

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Luke Institute
2420 Brooks Dr.
Suitland, MD 20746

January 22, 1993

Dear Robert:

Peace and all good!

I hope this letter finds you well. It was good to see you in Washington a couple of weeks ago. I was glad to be able to speak with you and for us to at least have lunch with "the girls." It was a lot of fun.

Robert, I want to take the opportunity to thank you for all the effort you've put into the last couple of months. I know that it has not been very easy, but I really appreciate the way in which you have attempted to address the issues, work in great detail with them, and suffer through all the ups and downs. I think this is a testament to your courage and also an example to all of us, particularly myself. I do pray that the next six months will go as well as the last six months and that you will be able to find a job which is both profitable and rewarding for yourself.

When I came back to the province and just this past Thursday and Friday I met for two days with this Board of Inquiry in Santa Barbara. They will be sending out a letter sometime in the next ten days, requesting of students of St. Anthony's to come forward if they have been victimized during the period from 1964 to the closure of the seminary. I am not anticipating that a lot more information will surface other than what we have, but it is important that we move in this direction of an independent board both to resolve the pastoral situation and to continue to move in the best way possible. Although it is a very difficult situation it seems to be moving in a good direction. I think the friars are responding very well. I want to thank you for your agreement so that we could move in as open a direction as possible. This has been extremely helpful to myself and I think a blessing for everyone. God bless you for your truthfulness and openness to the brothers.

Please remember me in your prayers, Robert. Be assured of mine. Let me know your phone number.

Faternally,

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Robert Van Handel, OFM
2420 Brooks Drive
Suitland, MD 20746

April 1, 1993


Dear Robert:

peace and all good1

Happy Easter. This is a formal note to say that upon the receipt of a request from the Santa Barbara Mission Archive Library the definitorium has decided to go ahead with the appointment of Br. Joseph Schwab as Archivist Delegate for the Santa Barbara Mission Archives Library Board. I want to thank you for the way in which you have served the board for many years and it is unfortunate that the present circumstances do not allow your continuance. I am sure that you can understand their need for an Archivist Delegate present at each of their meetings.

Thanks very much, Robert. I hope you had a very joyous birthday and have a great Easter. Please be assured of my prayers and support. We will move forward patiently and courageously in grace.

Fraternally,



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St. Francis Retreat Center
P.O. Box 1070
San Juan Bautista, CA 95045

[REDACTED]
1500 34th Ave.
Oakland, CA 94601

August 19, 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

With this letter I give permission to you to to give access to my personnel files to those you deem necessary for my personal defense and for that of the Province. I authorize you to release these files in any manner that you find suitable and necessary, and to restrict further access as you deem fit.

Thank you.

Robert Van Handel, OFM
Robert Van Handel, OFM

witness: *Richard McManus*

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

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NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN (please print/type)

VAN HANDEL ROBERT MICHAEL
Last Name Christian (Religious) Middle
Birthdate Apr. 2, 1947 Birthplace Georgetown, British Guiana (Guyana)
Social Security # 548-78-1791 Drivers License # P0454060 State CA

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

- 1)

<u>Robert/Joyce Van Handel</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>(503) 283-0359</u>
Name	Relationship	(AC) Phone
<u>7234 N. Seward</u>	<u>Portland, OR</u>	<u>97217</u>
Address	City/State/Zip	
- 2)

<u>Christine Beathard</u>	<u>Sister</u>	
Name	Relationship	(AC) Phone
<u>1008 Neptune Ave</u>	<u>Lencudin, CA</u>	<u>92024 (619) 632-9314</u>
Address	City/State/Zip	

Do you belong to another Province? If so, which?

Please carry your Insurance ID card with you.

Your medical doctor (MD) Dr. Dean Nickles
Your Dr.'s Address and Phone 350-30th Oakland
465-6700

Blood Type: _____ Medical Allergies None

Your Insurance Carrier Health Net

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

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

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

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

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

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

Michael Dolerty

St. Monica Stecher

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

Signature of Friar

Robert Van Handel

Date

2/5/92

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

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PERSONAL DATA
AND EXPERIENCE SURVEY

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

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

SECTION A -- NAMES

01. Family name: VIAM HANDELI
(Surname/Last name)

02. Religious name:
(From novitiate)

03. Baptismal name: ROBERT
(Given legal name)

04. Any other name: MICHAEL
(Omit if none)

05. Mother's name: JOYCE STONES
(Given & maiden name)

06. Father's name: ROBERT
(Given name)

SECTION B -- BIRTH

07. Country of birth: Brazil

08. City/place of birth: Curitiba

09. Diocese of birth:

10. Date of birth: 02 | 04 | 71
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

11. Country of citizenship: UNITED STATES

12. Country where living now: UNITED STATES

SECTION C -- ORDER MEMBERSHIP

13. Reception to novitiate: 14 | 09 | 69
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

14. First profession date: 17 | 09 | 70
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

15. Solemn profession date: 07 | 10 | 73
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

16. Entity of reception: P183
(Use Province/Vice-province codelist)

17. Entity of membership: P183
(Use Province/Vice-province codelist)

18. Entity where living now: P183
(Use Prov/Vice-pr/Genl House codelist)

SECTION D -- ORDINATION DATES

19. Permanent Deaconate:
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

20. Priesthood ordination: 17 | 05 | 75
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

21. Episcopal ordination:
(Use digits 0-9) day mon yr

SECTION E -- POSITION / WORK EXPERIENCES

'a' grid use: Cook/Guardian/Definitor/Teacher/Gardener/Provincial/Tailor/Guide/
 Pastor/Porter/Infirmarian/Secretary/Professor/Writer/Missionary/
 Vicar Provincial/Custos/Visitor General/Librarian/Sacristan/Etc.
 'b' grid use: If Position/Work title in 'a' grid is unclear, use 'b' grid to
 describe it.

22a. Position/Work: SEMINARIVEPROFESSOR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (Identify Position/Work name)

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23a. Position/Work: SEMINARIVERECTOR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (Identify Position/Work name)

b. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

24a. Position/Work: SEMINARIVEADMINISTRATOR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (Identify Position/Work name)

b. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

25a. Position/Work: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (Identify Position/Work name)

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26a. Position/Work: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (Identify Position/Work name)

b. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

SECTION F -- LANGUAGE FACILITY

27. SEMANISH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (List 1st language)

(Facility scale: 0 = low, 5 = med, 9 = high)
 Speaking Listening Reading Writing

28a. SPANISH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (List 2nd language)

28b. | | 28c. | | 28d. | 2 28e. | 7 |
 (Rate facility in 2nd language)

29a. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (List 3rd language)

29b. | | 29c. | | 29d. | | 29e. | | |
 (Rate facility in 3rd language)

30a. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (List 4th language)

30b. | | 30c. | | 30d. | | 29e. | | |
 (Rate facility in 4th language)

31a. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (List 5th language)

31b. | | 31c. | | 31d. | | 29e. | | |
 (Rate facility in 5th language)

32a. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
 (List 6th language)

32b. | | 32c. | | 32d. | | 29e. | | |
 (Rate facility in 6th language)

SEC. I G -- A C A D E M I C D E G R E E S

33a. B A C H E L O R O F A R T S Degree name
 b. BA Deg Abbrev c. Degree Honors d. 311 051691 Date: day mon yr
 e. PHILANDSOPHY Degree Speciality
 f. SAM LUIS RISEY COLLEGE Granting Institution
 g. Explanatory Remarks

34a. M A S T E R O F A R T S Degree name
 b. MA Deg Abbrev c. Degree Honors d. 241 05172 Date: day mon yr
 e. ENGLISH CHURCH HISTORY Degree Speciality
 f. GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNIV. Granting Institution
 g. Explanatory Remarks

35a. M A S T E R O F D I V I N I T Y Degree name
 b. MDLV Deg Abbrev c. Degree Honors d. 061 04175 Date: day mon yr
 e. THEOLOGY Degree Speciality
 f. FRANCISCAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY Granting Institution
 g. Explanatory Remarks

SECTION H -- S P E C I A L S K I L L S / T R A I N I N G / L I C E N S E S

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

36a. Skill name: (Identify speciality name)
 b. (Describe speciality training)

37a. Skill name: (Identify speciality name)
 b. (Describe speciality training)

38a. Skill name: (Identify speciality name)
 b. (Describe speciality training)

SECTION I -- P U B L I C A T I O N S / W O R K S / A R T

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

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

P V I N C E, V I C E - P R I N C E
A N D G E N E R A L - H O U S E C O D E L I S T

AEGYPTUS			
S FAMILIAE	V01	IAPONIA	
AEGUATORIA		SS MARTYRUM IAPONIENSIVM	P39
S FRANCISCI DE QUITO	P01	INDIA	
AFRICA MERIDIONALIS		INDIAE S THOMAE APOSTOLI	P40
NOSTRAE DOMINAE REGINAE PACIS	V03	INDONESIA	
AFRICA ET MADAGASCAR		S MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI	P41
S FRANCISCI	V02	ITALIA	
ALBANIA		APRUTIORUM S BERNARDINI SENENSIS	P42
ANNUNTIATIONIS B M V	P02	APULIAE S MICHAELIS ARCHANGELI	P43
AMERICA CENTRALIS ET PANAMA		BAUSANENSIS S FRANCISCI ASSISIENSIS	P44
DOMINAE NOSTRAE DE GUADALUPE	P91	BONONIENSIS CHRISTI REGIS	P45
ANGLIA		CALABRIAE SS VII MARTYRUM	P46
IMMACULATAE CONCEPTIONIS B V M	P03	LIGURIAE SS CORDIS MARIAE	P47
ARGENTINA		LYCIENSIS ASSUMPTIONIS B M V	P48
FLUVII PLATA ASSUMPTIONIS B M V	P04	MEDIOLANENSIS S CAROLI BORROMAEI	P49
S MICHAELIS	P92	NEAPOLITANA SS CORDIS IESU	P50
AUSTRALIA		PEDEMONTANA S BONAVENTURAE	P51
SPIRITUS SANCTI	P05	PICENA S IACOBI DE MARCHIA	P52
AUSTRIA		ROMANA SS PETRI ET PAULI	P53
S BERNARDINI SENENSIS	P06	SALERNTANO-LUCANA IMMACULATAE CONC	P54
TYROLII S LEOPOLDI	P07	SANNITO-HIRPINA S MARIAE GRATIARUM	P55
BELGIUM		SARDINIAE S MARIAE GRATIARUM	P56
S JOSEPH SPONSI B M V	P08	SERAPHICA S FRANCISCI ASSISIENSIS	P57
S MARIAE MEDITRICEIS	P09	SICILIAE SS NOMINIS IESU	P58
BOLIVIA		TRIDENTINA S VIGILII	P59
MISSIONARIA S ANTONII	V04	TUSCIAE S FRANCISCI STIGMATIZATI	P60
BRASILIA		VENETA S ANTONII PATAVINI	P61
IMMACULATAE CONCEPTIONIS B V M	P13	IUGOSLAVIA	
NOSTRAE DOMINAE SEPTEM GAUDIORUM	V05	BOSNAE ARGENTINAE S CRUCIS	P62
S ANTONII	P10	CROATIAE SS CYRILI ET METHODII	P63
S CRUCIS	P11	DALMATIAE S HIERONIMI (ZADAR)	P64
S FRANCISCI ASSISIENSIS	P12	DALMATIAE SS REDEMPTORIS (SPLIT)	P65
SANCTISSIMI NOMINIS IESU	V07	HERCEGOVINA ASSUMPTIONIS B M V	P66
CANADA		SLOVENIAE S CRUCIS	P67
CHRISTI REGIS	P96	MELITA	
S JOSEPH SPONSI B M V	P14	S PAULI APOSTOLI	P68
CZECHOSLOVAKIA		MEXICUM	
BOHEMIAE ET MORAVIAE S VENCESLAI	P15	S EVANGELII	P69
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COLUMBIA		SS MARTYRUM GORCOMIENSIVM	P72
S FIDEI	P18	PAPUA NOVA GUINEA ET SAL INSUL	
S PAULI APOSTOLI	P94	S FRANCISCI ASSISIENSIS	V11
COREA		PAKISTAN	
SS MARTYRUM COREANORUM	P93	S IOANNIS BAPTISTAE	V10
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CURIA GENERALIS-ORDO FRAT MINORUM	G00	S FRANCISCI SOLANO	P73
DOMUS GENERALIS		SS XII APOSTOLORUM	P74
DOMUS GENERALIS-ORDO FRAT MINORUM	G00	PHILIPPINAE	
GALLIA		S PETRI BAPTISTAE	P75
AQUITANIAE S LUDOVICI EPISCOPI	P19	POLONIA	
ARGENTORATENSIS S PASCALIS	P20	ASSUMPTIONIS B M V	P76
FRANCIAE S PETRI APOSTOLI	P21	IMMACULATAE CONCEPTIONIS B V M	P78
GALLIAE S DIONYSII	P22	S HEDVIGIS	P77
LUGDUNENSIS S BERNARDINI SENENSIS	P23	S MARIAE ANGELORUM	P79
GERMANIA		PORTUGALLIA	
BAVARIAE S ANTONI PATAVINI	P24	SS MARTYRUM MARROCHIENSIVM	P80
COLONIAE SS TRIUM REGUM	P25	ROMANIA	
SAXONIAE S CRUCIS	P26	TRANSYLVANIAE S STEPHANI REGIS	P81
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GERMANIA ORIENTALIS		BMV REGINAE SINARUM	P95
S FRANCISCI	V09	TERRA SANCTA	
HELVETIA		CUSTODIA-TERRAE SANCTAE	P90
CHRISTI REGIS	V08	USA	
HIBERNIA		ASSUMPTIONIS B V M	P82
HIBERNIAE	P28	IMMACULATAE CONCEPTIONIS B V M	P85
HISPANIA		NOSTRAE DOMINAE DE GUADALUPE	P88
BAETICA	P29	S BARBARAE	P83
CANTABRIAE NOSTRAE DOMINAE A RUBO	P30	S CASIMIRI IN USA (LITHUANIA)	V13
CARTHAGINENSIS	P31	S IOANNIS BAPTISTAE	P86
CASTELLANA S GREGORII MAGNI	P32	SS CORDIS IESU	P84
CATALAUNIAE S SALVATORIS A HORTA	P33	SS NOMINIS IESU	P87
GRANATENSIS NOST DOMINAE A REGULA	P34	SS SALVATORIS IN USA (SLOVAKIA)	V12
S IACOBI A COMPOSTELLO	P35	VIETNAMIA	
VALENTIAE ET ARAGONIAE S JOSEPH	P36	S FRANCISCI IN VIETNAM	P89
HUNGARIA		ZAIRE	
S IOANNIS A CAPISTRANO	P37	S BENEDICTI AFRICANI	V14
S MARIAE	P38		

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... Sunday ...

Dear [redacted]

Thank you very much for your welcome card. I'm glad all of you will have a week together and I hope you can relax and enjoy it.

As you know I had a lengthy talk with Tom West on Friday as I was feeling rather poorly, but I am much better now. I will stay in close contact with Tom and will continue to express my needs to him. I'm glad he is my "contact" person.

Monica phoned today from Ireland. She is doing reasonably well, and expects to meet with her doctor upon returning to England July 31. She is sure they will operate but she doesn't as yet know how extensively. She sounded in good spirits.

I am going to San Juan now to see Richard. He will be gone next week but Bernard will be there. I think I'll be back in Berkeley next Saturday with my brother to help move things.

Joe, Thanks again for all you have done for me and on my behalf. I very much realize your care for me.

Enjoy your week from my heart
and how I can help you. I will
be glad to help you in any way I can.

Robert

It is not good to have a wound
after you have been so good to me.
I will be sure to take care of it
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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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September 12, 1994

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Robert Van Handel J30982
FBB3-127u
Wasco State Prison
P O Box 5500
Wasco CA 93280-5500

Dear Robert,

Peace and all good!

Well, it's Labor Day and I'm sitting here in our new house in Berkeley which I know you will see in due course. Time will go quickly and I look forward to sharing this view of the Golden Gate with you.

No doubt the last few weeks have brought a great deal of anxiety to you and to your family. Robert, please be assured of my prayers and support always. I want you to know that I think of you constantly and pray for you almost daily. It is a great heartache for me to realize the present circumstances. I very much appreciate the dignity with which you approached the sentencing and the statement which you made at that time. I am very sorry for the press coverage which has followed in the wake of such an admirable and dignified, responsible position which you took.

Mel and Mike and I intend to have dinner with Christine when we are down at the Definitorium meeting at San Luis Rey in mid-September. We're all looking forward to that. She's not only been a great support for you, I know, but she's also been a support for the three of us and particularly for me. God bless you for people who love you so very much.

Robert, I think all things being equal, God will bless you in abundance for the position you have taken and for the strength you have shown throughout this ordeal. I know that it has not been easy. I pray that all of us, I in particular, have only lightened your burden. Sometimes, undoubtedly, it probably seems like a black hole and that you sort of free fall into it. But be assured it is not a black hole. The Holy Spirit is there to guide you. The love of the brothers continues for you. The love of your family, particularly your parents and sister, is very evident. And there is so much good in who you are and what you represent that this will more than assimilate any darkness

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which appears in any of us. Be assured of my prayers and support. I do look forward to seeing you sometime in the near future.

With respect to myself, I've had a good sabbatical and have gotten a good rest. I feel so much better. I actually feel like I can handle the next two and a half years with some degree of equanimity and peace. I do have much more energy and I look forward to getting back to the administrative work. I know that's hard to believe, but I really am. Even the situation in Santa Barbara I find not so discouraging anymore. In fact, I think I'm kind of determined to see it through and have been given enough support to be able to do that. The friars are in a good space. All of the experiences have simply created more life in them. We have a great deal more solidarity in the fraternity. People are more reliant on each other; there's a good deal more prayer and a good deal more cooperation among the friars. All of these are great blessings which have come to us from the situation at St. Anthony's Seminary. I think in the long run God will bring good out of all this, and has already begun to do so. At least I can see this and this is a great encouragement to me. At the same time I can acknowledge the difficulty. But, Robert, this is life and God blesses us in it. Be assured of my love.

Faternally,

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Province of St. Barbara

FRANCISCAN FRIARS

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September 28, 1994

Robert VanHandel-J30982
FBB1-A-123u
Wasco State Prison
P O Box 5500
Wasco CA 93280-5500

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Dear Robert,

Peace and all good!

Thanks very much for the letter that you sent to [redacted] and me most recently. I'll pass it on to Mike when he returns from vacation.

Oh, I wish there was something I could do, somehow reach out and make that system more compassionate and reasonable, particularly for someone like you. I want to encourage you, to say that I remember you in prayers and really pray that the Holy Spirit might give you the wisdom, courage, strength and peace to continue on this road which has been given to you. It is a road you are on not alone. I want to walk with you as much as possible, and in my own life try to be friend and brother to you and to the others who have been hurt by the activities of the friars. As I've told you many times, your own story fits into the much larger story of the province and into the story, clearly, of many other friars who have been touched by this tragedy. Because of this, your own witness in courage, in perseverance and in healing is great strength to the story of the Province. And it enables us to move forward with some degree of hope.

Since I've returned from the Sabbatical I feel much more able to put these things in perspective. It's true that at times I do feel very much beat up and that all the old feelings of public pain which both you and I experienced, you in particular, come back. But these feelings are temporary. And I think that now we are beginning to move forward in the province. A great deal of solidarity has been created among the brothers. We have a greater understanding of forgiveness and compassion, a greater realization of our need to witness and to be examples of life, and a greater support for each other, both in our strength and in our weakness. One of the definitions of God that someone gave me over the past few years is that God works together to turn all things towards the good. I believe God is doing this for you in your

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Note: 032 is the missing pg to this ltr.

NAME (Type or Print) Robert M Van Handel Rev.
(Religious) (Baptismal) (Family)

PARENTS _____
(father) (mother)

BIRTH Georgetown, British Guiana April 2, 1947
(place) (date)

EDUCATION (date, place)

Grade School _____

High School _____

College _____

Seminary _____ Novitiate _____

Philosophy _____ Theology _____

INVESTED Sept. 14, 1969 _____
(date) (place)

SIMPLE VOWS Sept. 17, 1970 _____ SOLEMN VOWS Oct. 1, 1973 _____
(date) (place) (date) (place)

PRIESTHOOD May 17, 1975 St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, CA Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken
(date) (place) (ordaining Prelate)

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS e.g. Post-Graduate Degree work, published works, buildings, etc.

APPOINTMENTS (dates, positions held, places) Deacon year: St. Mary's, Phoenix, Ariz.

1975 May St. Anthony's Seminary, Santa Barbara, Calif. Prof.; July 1978 Loc. Min.

1984-85 sabbatical

1985 - appointed Rector of SAS

1987 _____

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NAME (Type or Print)

Robert

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Van Handel

Rev.

(Religious)

(Baptismal)

(Family)

APPOINTMENTS (continued)

1991 August FST, Berkeley; Formation Director, Development work for FST+ Province; ^{Secretary to the} ~~Provincial~~ ^{Provincial}

1993 July San Juan Bautista; in residence St. Francis Retreat; assist Retreat Ministry

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NOTITIA

Peractae Votorum Sollemnium Professionis
Ad Ministrum Provinciale Mittenda
Const. Gles. Art. 85

Nomen profitentis:

Nomen ordinis: Robert

Nomen baptismi: Robert M.

Nomen familiae: Van Handel

Status (clericus, laicus, sacerdos): clericus

Locus originis profitentis: Georgetown, British Guiana (now Guyana)

Professionis:

Dies-mensis-annus: 1st October 1973

Documentum emissae professionis sollemnis subscripserunt:

Neo-professus: Robert M. Van Handel

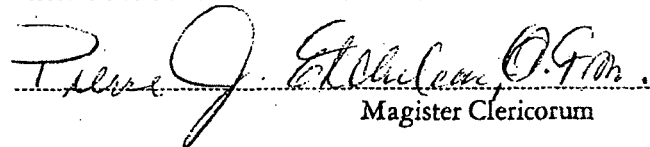
Testis: Pierre J. Etchelecu, O.F.M.

Testis: Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M.

Professionem recepit: [REDACTED]

Delegationem ad professionem recipiendam concessit: [REDACTED]

Haec notitia concordat cum professionis sollemnis attestazione in librum ad id destinatum relata.


Magister Clericorum

OATH BEFORE SOLEMN VOWS

I, the undersigned Robert M. Van Handel, member of the Order of Friars Minor, having presented to my superiors a petition for the profession of solemn vows, and after mature reflection before God, do hereby testify under oath:

- (1) that in taking these solemn vows I am not influenced by any force, fear, or violence, and that of my own full and free will I wish to embrace this life with its accompanying obligations;
- (2) that I am fully acquainted with the obligations which follow from these solemn vows; that I freely accept these vows which, with the help of God, I intend to observe until the end of my life;
- (3) that, in regard to the vow of chastity and the law of celibacy, I clearly understand what they entail and, with the help of God, I propose to be faithful to these obligations until the end of my life;
- (4) that, in conformity with the sacred canons, I promise most sincerely to obey all the orders of my superiors according to Church law, and that I am ready to give an example of virtue both in word and in deed, so that I may deserve to receive from God the reward promised for the acceptance of so great a responsibility.

So I attest and so do I swear on these holy Gospels of God, which I touch with my hands.

Sept. 29, 1973

(date)

Robert Michael VanHandel, OFM

(signature)

Sworn in my presence:

Fierse J. Etcheberry, OFM

(superior, or delegate)

Witnesses:

Anthony M. Grubaldi, OFM
Thomas F. Rosenberger, OFM

RENUNCIATION AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY
Before Solemn Profession

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

RENUNCIATION OF PROPERTY

I, Friar (name: religious and family) Robert Michael VanHendel, O.F.M.,

formerly known as (name: baptismal and family) S.A.N.C.
the undersigned, a member of the Order of Friars Minor of the Province of Saint Barbara, pursuant to Canon 581 of the Code of Canon Law and Article 80, 1, of the General Constitutions of the Order of Friars Minor, do hereby, in view of and in dependence on my Solemn Profession, freely renounce and abdicate ownership of all property which I now actually possess, and also of whatever property may come to me after my Solemn Profession by paternal and/or maternal inheritance, and I hereby freely dispose of the aforesaid property in the following manner.

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

First: All the property which I now actually possess I hereby freely dispose of by giving it to:

Robert Joseph vanHendel

Second: I also freely dispose of whatever property may come to me after my Solemn Profession by paternal or maternal inheritance, and I hereby direct that such property shall be given to:

a) Robert J. VanHendel

and, in the event of his/her/their previous demise, to:

b) Joyce C. VanHendel

and, in the event of his/her/their previous demise, to:

Sandra A. Weirli

IN CONFIRMATION of the above, I, Friar Robert Michael VanHendel, O.F.M.,
have set my hand to this Renunciation and Disposition this 29 day of September, in the year of Our Lord
Nineteen Hundred and 73

(Signed) Robert Michael VanHendel O.F.M.

Signed by the above-named Friar Robert Michael VanHendel, O.F.M.,
in the presence of us who have herunto subscribed our names at his request, as witnesses thereto in the presence of the above-signed
Friar and of each other, this 29 day of September, 1973, at Berkeley
Berkeley, Calif. (City - State)
(Friar)

(Witness) Anthony M. Grubald
(Witness) Thomas H. Rosenberger

ATTEST:

Francis J. Tule
Notary Public

NOTITIA

Peractae ~~Votorum~~ ~~Temporarium~~ Professionis Vitae Franciscanae
Ad Ministrum Provinciale Mittenda
~~Const. Glo. Art. 76~~

Nomen profitentis:

Nomen ordinis: ROBERTUS

Nomen baptismi: ROBERTUS

Nomen familiae: VAN HANDEL

Status (clericus, laicus, sacerdos) :

Locus oroginis profitentis: Georgetown, British Guiana

Professionis:

Dies-mensis-annus: 17a Septembris 1970

Documentum emissae professionis temporariae subscripserunt:

Neo-professus: fr. Robertus Van Handel, o.f.m.

Testis: fr. Godefridus Bridges, o.f.m.

Testis: fr. Petrus Etchelecu, o.f.m.

Professionem recepit: [REDACTED]

Delegationem ad professionem recipiendam concessit:

Haec notitia concordat cum professionis temporariae attestazione in librum ad id destinatum relata.

fr. Joannes Vaughn, o.f.m.
Magister Novitiorum

CESSION OF ADMINISTRATION AND DISPOSITION OF USUFRUCT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I Robert Michael Van Handel
otherwise known as Bro. Robert Van Handel, now of Berkeley
Alameda
in the County of Alameda
and the State of California

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

First: Do hereby cede the administration of any and all property, whether real, personal or money which I now have or which may accrue to me therefrom, to Mrs. Robert J. Van Handel now residing in the County of Orange, 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 effectively as I myself could do if personally present, and

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

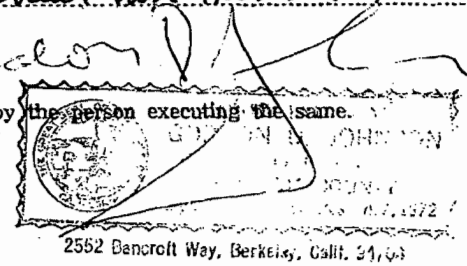
Third: I hereby ratify and confirm all acts that my said attorney-in-fact may lawfully do in pursuance of the power herein conferred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this twenty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord 1970

(Signature) Robert Michael Van Handel

NOTE: This instrument should be acknowledged before a Notary Public by the person executing the same.

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NOTIFICATIO

De Vestitione in Primo-Tertio Ordine
Ad Min. Provlem Transmittenda

Nomen candidati:

Nomen ordinis: Robertus

Nomen baptismi: Robertus Michael

Nomen familiae: Van Handel

Nomen parentum:

Patris, nomen baptismi: Robertus I.

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

Joyce Jones

Nativitatis:

Dies-mensis-annus: 2a Aprilis 1947

Civitas, Dioecesis, Status: Georgetown dioecesis Georgipolitanae, Guyana

Baptismi:

Dies-mensis-annus: 11a Maii 1947

Ecclesia: Sm.i Cordis Iesu

Civitas, Dioecesis, Status: Georgetown, Demerara, dioecesis Georgipolitanae, Guyana

Vestitionis:

Dies-mensis-annus: 14a Septembris 1969

Locus: Ecclesia S.P.N. Francisci, Sacramento, California

Officiator: R.P. Fr. Alanus McCoy, O.F.M., Minister Provincialis

Festum Patroni:

Dies-mensis: 13a Maii

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
BEFORE INVESTURE IN THE FIRST ORDER
(Gen. Const., Art. 23)

BY THESE PRESENTS, I Robert Michael Van Handel
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 8 day of September
in the year of Our Lord 19 69.

City Sacramento County Sacramento
State California

(Signature) Robert M. Van Handel

(Superior) Fr. Manuel J. Vaughn, O.F.M.

(Witness) William Halverson

(Witness) Robert M. Comintell

DECLARATION CONCERNING FREEDOM FROM DISEASES

(Gen. Const. Art. 23, #1, 1)

Place Sacramento, Calif.

Date Sept. 8, 1969

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, in accordance with the General Constitutions of the Friars Minor, Art. 23, #1, 1, am free from all contagious, epileptic, or any other serious or lasting malady, or sickness, and that I have been informed that my reception and profession would be invalid should I be subject to any of the aforementioned sicknesses and have concealed the fact.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 8 day of September
in the year of our Lord 1969.

(Signature) Robert Michael Van Handel
(Witness) William J. Halverson
(Witness) Robert M. Bequestell
(Superior) F. Manuel Vaughn, O.F.M.

DECLARATION AND RELEASE

Note: To be signed by candidate (Gen. Const. Art. 23) 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 Sept. 1969, at Sacramento, California
(city, state)

Robert Michael Van Handel

ACCEPTED and signature witnessed on behalf of said religious order.

By..

By..

By..

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Jacobus Franciscus Cardinalis McIntyre
Dei et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia
Archiepiscopus Angelorum
in California

Per praesentes litteras cunctis fidem facimus atque testamur dilectum Nobis in Christo

ROBERTUM MICHAELEM VAN HANDEL

qui ratione commorationis post pubertatem per sex saltem menses in Nostra Dioecesi, litteris testimonialibus Nostris indiget ut ad Ordines vocari possit, per totum illud tempus ita vitam et mores instituisse ut, quantum sciamus, liber ab omni censura et ab omni ordinationis impedimento e Dioecesi Nostra discesserit, adeoque ex hac parte nihil obstare quominus ab Episcopo suo aut a quocumque Episcopo cum Sancta Sede Apostolica gratiam et communionem habente ad Tonsuram aut Minores Maioresve Ordines promoveri possit, et ad Novitiatum admittatur.

Servatis in reliquo de iure servandis. Contrariis quibuscumque non obstantibus.

Datum in Civitate Angelorum, die 12a Mensis Aprilis A. D. 1967

DE MANDATO EMINENTISSIMI AC
REVERENDISSIMI ARCHIEPISCOPI


Cancellarius

Omnibus has Litteras Visuris

SALUTEM IN DOMINO.

Cum dilectus in Christo filius Robertus Michael Van Handel filius legitimus Roberti Michaelis Van Handel ejusque uxoris Joyce Cameron Hones natus die 2a mensis Aprilis 1947, in Paroecia Sacri Cordis Georgetown, British Guiana, Dioecesis Georgiopolitana baptizatus die 11 Maii 1947 (nulla nota de confrimatione)

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 Robertum Michaellem Van Handel

et nullam rationem habemus dubitandi eum esse legitimis natalibus ortum, pie educatum, bonis moribus ornatum, in fide christiana bene instructum, fama bona et conditione libera

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

Datum Apud Georgetown sub nostris Signo Sigilloque Die 28 mensis Maii 1967

+ R. L. Guilly S. J. Bishop of Georgetown

St. Francis Church

Franciscan Fathers

1112 - 26th STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95816

BROTHER ROBERT VAN HANDEL, OFM
Discussion prior to first profession, 1970
five affirmative votes, no negatives

Bob has made continued progress: he is frank and open, with a good sense of humor. He is conscientious in his work and considerate of others. He is very frank and genuine.

He helped out at Ascension in Portland for a number of weeks during the summer.

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BROTHER ROBERT VAN HANDEL, OFM

First votation, Feb. 16, 1970

Four affirmative votes, no negatives

Opinions of the Professed Community:

Bob seems very sincere, but about what? He impresses some as being in a bubble: every once in a while he opens it and says hello to the world. He is very conscientious about his work with the boys at St. Patrick's Home, and this means a great deal to him.

Is his prayer-life developing?

He is open and sensitive to the needs of the community; he thinks in terms of the community. He is so taken up with this work that he might want to do this professionally; he asks himself what the priesthood would add to this. He may well be relating his present activity to what he's striving to become; we just don't know.

Bob seems lost (to some); he doesn't seem to be with us. Will he be happy next year at Berkeley? Sometimes he seems almost a stranger in the house.

ROBERT VAN HANDEL

Age: 23 (April 2, 1947)

vows: Promises Sept. 14, 1970

Bob is presently in his first year of theology and in the M.A. program.

Bob seems to have a good understanding of fraternity and what it means in the practical order. He is responsible in the work that has been assigned him to do, though sometimes falling down in expectations one might have of him in the line of volunteering.

There is a kind of "absent-mindedness" that shows itself occasionally, as well as a kind of lack of "organization" and planning that will have to be worked on. On the other hand, Bob does show initiative. He is intelligent, and seems to be maturing.

His principal interest has been in the area of working with children. One of his projects has been to organize and direct a boys' choir for the Newman Center. He remains faithful to this project, despite the normal difficulties involved in ^{such} work and the built-in disappointments.

VAN HANDEL, Robert

Age: 24 (April 2, 1947)

Promises: Sept. 17, 1970

In these last five months, Bob seems to have developed a real interest in his studies. He is in the M.A. program and taking it quite seriously.

Bob is very prayerful. Along with serious participation in the various community gatherings we have for prayer, Bob manages consistently to include private prayer and reflection as an important part of his day.

His work with the Boys Choir at the Newman Center, demanding as it is, is well worked into his schedule and he shows good sense in making necessary choices.

At present, we feel that there are several areas where Bob is not clear in his own mind as to where he stands; he needs some room and some time to think.



May 17, 1972

The Franciscan School of Theology is happy to announce that on:

June 2, 1972, the following students will receive their M.A. degrees in theology. Eucharistic liturgy and the awarding of the degrees will take place at 5:00 p.m.

Name	Title of Master's Paper
1. Lawrence Campbell	Theology and Film: Franciscan Communication Center.
2. Michael Craig	Fundamental Ontology and Absurdity: Heidegger and Camus.
3. Patrick Groves	The Environmentalization of Christian Doctrine: A Project Report in Adolescent Religious Instruction.
4. James Luguri	The Encounter with Nothing: A Reflection Drawn from John of the Cross and T.S. Eliot.
5. David Valtierra	Shaping the Future of Special Ministry: Three Themes.
6. Robert Van Mandel	In Quires and Places Where They Sing. The English Chapel Royal: Its History and Function in Relation to the Liturgical Reform of the Church of England.

On the same day the following will receive their B.Th. degrees:

Bruce Kliukas, O.S.M.

On May 7th, Bruce Kliukas, O.S.M., was ordained a priest at St. Philip Benizi's in Fullerton, California.

On June 17th, at Old Mission Santa Barbara (11:00 a.m.) [redacted] will be ordained to the priesthood. On the next day, Sunday, June 18th, he will celebrate his first Mass at Old Mission Santa Barbara (12 noon).

On April 22nd, William Cieslak, O.F.M. Cap., was ordained deacon in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bill will be at St. Bonaventure's in Concord for his deacon year.

Clare Denton will take her comprehensive examinations for the Ph.D. degree in the area of Religion and Society at the Graduate Theological Union on June 1st.

During this coming summer David Drain, O.S.B., will make his final vows at St. Leo's Abbey, Florida, on June 29th, and he will be ordained deacon on July 1st.

We are also happy to announce that the faculty for FYE during 1971-72 will be:

Full-time:		
1. Pierre Etchellsen, O.F.M.	Liturgy and Patristic Theology	
2. Neal Flanagan, O.S.M.	New Testament	
3. Francis F. Smet, O.F.M.	Church History	
4. Michael D. Quinn, O.F.M.	Semitic Languages & Old Testament	
5. F. Patrick Michelson	Ethics	
6. Kenneth B. Osborne, O.F.M.	Systematic Theology	

Beginning Winter Quarter 1972, David Malloy, O.F.M., of the Franciscan

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Confirmation Certificate

This is to certify that

Robert J. M. Van Handel

on the 27 day of February 1940

received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the

CHURCH of St. Pius I

in the city of Brunswick and state of Calif.

MINISTER of the Sacrament was:

Most Reverend Alden J. Bell

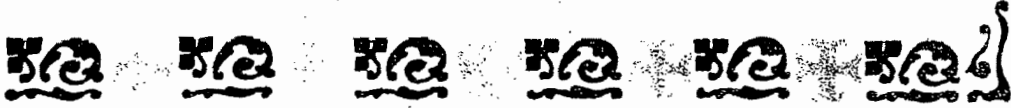
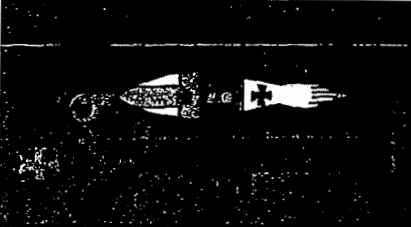
CONFIRMATION NAME taken was Dominic and

SPONSOR was Martin Allard

SIGNED and SEALED on this 1 day of March 1941

at St. Pius I Church

SEAL s/ John Allard
Minister



STATE OF WISCONSIN }
COUNTY OF OUTAGAMIE } ss.

I, S. M. Peeters, Register of Deeds of the County of Outagamie, in the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the marriage of Robert Joseph Van Handel and Joyce Cameron Jones was performed by Rev. M. A. Hauch at Appleton County of Outagamie, State of Wisconsin, on June 22, 1943

I further certify that this is a copy in part of the above marriage recorded in Vol. 31, page 215. Witness my hand and official seal at Appleton this 29th day of January, 1954

S. M. Peeters

(Register of Deeds for Outagamie County, Wisconsin.)

COUNTY
SEAL

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CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM.

According to the Register of Baptisms kept at SACRED HEART CHURCH, Georgetown, Demerara, British Guiana,

Robert Michayl Van H. son of *Robert Joseph Van Handel*
and *Joyce Cameron Van Handel* daughter of
formerly *James* lawfully married, born on the *2nd* day of *April* 19*47*.
was Baptized at the said Church by *James Goodwin S.P.* on the *11th* day of *May* 19*47*.
Donald L. Van Handel and *Gloria M. Van Handel* being God-Parents.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct extract from the Register of Baptisms kept at the above Church. As witness my hand this *11th* day of *May*, 19*47*.

Signature.....

James Goodwin S.P.



SCHOOL OF LAW (BOALT HALL)
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720
TELEPHONE [415] 642-0910

March 21, 1973

Rev. Kennan Osborne
Franciscan House of Theology
Euclid Avenue
Berkeley, California 94708

Dear Fr. Osborne:

In accord with our conversation of yesterday let me outline the project for which I hope to obtain the collaboration of Robert Van Handel.

First, a little background may be helpful. For ten years I have been engaged in an enterprise -- part scholarly, part activist -- respecting the funding and governance of education. My former students and I have published two books and half a dozen articles analyzing existing legislative structures and arguing their invalidity under state and federal constitutions. We have participated as counsel in litigation attacking these systems -- so far with some success. We have also suggested a number of legislative solutions to what we consider the unfairness of present legislation.

Two themes run through our work. One is a principle of distributive justice that spending for a child's publicly financed education should not be a function of wealth (his family's or his school district). We call this principle "fiscal neutrality;" this norm (rejected today by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 5-4 decision) could be vindicated in California and a number of other states through the current litigation in state courts which is based conceptually upon our work.

The second theme is one the scholastics would have called "subsidiarity." It is the general preference for locating control of any activity in the smallest competent unit affected. This concept, of course, informs the "voucher" movement in education. That movement, however, has sometimes failed to understand the relation between this and the distributive principle -- a relation we consider fundamental. At least as far as poor families are concerned, fiscal neutrality guarantees only fairness not

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choice; subsidiarity guarantees only choice and not fairness.

Hence, our current work emphasizes both economic inequity and absence of family choice in our present systems and will seek to identify alternatives satisfying both norms. It will be strongly assisted by a joint grant from the Ford and Carnegie foundations in excess of one million dollars in support of a "Childhood and Government Project." While on sabbatical in 1974 I will be supported by this Project to do relevant comparative work in Europe. Specifically, I hope to consider the extent to which several contrasting European systems conform to the norms of fiscal neutrality and subsidiarity. This will involve, hopefully, an examination of finance and governance of a set of selected public and private schools in Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, and the United Kingdom. This undertaking is probably excessively ambitious considering the time available, but at least a good start could be made if I had the help of an energetic and intelligent collaborator.

Bob Van Handel seems an excellent choice for this purpose. He has all the necessary personal qualities. It would, of course, be helpful if he read some German, and I expect he could make considerable progress in that direction this year. It would not seem necessary that he speak the indigeneous tongue, as most of his potential sources would speak English; principally I would rely on Bob under my direction to map out the relevant social-economic profiles of a set of private schools in the countries we visit. I do not pretend that I have the details of this research worked out, but I am confident Bob would be enormously helpful to me and I also feel that the experience could be an enriching one for him.

The enterprise would be conducted from sometime in mid-January 1974, until about September 1. It would involve no cost to the Franciscans except the original outlay for Bob's air fare which could be repayable out of his modest earnings as my "student assistant" under the Childhood and Government Project.

Finally, I should confess that my motivation in asking Bob is not exclusively professional. My family and I enjoy him immensely and are very excited about the possibility of his joining us.

I know you and your colleagues will give serious consideration to this request, and I hope you will think the undertaking a potentially rewarding experience for Bob.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Coons
Professor of Law

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March 24, 1973

Dear [redacted] and Definitors:

This is a letter to support Robert Van Handel's request to assist Dr. John E. Coons of the University of California in the planned European research.

I had a meeting with Jack Coons the other day in which he outlined his plans and the program. After the meeting, I suggested he write a letter explaining the matter. Copies of this letter are enclosed.

First of all, it is an honor for the Franciscans and the school to have Professor Coons ask Bob to be a research assistant on this project.

Secondly, it will surely be a great educational experience for Bob to have this kind of experience, guided and evaluated by such a distinguished professor.

Thirdly, Bob's willingness to return and then begin his deacon internship is in line with all the directives we have received on priestly formation, in which priesthood is supposed to be postponed. That Bob should make his solemn vows and receive diaconate prior to the research project presents no problem at all; he has received very good reports from the faculty on both scores. He is mature; he has made up his mind; he is a solid seminarian and Franciscan.

Fourthly, since the Province will really have no extra cost -- the initial plane fare will be reimbursed by Bob's salary in his research work -- and since the entire project is a unique opportunity, it would seem that we would hardly want to deprive a young man of this experience. The kind of project fits very well into the social concerns of our provincial objectives and will equip Bob with a very good background in the area of education, particularly as it affects schools in lower income areas.

Might I suggest, then, that this proposal be taken quite seriously and that the concern we have for individual tailoring of formation be the backdrop for the final decision.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Kenan B. Osborne
Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M.
President

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March 22, 1973

[REDACTED]
St. Elizabeth's Friary
Oakland, California

Dear [REDACTED] and Definitors:

Professor John E. Coons of the University of California has asked me to accompany him and his family while they are on sabbatical, January to September of 1974.

Professor Coons is currently involved in the struggle to equalize the quality of education among the poor in our country. He is doing this with a good measure of success through the state supreme courts by arguing that the present system of financing education is to the disadvantage of the poor. It was through his research and personal appearance that the California Supreme Court ruled against the theory that property taxes could determine the quality of education in a particular district.

In order to broaden the basis for his theories of equality in education Professor Coons is going to do a study of certain schools in Germany, Holland, Denmark, and England. He has asked me to accompany him as a research assistant. I would receive a small salary from the University to cover my living expenses.

The fact that I am a Franciscan will be of particular help on this project. My membership in such a group puts me in a unique position to research private or church-supported schools. Professor Coons would deal exclusively with public systems. Perhaps by January of 1974 I would also be a deacon and so be of particular assistance. I would do the balance of my parish diac-
onate program when I returned in September. It is most necessary for the success of the venture that one be able to gain access to the needed documents, etc. My institutional affiliations as a Franciscan and a cleric would be most helpful.

I think the province would benefit by my association with this project. Professor Coons is working on one section of a very large study dealing with children and government. This is a very relevant and unexplored area which will have immediate bearing on all of us who are working for the betterment of mankind. I do not think we should miss this opportunity for direct in-

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volvement in such an important field.

I have discussed this matter with Frs. Kenan and Pierre. Both of them agree that doing research with such a fine scholar and eminent Catholic layman would be a most valuable experience. The only expense for the province would be the cost of my initial flight to Germany. This would be refunded by my earnings from the University. Can we afford to miss such a fine opportunity?

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Van Handel, ofm
Robert M. Van Handel, ofm

franciscan school of



theology

April 23, 1973

[REDACTED]
St. Elizabeth's Friary
1500n- 34 th Avenue
Oakland, California

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your favorable response to my request to do research with Prof. John E. Coons. Kindly convey my thankfulness to the Definitorium. Presently I am surveying the available literature on the topic to be researched. I hope I can live up to everyone's expectations.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Van Handel, ofm
Robert M. Van Handel, ofm

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CHILDHOOD AND GOVERNMENT PROJECT

SCHOOL OF LAW (BOALT HALL)
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720
TELEPHONE (415) 642-

The Childhood and Government Project of the University of Calif. is sending a small team to investigate the finance and governance of certain schools in England, Germany, and Denmark. We are interested in discovering the financial basis for primary and secondary education insofar as it affects the quality of education. Secondly, we wish to examine the degree of control that families have over their children's schooling.

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Robert Van Handel

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January 8, 1975

Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.
St. Mary's Church
231 N. 3rd St.
Phoenix, Az. 85004

Dear Bob,

Just a line to let you know that I cencked with the friars at FST, and they felt that it would not be good for you to interrupt your work there in Phoenix at this time. However, we certainly will keep open the possibility of your going there next summer. I know [REDACTED] will be disappointed not getting someone now, but hope that we can take care of this in the meantime.

With every best wish and looking forward to seeing you when I get down that way on visitation, I am

Faternally in St. Francis,

[REDACTED]

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January 8, 1975

Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.
St. Mary's Church
231 N. 3rd St.
Phoenix, Az. 85004

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Faternally in St. Francis,

[REDACTED]



11 May 1975

To: The Definitorium

Re.: Multiple Subjects Credential
Robert Van Handel

From: Bro. Robert Van Handel

Shortly before this last Christmas, I had a discussion with [REDACTED] concerning the possibility of attending the University of California next year to study elementary teaching. [REDACTED] encouraged me to apply, and I was accepted.

In recent weeks I had a lengthy discussion with Fr. Xavier Harris. He was excited about my chances of entering the field of early childhood education. Fr. Xavier stated that he feels it is very important that we have someone from the province who is interested and knowledgeable in this area. He foresees great work evaluating and designing programs for children with whom we already are attempting to work. Fr. Xavier supports and encourages my proposal.

As I am sure you are aware, the theological current today, as expressed at Graduate Theological Union, places priesthood in a very wide and diverse perspective; that is, priesthood is not seen as being specifically sacrament oriented. As The Program of Priestly Formation (National Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1971), states:

Besides the programs of professional study necessary to prepare the candidate for ordination and the pastoral ministry, it is also important to provide programs of graduate academic study to provide the Church with scholars and teachers.

It would be of great advantage for me to go to the University of California this year. I have received very positive responses from the education department. Lynn Cutright, one of the best professors in elementary education, will be retiring after this next year. The alternatives to this proposal are not particularly inviting: a masters degree program in education would take three to five years of part-time work.

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February 24, 1975

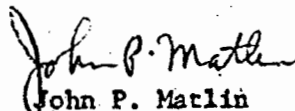
Mr. Robert VanHandel
1712 Euclid Avenue
Berkeley, California 94709

Dear Mr. VanHandel:

It gives us great pleasure to notify you that your application for admission to the Multiple Subjects Credential Program has been favorably reviewed. We would like to recommend to the Graduate Division that you be accepted for the 1975-76 program. Before the Graduate Division is contacted, however, we need verification on the enclosed post card of your intent to accept placement in the program.

About the end of March we will be sending all accepted candidates information concerning the four different approaches to the Multiple Subjects Program along with an invitation to attend orientation meetings. It is essential that you inform Ms. Shirley DeBuhr (5647 Tolman Hall, Telephone No. 642-0288) of any address change you may have.

Sincerely yours,


John P. Matlin
Assistant Dean

JPM:sd
Enclosure

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ROBERT VAN HANDEL

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Multiple Subject Teacher Education Program

Please state below the goals which you view as being of major importance for a teacher in today's public elementary schools. Please also state the reason(s) why you feel each of these goals is significant. What qualities do you see in yourself which will assist you in meeting these goals?

Goals or ideals are always conceived out of one's previous experiences; the following is a summary of my past work with children: two summers as a counselor and assistant director of a day camp, one summer as a child-care worker in an Oregon children's home, one year as a children's counselor for a family-counseling service, one year as a child-care worker in a California children's home, three years as founder and director of a boys' chorus in Berkeley (including a residential summer music institute), several years as a religious studies teacher, and, most recently, director of a Phoenix boys' chorus, private tutor in elementary mathematics, and part-time and substitute teacher at a Phoenix elementary school (Title I).

The following are some goals that I think are important for a teacher in today's public elementary schools: Perhaps the most important goal for a teacher is to develop the ability to present material to children in an enjoyable and interesting way. This is important so that learning in school is a pleasant experience and has continuity with the children's learning experiences outside of school. Only in this way will school have meaning to children and be something more than simply "compulsory education". In my experiences I have enjoyed thinking and discovering with children; and I consider their native curiosity a great gift to be developed by enthusiastic and pleasant learning.

A second important goal for teachers is to help children attain competence in the "basic skills". Every effort should be made to ensure that children can read comfortably and well. This is the most important subject in elementary school. A degree of competence in basic arithmetic is also necessary. I realize the mystery surrounding the fact that "a word works at all," and the amount of frustration which can accompany learning to read, write, and use numbers. In my own experiences I have found that I can be patient and encouraging without becoming petty or dogmatic.

A third major goal for elementary school teachers would be a willingness on the part of the teacher to see that each child learns about himself; his importance, his own interests, his mind and his body, his own speed and direction of growth. In an increasingly complicated and impersonal world each child must gain confidence in his own abilities and merit. I have found in my own experience that I always become interested in the children with whom I work; I wonder about what they do when not in school, and I want to meet their friends and families. This interest has always been appreciated and shared by the children and their families.

A fourth goal for myself is to study and experiment with the various methods of teaching children. My interest is great, but there is much that I still must learn. It is my hope that the multiple subjects credential will prepare me for this work of educating children.

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E.E.I.S.

Exploration of Emerging Instructional Systems

I. PROGRAM RATIONALE

Teaching is a personal experience for each teacher. His/her needs must be recognized and avenues must be open for fulfillment of these needs. By studying alternative forms of teaching, needs of individual teachers as well as children can be served. Student teachers are assisted in discovering patterns of teaching in which they are comfortable and in which they are able to function most effectively in the E.E.I.S.

A student teaching program such as E.E.I.S. is based on the premise that student teachers must be able to develop "educated" awareness of alternative teaching systems. Additionally, the student must gain sufficient experience in various systems to enable him/her to select the system that is, initially at least, most appropriate. Finally, after such a selection, the student must gain sufficient in-depth, guided experience to enable him/her to continue to grow personally and professionally through successful teaching experience following the training period. Some of the more common patterns of instruction are: Open Classroom; Interest Centers, "Traditional" whole class with flexible grouping; Individualized Teaching.

This program invites participation of the qualified applicant who indicates: an openness to new ideas and to change; a need and potential for growth; an interest in exploring new approaches to education; and a willingness, even eagerness to spend time and energy in learning to be an excellent teacher.

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The distinctive element of E.E.I.S. is found in the design of teacher training experiences taking place in a variety of environments, and using a variety of organizational teaching systems.

East Bay and nearby communities will participate in the teacher education program. Criteria for selection of student teaching sites within the Ryan Act requirements, will include teacher, principals and communities that are willing and able to implement creative thinking regarding teaching strategies and materials, and that demonstrate interest in flexibility of organizational design.

An overall pattern, which will allow for flexibility to meet individual student needs is described as follows:

Prior to and during the first year of the E.E.I.S. (Exploration of Emerging Instructional Systems), through field work in the reading course and Cores I & II, a variety of differently organized teaching programs will be observed and discussed. The purpose of this is to give students an opportunity to observe (and confer), realizing eventually that there is no one organizational system for teaching that best meets all needs of

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION (continued)

all children and all teachers. This experience is considered a supplementary course element for the reading course and Cores I & II. Increased awareness of the nature of different styles of teaching will also be achieved through this type of planned observation and follow-up discussion.

In anticipation of the first quarter of the program, students will be encouraged to join their master teacher for orientation prior to the opening of school in September, and assist in the classroom during the first two weeks of the public school year. This will enable the student teacher, children and master teacher to gain early acquaintanceship. It will allow the student teacher to plan ahead for his/her involvement in the classroom. The additional benefit is the gaining of first-hand knowledge of how an experienced teacher starts the new school year. At the end of those first two weeks in the public school, the student is free to pursue his/her own affairs, and where advisable, maintain contact with the U.C. supervisor until the beginning of the Fall Quarter in October, when U.C. classes officially start.

Except for special cases, the student teaching assignment in the Fall and Winter quarters will reflect different grade level assignments, different community composition, a cross cultural component and a different classroom organizational structure and teaching design. At the option of Core I and Core II instructors, speakers will address students regarding alternative styles of teaching and organization of instruction. Observation in specific curriculum areas, in alternative styled classrooms other than the student teaching assignment will be available to the student, also at the option of the instructors in those cores.

The Spring quarter of full-time student teaching will allow the student to gain in-depth experience in a grade level and an instructional setting of his/her choice whenever possible. The seminars accompanying this student teaching experience (Education 334) will individualize instruction so that each student teacher will gain personalized assistance for his/her specific assignment. This will include materials, teaching strategies, and organizational alternatives.

May 15, 1975

Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.
Franciscan School of Theology
1712 Euclid Avenue
Berkeley,
California. 94709

Dear Bob,

Just a line to let you know that the members of the Definitorium were very favorable to your plans to continue in the field of elementary education. They certainly see a need for expertise in the lines that you pointed out. They thought, however, that it would be more feasible for you to go to St. Anthony's Seminary this year and take whatever classes you can at the University of California, at Santa Barbara. I would ask that you get in touch with Father Claude as to what classes you would be able to handle. And I think that what you said about being able to deal in your field of strength is very important, and we would not want to have you go in over your head right at the start.

Be assured we are really grateful of your willingness to start at St. Anthony's, and I know that you will find a very fine community there.

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

Fraternally in St. Francis,

[REDACTED]

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J. M. J. F.

Fr. [Redacted]

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

DILECTO IN CHRISTO

R. P. (V. F.) Robert Van Handel

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.....

Residentia nostr a ad Franciscan School of
Theology, Berkeley, Calif.

ad Residentiam nostr am ad S. Antonium,

Santa Barbara, Calif. sub obedientia

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

Prof. Sem. fideliter functurus

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

Datum in Conventu nostr o ad S. Elisabeth,
Oakland, Calif.

sub meo Chirographo Officiique Sigillo Majori die 16

mensis Maii anno 1975

Fr. Alan McCay
Qui Supra

Praedictus Pater (Frater) in locum destinationis suae pervenit: die 20
mensis Junii anno 1975

Fr. Claude F. Ryffel O.F.M.
Superior

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

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Thank God and
thanks to you that in
the Bay Area we have
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Oct 24, 1975

Reverend Father,
[REDACTED]

Other than my family,
there is nothing so dear
to me as our Church
and the Franciscan Order
on this earth. You
know this from my
previous talk with you.

these two at the base of
peace, to be kissed by
numerous ^(WELL, SEVERAL THOUSAND) women on
the lips. - Is this not
inviting catastrophe both
to the priests as well as
the women? and certainly
it seems to be a ~~scandal~~ ^{scandal}.

Why they were ^{Blood & Water}
Is it only in my eyes
and thinking?
Is it not known to you?
Does it not concern leaders
ship?

Only in love do devote
Sincerely,
Robert VanHarden, (son)

Do it surely me when
I see something that appears
to be awry.

While here in Scottsdale
for a short visit I have
seen attending daily Mass
at the Casa Betta -

To see these two priests
still giving Communion
in the hand is supposedly
not in order according

to my understanding of
the Church in our nation.
What was most dis-
tressing was to see

November 6, 1975


Robert Van Handel
3266 Cape Cod Court
Alameda, Calif. 94501

Dear Mr. Van Handel,

I want to thank you sincerely for your letter of November 1 in regard to the Liturgy at the Casa Retreat House in Scottsdale. I was not aware of the situation as you mention it, and I will be going down that way soon and I will have a chance to talk with the friars there as well as with the people. I appreciate your writing and your sincere concern.

With every best wish, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Minister Provincial

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Tr Robert Van Handel



ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES
1531 WEST NINTH STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015
388-8101

December 17, 1976

Very Reverend John Vaughn, O.F.M.
Franciscan Friars of California
1500 Thirty-fourth Avenue
Oakland, California 94601

Dear Father Vaughn:

His Eminence, Cardinal Manning, asked that I acknowledge with his gratitude your kind letter of December 9.

We have noted the following appointments and have granted Archdiocesan faculties to the good fathers for the duration of their respective appointments:

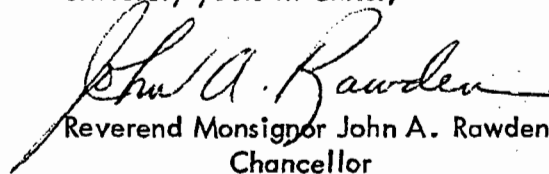
Rev. Lucius Grosso, O.F.M., Chaplain
St. Francis Hospital, Santa Barbara

Rev. Donald Gander, O.F.M., Chaplain
St. Anne's Maternity Hospital, Los Angeles

Rev. Robert Van Handel, O.F.M., Teacher
St. Anthony's Seminary, Santa Barbara

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for a happy Christmas, I remain

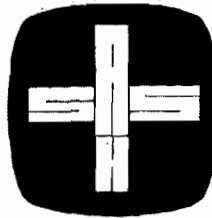
Sincerely yours in Christ,


Reverend Monsignor John A. Rawden
Chancellor

fd
cc the above priests
Sister M. Sylvianne, St. Francis Hospital
Sister M. Marina, St. Anne's Maternity Hospital

O.F.M. VANH 1
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st. anthony's seminary



high school

19 January 1978

Dear Fr. John,

This is just a short note because I wanted to share some thoughts with you.

I was really sad and somewhat surprised at the announcement that Eloy was to be laicized. I for one felt that we were good friends, although lately we were not as close as in Berkeley. I do hope he is able to find whatever it is he is looking for. If you can, please keep me posted on what you hear from him.

Secondly, as you know, I conduct the Santa Barbara Boys' Choir. This is a small choir of about twenty-five pre-adolescent boys from all over Santa Barbara, Goleta, etc. A very talented and interested board of parents helps me administer the choir. Although this idea is only in its birth, I wanted to let you know what this board is beginning to think about. At one of our meetings a parent asked me if I would consider taking the choir to England. I laughed at what I thought was a joke. At a later meeting another board member asked me if I had thought any more about taking the choir to sing in England during the summer of 1979. We have agreed to discuss the feasibility of the idea at our next meeting which is at the end of January.

I am not at this point asking you to make any kind of decision, as I said, we have not even formally discussed the idea as the boys' choir board. But I do want to keep you informed as the idea progresses. Whether we drop the idea or agree to investigate it further, I will keep you posted.

The students begin their semester exams today. Dave Johnson was quizzing a freshman on his English vocabulary. The student answered that "euphemism" was defined as a "jake". Dave patiently explained that while "jake" was a "euphemism" for "toilet", a "euphemism" was not necessarily a "jake". The student protested that his teacher had said that "jake" was a "euphemism". On to the next word.....

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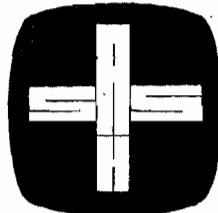
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Fraternally,

Robert

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st. anthony's seminary



high school

26 October 1978

Dear Father John,

Last January 19th I wrote to you that the choir I had founded, the Santa Barbara Boys' Choir, was exploring the possibility of traveling to England some time in the future. When we were together at visitation I brought you up to date on the choir's progress and spoke more definitely of our plans. At that time you said you foresaw no problem, but that I should submit a proposal to the definitorium as soon as possible. This has been the first chance to do so since I narrowly missed your August meeting. Please excuse the long delay.

On November 20th, 1977, the boys' choir together with a small group of singers from St. Anthony's presented a "classical" music concert to the public. Response to this performance was so positive that the choir's parents' board proposed that we consider furthering the boys' musical education through a tour of English choirs and cathedrals. The Santa Barbara Boys' Choir is modeled on the English boy choir tradition.

When all of the parents heard of the idea they responded enthusiastically and promised to pay half of the cost. The choir organization began studying ways to raise the deficit.

The rationale for the trip is presented in the enclosed statement of purpose.

Needless to say, without my direction the choir would not exist and no tour would be possible.

The musical-educational tour is tentatively scheduled for July of 1979, and would last two to three weeks. There would be no extraordinary cost to the province as my fare and expenses will be borne by the choir. My vacation allowance would cover personal expenses.

May I have your permission to go ahead with plans to lead the choir on this trip?

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Fraternally,



SANTA BARBARA ARTS COUNCIL

123 East Canon Perdido, Santa Barbara, California (805) 966-7022
Post Office Box 1267, Santa Barbara, California 93102

October 26, 1978

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Father Robert Van Handel
Director, Santa Barbara Boys' Choir
St. Anthony's Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara

Dear Father Van Handel:

The Santa Barbara Arts Council was delighted with the performance of the Santa Barbara Boys' Choir during our recent Arts Festival at the Museum of Natural History. Members of the board who did not hear the Festival concert had an opportunity to listen to portions of a concert on tape at a meeting of the board this past Monday.

The Council wishes you to know that we are one hundred percent behind your endeavor which provides tremendous opportunities for growth in many directions for these young boys. As individuals they are receiving training, discipline and education which will enrich their lives, and as a group they are an artistic credit to the city of Santa Barbara.

FOUNDING ORGANIZATIONS

- Community Arts Music Association
of Santa Barbara, Inc.
- Continuing Education Division,
Santa Barbara City College
- Junior League
of Santa Barbara, Inc.
- Labero Theater Foundation
- Music Academy of the West
- Santa Barbara
Chamber of Commerce
- Santa Barbara Museum of Art
- Santa Barbara Symphony
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- University of California,
Santa Barbara
- Westmont College

The proposed tour to England next summer should provide an experience of inestimable value to the boys while also adding enormously to the experience of the choir as a whole. To mingle with boys of similar interests, and to exchange ideas, compare backgrounds, learn about different cultures and traditions, should add greatly to their understanding and development.

We believe that as emissaries of the city of Santa Barbara the boys will do much toward furthering our good public relations abroad. We also believe that this project is precisely the sort of undertaking that the Santa Barbara Arts Council has been formed to help promote and assist in any way possible. Because the council is new and is still feeling its way financially, we are not able to lend funding assistance. But we wish you to know that in every other way we heartily endorse next summer's trip to England by the Choir, and wish you all success in your fine work.

Janette M. Hellmann
Janette M. Hellmann, President
Santa Barbara Arts Council

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Dedicated to Artistic Growth in the Community

January 27, 1978

Fr. Robert M. Van Handel, O.F.M.
Saint Anthony's Seminary High School
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California 93105

Dear Robert,

Thanks for the nice letter of January 19th which I received when I got home the day before yesterday.

Thank you for sharing your feelings about Eloy's departure. I know it must have saddened you, but at the same time I think you should know that what you did for him through your friendship has probably helped him more than you realize, and I know he will continue to be grateful to you for that. I will keep you posted on him, although I do not know when I will hear from him next. When I was in Fresno a week ago Monday he was still there, but he indicated to me that he was thinking of returning to Mexico quite soon.

Thanks for filling me in on the idea of taking the boy's choir to England. It sounds interesting and I will follow the process with you, eagerly.

It was really nice to hear from you, Bob. Thanks for all that you do for the Friars and students at the Seminary.

With every good wish, I am

Fraternally yours,



OFM VANH 1
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Oct. 4, 1980

Dear Robert

Happy Feast!

I saw your father at the celebration at St. Anthony's today. He was getting every one organized (well). He asked me to please take good care of you. I said you were in charge of taking care of everyone else.

WE will acquiesce. I discussed the car situation with Fr. Martial. It seems he will cover everything on the list.

I would ask that you do keep in mind that it is another addition. We would like to cut back as much as we can in light of the energy thing, and all that. We do keep adding a car here and there (including here). So we would like to keep that in mind. So as they break down, perhaps we can work back to the original number.

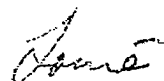
Thanks for your patience with this (Jimmy Carter thanks you for saving energy!)

It has been a good time for celebrating. I went down to Mission San Antonio for the reception of Jon Erickson. That makes 14 novices.

Mark went to another specialist. It now seems there is a chip broken off in his foot. (Perhaps he will sue you). So it could even mean surgery at some time, if it continues to get in the way. Keep him in your prayers.

Well, must get ready to travel. My best to all there at the sem.

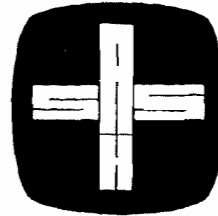
Happy Feast....



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st. anthony's seminary



high school

19 September 1980

Dear [REDACTED]

Our community discussed your July 30th letter in which you suggested that we dump the green chevrolet because of the Green's gift of a station wagon. As you pointed out the chevy is old and a big car for running around town, and the "new" wagon adds to our insurance bill.

We would like to keep the '71 chevy under one of two plans. The reasons are that while we have a firm offer of \$200.00 for it, we certainly are not getting our money's worth. The tires alone are worth near that amount. The car does run relatively well and is the second most economical vehicle we have. For that reason it is better for city use than anything else we have except the new Citation. The station wagon will help to take pressure off our critical van shortage. Whether or not it will prove adequate is to be seen. Part of the hesitation in selling a car that runs is the fear that at any time a vehicle in our aging fleet may develop irreparable problems. Then we would be down two cars with little or no money to show. Therefore we would like to present two plans: (a) Simply add the station wagon to our insurance and not get rid of any vehicle in exchange. (b) Take the old chevy off the insurance but store it here. If the station wagon does not prove feasible or if a car stops running we have only to re-list the green chevy. This plan keeps our insurance constant but carries no big risk.

For your consideration here listed are our vehicles and mileage:

1980 Chevrolet Citation - 18,000 miles
1975 Chevrolet Impala - 112,000 miles
1973 Pontiac station wagon (Green's gift) - 123,000 miles
1973 GMC van - 128,000 miles
1971 Ford van - 130,000 miles
1971 Chevrolet Biscayne ("green" chevy) - 189,000 miles
1969 Ford van - 123,000 miles
1963 Ford pick-up truck - 151,000 or 251,000 miles

None of these has had any major motor work done. As you can see, any vehicle could go at any time. Before very long we are going to have to replace one, two, or three vans.

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Fraternally,

Robert Van Handel, OFM

July 30, 1980

Dear Robert

Good to hear from you. It was nice of the Greens to give you the station wagon.

Since this adds a strain to your budget (one more insurance).

I discussed it with Marrial, and it seemed to us it would make sense to get rid of the Green Chevy. I know that it is not too practical to take on trips because of the likelihood of breakdown, and it is a big car for just running around town.

Let me know what you think of that idea.

Hope all is well there. Looking forward to a good year, with [REDACTED] back in the saddle.

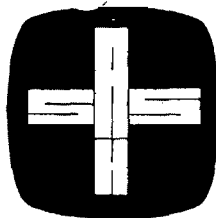
By the way did Bill Green go to Montana?

Best regards to all the friars.

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27 July 1980

Dear [REDACTED]

I hope the summer is treating you well and the trauma of your office does not always drain and depress. I am leaving in the morning to take the boys choir to a music camp for a week, then I am going off on a camping trip of my own.

Bill Green's brother wants to give us a station wagon - for free - which is in very good condition. We already have three vans but with a student body of around 70 we are often unable to provide transport. If we were allowed to keep the wagon, it would be adding another vehicle to our insurance. (We sold an old white van during the summer, but that had already been taken off insurance some months before.) As you know, we have a green chevvy with 180,000+ miles which we do not plan on replacing if we can keep this wagon. So, I am asking if we can keep this station wagon from the Greens and add it to our insurance. If you think not, we will sell it at first opportunity. Thank you.

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Fraternally,
Fr. Robert

November 4, 1978

Fr. Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.
St. Anthony's Seminary
2300 Garden St.
Santa Barbara, Calif. 93105

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your recent letter which I received during the Definitorium meeting, in addition to a letter from the Santa Barbara Arts Council which supported your request to take a tour with the Boys Choir in England this coming summer.


First, I would like to congratulate you once again on the fine work that you have done with the boys, the immense amount of good you have done with them and in the community through them. I know that this represents a great deal of dedication on your part.

While the Definitorium is certainly open to your request, the one concern that we have is that the rest of the community and faculty at St. Anthony's would feel comfortable with this decision, since it involves your absence not only during the summer months but also seems to involve quite a bit of time spent in preparations over the next seven to eight months. Since this might mean a heavier work load for the others, I would appreciate it if you would let me know how they feel about this proposal, offering them the opportunity to write to me directly if they wish.

After that is taken care of I will be able to give you a more definite answer and hopefully within a short time.

With best wishes to you and with thanks for all the good that you are doing for the community at St. Anthony's, I am

Faternally yours,


Minister Provincial

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October 11, 1982

Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.
St. Anthony's Seminary
2300 Garden St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Bob:

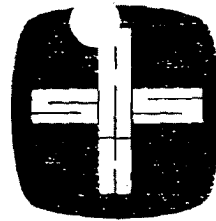
The defintorium did receive your request for travel permission to England and Ireland with the Boys Choir. Sounds like quite an ambitious project. I don't know ~~whera~~ where you get the patience to go through all that. Nevertheless, you have our permission.

I hope that everything will work out as far as raising the funds, etc. I know that the boys have great hopes for this venture.

With best wishes and fraternal regards,

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4 October 1982

Dear Fr. Provincial and Members of the Definitorium,

I would like to request permission to travel to England and Ireland during July and August, 1983.

The Santa Barbara Boys Choir, a chorus which I founded and direct, for some months has been trying to establish the feasibility of such a trip in terms of arrangements, costs, fund-raising, and readiness of the singers. It now seems almost certain that the tour would work.

The trip is a musical - educational tour centered on performing English cathedral music. We have been greatly honored by being invited to substitute for the cathedral choir of Christ Church, Oxford, for one week. This will involve living in the choir school and performing one to three different services a day. As each service requires a new set of music (evening canticles, psalms, anthems, hymns, mass settings) this is a very difficult, exhausting week, but perhaps the highpoint for a choir which is modeled on English cathedral choirs. Also we will provide service music or concerts in Westminster Cathedral (London), Worcester Cathedral, Chester Cathedral, and in some churches in Ireland. (The choir was in England in 1979, but since then there has been nearly a complete turnover in membership.)

My trip costs would be absorbed by the choir so that no extra expense will be borne by the province.

Although the exact flight times, etc., have not been determined, we would leave about July 14, 1983, and return around August 4, 1983.

This venture is very important to me and to the choir.

Fraternally,

Robert Van Handel, OFM
Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.

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STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Santa Barbara Boys Choir is a non-demoninational group of thirty-five boys aged eight to fourteen. The members are from the Santa Barbara, Montecito, and Goleta Communities. The choir is modeled on an English cathedral choir and this gives identity and direction to the boys. Their uniforms, style of singing, repertoire, goals, and self-understanding reflect the English boy choir tradition. The choir was founded in the autumn of 1975. It has grown from a motley group of twelve third graders to a respectable chorus of seasoned singers (mixed with novices) which often performs in the cathedral style with a specially trained men's group.

The choir operates on four main principles: boys can and should be trained to sing with the tonal qualities and discipline of the English cathedral choirs; boys can sing with a quality that is unique and on a plane with adult choirs; children with gifts should share their talents with others. Singing is perhaps one of the few activities in which boys can excel and be favorably judged by absolute standards regardless of age group. This performing experience will remain with the boys as they grow and cannot fail to have a profound effect on their musical taste and interests all of their lives. No boy is refused participation in the choir and the scheduled activities due to lack of personal finances.

Twice a week after school the boys meet to rehearse for an hour and a half. This includes singing fundamentals, vocal tutoring, repertoire, and history. The choir's curriculum provides an environment which encourages personal growth in music and develops discipline and a sense of excellence in the participants during a critical time in their character formation.

Thousands of people whether they be from the Santa Barbara Community or from the many cities that the choir has visited have enjoyed hearing the choir. (Please see attached list.) The choir has performed in the noisy confusion of a fourth of July parade and in the solemn beauty of the Santa Barbara Mission and the Salisbury and Ely Cathedrals of England. Whenever they have sung, the boys have been enthusiastically received. Many are moved by the clear, simple beauty of their voices.

Part of the educational experience that underpins the choir curriculum is a major singing tour every two years. Past tours have included performances in the inspiring, truly magnificent cathedrals of England: Salisbury and Ely, as well as Grace and St. Mary's Cathedrals in San Francisco and St. James' in Seattle. The choir is now preparing for a singing tour of England and Ireland during the summer of 1983. (Although we were there in 1979, there has been very nearly a complete turnover in the choir's membership since then.) This tour will be the climax in the choir's realization of the English Cathedral ideal. The choir has been chosen to be the resident choir at Christ

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Church Cathedral, Oxford, while their choir is away. The Santa Barbara Boys Choir will actually live in the choir school and provide daily services for the cathedral. At times this means three separate services in one day. Besides Oxford, the choir will provide music for services or give concerts at Westminster Cathedral, Worcester Cathedral, Chester Cathedral, and two cathedrals in Ireland.

Already the boys have begun to study cathedral architecture, English geography, history, and custom. The choirboys must know England well upon arrival as they are not mere tourists, but a visiting choir of cathedral stature.

We believe that the opportunity provided by the Santa Barbara Boys Choir truly develops discipline and a sense of excellence in its participants and will have long lasting effect on its members. This experience is provided with no direct financial support from any single organization, and is entirely a volunteer, non-profit effort.



A PARTIAL LIST OF PERFORMANCES
BY THE SANTA BARBARA BOYS' CHOIR

Old Mission Santa Barbara
Unitarian Church
First Presbyterian Church
Trinity Episcopal Church
Santa Barbara Arts Council Concerts
Villa Santa Barbara Retirement Residence
St. Anthony's Seminary Spring Concerts
UCSB Men's Chorus (joint concert)
The Nutcracker (with S.B. Symphony and Goleta Ballet)
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
St. Rafael's Church
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
First Congregational Church
Valle Verde Convalescent Home
Woodglen Hall
Knights of Columbus
Santa Barbara Art Museum
Handicapables
Junior League of Santa Barbara
Chancellor's Christmas Party (UCSB)
Birnam Woods Country Club
Interfaith Choir Concert
Vista Del Monte
Retired Seniors Volunteer Program
Officers' Luncheon (Military)
Friendship Manor
Kiwanis Club
Goleta Presbyterian Church
Lessons and Carols Services
Valley Country Club
Old Mission Santa Ynez

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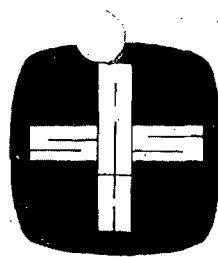
Salisbury Cathedral
Ely Cathedral
St. Peter's in Hove (E. Sussex)
St. Etheldreda's in London
Ashland Shakespearean Festival
Grace Cathedral, San Francisco
St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco
St. James' Cathedral, Seattle
University of British Columbia

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Bob Van
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11 March 1984

Dear [REDACTED]

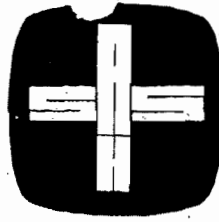
Thank you for the time you spent with me during your recent visit to Santa Barbara. I appreciate your time and concern. I don't envy the frustration you must often feel which is a necessary part of this style of leadership.

I promised you I would seriously consider going to Berkeley in the fall. That I have done. After discussing the proposal with you and giving it some time to settle in my own mind, I made an appointment with Dr. White. (As you know I have been seeing him regularly most of this year.) We looked at the idea from a number of perspectives, and particularly in the light of some of my serious struggles over the last several months. It is his opinion and a judgment we reached together that for me to do anything this fall, other than take a real sabbatical, would be at best unwise. It seems that Berkeley would be another start in a new direction rather than the retreat-sabbatical we have spoken of for a year. The content of my talks with Dr. White which lead to this decision I will not put in this letter, but I would be most willing to discuss this with you personally, or you may contact Dr. White* yourself. I think you know him as a man of sound and careful judgment. He believes I should not go to Berkeley.

I also discussed the idea with my community at St. Anthony's. It would be difficult to capture the strength of their reaction against this proposal. This centered on two points: they feel I badly need a rest - sabbatical to recoup, not a new set of problems and challenges; after the sabbatical (i.e. January of 1985), they would like me to seriously consider becoming Rector of St. Anthony's in the fall of 1985. A move to Berkeley, even for a year, would preclude the preparation necessary for this possibility.

In conclusion I am sorry for not being able to offer my services in Berkeley and thus solve your difficulty. I apologize if by offering to "seriously consider" Berkeley I mislead you in any way.

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Thank you for being understanding of my declination.

Fraternally,

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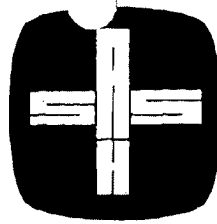
Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.

* Dr. Gerald White 805 966-7840 (evenings)

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7 May 1986

Dear [REDACTED]

I am sorry I am unable to see you at the meeting in Malibu. Some work has come up at school and a number of our staff is (are) at Serra already so I had better stay here. I am going somewhere on Thursday so I will get a break anyway.

As the year starts to tumble to a close I have many mixed feelings about St. Anthony's and my first year as Rector. Perhaps during the summer I will sort them out well enough to attempt some type of evaluation in terms of programs, students, viability of the school, and my own performance. We have certainly generated many new ideas and I think we should continue to steam ahead. On the other hand, I believe I am quite realistic in my thoughts about SAS's future in terms of growth, finances, etc. Wallowing in our present condition will not do.

We have certainly missed Mike Doherty this semester, and Jeff Macnab will be a major loss next year. Mike has been a first-class minister and I'm afraid we have been a bit scattered without him, which is not to say that I think he should not have gone on sabbatical -- thank you for giving him the chance.

Actually the reason I am writing you this morning (5:15) is to invite you to graduation on Saturday, 31st of May. It will be in the afternoon with Mass at 4pm, dinner at 6pm, and Commencement at 8pm. I realize this is late notice -- a Jurisich I am not -- but I hope either you or your able Second can join us. There are only five graduates, but you know how much of us goes into each one. I hope you can be here.

Do you remember when I came by the provincial office a few weeks ago? Among other things I asked you about the possibility of "renting" our art lab (under the dining room) to Waldorf School. You said that I could go ahead with this and I said I would let you know more about it later. Waldorf school has about 50 small children (K - 3) and has been resident at Don George's Casa de Maria for the past two years. They come highly recommended. [REDACTED] ran a "security check" on their founder, Rudolf Steiner, and received a paper from Westmont College (conservative Protestant) describing Steiner as an "occultist". I asked Waldorf's headmaster about this and he said they were not. I think the school is a pseudo-christian Emersonian offshoot. They plant gardens, study St. Francis, and try to teach the children about respect for life in all of nature. I don't think they will be an embarrassment. The friars met with Waldorf's head and discussed our concerns. For the most part we were pleased. The difficulties can be worked out. Waldorf will remodel our art lab into four classrooms and pay us a tidy sum each month. I proposed that they write up a contract for one year and we could evaluate at the end of that period. When I have the franciscan friars ■ 2300 garden street ■ santa barbara ■ california ■ 93105

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contract I will have a lawyer look at it and send you a copy at the same time. I suppose this is our decision with your approval -- or am I wrong? At any rate I will enclose one of their brochures. I think this is a good thing and worth the risk. (We have paid attention to Waldorf's daily schedule so that our students and their small children will have very little contact.)

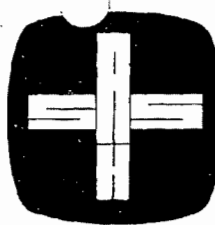
Thank you for your support. If there is anyway I can be more helpful, do let me know.

Fraternally,



Robert Van Handel, OFM

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15 May 1984

Dear [REDACTED]

Concert is now over and I hope we can get a little breathing room before Fr. Finbar's Jubilee and then graduation. On the whole concert was very successful although the crowd on Friday night was not very large. Saturday played to a full house. We used Richard McManus' idea of a history of the school. I never thought it would work because so many elements had to be coordinated effectively. I'm happy to say I was wrong. The feeling was not so much of fun and elation as a deeper understanding and appreciation of what St. Anthony's was and is. The re-enactment of the 1925 earthquake was particularly poignant. Slides of the old glass plates showing devastated "new" buildings conveyed the sense of loss the seminary staff must have felt. Now we have to cope with "post-partum blues" and carry on into June.

As we discussed on the telephone several weeks ago I have been planning my sabbatical. I apologize for the scatter-brained conversation that day. My feelings right now are not particularly clear to me so that when I try to explain why I want some time away, or even exactly what I plan to accomplish it lacks clear definition. I am hoping to spend the month of July in the Bay Area attending some workshops and classes. In August I will be at the "gathering", and then leave for England. In Abingdon, at the girls' school, I expect to have a good deal of time to myself -- to go to some lectures in Oxford, to renew my interest and excitement in medieval history, perhaps to find more areas I want to study. The music I love is there. Hopefully I will return full of enthusiasm, new ideas, and some of the sparkle I have lost, particularly during this past year. I have not forgotten that I still need final approval to go to England from the Definitorium. As I stated before, this can be done at very low cost because of the school in England and the help of S.B. Boys Choir.

During July I will take a program in Prayer of Centering from Basil Pennington. Then two weeks will be spent at USF taking two courses in private school administration. I also have a wrkshop planned in Menlo Park: an intensive journal retreat under Ira Progoff. I am going to ask FST if I can live there during this time. If the planned stay in England is acceptable, I will return to Santa Barbara in January, 1985, for the spring semester.

Thank you very much for your understanding and encouragement.

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Fraternally,

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Robert Van Handel

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13th August 1984

Dear Father Provincial,

The Bishop has asked me to write and to thank you for the kind letter you sent to him concerning Father Robert Van Handel who will be teaching and doing some Pastoral work at Our Lady's Convent, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. The Bishop is grateful for your kindness in writing and looks forward to meeting Father Handel next time he is in Abingdon.

With all good and kind wishes,
Yours sincerely in the Lord,


Bishop's Secretary


Provincial Minister,
Franciscan Friars,
Province of Saint Barbara,
1500 Thirty-Fourth Avenue,
Oakland,
CALIFORNIA
94601,
U.S.A.

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

August 14, 1985

Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.
Rector
Saint Anthony's Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Bob:

I know that we have already assured you that you would be Mel's replacement but it is a formal appointment of our recent Post Capitular Definitorium Meeting and so I am writing to formally name you as Rector of Saint Anthony's Seminary (You will note that the title is Rector).

Bob, I know that the faculty there has great confidence in you; your vision and your enthusiasm. I can assure you we have confidence as well.

Please be assured of our support in the days and years ahead in any way that we can. It is always best when we can work together in these Province ventures and surely this is a venture that is very dear to the heart of the Province.

I look forward, myself, to working with you, Robert, and to any support that I can personally give you. I feel my first obligation really is to those who have taken the other leadership positions in the Province. They will take care of those who are in their care but I must look out for people like yourself so please do not hesitate to call on me whenever I can be of help.

I also will keep you in my prayers for these coming days. I'm sure you approach them with some hesitation but you can be confident knowing that we and God are supporting you.

With warm regards,

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

July 21, 1986 .

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93501

Dear Robert:

I received your recent letter, particularly regarding Jan's housing back there. It is good that he has the back-pay from the Navy to carry the major bulk of it. I will pass this on to Martial, to see if he can't come up with the rest of the money that is needed. We certainly would not want to see poor ole brother Jan washed away.

I hope you are having a good Summer and some break, as I know that you are going to have a very busy year ahead.

I do want to say Bob, how much I admire you for your courage, and your energy in taking on the difficult role there at St Anthony Seminary. It is a very tough job, and you put a great deal of yourself into it, and I know it is appreciated by all.

I certainly offer you my encouragement as we move into the year ahead, and I very much keep this in my prayers.

Do have a good Summer though. Kind of forget about things for awhile. You will need the energy when you get back.

With fraternal affection,



FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

May 17, 1986

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St Anthony's Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your recent letter, regarding the various situations at St. Anthony's, and I hope you got some word back about that situation. I do intend to bring up the question of the Waldorf Schools, at the Definitorium Meeting, that is coming up so close, I thought it would be better to bring it up to them, in case there is some major problem.

I am very sorry Bob, I won't be able to come to the Graduation. I did not know the date, and scheduled a Retreat at Spokane for that week-end. It took quite a bit of jockeying to get that date, and it is now impossible to change it. I did talk to [REDACTED] and either he will arrange to come or see that it is covered.

[REDACTED] reminded me, as I'm not sure if we ever got back to you, regarding your report on the Financial situation. Simply that, we would like to keep on top of it, and get some kind of report as things move along. It was suggested in October, after School starts, you could send us a preliminary report of what ideas have developed, and how people see the Financial situation moving in the future. Then in the Spring, get something more concrete as the time moves on.

I was just talking to Jeff about the Monies that are being moved into the Christian Brothers Trust, and it is only paying about 6.5% Interest at the present time, which means where ever you put your money, you are not going to get a very big return. It really is clearer and clearer, how far we have come from the 20% days, and what a burden Bob was under, trying to bring in that much money every month. So we just have to move on and see what we can do.

I know the year has gone rather rough, especially here at the end, but it is a job that requires a lot of dedication, and I know that you have that.

We have been talking more and more about the E.S.L. Program, and it looks like there might be a real possibility there. Let's keep working on that.

Thank you again Bob, for the burden you bear. You surely have my support.

With fraternal affection,

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Oakland CA 94601

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8 April 1986

Members of the Definitorium:

The friars at St. Anthony's would like to thank you for your support and interest in us and the school. Periods of transition are not easy and we are faced with several rather large problems at this time. Thank you for allowing us to approach these and devise plans for their solutions. We hope that within the next couple of years we will be able to chart some real progress, particularly in the areas of enrollment and financial stability.

At this time we would like to request approval for raising the basic tuition up to \$2300. for the year 1986 - 87. This is an increase of 13% over last year. The previous year we raised the fee from \$1700 to \$2000. Scholarship money continues to be available for needy students and it is our hope that none of our present students will be eliminated by this increase. Our actual cost per pupil is about \$5000 (this number fluctuates as it is based on the actual number of students in the school at any one time). We will also be approaching our few more affluent parents regarding a direct donation to the school. The manner and details of this appeal are not yet arranged, but will be dealt with by the financial advisory board. We certainly believe this is a reasonable, even conservative, increase and I have done some preparation with parents that the fees may be raised.

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Sincerely,

Robert Van Handel, Jr.
rector

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24 October 1986

Dear [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Members of the Definitorium,

As you know I am the director of the Santa Barbara Boys' Choir (which is really for boys and men). The choir is modeled on an English Cathedral Choir and has performed in this capacity in England, most notably for a week in 1983 at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. Four years ago the choir went to England and Ireland to sing in some of the major churches, as well as to tour and enjoy the people. The trip was very successful.

Now I am again requesting permission to go with the choir to England and Switzerland. This would be from July 7 to 28, 1987.

The choir is almost entirely new since four years ago. Only two boys out of thirty-five were with us in 1983. The choir has made some arrangements to sing at Lincoln Cathedral for a week as a replacement for their choir which goes on holiday. Other appearances have not yet been fully explored. In many ways this is not a "vacation trip" but an intense emerging in another culture. While resident in Oxford Cathedral the choir practiced three times a day and performed a service daily. Sunday was a day spent in church with three separate and different services.

The choir has been raising funds for the past several years to pay for the trip. My expenses are paid out of the choir's treasury and do not need to be funded by the province.

If you are in need of more detailed information or if you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you for considering this request.

Fraternally,

Robert Van Handel, OFM

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

October 31, 1986

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Robert:

Thanks again for all your time that you took for the preparations, and the presentation that you made to the Seminary. We are very grateful to you and Paul & Michael.

We would like to have a meeting with you and the friars at the Seminary to discuss the response to your report and the general concerns regarding St Anthony's Seminary. Coinciding with the travels with some of us in the area, would it be possible to have a meeting with the friars on November 8th, a Saturday at the Seminary, at one o'clock in the afternoon if that is convenient with you. Please let me know if that is not convenient, otherwise we will go ahead and make the arrangements.

Secondly we considered your request for travel to Europe next Summer with the Boys choir, and the definitorium did respond positively to that. We do affirm your work with the choir and the contribution that it makes.

Less than you be concerned, none of us consider that a vacation. I must say I don't envy the effort that it takes to chaperon a group like that. Also all the work that you put into the music. So you go with our blessing.

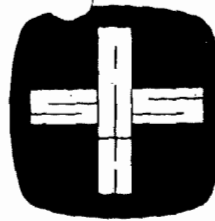
We are still working on the Assisi Experience and some of you will hear some word on that soon.

Thanks again Bob to you and all there.

with warm fraternal regards,



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24 October 1986

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Fraternally,


Robert Van Handel, OFM

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

March 31, 1987

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Bob:

I am sorry I did not have a chance to talk with you when I was there for the ministers' meeting, I really was not there very long and had to give a couple of presentations. I did come over a couple of times but it was not the right time.

I believe you spoke to two of the orthodox priests about their perhaps talking to me regards the property. They are very anxious of course to buy it, or at least to lease the whole thing. When they talked to me basically about it was to buy it. It was ironic as we had been discussing our financial difficulties and when I mentioned it to a few at dinner, it sounded like the ideal solution, however I did tell them that it was probably not too likely, although there was not a clear decision that we would not consider selling it. I did talk to [REDACTED] on the phone and he did give me the scenario that you had given in terms of taking things more slowly than that. Nevertheless they are very anxious to move and it could be a very lucrative solution or partial solution. I do see great difficulties but it does not hurt to listen or at least to dialogue, especially when something can be very economically advantageous. They did ask about the possibility of coming to the board meeting, I don't know that that is a good idea as talking to [REDACTED] he said that the hopes of the committee is that everyone would work through the committee, so I did discuss with [REDACTED] the idea of letting them come and make a short presentation at the committee meeting and he thought that was a good idea. Would you mind contacting them as he said you knew the dates and could arrange it, that they might have 20 or 30 minutes to present their idea to the committee. I would appreciate it if you would contact either Father Peter Gilcrest and there was another Jack someone, I forgot to bring the letter along but you should have received that from them; the ones that are in Isla Vista.

Otherwise I know there are a lot of different ideas and hope we can keep moving on them. The one thing that is favorable on that kind of a global solution of somebody like that taking over the whole place, all of the work and effort, ^{that} that would go into trying to deal with a piece meal basis, and trying to find the money to keep it going would be eliminated and there would be a solid source of income, but there would probably be some kind of draw backs in that too.

Thanks for all that you are doing in taking care of this Bob, I really appreciate it.

1500 ~~thirty-fourth~~ Avenue
Oakland CA 94601

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

March 31, 1987
Robert Van Handel, OFM

I was talking with [redacted] about the futures of the various faculty people there, as you are aware it is sensitive and I am reluctant to impose myself on people, although I would be more than happy to talk to anyone there that wants to talk to me. My understanding is that you would be staying there next year, taking care of the place and looking into some long term solutions, as well as helping with the larger community. I am also aware from [redacted] that others are trying to negotiate something for next year, and that they seem to be taking care of that on their own. If anyone there seems to indicate they would like to talk to me I would be more than happy to do so.

Once again Bob, thanks for carrying the burden, I really appreciate all that you are doing and the wonderful attitude with which you are accepting a very difficult situation. It surely gives you great esteem in our eyes.

I also received a ^{copy of the} letter from Nevin Ford to you about the stations and other art objects there. I presume you are stalling him off which would seem to me the most logical thing to do at this time. I can't understand his wanting to do something with them, and I am sure if we sold it for a factory, that is what we would want to do. Nevertheless I suppose we would not want to be too hasty to make such a move, anyway I will let you answer that as you see fit, but that is my reflection after seeing the copy of the letter.

Thanks again Bob for all that you do and please do not hesitate to ask if I can be of any help.

with fraternal affection,



FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

May 12, 1987

Robert VanHandle, OFM
St Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Robert:

I know that things must be in somewhat of a turmoil, as you come rapidly to the end of the year, especially given the circumstances of closing the school.

At our recent definitorium meeting we discussed your placement for the next year, and do desire that you stay there at St Anthony's to continue the transition period. We are aware that you are not looking for this to be a long term assignment, but at least for this coming year. At the same time we appreciate the need for ministry to the broader community, and are grateful that you are able to fill this need at the present time.

Bob the definitorium ^{de} want me to go on record, as thanking you for your leadership at St Anthony's this final year, and the positive attitude with which you have handled our decision, even though it was not one that you choose yourself. You have taken the brunt of the decision and have taken it so well. We really are in admiration of the strength and maturity that it shows, as well as good nature which you have responded to the difficult situation that we have given you. We are very genuinely grateful.

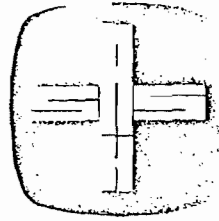
█ did fill us in on the recommendations of your committee, and we were happy to support those recommendations. We do look forward to the continued development of these plans.

Thank you again Robert and we hope to support you in the coming year.

gratefully,



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COMMITTEE FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
PROVINCE OF SANTA BARBARA
14 January 1988

Dear Friars,

I would like to apply for graduate studies in the field of history at the University of California at Santa Barbara, beginning the fall quarter of this year.

University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) offers a general degree program at the master's level which is normally a requirement for entry into doctoral studies. The master's degree program may be seen as terminal, or as preparation for the Ph.D. At this time I would like to apply for the master's program, with consideration of a doctoral degree at a later date. The M.A. course would last approximately two years. It requires proficiency in one language (Spanish), thirty-six units of graduate history courses, and a thesis.

The field I would choose for study would be California Mission History. While I have an enduring interest in English history, I realize that California studies would be of far more help to the province. Several times the idea has been placed before me of doing some "public relations" for the province. I would think the best base for this would be out of mission history. Certainly with the "Indian problem" on the rise one would be foolhardy to step ignorant into our history and image. Further, I would like to be part of the work of the archive library at Mission Santa Barbara. I would be willing to be part of a team to help educate our novices (and others entering the province) in the history and traditions of our province -- a sharing of our roots.

UCSB has a first-rate history faculty and program. It is relatively inexpensive (fees are under \$500. per quarter), and close to our residences. The availability of our own archives as well as the personal resources of Fr. Finbar, Fr. Francis Guest, Fr. Virgilio, Dr. Doyce Nunis, and others who use the archive library make Santa Barbara an ideal place to do these studies. Furthermore, but no less important, I am already personally acquainted with the head of the history department and a number of personnel in the department, the UCSB library, and the university administration. Certainly these informal friendships will help to smooth over difficulties as they arise. I am already serving the province as administrator of St. Anthony's Seminary and chaplain to the "Greater Community". This could continue as well as my outreach work through and with the Santa Barbara Boys' Choir.

I am now forty years old. If I can master Spanish quickly enough to complete the master's program in two or two and a half years, and with the possibility of entering the doctor's program after that, there is

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nothing to be gained by hesitation. The department head actually wanted me to begin work on a Ph.D. so that he could have me assist in teaching Western Civilization. He has "assured" me of acceptance to the master's program (without seeing my G.R.E. scores). As there is now a bit of a lull in my "career", and as the university at this time seems receptive, I would like to apply immediately.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Respectfully yours,

Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.

Robert Van Handel, O.F.M.

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October 7, 1987

Robert Van Handel, OFM
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Robert:

It was good to see you on your quick trip up this way. I do hope things are moving along in resolving that lease. [REDACTED] mentioned there is still some concern over the insurance. I hope that can get worked out.

I do appreciate all that you are doing there to keep things going, and we are very grateful for the progress that is being made.

As you are aware the Chapter will be coming up in June, 1988, and even though we have asked you to help on the Convocation Committee, we would also like to ask you to be part of the committee to prepare for the Chapter.

This is not a committee requiring a great deal of work, as it is overseeing the balloting, etc. Much of that is handled here in the office. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your serving on this committee. It will probably meet in the L.A. area, as we are trying to pick a committee centered in southern California, so the travelling should not be too great.

I do hope that you could serve on this committee, if you are please notify Jeff here in the office of your willingness.

Thanks again for giving this your consideration. I do hope you had a joyful feast of St. Francis.

with fraternal affection,

[REDACTED]

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December 24, 1987

Robert Van Handle, OFM
St. Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Bob:

It was good to see you at our recent meeting, thank you for coming up. You are always so responsive and helpful, I for one really appreciate it. You have a wonderful attitude.

I am glad we did have a few minutes to talk, and I did bring your concerns to the definitorium. They did not seem to pick up on trying to somewhat going to Berkeley. In fact the final result was, to go ahead and apply at least for Graduate Studies there at Santa Barbara. When I say applying to Graduate Studies Committee. You can do that through the Geoffrey, in fact there is even a form to fill out for what you intend. However, realizing there is a date to apply at UCSB, it was suggested that you go ahead and make that application, realizing that it could always be dropped if necessary. We would hope it would not be necessary.

Again Bob we owe you a great debt there at St. Anthony's, especially during this transition. I almost think the definitorium is so grateful, they would almost let you do anything; note, I said almost.

Thanks again Bob. Lets hope the New Year will bring many good things for all of us.

affectionately,



OFM VANH 1
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February 1, 1988

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your continued care and solicitude. I so much appreciate all that you did for the Convocation. Bob it was really a great event, and you and the community at St. Anthony Seminary deserve our greatest praise and admiration, and the deepest gratitude. Thank you very very much.

Thank you for writing and sending forth the new salary scale for the Archdiocese, I appreciated receiving that. We have to go about seeing how to get that for all of our friars that work in the Archdiocese. And really an equivalent level for the other Dioceses in California, because that really is a scale for all of California.

At our recent definitorium we did discuss your desire to go into graduate studies there at UCSB and have approved it. I really hopes that it works out well. We are presuming of course that you will continue to help there at St. Anthony's. I know how much the people appreciate you and all the good work you are doing caring for the place.

I do hope you can receive the admission and that all goes well there Bob. We so much appreciate all that you have done, we certainly look forward to all the more you can do.

Thanks again Bob.

affectionately,



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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

August 10, 1988

Father Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Robert: Peace and all good.

Should I address you now as "COPSAS", since you are chairman or you are a member of that committee for the preservation of St. Anthony Seminary. I can think of other acronyms that might be better for the committee, but we'll stick with COPSAS.

Robert thanks very much for your most thorough report there on the current situation at St. Anthony Seminary. I trust that Mike will communicate with you, our discussion and then our decisions. I just wanted with this short note, thank you for all the work that you do, and the thoroughness with which you do it. It seems to me that we definitely have to go ahead with the asbestos work, and also that we should include in that certainly, the chapel and Casa, at least in terms of estimates. You can talk with Mike about this.

I thought your financial report was very good. I know that Ray had some questions, and I think they are very good ones, but you can talk to him about that. With the questions of new leases, I will leave that in Mike Doherty's hands and he can talk to you.

Robert, I hope you have enjoyed your vacation. I have just finished writing to Ann and Monica, telling them that I will stop over and visit them on the way over to the beatification of Serra. I am looking forward to it, and getting quite excited about the trip. In addition, I know I will enjoy visiting all my friends there. Seeing the convent in Abingdon, and also visiting my old haunts at Oxford. Should I say, wish you were with me? I won't though, for fear of the consequences. Although in my heart, I probably do wish you were with me.

Robert, I hope summer school went well, and that you are not too nervous about school in the Fall. I know you will do well.

Fraternally,

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Oakland, CA 94601

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden St.
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105

December 5, 1988

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Dear Bob:

Peace and all good!

I hope you're doing well. I wish you luck as the first semester winds down there at UCSB. I hope that you don't find the studies too taxing, and that you are able to mix buisness with some pleasure. Once again, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for what you're doing for the Province, both by studying in the mission history period, and also by your work there at St. Anthony's. It is really invaluable.

Mike Doherty will be communicating to you the decisions of the definitorium with respect to the property at St. Anthony's. In brief, we certainly would want to help out our Anglican brothers in their difficulty. Mike will tell you the details of our conversation. It seems that you're moving in a good direction. I would like to insist, as Michael will, that \$500.00 per month is simply not feasible for us, and ridiculously low for what is obtained. Also, with respect to moving with Beaver Free Realty of Santa Barbara to find a renter for the west dormitory wing and the downstairs of the "Casa:" that looks very good to me, just pursue that with Jim Hurley.

With respect to Jim Hurley: do you want us to send him a Christmas gift on behalf of the Province, or do you intend to get him one yourself? Also, perhaps when I am down in Santa Barbara at Christmas or some other time, you and I could take Jim and Paul (and anyone else you would like) out to lunch or something, just to give them a more informal thank-you.

Thanks again, Robert. Please remember me in your prayers.

Fraternally

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

FILE COPY

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Anthony's Seminary
2300 Garden St.
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105

December 6, 1988

Dear Bob:

Peace and all good!

Please find enclosed a copy of the letter which I sent to Wenceslaus Farlow, and I trust that Sal will be inviting Wenceslaus up to have a talk with you people. I hope that this alleviates some of the anxieties which you experienced in talking to Wency. Thanks very much for being open to his move there.

I have also written a letter to Tim Arthur and have enclosed an obedience, so he should be moving up to St. Anthony's Seminary sometime in January. I really appreciate the rooms that you are giving to him and the welcome hospitality which you have provided. Thanks very much, Bob.

Fraternally,



enclosure

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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL
FRANCISCAN PROVINCE OF ST. BARBARA
1500 THIRTY FOURTH AVENUE
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, 94601
(415) 536-3722

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden St.
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105

February 9, 1989


Dear Bob:

Peace and all good!

I look forward to seeing you at Eastertime, particularly with the presence of our two friends from far away. It should be great fun!

Please find enclosed a letter which I have sent to Tim Arthur, tipping him off as to the Province's 75th. Jubilee in the year 1990. I would hope we would have some portion of the convocation devoted to the history of the Province's fraternities and ministries. I trust that you and Tim can brainstorm on that a little bit and get back to me in the future. Thanks very much for your attention to this matter, Robert. I hope school is going well.

Fraternally,



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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

FILE COPY

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden St.
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105

February 28, 1989

Dear Bob:

Peace and all good!

It was good to see and visit with you. I hope your cold has been conquered.

On a personal note, could you tell me if you'd planned to take Monica and Ann back to Santa Barbara from Yosemite? It seems to me that this would be the best bet, but Monica indicated to me that they might be coming back up to San Francisco. I would need to know this as soon as possible. Actually, I had planned some other things, and it might be better if you could take them back to Santa Barbara. I'll probably see them once more before they go home.

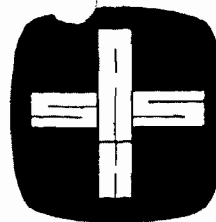
Robert, I'm writing to see if you could please send me the estimates for the total property value of the Casa on your property. The reason that I mention this is that when I took Noel Moholy on a tour, he asked me if it was for sale, and if possibly the Serra Cause could buy it. I indicated that the Serra Cause certainly could buy it if they had the money, or at least the definitorium would be open to them buying it, or, we would be open to renting it to them if we had the price, but I insisted that we get money for it. We simply cannot afford not to rent it, or to sell it, or to lease it. I told him I would be talking to you about the exact financial estimate on the buildings.

Thanks very much for your attention to this, Robert. Thanks particularly for all the work you do there at St. Anthony's. It's really very fine, and I don't quite know what I'd do with it without you.

Fraternally,



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John Butcher

19 April 1989

Dear Fr. Barnabas,

Some months ago you sent me a request regarding my understanding of the future use of the graduate degree program in which I am currently engaged. I apologize for the long delay in responding.

Currently I am in the first year of a history program at the University of California at Santa Barbara. My studies will focus on the Mission Period of California history. The program requires some general study in two broad fields of history, for example, colonial America and Medieval Europe. As an option, for the M.A. degree a thesis can be substituted for one of these areas. For my field, a knowledge of Spanish is required. As a further option, I can move beyond the M.A. and work for a Ph.D.

I do not have one specific job in mind after this program is over. Perhaps my talents would be of most value in connection with the archive library, either as administrator, archivist, or researcher. I would also be interested in helping promote and care for the missions in California and Arizona, and in doing that, promote the causes of the friars. I would be willing to do some teaching about mission history and our heritage to new friars.

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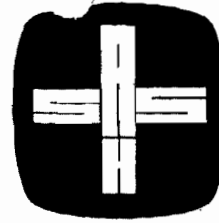
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Fraternally,

Robert Van Handel, OFM

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Office of the Provincial
Franciscan Friars, Province of St. Barbara
St. Elizabeth Friary
1500 34th. Ave.
Oakland, Ca. 94601 (415) 536-3772

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden St.
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105

June 1, 1989

Dear Robert:

Peace and all good!

I was sorry to miss you when you came up to Berkeley. That's twice now. As you can see, my own schedule takes me away a good deal of the time. I hope we can connect sometime when we're up here. Certainly I'll see you when I'm down in Santa Barbara for the Provincial Retreat.

Thanks for all the work you're doing there at St. Anthony's, especially to ensure its financial stability. I would like to indicate to you that at the last provincial definitorium meeting the council did approve the renting out of the space above the refectory to Waldorf school as you mentioned in your letter. So I would ask you to pursue this arrangement with Waldorf. With respect to the second item: again I want to indicate that the definitorium is not open to the idea of the establishment of a pre-school on the seminary grounds. So as you indicated already in your talks with Waldorf, please inform them that we are not interested in pursuing these aspects of their program.

It's too bad that the Casa is becoming such a complicated affair. I would ask you please to pursue with Mark and Barbara Gardner what their possibilities are for the properties. I am somewhat ambivalent about pursuing some of these things with respect to the Casa, but I really do feel the province is moving into a very crucial fiscal phase, and I'm afraid I must have as much information as possible as to what can be done to address our financial problems. Certainly the Casa could be a key player in this whole situation. Many of the financial problems touch the theology school in Berkeley, but there are others with respect to social security, health care, formation costs, etc... that simply have to be attended to.

Thanks very much for your attention to these matters, Robert. I appreciate all the work that you've put in down there.

Fraternally,



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8/20/89

Dear [REDACTED]

The post-novitiate gathering is over, everyone has gone, so "just us chickens" are here to hold down the fort. Fr. Finbar is in Huntington Beach. He and I spent several days around Mission San Luis Rey: at Pala, Capistrano, and San Diego; on the way home he decided to spend a few days visiting with Ronnie, Gus, and some of the former students from SAS. Fabe or I will have to pick him up on Monday. We had a great time together and I am quite convinced of his good health. He climbed stairs and hills, examined grave markings, picked over items in gift shops, and all this over a constant stream of narrative about the missions, padres, past provincials, etc.

Two items of business:

Waldorf School: Waldorf wants to add two classrooms, and I had Definitorium approval for those above the dining room. As it turned out, the fire department made so many major changes in the plan that I decided it was out of the question. My guess is it would have cost us \$15,000 to conform to their requirements. So, after meeting with the SAS Committee, we switched their rooms to our old science labs -- under the lounge. I brought in an architect for an initial survey and then we had the fire inspector make his pronouncements. The committee as you know has two definitors on it, and as time was running out, we decided to let Waldorf use these rooms. Remodeling is now in progress. In many ways this is a better solution because the use does not conflict with the use of the dormitory.

I have met with Jim Hurley and then with an appraiser for the Casa. We poured over plot maps, discussed the special circumstances, etc. Tomorrow he will submit a letter to Jim stating what such an appraisal would involve, price, etc. We are trying to get a price for selling and another for leasing. One very relevant point is that both Jim and the appraiser agreed that we could not just "re-draw" the boundary lines as we saw fit. In other words, if the casa were sold, it would have to be along the original property lines. It is possible to change the lines, but Jim said that would probably be a two year project involving environmental impact, and what not. Evidently the plots are sacred. We could probably set up an easement (sp ?) so that we could use the driveway, but the lower garages, house of David, and all casa land would go. If the property is leased, of course, this is a non-issue. I realize I am just giving you bits and pieces, but I know you will be pleased that something is happening.

That's it for right now. I hope you are keeping well as you race about doing good work. All the best.

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*Yours fraternally,
P. L. H.*

the next day....

Dear [REDACTED]

I woke up last night and realized I had not given you an essential bit of information about Wenceslaus and his carefully blessed bookbindery? Well, the first thing I did when Waldorf needed to move was to talk with Wenceslaus. I showed him another room, a south exposure, almost directly under my office. He was delighted. He said even if Waldorf did not move into the labs he wanted to go to the new room. So Wenceslaus is moved (with the help of the post-novitiate people), and seems to be most pleased.

I was thinking of writing to Fr. Noel and asking him if he was interested in leasing the Casa. Should I do that, or just let things be?

Regards.

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FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

FILE COPY

Robert Van Handel, OFM
St. Anthony Seminary
2300 Garden St.
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93105

September 1, 1989

Dear Bob:

Peace and all good!

Thanks for your letter of August 20. I'm glad everything is going so well with you. Hopefully with this latest happening in Santa Barbara the tensions will begin to decrease. Thanks for all your perserverance in this whole matter.

You mention two items of business in you letter; first the recommendation as to Waldorf School - that seems very fine to me and I'm glad that you're moving ahead with that. I have confidence in your ability. Secondly, with respect to the Casa: I'm glad you're moving on the appraisal and I look forward to seeing the final quotation. This is very important as you know, since the Serra Cause has already approached us about renting or leasing the place.

I would appreciate it if you do not contact Noel. Leave that in my hands, mostly because you have no idea as to what kind of whirl you would be entering, and I'm afraid you would find it impossible to extricate yourself from it without a great deal of difficulty. I myself am having enough problems dealing with the situation. Thanks very much, Bob. Again, may the Lord bless you and keep you.

Faternally,

ps: The blessing I gave to Wenceslaus was a personal blessing only on himself as a bookbinder and on the tools which he uses - it was not a blessing attached to the place. Pretty clever, hunh?

John - Robert Van Handel

10 September 1989

Dear Members of the Definitorium,

Once again I am requesting permission to go to England with the Santa Barbara Boys' Choir. Tentative plans are made for the choir to go to Lichfield Cathedral (north of Birmingham) and to sing the choral services there for a week. Then we would travel west into northern Wales before going to Cork, Ireland. We hope to be able to sing at St. Finbar's Cathedral, Cork, and possibly at the Franciscan church in that city.

As you know these trips are the highpoint of a long process of education and preparation. The singers have the experience of providing service music in churches which have held this tradition for centuries. It is a great honor to be invited to replace the cathedral choir.

The choir is constantly involved in fundraising so that no member is denied the trip because of being too poor. The choir pays for my trip; there is no monetary cost to the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Fraternally,

Robert Van Handel

FRANCISCAN FRIARS PROVINCE OF SAINT BARBARA

TRAVEL FORM

To help the Provincial and the Definitorium with regard to travel requests, please fill out this form and return it to the Provincial Office, Attn: The Secretary of the Province.

NB The Guardian can give permission to travel within the United States (PS, 21). This form is for travel overseas.

1. Name ROBERT VAN HANDEL

2. Destination ENGLAND AND IRELAND

3. Dates: Departure JULY 18, 1990 Return AUGUST 7, 1990

4. Purpose of Travel:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jubilee Trip | <input type="checkbox"/> | Visit to Family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Continuing Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lead a pilgrimage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Central American Pilgrimage | <input type="checkbox"/> | Member of a pilgrimage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vacation outside the US | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other: BOYS CHOIR TOUR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Assisi Experience | | |

5. Estimated Cost: \$1450.00

6. Source(s) of funding: S.B. BOYS CHOIR

7. Travel History:

a. When was the last time you travelled outside the US? 1987

Where did you go? SWITZERLAND AND ENGLAND

For what purpose? BOYS CHOIR TOUR

b. Have you previously been to the place where you are asking to go?
YES

c. What has been your international travel in the last five years?
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September 27, 1989

Dear Robert:

Peace and all good!

I enjoyed talking with you, and again want to congratulate you on the fine work you've done there for the Casa.

With this letter, please receive the formal permission of the definitorium to travel to England next summer. We believe that your work with the boy's choir is a good witness in Santa Barbara, and a fine ministry for you to be involved in. Congratulations on this permission, Robert. I know that the boys will profit a good deal from it, and I am personally pleased to be able to give it to you.

Fraternally,



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Dear Bob:

Peace and all good!

This is just a short note to thank you very much for your work on the SAS Futures Committee. We received a thorough report from Michael, and I know it has taken a good deal of effort on your part. I thank you very much. As you know, it is important that we manage our resources well. One of these resources is the Casa estate. [REDACTED] has given me some indication of a preliminary appraisal, and it sounds very good. I would encourage you to move ahead to feel out possibilities for leasing the property. It seems the most viable way to go at this time. I do not think we are interested in having it leased to the Serra Cause.

Just a word of thanks, Robert. Of course, you'll be hearing from me when I'm in England. I'll talk to you before I go.

Fraternally,

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January 19, 1990

Dear Robert:

Peace and all good!

Thanks for the talk the other day. I'm glad the meeting with [REDACTED] went so well, and I'm really grateful that it's moving in a good direction, especially for the sakes of yourself, [REDACTED] and Mike Doherty. It's taken a lot of work, Robert, and I deeply appreciate the support and perserverance which you've shown. It's a great encouragement to me.

Robert, please find enclosed a letter which I received from Msgr. Francis Weber, with its suggestion he is making about the missions. I wonder if you might put this in your head for sometime in the future. It might very well be a topic that could be taken in a doctoral dissertation or something like that. Interestingly enough, I found in the catalogue of the Bancroft Library something very similar for the Franciscan Missions as to what has been published for the Jesuit Missions. I think we should talk about it sometime - I think I can locate the reference. It seems to be a Franciscan interpretation of missiology to the Native Americans, and kind of a compilation of sources used in that area.

Keep up the fine work, Robert. Remember me in your prayers, please.

Fraternally,

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Dear Robert:

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I talked to Monica just the other day because it was Anne Lenihan's birthday. Unfortunately, Anne wasn't home at the time. She later got hold of me, and we had a good visit. Anyway, Monica sounds fine, as usual, overworked, but she's always bouncy and fun to talk to. They're looking forward to your coming, and I know that you will enjoy it. Aren't we lucky to have such good friends?

Thanks for the support, Robert.

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