFM
St. Francis Xavier Friary
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December 22, 1988

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

Thanks very much for your note, and also for the latest edition of Westfriars, and for the long, long, section in there by the hotwinded President of the Board of Trustees of the Franciscan School of Theology! Once again, I think Westfriars does a great job for the friars of the Province. The cover, and the picture with the words "And the Word becomes flesh" really captures the meaning of Christmas every day of our lives. I was especially struck because it reminded me of my trip to Guaymas, and also to the Native Americans. I feel so sorry for the people who are so poor down there, and also for the way in which the Native Americans have been treated by the US Government. This is a real shame.

I look forward to seeing you in the new year, Berard, and am particularly appreciative of all the support that you have given to me, both as your brother and as your minister. May the Lord of all blessings come to you and guide you in your journey.

Fraternally,



file - Bruce Cully

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Dear [redacted]

It was good having you on the Prairie even if for only a short while.

Dorothy, the elderly lady who came late to Mass, asked this morning who you were. "Was that young fellow a student for the priesthood?" But then, Dorothy's eyes are faltering.

I am excited about the possibility of finally getting to the desert. Wish I could have gone when I was younger but perhaps now I'm better! Are the Tohono O' Odham ready for my pious exhortations? Is Mike Dallmeier? Now I have reason to take better care of health.

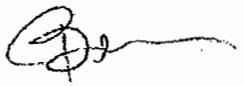
I like the idea of spending time in the gift shop. I feel we have lost so very much in not having friars in front of the Old Missions.

Roger seems to be quite content about San Miguel. Tonight at table he was asking questions about the SM parish and I think he is looking forward to the move. Clifford wrote him a very nice welcoming letter. As he is going through his "collections" here on the Prairie he does pause to laugh a little at himself for items he's been saving thirty years. So far he has told none of the parishioners. We'll see how it goes Saturday night when they read the bulletin.

Steve leaves for retreat next Monday. Hope it's a good one for him.

Please don't forget Paschal's picture for W/F.

Peace!



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February 8, 1989

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I hope that this letter finds you well.

I would just like to mention to you the discussion which took place at our definitorium meeting. The fellows were very excited about the possibility of you taking a sabbatical as from June to September, and then going to Mission San Xavier. I think that opens up great new vistas for yourself and for the community there in the Southwest. I know that they look forward to having you. The board was unanimously in favor of movement in this direction. We don't have to make it final yet, but I would just like to tip you off to the fact that it seems to be going very smoothly in that direction. I might mention for myself also and for [REDACTED] that there's a strong possibility that the Novitiate will be at Topawa for at least two months of the year. I know that I would like to see the novices exposed to your "personal" history of the Province, and I know that [REDACTED] would appreciate being able to utilize your expertise for the good of the friars in the novitiate.

I trust that you will be in communication with Mike Dallmeier over the next couple of months and please write to me, Berard, when you would like me to finalize this move. Of course, the sabbatical time from June to September does include a good trip to Assisi. That is understood.

We had a very nice meeting in the Southwest. Right now, I am stuck in a hotel in Dallas, caught in a very bad blizzard - so I'm looking out the window at 10 degree weather, and hoping that I can get to the airport tomorrow morning to fly back to Oakland. I came down here for a Bishop's committee meeting on priestly life and ministry which proved to be very interesting. You would have laughed at me last night had you peeked in on my conversation and seen me having dinner with Bishop Donald Wuerl and Bishop John Marshall, two of the most conservative Bishops in the country. Needless to say, I was my usual humble and demure self.

Thanks very much for your support, Barry. I look forward to seeing you in the future.

Fraternally,

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March 13, 1989

Dear Berry:

Peace and all good!

I hope that you have a very joyous Easter.

Thanks very much for your letter which came to me under the heading of Westfriars. Well, I certainly would be glad to give you the History and Direction of Authority in our Province as a paper to print, if I ever get it written. I'm going away for a short time to try to do that.

I'm glad you're getting along well with Donan, and that he arrived there in a good space. I just thought I'd drop you a note to wish you a very happy Easter, and let you know I was thinking of you. I appreciate all the work that you've done, especially lately your response to my request to have some of the friars write about the friars who had died. I think that's really important. I hope you can keep it up.

You think you're on oatmeal! I've been on oatmeal and bran for the last four months, went to the doctor, and my cholesterol went up! He threatened to put me on medicine. I refused, so I'm back on oatmeal and bran and salad for the next four months. I don't know what to do about this. My sister claims that it's genetic, and I believe she's right. Such is life. I think I have entered into middle age. Next week, I'll be forty four. Incidentally, thanks for putting the ad in about [REDACTED] I haven't heard any comments yet. Give my best to Steve and to Donan.

Fraternally,



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February 27, 1989

Dear [REDACTED]

Steve just showed me the schedule for the Ministers' Meeting at San Damiano March 13-15.

Even before hearing it, WESTFRIARS would like to print the History and Direction of Authority in our Province, if you would consider it. Our deadline is March 17 but we would certainly push that back for the convenience of the Publisher.

Life goes well on the Prairie. Donan was by Saturday with his stuff and should be here next Monday or Tuesday. I think he will do quite well. He will get along well with the parishioners.

I enjoyed the SFO meeting. Yesterday, Sunday, I went up to Tacoma for that fraternity's meeting. It went very well. I spoke about the friars' revitalized interest in the SFO. The theme of the meeting was right up [REDACTED] alley- the Farm Worker/Insecticide protest. In fact, the featured speaker had been a friar with the Holy Name Province and had at one time asked [REDACTED] about joining Our Mother in the West. He's now married, lives in Puyallup (knows Larry Gosselin), is a pediatrician and active in P & J.

After the SFO I had a good day in the Bay Area. Took my sister out for dinner and also had dinner at her place. Good visit with Richard Mc and also with Definitior Doherty. Mel showed me the inner sanctum at 1500 34th Ave. I'm impressed!

Yesterday I finally began to do something on a paper I've been wanting to do for years: something about Brothers I've lived with or known over the years. Francis Guest once suggested I do so. Don't worry, God knows when I'll ever finish it. Just going through old catalogue pages Joe Schwab sent me brought back so many images- good and bad, sane and insane.

Don't know about that oatmeal. After eating it everyday for two weeks I'm not sure about my cholesterol but I have as much gas as Roger!

Peace!

Benny

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April 6, 1989

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I hope that you had a very joyful Easter. I look forward to seeing you when I come up to the Northwest regional.

Thanks very much for sending me the article about Milan Mikulich. You know how committed I am to the furtherence of his apostolate, and to his openness in terms of developing his theological understanding of the Church. At any rate, I have dutifully filed the comments in the appropriate space in the Provincial Office, and I thank you for passing them on to me.

I just saw Steve and asked him to give you my best. Sister Monica, who is in California at the moment along with her companion Sr. Ann sends her best. She certainly is very grateful that you took time out to send the regular copy of Westfriars to her. I appreciate that. Please remember me in your prayers, Berard. We have a lot of things on the provincial agenda at the moment. The meeting starts today, and there have been a few crises developments in the past couple of weeks. Sometimes I wonder if the job is worth it all, and then other days it seems to go along very well. I guess that's the nature of the beast. Certainly by this time I obviously have a lot

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more sympathy for many of the difficulties that Louie had to deal with. It's rather hard to communicate the experience to people, but I know that, having been so close to it for so long you can understand a good deal of it.

I do look forward to seeing you and thank you for your support and friendship. Be assured of mine.

Fraternally,



fr. Berard C.

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June 13, 1989

Dear friends,

"The friars are to wander about the world, as pilgrims and strangers, proclaiming to all the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ...." - rule of St. Francis

This short letter is to say goodbye and to say thank you. My four years on the Prairie with you have been good, the past months have been beautiful. I will always remember this place. Together, we shared a jubilee, an ordination, a church painting, a hard winter, a Confirmation, a "first annual spaghetti dinner." We buried some friends, saw others "grow in wisdom and grace."

Last February my Provincial Minister asked if I would consider moving to Mission San Xavier del Bac near Tucson, Arizona. Father Donan could replace me on the Prairie. For many years I have wanted to work with Native American people and this was the opportunity. I will be working in ministry and sharing the Holy Gospel with folks on the O'odham Reservation. Please pray for us.

June 22, I will leave for a two month Sabatical in Mexico, living with a poor family while attending language school. I will return to the Prairie in August for a day or so and then leave for Tucson. I am sure we will have plenty of opportunity for private goodbyes.

I am grateful you and I were together during Father Steve's pastorate. These parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Francis Xavier are becoming so alive with Steve's ministry. Lay leadership is our future and now slowly but soon quickly, you carry out the full grace of your baptism. Your holding the Gospel, with the sacramental ministry of Steve, Donan and Deacon Clay, can make this Prairie truly blessed.

I leave you with the simple words of a song we used to sing during youth retreats in Utah:

"All I ask of you,
is forever to remember me,
as loving you."

Peace!

Berard

Brother Berard Connolly

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June 1, 1989

Dear Berard:

Peace and all good!

I hope that you had a great trip to Ireland. I know that I was very happy that you chose to go there, especially on your own time.

Enclosed, please find an article from the Oceanside Gazette or whatever on the homeless project at San Luis Rey. I thought it was something that might be good for the fellows to know about through Westfriars. Thanks very much for your attention to this.

Fraternally,



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Mei,

Just In case I miss you over the weekend.....

Until August 21, 1989

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The High Altar of the Mallara
Thursday 4/1

Dear [redacted]

And here I am with the monks! Spent the night in their guest house - with about 25 other guests. Magnificent monastery church - and to hear the Salve Regina sung with an Irish lilt!

The trip goes very well. Bertha, several B+B's & I have spent a number of days at the friars in Ennis & Killarney.

The friars here are a different breed - you feel the Reform still lives. They are kind & generous but quiet - seem to spend their time in prayer, study & serving the hundreds of people coming to their churches every day. seldom find them sitting around drinking coffee all morning, nor watching TV all night. I am impressed.

Our province is held in good regard - mostly Louis' prominence plus Alan. And I've heard good things about FST.

Several have questions about Neil and his constant "holiness" in Rome. Even he has caused very much ill feeling, especially at St. David's with his drinking. "The man swears more freely than Sammy Davis Jr!"

This trip to Ireland has been good for me already. Being here has done very much for my spirit. I find myself singing in the car as I drive along on the best or the terrible dirt roads. I talk to strangers & to anyone who will listen - and in Ireland people are always willing to listen - and to talk.

I have an appointment to see one of the monks which I trust will do my soul well.

I am counting on the waters at Knock to bring
some help to my body & perhaps Lough Derg will
come for me here - after.

Yes, I hope you will be able to spend time
in Ireland after the Provincial meeting. You can
always change it to studies since American Catholic
history has its roots in Ireland. I think of you
just passing a few libraries.

Read an excellent article in Cistercian Studies (XXIV 1985:1)
by Jerome Thisen, Abbot of Collegiselle, ^{MM} on
"The Monastery as a Covenant Community." Much
is the same view as your approach to
"exchange" in the religious life.

Hope all is well in Barbara's Province.

Peace!

Benny