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Mission San Luis Rey, pastor, 1969-1986

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Summer School: Four summers in English (Lyola & U.S.F. Notre Dame (2))
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Martin McKeon, O.F.M.



McKEON, (JOHN) MARTIN, REV. O.F.M.

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Father's Name: Paul McKeon

Mother's Maiden Name: Bertha Musolf

Elementary Education: Old Mission School, San Luis Obispo,
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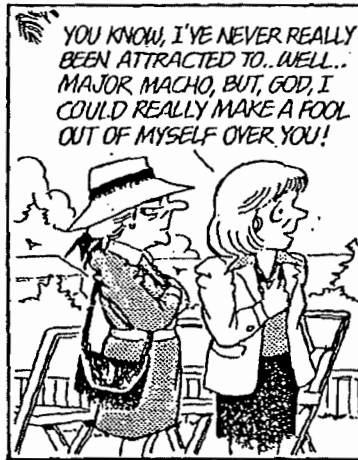
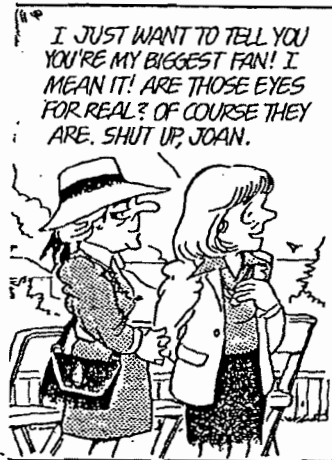
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St. Anthony's Seminary, Santa Barbara, Calif. Prof. 1953-

*St. Elizabeth's Oakland
Pastor, San Luis Rey*

Opinion

By GARRY TRUDEAU



Father Martin shall be missed

EDITOR:

In an age when TV evangelists get their faces on the cover of Time magazine, and when other clergy perform before their throngs from translucent "cathedrals," what a contrast to have known the late Father Martin of the San Luis Rey Mission.

There was something very real about him, the quality of his lifestyle and his practice of the Christian faith — nothing frothy or pious or postured.

I knew Father Martin as a likely embodiment of the founder of his order. Like St. Francis, he was in touch with his world, particularly where it was hurting, making himself available when and where needed, without need of fanfare or news releases.

His liberality of spirit made it possible for us to share our pulpits, to co-officiate at weddings, and to participate over the years in various public forums. Our town is a better place for Father Martin.

His Lord was well served. Those of us privileged to have known him have been enriched. I shall miss him.

REV. DUANE A. WALKER, Pastor
The First Presbyterian Church
Oceanside

Shadle's 'truce' wrong kind

EDITOR:

So Milo Shadle is proposing a truce. Proponents of redevelopment are truly becoming some of the most pathetic characters this community has ever produced.

Was it a truce when Mike Flick had the decision of the registrar of voters overturned by an obviously biased judge? Why not eliminate the position of registrar since he is now useless?

Thanks and praise to TCH

EDITOR:

In January I spent 22 days at Tri-City West fighting pneumonia. I have COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), so it was quite a struggle. I must give praise to all the nurses, respiratory therapists and other staff members. They were professional and compassionate and made my stay very comfortable as well as pleasant.

I must admit the decor and condition of the building leaves much to be desired, but that didn't interfere with my wonderful care.

Thank you again and thank you, Dr. Frank Corona, for being the great doctor that you are!

BERNADINE CASSIDY
Oceanside

Agency gets bum rap

EDITOR:

Recently, Genuine Placement Agency referred a client to the city of Carlsbad for possible employment. Once at the city's personnel office, however, our client was informed by a city worker that our service was "fraudulent" and that we were not authorized to send prospective employees to the city for consideration.

We were shocked to learn about these misrepresentations by an employee of the city of Carlsbad. As a consequence of these unfounded allegations, Genuine Placement Agency's business reputation has been damaged.

Although we agreed to refund the fee paid by the client who was misinformed by a city employee, our concern is much larger than that. There is no telling what the fallout will be on our good business

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SAN DIEGO

'Pastor of the Year 2000' is dead at 60

By Neil Ball
Staff Writer

OCEANSIDE - The strain of leaving Old Mission San Luis Rey, where he was a novitiate, teacher and then parish priest for 17 years, may have been too much for the Rev. Father Martin McKeon, friends said yesterday.

Father Martin, 60, called "Pastor of the Year 2000" by his associates because of the innovations he brought to the mission built in 1778, was found dead yesterday in his parish center apartment.

He had been preparing to turn the parish duties over to a new priest, and he planned to take sabbatical leave prior to assuming a teaching

position at a Franciscan order retreat in Malibu.

Another priest found Father Martin's body in the bathroom of his apartment after he failed to appear to officiate at the 11 a.m. Mass. He apparently died while getting a glass of water, possibly during the night. An autopsy was scheduled.

"A plum of a job, he called it," said Loretta Heiser, his secretary for 17 years. "Maybe he hated to leave, but he was not the type of person to show it. He was a great boss who left you alone when he knew you were doing your job. We'll all miss him very much."

The short, bespectacled and nearly bald priest reminded some people of

Friar Tuck, but without the girth.

"He never turned anyone away hungry. He was a good man and he had his heart for the people, in following the tenets of St. Francis of Assisi, who founded our order," said his colleague Brother Leo.

"He came back here in 1969 when the area was starting to boom, and he made things happen. When I was here in 1958, there was nothing. We had missions to St. Mary's in Oceanside, to St. Francis in Vista and to San Marcos and Fallbrook. It has all grown."

Brother Leo said Father Martin opened the parish and its center to all faiths; began programs for senior citizens; pushed adult education;

sponsored blood-pressure clinics, a hot-lunch program and the SHARE program for the poor; and provided mission facilities for the Women's Resource Center, which aids abused wives and children.

Joe McKnight, director of education at the mission, said the little man with the big heart had many pressures other people didn't see.

"If you get fooled by 99 out of 100 people you serve, and you help one person in need, do it," was Father Martin's motto, McKnight said.

"He had pressure of paying off the (mission renovation and other debts), and change is hard for all of us," he said.

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San Diego

North County



The San Diego Union/Bob Ivins

San Luis Rey Mission bids farewell to the Rev. Martin J. McKeon with an outdoor funeral Mass.



The San Diego Union/Bob Ivins

The Rev. Louis Vitaro delivers a homily before McKeon's coffin.

Hundreds pay respects to memory of McKeon

By Ernesto Portillo, Staff Writer

OCEANSIDE — The Rev. Martin J. McKeon, the Franciscan pastor at Mission San Luis Rey for the past 17 years, was eulogized yesterday for his generosity and tireless work in the community.

"He was a friend to everybody," said the Rev. [redacted] in the eulogy. "He was good companionship. He was great fun."

[redacted] the head of the Franciscan order for the Western states, joined Bishop Leo T. Maher of San Diego, 100 priests and friars, and more than 900 friends and family in paying their respects to McKeon, who died last Wednesday at the age of 60.

"It seemed like a bolt out of the blue that this vital force was stopped in motion," [redacted] said.

Under an overcast sky, the funeral Mass was said on a grassy plain at the mission to accommodate the mourners. As the crowd grew before

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the services, the light-blue-robed parish choir sang several hymns, including "Ave Maria," "Let There Be Peace on Earth," and "Prayer of St. Francis."

A Knights of Columbus honor guard preceded the clergy and the casket from the mission to an altar, set under a large shade tree. Only the sounds of chirping birds and whizzing cars on Mission Avenue pierced the silence.

Known to many as "Father Marty," McKeon was instrumental in transforming the former

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McKeon: Hundreds pay last respects

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San Luis Rey Academy, an all-girls school, into a center for religious and social service organizations in the late 1970s.

The parish center now helps battered women, abused children, senior citizens, migrant farm workers and the Spanish-speaking.

"He anticipated demands, he created demands," Vitale said.

McKeon's efforts, however, were not met with total enthusiasm in the parish. Vitale said there were some who wanted McKeon to build a new

and larger church.

"But Father Marty saw a need for human services," Vitale said.

McKeon, a native of Los Angeles, entered the Franciscans in 1945. This year would have been his 40th as a Franciscan and 34th as a priest. Shortly before his death, he was scheduled to take a sabbatical to direct a retreat center in Malibu.

He first taught in a Franciscan seminary and later became the order's first full-time vocations director. Many joined the order be-

cause of McKeon's encouragement, Vitale said.

In 1969, McKeon became pastor of a then-small parish at the historic mission here. Under his guidance and leadership the parish grew from 500 families to 1,500 families, Vitale said.

Joseph McKnight, director of religious education at the mission, said McKeon "did a lot of things (for his parish) that people will never know about."

Remains were interred in the Friars Crypt at the mission cemetery.

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Dear Father,

Please put back into Jack McKee's file

God bless you
for your kindness.

Many, many, thanks. Meg's signet
was truly more precious when I
told him about Marianne's tribute
for Jack.

Traycefully,
Karen

Saint Matthew's Rectory

872 Temple Avenue

Hong Beach, California

August 14, 1940

Reverend Father Augustine
St. Anthony's Seminary
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Father:

We are proud and happy to recommend to you John McKeon, who plans on entering your Seminary this summer.

John's record at our school is a series of successful years marked by serious study, whole-hearted cooperation and loyalty, and a happy comradeship. His position was rather unique in that he has been a universal favorite throughout the school with students and teachers. His pals tender him the highest respect and at the same time consider him "great fun".

His conduct and sense of responsibility have been at all times above repute, and in the sanctuary he has always been an edification to young and old.

We regret to see him leave us but in this instance our loss is your gain.

Prayfully we commend this lad to your keeping and your training, and we feel that when you know him, he will be a joy there as he has been here.

Sincerely in Christ,


Pastor

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Staff Photo By BILL GARMAN

Fr. Martin remembered

Bishop Leo T. Maher of San Diego leads prayers at the funeral of Father Martin McKeon Tuesday at Mission San Luis Rey. The Mass was celebrated outdoors to accommodate a crowd of 1,000 who heard Father Martin eulogized.

Parish

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and funded, though still housed at the mission.

A woman who is a victim of domestic violence can't take one step toward a safer future until she has a sanctuary for herself and children. The Woman's Resource Center is such a refuge. It guarantees abused victims safe (and secret) housing for 30 days. Visitors assist in cooking and housekeeping, while counselors at the Mission office help them search for jobs, find permanent housing, obtain legal advice or apply for public assistance if they are eligible. In other words, they will be presented with viable alternatives to a life of abuse.

In 1983 the Women's Resource Center received 3,150 requests for assistance and also assisted in 171 rape cases.

Item, an interesting edict of which you may have no previous inkling: A percentage of every fee paid for a marriage license in this state goes to support agencies that assist battered women.

That informational tid-bit comes from Sharon Newcomb, the capable coordinator of community services and education for the Resource Center. Newcomb, by the way, is a volunteer, one of 85 volunteers who are trained quarterly in special classes at the Center.

The Center is funded by various community agencies, including United Way. Newcomb says that several fund-raising events are held during the year; she responds to many requests to speak to local organiza-



North County Panorama

Father Martin . . . the parish optimist, the dreamer

groups, and parenting classes. Although it is supported in part by state and county agencies, funding is tight. The directors insist they could not function without the help from individuals and private groups and compassionate cities. And they are grateful for the Mission and Father Martin.

"He makes this facility available to us," Richardson says. And he insists that all 'in-house' agencies must work together."

Haworth-Adams adds: "His commitment to this program is just . . . nothing wavers. He says these kids must have a place to come for help."

Casa is always "desperate" for vol-

unteers. The 24-hour hotline number is 757-1200.

"Pain and Possibility" is the title of another of the classes the McKnights teach at the Mission, for people learning to cope with stress.

That title in a different context might be applied to Father Martin. The "Possibility" is eagerly attempted; the "Pain" is tolling through a bureaucratic cocoon with an expanded staff, a bulging budget and nagging statistics which can't be ignored. Programs relating to human needs cost money; like everyone else, the parish must pay the mortgage.

"I would have to say that our greatest problems now are financial," Father Martin admits. "In the past our principal source of support was bingo. We are now receiving hurtful competition from the Indian reservations, which can offer Las Vegas-type stakes since they are not restricted by state legislation. So we are always on the lookout for ways to increase our income."

"But the possibilities of enriching the lives of people in our community through our classes, or easing their burdens, are just too tremendous to put on hold."

Martin is a natural optimist even, he says, about the fate of the earth.

"Of course I'm concerned about the arms race, but I think nations will of necessity work through their discords to preserve the earth. Of course I do believe in the providence of God. Our charge is to affect the fate of the earth."

"We always have to struggle against our own weaknesses, but

even when there seems to be much moral bewilderment in our society, I do think it's possible to change people's attitudes. Look how long we've been laboring against racism, and we have made progress."

Father Martin's formula for kindling cooperation among groups of parishoners with differing opinions is just to listen, which he believes is a rarely cultivated technique and a prelude to persuasion.

"I think to listen — really listen — is disarming to one's critics. I don't force my ideas on people. If you disagree on an issue, being belligerent makes the division greater."


When Father Martin was asked to name the one person who had been his greatest life inspiration, who had formed his values, his reply:

"Well, that's not hard to answer. St. Francis of Assisi. He was a man who lived by his creed, his gospel. And it was a social gospel. That's why I became a Franciscan."

"How could I aspire any higher than that?"

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weeks Casa de Amparo received about 10 calls a day.

Not surprising, Casa de Amparo means House of Refuge; it has become almost a talisman for North County residents who have nowhere else to turn. It's a home away from home, often a home better than home.

When the Department of Social Services is called on to investigate charges of child abuse, Casa keeps the child for 48 hours, or until permanency placing can be arranged.

"Or, if a parent dials Casa and says 'Help me, I'm scared I may abuse my child,' we keep the child until the situation eases," explains Sue Richardson, one of Casa's directors. "Or, we get 'transitional' teens — kids who have been washed out of home or foster placement or psychiatric hospital," says Judy Haworth-Adams, the other director.

Casa services children from infancy through 17. They also provide counseling for individuals and

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Mission pastor dies

Father Martin J. McKeon, O.F.M., 60, pastor of Mission San Luis Rey, died suddenly at his home Feb. 26.

Father McKeon was born on Dec. 2, 1925, in Los Angeles. He entered the Franciscan Order on June 11, 1945, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 8, 1952, at Santa Barbara Mission.

During his priestly ministry, Father McKeon taught at the Franciscan Minor Seminary at Santa Barbara and the College Seminary in San Luis Rey. He also served as vocation director for the western province of the Franciscans. For the past 17 years he was pastor of Mission San Luis Rey.

Because of his innovative programs at the Mission, Father McKeon has been referred to as the "Pastor of the Year 2000." He was



Fr. Martin McKeon

responsible for opening the parish center and its activities to people of all faiths. He organized programs for senior citizens and sponsored hot-lunch programs, providing food for the needy. Space also was provided for the Women's Resource Center, which helps abused wives and children.

Bishop Leo Maher concelebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Father McKeon March 4 at Mission San Luis Rey. Interment was in the Friars' Vault in the Mission Cemetery adjoining the church.

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

March 6, 1986

MARTIN JOHN MC KEON, O.F.M. 1925 - 1986

The Definitorium met in San Luis Rey the last week in January. During that time I had a good talk with Marty about his proposed change. He had been talking for some time about making a change and reminded us that he had been pastor for 17 years. In his usual spirit of generosity he was willing to move to any assignment, but felt it was only fair to his successor to wait until the development drive was well under way. We did not spend a lot of time discussing a future placement. We noted he had been in the saddle a long time and encouraged a sabbatical. He reacted to this with almost childlike delight. He said he had not even thought of such an opportunity. The weeks following were ones of disengaging, while preparing for a new future. Still we know it was hard for him to break away from so many people he loved and a place so familiar. Perhaps he had a premonition that he would indeed terminate his pastorate there, but would not leave San Luis Rey. With some irony a few days before a parish farewell celebration, and just hours after attending a dinner in his honor including the mayor of the city, he died suddenly and very unexpectedly. No one recalls any ailments nor his complaints of unusual pains. The autopsy said: "hardening of the arteries." The heart stopped. A crowd of 1,000, including over 100 priests, gathered on the lawn in front of the parish center-- a vibrant symbol of his pastorate--for the Mass of the Resurrection on March 4. Bishop Maher of San Diego celebrated the Mass. The night before the Hispanic community celebrated the Rosary, complete with mariachis. Following the Mass Martin was buried in the crypt beside the mission. A bountiful lunch followed. There was shock and sadness among the family, friars, friends, and parishoners, but a loving memory was shared in a spirit of joy and celebration so typical of Marty.

Marty Mc Keon's life as a friar could be divided into two periods which split his 34 years as a friar-priest. The first half was spent in what we called "internal ministry" or sometimes referred to as "fraternal ministry." After his ordination he was sent to teach at St. Anthony's Seminary. It is said that young friars with abundant energy and unrestrained enthusiasm were sent across the street to the seminary. Marty had that exuberance and lasted at the seminary for 11 years. Perhaps he made his mark of fame when he succeeded Father Martial as prefect of discipline. However, he is perhaps best known for his work in recruiting vocations. While at the seminary he would head off, with other friars from the staff, and "blitz" the schools in Los Angeles and other dioceses and recruit for the seminary. The response was overwhelming and the seminary student body grew to over 200. Marty's vocation work was so successful that the

Saint Matthew's Rectory

872 TEMPLE AVENUE
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

May 26, 1943

This is to certify that, according to the Confirmation Register of St. Matthew's Church, John Francis McKeon, son of Paul McKeon and Bertha Musolf, was confirmed in the above mentioned Church on May 2, 1937 by Most Reverend John J. Cantwell. The name he took in Confirmation is Joseph and his sponsor is Fred O'Brien.

James P. Lynch

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned, Secretary of THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF CALIFORNIA, hereby testifies:

THAT Rev. Martin John McKeon, O.F.M. is a member of the Franciscan Order; he was received into the Order on June 10, 1945 and was given the religious name Martin;

THAT he was born George Hartney on December 3, 1925 in Los Angeles;

THAT he was legally adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKeon of Long Beach, Calif., when he was 6 weeks old and named John Francis McKeon.

[REDACTED]

August 12, 1977
Oakland, Calif.

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George Hartney

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Los Angeles

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Ad Min. Proylem Transmittenda

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Nomen ordinis:

Cuthbertus

Nomen baptismi:

Jannes

Nomen familiae:

McKeon

Nomen parentum:

Patris, nomen baptismi:

Paulus

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

Parentes adoptivi:

Bertha Mussolf

Nativitatis:

Dies-mensis-annus:

3 Decembris 1925

Civitas, Dioecesis, Status:

Los Angeles - Angelorum - California

Baptismi:

Dies-mensis-annus:

12 Decembris 1925

Ecclesia:

Immaculati Cordis Mariae

Civitas, Dioecesis, Status:

Hollywood - Angelorum - Calif.

Vestitionis:

Dies-mensis-annus:

10 Junii 1945

Locus:

Conventus S. Michaelis, San Miguel, Calif.

Officiator:

Adm. R.P. Gregorius Wooler, O.F.M., Min. Prae

Festum Patroni:

Dies-mensis:

29 Novembris

Omnibus has Litteras Visuris

SALUTEM IN DOMINO.

Cum dilectus in Christo filius Joannes Franciscus McKe
filius legitimus Bertrudis Hartney
ejusque uxoris
natus die 3^a mensis Decembris 1945, in Paroecia Los Angeles, Calif.
Ang. Diocesis Angelorum

ad habitum religiosum Ordinis Fratrum
Minorum qua clericus admitti intendat, Nos ad normam
Can. 544, § 2 et Can. 545, § 4 hisce Litteris juxta scientiam Nostram testamur,
eundem

~~legitimis natalibus ortus~~, pie educatum, bonis moribus ornatum, in fide christiana
habe instructum, fama bona et conditione libera
gaudere, nunquam inquisitum, neque alia censura, irregularitate aut alio canonico
impedimento irretitum, vel reddendae rationi alicujus administrationis obnoxium esse:
eundem porro aere alieno non gravatum, nullis quoque promissionibus aut initis con-
tractibus impeditum, nec habituali morbo affectum existere, quibus omnibus fieret, ut
habitum religiosum Ordinis S. Francisci Seraphici suscipere non possit.

Datum in civitate ANGELORUM sub nostris Signe Sigilloque
Die 6 mensis Aprilis 1945

+ John J. Smith
Archiepiscopus ANGELORUM



ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY
SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.

To Whom It May Concern:

John Francis McKeon was born in St. Vincent's Maternity Home, Los Angeles, California. He was born illegitimate of Gertrude Hartney, and given the name of George Hartney. The father's name is unknown. He was taken into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKeon when he was six weeks old, and later was legally adopted by them. Mr. and Mrs. McKeon are good practical Catholics, and raised the child as such from infancy.

According to the Baptismal Record of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hollywood, California, the child was born December 3, 1925 and baptized December 12, 1925. The father's name is not registered there.

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REPORT OF HISTORY AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR APPLICANTS TO THE FRANCISCAN ORDER

NOTE: This form is to be brought to your family physician, who will, upon completion, mail it directly to the Provincial of the Franciscan Order at 133 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California.

The examining physician in his own handwriting shall fill in the answer to every question as given by applicant or applicant's parents or guardian, or both.

The signature of the applicant and the applicant's parents or guardian is required at the bottom of this form, and shall be witnessed by the examining physician.

THIS FORM COMPLETED IS NOT TO BE GIVEN APPLICANT OR APPLICANT'S PARENTS OR GUARDIAN.

(2) The information contained herein is confidential and should not be given into the possession of unauthorized persons.

Date and Place of Examination Long Beach Calif. Sept 1-42

Name of Applicant John McKeon Age 16

Address 284 St Joseph Long Beach Calif
(Street and Number) (Post Office) (State)

Parish Church St Bartholomew Address of Parish Church _____

Name of Pastor J. Kennedy

I FAMILY HISTORY

(Including parents, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, grandparents.)

1. Is there any history or evidence of:

(a) Tuberculosis? No

(b) Diabetes Mellitus? No

(c) Cancer? No

(d) Syphilis? No

(e) Mental Disorders? No

(f) Nervous Diseases? No

(g) Epilepsy? No

(h) Migraine? No

(i) Allergic Diseases? No

(j) Alcoholism? No

(k) Hemophilia? No

(l) Gout? No

(m) Any other hereditary diseases or malformations? No

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2. All above diseases affirmed must be explained fully, giving relationship of person affected, and other pertinent information relative to likelihood of hereditary defect in applicant.

II PAST HISTORY

1. Has applicant suffered from any of the following diseases:

(a) Scarlet Fever? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(b) Diphtheria? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(c) Tonsillitis? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(d) Rheumatic Fever? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(e) Chorea? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(f) Measles? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(g) Whooping Cough? Yes Age? 7

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(h) Pleurisy? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(i) Tuberculosis? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(j) Pneumonia? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(k) Typhoid Fever? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(l) Malaria? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(m) Influenza? Yes Age? 1941

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(n) Amoebic Dysentery? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(o) Gonorrhea? No Age?

Were there any complications or sequelae?

(p) Syphilis? No Age? _____

Were there any complications or sequelae? _____

2. Has applicant a history of having had or has he now:

(a) Fits, spasms, or convulsions? No

(b) Mental or nervous diseases, including nervous breakdown? No

(c) Headaches? No

(d) Nausea and vomiting? No

(e) Lack of appetite? No

(f) Abdominal pain or cramps? No

(g) Appendicitis? No

(h) Jaundice? No

(i) Indigestion? No

(j) Pain in back? No

(k) Hematemesis? No

(l) Bloody stools? No

(m) Ulcer of stomach, duodenum, or intestine? No

(n) Chronic or recurrent diarrhea? No

(o) Frequent coughs and colds? No

(p) Hemoptysis? No

(q) Palpitation of the heart? No

(r) Irregularity of the pulse? No

(s) Breathlessness on exertion? No

(t) Swollen extremities? No

(u) Albumin in urine? No

(v) Sugar in urine? No

(w) Contact (living in same house) with a tuberculous person? No

(x) Alcoholism? No

(y) Defects of hearing? No

(z) Defects of vision? No

(z) 1. Defective teeth? No

(z) 2. Deformities, congenital or acquired? No

Please explain fully cause of any of the above affirmed, whether or not applicant has recovered, manner and date of recovery, and whether recurrences may appear.

3. Has applicant ever been operated upon? Yes

For what purpose? _____

For a hernia

When? Dec 5

Were there complications? No

Were there any sequelae? No

4. Has applicant ever suffered from accidental injuries? No

When? 1

Character of injuries? _____

Sequelae? _____

5. Has applicant

- (a) been vaccinated successfully against smallpox? Yes.
When? Oct 7.
- (b) been immunized against diphtheria? Yes.
When? Oct 7.
- (c) been immunized against scarlet fever? No.
When? _____
- (d) been immunized against typhoid fever? No
When? _____

6. Is there anything unusual about behavior or demeanor of applicant or is there a history of unusual or abnormal behavior? _____

No

I certify that all answers above given are true to the best of my knowledge.

Jack McKern
Signature of Applicant.

Bernard J. Allen MD
Signature of Examining Physician
(Witness)

Signature of Parent or Guardian.

III PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

General Appearance Good

Weight without clothes 110 lbs.

Height without shoes 64 1/2"

Temperature 98.6° Pulse Rate 72 Respiration 16

Blood pressure, systolic _____ diastolic _____

Head:

Eyes: _____

Pupils normal

Sclerae normal

Nose:

Septum normal

Mucous membrane normal

Turbinates normal

Ears:

Canals normal

Tympani normal

Mouth and Throat:

Tongue normal

Tonsils absent

Teeth normal

Gums normal

Mucous membranes normal

Pharynx normal

Neck:

Lymphatic glands normal

Thyroid gland not felt

Chest:

Shape, etc. normal

Girth 31"

Abnormal pulsations, bulgings, or retractions none

Heart:

Enlargement? no

Rhythm reg

Murmurs? no

Location of murmurs? _____

Transmission of murmurs _____

Other abnormalities _____

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Lungs:

Rales? NO

Character of rales _____

Location _____

Areas of consolidation _____

Character of respiration vesicular

Other abnormalities _____

Abdomen:

Shape normalGirth 24Liver Not feltSpleen Not feltMasses noneOperation scars noneMuscular tenderness, spasms, or rigidity none

Other abnormalities _____

Inguinal Regions:

Lymphatic glands? NOHernia? NoneScars? None

Genitalia:

Penis:

Scars? NoUlceration? NoUrethral discharge? No

Testicles:

Epididymis? NoVaricocele? NoHydrocele? No

Extremities:

Loss of members? NoTremors? NoCyanosis? NoOedema? NoScars? NoClub fingers? NoVaricose veins? NoUlcers? NoDeformities? NoOther abnormalities? No

Peripheral Vessels:

Radial pulses:

Size normalForce normalRate 72Regularity regularRhythm normalSynchronism normalSclerotic change NoneVeins (note any abnormality) normal

Neuromuscular System:

Cranial nerves normal

Sensory nerves normal

Motor nerves normal

Reflexes, deep:

Knee jerks equal present

Ankle jerks "

Triceps jerks "

Biceps jerks "

Wrist jerks "

Reflexes, superficial:

Cremasterics "

Plantars normal

Abdominals present-normal

Romberg sign no

Muscular tone normal

Muscular development normal

Muscular atrophies or hypertrophies none

Muscular asymmetries none

Skeletal System:

Bones normal

Joints normal

Lymphatic glands:

Cervical none

Axillary "

Epitrochlears "

Inguinal "

Femoral "

Back:

Curvatures normal

Stiffness "

Scars "

Skin:

Color normal Texture normal

Eruptions none

Pigmentation none

Urine:

Color straw Specific gravity 1018

Reaction aa Albumin none

Sugar none Bile none

Blood none Casts none

Pus none

I certify that I have written the answers to all above questions in my own handwriting and that I have completed the above examination and filled in all answers in my own handwriting.

Edward R. Queen MD
Signature of Examining Physician.

What is your opinion of this applicant's mental and physical condition, bearing in view the family history, past history and physical examination?

normal

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Temp. 98.6

General nutrition - good

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Edward R. Queen MD

PERSONALITY RECORD

OF

Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.

I. VOCATION

1. Aptitude for priestly life & Franciscan Order
2. Love for priestly life and Franciscan Order

A	B	C	D	E	F
	X				
	X				

II. PIETY

1. Charity
2. Candor
3. Docility
4. Deference
5. Dependability
6. Resourcefulness
7. Initiative
8. Diligence
9. Tact
10. Manners
11. Method and Order
12. Neatness
13. Sociability
14. Leadership
15. Popularity with students (Community spirit)

		X			
	X				
		X			
		X			
	X				
	X				
	X				
		X			
		X			
	X				
	X				
		X			
	X				
	X				
		X			

End of Novitiate

Personality Record of Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.

*16. Does he display any abnormal traits: e.g. Morose? Secretive? Shifty?
Solitary? No, but he is deep water and has strong moods.

17. Does he inspire trust or distrust? Trust

*18. Has he exerted a bad influence? Not after the 6th month. On arrival was out and out worldly.

Dissatisfied _____ Critical _____ *Refractory _____

*Worldlyminded _____ At first---- *Notably proud _____

19. How has he observed "House Regulations"? Well.

20. Does any fault need particular attention? He has strong emotions and must be led to master them, as well as moods. Has done well in this.---Quite attached to home.

21. What outstanding good qualities does he display? He has a strong, full-willed personality, capable of determined action and of surrender to God. Has quite a way to go

22. What character improvements have been noted? Less worldly by deliberate choice and sacrifice.

IV. STUDIES (N.B. For Novitiate consider rule and rubrics)

1. Industry: Good. Thoroughness: Good.

2. Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some subject? _____

3. Can he be recommended for post-graduate work in it?

For literary or scientific work _____

For Music _____ For teaching _____

4. Does he manifest inclination for : Teaching _____

Parish Work _____ Home Missions (Indian, Negro, Mexican) _____

Foreign Missions _____

(N.B. . Omit 2,3, and 4 at the end of Novitiate and 4 at the end of Philosophy)

Personality Record of Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.

V. HEALTH H Has suffered from sinus before coming here and while here. Nothing was done about
it here because nothing could be done and Army doctors were reluctant to advise treatment.

Evidences of hypochondria No.

VI. Are there any misgivings about advancing him to

Philosophy
~~Psychology~~ because of character or talent? No.
~~Subdiaconate~~

(Consider carefully before Subdiaconate a mistake here is fatal)

VII. Judgement of Guardian, Master, and Discretes (for novices)
Guardian, Master, and Faculty (for students)

The Guardian and discretes regard Fr. Martin as a very serious-minded Frater who
has made a good showing. The Magister would add that that he considers him a cleric
of (what is commonly called) interior power. He is capable of great enthusiasm,
would be capable of a very great love of God. He is the sort of a person who
will have to have quite a number of soul struggles and battles; he needs them
to grow bigger. He should be urged on to great heights because the half and
half is not in his nature. But the going will not always be easy for him.

PETITION OF NOVICE-CLERICS
BEFORE PROFESSION OF TEMPORARY VOWS

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

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



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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name this tenth day
of June in the year of our Lord 1946
City San Miguel County San Luis Obispo
State California

(Signature) Frater Martin McKeon O.F.M.

(Witness) Fr. Luis Baldonado, O.F.M.

(Witness) Fr. Valentine Healy, O.F.M.

CESSION OF ADMINISTRATION AND DISPOSITION OF USUFRUCT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I Frater Martin McKeon S.F.M.
otherwise known as John Francis McKeon, now of San Miguel
_____ in the County of San Luis Obispo
and the State of California

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

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

Second: I do hereby ordain, declare and direct that all the use and usufruct of said property, to-wit: the interest, rents, income, securities, royalties, bonuses and all other benefits arising from or out of such property,

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

On this Tenth day of June in the year One Thousand Nine
Hundred and Forty-six before me, F. W. TUTIN, a
Notary Public, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, personally
appeared Fr. Martin McKeon

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

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

My commission expires May 7, 1949

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

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PERSONALITY RECORD

OF

McKeon, John Fr. Cuthbert

I. VOCATION

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

John McKeon

A	B	C	D	F
X				
X				

II PIETY

1. Evidences of Piety

2. Attitude to religious exercises

III CHARACTER AND DISPOSITION

1. Charity

2. Candor

3. Docility

4. Deference

5. Dependability

6. Resourcefulness

7. Initiative

8. Diligence

9. Tact

10. Manners

11. Method & Order

12. Neatness

13. Sociability

14. Leadership

15. Popularity with students

	X			
	X			
	X			
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	X			
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		X		
		X		
	X			
	X			
	X			

At graduation from St. Anthony's Seminary

Personality Record of

Mr. John Smith

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

Secretive? Shifty? Solitary?

No

17 Does he inspire trust or distrust?

Trust

Reason:

*18 Has he exerted a bad influence?

No

Dissatisfied

Critical

*Refractory

*Worldly-minded

*Notably

proud

19 How has he observed Seminary regulations?

Well

20 Does any fault need particular attention?

Somewhat moody

21 What outstanding good qualities does he display?

Fearnestness

22 What character improvements have been noted?

IV STUDIES

Industry

Good

Thoroughness

Good

Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some subject?

V HEALTH

Fair

Evidences of hypochondria?

No

VI Are there any misgivings about advancing him to the Novitiate because of character or talent?

No

VII JUDGMENT OF THE FACULTY:

Fairish

more emotional stability which

At graduation from St. Anthony's Seminary

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PARENTAL WAIVER

We, the parents (guardians) of John Francis McKeon
do hereby waive our rights to any and all services or value of services by him to
be rendered, and do hereby declare him to be legally emancipated.

DATED this 12th day of June, 1945

Paul M. McKeon

(Name of father or guardian)

Bertha M. McKeon

(Name of mother or guardian)

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

DATED this 12th day of June, 1945

John Francis McKeon
John Francis McKeon

(Name of candidate)

DECLARATION AND RELEASE

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

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

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

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

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature this 8 day of June,
1945, at San Miguel, California
(city, state)

ACCEPTED and signature witnessed on behalf of said religious order

BY Fr. Aloysius Gutierrez, O.F.M.

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

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
BEFORE INVESTITURE IN THE FIRST ORDER

(GEN. CONST., N. 37)



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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto subscribed my name this.....9.....day
of June..... in the year of our Lord 1945.

City San Miguel County San Luis Obispo
State California

(Signature) John Francis McKeon
(Witness) [Redacted]
(Witness) Fr. Sydney Corrick, O.F.M.

QUESTIONNAIRE
GRADUATING CLASS OF SEMINARY

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

1. What is your full name? John Francis McKeon
2. What is your father's name? Paul D. McKeon
3. What is your mother's maiden name? Bertha Muesel
4. When were you born (day, month, year)? December 2, 1925
5. In what city and state did your parents make their home at the time you were born (can. 90)? Long Beach, California
6. To what parish did they belong at the time? St. Matthew's Parish, Long Beach, Calif.
7. In what places (city, state) have you resided for more than one (morally continuous) year after completing your fourteenth year of age (can. 544,2)?

Long Beach, California

Santa Paula Calif.,
May 9- 1946

The Very Rev. Gregory Wooley, O.F.M.
1500 34th St.
Oakland, Calif.

Dear Fr. Provincial:

I am
asking for a favor, Mr
McKeon and I are wondering
if there is a possible chance
of changing Jack's name from
Fr. Cuthbert to Martin or
Leonard if one is available.

We never have cared for
the name of Cuthbert.

Jack knows nothing of this,
and we wanted to be sure that
he was going to stay in before
we asked for a change of name.

We would appreciate it
if this could be taken care
of before June 10th when
Jack makes his profession.

Trusting that you will
do what you can about
this matter.

Sincerely

Bertha McKeon

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RENUNCIATION
Before Solemn Profession

Place OLD MISSION
SAN LOUIS REY, CALIF.
Date JUNE 5, 1949

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

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

In confirmation of the above, I, Frater-Brother (full name) MARTIN
JOHN McKEON, have to this Renunciation set my hand this
FIFTH day of JUNE in the year of our Lord Nineteen
Hundred and Forty-nine.

Fr.-Bro. (full name) Martin John McKeon O.F.M.

Signed by the above-named Frater-Brother MARTIN JOHN
McKEON O.F.M. in the presence of us who have
hereunto subscribed our names at his request, as witnesses thereto in the pres-
ence of the above-signed Frater-Brother MARTIN JOHN
McKEON O.F.M. and of each other, this FIFTH
day of JUNE, 1949, at SAN LOUIS REY

Brother Edward J. Meiers Witness
Address SAN LOUIS REY MISSION
Trinidad and B. Oaldonado Witness
Address SAN LOUIS REY MISSION

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

In the name of God. Amen.

I, Frater MARTIN John McKEON O.F.M., make this my will.

I give my PARENTAL INHERITANCE AND WHATEVER PROPERTY I MAY ACQUIRE FROM A BLOOD RELATIVE THROUGH THE OPERATION OF THE LAWS OF INTESTACY to ROBERT J. McKEON, my BROTHER.

I appoint ROBERT J. McKEON my executor without bonds, and with full authority, without order of court and without notice, to lease, sell, or mortgage or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of my estate as to him (~~me~~) shall seem fit.

I revoke all prior wills and codicils by me heretofore made.

Dated at Old Mission, San Luis Rey, Calif.

This FIFTH day of JUNE Nineteen Hundred and FORTY-NINE

(Signed) Frater Martin John McKeon O.F.M.

Witness Brother J. Edward Meiers

Residing at SAN LUIS REY MISSION

Witness Frater Luis B. Baldonado O.F.M.

Residing at SAN LUIS REY MISSION

This instrument was signed, published, and declared to us, the undersigned witnesses, by the above named FRATER MARTIN McKEON, otherwise known as JOHN FRANCIS McKEON, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who in his presence and at his request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses hereto, the day and the year above written.

Witness Frater Luis B. Baldonado O.F.M.

Residing at SAN LUIS REY MISSION

Witness Brother Edward J. Meiers

Residing at SAN LUIS REY MISSION

Ego subsignatus *Frater Martinus M. Keon O.F.M.*
alumnus Ordinis Fratrum Minorum cum petitionem Superioribus ex-
hibuerim pro recipiendo Subdiaconatus Ordine, diligenter re perpensa
coram Deo, iuramento interposito, testificor:

1. Nulla me coactione, seu vi, aut nullo impelli timore in recipi-
iendo eodem Sacro Ordine, sed ipsam sponte exoptare, ac plena
liberaque voluntate eundem cum adnexis oneribus amplecti
velle;
2. Fateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera ex eodem Sacro
Ordine dimanantia, quae sponte amplector, ac Deo opitulante
propono me toto vitae curriculo diligenter servare;
3. Quae castitatis voto ac coelibatus lege praescipiuntur; clare
me percipere testor, easque integre servare usque ad extremum
vitae, Deo adiuvante, firmiter statuo;
4. Denique sincera fide spondeo iuriter me fore, ad normam
Sacrorum Canonum, obsequentissime obtemperaturum iis omnibus
quae mihi a Praepositis, iuxta Ecclesiae disciplinam, prae-
cipiuntur, paratus virtutum exempla, tum opere, cum sermone,
aliis praebere, adeo ut tanti officii susceptione retributionem
a Deo promissam accipere merear. Sic testor ac iuro, super
haec Sancta Dei Evangelia, quae manu mea tango.

die *10^a* mensis *Iunii* anni *1949*

Frater Martinus M. Keon O.F.M.

PERSONALITY RECORD

OF

I. VOCATION

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

II PIETY

1. Evidences of Piety
2. Attitude to religious exercises

A	B	C	D	F

III CHARACTER AND DISPOSITION

1. Charity
2. Candor
3. Docility
4. Deference
5. Dependability
6. Resourcefulness
7. Initiative
8. Diligence
9. Tact
10. Manners
11. Method & Order
12. Neatness
13. Sociability
14. Leadership
15. Popularity with students

At graduation from St. Anthony's Seminary

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

Secretive? Shifty? Solitary? _____

17 Does he inspire trust or distrust? _____

Reason: _____

*18 Has he exerted a bad influence? _____

Dissatisfied _____ Critical _____ *Refractory

_____ *Worldly-minded _____ *Notably

proud _____

19 How has he observed Seminary regulations? _____

20 Does any fault need particular attention? _____

21 What outstanding good qualities does he display? _____

22 What character improvements have been noted? _____

IV STUDIES

Industry _____ Thoroughness _____

Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some
subject? _____

V HEALTH _____

_____ Evidences of hypochondria? _____

VI Are there any misgivings about advancing him to the
Novitiate because of character or talent? _____

VII JUDGMENT OF THE FACULTY: _____

At graduation from St. Anthony's Seminary

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PERSONALITY RECORD

OF

Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.

I. VOCATION

1. Aptitude for priestly life & Franciscan Order

2. Love for priestly life and Franciscan Order

A	B	C	D	F
	X			
	X			

II. PIETY

1. Charity

2. Candor

3. Docility

4. Deference

5. Dependability

6. Resourcefulness

7. Initiative

8. Diligence

9. Tact

10. Manners

11. Method and Order

12. Heatness

13. Sociability

14. Leadership

15. Popularity with students (Community spirit)

		X		
	X			
		X		
		X		
	X			
	X			
		X		
		X		
	X			
	X			
		X		
	X			
	X			
		X		
	X			
		X		

End of Novitiate

Personality Record of Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.

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

Solitary? No, but he is deep water and has strong moods

17. Does he inspire trust or distrust? Trust

*18. Has he exerted a bad influence? Not after the 6th month. On arrival was out and out worldly.

Dissatisfied _____ Critical _____ *Refractory _____

*Worldlyminded At first--- *Notably proud _____

19. How has he observed "House Regulations"? Well

20. Does any fault need particular attention? He has strong emotions and must be led to master them, as well as moods. Has done well in this. ---Quite attached to home.

21. What outstanding good qualities does he display? He has a strong, full-willed personality, capable of determined action and surrender to God. Has quite a way to go.

22. What character improvements have been noted? Less worldly by deliberate choice and sacrifice

IV. STUDIES (N.B. For Novitiate consider rule and rubrics)

1. Industry: Good Thoroughness: Good

2. Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some subject? _____

3. Can he be recommended for post-graduate work in it?

For literary or scientific work _____

For Music _____ For teaching _____

4. Does he manifest inclination for : Teaching _____

Parish Work _____ Home Missions (Indian, Negro, Mexican) _____

Foreign Missions _____

(N.B. Omit 2, 3, and 4 at the end of Novitiate and 4 at the end of Philosophy)

Personality Record of Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.

V. HEALTH Has suffered from sinus before coming here and while here. Nothing
was done about it here but nothing could be done and Army doctors were reluctant
Evidences of hypochondria No. to advise treatment.

VI. Are there any misgivings about advancing him to

Philosophy
~~Theology~~ because of character or talent? No.
~~Subdiaconate~~

(Consider carefully before Subdiaconate a mistake here is fatal)

VII. Judgement of Guardian, Master, and Discretes (for novices)
Guardian, Master, and Faculty (for students)

The Guardian and discretes regard Fr. Martin as a very serious-minded Frater who
has made a good showing. The Magister would add that he considers him a cleric of
(what is commonly called) interior power. He is capable of great enthusiasm,
would be capable of a very great love of God. He is the sort of a person who will
have to have quite a number of soul struggles and battles; he needs them to grow
bigger. He should be urged on to greater heights because the half and half is
not in his nature. But the going will not always be easy for him.

PERSONALITY RECORD

OF

Frater Martin McKeon

I VOCATION

1. Aptitude for priestly life & Franciscan Order
2. Love for priestly life & Franciscan Order

II PIETY

1. Evidences of personal piety
2. Regularity in religious exercises
3. Spirit of detachment and unworldliness

III CHARACTER AND DISPOSITION

1. Charity
2. Candor
3. Docility
4. Deference
5. Dependability
6. Resourcefulness
7. Initiative
8. Diligence
9. Tact
10. Manners
11. Method & Order
12. Neatness
13. Sociability
14. Leadership
15. Popularity with students (Community spirit)

A	B	C	D	F
	X			
X				
	X			
	X			
		X		
	X			
	X			
	X			
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X				
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	X			
	X			
	X			
	X			
	X			
	X			

End of ~~Novitiate~~, Philosophy; Before Subdiaconate

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Personality Record of Fr. Martin McKeon

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

Secretive? Shifty? Solitary? none

17. Does he inspire trust or distrust? trust

*18. Has he exerted a bad influence? no

Dissatisfied Critical *Refractory

*Worldlyminded *Notably proud

19. How has he observed "House Regulations"? well

20. Does any fault need particular attention? Perhaps danger of getting too preoccupied with external activities to the detriment of spiritual life.

21. What outstanding good qualities does he display? Zeal, fervor, industriousness.

22. What character improvements have been noted? Seems sure of himself now, in the right sense.

IV STUDIES (N.B. For Novitiate consider rule & rubrics)

1. Industry: very good Thoroughness: good

2. Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some subject? catechetics

3. Can he be recommended for post-graduate work in it?

For literary or scientific work

For Music For teaching yes

4. Does he manifest inclination for: Teaching

Parish Work Home Missions (Indian, Negro, Mexican

 Foreign Missions

(N.B. Omit 2,3, and 4 at the end on Novitiate and 4 at the end of Philosophy)

End of Novitiate, Philosophy; ~~Before Subdiaconate~~ Page 2

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Personality Record of Fr. Martin McKeon

V HEALTH Apparently good. He did have serious trouble with sinus,
but medical treatment has been successful.

Evidences of hypochondria none

VI Are there any misgivings about advancing him to

~~Philosophy~~

Theology

~~Subdiaconate~~

because of character or talent? none

(Consider carefully before Subdiaconate a mistake here is fatal)

VII Judgment of ~~Guardian, Master, and Discretes (for novices)~~
Guardian, Master, and Faculty (for students)

A very earnest, thorough, apostolic minded religious.

PERSONALITY RECORD OF

McKeon Martin
(last) (first) (middle) (religious)

Before Subdiaconate Date: _____

I. VOCATION:

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Aptitude for priestly life and Franciscan Order | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 2. Love for priestly life and Franciscan Order | ✓
A B C D E F |

II. PIETY:

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Evidences of personal piety | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 2. Regularity in religious exercises | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 3. Spirit of detachment and unworldliness | ✓
A B C D E F |

III. CHARACTER & DISPOSITION:

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Charity | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 2. Candor | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 3. Docility | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 4. Deference | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 5. Dependability | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 6. Resourcefulness | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 7. Initiative | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 8. Diligence | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 9. Tact | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 10. Manners | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 11. Method and Order | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 12. Neatness | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 13. Sociability | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 14. Leadership | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 15. Popularity with students (community spirit) | ✓
A B C D E F |
| 16. Does he display any abnormal traits? e.g. Morose? Secretive? Shifty? | |
| Solitary? | _____ |

SUBDIACONATE PERSONALITY RECORD OF: _____

17. Does he inspire trust or distrust? Trust

18. Has he exerted a bad influence? None

Dissatisfied? _____ Critical? _____ Refractory? _____

Worldly-minded? _____ Notably Proud? 1

19. How has he observed "House Regulations"? Good

20. Does any fault need particular attention? Impetuosity in speech

21. What outstanding qualities does he display? Enthusiasm,

fine illness

22. What character improvements have been noted? More

Command

IV. STUDIES:

1. Industry: Good Thoroughness: Fair

2. Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some subject? _____

3. Can he be recommended for post-graduate work in it? _____

For literary or scientific work? _____

For Music? _____ For teaching? _____

4. Does he manifest inclination for: Teaching? _____ Parish Work? _____

Home Missions (Ind. Neg. Mex.)? _____ Foreign Missions? _____

V. HEALTH: Good

Evidences of Hypochondria? _____

VI. ARE THERE ANY MISGIVINGS ABOUT ADVANCING HIM TO:

Subdiaconate because of character or talent? 1

(consider carefully - a mistake here is fatal!)

VII. JUDGMENT OF: Guardian, Master and Faculty:

Like all, a fine person

guides

PERSONALITY RECORD OF

Fa. Martin McKee
 (last) (first) (middle) (religious)

End of Theology Course: Date: June 1953

ACADEMIC DEGREES: _____

I. STUDIES:

Industry: Fair Thoroughness: Fair

Has he displayed marked interest and progress in some subjects? _____

II. FITNESS FOR PARTICULAR ASSIGNMENTS:

1. GRADUATE WORK: Recommended by the:

Seminary Faculty in _____

Philosophy Faculty in _____

Theology Faculty in _____

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

Seminary Faculty (specify) _____

Philosophy Faculty (specify) _____

Theology Faculty (specify) _____

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

The Seminary Faculty? _____

The Philosophy Faculty? _____

The Theology Faculty? On the Seminary or High-school level

4. MISSIONS: Does he reveal SPECIAL aptitude for:

Home Missions (Mexican, Indian, Negro)? _____

Foreign Missions? _____

Preaching of Parish Missions? Shows promise

THEOLOGY PERSONALITY RECORD OF: Fr. Martin McKee

5. PAROCHIAL WORK:

Does he reveal a SPECIAL aptitude for Parochial work? _____

III. INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCES:

For what Assignments has he declared a preference? 3rd Order
work

IV. OUTSTANDING QUALITIES: Enthusiasm; zeal; winning
personality; self-sacrificing

V. HEALTH: Good

VI. IS THERE A SPECIAL FAULTY OR DANGEROUS TENDENCY? _____

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

Prudence, Ability to speak, etc.): Reliable cleric.
Hard-working. Easy to get along
with. Should do well

J. M. J. F.

Fr. David Temple

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

DILECTO IN CHRISTO

R. P. (V. E.) Martino McLeon

Salutem et Pacem in Domino Sempiternam

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

nostro ad S. Barbaram,

Santa Barbara, California

ad Conventum nostrum ad S. Antonium Patav.,

Santa Barbara, California sub obedientia

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

Prof. Sem., Cabell (Marymount) fideliter functurus.

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

Datum in Conventu nostro ad S. Elisabeth,

Oakland, California

sub meo Chirographo Officii Sigillo Majori, die 13

mensis Junii anno 1953

Fr. David Temple, O. F. M.
Qui Supra

Praedictus Pater (Frater) in locum destinationis suae pervenit: die 21

mensis Junii anno 1953

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

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FRANCISCAN FATHERS
133 GOLDEN GATE AVE.
SAN FRANCISCO 2, CALIF.

O.K. Rhennis
July 7th
D.F.

July 5, 1954

Dear Father Provincial,

May I please have your permission to take my vacation in Long Beach following summer school? Father Herbert has given me his approval for making this request. The reason I am asking now is that my pastor has asked me to help out in the parish the first two weeks in August, so I am anxious to send him a reply.

This is my first stay in the Bay region. I really like it up here. St. Boniface is a wonderful place to stay - real Franciscan hospitality.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter, Father. Perhaps I will have an opportunity to see you before returning south, though I understand St. Elizabeth's is just a mailing address for you.

May God continue to bless your work....and I hope you say a prayer that God will bless a few of mine.

Sincerely in St. Francis,

F. Martin

post harum litter-

intu

palax.

sub obedientia

urus, ac muneribus

ideler functurus.

carius in Domino

eth.

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1, J. J. M.

1, O. F. M.

em Patris (Fratris)

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St. Anthony's Seminary

FRANCISCAN FATHERS

2300 GARDEN STREET

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Feb. 17, 1955

Dear Father Provincial,

Thank you for your letter about the Junior Clergy Examinations. On several occasions I had planned to get them in, but procrastinator that I am, I deferred the zero hour and preferred a little more review.

With an easier semester ahead of me, I have had more time for review since Christmas and have planned to begin the examinations towards the end of this month.

I realize that the friars in parish work probably have less time than I have for preparation for examinations -so I can offer no excuse. But the proximity of the Mission encourages my procrastination.

I shall see Father Silvano about the arrangements immediately.

I hope you enjoy your trip to the Far East, and I pray that your mission be successful.

Sincerely in St. Francis,

Fr. Livingston

OFM MCKE 1
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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL
FRANCISCAN PROVINCE OF ST. BARBARA
1500 THIRTY-FOURTH AVENUE
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
February 14, 1955

Dear Father Martin:

I have received from the Fathers charged with the taking of the Minor Clergy Examinations a list of those who made the Examinations for 1954. On this list I notice that your name is missing.

It will therefore be necessary that you make arrangements immediately to take the Examinations before Easter. Kindly get in touch with Father Silvano who is the chairman of the committee to receive the examinations and make some suitable arrangement with him.

Since you are now in the midst of a school year it might be best to plan to take an examination in one branch a week.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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

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July 26 1957

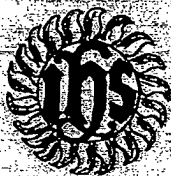
Dear Father Martin:

You may go to Boston, considering this as your vacation.

Brother Frederick ("Fritz") died in Phoenix and I was there for the funeral yesterday. Bishop Gercke had the mass, as he had promised he would many many times when Brother was alive.

Regards to all the Santa Barbara constituents.

In Christ and St. Francis.



HOLY NAME COLLEGE Franciscan House Of Studies

14TH & SHEPHERD STREETS, N.E.

WASHINGTON 17, D.C.

July 22, 1957

Dear Father Terence,

With the thermometer breaking a hundred, just writing to California cools me off.

I have an opportunity to go to Boston for a few days at the end of summer school (August ninth). This is my first time in the East, and I would like to see what I can. Father Herbert had suggested that I ask to go to New York before my return, and then this chance for a trip to Boston, which would include a couple of days in New York, presented itself. There would be no extra expense involved, and the time taken would be my vacation. Naturally I would absorb the culture of the American Romanticists for my literature course, and should pick up a few pointers on batting from Ted Williams -- just for greater prestige.

I have already written Father Herbert about my asking your permission and for his approval regarding the time of my vacation.

All the Californians are well and hot. We are awaiting the outcome of the Holy Name Provincial chapter, for it is rumored that one of us may be appointed guardian of the college--there are enough of us here.

Thanks, Father, for your kind attention and the opportunity I have had to study dramatics here. I'll be thinking of the province in my prayers--and each time I look at the thermometer.

Sincerely yours in St. Francis.

A. Martin

ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY

FRANCISCAN FATHERS
GARDEN AND PUEBLO STREETS
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

June 14, 1961

Dear Father Provincial,

With my arrival at Catholic University opening July 2, I will not be able to be on vacation after the summer session because of our early opening of the seminary in August. Father Levey suggested that I take a week off before going to Washington and a week after my return. This will give me enough time to help get things in order before the return of the seminarians.

Therefore I would like your permission to visit my parents in Long Beach for a week before going to Washington and to return to Long Beach for a week after summer school. With your permission I will stay at St. Bartholomew's rectory.

With grateful wishes for your success in your new office, I am

Sincerely yours in St. Francis,

Fr. Martin

June 19, 1961

Dear Father Martin:

Since, as you mention in your letter, it is completely impossible for you to take the two weeks of your vacation together, it will be all right for you to split them up in the manner mentioned.

Regards to all at the Seminary.

Sincerely yours in Christ
and St. Francis,

Fr. Terence Cronin, O.F.M.



St. Anthony's Seminary

FRANCISCAN FATHERS
COR. PUEBLO AND GARDEN
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

June 17, 1957

Dear Father Terrence,

Since Immaculate Heart has nothing in the way of dramatics this summer, Father Rector wants me to go to Catholic U. I understand that you have already granted permission. I will write Father Martial immediately about arrangements for my stay in Washington.

Thanks, Father, for the permission. Wish you could permit a little cool weather for that part of the country, too.

Sincerely yours in Francis,

F. Martin

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Handwritten: 10/17/57



ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY

FRANCISCAN FATHERS

COR. PUEBLO AND GARDEN

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

October 17, 1957

Dear Father Provincial,

Realizing that we need more contact with boys who have shown interest in our seminary--particularly the boys who came in contact with us in the Los Angeles area during vocation talks--I asked Father Rector if we could form a society or club for these fellows. Besides the Intonian, the fellows would receive a monthly card and a monthly letter from the seminary. They would also be encouraged to say a certain prayer for their vocation. But I feel that such a society would give the boys the sense of belonging to the Franciscans and would give us a closer contact. Through periodic letters, etc. we can determine when a boy loses interest.

If this plan meets with your approval and doesn't interfere with any other project of the men working for vocations, I would like to get started on this within the next two weeks. This will give us a jump on the vocation work that is so prominent in all the schools during March.

Many thanks, Father, for your kind attention. I hope this plan can be of some help to the vocational work of the Province.

In Christ, *D. Martin*

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ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY
FRANCISCAN FATHERS
COR. PUEBLO AND GARDEN
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

July 17, 1958

Dear Father Provincial,

With your permission I would like to take my vacation the middle of next week, July 22 or 23. Father Rector believes this to be the best time. My plans are to spend my vacation in Long Beach. I will be in residence at St. Bartholomew's rectory. There is a slight chance of my taking my mother to Fresno and San Jose to visit my sister and relatives. I would like to have your permission if this opportunity arises.

As you can see, I haven't given much thought to my vacation plans. I will probably end up staying at home and listening to my father give the solutions to the Middle East problems. But I wanted to include the possibility of a trip in case the opportunity arises.

With prayerful wishes for God's continual blessings upon your work, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ and St. Francis,

Fr. Martin, O.F.M.

Permission
granted - 7/18/58
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OFM MCKE 1
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January 26, 1959.

Dear Father Martin:

I have received the report from the Chairman for the Junior Exams for 1958 and I see from the report that it was not possible for you to make any of these exams during that year.

I know that you are very busy and that you have a great many things with which you are continually occupied and I also realize that these are very important. However, I cannot dispense from the exams and we will have to devise some manner of means of supplying for them.

I would suggest that as soon as possible, you go over to see Father Stanislaus, who is the new Chairman of the Board, and make some arrangement with him.

With every best wish in St. Francis,
our father

Fr. David Temple, O.F.M.

ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY

FRANCISCAN FATHERS
GARDEN AND PUEBLO STREETS
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

St. Bartholomew's Church
552 Granada Ave.
Long Beach 3, Calif.

June 26, 1959

Dear Father Provincial,

Father Neil asked me to take my vacation this week. Realizing the summer schedule of the seminary Fathers, he asked me to get in my two weeks right away, so I took off yesterday and presumed your permission to follow the same vacation plan as last year. I wish to spend my vacation in Long Beach and with your permission to reside in our parish rectory.

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June 28, 1959

Dear Father Martin:

You may take your vacation as planned
and reside in the parish rectory.

I trust that you all will go well and that
the vacation will prove to be a very refreshing one.

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

ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY

FRANCISCAN FATHERS

GARDEN AND PUEBLO STREETS
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

I hope these plans meet with
your approval, and I am sorry that
my request for permission is on the
late side.

With prayerful wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in St. Francis,
Fr. Martin

OFM MCKE 1

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May 28, 1961

Dear Father Martin:

The Provincial Definitorium studied during the past week the summer school designations and has deputed you to enroll in the course in Counselling at the Catholic University of America.

The Registrar of the University has been informed of this authorization and a copy of this letter is enclosed.

Father Paschal Kinsel of the Commissariat of the Holy Land has also been requested for hospitality at the Franciscan Monastery.

With fraternal greetings,

Fr. Terence Cronin, O.F.M.
Minister Provincial

J. M. J. F.

Fr. ~~Terentius Grenin~~
Ordinis Fratrum Minorum
Provinciae S. Barbarae Minister Provincialis
Humilisque in Domino Servus

DILECTO IN CHRISTO

R. P. (V. F.) ~~Martino McKeon~~

Salutem et Pacem in Domino Sempiternam

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

.....conventu.....nostr.....o.....
.....ad S. Antonium Patav., Santa Barbara, California.....
ad.....conventum.....nostr.....um.....

.....ad S. Elisabeth, Oakland, California.....sub obedientia
R. P. Guardiani.....loci illius de cetero moraturus, ac muneribus

.....Prom. Prov. Vocationum.....fideliter functurus

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

Datum in.....conentu.....nostr.....o.....
.....ad S. Elisabeth, Oakland, California.....
sub meo Chirographo Officiique Sigillo.....maiori.....die.....12a.....
mensis.....Junii.....anno.....1964.....



Terentius Grenin
Qui Supra

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Praedictus Pater (Frater) in locum destinationis suae pervenit: die.....5a.....
incensis.....Julii.....anno.....1964.....

Fr. *Flavio Lynch OFM*
Superior

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

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June 17, 1964

Dear Father Martin;

No doubt you have received your obedience before this, and you know that I want you to remain where you are until after the two boys retreats. Assoon as you conveniently can, following these retreats, I would like you to come on to Oakland.

Your position at the Seminary was very important and you filled it well for many years. Your ^{new} position is also very important and we have confidence that you will do an outstanding job with it. You will have the distinction of being the first one to have this position exclusively. From all the discussions we have had in and out of the Province during these past years, you know that vocation promotion takes zeal and ability. Your background with the Seminarians should be invaluable in your future activities.

Again thanks for your work at the Seminary and welcome to St. Elisabeths.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



FRANCISCAN FATHERS

VOCATION DEPARTMENT

1500 34TH AVENUE

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA — 94601

January 26, 1965

SEMINARIES

HIGH SCHOOL—SOUTH

ST. ANTHONY'S SEMINARY
COR. PUEBLO AND GARDEN
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

HIGH SCHOOL—NORTH

ST. FRANCIS SEMINARY
RT. 1, BOX 43
TROUTDALE, OREGON

COLLEGE

SAN LUIS REY COLLEGE
MISSION SAN LUIS REY
SAN LUIS REY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Father Provincial,

I talked to Carlos Johnson last night, and he will be able to report to San Damiano Feb. 11.

I am enclosing the letters for you to sign, and you can mail them from where you are; for I will send his file to Fr. David directly from here.

Doctor Milligan (USF) said that we would have the psychological report on Rolando Arostegui in the next two days.

I hope the weather of the Northwest is being kind to you.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Martin

*Re: Enclosed letters
by Fr. Martin
1/26/65*

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March 1, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKeon,
284 St. Joseph Ave.,
Long Beach, California, 90803

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McKeon:

Through Father Martin I have learned of your very generous donation to help us in paying for the new car that Fr. Martin uses in his work. You have the thanks of all of us for this thoughtful kindness. And our gratitude will especially be shown in the remembrance we make of you and your intentions in our prayers.

I am sure that you know how busy Fr. Martin is in his work as Provincial Promoter. This assignment is very demanding. To work effectively in locating applicants for the priesthood and brotherhood, to screen them properly, to give those who apply the right kind of direction, takes time, unselfish dedication and wisdom. Fortunately for the Province, Fr. Martin has all the qualities needed to make him successful in this all important position. And the fact that he has now a reliable car to take him to the various places of activity is a blessing which he appreciates very much.

Thanking you first for giving us Fr. Martin and then for all your other generous acts, I remain

Sincerely in St. Francis,

Fr. Terence Cronin, O.F.M.
Provincial

April 18, 1968

Dear Father Martin:

If you can, I would like you to attend the event mentioned in these enclosures. If you know you can not make it, place the enclosed on my desk with a little note to that effect.

Regards in Christ and St. Francis.

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May 26, 1966

Dear Father Martin:

In the list of appointments that just came out we neglected to mention one that affects you and your work.

Fr. Barry Brunzman will remain an Assistant at St. Boniface but he will also be an Assistant Provincial Vocation Promoter. This means that he will be available on occasion for Vocation work in the Northern California area, working under you.

The details of this arrangement will be settled later.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Terence Cronin, O.F.M.

Jan. 14, 1966

Dear Father Martin:

I wish to send you my sympathy and that of the Province on the occasion of the loss of your Dad. Even though you knew his death was expected, his actual going is a sad ~~event~~ for you and the family.

It is a great consolation for you to know that he was a man of faith, and that he was ready for eternity when God called him. He is in God's good hands now.

Please tell your Mother and the rest of the family that I shall offer Mass for him to-morrow, and remember him in other prayers.

An important appointment up this way keeps me from being at the funeral mass. Fr. Cornelius will represent all of us in the Provincial Office.

Sincerely in Christ,

the franciscans



1500 34th Avenue • Oakland • California • 94601
Office of the Vocation Director
415 • 536-1266

July 8, 1967

Dear Father Terence,

I wasn't sure whether or not I had mentioned that the Franciscan Vocation Directors' Meeting in Calgary begins tomorrow. I have a paper to deliver and Bro. Bede is on the Brothers' panel, and I know you want us both there.

I thought I would be talking to you about this, but didn't realize you were going away for a few days.

We shall return around July 16 or 17.

Sincerely,

Fr. Martin

April 13, 1969

Dear Father Martin:

Congratulations on your appointment as pastor of San Luis Rey Parish. We were happy that you would be willing to take on this appointment, -and we are surely confident that you will be able to do a great job in this. The Definitorium wanted to give you good help for this work, -and we planned to send Father Michael Dallmeier and also leave Fr. Robert Crittenden there. It seems that Robert has not been coming along well, -and is now in the hospital in Los Angeles.

Would you want him back with you, or do you think we should try to get some other position for him -at least after he completes his work for library science?

With your new position as pastor you will not be in need of the Vocation car there, and so I would appreciate it if you could have Fr. Ernan drive it back up here, -possibly using it to bring some of his things when he comes along. But, even though you will be busy with your new duties, we would like to be able to call upon you for help in the vocation work especially for Southern California. The Province has reason to be truly grateful to you for the tremendous task you performed as vocation director, and I hope that the dramatic changes in the whole vocation picture these last few years have not been too disheartening to you.

With every best wish and regards to the friars,

Fraternally in St. Francis,



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May 7, 1969

Dear Father Provincial:

Many thanks for your letter concerning my appointment to San Luis Rey Parish. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in pastoral work. I really think I needed a little of the satisfaction that comes from working with people in a positive manner and experiencing more positive results. I appreciated and enjoyed my work in the vocation office, but as much as I wanted to be involved with change in vocation approach, I was also disheartened by the results. The more I thought of change, the more I was convinced that the whole structure of recruitment traditionally accepted was completely wrong. Until I could face this reality, there would be more ulcers. But I am still greatly interested in the vocation picture and hope that my present duties will not make me lose interest nor narrow my views -views that came from the broad experience and opportunities offered me these past five years. For this reason I will enjoy helping you in vocation work in Southern California whenever you want me to.

Regarding Father Robert Crittenden, I have had a difficult time reaching a decision. I have just received a letter from him telling me how much he wants to be here. However, I really wonder if he knows what he wants. Having seen him and listened to him these past few months, I am quite sure that after he is working with me for awhile some of the old problems will be back. For this reason I have reached the following conclusions for his own good.

- 1) Since he plans to get his degree in library science this summer, I suggest that he be in residence in the Los Angeles area for "higher studies." This will be his assignment and will give him independence. Moreover, he will be forced into directing all of his attention to obtaining the degree without any concern or involvement with San Luis Rey. It will also lend prestige to his position as a student.



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- 2) I wouldn't make any decision for an assignment until after he has completed his studies. By that time he himself may have some definite ideas regarding his future, for his degree will give him some support and confidence, and his independence as a student may help him become a little more secure.

Therefore I believe he should be reassigned to the Los Angeles area as a full-time student in "higher studies." He should have no connection with San Luis Rey. In view of what develops during the summer, a decision for the coming year's assignment can be reached at the end of the summer. ...On the other hand if at the end of the summer (and he shouldn't know this), if he feels he must return to San Luis Rey, I will be glad to have him. For I am sure that I will be able to get along with him, and I am certainly willing to help him in anyway possible. (I just feel that I'm not really helping him if he did not first have this opportunity to get out from under the security blanket of San Luis Rey and have the independence of a student and face the question of decision at the end of summer.)

I realize that Robert's case is a difficult one, and I am willing to do anything to help.

Again, many thanks for your kind letter. Hang in there loose!

With prayers for you and the Province, I am

Fraternally yours,

Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.



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July 26, 1969

Dear Father Provincial,

Brother John O'Brien came in to see me this week about his leaving. He will leave here August 13.

I already have some people looking for a cook, and I am quite sure that we will be able to manage. If we can get a woman to cook dinner and prepare some food for the lunch of the following day, we will be all right. I think we will also look for individuals who will take care of the institutional cooking when we have these various groups in for weekends. I believe some of the Marine chefs would be interested in some moonlighting. At the present time I am not worried about the situation. When we have everything taken care of, Fr. Valentine or myself will write to you.

Many thanks for your concern and my best regards to Fr. Martial and the other friars.

Fraternally,

Martin McKee, O.F.M.

May 9, 1969

Dear Father Martin,

Many thanks for your letter of May 7th. I certainly am glad to know that you are happy in your new appointment, and am grateful that you will be able to give us a hand with the vacation work.

I will certainly follow your suggestions regarding Father Robert Crittenborn. In fact, I have already written to him along the lines that you suggest. I think it is best if he takes the course this summer, leaving things rather open-ended, and then as we go along we can see what is going to be best for him. I know he has been under a tremendous pressure, perhaps partly caused by the work and partly by his cardiovascular condition. I will be in touch with you as time goes along, especially regarding this point.

With ever, best wish, I am

Fraternally, in St. Francis,

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July 5, 1907

Dear Father Martin,

Just calling to let you know that I heard from Bro. John O'Brien who is asking for a year's leave of absence. I know this has been a very difficult one for him, and have asked him to talk over with you the plan to give even the kitchen there in his absence. Actually, we do not have a man to send at this time, and I hope that it will be possible for you to work out some plan whereby a lay person could do the cooking after Brother John leaves. Please let me know what his possibilities are for this.

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

Respectfully in St. Francis,



November 24, 1967

Dear Father Martin,

Many thanks for your letter of November 20th together with the enclosures regarding the seventeen series. I am certainly interested in this proposal, and I hope that you will know in a few days. I'll be waiting to hear from you on anything that is finalized. The parish is surely growing, and no doubt the mission Church is really small for the crowd you are getting on Sundays. But on the other hand it seems really difficult to plan on any building these days.

With every best wish and regards to the nuns, I am

Fraternally, In St. Francis.

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April 3, 1970

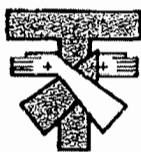
Dear Father Martin,

At the recent meeting of the Definitorium it was decided to assign Fr. James Furlong to San Luis Rey there as an assistant to yourself. Fr. James has been doing very well since he returned to Stockton and I feel would enjoy being kept very busy. The members of the definitorium were quite concerned that I write to you and ask you to give very definite assignments to Fr. James and also to arrange to have regular reviews of the work of the parish with him. I think he needs this very much and would really appreciate this. I know it is a little difficult to inaugurate these meetings weekly but am sure that they would be of tremendous value to yourself and to Fr. James.

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

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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April 14, 1970

Dear Father Provincial:

Many thanks for your assignment of Fr. James Furlong to our parish as my associate. I will follow the directives of the definitorium with regard to drawing up definite assignments for him and also having frequent meetings with him regarding the parish.

I presume that Fr. Rupert remains as a full-time associate. I really don't believe that a full-time Third Order Director is needed in this area. Certainly having three men in the parish will allow him the time necessary for the Third Order, but at the same time will give him some roots with the people in the area. In other words, I wouldn't want to lose him as far as the parish is concerned.

Again many thanks.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

(Rev.) Martin McKeon, O.F.M.
Pastor

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April 21, 1970

Dear Father Martin,

Many thanks for your letter of April 14th. I am glad that Fr. James is able to come there to San Luis Rey and feel that he will be a real asset to you in your work. Also, I would certainly want Fr. Rupert to remain a full-time associate. I think it is important that he get as involved as possible with the parish and keep this up. I think, of course, it is good for him to have other outlets also, but surely the parish does need him and I think it is very good for him to be associated in that way.

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

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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Old Mission Parish

July 13, 1970

Dear Father Provincial:

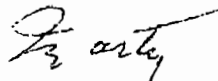
On July 5, 1970 Michael Ainsa renewed his simple vows before me. Brother Christian Rogan and Brother Martin Soto were witnesses. The vows were renewed for one year.

However, one real problem came up. Mike had spoken to me a few days before about renewing vows and said he would talk to me again about it before the time of renewal. Then on the fifth of July he came in to see me, and I discovered that his vows expired the previous midnight, for he made his vows originally on July 4th. Recalling that the vows must be renewed at least by the anniversary of original profession, I still went ahead with the renewal. Mike didn't realize that he should have made them on the fourth. I told him about this, and that I would write to you to see about validity, etc. That's where we stand. As we used to say, "Quid faciendum?"

I might also add that Mike didn't want the other members of the community to know that he is in vows. He said that he has kept it quiet - even from his family - and wishes to continue not having the fact known. I respected his wishes and felt this was a matter that he has discussed with you.

Hoping that you can come up with one of your canonical solutions to our little problem, I am

Fraternally yours,



(Rev.) Martin McKeon, O.F.M.
Pastor

San Luis Rey, California 92068
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July 16, 1970

Dear Father Martin:

Many thanks for your letter of July 13 in regard to the renewal of vows on the part of Mike Ainsa. The problem you mention is not such as to cause us any trouble. It would not nullify the vows.

I am glad that Mike has renewed the vows,--and hope that he will see his way with us. He is a fine friar and would do a great deal for the Apostolate.

Frs. Martiel and I will be down your way this weekend. Hope that you will get a great crowd for the Fiesta.

All best wishes and regards to all,

Fraternally in St. Francis,

Old Mission Parish

July 15, 1970

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Dear Father Provincial:

I have been asked by the senior chaplain at Camp Pendleton to become an auxiliary chaplain for the base. This will facilitate the manner in which they give the stipend to the house for any services we render. Moreover since I handle so many cases involving the military, I will have the advantage of having jurisdiction and faculties from the military ordinariate besides those of the diocese.

Assuming this position places me under no obligations. It does not mean that if they call upon the Mission for Sunday help and we can provide it, that I am the one who goes; for this would never work as far as my parochial duties are concerned. I am able to delegate anyone for any particular service.

I have worked closely with the chaplains for the past year. The makeup of the parish demands this.

I have already filled out my forms for this position, and now the military ordinariate would appreciate a letter of recommendation from you. Would you please send it to Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Marbach, P.A., J.C.D.

Chancellor
Military Ordinariate
30 East Fifty-First Street
New York, N.Y. 10022

Many thanks, Father.

Fraternally,

M. McKeon
Martin McKeon, O.F.M.
Pastor

San Luis Rey, California 92068
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July 21, 1970

Dear Father Martin,

Just a line to tell you that I got your letter of July 15 and will be happy to write the letter of recommendation for you to Msgr. Marbach. It was good to see you the other day. I hope the fiesta was a success and that things will come right along there with your many activities.

With every best wish and greetings to all, I am

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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LEISURELY STROLL — Father Martin McKeon, pastor of the Old Mission San Luis Rey, takes a walk through the historic parish.

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'Family' Pastor Celebrates 25 Years In Priesthood

BY BARBARA BRILL SPENCER
Staff Writer

OCEANSIDE — It's one big happy family. Everyone pitches in to help, everyone has fun. And everyone prays together.

The big happy family is the congregation at Old Mission San Luis Rey, and the head of the household is Father Martin McKeon, pastor. Father Martin, as he's called by all the parishioners, recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest. And his "family" all turned out to honor him.

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The Rev. Leo T. Maher, bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, was the principle con-celebrant at Father Martin's jubilee mass. A reception followed in the mission gardens and that evening almost 500 members of the parish, clergy and friends honored Father Martin with a dinner dance held at the Staff NCO Club, Camp Pendleton.

Father Martin, who was raised in Long Beach, was ordained in 1952 at Mission Santa Barbara after attending San Luis Rey Seminary College.

Assigned to St. Anthony's Seminary as a professor of Latin and English, Father Martin did graduate studies in English, drama and pastoral psychology at the University of San Francisco, University of Notre Dame and Catholic University during the summers. In 1964 he became director of vocations for the Western Province of Franciscans. He returned to teaching in 1968 as a professor of Scripture and English at San Luis Rey Seminary College, but when the college was closed in May, 1969, he was appointed pastor of the Mission San Luis Rey parish.

During his eight years at the mission, Father Martin has watched his congregation grow from 550 families to almost 1,000. He's helped guide and direct many programs within his parish and his community.

Several years ago the parish established The Center For Human Enrichment, a counseling center which last year alone served more than 700 individuals in the community.

A youth center, open five days a week after school, was opened for youngsters of the entire community to enjoy arts, crafts and athletics after school. Special vacation programs include field trips, swimming and preschool activities. A parish Montessori School was also established last year.

A major addition to the church itself was the installation of a new Von Beckarath pipe organ that was custom made in Germany. Only four other organs of this type are in the United States, and they are annually inspected and maintained by a special team from Germany, Father Martin explained.

Right now, Father Martin is busy working on the mission's annual fiesta July 16 and 17, and since the parish will be taking over the 12-acre academy grounds and facilities in September, "We'll be busy," said Father Martin. The academy will be made into the parish center. "We'll be starting a senior citizen program there and will be moving many of the other facilities to the complex, including the offices and St. Vincent dePaul Society.

In between all the parish activities, Father Martin finds time to be concerned about the people in his community. He was a member of the City of Oceanside Human Relations Commission for six years, serving as chairman from 1973 to 1975. For the past five years he has been on the board of directors of the Oceanside-Carlsbad Family Service Association and was the director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Commodity Program in North County from 1971 to 1976.

In October Father Martin will be taking a break from it all. He plans to leave for Europe with some neighboring priests to travel through the Holy Land.

"It will be my first and probably my last trip to the Holy Land," said Father Martin, explaining that priests only take the trip for their 25th anniversary - or for special studies.

There's no doubt about it though. His "family" thinks he deserves the vacation.

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Old Mission Parish

March 14, 1972

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your invitation to participate in the Friars Institute in Santa Barbara, I now feel that to be absent from the parish at this time of the year is impossible. I was hoping that I could arrange it, but these next two months are probably the most important in the year. We will be arranging parish boards for the coming year, making evaluations of various programs, recruiting new teachers for the education program in the fall. Moreover I have made commitments both in parish activities and civic programs which need to be fulfilled.

Therefore I would rather participate in such an institute during the fall months. Moreover, I also feel that such dates for an institute should be given to us far in advance to facilitate scheduling on our part. With a small staff it is difficult to rearrange dates and events on a rather short notice.

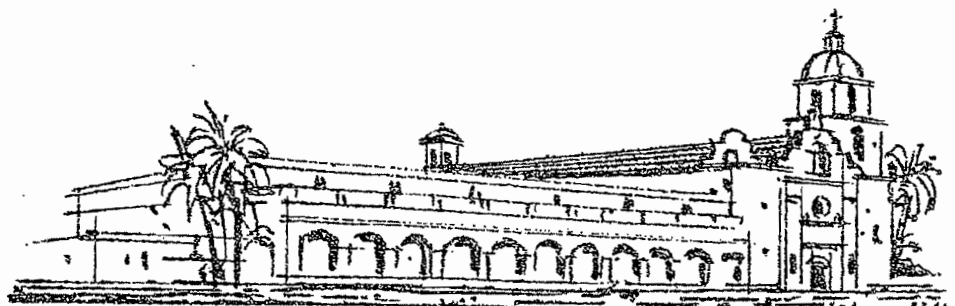
Thanking you for the invitation and with regret that I cannot make it at this time, I am

Faternally yours,



Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.

San Luis Rey, California 92068
(Area 714) 757-3651



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FARMERS' RICE COMPANY OF PUERTO RICO, INC.

Sept. 11, 1972

Dear Father Martin:

Greetings! Your letter arrived this morning. I can surely see that you have plenty to keep you occupied during the next months, and am really sorry you can't be with us in Santa Barbara. I know there will be many details for the installation of the organ, -and also that your ordinary work keeps you on the move.

You are surely to be congratulated on the imagination and drive you have shown in the matter of C.C.D. That is the best program I have seen worked out in any of our parishes. And I surely hope it will be the means of getting the real values of the Kingdom across. The school bus will certainly please a good number of the people.

All best wishes and regards to the community,

Fraternally in St. Francis,

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Old Mission Parish

April 22, 1973

Dear Father Provincial,

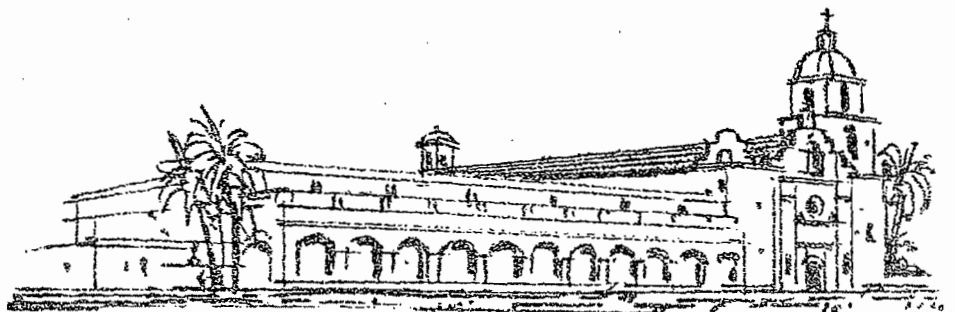
I am not going to be able to participate in the Institute at Santa Barbara next week. I had hoped that the organ would be finished by Easter, but there is going to be another four weeks of work to be done -painting, voicing, etc. Since I have to make the decisions and give the final approval on each step, I will have to stay here.

My prayerful wishes for a very Happy Easter.

Fraternally,

Marty

San Luis Rey, California 92068
(Area 714) 757-3651



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April 25, 1973

Rev. Martin McKeon, OFM
Old Mission
San Luis Rey, Calif. 92068

Dear Father Marty,

Many thanks for your letter of April 22. I certainly appreciate the situation you mention, and it would not be fair for you to have to be away during the time of the installation of the organ. I know that it will mean a great deal to the entire community there to get the organ finished, and that you are certainly looking forward to this. Congratulations on the success you have had not only in this but in so many phases of the parish life. Please give my very best regards to all the friars.

With every best wish for a truly blessed Easter season, I am

Fraternally in St. Francis,



Old Mission Parish

September 28, 1973

Dear [REDACTED]

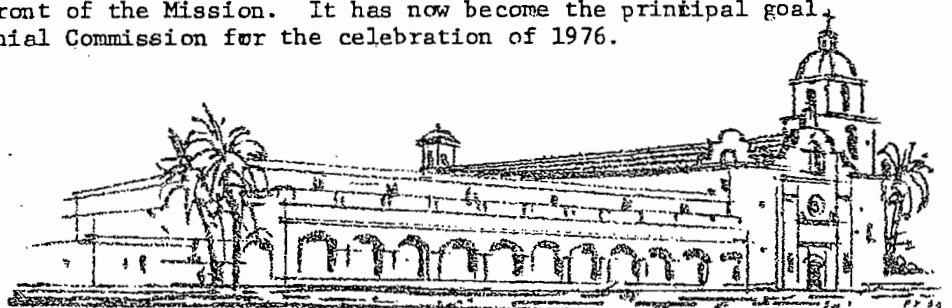
I apologize for my delay in answering your invitation to the Institute. I first had to learn my involvement in the Diocesan Synod which opens in October. Through October and November into the first week of December I am to lead the Speak-Up Sessions for the parish. I am already about four weeks behind in the organizational process. So I see no possibility of getting away this Fall.

I would have especially enjoyed this session of the Institute - particularly having Fr. David there. I will leave open my schedule to make the next session in the Spring. In view of this I would also like to suggest getting a replacement for me during the Institute. Frankly, Fr. Rupert would not be able to handle the parish by himself - the pressure will be a little too much, and it would lead to a series of kidney stones. Fr. Ralph wouldn't be able to give enough time - would be a help just when it comes to Masses (in speaking to me about going to this session he felt this could be about the most he could do, for he doesn't feel he should get into marriage cases, counseling, etc.)

I have taken another former priest on the parish staff. I am not bringing it up in the Chancery for awhile because I want this new parish program to get off the ground first. His name is Joseph Dillon and is a very close friend of Archbishop John Quinn, now of Oklahoma. I think I have found another real great person in this man - well qualified and very dedicated. I am enclosing some information on this new program. So far the response and cooperation from all the agencies and other churches in the area have been great. I have taken all the precautions necessary for such a venture (malpractice insurance, etc.) Right now we are forming a Board of Directors made up of principally professional people.

As far as other programs are concerned, we have been pretty successful. The Parish Food Commodity Program is serving over two thousand families a month now from our store downtown. We were recently told that we have the best in the county. In fact the County Board of Supervisors recently upped our annual operating budget to \$17,000.....The new organ is finished. On October 14 we are having the Dedication Concert by one of the country's most renowned organists. The Bishop also wants a Dedication Mass in the latter part of November.....Things are beginning to jell as far as the park in front of the Mission. It has now become the principal goal of the city's Bi-Centennial Commission for the celebration of 1976.

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Old Mission Parish

You have probably already heard that Mr. Emerich Piebel, the artist who for the last twelve years has been responsible for the painting of the Mission, died two weeks ago. His work will be missed -but most of all, he as a person will be missed, for he was one of the most inspirational individuals I have ever met.

Again, thanks for the invitation, Father. I'm not trying to dodge it, but I would rather plan ahead for the Spring Session. Then I'll be free of the present responsibilities.

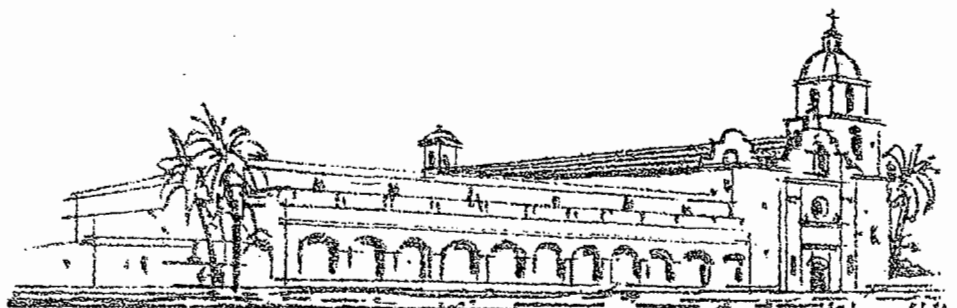
My best to the other friars, particularly to Fr. Martial.

Fraternally,

Marty

*P.S. - Val Healy, Pat O'Connor + Ben McCormick
were here for the Piebel funeral. All
looked good & doing well.*

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October 2, 1973

Dear Father Martin:

Many thanks for your letter of Sept. 30th which arrived this morning. I certainly understand how difficult it would be for you to get away at this time. You have a really bush operation there. And I am very glad you were able to get Joseph Dillon on the staff. I had seen the folder on Human Enrichment program. It looks great. And I can see that you are really having an impact on the entire community with the Food Commodity Program, and now the organ which will surely be outstanding in the entire area.

I am glad to know the plans for the park in front are coming along. That will be a great boon for the city as well as for the mission.

I know you were all saddened by the death of Emmerich Piebel. He had contributed a great deal to the life of the community when he was there. And the mission will be much richer because of his contribution. Good that Val, Pat and Ben could come. All best wishes. Fraternally,

October 26, 1973

Dear Father Marty:

Many thanks for your note and the copy of the review of the organ recital with the dedication program. You are to be congratulated on both the outstanding organ and on the Choice of a musician to really introduce it to your people. You have pioneered many things there at San Luis Rey,--and I know the parishoners appreciate what you are doing for them.

It is good to be finished with the meeting of the definitorium,--and to be able to get at the correspondence. Hope to be down your way before too long.

All best wishes and regards to the community,

Fraternally in St. Francis,

March 1, 1974

Rev. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.,
Old Mission
San Luis Rey, CA 92068

Dear Father Marty:

Many thanks for your letter of February 15 together with the parish report which was awaiting me when I arrived back in Oakland. It was good to see you at the dedication there at Sts. Simon & Jude and I hope that your hair will be getting a little curlier in the back.

The report is really a great one and I am very happy that things are coming along so well there in the parish. Yours is getting to be one of the outstanding parishes in the Province and we certainly are grateful to you for the way that it has worked in with the community there at the Mission.

With every best wish and greetings to all the friars and looking forward to getting down your way before long, I am

Faternally in St. Francis,

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January 25, 1975

Rev. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.
Old Mission Parish
2040 Mission Blvd.
San Luis Rey, CA 92068

Dear Father Martin,

Greetings! Just a line to let you know that our next renewal institute for priests is scheduled for the Monday after Easter, March 31st. It will begin at 7:30 on that evening and continue until May 30th. We would be very happy to have you with us this time. A good number of the friars have gone through the institute, and we feel that it has been very helpful to them individually and to the whole province. Would you see if you could arrange your schedule so as to be with us from March 31 until May 30 at Old Mission Santa Barbara. In the latest institute we had a number of priests from other religious communities, as well as from two dioceses of the west, and the results were really very satisfactory. Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you will be able to attend.

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

Fraternally in St. Francis,



OMNIBUS HAS LITTERAS VISURIS, SALUTEM IN DOMINO!

Virtute praesentium facultas fit R.P. Martino McKEON,
almae nostrae Provinciae minoriticae S. Barbara in
California alumno, iter peragendi in Urbem romanam
in Terram Sanctam, occasione 25th anniversarii ordina-
tionis sacerdotalis.

Amicos rogantur omnes rectores ecclesiarum ut prae-
dictum Patrem cum caritate recipiant, eique permittant
ut Sacra faciat.

Salinas, California

20 Septembris 1977

Fr. Joannes Vaughn, O.S.M.

Minister Provincialis

February 3, 1978

Reverend Martin McKeon, O.F.M.
Mission San Luis Rey Parish
4070 Mission Avenue
San Luis Rey, California 92068

Dear Marty,

It was very kind and thoughtful of you to send me the interesting clippings from the newspaper about all the good things that are happening at your parish center.

I thought the article and illustrations were very well done.

Most of all I want to congratulate you on such a wonderful achievement. While it is true, as you mentioned, that others have brought it about, especially the Sisters, I think it is equally true that your own personality and self-sacrifice have allowed this to happen and have encouraged others to work together in such a way that it did happen. You have set the pace and given the example and had the vision.

With thanks to you for such good example--and friendship, I am

Faternally yours,



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September 23, 1978

Rev. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.
San Luis Rey Parish
4070 Mission Blvd.
San Luis Rey, Calif. 92068

Dear Marty,

Just a brief note to tell you I have been trying to reach you during this last week. Fr. Stephen Manoney is willing and able to take over the chaplaincy position at the Tri-Cities Hospital.

I would appreciate it if you would follow through by contacting the Bishop as you mentioned, and then letting me know what his decision is. If it is favorable I will then write a letter to the Bishop asking for the faculties.

With good wishes and prayers, I am

Faternally yours,



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Rev. Msgr. John J. O'Connor
Chief of Chaplains
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Washington, DC 20370

Dear Monsignor O'Connor:

The Ecclesiastical Endorsement of the Military Ordinariate
is hereby granted to the Reverend Martin J. McKeon, in order that
he may serve as an Auxiliary Chaplain at Camp Pendleton, CA.

With all best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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J. T. Dimino
Chancellor

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March 25, 1979

Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.
Pastor
Mission San Luis Rey Parish
4070 Mission Avenue
San Luis Rey, Calif. 92068

Dear Marty,

This is a belated thank you for your letter of March 9th together with the letters which you sent to the parish about the proposal of purchasing the academy. You have certainly done a great job there spiritually and financially, and I am sure that the Sisters' generosity and consideration is a response to your own well known zeal and sacrifice.

The Definitorium was grateful for the information and pleased by it, I believe, and we will certainly be hoping for the best to develop.

Best wishes and prayers for you and your work.

Fraternally,

[Redacted Signature]

May 30, 1980

Dear Marty

Many thanks for looking into the situation at the Food Bank in San Diego.

Your observations sound good.

Alfred did call about his group taking over the property. His idea is that they would allow the food bank to share it. I wonder if that really is practical.

I am in a bit of dilemma about how best to proceed. I would appreciate any advice you might have.

I do think we would be content to retain ownership and let the food bank and/or the "Loaves and Fish" use it for very nominal rent.

Anyway, I would appreciate any advice you could give.

I will not accept the offer of Fritz Aherne.

Thanks again for your help in this matter.

Fraternally,

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BAKBABA

January 23, 1985

Fr. Martin McKeon, O.F.M.
Old Mission
4050 Mission Blvd.
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Dear Marty:

I hope all is well with you. Jorge has been with us the past week or so, since the hispanic meeting, quite ill with the flu. It's obvious that he does not take good care of himself. To be honest he looks rather terrible. Even while he was here he was still up, going out, saying masses, etc. There seems to be no way to hold him down.

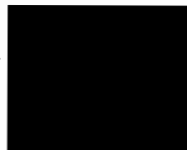
One of the hispanic friars here said he talked with Jorge and he is talking about going back to his province in Columbia. He did ask me to stop the process of incorporation as one of his brothers was in a very bad auto accident and is paralyzed. He thought he might need to go back and help the family. Also he mentioned to this other friar something about the fact that the new Provincial is a friend of his and has been urging him to come back. So, I would not be surprised to see him move in that direction. In any case he has been after Fr. Damian Gamboa to come down and assist in the work with the hispanics. I know I discussed this with you the last time we were together and you agreed that there was a need. Damian has been very anxious to leave Tularosa and the situation was getting a bit tense there so I went ahead with the move, asking Peter Kreig to fill in until summer when we can find another pastor.

Damian will be leaving Tularosa in a few days and then will spend about a week at San Juan and should be down in San Luis Rey within the next two weeks. I have written a letter to Bishop Maher asking for an appointment as associate pastor with faculties. I believe that is appropriate.

I hope this is some help for the ministry there and we'll just have to see how it goes as it moves ahead. Please keep an eye on Damian, he does tend to over-extend himself and get rather rung out. I believe he complained he was getting an ulcer in Tularosa.

Marty, you have a tremendous amount of things going on there. I know it's a great burden and a lot of work so do take care of yourself.

With warm fraternal regards,



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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

May 10, 1985

Martin McKeon, O.F.M.
Old Mission
4050 Mission Blvd
San Luis Rey, CA 92068

Dear Marty:

I know this is late to get this off to you but I do want to do it before I take off for Europe. I had hoped to be able to get to your mother's funeral but was not able to do that and was not even free to send a card along with Tom Staley who was visiting us in Las Vegas and heading back in time for the funeral. I'm sure you heard more of the story.

I really want to extend to you my deep sympathy for you and the loss of your mother. I know it was long expected and in a way is a relief for her to be at final rest and peace yet it never is easy to lose one of one's parents and I know how very close you were to your mother. Many, many of the friars expressed to me their concern for you and I don't know if all of them have communicated it personally but you were very much in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

We have been praying for you and certainly our prayers have escorted your mother into a well deserved reward.

If there is anything we can do for you in the meanwhile, please do not hesitate to ask; although I personally will be gone for the next six weeks or so, I will be remembering you and your mother in my prayers in Assisi.

I do hope you have some time to be able to get a little break after the rough days you've had in recent months and be able to rejuvenate yourself.

Once again Marty, please know that we are all with you in your sorrow and we offer you our support.

With warm fraternal regards,



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March 4, 1981

Dear [REDACTED]

My Lenten resolution is to catch up on correspondence, so this Ash Wednesday I'm writing letters. I should have gotten this off to you long before now.

I wish to thank you for your concern and kindness. I am really grateful for the opportunity that was given me and I can ^{see} God's wonderful providence in all that happened. My stay at Guest House was one of the great experiences in my life and most of all I realized how physically I had neglected my responsibility to myself. Am now feeling great and taking care of myself - particularly allowing myself more free time for physical exercise. I deeply appreciate all that the Province has done.

One former frustration was fully removed yesterday when I learned that our property closed escrow and everything has been finalized. (Now all we have to do is pay for it.)

Again, many thanks for all your help and my prayers for you in your heavy responsibilities.

Faternally,

Marty

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Dum de mandato Rev.mi P. Ministri Generalis Tibi
gratias ago pro Tua sollicitudine, fraterne Te saluto et
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(Fr. Bernardinus Sušnik OFM)
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