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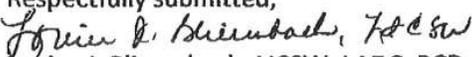
attended : _____, MN. The incident happened either at the end of 2nd grade or the fall of 3rd grade in _____. He was playing outside with a girl and gave her a ring from a machine. A Sister saw it and was mad about it. So she gave it to Mountain who wanted to speak with _____. In that meeting, Father Mountain started talking about sex and then pulled _____ pants down and started fondling his genitals. "When he was satisfied that I couldn't get an erection, he sent me back to class." He did tell his Mother but she said that Father Mountain was a womanizer in town and not interested in little boys. He resisted going to school. _____ refers to that meeting with Father Mountain as his altar boy tryout that he failed. Nobody ever talked about it. When _____ was at _____ College there was a guest speaker for one of his classes. It was his _____ grade schoolmate, _____ who spoke about being homosexual. _____ visited with him after the class and _____ told about others who were homosexuals in _____. He said that Father Mountain was also a homosexual. _____ wondered if anything happened to him, but did not ask him.

_____ was the oldest of five children and from a devout Catholic family. His parents owned a bar and needed to file bankruptcy. So he was the only one who attended the Catholic school. _____ married a woman from _____ and they are presently separated with 4 ½ year old twins. His twins were baptized in _____

_____ stated that he has left this buried for many years. Since his diagnosis of lymphoma 1 ½ years ago he has had a lot of time to think. His prognosis is about five years. He also is diabetic and had a leg amputated. Due to this incident with Father Mountain _____ has been very angry and estranged from the Church. He wants to be buried in the Catholic cemetery in _____ and would like some amends from the Church for healing before he dies. He also wonders if this happened to anyone else in _____ or just him?

(I asked _____ to think about what would be most helpful for healing? A visit from a priest? think about it and I would call him in about a week).

4-5-11- Called and no answer, left a message.
4-8-11 – Called and no answer, left a message.
I will continue to make efforts to connect with _____

Respectfully submitted,

Louise J. Blissenbach, LICSW, LADC, BCD

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Ringlien, Ann

From: Louise Blissenbach, LICSW,LADC [lblissenbach@bluestemcenter.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 1:22 PM
To: Steffes, Fr. James
Subject: FW: Catholic School INcident -Louise B.

Father Steffes,

I don't know when the Board meets, but I wanted you to have the following info in addition to my report that you should have received in the mail today. Is the next step for me to meet with him in as transportation sounds tough. Or should a priest meet with him? It sounds like some counseling may help him if he could stick with it.

Blessings,

Louise

From: |
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 12:19 PM
To: LICSW LADCLouise Blissenbach
Subject: Re: Catholic School INcident

sorry i have been very busy lately. it is starting to calm down again.

i have put a lot of thought into what the church can do to help. i would like to talk to a priest or bishop. i have thought about going to a priest quite a bit over the years but always back down because i feel so ashamed. i have been to counseling a few times but other problems in my life always seem to take center attention. again i always stop going because i feel its very difficult to talk about.

i had somewhat successful wrestling career in highschool. to accept what i couldnt control has been very difficult in my life.

i been fighting diabetes for over 15 years, amputation of left leg 2 years ago, a brief battle of cancer, but these are nothing compared to living whith what happened to me as a child. ive been cancer free for a year now. when the dr. told me i had lymphoma i was told i had 2 weeks to 2 months to live. he also told me with the medical problems i had the were NOT cancer i had a 30-40 percent chance of living 5 years. i have thought a lot of making ammends with the church but when you asked me what the church can do for me, the only thing that i can come up with is "peace of mind". i live on disability ssi, i was recently seperated from my wife. i have a pickup that has a wheelchair lift and being seperated i will lose the truck, i will have a hard time paying my mort, my funeral, and i would like to go on a humdinger vacation with my kids.

so when posed with the question what do i need to heel? i ask is the church willing to take responsibility? and what are they willing to do for me and my kids?

thank you for listening

--- On Mon, 4/11/11, Louise Blissenbach, LICSW,LADC <lblissenbach@bluestemcenter.com> wrote:

From: Louise Blissenbach, LICSW,LADC <lblissenbach@bluestemcenter.com>
Subject: Catholic School INcident
To:

Date: Monday, April 11, 2011, 5:13 PM

Good Afternoon

I have tried to call you a few times but was unable to reach you. I wondered if you given more thought to how the Church can help you heal – a talk with the Bishop or a priest in the diocese? I appreciated the opportunity to hear your painful journey of what happened to you when you were just a child. Please send me an e-mail and I will also try reaching you by phone again soon.

Thanks,

Louise Blissenbach, LICSW

Victims Advocate for the Winona Diocese



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Sandy Todd

From: Deacon Gerald Trocinski
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2006 10:50 AM
To: All Priest's Email group; Additional Points List; CURIA; Employees; Parish Administrators; School Administrators; Seminarians
Subject: Rev. Harold Mountain

With great sadness, we must announce that yesterday, Sunday, November 12, 2006 Fr. Harold Mountain passed away.

The celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial for Fr. Mountain will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 11:00 am in Mankato, MN at St. John the Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 10:00 - 11:00 am Wednesday morning.

Further information will be forthcoming.

Deacon Gerald Trocinski

Executive Assistant

Diocese of Winona

507-454-4643 ext. 242

gtrocinski@dow.org

"Don't take good friends, good health, or a good marriage for granted"

11/13/2006

MOUNTAIN000007

**In memory of our beloved brother
Rev. Harold B. Mountain**



Father Harold B. Mountain , age 89, died on Sunday, November 12, 2006.

Father Mountain was born on August 1, 1917, in Good Thunder, Minnesota to Edward and Ada (Bowe) Mountain. He studied Classics at St. Mary's College in Winona, MN from 1934 to 1938. He studied Philosophy at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, MN from 1938 to 1939 and Theology at St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, CO from 1939 to 1942. Fr. Harold Bernard Mountain was ordained a priest on May 30, 1942 at the Chapel of the Angels on the campus of St. Teresa College, Winona, MN by the Most Rev. John H. Peschges from the St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, CO.

On June 1, 1942, Fr. Mountain celebrated his First Solemn Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Good Thunder, MN. On June 6, 1943, Fr. Mountain began his ministry as an associate at St. Mary's Church, Madelia, MN and St. Thomas Pro Cathedral. On September 1, 1947, he was assigned as administrator of St. Bernard, Stewartville and Sacred Heart, Hayfield and was named pastor on June 18, 1948. On June 15, 1960, he was named Diocesan Director of the Blessed Sacrament. On January 30, 1952, he was named pastor of Christ the King, Medford and Corpus Christi, Deerfield. On August 5, 1968, he was named pastor of St. Casimir's Parish, Wells and on July 1, 1977, he was appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception in St. Clair, MN. Fr. Harold Mountain retired from active priesthood on May 30, 1989.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at 11:00 am at St. John the Baptist Church, Mankato, MN with visitation before the Mass from 10:00 – 11:00 am. All priests of the diocese are invited to concelebrate.

Mary Hamann

From: Judy Tibor
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 1:55 PM
To: Employees
Subject: Change of Address

Fr. Harold Mountain's new address is: Lutheran Home

710 Mound Ave. – Apt. 32

Mankato MN 56001

9/18/2006

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7-11-06

JUL 13 2006

To Whom It May Concern:

I am returning one pension
check for the amount of \$1500.⁰⁰

This check was accidentally
deposited into my account June 26.

It was my brother's check and
he is a priest in Owatonna, MN

You have since then reissued
him a new check and I do
have my own pension check
from June 26.

Please be more careful next
time.

Rev. H B Mountain

New Address: Sibley Manor East I, #32
710 Mound Ave.

Mankato, MN 56001

New Phone # 507-385-4270



Office of Finance

DIocese OF WINONA
PASTORAL CENTER

January 30, 2004

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

You have received retirement benefits from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona during 2003. As in previous years, 5/8 of retirement benefits paid to retired priests are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving benefits, your pension is fully taxable.

For 2003, you received a total of \$15,900.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$9,937.50 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$5,962.50.

The IRS requires that we report these taxable benefits to them on a 1099R form. This form is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,

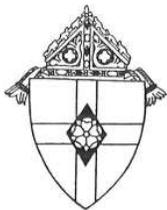
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Pension Plan for Priests
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FILE COPY

January 28, 2003

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

You have received retirement benefits from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona during 2002. As in previous years, 5/8 of retirement benefits paid to retired priests are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving benefits, your pension is fully taxable.

For 2002, you received a total of \$15,300.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$9,562.50 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$5,737.50.

The IRS requires that we report these taxable benefits to them on a 1099R form. This form is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 2002

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

You have received retirement benefits from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona during 2001. As in previous years, 5/8 of retirement benefits paid to retired priests are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving benefits, your pension is fully taxable.

For 2001, you received a total of \$14,400.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$9,000.00 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$5,400.00.

The IRS requires that we report these taxable benefits to them on a 1099R form. This form is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,

Larry Dose, Treasurer
Pension Plan for Priests
of the Diocese of Winona

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December 21, 2000

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001

FILE COPY

Dear Fr. Mountain,

You have received retirement benefits from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona during 2000. As in previous years, 5/8 of retirement benefits paid to retired priests are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving benefits, that amount is fully taxable.

For 2000, you received a total of \$13,500.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$8,437.50 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$5,062.50.

The IRS requires that we report these taxable benefits to them on a 1099R form. You will receive this form before January 31.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



Larry Dose, Treasurer
Pension Plan for Priests
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DIocese OF WINONA
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January 5, 2000

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

You have received retirement benefits from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona during 1999. As in previous years, 5/8 of retirement benefits paid to retired priests are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving benefits, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1999, you received a total of \$12,600.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$7,875.00 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$4,725.00.

The IRS requires that we report these taxable benefits to them on a 1099R form. You will receive this form before January 31.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater, Treasurer
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January 7, 1999

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Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

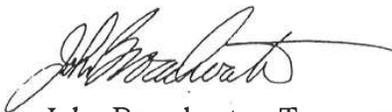
You have received retirement benefits from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona during 1998. As in previous years, 5/8 of retirement benefits paid to retired priests are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving benefits, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1998, you received a total of \$11,700.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$7,312.50 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$4,387.50.

The IRS requires that we report these taxable benefits to them on a 1099R form. You will receive this form before January 31.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



John Broadwater, Treasurer
Pension Plan for Priests
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(jbroadwa@dow.org)

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January 5, 1998

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

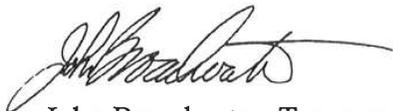
You have received retirement benefits from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona during 1997. As in previous years, 5/8 of retirement benefits paid to retired priests are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving benefits, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1997, you received a total of \$11,160.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$6,975.00 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$4,185.00.

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If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



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January 9, 1997

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

You have received retirement benefits from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona during 1996. As in previous years, 5/8 of retirement benefits paid to retired priests are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving benefits, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1996, you received a total of \$10,680.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$6,675.00 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$4,005.00.

The IRS requires that we report these taxable benefits to them on a 1099R form. You will receive this form before January 31.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



John Broadwater, Treasurer
Pension Plan for Priests
of the Diocese of Winona

MOUNTAIN000018

~~Fr. Harold Mountain~~

10-29-96

Fr. Mountain,

Thanks for the instruction on your retirement check deposit. We will add the account number as instructed.

Also, you asked a question but I'm having trouble understanding it.

"How many priests' checks deposited have _____ the Diocese of Winona _____ the number? From the beginning 'til now?"

I tried to call you but the number I have (345-8933) isn't in service. Please call or write and I'll try to answer your question. Thanks, John Broadwater

December 22, 1995

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
50 Teton Lane, #124
Mankato, MN 56001

FILE COPY

Dear Fr. Mountain,

You have received retirement benefits from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona during 1995. As in previous years, 5/8 of retirement benefits paid to retired priests are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving benefits, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1995, you received a total of \$10,200.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$6,375.00 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$3,825.00.

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Sincerely,



John Broadwater, Treasurer
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September 5, 1995

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane, #124
Mankato, MN 56001-4813

Dear Fr. Mountain,

Thanks for your letter regarding our Blue Cross Health Insurance. Our prescription drug program through PCS uses a drug formulary listing prepared by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. In a case such as yours, if there is not an equivalent drug to one needed and not on the formulary, your doctor should file an appeal with Blue Cross. It happens very seldom that a drug is not included or they cannot come up with a substitute.

Best of luck during the process.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

MOUNTAIN000021

Dear John,

Wed. P.M.

Yesterday I received a notice from I.R.S. saying they do not accept my Bureau of Priest's Retirement for 1996 taxable amount of \$4,005.00 as you informed me. They claim the full amount of \$ \$10,680.00 Can you please inform me of the rules and regulations you follow for this figure? Are there exceptions. ~~Did~~ housing allowance enter this figure?

They also want answers for these questions.. I am enclosing a copy of what they want. Please send me these figures) I would appreciate a prompt reply. I don't enjoy dealing with the IRS!!!! Thank you.

Sincerely,
~~Fr. J. S. Mountain~~

Authorization
to do housing allowance

345-6452

AUG 31 1995

Tuesday P.M.

Dear Mr. Broadwater,

The Mayo Clinic doctor has prescribed a medicine named COZAAR for a heart condition. They called the druggist here in Mankato and they inform me our insurance will not cover COZAAR...get an equivalent from Mayo. They inform me there is none to do what they require. I called Blue-Cross.. Blue Shield and they tell me our diocese does not cover it, and it is very useful one for my condition.

Please inform if our diocese can include this medicine. Thank you.

Sincerely

F. H. B. Mountain

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December 22, 1994

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
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Mankato, MN 56001

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Dear Fr. Mountain,

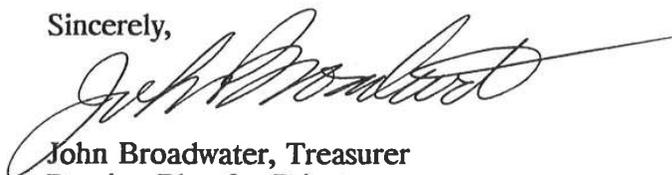
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For 1994, you received a total of \$9,780.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$6,112.50 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$3,667.50.

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If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



John Broadwater, Treasurer
Pension Plan for Priests
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JB/nct

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Bishop

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January 31, 1994

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
50 Teton Lane, #124
Mankato, Minnesota 56001-4813

Dear Father Mountain,

On Friday evening, January 28, Father John Kunz, the dean of the Mankato deanery, and I met with Father Sylvester Brown, the members of the parish pastoral and finance councils of Immaculate Conception Church, and other interested parishioners concerning the findings of our investigation with respect to financial irregularities at the parish. It was a good meeting. It is now time to move forward.

I regret the fact that during the time of your pastoral leadership you did not make a full disclosure to my predecessor or myself about the financial condition of the parish. That was a mistake which contributed largely to our present dilemma. Certainly, you did a very fine job in providing for the needs of the parishioners. The people appreciated this very much but many were embarrassed that diocesan policies were not followed.

With respect to the \$17,000 that was expended by the parish to purchase a car for your use, this action was illicit. As you know, any expenditure in excess of \$10,000 requires the proxy of the bishop. No such proxy was ever issued. The trustees felt the action was justified because you had served the parish so well. It is one thing to seek donations from parishioners to purchase a gift for a pastor or any pastoral minister. It is another to use parish funds, without approval of the bishop and without the knowledge of all the parishioners, for such an expenditure.

It would seem that you are deeply indebted to the people of Immaculate Conception Church. At this late date it would be difficult, I believe, to repay them. Perhaps you might include this \$17,000 in your will as a legacy to the parish, if you would have such assets available at the time of your death. This would certainly seem to be a fitting and not personally inconvenient way to show your appreciation and deal honestly with the people.

Please join me in praying for the people of Immaculate Conception at this time as they work to come together in making God's kingdom clearly present in their midst. I sensed a wonderful spirit among those who gathered with me on January 28. Young and old were obviously people of faith, good will and generous hearts. Thank you very much for responding to my inquiry and helping us clarify some of the misunderstandings that have occurred.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:jm

cc: Mr. John Broadwater
Rev. Gerald A. Mahon
Rev. John M. Kunz
Rev. Joseph W. Mountain

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December 22, 1993

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
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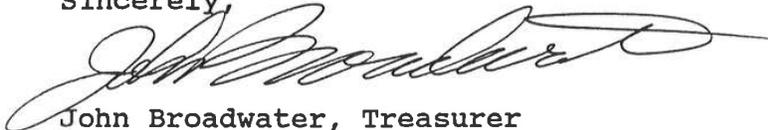
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For 1993, you received a total of \$9,420.00 from the Pension Plan for Priests of the Diocese of Winona. \$5,887.50 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$3,532.50.

The IRS requires that we report these taxable benefits to them on a 1099R form. You will receive this form before January 31.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



John Broadwater, Treasurer
Pension Plan for Priests
of the Diocese of Winona

JB/nct

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of Diocesan
Finances

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

October 27, 1993

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001-4813

Dear Fr. Mountain,

I'm writing in regard to your questions about your dental insurance coverage. The first question to ask, is whether or not your dentist is a Delta Dental dentist or not. I've enclosed a list of Mankato dentists from the Delta Directory. If he appears on this list, he is a participating dentist. If he is not on the list, ask him anyway because he may be a recent addition.

If he is a Delta provider, he is required by contract to file this claim on your behalf. Endodontics is a covered charge under Coverage B of our plan and is paid at 80% after a \$50 deductible, however, a participating dentist is limited to charges approved by Delta Dental of Minnesota. If the procedure or the charges deem to be outside the limitations, the dentist cannot charge you for it and Delta will not pay him. If your dentist is a nonparticipating dentist, you may have to file the claim yourself. In this case, I've enclosed a form for you, however, many dentists will still file the claim. The big difference is that charges not paid by the insurance plan are your responsibility and will be billed to you by the dentist.

I hope this clears up the problem.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

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MOUNTAIN000027

Sat. P.M.

OCT 26 1993

Dear Mr. Broadwater,

My dentist can't locate trouble with a "root canal" so he sent me to a Endodontics specialist in Mankato. Does our program cover "consultation"? The charge was \$45.00. He put me on hold for three months. Please inform. I gave him my dental number for coverage.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

J. A. Mountain

MOUNTAIN000028

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WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

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PO Box 588
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January 11, 1993

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
50 Teton Lane, #124
Mankato, MN 56001

FILE COPY

Dear Fr. Mountain,

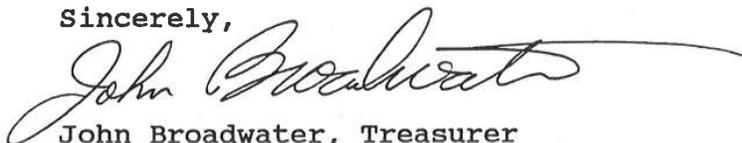
You have received retirement benefits from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement during 1992. As in previous years, 5/8 of your retirement benefits are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving a 50% benefit, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1992, you received a total of \$9,030.00 from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement. \$5,643.75 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$3,386.25.

The IRS requires that we report these payments to them on a 1099R form. You will receive this form before January 31.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



John Broadwater, Treasurer
Bureau of Priests' Retirement

JB/nct

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October 13, 1992

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
#124
50 Teton Lane
Mankato, MN 56001-4813

Dear Fr. Mountain,

Thank you very much for your letter of September 29 regarding the retirement dates for several of the retired priests. When I received your letter, I double checked the listing for all retired priests and found a few discrepancies. I have your retirement date as May 30, 1989. I've instructed the actuary to correct the report so that it is printed properly next year.

Thanks for bringing this to my attention.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB/nct

MOUNTAIN000030

Friday Evening.

SEP 29 1992

Dear Mr. Broadwater,

Looking over the report on the Retirees receiving Pension Benefits, I am asking why I am listed as Benefit Start Date as 9/1/ 1980??? I retired in ^{5/30/89} 1989 but did receive partial benefit before but certainly not back as far as 1980. Then I looked at Albert Perr izo who is older than I am and was ordained after me and who retired a few years before I did and he is listed as ^{7/1/81} 8/1/81. I know the same is true of Frank Enright. Older than I am, ordained after me and retired before me and he is listed as Benefit Start Date as ⁶⁻³⁰⁻⁸⁶ 7/1/86. WHY I am listed as 1980 is my question when both of these started receiving before I did and both listed as starting after me to start benefits. Please inform if there is something I do not understand. Thank you and personal best wishes.

Preces,

H. B. Mountain

MOUNTAIN000031

FILE

June 11, 1992

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
50 Teton Lane, #124
Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Dear Harold,

On Wednesday evening I came to Mankato for the annual gathering with the members of the Mankato Serra Club. Many of our priests were present and I was sorry that you were unable to join us. You have many friends in the area and a number of people spoke fondly about you.

While I was there I learned from Frank Kunz that you will be celebrating your 50th anniversary of priestly ordination on Sunday afternoon, June 14, at St. John's Church in Mankato. I send you these prayerful greetings and assure you of my support in your retirement years and my appreciation for your priestly life and ministry among our people.

I sincerely hope that you will be able to join us in Winona when our priests gather at St. Mary's College Monday evening to honor you and our other special jubilarians of 1992. As our only golden jubilarian of the year, you are indeed our man of the year. God bless you. Ad multos annos!

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:jm

MOST REVEREND JOHN G. VLAZNY, D.D.
CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ROOM 111
WINONA, MINN. 56001
601-734-0611

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March 31, 1992

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001-4813

Dear Fr. Mountain,

As you requested, I'm enclosing some dental claim forms along with some medical forms, incase you need those also. In answer to your questions, yes the diocesan insurance should cover doctors' bills if your deductible is met even though medicare's deductible may not be met. Although I'm not sure how that situation could come about, because medicare should be processing the claims first before Christian Brothers.

I would recommend that all medical bills, including clinics, doctors, prescription drugs, etc. be turned into medicare. As soon as you get the explanation of benefits from medicare, send that, a copy of the bill, and a yellow claim form to Christian Brothers and they will process the claim accordingly. If they ever write back to you and ask for additional information, please try to comply with their request.

I hope this works out. Thanks for the greetings.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB/nct

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MOUNTAIN000033

March 27th. MAR 30 1992

Dear Mr. Broadwater,

Please send me forms for my dentist, which he asks for each time I go. Also when I have met my \$100.00 deductible from our diocesan insurance, but not from Medicare, will our diocesan cover any of a doctor's bill before the Medicare deductible is met?

Personal greetings and a Blessed Easter.

Sincerely,

Fr. H. Mountain

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WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

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Finances

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January 8, 1992

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
#124
50 Teton Lane
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

You have received retirement benefits from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement during 1991. As in previous years, 5/8 of your retirement benefits are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. If you are still working and receiving a 50% benefit, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1991, you received a total of \$8,610.00 from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement. \$5,381.25 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$3,228.75.

The IRS requires that we report these payments to them on a 1099R form. You will receive this form before January 31.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



John Broadwater, Treasurer
Bureau of Priests' Retirement

JB/nct

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
25 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55967

Office of Diocesan
Finances

PO Box 838
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July 10, 1991

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane, #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

I've reviewed the medical claims that you sent me the other day. I've gone through them the best I can and written you some notes as to what I think should happen. On many of these you say that Christian Brothers paid 0, but I do not see the explanation of benefits from Christian Brothers. I'm assuming that you have sent the claims to them and are still waiting for their answer. If their explanation of benefits does not agree with my estimates, you may need to find out why. One thing could be how they apply the bills towards your deductible. That's something I may not have taken into consideration. Please look through these papers and try to make sense out of the notes I wrote you. Let me know if you have other questions.

Another thing I've noticed, is that you are very prompt in paying your share of these bills. I would recommend that you file all the insurance papers with Medicare and Christian Brothers and wait for both to make their final determination of benefits before you pay your share. I've noticed that some clinics will write off the amount that Medicare doesn't pay for a variety of reasons. Either way, it's good to wait and see exactly what is going to happen. Please let me know if I can do anything else.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB/nct

MOUNTAIN000036

Saturday P.M. JUL 9 1991

Dear John,

Received your welcome letter this P.M. Thanks for all your kind help and understanding. I did receive a check for prescribed drugs which I did not know about before.

I am sending the whole packet of papers I have on hand except what The Christian Brothers asked for from the Mayo Clinic and Dr. Ritter from his Clinic in Arizone. I ask you to sort thru them and see if you can understand better than I..then return the papers to me if they are of any future use. I have no copiers here. Also thanks for informing about " IF CLAIM HAD BEEN ASSIGNED" I saw that on the Medicare papers, but noone seemed to know what it meant that I asked.

Total bills sent to me..	1,572.27
Medicare paid.....	1,004.35
I paid.....	404.89
Christian Brothers Ins..	53.94

Sincerely,

A.B. Mountain

My sincere appreciation and greetings in this hot weather.

DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of Diocesan
Finances

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

July 3, 1991

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane, #124
Mankato, MN 56001

FILE COPY

Dear Fr. Mountain,

Thanks for your letter of June 29. In order for me to fully explain how Christian Brothers handled your claim, you would need to send me a copy of the explanation of benefits that were involved in these claims. There should be explanations on these forms as to why amounts were deducted and how they came down to the \$53.94. If you think of it sometime, just make copies and send them over and I'll take a look.

While I don't pretend to be an expert on Medicare benefits, there is something I've seen other priests do incorrectly that I would like to point out and maybe help you correct. Are you assigning your medicare benefits directly to the clinic and or hospital where you receive care? If not, you should. Most clinics and hospitals are registered medicare providers. This means that they must accept whatever Medicare pays as payment in full. This often means that there would be no expenses left after Medicare for which to file with other insurance. If your Medicare checks are coming payable to you, then you should contact any of your health care providers and sign an assignment form so that Medicare will pay them directly. The insurance department of these institutions should be able to help with further explanation if you need it. Also, there should be a note on your explanation of benefits forms from Medicare telling you how much you could have saved, had you filed an assignment with Medicare. If you are already doing this, please ignore the above.

I feel I should also clarify something for you that seems to be confusing. The out-of-pocket expenses in the Christian Brothers program are capped at \$1,100 per year in covered expenses. This amounts to your \$100 deductible, plus 20% of the next \$5,000 in claims. You do not have to spend this entire \$1,100 before Christian Brothers pays. They should begin paying 80% immediately after your first \$100 in covered expenses. After that point, they will pay 80% and you will 20% of the next \$5,000, and they should pay 100% over that amount. Always remember, of course, that they will deduct the amount that Medicare paid on any of these claims. I hope this is more clear, but if not, please let me know and I'll try again.

If you'd like me to look at those previous claims from Christian Brothers, please don't forget to send me a copy. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB/nct

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June 29th.

JUL 1 1991

Dear John,

Your letter gives encouragement...along lines I had hoped for.

My first call to Christian Brothers told me that after the \$100.00 deductible the next \$1,500.00 would be " OUT OF THE POCKET" expense for me. The next day the lady corrected the figure and made it \$1,000.00 OUT OF POCKET for me ...asking me where I got the \$1,500.00 figure!!!! Came from their office! Also the 1st gal could not imagine where the amount of \$53.94 came from paid to St. Joseph Hospital in Mankato, saying nothing should have been paid until " OUT OF THE POCKET was reached!!!

I will be more than satisfied with our coverage and I am sure others of us retired priests would be also, if our coverage is as you state it for me....picking up after Medicare. That is what all of the other companies which I have looked at do as supplementary or 2ndary carriers. Please inform me if I now correctly understand my coverage.

Thanks again and personal best wishes.

Sincerely,

F. Mountain

Both explained after Out of The Pocket" was after Medicare had paid, which seemed to me that there was little or no coverage.

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WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of Diocesan
Finances

PO Box 388
Tel. 507/454-4643

June 25, 1991

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane, #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

I'm writing in response to your letter of June 17 regarding your health insurance through the Diocese of Winona. I apologize for not getting back to you sooner, but I was on vacation last and just saw your letter this morning.

First, I want to explain to you how the Christian Brothers medical supplement plan works. This policy guarantees you the same level of benefits that you would have had with Christian Brothers if you were not retired and on Medicare. They should have taken your total medical charges, which you indicated were \$1,572.27 and process a claim as if you did not have Medicare. Since I don't have copies of your explanation of benefits, I will assume that they would have first applied your \$100 deductible, bringing the balance down to \$1,472.27. At that point, they would pay 80% of that amount or \$1,177.82. From this amount they would subtract the amount paid by Medicare, which was \$1,004.35, leaving a balance to be paid by Christian Brothers of \$173.47. I do not know why they only paid \$53.94, but I assume there were some items on the bill that were over the usual and customary charge, or perhaps were just not covered expenses. Your explanation of benefits should give you that explanation.

Also, remember that if you have prescription drugs, which you have paid for, and which Medicare does not reimburse, these can be turned into Christian Brothers and they will be paid the same as any other claim. I've found that many people forget about this part of the benefits, so be sure you make those claims.

I appreciate your comments and suggestions that we look into other coverage. While I have talked to others and helped them file claims, no one has suggested at this point that we look into another policy. I would be anxious to hear from some of the other retired priests as to what their situations have been. I will discuss the matter here and let you know what might be done.

Thanks very much for your time.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB/nct

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JUN 18 1991

June 17thm 1991.

Dear Mr. Broadwater,

Of the past few months I have had some medical bills totaling \$1,572.27 from Mayo Clinic, St. Mary's Hospital, Ex-Rays doctors etc. Medicare paid a total of \$ 1,004.35 Christian Brothers paid ONLY the sum of \$ 53.94.

I verified the figures with Medicare and then called the C.B.'s and was told that after the 1st \$100.00 deductible I am liable for the next \$1,500.00 " OUT OF POCKET" How that \$53.94 ever got in there I am not sure even after the explanation!!

My doctor tells me my coverage is almost worthless and advises I get another supplementary company like he has with Blue Cross-Blue Shield which pays 100 % after Medicare for a premium of \$800.00 a year. Maybe best I do not have coverage from the diocese..have them pay me and I get my own supplementary coverage. I am thoroughly unhappy with this coverage. Please inform. I dislike bothering you with this matter, but a number of us retired priests have discussed this situation and are anxious for your suggestion and reply.

Sincerely,



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WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of Diocesan
Finances

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

January 17, 1991

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
50 Teton Lane
#124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain:

You have received retirement benefits from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement during 1990. As in previous years, 5/8 of your retirement benefits are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. For those of you receiving a 50% benefit, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1990, you received a total of \$8,160.00 from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement. \$5,100.00 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$3,060.00.

The IRS requires that we report these payments to them on a W-2P form. You will receive this form before January 31.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater, Treasurer
Bureau of Priests' Retirement

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Rev. Harold B Mountain

Office of the
Bishop

Box 588
7454-4643

January 15, 1990

Reverend Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Harold,

Upon my return home from retreat last Friday I found your most cordial note of the previous Monday. I was pleased to learn that you and Father Ed will be able to be in Rome during Holy Week 1990. You give me something to look forward to during my own retirement.

Truthfully, I am uncertain about the possibility of your staying at the North American College during Holy Week. But, two of our priests are presently in graduate studies in Rome, Fathers Edward McGrath and John Sauer. You may find it convenient to write to one of them to check on that possibility for you. Their address is: Casa Santa Maria, Via dell 'Umilta 30, 00187 Rome, ITALY.

But, I suspect that you would prefer to stay at the residence for priests established by Pope Paul VI where the bishops of Minnesota stayed during our ad limina visit in 1988. I found the Casa Internazionale del Clero to be quite comfortable and very well located for a Roman stay. You can write directly to the Casa del Clero yourself at this address: Casa Internazionale del Clero, Via della Scrofa 70, Rome, ITALY. There is a modest charge which includes a simple breakfast each day. Furthermore, each one of you will have his own private bath.

In addition to our two student priests, there are also two seminarians for the Diocese of Winona studying at the North American College: David Zimmerman of Rochester and Alan Herman of Ellsworth. Please be sure to look them up as well and bring them warm greetings from home.

I am delighted to learn that you are enjoying your well-deserved time of retirement. By now Ed should be settled in his own residence and learning how to slow down a bit. Best wished to you for a blessed New Year.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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Finances

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January 5, 1990

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
50 Teton Lane
#124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain:

You have received retirement benefits from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement during 1989. As in previous years, 5/8 of your retirement benefits are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. For those of you receiving a 25% benefit, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1989, you received a total of \$5,226.25 from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement. \$2,778.13 is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$2,448.12.

The IRS requires that we report these payments to them on a 1099 form. You will receive this form before January 31.

Our auditors have recommended that we do a survey of our retired priests to determine if the 5/8 housing allowance is adequate. If you have information or ideas that would assist me in this, please let me know. We will make this survey for the 1990 year.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely.

John Broadwater, Treasurer
Bureau of Priests' Retirement

JB/nct

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December 7, 1989

Ms. Jeanne Rordahl
The Travelers Insurance Company
Medicare Claim Office
8120 Penn Ave., South
Bloomington, MN 55431-1394

Re: Rev. Harold Mountain HIC NO: 471120544A

Dear Ms. Rordahl:

In looking through Fr. Harold Mountains file, I do not find my memo of October 20th, which discussed Central Life Insurance; however, I can tell you the following facts. Fr. Harold Mountain was not insured through the Diocese of Winona group health coverage with Central Life. He had chosen years before not to be part of our group insurance because he could get cheaper coverage on his own. As the years past, that situation changed but Central Life would not allow him to join the group. When we switched our coverage to The Travelers on January 1, 1986 (policy # GA-105390), Fr. Mountain was able to join our group coverage at that time. I believe Fr. Mountain had his own personal coverage up until 1986, but you will have to confirm that information with him.

I'm sorry for any confusion I may have caused. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB/nct

MOUNTAIN000045

MEDICARE

DEC 5 1989

12-1-89

BENEFICIARY: Fr. Harold Mountain
HIC NO: 471120544A

Diocese of Winona
55 West Sanborn
PO Box 588
Winona Mn 55980

DEAR John:

Please excuse our informality - we are using this memo to speed our reply

Based on your memo of 10/20/89 we assumed that Fr. Mountain was insured with Central Life through the Diocese. So we contacted Central Life regarding ins. benefits they paid. Today we received a call from Central Life and they could not verify him as an insured. They contacted you and it was determined that Fr. Mountain did not have Central through the group. Please verify with a letter of explanation. If you have questions please call me. An envelope is enclosed for you use.

TheTravelers

8120 Penn Ave., South-Bloomington, MN 55431-1394

The Travelers Companies
Hartford, Connecticut 06183

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Sincerely yours,

Jeanne Roddick →

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Because of Medicare paying prime claims
in 84-85 we need to know if a group
insurance would have paid. If there
was no group and the patient had
his own individual policy then Medicare
is prime. But we do need to know

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AUG 29 1989

#110

Dear John, Please add
the Box Number
to my Credit Union
account = 10999-66

Minn Valley Federal
Credit Union

~~P.O. Box 4399~~
1640 Adams St. Mpls. MN
56001

(comes a day lot by mail)
Please ask Fr. Schmitz to send a
celebration to Fr. Edud Me.
Thank you.
Sincerely,

F. H. Maurer

DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

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PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

7/19/89

JUL 20 1989

John, please send
my retirement check

to:

Minnesota Valley Federal
Credit Union
1640 Adams Street
Marbato, MN 56001
acc# = 10999-68

RT# 291981755

Thank you.

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Er. Harold Muntzer

Jan -
please set this up
& file in Bureau
H/P [Signature]

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July 20, 1989

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane, Apt. 124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Father Mountain,

Fr. Don Schmitz has forwarded to me your request for information about your medical insurance. Any claim for medical services before July 1, 1989 should be turned in to the Travelers at P. O. Box 36, Minneapolis, MN 55440-0036. On July 1 or after, claims should be sent to Christian Brothers Employee Benefit Trust, 100 De La Salle Drive, Romeoville, IL 60441-1896. I will be getting claims forms in the near future and will forward some to you at that time. In the meantime your policy number is N35222-095500. All claims for medical or dental benefits should include this number along with your Social Security number. Also, remember since you are retired, that any claim after your retirement date should be turned in to Medicare first.

Please call if you need any other explanation or help in this area.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB:pp

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old B. Mountain

DIOCESE OF WINONA
P.O. BOX 588
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

John B.

*will rise
new & new booklet
all the priests in the diocese living
& other info?*

July 17 1988
X

Dear Father: *A.D.*

I would like to have a phone number listed for each of our priests, and at present we do not have one for you.

It may well be that you have given it to us but we have mislaid it.

If you have no objection, would you please write your phone number down on this slip and return it in the enclosed envelope. Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

DM

Rev. Donald P. Schmitz
Chancellor

EL. NO..345-8933

Dear Don,

What do we show a doctor or a ~~dentist~~ *dentist* to prove we have medical coverage? I have a few bills from Dr. Grande after my foot April and ~~we~~ ^{a few} still have office calls..are they covered under or the new company? What about new deductibles?

Best wishes & greetings.

Sincerely, *A. A. Mountain*

DIOCESE OF WINONA
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Tel. 507/454-4643

May 17, 1989

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Father Mountain,

Thank you for your letter of May 13th. As you requested, I am sending you annual financial reports for Immaculate Conception Parish. I have not printed the 1989 reports as yet so I penciled in the dates of July 1, 1988 to May 31, 1989 for your use. Please send the completed green copy back to me. Thank you for thinking of this detail.

Also, in regard to your retirement, I have you scheduled to receive a full retirement benefit of \$625 per month effective June 1st. This will be reflected on the check you receive at the end of June. You should be sure to inform the Social Security people of your retirement so that they can change your Medicare records. Effective with your retirement date, all medical claims should be turned in first to Medicare with any amount not paid being turned in to our Diocesan Health Insurance which is currently through the Travelers. If you have any questions on this as claims arise, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you also for sending me your new address. I will send your May retirement check to St. Clair with your June check going to your new Mankato address.

Best wishes to you as you begin a well-deserved retirement.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB:Pp
enc.

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Immaculate Conception Church

St. Clair, MN 56080

MAY 18 1989

May 13th.

Dear Mr. Broadwater,

Please send me the report sheets if I am expected to complete them for the eleven months of this fiscal year. I leave here May 30th.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

I retire May 30th..my new address will be
50 Teton Lane, Mankato, Mn. 56001
Apart..124.

Fr. W. B. Mountain

Syl Brown 7/1

Rick Thompson
For June

Saint Clair

DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

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Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

April 10, 1989

Reverend Harold Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
Saint Clair, MN 56080

Dear Harold,

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God bless you for your priestly zeal and fraternal support. You have my respect and admiration. I assure you of continuing remembrance in my prayers. Please return the favor.

Your brother in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:wb

cc: Reverend Gerald Mahon
Reverend Donald P. Schmitz
Reverend Joseph Mountain

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✓ Reverend Donald P. Schmitz
Reverend Joseph Mountain

MOUNTAIN000055

Immaculate Conception Church

St. Clair, MN 56080

April 1st, 1989.

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

Some months ago you told me these contractors never complete on date set. How right you were. Looks now as if the date of my retirement is about as sure as can be from this date....May 30th. That is the 47th anniversary of my ordination; a fitting date to leave on. They have been great 47 years and I hope to be of some help in the diocese if needed....God and health willing.

My last Sunday here will be May 28th...graduation for our seniors of H.S. They started the 1st grade my 1st year here; our parish gives four \$500.00 scholarships to college-bound seniors..so it is big parish affair and a fitting way to bow out.

I wish to thank you for your kindness, generous and thoughtful response to all my priestly needs. Your coming to our diocese has been a breath of fresh air; it came at the right time.

Ora Pro Invicem,

Harold Mountain

St. Clair

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March 6, 1989

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Father Mountain:

Father Schmitz relayed your recent message to me. It is my understanding that your retirement date is still not determined and that you will inform me when it is. I am sure that the people of Immaculate Conception Church are delighted that you are still with them. I hope that everything is working out well.

In your note to Father Schmitz you made reference to Julius Haun who would brag that he was going "until I drop." If that is your goal, I hope that you will have a long way to go. At any rate, I probably should thank you on behalf of the Priests' Retirement Association for saving us all kinds of money! This will help us pay all the others who want to retire early.

Please give my greeting to your people. I hope that Holy Week and Easter will be a time of blessings for all of you.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV:wb

MOUNTAIN000057

Bishop
Vlazny

Immaculate Conception Church

St. Clair, MN 56080

Feb. 12th.

Dear Father Schmitz,

I talked to Bishop Vlazny when he was here for Confirmation in December about a dispensation for Mixed Religion and from Form for a Catholic man from this parish and a non-Catholic girl from the diocese of Sioux City. He suggested I send the application to you to be forwarded to the Iowa diocese. (The two went to the Catholic priest in Sibley and met with little cooperation or encouragement...I am told). That is why our bishop suggested going this route.

Personal greetings and best wishes. Tell Bishop Vlazny my retirement date is still not determined...will inform when it is. I may do as Julius Haun did...go "until I drop" as he used to brag!!!

Sincerely,

R.B. Mountain

for your info.

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January 23, 1989

To: Fr. Gerald Mahon
Fr: John Broadwater
Re: Fr. Harold Mountain

When we discussed Continuing Education assessments a couple of weeks ago, I brought up the fact that Fr. Harold Mountain had not paid his assessment for a number of years. The Bishop had asked at that time that he be kept up to date on this type of thing so that he has a full background of the situation.

I received a note from Fr. Mountain today with his payment for health insurance which provides a missing piece to the Continuing Ed assessment puzzle. A number of years ago, Fr. Mountain opted to withdraw from our priests' health insurance plan to purchase coverage of his own, which was apparently cheaper, better coverage or both. In years following that, he tried to get back on the group but Wisconsin Life would not allow it. Fr. Schmitz tried very hard over the years to work this out without success. In 1986 when we switched insurance companies from Wisconsin Life to Travelers, this was a good opportunity to bring Fr. Mountain into the group, which I did. From his letter I received today, I find that he has been withholding Continuing Education assessments to reimburse his parish for the extra money spent on health insurance over the years, obviously blaming the diocese for the problems which he brought upon himself. He is paying the health insurance premium which he would have to do in order to continue to be covered.

It would be my intention at this time to leave the old assessments on the books and deal with it when a new pastor goes to St. Clair. If you would like anything different done, please let me know. Thanks.

JB:pp

MOUNTAIN000059

Diocese of Winona
 Finance Department
 55 W. Sanborn P.O. Box 588
 Winona MN 55987

ACCOUNT NO. 94
 DATE 01/16/89
 INVOICE NO. 6615

SOLD TO
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
 ST. CLAIR MN 56080-0000

SHIP TO
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
 ST. CLAIR MN 56080-0000

CUSTOMER ORDER NO.	SALESPERSON/DIV.	TERMS	SHIPPED VIA	DATE SHIPPED
	/			01/13/89

QUANTITY	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	6615	PRIEST HLTH INS JAN-JUNE MOUNTAIN		1,337.00
		Dear Mr. Broadwater,		
		Our parish continues to receive bills for \$200.00 for continuation of education of priests. Father Schmitz, Chancellor, can explain why we have not paid until we recoup the penalty our parish was forced to pay to Bankers Life when the Winona Diocese would not cover me with health insurance thru the diocesan carrier. Until we recover that loss I do not feel this parish should be penalized. That company could have been told to cover me or lose the diocesan plan, as two parishes were ordered by Bishop Watters to join the property plan and drop Federated Mutual of Omaha. The same could easily have been done with my health coverage. Fr. Schmitz, thanks to him, finally got me covered...for which I am most appreciative. By 1990 the loss will be recovered. Thank you. Hope this explains things to your satisfaction.		
TOTAL INVOICE AMOUNT			<i>Fr. Mountain</i>	1,337.00

JAN 23 1989

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January 5, 1989

Rev. Harold P. Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Father Mountain:

You have received retirement benefits from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement during 1988. As in previous years, 5/8 of your retirement benefits are designated as a housing allowance, and are not taxable. The remaining 3/8 of your benefit is taxable income. For those of you receiving a 25% benefit, that amount is fully taxable.

For 1988, you received a total of \$1,780.00 from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement. is the housing allowance portion. Your taxable income for the year is \$1,780.00.

The IRS requires that we report these payments to them on a 1099 form. You will receive this form before January 31.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater, Treasurer
Bureau of Priests' Retirement

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Sincerely,

John Broadwater, Treasurer
Bureau of Priests' Retirement

MOUNTAIN000062

March 3, 1988

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
Saint Clair, Minnesota 56080

Dear Harold,

Thank you very much for the invitation to visit with you at your rectory on March 15. It is true that I shall be celebrating Confirmation in Waseca on March 14 and in Blue Earth on March 15. However, I already have a scheduled pastoral visit at All Saints Church in New Richland during the daytime hours of March 15. Therefore I must decline your invitation for the time being, but I hope that I can visit with you later in the spring on your home turf.

If you would like to meet with me sooner either here in Winona or at some other convenient location, please call me and I shall try to arrange for such a get-together. These are the busy days when I shall be out on the "chrisam trail" with great frequency. Please join me in praying that the Holy Spirit will renew not only the young people in celebration of this sacrament but all of us who are members of the Church. God bless.

Your Brother in the Lord,

Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

JGV/krs

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December 23, 1987

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

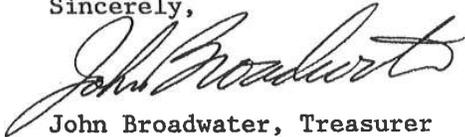
Dear Father Mountain,

Enclosed is your December, 1987 retirement check. Since you are receiving a partial benefit along with your regular salary, your entire retirement benefit is taxable. For 1987, you received a total of \$ 700.00 from the Bureau of Priests' Retirement.

The IRS requires that we report these payments to them on a 1099 form. You will receive this form sometime in January.

If you have any questions on any of this, please write or call. I'd be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



John Broadwater, Treasurer
Bureau of Priests' Retirement

MOUNTAIN000064

Bureau

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August 18, 1987

Rev. Harold Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Father Mountain,

According to my records, you turned 70 years old on August 1, 1987. According to the Constitution of the Bureau of Priests Retirement, you are now eligible to receive 25% of the retirement benefit which is currently \$560 per month.

Your first check for the month of August amounting to \$140 will be mailed approximately August 25th. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding your benefits with the Bureau of Priests Retirement.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater, Treasurer
Bureau of Priests Retirement

JB:pp

MOUNTAIN000065

Immaculate Conception Church

St. Clair, MN 56080

245-3448

December 23rd, 1985.

DEC 26 1985

Dear Mr. Broadwater,

Include me in the diocesan plan for insurance coverage as of our phone conversation this evening. Thank Father Schmitz also for seeing this to a successful conclusion. It is two years since I had a minor surgery on a bone in the foot and I have been dismissed by the Mayo Clinic.

I am sure Travelers will meet with approval of most of the priests of the diocese. They enjoy a good reputation.

A belated Blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

Soc. Security
Birthdate
Empl. Date

8-1-17
~~1-1-17~~ 1942

Sincerely,

A.B. Mountain

I called Gonny 12/31/85

50 Teton Lane #124,
Mankato, Minn. 56001

Monday A.M.

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

Father Edward and I plan on being in Rome for Holy Week...a desire we have had for many years.....April 7th to the 16th.

Is there any possibility you can arrange a room for two at the North American College? Some priests have stayed there on occasion. I wonder if they would find room for two OLD MISSIONARIES from Winona Diocese? No board desired.

Rooms at most hotels are filled and expensive for that week...like South Bend when Notre Dame is home!!!

I filled in this weekend at Stewartville and also for next weekend. Having been pastor there for 5 years (1947-52) it was very enjoyable and spiritually refreshing.

We would appreciate any help you can provide on this unusual request. Be assured of our continued prayers and support.

Ora Pro Invicem,

Harold Mountain

DIOCESE OF WINONA
BOX 588
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

February 28, 1985

Dear Harry,

As you can see, the decision was to stay with our present carrier, at least for the time being. With this increase in premium, would it still be advantageous for you to be on the policy? Let me know; Dave Culver, our agent here in Winona, thinks that there is a slim chance but it's worth the try.

Rev. Donald P. Schmitz

DM

Dear Donald, Slim chance and none are about the same as far as the diocesan coverage is concerned for me. I will continue with my present coverage for the time being as there is no other choice...seems rather unfair after serving the diocese for 43 years. It^{is} after retirement which will make a big difference...will I be covered then?

Personal best wishes and regards.

Sincerely,

R.B. mt.

Immaculate Conception Church

St. Clair, MN 56080

May 19 '82

I paid the sum of \$ 249.50 - Jan 19th

1982 - 174.50 - parish -
75.00 - priest
\$249.50.

check no 949 - Jan 19th '82

I do not understand

your statement of \$ 75.00 in arrears. Please inform.

I received no reply from my last letter to you!!

Sincerely,

A.B. Mountain
arrears from last quarter
1981 - Jan 19th check credited

Sister Helen Marie

March 24, 1981

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Father Mountain,

Sister Helen Marie is out of her office and so her assistant showed me the questions that you have about our insurance coverage. I will include the Schedule of Benefits as it appears in the booklet from Wisconsin Life and add a few words of explanation.

1. Hospital room coverage per day: The basic plan has a \$45 of "first-dollar" coverage for daily room and board. Beyond that the cost goes into the major medical which covers 80% of the additional cost.
2. Percentage of surgery pay: Again there is first-dollar coverage for all kinds of surgery, and this is of a limited amount; the aggregate limit of this first-dollar coverage is \$1,000. Then charges beyond the first-dollar coverage go into the major medical where again 80% is covered by the insurance.
3. Maximum coverage: The major medical portion covers up to \$250,000. There is a \$100 deductible once each year and then the individual is responsible for 20% of the first \$2,500 of charges that come under the major medical. So a person can be liable to \$600 for medical bills in one year, if the medical bills are really high. Everything is pretty much covered except regular dental care, regular eye care, and routine checkups. Prescription drugs outside of the hospital are covered under the major medical, but I don't believe they are covered under the basic plan. The supplementary accident benefit will cover ambulance to and from the hospital in case of an accident, otherwise I believe the ambulance also is paid under major medical, and not in the basic plan.
4. Cost after age 65: Wisconsin Life presumes that a priest over 65 will have Medicare. Then they will process our bills by figuring out what they would have paid if the person were under 65; then they will take what Medicare pays and make up the difference between the Medicare payment and what their usual coverage would be.

I hope this answers some of your questions. And I hope that you are having a good Lent and will have a blessed Easter.

MOUNTAIN000070

March 7, 1985

Rev. Harold Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Harry,

Thanks for your note about the insurance.

Dave Culver of Winona Agency said that when you retire and then go onto Medicare Supplement there is a lot better chance of your getting on to our policy. And of course, if we get all the health needs of the diocese together in one policy we should be able to get you on at that time.

All the best to you during Lent and Easter.

Fr. Donald P. Schmitz

MOUNTAIN000071

March 20, 1981

Rev. H. B. Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Father Mountain,

You inquired about the Diocesan Health Insurance coverage. Yes, the program does go from January 1, to January 1.

The full coverage for each priest is \$470.64.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully yours,

Sister Helen Marie Feeney
Director of Finance

HMF:pp

MOUNTAIN000072

April 30, 1977

The Reverend Harold B. Mountain, Pastor
St. Casimir's Parish
Wells, MN

Dear Father Mountain,

As both of us know, friends, especially in the priesthood of Christ, are people who can speak the truth with love. I believe both of us have been trying to do just that during this past week.

As you see, I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Archbishop Jadot; as you requested, I forwarded your letters in their entirety. I will mail the packet in Mankato after enclosing the letter you gave to Father Tighe.

I made an honest effort to present the facts as I know them. Obviously, if you think I left something out or misstated the case, please feel free to write.

You already know from our telephone conversation that the list of appointments will be published in The Courier of May 13th. I will be back from the Chicago meeting by late Thursday evening; if you wish to discuss any aspect of this disagreement, I will be happy to talk with you on Friday or Saturday. Be assured that I join you in invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit; neither one of us, I am certain, want injustice to prevail nor the scandal of disunity between us to divide St. Casimir's or the diocese.

Once again I wish to repeat that you should consider as a call to obedience the pastoral action which I have taken in assigning you to Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Clair, effective July 14, 1977, and which I do not intend to withdraw unless your negative reaction becomes divisive and scandalous to the point that I would not in conscience be able to give you any pastoral assignment whatsoever in the diocese of Winona.

Notwithstanding the canonical advice you are receiving, I am confident that I have the understanding and support of the diocesan presbytery in the pastoral decision which I am asking you to obediently accept.

With kindest personal greetings and a request for your prayers, I remain

Faternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

MOUNTAIN000073

55 W. Sanborn xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Box 588

April 27, 1977

The Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Pastor, St. Casimir Church
Wells, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

In the interests of good communication with the people of our diocese, I am asking that the announcement of your pastoral change be made to your people on Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1. It will appear in the official column of THE COURIER on May 13, 1977.

Again I wish to commend you for the wonderful priestly work you have done at St. Casimir Parish in Wells and for your willingness to take up the pastoral responsibilities at Immaculate Conception Parish in St. Clair.

With kindest personal greetings and asking for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

MOUNTAIN000074

May 4, 1973

Mr. Joseph R. Barnd
Wells, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Barnd,

As Bishop Watters is away from the Chancery on pastoral work, I wish to assure you that your letter of May 3 has been received here. I shall bring your letter to the Bishop's attention as soon as he returns.

Personal best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Emmett F. Tighe
Chancellor

DIOCESE OF WINONA
275 HARRIET STREET
WINONA, MINN. 55987

March 17, 1970

The Reverend Harold B. Mountain, Pastor
St. Casimir Church
320 Second Avenue, S.W.
Wells, Minn. 56097

Dear Father Mountain,

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This is the first opportunity I have had to write to you after the meeting and visit of last Saturday morning in St. Casimir's; as you perhaps know, Sunday was devoted to two Confirmations and a meeting with the Diocesan Board of Education and Monday to the meeting of the Senate of Priests and Confirmation here at the Cathedral.

As all of us know, misunderstandings occur very easily; the only course of action when this happens is to clear the air through honest and open discussion. It seemed to me, at least, that the people who did have different points of view and conflicting opinions were able to help themselves and one another by talking together. With this beginning I am confident that some constructive planning can be forthcoming; with open meetings of the advisory board, the board of education can present the budget for the coming school year and all the people of the parish who care to attend can become informed about the finances of the parish and the projected expenditures. Many pastors have found it most helpful to have the committee on finance publish a monthly balance sheet and condensed financial report; these days people ask questions and suspect the operation when facts are not presented to them on a regular and frequent basis.

Reviewing our conversation about the First Communion program and agreeing that some problems can arise in individual difficult family situations, the thought struck me that it might be possible for both approaches to be used. The parents who wish to be involved in the instruction of their children and in receiving Holy Communion with them as a family group could be encouraged to do so and at the same time a group Communion could be planned for all the children toward the end of the school year; in this way all the children would be prepared in school and some would have the special advantage of home instruction. It seems to me that this approach might satisfy both groups.

In your recent letter you express your concern about a Sister talking on prayer in the Lutheran Church; like you I see some dangers involved. The question of what to say and do about Pentecostalism is a difficult one. At the November meeting of the bishops the recommendation was made that this movement not be crushed; rather, it should be directed by responsible people and the results should be closely watched. If good people are confused or scandalized, this should be called to the attention of the leaders of the group.

MOUNTAIN000076

DIOCESE OF WINONA
275 HARRIET STREET
WINONA, MINN. 55987

I suppose we would have to agree that it is always good to pray, especially in groups which use the Scriptures. At the same time, however, I feel we must also say that in the best interest of all concerned, plans for meetings of this kind should be discussed with the pastor; proper safeguards must also be provided so that no one might be harmed spiritually or emotionally. But this time you probably have heard reports of the first meeting in the Church in Wells; perhaps we could review your evaluation of the program and its impact on the community.

It was good to have an opportunity to visit with you and to enjoy the delicious lunch. I left with the good feeling that all of us helped each other grow in mutual understanding and that by working together both St. Casimir's School and the CCD program could continue to improve.

St. Patrick does remind us that we must use every effective means of handing on the gift of faith to our young people; may he help us with his powerful intercession, especially in this feast day of his!

With kindest personal greetings and a request for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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Immaculate Conception Church

BOX 100

ST. CLAIR, MINNESOTA 56080

Dec 24th

Dear Hon. Health & hospital insurance costs our parish \$350.00 a year more because I can not covered by the diocese, our cont Educ. assessment pay for that rather than penalizing our parish caused by the stubbon insurance company.
Hop you have a Blessed & Happy Xmas
Sincerely
H. B. mt.

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Office of Diocesan
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PO Box 588
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August 11, 1986

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Re: Bureau of Priests' Retirement

Dear Father Mountain:

I received your note regarding your Bureau Assessment. Your July 3 payment of \$237.00 apparently went to an incorrect address. Joni Kinowski just received it today. I will credit your account, and Immaculate Conception's tomorrow. Your 1986 account will be as follows:

		<u>Parish</u>	<u>Priest</u>
1/1/86	1986 Assessment	\$648.00	\$300.00
1/15/86	Payment	-162.00	- 75.00
4/17/86	Payment	-162.00	- 75.00
8/11/86	Payment	-162.00	- 75.00
	Balance due in 1986	<u>\$162.00</u>	<u>\$ 75.00</u>

The July 5, 1985 payment you listed in your note applied to the 1985 assessment.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB/ss

MOUNTAIN000079

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Office of Diocesan
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March 20, 1981

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Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

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If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully yours,



Sister Helen Marie Feeney
Director of Finance

HMF:pp

Dear Sister, would you spell out for me:

1. Hospital room coverage per day
2. % of Surgery pay.
3. Maximum coverage.
4. Cost of age 65.

Thank you much.

Sincerely,

H. B. Mountain

MOUNTAIN000080

Wells, Minnesota
3 May, 1973

Bishop Loras Waters
Diocese of Winona
Winona, Minn.

Your Excellency,

Following to respectfully inform you of:

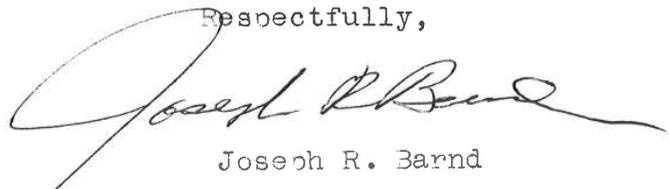
- a) My unqualified confidence in Father Mountain.
- b) My disassociation from any group critical of Father Mountain's administration of our parish.

This letter was deemed necessary since I am informed a missive, expressing a contrary view, over my signature has been received by Father Mountain. Your Excellency may be in receipt of similiar forgeries indicating dissatisfaction with Father Mountain's spiritual and administrative leadership.

In my professional capacity as a business owner I am in contact with virtually the entire community. Let me assure you Father Mountain enjoys the approval, confidence and respect of the vast majority of the community at large, and St. Casimir's congregation.

Respectfully suggest any censure of Father Mountain may only temporarily satisfy a minority of dissidents. Difficult to conceive administration more benefical longer range spiritual and material welfare of parish.

Respectfully,



Joseph R. Barnd

St. Casimir Church

320 Second Avenue S. W.
Wells, Minnesota

March 9th.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Loras P. Watters D.D.,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop Watters,

Yesterday I presented the 1970-71 budget to the people of the parish.....showing the increase of over \$12,000.00 from the past year. I asked them to take a very realistic look at the financial situation as we decide what the future has in store for us. The letter I received from Msgr. Habiger told us to not look just for a year or so but for five years ahead or longer. That is what I asked them to do.

I have called a Parish Council meeting for this Wednesday night and an "Open Meeting" for the entire parish for next Sunday afternoon. I hope the great majority will speak up rather than the wild little group of agitators.

This Wednesday a Notre Dame Nun from Mankato is talking at the Lutheran Church to all the H.S. students in Wells on "Prayer". We were not invited. I called Father Quillan and he tells me she is a Pentecostal....believes in "laying on of hands" and "gift of tongues." He said a large delegation of ladies from all over Mankato came to him last Fall protesting her teachings....and that he would not allow her to appear in his parish. I have her here...you can imagine what the non-Catholics will think after her talk. These ministers always want Eucumenism, but to bring in some Nun such as this will no doubt only cause confusion and dissension. If that was the result from a talk to Catholic girls at a Catholic Academy.... imagine what this will do! What an age of progress!!!

I told the people of my visit with you last Wednesday and of your great concern for the continuation of our Catholic School.....but it must be financially sound too. Of the need for good religious teachings and prayer and exemplary home life. It is strange however, how a few can always twist one's words around. Everyone but themselves are negative in their thinking. None of them are realistic. I enjoyed our short visit last Wednesday. It gives us old veterans on the firing line a lift to be able to sit down with our bishop and tell him what faces us. It is not as easy anymore. Some can become very critical and difficult to deal with.

Had an older man in this morning that has a family of ten children...the oldest girl a Resurrectionist Nun in Detroit. He doesn't want to see his daughter wearing one of these new mini-habits, he told her. His son was with him that is entering the Air Force. It was great to see the love and devotion and closeness of that family....and the love and respect for the priest.

Thanks for taking time to listen.

Sincerely in Christ,
A. B. Mountain

MOUNTAIN000082

Thurs. 9. M.



Dear Bishop. Well five months have gone by. Fixed up the rectory, school & Church. did some on the duplex - as you the convent is duplex - as you can see from a sentence from one of the Sisters letters - some for Xmas - she is not exaggerating. The work load is no problem - if they would just pay properly - that is going to take some time. Hope your health is good & you stay as ever Bishop for many years. We don't need this new breed at any level.

Sincerely in Christ,
H. B. Mountain

December 20, 1968

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
St. Casimir's Church
Wells, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

Thank you for your letter of December 19. I am happy to hear that you are well established in Wells, and I am sure that you will have a very happy and successful new year of 1969.

It may be true that the good people of Wells have been slow in making their payments for the year but, fortunately, they have always come through so that you can depend upon it in planning for the future.

I agree with you that the Sisters' convent has been very inadequate for some time and that it would be well to plan during the coming year to build a convent suitable for their needs. Before doing this, however, I think it would be well to consult with Mother Margareta as to what she contemplates as the future of St. Casimir School as far as the Sisters are concerned. Unfortunately, in the past we have built some convents with anticipation of an adequate number of Sisters to staff our schools, but our experience now is that there will be fewer instead of more Sisters unless some great change takes place. There are a number of new convents in the Diocese which could well serve as a model in economy and very comfortable living quarters for the Sisters who certainly deserve this much at least.

I am sure that the good people of Wells will respond to anything that you may suggest through your pastoral counsel. The present funds on hand will constitute a good start toward the building program.

I thank you for your kind words and good wishes. My

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health is fairly good when you consider my age; and I have been happy here during these 19 years that God has given me to serve in this area. This has been due to the loyalty and cooperation of priests and people. Whatever the future holds for me, I leave in the hands of God. I have resigned in accordance with the wishes of the Holy Father but await his decision in that regard. Whether he accepts it or not depends upon his wishes entirely in accordance with my motto that I chose at the time of my consecration: "Fiat voluntas tua."

I have tried to live up to this motto in my relationship with my responsibilities and have never sought anything specific for myself. God has been good to me in the more than 52 years of my priesthood, and I look forward to serving Him as long as I can.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

Profession of Faith and Oath Against Modernism

I, with a firm faith, believe and profess each and all the articles that are contained in the Nicæan Creed which is used by the Holy Roman Church. I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages; God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God; begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were created. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was made flesh of the Virgin Mary; and became man. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He rose, according to the Scriptures, and He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead; of whose reign there shall be no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

I admit and embrace most firmly the apostolic and ecclesiastical tradition and all the other constitutions and prescriptions of the Church.

I admit the Sacred Scriptures according to the sense which has been held and which is still held by holy Mother Church, whose duty it is to judge the true sense and interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures, and I shall never accept or interpret them except according to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.

I profess that the sacraments of the New Law are, truly and precisely seven in number, instituted by Our Lord Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind, though all are not necessary for each individual: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. I profess that all confer grace and that of these Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders cannot be repeated without sacrilege.

I also accept and admit the ritual of the Catholic Church in the solemn administration of all the above-mentioned sacraments.

I accept and hold, in each and every part, all that has been defined and declared by the Sacred Council of Trent concerning Original Sin and Justification. I profess that in the Mass is offered to God a true, real, and propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead; that in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist is really, truly, and substantially the Body and Blood together with the soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that there takes place what the Church calls transubstantiation, that is the change of all the substance of bread into the Body and of all substance of wine into the Blood. I confess also that in receiving under either of these species one receives Jesus Christ, whole and entire.

I firmly hold that Purgatory exists and that the souls detained there can be helped by the prayers of the faithful. Likewise I hold that the saints, who reign with Jesus Christ, should be venerated and invoked, that they offer prayers to God for us and that their relics are to be venerated.

I profess firmly that the images of Jesus Christ and of the Mother of God, ever Virgin, as well as of all the saints should be held and retained and given due honor and veneration. I also affirm that Jesus Christ left to the Church the faculty to grant Indulgences and that their use is most salutary to the Christian people. I recognize the holy Roman, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as the mother and teacher of all the Churches and I promise and swear true obedience to the Roman Pontiff, successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and Vicar of Jesus Christ.

Besides I accept, without hesitation, and profess all that has been handed down, defined, and declared by the Sacred Canons and by the general Councils, especially by the Sacred Council of Trent and by the Vatican General Council, and in a special manner concerning the primacy and infallibility of the Roman Pontiff. At the same time I condemn and reprove all that the Church has condemned and reprovved. This same Catholic faith, outside of which nobody can be saved, which I now freely profess and to which I truly adhere, the same I promise and swear to maintain and profess, with the help of God, entire, inviolate, and with firm constancy until the last breath of life; and I shall strive, as far as possible, that this same faith shall be held, taught, and publicly professed by all those who depend on me and by those of whom I shall have charge.

I therefore promise, swear and vow.

I firmly hold and accept each and every definition of the unerring teaching of the Church, with all she has maintained and declared, but especially those points of doctrine which expressly combat the errors of our time. In the first place I profess my belief that God, the beginning and end of all, can be certainly known and therefore proved to exist by the natural light of reason from the things that are made, that is, from the visible works of the creation as a cause from its effect. Next I recognize and acknowledge the external arguments of revelation, that is, divine facts, especially miracles and prophecies, as most certain signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion, and I hold that these are altogether suited to the understanding of every age and of all men, also of our times. Thirdly I likewise hold with firm faith that the Church, the guardian and exponent of the revealed Word, was proximately and directly founded by the true and historic Christ Himself, while He dwelt amongst us, and that she was also built

upon Peter, the Prince of the Apostolic Hierarchy, and upon his successors to the end of time. Fourthly, I sincerely accept the teaching of faith as transmitted down to us from the Apostles through the orthodox Fathers in the same sense and even in the same wording; and, therefore, I wholly reject the heretical notions of the evolution of dogmas, which pass from one sense to another alien to that which the Church held from the start; and I likewise condemn every error whereby is substituted for the divine deposit, entrusted by Christ to His Spouse and by Her faithfully guarded, a philosophic system or the creation of a human consciousness, gradually refined by the striving of men and finally to be perfected hereafter by indefinite progress. Fifthly, I hold for certain and sincerely profess that Faith is not blind religious sense making its way out of the hidden regions of the sub-liminal consciousness, morally tinged by the influence of heart and will, but is a true assent of the intellect to truth received from without by hearing, an assent whereby we believe to be true, because of the authority of the all-true God, whatever by the personal God, our Creator and Lord, has been spoken, testified and revealed.

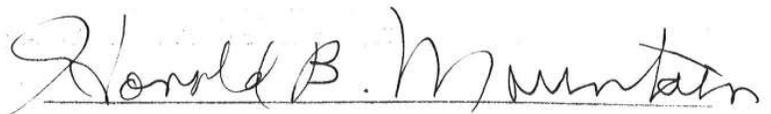
I further, with all due reverence, submit and with my whole mind adhere to all the condemnations, declarations, and ordinances contained in the Encyclical letter **Pascendi** and in the Decree **Lamentabili**, particularly regarding what is called the history of Dogma.

I also reject the error of those who aver that the Faith proposed by the Church may be in conflict with history, and that Catholic dogmas in the sense in which they are now understood cannot be harmonized with the more truthful "origins" of Christianity. Moreover, I condemn and reject the opinion which declares that a Christian man of better culture can assume a dual personality, one as a believer and another as an historian, as if it were permissible for the historian to hold fast what his faith as a believer contradicts, or to lay down premises from which there follows the falsity or the uncertainty of dogmas, provided only that these are not directly denied. Likewise I reject that method of estimating and interpreting Holy Writ, which, setting aside the Church's tradition and the analogy of Faith and the rules of the Apostolic See, adopts the rationalists' principles and with equal arbitrariness and rashness considers criticism of the text the one only supreme rule. Furthermore, I reject the opinion of those who hold that a teacher of the science of Historical Theology or the writer on the subject must first put aside the notions previously conceived about the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition or about the divine aid promised for the perpetual preservation of each revealed truth; then, that the writings of individual Fathers must be interpreted solely by the data of science, without any reference to sacred authority, and with that freedom of judgment wherewith every profane record is usually examined.

Finally and in general, I declare myself to be far removed from the error of the modernists who hold that in sacred tradition there is nothing inherently divine; or who—far worse still—admit it in a pantheistic sense; so that thus there would remain only a bare simple fact equal to the ordinary facts of history, viz., that the school started by Christ and His Apostles finds, in the ages that follow, men to carry it on by their energy, their skill, and their genius. Wherefore most firmly do I retain and to my last breath will I retain the Faith of the Fathers of the Church concerning the sure endowment of truth, which is, has been, and ever will be in the succession of the Episcopate from the Apostles; not in such a way that what seems best and most fitting according to the refinement of each age may be held, but that the absolute and unchangeable truth preached from the beginning by the Apostles may never in any different wise be believed, never in any different wise be understood.

Haec omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab his sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

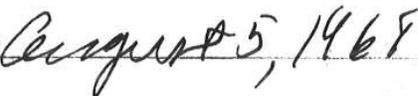
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Attest:


Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi)

Date



Decree of Possession

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope Paul VI,

The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald being Ordinary of the Diocese of Winona,

I, _____, Dean of this district and delegate

of the Most Reverend Ordinary, give to the

Reverend HAROLD B. MOUNTAIN

the possession of the

Parish of St. Casimir, Wells, Minnesota,
NAME OF CHURCH NAME OF CITY

to which he has been canonically appointed August 5, 1968
DATE

John A. Spick
Dean-Delegate

T. Dulas
Witness

A. Wilder
Witness

This document is to be signed before the services and is read after the transfer of the symbols of pastoral prerogatives and powers.

Immaculate Conception Church

St. Clair, Minnesota 56080

Thurs 9. M.

Dear Fr. Does the diocesan Health Ins
cover from Jan 1 to Jan 1st or
July 1st to July 1st?
Please inform.

Sincerely,
H. B. Maentgen

File

St. Casimir Church

320 Second Avenue S. W.

Wells, Minnesota

56097

July 25th

The Most Reverend Loras Watters D.D.
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop Watters,

A few weeks ago, Father Robert Sheehan was an over-night guest at Wells and he indicated he would ask for a small parish for reasons of health. Yesterday Msgr. W. Ryan and Fr. McCauley and myself played golf in Rochester and both of them informed me this to be true. I would like to ask you to consider me for Plainview, if it possible for you to work it into your plans.

St. Casimir's has undergone much rejuvenation; the rectory completely redone, school and church likewise. This past two weeks has seen the same done in the Convent. But due to a small group that has been on the attack since I came, I wish to ask for a transfer. (Last Christmas they put an ad. in the newspaper saying I was leaving for Florida immediately and was selling all my personal

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possessions and car at greatly reduced prices which resulted in over 300 phone calls and rectory calls) I am sure a new pastor will find it easier.

In 27 years I have been most happy with every appointment, and have never asked before for a transfer; I hope this is not too much to ask for now. I talked to Monsignor Tighe last night and he told me to put my feelings in writing to you. Father Sheehan is away this week, so could not inform him of this request..but both Msgr. Ryan and Father McCauley will tell him next week when he returns. He and I have been very good friends since seminary days..golf together and vacation together, so do not want him to feel I have concealed my intentions from him.

Ryan and McCauley both had a "birdie"..I was lucky to pick up a few pars. Msgr. Ryans tells me you "birdied" number three at Owatonna. That is a long hard hole, I know.

Be assured of my prayers. Pray also for me.

Sincerely in Christ,

H.B. Mountain

MOUNTAIN000090

June 26, 1968

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

Since Father Fafinski, who has been pastor of St. Casimir Parish at Wells during the past 16 years, has resigned, I am pleased to appoint you to be pastor of that parish effective as of August 5, 1968.

In making this appointment I am mindful of your years of a fruitful priestly apostolate since your ordination in 1942. Under your kindly guidance and spiritual zeal the parishes at Medford and Deerfield have grown in number as well as in spiritual life. I am sure that you will find the good People of God of St. Casimir Parish at Wells most cooperative and helpful in the continuance of the spiritual development of that parish.

You will kindly arrange with the Dean, Monsignor Mich of Blue Earth, for your formal installation at a time convenient for the parish, for you and for him.

With prayers for your success in this new apostolate which we hope you will enjoy for many years, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

Enclosures

MOUNTAIN000091

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D. D.
Bishop of Winona
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

I herewith resign my pastorate at Christ the
King Parish, Medford, and Corpus Christi, Deerfield to be
effective August 5, 1968 and accept the pastorate
of St. Casimir Church, Wells.
I will report at my new assignment on August 5, 1968.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A. B. Mountain

Date June 26 '68

June 21, 1968

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota 55049

Dear Father Mountain,

Since Father Peter Fafinski, pastor of St. Casimir's Church at Wells, has resigned effective as of August 5, I have in mind to appoint you to be pastor of that excellent parish which according to the last year-end report included a Catholic population of 1825.

The income during the past year of 1967 was \$60,493.00 with a cash balance on hand of \$33,970.00 without any indebtedness. In the past eighteen years the parish has built a beautiful new church to replace the old church which was destroyed by a tornado in 1949, a large and commodious addition to the school, an enlargement of the parish grounds and improvement thereof. It has an excellent grade school staffed by the School Sisters of Notre Dame of Mankato, and a very fine religious education program for the high school students from the Wells parish as well as the surrounding area. It has an associate pastor to help with this religious education program.

If you wish to accept this appointment, I would ask you to sign the enclosed resignation form. I leave the matter entirely to your own judgment as I know that you are very much committed to the parishes of Christ the King and Corpus Christi where you have served for eighteen years.

I kindly ask you to keep this matter confidential until all details have been completed and an announcement can be made in The Courier of your appointment.

Awaiting your answer, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

Enclosure

MOUNTAIN000093

March 9, 1967

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I am happy to hear that you have been able to return home for rest and recuperation from your recent illness. I sincerely hope that your recovery will be speedy and complete; but I would caution you not to be too ambitious in getting back to routine duties since, as I understand it, your illness could be more serious unless adequate rest has been followed.

It has been difficult to provide someone to cover completed at this time, but I am happy to hear Fathers Leary, Brandel and Lovas help you during the week. Father deGrood will cover for you on the next two Sundays, but I had assigned him temporarily during Easter Week to St. John's at Rochester since Monsignor Jansen will not report there until March 31.

Monsignor Stanley Hale is presently in the hospital in Worthington owing to a fall which did not break bones but did injure him considerably. We will do what we can to provide for your place for Easter, but it may not be possible. If Father Lovas can do so, I would grant him the faculties of benediction to offer the services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday to provide for both parishes. The Easter Vigil could well be dispensed with so the people will realize the great need of vocations to the priesthood if we are to adequately provide spiritual help to all.

I have just received word from Gerry McLoone of

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Waseca, a Deacon at Theological College, Washington, that he will not present himself for ordination to the priesthood this year as he is leaving the seminary. That leaves us with only four to be ordained, and I have already committed two priests to go to Latin America for missionary work.

With kindest regards and very best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

SAINT MARYS HOSPITAL
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA 55901

March 7th.

Dear Bishop Fitzgerald,

I am being dismissed this P.M.
to return to Medford. Orders are for
rest & I'll be back on duty Mar. 27th.
I have blood tests again March 21-22 &
hope all will be satisfactory.

Father Loy, Brendell & Louise
are taking care of my day masses & Lenten
devotions, so am well taken care of.

I thank you very kindly
for your interest in me. I had hoped not
to bother you at all. Please express to
Maggie & Edith my deep appreciation for his
making things much easier - at a time when
I was very ill.
Happy St. Patrick's Day & Easter greetings
Sincerely in Christ
H.B. Mountain

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

Friday Night.

Dear Bishop Fitzgerald,

I wish to express my deep appreciation for your visit to our parish last Sunday. The people were very pleased also with your kind words to them.

After much deliberation, I am sure it would be unwise to separate Medford and Deerfield. They are two in name but one in all things else. As I mentioned last Sunday, three fourths of the Deerfield people live on the Medford side of the Church... so they come to Medford for all things.

I hope that in another year you will be able to arrange so that a priest can say one Mass for me..so that I can add a third Mass here. If you think differently than I just mentioned, I am happy however to go along with any other arrangement you make.

Personal greetings and best wishes.

Sincerely in Christ,

A. B. Mountain

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

Sat. P.M.

Dear Bishop Fitzgerald,

Thanks for your concern for me in this busy time. Lovas will cover Holy Thurs. and Good Fri. I will cancel Holy Sat. Brandell is taking a mass Easter Sunday and I will get Lovas to help for the other two, I hope.

Read a letter that Fr. Cody received from Henry Russell...saying he was coming back to the diocese shortly. You might be interested to know that all the priests that I have talked to think the appointment of Msgr. Jansen is excellent. Of course I have not much rapport with the "new breed."

Thanks again and Happy Easter. I shall be at Retreat Easter Week, I hope.

Sincerely in Christ,
A. B. Mountain

MOUNTAIN000097

September 16, 1966

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I have at hand your letter of September 15
and accept your decision to remain at Christ the King
at the present time.

I assure you it will not preclude you from
any further consideration.

With kindest regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

September 15th, 1966.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop,

Received your thoughtful and kindly letter this morning. It pleases me very much to know that you considered me for Easton, but I would prefer for the present to remain at Christ the King for a number of reasons.

I hope that this decision of mine will not preclude me from future consideration.

Personal good wishes and fervent prayers that you will long be the shepherd of the flock of the Winona Diocese.

Sincerely in Christ,

N. B. Mountain

September 14, 1966

CONFIDENTIAL

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

Since Father Scheuring has accepted an appointment as pastor of St. Gabriel's Church at Fulda, I am pleased to offer you the pastorate of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at Easton. If you wish to accept this appointment, kindly fill out the enclosed statement and return it to me so that I may make the appointment formal and canonical.

In Making this appointment I am aware of the splendid work that you have done at Medford-Deerfield in the past fourteen years, but I also realize that trination on every Sunday can become difficult as the years go by.

At Easton you will find a very stable and very excellent group of people who have built up the parish and liquidated all debts so that one may devote himself entirely to the spiritual development of the people committed to his care.

According to arrangements which I have made FatherCook, who is appointed as administrator of Mater Dolorosa Parish at Delavan and who is responsible for the administration and spiritual care of that parish, will have residence at the parish house in Easton. He is also expected to assist insofar as is needed with confessions and with work among the school children in the Easton school as well as the release time periods not only at Delavan but also at Wells in exchange for his board and room at Easton. I am sure that you and he will make a very effective

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team for the continued spiritual development of that particular area within the confines of those two parishes.

I will appreciate very much if you will keep this matter confidential until after the formal appointment will have been made.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

August 28, 1964

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I am enclosing a personal letter for your parents which I wish that you would present to them on their anniversary, August 30. I am happy that you informed me of this important event so that I might join my prayers with yours in thanksgiving to God for the truly Christian home which they have preserved during these fifty years.

I am happy to hear that you received much spiritual and intellectual assistance at the Institute which you attended at Detroit. I am happy to see so much interest on the part of my priests in their efforts to grow intellectually as well as spiritually so as to carry on more effectively our priestly apostolate by word and example.

With kindest regards and assuring you of a remembrance in my prayers at Vatican City during the Council, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

August 28, 1964

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mountain,

I am pleased that Father Harold sent me notification that you are observing the fiftieth anniversary of your marriage on August 30. I regret that I cannot extend my congratulations to you in person since I will be busy with the Diocesan Convention of our Catholic Women at Rochester on that day.

However, I am sure that the presence of your two priest-sons will bring to you many joys and much happiness in the realization that they are privileged to include you in their personal Masses daily and particularly to offer Mass in thanksgiving to God for your good example and their prayers that your health may continue to be good and that you may enjoy many years of association together on earth as well as to prepare for the eternal happiness with God in Heaven.

I shall remember you especially at the Convention Mass in Rochester on August 30, and I will offer Mass for you on August 31.

With kindest regards and in appreciation for your contribution of two priests to the Diocese of Winona, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mountain
Mankato, Minnesota



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Dear Bishop,
This has been
a most instructive & helpful
Institute. Ten priests here from
St. Paul Diocese - 2 from Winona
(for Cushman also). There are over
500 priests here & 50 Protestant
ministers. Both priests are good
speakers. No doubt you have heard
both of them.
My parents celebrate their
50th anniversary Aug 30th. Please
add a prayer for them that day.

Sincerely in Christ,
W.B. Mountain

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

Tuesday A.M.

Dear Bishop Fitzgerald,

For about the past three months I have been receiving packages of various types of merchandise in the mail, subscriptions to magazines...none of which I have ordered. Yesterday the Superior from Marian H.S. called to thank me for two dozed roses.. wh~~at~~h I never sent. There are also many other incidents which I could not fathom..until yesterday I received an anoymous letter with false accusations in it and ending up by saying they would write to you.

I called the sheriff, who is a good Catholic, and John Smith an attorney...and they have contacted Dr. Floresch. We are certain who it is..a parishoner that had DTs last Fall and spent time at the State Hospital. The doctor says he is a psyo liar.

I am writing this to you in case he write to you with any reports. The sheriff has had him in Owatonna in jail last Dec. the doctor is their family doctor and he had him committed to the State Hospital in Rochester last Fall, and the attorney knows he is sick. I am sorry to have to bother you with this pe~~ty~~ trouble..but such a sick person is dangerous.

Personal good wishes.

Sincerely in Christ,

A.B. Mountain

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

September 23rd, 1963.

His Excellency,
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Your Excellency,

If the name appears anywhere in print as regards the statue of the Blessed Mother for the Sacred Heart Hospice, I wish you use the name of my parents (Edward F. Mountain of Mankato) as you suggested in your recent letter to me. My check will come about the end of this year.

Words could never express the happiness of Fr. Edward with your appointment. Nor can I express adequately my appreciation for what you have done in his behalf. To my dying day, be assured of my prayers for this kindness you have shown. I am sure he will prove himself a good priest from here on in. My third Mass yesterday was for your safe trip to Rome and the success of this session of the Council. May the days pass rapidly and have you back in Winona in good health.

Again my prayerful thanks.

Sincerely in Christ,

E. B. Mountain

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

September 11th, 1963.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop,

I extend congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your seventeenth anniversary of your consecration as a bishop. I shall offer Mass tomorrow for your intention.

I wish to donate the statue of the Blessed Virgin for the Austin Hospice if it has not already been spoken for. My check will follow later this Fall as I have had unusual expense this year with hospital bills for my father who has been hospitalized much with a heart condition. He is going on seventy-eight years of age.

You mentioned doing some mortification in our last visit. I have taken the pledge over a month ago and am very happy I did so; I am back to my Holy Hour a day. We started a Mission here on Sunday and it is going very, very well. The 1st afternoon a 15 year old boy was killed in a tractor accident, which startled the whole community. Maybe God's way of waking people up a bit. This man is a much better speaker than we had for our priest's retreat. The priests from the deanery and Faribault have been in every evening and I have not taken a drink and find it isn't even noticed by them.

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MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

I hope and pray that you will show to my brother the mercy and kindness that you extended to me and to many many other priests in our diocese during the years you have been our Bishop. In the book "The Priest is not His Own" there is this paragraph that stays in my mind.. "Peter sinned. He failed the Master. And yet the Son of God chose Peter, who knew sin, rather than the beloved John as the Rock upon which to build His Church, that sinners and the weak might never have excuse to despair." Again "Like Peter, every priest at one time or another gets out of step with Christ, follows behind, communes with worldly company and secular fires. Christ nevertheless treats him as he treated Peter. He constantly turns to look upon him. It was not Peter who thought of turning, but the Lord. This is the essential point for every priest of Christ to keep in mind when he sins..the Lord turns first." I have wept often this past month for my own offenses and my brothers. Sheen says in his book on the priesthood, "Once the tears wash the eyes, the spiritual vision becomes clearer; that is why tears are often associated with the true understanding of sin. The tears of Peter were a rainbow of hope after a black storm. What a lesson of tenderness is revealed by Our Lord's refusal to blast Peter."

Dear Bishop, it is this type of kindness you showed to me instead of blasting me that has put me closer to what a priest should be than I have ever been in my life. You are celebrating your seventeenth anniversary today as a Bishop. There is a priest that has observed about seventeen years in this diocese. I ask the Edward that is Bishop to forgive and give another chance to the Edward that is a priest. I am confident, as are a half a hundred other priests,

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of this diocese, that Edward the priest has had a change in him such as you have not seen before.

I write this letter with tears in my eyes and and ache in my heart, with prayers on my lips that you will understand the spirit in which I write. I ask you also to keep this letter and its contents as confidential. Sincerely and humbly, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

A. B. Mountain

Two weeks from today I see you leave for Rome. It is a long time to be gone, and it is a long way off. Be assured of my daily memento at Mass for your continued good health. I ask also your prayers that I will persevere in all of my good resolutions. I have so many things to be thankful for that I never stop to become truly appreciative. This Mission could not have come at a better time.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

August 17th, 1963.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop,

Yesterday I spoke to you about proxies for some improvements and new materials for both parishes. I propose to put in new sidewalks all around the Deerfield Church; paint the building; repair the roof and especially the steeple. This Church is nearly one hundred years old and it is not easy to keep it in proper repair. In Medford I need fifty seats for one of the classrooms; stained glass windows for the sacristy to match with the rest of the Church; new lighting system in addition to many smaller repairs and improvements.

The total cost for Deerfield should be about \$800.00 and for Medford app. \$1,500.00. The money is on hand in both places.

I also mentioned faculties for Father Mark Pesch, O.F.M. Cap. for the dates September 7th to the 16th.

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MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

I have secured a priest for mass for the dates of my absence. I am going to see my brother Monday and convey the message you gave me yesterday. I am sure with the kindly, fatherly understanding you showed me, he will respond surely and rapidly. I welcome to opportunity to make a retreat at the Trappists; Father Dillon for the past ten years before he died went there every year rather than to their own diocesan retreat. I read an article on the priesthood in the July-August Emmanuel which is excellent. Many priests tell me that they did not read it.

I again thank you for your fatherly treatment of me; I hope no further reports of the past reach you, and I assure you in the future there will be none.

Sincerely in Christ,

Harold B. Mountain

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D. D.
Bishop of Winona
Chancery, Box 115
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

I herewith resign my pastorate at Medford -
Wendell to be
effective ad medium Episcopii and accept the pastorate
of whatever parishes the Bishop may assign -
I will report at my new assignment on _____.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Harold B. Mountain

Date Aug 16 '63

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

June 2nd, 1961.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Your Excellency,

I wish to acknowledge the gift of yours to me of the Bishop's Catholic Action medal. No one is more aware than I am, that I am most unworthy. Thanks so much for your recognition. I am sure also that the men to whom I presented your medal are likewise grateful.

Be assured of my prayers and personal good wishes.

Sincerely in Christ,

A. Mountain

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

December 2nd, '60.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop,

I have made arrangements to have surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester for January 11th. The clinic tells me I should plan on being in the hospital from ten days to two weeks and then it will probably be another two weeks before I can walk.

My problem... replacement. I cannot find a substitute for then. All Orders say that in winter their men are taken. I could make arrangements from St. John's ^(Rochester) for Sundays, but with four Sisters here the problem of daily Mass for them arises. I ask you if there is any possibility of a diocesan priest covering for me? It might be that I will be navigating sooner, but it is hard to say.

Personal greetings and best wishes.

Sincerely in Christ,

A. B. Mountain

September 14, 1960

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I received your letter this morning and I am pleased to hear of the improvements made on the property of Christ the King Church at Medford. I am sure that the curb and gutters and the blacktopping have added much to the appearance and also will be most helpful in the maintenance of the property itself.

I am sorry to hear that your foot has not been completely healed and I trust that further surgery may restore soundness to the bones and muscles. I will remember you in my prayers and hope that your fears of a long confinement may not become a reality.

I trust that you had a very enjoyable trip through Europe even though you were hospitalized in Berlin. The experiences and the opportunity to visit the Holy Land and the Holy Father surely furnish one with many spiritual thoughts and can help us to be more efficient and effective in our priestly work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

September 12th, 1960.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop,

During the month of July the village of Medford put in curb and gutters; our assessment was \$1,490.00. The trustees in my absence authorized the expenditure. I paid the bill upon my return. Also now we must pay a certain percent of the blacktop expense. It should amount to about \$500.00 for Christ the King parish property. I did not ask for these proxies, as this all took place when I was away.

This morning I received a letter from one Eugene Munson of rural Medford asking to be excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church. I presume he sent you a letter also, along with Archbishop Brady. The lad took instructions from Fr. Guida S.J. and I saw him at church only the day after he was received into the Church. He is a mental case I am sure; he lives alone in an old shack out in the woods and says he is an "artist".

Last week I refused to marry a young man from Deerfield and he informed me that he was going to write or see you about it. He has not been practicing his Faith at all; he is from a family that seven out of ten children are out of the Church.

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MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

The girl was pregnant for the second time and she knew nothing about the Church. Father Jewison gave her only four instructions and said the case was hopeless. I tell you this in case he comes to see you.

Before I left for Europe I was to the Clinic at Rochester with an infection in the foot that was operated on in January. I was hospitalized in Berlin. Last week I was back to Mayo's and they find that the bone that was grafted in my foot is broken, which will necessitate surgery. I am barely able now to walk. I will have to have it done as soon as our Forty-Hours are over (Sept. 18-20th). As soon as I get a complete report as to what the operation will entail I will notify you. I have a feeling it will be a long ordeal. I am so sorry to have to bother you again with this matter, but evidently the infection weakened the bone so that right now I am very fearful for any successful surgery short of amputation. I am very discouraged over it. Please say a prayer for me.

Sincerely in Christ,

A. Mountain

June 15, 1960

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I thank you for your very generous offering which I shall use for the education of young men for the priesthood.

I hope that you will enjoy a very pleasant trip and one filled with many spiritual blessings. I hope that you may have the opportunity for an audience with Pope John XXIII as he is really a wonderful priest.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

June 14th, 1960.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop,

I wish to thank you for securing for my brother and myself the permission to say Mass aboard boat and the letter to the Bishop of the North American College for a possible audience with His Holy Father. I am looking forward with great joy the trip to the Holy Land. It has always been one place in the world I wanted to see.

Enclosed find a small token of my appreciation for the many favors and kindnesses you have extended to me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A. B. Mountain

May 5, 1960

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I am applying to the Apostolic Delegation for permission for you and Father Ed (I presume he is going with you as planned although I have not received definite word from him.) to offer Mass on shipboard. This permission has to come from the Delegate, but he will grant it I know.

I am also writing a letter to Bishop O'Connor at the North American College in Rome, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, asking him to assist you in whatever way possible for an audience with the Holy Father.

With kindest regards and best wishes that you will enjoy a good rest and relaxation and come back completely cured of your foot ailment, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

May 4th, 1960.

His Excellency
The Most Reverend A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop,

I received your very kind permit regarding the retreat. Missing that marriage would not have bothered me in the least, but he is a convert and the girl is the only child of a touchy Bohemian couple

Is it possible for you to secure for me the permission to say Mass aboard boat? If so I would like the permission. Also do you have any information as to whether the Holy Father grants any type of an audience in the summer. We will be in Rome from the afternoon of July 15th to July 20th. I would be very pleased with any letter of introduction which you feel might be of help. I am not very well informed on such procedures.

Thanking you for past favors and considerations, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A. Mountain

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

Thursday Night.

Dear Bishop,

I forgot last evening in my letter to thank you for your contribution for my trip to Detroit.

Last evening I had a half an hour with Father Haring in an informal gathering with two other priests. Had a great talk about the "pill". Said he just finished giving a retreat to Pope Paul. This morning he was talking on the Sacrament of Penance and brought up the point some years ago about a question in the Emmanual saying if the priest could not hear the penitent saying his act of contrition the confessor must admonish him to say it aloud...and it was not of any importance if the penitent heard the absolution. Whereas the important thing should have been the penitent hearing the words of absolution and understanding them. He said it will be a great day when that happens; and on my way out of the conference I talked with him again and told him we were using the English now in absolution. He smiled and said, "I am pleased you have a far-sighted Bishop." "What diocese again was that?" Thought you might be pleased to hear his comment on the matter.

In my opinion Father Haring went over far better than Fr. Thomas. It was a great experience. I look forward to next year's; if they have the same caliber of speakers.

Sincerely in Christ,

March 29, 1960

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

In making a check of the annual parish reports I find that you have taken from the Medford-Deerfield parishes for household expenses \$1,315.00, which is 30% over the average of parishes with one priest, and \$840.00 for transportation, which is 60% over the average for parishes with a mission. It is important that we be economical in our administration.

I have not placed any specific amount for such allowances, but I believe the average in the Diocese ought to be fairly indicative of such justifiable expenses.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

December 3, 1959

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I am sorry to hear that you have found it necessary to have surgery in Rochester, but it is always well to take care of such matters when they are necessary. I sincerely hope that you may find relief and complete recovery.

I realize how difficult it is to secure help, but in case of illness it is necessary that we make every effort to provide for the parish. I shall try to find some religious community who might have a priest available, but if I cannot find such, I will assign a diocesan priest there temporarily.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

F. Mountain

Church of St. Augustine
405 Fourth Street N. W.
Austin, Minnesota

July 28, 1959

Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Your Excellency:

Hugh Plunkett Jr. called me last night to bring me up to date on Father Mountain's case.

I thought I should pass the information along to you, especially since some eager reporter might be looking for comments and statements.

The State is presenting to the court in Owatonna today a petition to dismiss the appeal which was filed at the time of the trial. This petition will not be contested. It will, therefore, be granted and the court will then assess the fine and/or other penalties. That will close the case, and I think we will all be happy about that.

Most sincerely yours,

Robert C. Jennings

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
MEDFORD, MINNESOTA

December 22nd, 1955.

The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Dear Bishop,

Monsignor O'Day has kindly consented to cover the parishes on weekends for Masses and confessions, and Father Carlin and Speck in case of any calls during the week.

The Sisters do not come during January or February for Saturday classes due to the uncertainty of the roads and weather. The last three years the Superintendent of the local school has cancelled release period religion classes because of cold weather during the month of January.

Was talking to Dan Guiney yesterday; his father was just buried from the Cathedral in Winona. He was most enthusiastic about the beauty of the new Cathedral; first time he had seen it... or been inside of any Catholic Church for that matter, I guess.

A joyous Christmas to you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Donald Mountain

PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET IURISIURANDI FORMULA

Praescripta in Motu Proprio "Sacrorum Antistitum" Pii PP. X. die 1. mensis Sept., anni 1910.

Ego, N.N.,

Rev. Haroldus Mons

firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quae continentur in symbolo Fidei, quo sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et Homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis; sub Pontio Pilato passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos et mortuos; cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum, et vivificantem; qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur, qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen. Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones, reliquasque eiusdem Ecclesiae observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram Scripturam iuxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta Mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto; nec eam unquam, nisi iuxta unanimum consensum Patrum, accipiam et interpretabor. Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novae Legis a Iesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria, scilicet, Baptisma, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Paenitentiam, Extremam Unctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium: illaque gratiam conferre; et ex his Baptisma, Confirmationem et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et approbatos Ecclesiae Catholicae ritus in supradictorum omnium Sacramentorum sollemni administratione recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula, quae de peccato originali et de iustificatione in sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium et propitiatorium Sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis; atque in sanctissimo Eucharistiae sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter Corpus et Sanguinem una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Iesu Christi, fierique conversionem totius substantiae panis in corpus et totius substantiae vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem Catholica Ecclesia Transubstantiationem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi. Constanter teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis iuvare. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum Reliquias esse venerandas. Firmiter assero imagines Christi, ac Deiparae semper Virginis, nec non aliorum Sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertiendam. Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum Christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo. Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam, omnium ecclesiarum matrem et magistram agnosco, Romanoque Pontifici, beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori, ac Iesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac iuro. Caetera item omnia a sacris Canonibus et Oecumenicis Conciliis, ac praecipue a sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo, et ab oecumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, praesertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor; simulque contraria omnia, atque haereses quascumque ab Ecclesia damnatas et reiectas et anathematizatas, ego pariter damno, reiicio, et anathematizo. Hanc veram Catholicam Fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in praesenti sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et inviolatam usque ad extremum

vitae spiritum constantissime, Deo adiuvante, retinere et confiteri, atque a meis subditis, seu illis, quorum cura ad me in munere meo spectabit, teneri, et doceri et praedicari, quantum in me erit, curaturum, ego idem N. spondeo, voveo ac iuro.

Item firmiter amplector ac recipio omnia et singula, quae ab inerranti Ecclesiae magisterio definita, adserta ac declarata sunt, praesertim ea doctrinae capita, quae huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem Deum, rerum omnium principium et finem, naturali rationis lumine per ea quae facta sunt, hoc est, per *visibilia* creationis opera, tamquam causam per effectus, certo cognosci, adeoque demonstrari etiam posse, profiteor. Secundo: Externa revelationis argumenta, hoc est, facta divina, in primisque miracula et prophetias admitto et agnosco tamquam signa certissima divinitus ortae Christianae Religionis, eademque teneo aetatum omnium atque hominum, etiam huius temporis, intelligentiae esse maxime accommodata. Tertio: Firma pariter fide credo, Ecclesiam, verbi revelati custodem et magistram, per ipsum verum atque historicum Christum, cum apud nos degeret, proxime ac directo institutam, eandemque super Petrum, apostolicae hierarchiae principem eiusque in aevum successores aedificatam. Quarto: Fidei doctrinam ab Apostolis per orthodoxos Patres eodem sensu eademque semper sententia ad nos usque transmissam, sincere recipio; ideoque prorsus reiicio haereticum commentum evolutionis dogmatum, ab uno in alium sensum transeuntium, diversum ab eo, quem prius habuit Ecclesia; pariterque damno errorem omnem, quo divino deposito, Christi Sponsae tradito ab Eaque fideliter custodiendo, sufficitur philosophicum inventum, vel creatio humanae conscientiae, hominum conatu sensim efformatae et in posterum indefinito progressu perficiendae. Quinto: Certissime teneo ac sincere profiteor, Fidem non esse caecum sensum religionis e latebris *subconscientiae* erumpentem, sub pressione cordis et inflexionis voluntatis moraliter informatam, sed verum assensum intellectus veritati extrinsecus acceptae ex auditu, quo nempe, quae a Deo personali, creatore ac domino nostro dicta, testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credimus, propter Dei auctoritatem summe veracis.

Me etiam, qua par est reverentia, subiicio totoque animo adhaereo damnationibus, de-

“I . . . firmly hold and accept each and every definition of the unerring teaching of the Church, with all she has maintained and declared, but especially those points of doctrine which expressly combat the errors of our time. In the first place I profess my belief that God, the beginning and end of all, can be certainly known and therefore proved to exist by the natural light of reason from the things that are made, that is, from the visible works of the creation as a cause from its effect. Next I recognize and acknowledge the external arguments of revelation, that is, divine facts, especially miracles and prophecies, as most certain signs of the divine origin of the Christian religion, and I hold that these are altogether suited to the understanding of every age and of all men, also of our times. Thirdly, I likewise hold with firm faith that the Church, the guardian and exponent of the revealed Word, was proximately and directly founded by the true and historic Christ Himself, while He dwelt amongst us, and that she was also built upon Peter, the Prince of the Apostolic Hierarchy, and upon his successors to the end of time. Fourthly, I sincerely accept the teaching of faith as transmitted down to us from the Apostles through the orthodox Fathers in the same sense and even in the same wording; and, therefore, I wholly reject the heretical notions of the evolution of dogmas, which pass from one sense to another alien to that which the Church held from the start; and I likewise condemn every error whereby is substituted for the divine deposit, entrusted by Christ to His Spouse and by Her to be faithfully guarded, a philosophic system or the creation of a human consciousness, gradually refined by the striving of men and finally to be perfected hereafter by indefinite progress. Fifthly, I hold for certain and sincerely profess that Faith is not a blind religious sense making its way out of the hidden regions of the sub-liminal consciousness, morally tinged by the influence of heart and will, but is a true assent of the intellect to truth received from without by hearing, an assent whereby we believe to be true, because of the authority of the all-true God, whatever by the personal God, our Creator and Lord, has been spoken, testified and revealed.

“I further, with all due reverence, submit and with my whole mind adhere to all the con-

clarationibus, praescriptis omnibus, quae in Encyclicis litteris "Pascendi" et in Decreto "Lamentabili" continentur, praesertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant. Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiae repugnare, et Catholica dogmata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum verioribus Christianae religionis originibus componi non posse. Damno quoque ac reiicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, Christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi liceret historico ea retinere, quae credentis fidei contradicant, aut praemissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo haec directo non denegentur. Reprobo pariter eam Scripturae Sanctae diiudicandae atque interpretandae rationem, quae, Ecclesiae traditione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicae Sedis normis posthabitis, *rationalistarum* commentis inhaeret, et critice textus velut unicam supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere amplectitur. Sententiam praeterea illorum reiicio qui tenent, doctori disciplinae historicae theologicae tradendae, aut iis de rebus scribenti seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine Catholicae traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus ope ad perennem conservationem uniuscuiusque revelati veri; deinde scripta Patrum singulorum interpretanda solis scientiae principiis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclusa, eaque iudicii libertate, qua profana quaevis monumenta solent investigari. In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore profiteor, quo *modernistae* tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe deterius, pantheistico sensu illud admittunt; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historiae factis aequandum; hominum nempe sua industria, sollertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque Apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes aetates continuantium. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retineo et ad extremum vitae spiritum retinebo, de charismate *veritatis certo*, quod est, fuit eritque semper in *episcopatus ab Apostolis successione*; non ut id teneatur quod melius et aptius videri possit secundum suam cuiusque aetatis culturam, sed ut *nunquam aliter credatur, nunquam aliter* intelligatur absoluta et immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos praedicata.

demnations, declarations, and ordinances contained in the Encyclical letter *Pascendi* and in the Decree *Lamentabili*, particularly regarding what is called the history of Dogma.

"I also reject the error of those who aver that the Faith proposed by the Church may be in conflict with history, and that Catholic dogmas in the sense in which they are now understood cannot be harmonized with the more truthful "origins" of Christianity. Moreover, I condemn and reject the opinion which declares that a Christian man of better culture can assume a dual personality, one as a believer and another as an historian, as if it were permissible for the historian to hold fast what his faith as a believer contradicts, or to lay down premises from which there follows the falsity or the uncertainty of dogmas, provided only that these are not directly denied. Likewise I reject that method of estimating and interpreting Holy Writ, which, setting aside the Church's tradition and the analogy of Faith and the rules of the Apostolic See, adopts the rationalists' principles and with equal arbitrariness and rashness considers criticism of the text the one only supreme rule. Furthermore, I reject the opinion of those who hold that a teacher of the science of Historical Theology or the writer on the subject must first put aside the notions previously conceived about the supernatural origin of Catholic tradition or about the divine aid promised for the perpetual preservation of each revealed truth; then, that the writings of individual Fathers must be interpreted solely by the data of science, without any reference to sacred authority, and with that freedom of judgment wherewith every profane record is usually examined.

"Finally and in general, I declare myself to be far removed from the error of the modernists who hold that in sacred tradition there is nothing inherently divine; or who—far worse still—admit it in a pantheistic sense; so that thus there would remain only a bare simple fact equal to the ordinary facts of history, viz., that the school started by Christ and His Apostles finds, in the ages that follow, men to carry it on by their energy, their skill, and their genius. Wherefore most firmly do I retain and to my last breath will I retain the Faith of the Fathers of the Church concerning the sure endowment of truth, which is, has been, and ever will be in the succession of the Episcopate from the Apostles; not in such a way that what seems best and most fitting according to the refinement of each age may be held, but that the absolute and unchangeable truth preached from the beginning by the Apostles may never in any different wise be believed, never in any different wise be understood.

Haec omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab iis sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

All this I promise that I will faithfully, entirely and sincerely keep and inviolably guard, and from this never in teaching or howsoever by word or writing in the least depart. So I promise, so I swear, so help me God and these His holy gospels.

Subscribitur Howardus Mons
Ex loco Medford
Die 3 mensis Februarii A.D. 1952

Iuramentum rite coram nobis emissum testamur.

N. _____

Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi) J. G. McShane

"Si quis autem, quod Deus avertat, iusiurandum violare ausus fuerit, ad Sancti Officii tribunal illico deferatur." (Motu Proprio "Sacrorum Antistitum.")

REMARKS

1. The Profession of Faith is made and the Oath taken before the *Ordinary* of the place or his *Delegate* by:

- a) the Vicar General,
- b) the Diocesan Consultors,
- c) the Censor of books,
- d) Pastors,
- e) Confessors and Preachers before they receive the faculty to exercise their functions,
- f) Clerics called to Subdeaconship,
- g) Superiors and Professors in the Grand Seminary.

(Cf. C. 1406 et Motu Prop. Pii PP. X., Sept. 1. 1910.)

2. When several take the Oath at the same time, one may read the formula aloud; at the end each one, placing his hand on the gospels reads the words "Haec omnia spondeo," etc., and signs his name. (S. C. Consist. Oct. 25, 1910.)

3. The document is to be kept in the safe of the diocesan curia.

Decree of Possession

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII,

The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald being Ordinary of the Diocese of Winona,

I, John C. McShane, Dean of this district and delegate

of the Most Reverend Ordinary, give to the

Reverend Harold B. Mountain

the possession of the

Parish of Christ the King, Medford, Minnesota,
and NAME OF CHURCH Corpus Christi NAME OF CITY Deerfield, Minnesota

to which he has been canonically appointed, in the presence of

Edw. Kasal and _____
WITNESS WITNESS

The Reverend Harold Mountain is now

canonically installed in the possession of this parochial benefice, as this act of

the 3 of February, 1952, testifies.
DAY MONTH YEAR

Harold Mountain
Pastor
Edw. Kasal
Witness

J. C. McShane
Dean

Witness

This document is to be signed before the services and is read after the transfer of the symbols of pastoral prerogatives and powers.

January 3, 1952

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
St. Bernard's Church
Stewartville, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I am appointing you as Pastor of the parishes of Christ the King at Medford and Corpus Christi at Deerfield instead of the parishes of St. Mary's at Minneiska and St. Paul's at Minnesota City. You will kindly arrange to take possession of your new assignment on January 30.

As you begin your work in the young but growing parish of Christ the King I am sure that you will find ample opportunity to exercise the same spiritual zeal that you have shown as Pastor at St. Bernard's.

With kindest regards and with prayers for your continued success, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

January 2, 1952

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
St. Bernard's Church
Stewartville, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I wish to thank you for the prompt annual report of St. Bernard's Parish at Stewartville. You are to be complimented on the excellent condition in which the parish is and I trust that God will bless you.

I did notice on the cemetery report that you have \$700.00 in the perpetual care fund but there is no indication as to where it is invested. If it is in the bank, I would advise that you send a check to the Chancery for investment in Diocesan Notes for St. Bernard's Cemetery Association.

Owing to the recent illness of Monsignor Mangan and the possible difficulty of his making the transfer on the date assigned, I am asking you to remain in charge of St. Bernard's at Stewartville until January 30 since I am asking Monsignor Kiely to retain charge of St. Theodore's at Albert Lea until that date.

I am sure that if you intend to continue your plans for a vacation over two Sundays in January, you will be able to secure someone to take care of your place at Stewartville.

Thanking you for your splendid work, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

December 14, 1951

Reverend Harold E. Mountain
St. Bernard's Church
Stewartville, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I am herewith appointing you to be Pastor of St. Mary's Church at Minneiska and St. Paul's Church at Minnesota City, effective as of January 9.

I wish to take this occasion to express my commendation to you for the very excellent work which you have done throughout the years of your priesthood in the Diocese of Winona as Administrator at Madelia, Assistant at St. Thomas Pro-Cathedral in Winona, and for the past four years as Administrator and Pastor at Stewartville. The splendid condition of the parish both spiritually and physically is an indication of your zealous efforts and the cooperation given you by the members of the parish. I am sure that you will continue the same spirit of unselfish devotion for the welfare of souls in your new assignment.

Wishing God's blessings upon you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

SAINT BERNARD'S CHURCH
STEWARTVILLE, MINNESOTA

August 17th, 1950.

His Excellency,
The Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald D.D.
Bishop of Winona
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota.

Your Excellency,

I received your letter appointing Father Daly as pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Hayfield.

I can assure you the parishoners these and myself will be most cooperative in seeing that Father Daly receives every possible help.

I appreciated your words of congratulation on the work done in Hayfield, but it is small compared to what should have been and could have been done. The distance from here and the condition of roads seem to be my excuse.

Thanking you for past and present considerations, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

N. B. Mountain

August 12, 1950

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
St. Bernard's Church
Stewartville, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I have today appointed the Reverend John Daly of Avoca as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish at Hayfield. He will confine his interest for the present to that parish only and take up his residence there on September 6. I trust that the members of the parish at Hayfield will cooperate with him most generously in his efforts to develop the parish.

I wish to congratulate you on the very splendid work that you have done there during the time that it was a mission from Stewartville. Through your efforts it has developed until we believe that it is now ready for a resident pastor.

We are enclosing forms for financial report that you will prepare for September 1 and return to this office.

With kindest regards and very best wishes, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

June 18, 1948

Reverend Harold Mountain
St. Bernard's Church
Stewartville, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I desire with this letter to name you Pastor of St. Bernard's Parish, Stewartville. You will likewise have charge of Sacred Heart Church, Hayfield.

In assuming the duties of your pastorate, please make the Profession of Faith required under Canon 1406 # 7, taking the Oath against Modernism at the same time. Your Profession of Faith and your Oath may be witnessed by any member of the Board of Diocesan Consultors as my delegate, and the signed form is to be returned to the Chancery. For good and valid reasons you are herewith dispensed from the further formalities envisioned in Canon 1444 for the taking possession of your new office. Your appointment as Pastor will be effective with the making of your Profession of Faith.

I wish you every blessing, Father Mountain, in your priestly work and I pray for you an abundantly fruitful ministry.

With sentiments of esteem and with all good wishes,
I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Coadjutor Bishop of Winona

November 2, 1947

Reverend Harold Mountain
St. Bernard's Church
Stewartville, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I have received notice of the death of Father Woods and I desire to change herewith your appointment at Stewartville as it was made under date of August 12. I named you then Vicarius Adjutor in accordance with Canon 475 # 2; and I placed certain limitations on your administration within the Parish of St. Bernard. I appoint you now Vicarius Oeconomus and I commit to your hands temporarily the full administration of the Parish both in spiritual and material affairs and without the limitations previously set forth. I pray for you God's choicest blessings in the fulfillment of these duties.

No announcement will be made of this change of status because the limitations previously fixed upon were not published in any way.

It may be that circumstances will alter my plans; but it is my present intention to refrain for some months from appointing pastors.

With sentiments of esteem and with all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Coadjutor Bishop of Winona
Apostolic Administrator

August 12, 1947

Reverend Harold Mountain
St. Thomas Pro-Cathedral
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

Please go on Monday, September 1, to St. Bernard's Church, Stewartville, to take over the direction of that parish temporarily during the illness of the pastor, Reverend Robert J. Woods. Father Ploof will be assigned elsewhere on that date.

Your title during the period of your incumbency at Stewartville will be that of Vicarius Adiutor in accordance with Canon 475 # 2. You will supply for Father Woods in the spiritual and temporal administration of St. Bernard's Church, Stewartville, and of Sacred Heart Church, Hayfield, in all things except as noted below.

In the handling of the affairs of the Stewartville and Hayfield Parishes, you will have the salary, the travel allowance, and the stole fees of a pastor. You will not, however, have the responsibility of the Missa pro populo nor will you be in charge of the rectory. These will be in the care of Father Woods. Father Woods will employ a housekeeper of his own choice; and he will furnish the table, supplying your board and room. Because the supplying of the table is the responsibility of Father Woods, he should be paid the board allowance permitted under diocesan statute for your board and for the board of the housekeeper.

You will realize, Father Mountain, that the task to which you are assigned is an extremely delicate one. You should be careful to consult Father Woods about any innovations in the direction and management of the parish. On the other hand, even consultations could be burdensome for his health. The criteria should be kindness and docility; and I am sure that God will bless you for every consideration you may show your sick pastor.

When Father Woods becomes well enough to take over the direction of his parish, he will, of course, be

Reverend Harold Mountain
August 12, 1947
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entitled to do so. He will not take charge, however, until he has reported his improvement to me nor until I have taken some action to assign you elsewhere.

The announcement of your appointment will be made in THE WINONAN of August 24. It will be published, therefore, on August 21 and should be kept as confidential as possible until that date.

With sentiments of esteem and with all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Goadjutor Bishop of Winona
Apostolic Administrator

275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota,
May 29, 1943.

Reverend Harold Mountain,
Mater Dolorosa Church,
Madelia, Minnesota.

Dear Father Mountain,

I desire with this letter to name you Assistant Pastor of St. Thomas' Pro-Cathedral, Winona, Minnesota. You will kindly report to Reverend Robert Jennings, Pastor, ready to take up your residence in St. Thomas' Pro-Cathedral Rectory, on Wednesday, June 9.

I wish you every blessing, Father Mountain, in your new work; and I pray for you an abundance of God's choicest graces in the fulfillment of your duties.

With sentiments of esteem and with all good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Coadjutor Bishop of Winona
Apostolic Administrator

Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D. D.
Bishop of Winona
Chancery Building
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency,

I Rev. Harold B. Mountain, a priest of the
Diocese of Winona, ordained in 1942, received financial
aid from the diocese during 4 years of my prepara-
(no.)
tion for the Holy Priesthood. Since my ordination I have
paid \$ 0 towards that obligation.

I am enclosing herewith \$ _____.

Signed

H. B. Mountain

P.S.--The records show that you have paid \$ 0 so
far. If there is an error in this, please send us the
necessary correction.

Dear Bishop,

I shall start some
kind of payment this Fall. It is
quite impossible at present.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,
H. B. Mountain

Testimonium Receptae Ordinationis

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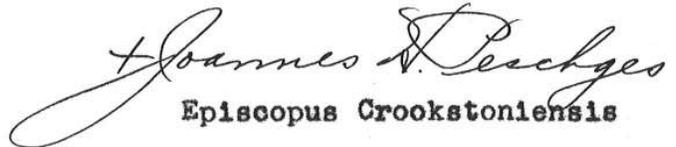
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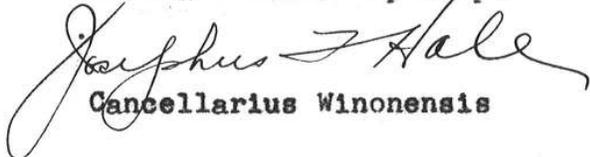
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In quarum fidem has litteras, a Nobis et Cancellario Winonensi subscriptas, sigilloque munitas, expediri jussimus.

Datum Winonae, ex aedibus Episcopalibus, die 30 Maii, anno 1942


Episcopus Crookstoniensis

De mandato Revmi. Episcopi.


Cancellarius Winonensis

Testimonium Receptae Ordinationis

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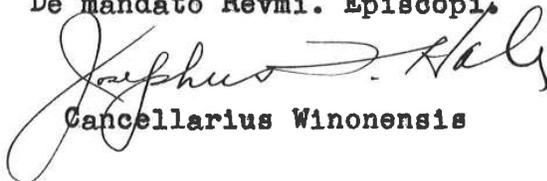
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Cancellarius Winonensis

To Whom It May Concern

I, the undersigned, hereby testify that, in the case of Harold Mountain ,
a candidate for the Sacred Order of Priesthood of the Diocese of Winona
the following requirements of Law have been fulfilled:

- 1) He is free from all canonical irregularities and impediments.
- 2) He has given satisfaction in his conduct. Canon 993, Par. 3.
- 3) He has completed the Theological studies required for the reception of this Order. Canon 993, Par. 3.
- 4) He is provided with a Certificate of the reception of the Order of Deaconship. Cn. 993, Par. 1.
- 5) He has successfully passed the required examination. Canon 996.
- 6) He has completed the number of days of Spiritual Exercises required in preparation for this Order. Canon 1001.
- 7) He has taken the required oath. Sac. Cong. Sac. Dec. 27, 1930.
- 8) The requirements of the Instruction of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, December 27, 1930, have been fulfilled.
- 9) He is provided with Testimonial Letters of the Ordinary of the Diocese of Denver. Canon 993, Par. 4.

Thomas D. Coyne

Rector, St. Thomas Seminary
Denver, Colorado.

Date May 25, 1942

DECLARATIO

Propria Manu Subscribenda a Candidatis in Singulis Sacris Ordinibus Suscipiendis, Iuramento coram Ordinario Praestito

Ego subsignatus *Harold Bernard Mountain* cum petitionem

Episcopo exhibuerim pro recipiendo ~~subdiaconatus~~ (seu ~~diaconatus~~ vel presbyteratus) Ordine, sacra instante Ordinatione, ac diligenter re perpensa coram Deo, iuramento interposito, testificor in primis, nulla me coactione seu vi, nec ullo impelli timore in recipiendo eodem sacro Ordine, sed ipsum sponte exoptare, ac plena liberaque voluntate eundem velle, cum experiar ac sentiam a Deo me esse revera vocatum.

Fateor mihi plene esse cognita cuncta onera caeteraque ex eodem sacro Ordine dimanantia, quae sponte suscipere volo ac propono, eaque toto meae vitae curriculo, Deo opitulante, diligentissime servare constituo.

Praecipue quae caelibatus lex importet clare me percipere ostendo, eamque libenter explere atque integre servare usque ad extremum, Deo adiutore, firmiter statuo.

Denique sincera fide spondeo iugiter me fore, ad normam ss. Canonum, obtemperaturum obsequentissime iis omnibus, quae mei praecipient Praepositi, et Ecclesiae disciplina exiget, paratum virtutum exempla praebere sive opere sive sermone, adeo ut de tanti officii susceptione remunerari a Deo merear.

Sic spondeo, sic voveo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adiuvet et haec Sancta Dei Evangelia, quae manibus meis tango.

Harold Bernard Mountain

(Loco) *Denveri*

die *15^a* mensis *Maii* anni *1942*

Thomas D. Coyne A. A. S., vol. 23, p. 127.
Arcl. Revmi Episcopi

St. Thomas Seminary
Denver, Colorado

March 30, 1942

Most Reverend Francis M. Kelly, D.D.,
275 Harriet Street
Winona, Minnesota.

Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

In accordance with the recent decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Sacraments, I hereby make formal petition for the reception of the Holy Priesthood.

I testify that I am not compelled by any coercion, force or fear, but I desire it of my own free will.

I further testify that I fully know all the obligations of the clerical state, and I am resolved, with the aid of God's grace, to observe them conscientiously during the whole course of my life. Moreover, I sincerely promise that I will observe all that my superiors command me and ecclesiastical discipline require of me.

Obediently and respectfully yours,

Harold B. Mountain
Harold B. Mountain



Franciscus

DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA

Episcopus Winonensis



Dilecto Nobis in Christo filio Domino Haroldo B. Mountain, subdito Nostro et ad studia ecclesiastica perficienda hodie Seminarium Sti. Thomae Alumno, salutem et benedictionem in Domino.

Cum plene Nobis constet te ex legitimis, catholicis natalibus natum, rite baptizatum et confirmatum fuisse, bonis moribus debitisque qualitatibus ad normam Sacrorum Canonum praeditum esse, neque ulla irregularitate aliove impedimento detentum nullaue censura, quoad sciamus, innodatum existere, per praesentes tibi licentiam et facultatem largimur et libenter concedimus, ut ad Presbyteratum

ab Illustrissimo et Reverendissimo Domino Joanne H. Peschges Episcopo Crookstoniensi aut a

Quocumque Catholico Antistite gratiam et communionem Sedis Apostolicae habente valide et licite promoveri possis ac valeas.

In quorum fidem praesentes litteras manu Nostra signatas sigilloque Nostro munitas fieri et expediri mandavimus.

+ Franciscus M. Kelly

Episcopus Winonensis

Datum Winonae ex aedibus Episcopalibus die 19 mensis Martii anno 42

Loco Sigilli

Josephus F. Hale
Cancellarius



URBANUS JOHANNES VEHR
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA
ARCHIEPISCOPUS DENVERIENSIS

Praesentibus Testimonialibus Litteris, in quantum Nobis
constat, fidem facimus et testamur dilectum in Domino
.....HAROLDUM MOUNTAIN.....qui ratione.....STUDIORUM.....
hac in Diocesi Denveriensi moras habuit, vitam morum
honestate et religione commendabilem duxisse, nullumque
vinculum, quod sciamus, contraxisse quominus ad sacros
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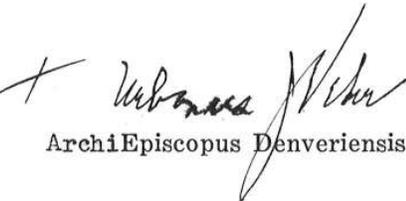
In cuius fidem.....

Datum Denveri

Die 17^a aprilis

A.D. 1942

Cancellarius


Archiepiscopus Denveriensis

Litterae Testimoniales.

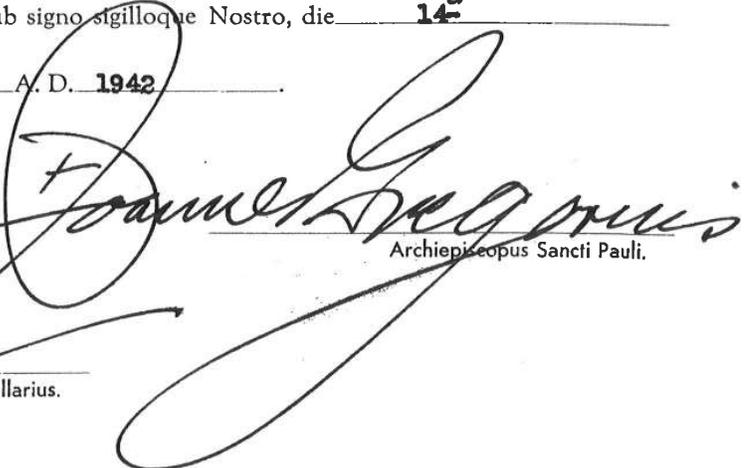
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Dei et Apostolicae Sedis Gratia
Archiepiscopus Sancti Pauli.

Praesentibus hisce litteris fidem facimus et testamur dilectum Nobis in Christo

Dnm Haraldum Bernardum Mountain

quo tempore in Nostra dioecesi commoratus est honeste se gessisse, et ex hac Nostra dioecesi nulla ecclesiastica censura aut alio canonico impedimento, quod sciamus, innodatum discessisse, quominus ad sacram tonsuram et ad Ordines, tum minores tum majores, promoveri possit.

Datum ex aedibus Nostris sub signo sigilloque Nostro, die 14^a
mensis Aprilis A. D. 1942.


Archiepiscopus Sancti Pauli.


Cancellarius.

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Saint Thomas Seminary
Denver, Colorado

April 11, 1942.

Most Reverend Francis M. Kelly, D.D.,
275 Harriet Street,
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

I have the honor of forwarding to Your Excellency the petitions of Mr. Harold B. Mountain and Mr. Daniel Tierney, deacons of your diocese, who postulate the Sacred Order of Priesthood.

The Seminary Faculty agree that these candidates have made the necessary progress in theology and that their conduct has been such as to warrant us in commending them to Your Excellency for this promotion.

I shall be happy to receive and to follow any directions you may be pleased to give me concerning the ordination of these young men.

Asking your blessing, and in sentiments of profound respect, I beg to remain,

Of Your Excellency the humble servant,

Thos. A. Coyne, cm.

Rector.



URBANUS JOANNES VEHR
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA
EPISCOPUS DENVERIENSIS

Universis et singulis praesentes Nostras Testimoniales Litteras visuris et lecturis
fidem indubiam facimus et testamur quod Nos die.....28a.....mensis.....septembris
A. D.....1941.....generalem ordinationem habentes, dilectum in Christo
HAROLDUM B MOUNTAIN.....Dioeceseos.....WINONENSIS
examinatum, approbatum idoneumque repertum per examinatores a Nobis deputatos ad
.....DIACONATUM.....
juxta ritum Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae, servatis forma Sacri Concilii Tridentini ac
decretorum S. Congregationum aliisque de jure servandis, in Domino rite promovimus.

In cujus fidem etc...

Joseph Bozetti

De Mandato Rev. mi Episcopi

Datum Denveri

Die.....18a.....octobris.....A. D. 1941..

Cancellarius

DIOCESE OF WINONA
35 WEST SANBORN
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

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PO Box 388
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June 25, 1991

FILE COPY

Rev. Harold Mountain
50 Teton Lane, #124
Mankato, MN 56001

Dear Fr. Mountain,

I'm writing in response to your letter of June 17 regarding your health insurance through the Diocese of Winona. I apologize for not getting back to you sooner, but I was on vacation last and just saw your letter this morning.

First, I want to explain to you how the Christian Brothers medical supplement plan works. This policy guarantees you the same level of benefits that you would have had with Christian Brothers if you were not retired and on Medicare. They should have taken your total medical charges, which you indicated were \$1,572.27 and process a claim as if you did not have Medicare. Since I don't have copies of your explanation of benefits, I will assume that they would have first applied your \$100 deductible, bringing the balance down to \$1,472.27. At that point, they would pay 80% of that amount or \$1,177.82. From this amount they would subtract the amount paid by Medicare, which was \$1,004.35, leaving a balance to be paid by Christian Brothers of \$173.47. I do not know why they only paid \$53.94, but I assume there were some items on the bill that were over the usual and customary charge, or perhaps were just not covered expenses. Your explanation of benefits should give you that explanation.

Also, remember that if you have prescription drugs, which you have paid for, and which Medicare does not reimburse, these can be turned into Christian Brothers and they will be paid the same as any other claim. I've found that many people forget about this part of the benefits, so be sure you make those claims.

I appreciate your comments and suggestions that we look into other coverage. While I have talked to others and helped them file claims, no one has suggested at this point that we look into another policy. I would be anxious to hear from some of the other retired priests as to what their situations have been. I will discuss the matter here and let you know what might be done.

Thanks very much for your time.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB/nct

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JUN 18 1991

June 17thm 1991.

Dear Mr. Broadwater,

Of the past few months I have had some medical bills totaling \$1,572.27 from Mayo Clinic, St. Mary's Hospital, Ex-Rays doctors etc. Medicare paid a total of \$ 1,004.35 Christian Brothers paid ONLY the sum of \$ 53.94.

I verified the figures with Medicare and then called the C.B.'s and was told that after the 1st \$100.00 deductible I am liable for the next \$1,500.00 " OUT OF POCKET" How that \$53.94 ever got in there I am not sure even after the explanation!!

My doctor tells me my coverage is almost worthless and advises I get another supplementary company like he has with Blue Cross-Blue Shield which pays 100 % after Medicare for a premium of \$800.00 a year. Maybe best I do not have coverage from the diocese..have them pay me and I get my own supplementary coverage. I am thoroughly unhappy with this coverage. Please inform. I dislike bothering you with this matter, but a number of us retired priests have discussed this situation and are anxious for your suggestion and reply.

Sincerely,



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May 17, 1989

Rev. Harold B. Mountain
Immaculate Conception Church
St. Clair, MN 56080

Dear Father Mountain,

Thank you for your letter of May 13th. As you requested, I am sending you annual financial reports for Immaculate Conception Parish. I have not printed the 1989 reports as yet so I penciled in the dates of July 1, 1988 to May 31, 1989 for your use. Please send the completed green copy back to me. Thank you for thinking of this detail.

Also, in regard to your retirement, I have you scheduled to receive a full retirement benefit of \$625 per month effective June 1st. This will be reflected on the check you receive at the end of June. You should be sure to inform the Social Security people of your retirement so that they can change your Medicare records. Effective with your retirement date, all medical claims should be turned in first to Medicare with any amount not paid being turned in to our Diocesan Health Insurance which is currently through the Travelers. If you have any questions on this as claims arise, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you also for sending me your new address. I will send your May retirement check to St. Clair with your June check going to your new Mankato address.

Best wishes to you as you begin a well-deserved retirement.

Sincerely,

John Broadwater
Director of Finance

JB:Pp
enc.

MOUNTAIN000152

Diocese of Winona
 Finance Department
 55 W. Sanborn P.O. Box 588
 Winona MN 55987

ACCOUNT NO. 94
 DATE 01/16/89
 INVOICE NO. 6615

SOLD TO
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
 ST. CLAIR MN 56080-0000

SHIP TO
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
 ST. CLAIR MN 56080-0000

CUSTOMER ORDER NO.	SALESPERSON/DIV.	TERMS	SHIPPED VIA	DATE SHIPPED
				01/13/89

QUANTITY	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
	6615	PRIEST HLTH INS JAN-JUNE - MOUNTAIN		1,337.00
		<p>Dear Mr. Broadwater,</p> <p>Our parish continues to receive bills for \$200.00 for continuation of education of priests. Father Schmitz, Chancellor can explain why we have not paid until we recoup the penalty our parish was forced to pay to Bankers Life when the Winona Diocese would not cover me with health insurance thru the diocesan carrier. Until we recover that loss I do not feel this parish should be penalized. That company could have been told to cover me or lose the diocesan plan, as two parishes were ordered by Bishop Watters to join the property plan and drop Federated Mutual of Omaha. The same could easily have been done with my health coverage. Fr. Schmitz, thanks to him, finally got me covered...for which I am most appreciative. By 1990 the loss will be recovered.. Thank you. Hope this explains things to your satisfaction</p>	JAN 23 1989	
		TOTAL INVOICE AMOUNT	<i>Fr. Mountain</i>	1,337.00

August 28, 1964

Reverend Harold B. Mountain
Church of Christ the King
Medford, Minnesota

Dear Father Mountain,

I am enclosing a personal letter for your parents which I wish that you would present to them on their anniversary, August 30. I am happy that you informed me of this important event so that I might join my prayers with yours in thanksgiving to God for the truly Christian home which they have preserved during these fifty years.

I am happy to hear that you received much spiritual and intellectual assistance at the Institute which you attended at Detroit. I am happy to see so much interest on the part of my priests in their efforts to grow intellectually as well as spiritually so as to carry on more effectively our priestly apostolate by word and example.

With kindest regards and assuring you of a remembrance in my prayers at Vatican City during the Council, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES

PENSION OR ANNUITY GENERAL RULE

- If you are recovering your contributions from a pension or annuity using the general rule, please send us the following information:
- The date of the first pension payment you received, 1/1/85
- The amount of the first payment you received, \$25
- The amount of the payment you currently receive, \$25
- The total amount of your contributions, 1,000
- The amount you expect to recover over the life of your pension or annuity, and
- The distribution period - (life) or fixed (if fixed, how many years?).

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BUREAU OF PRIEST'S RETIREMENT

No. 12651

Obligation Description

Invoice #

Amount

3873

OCTOBER 96

910.00
910.00

*** Total ***

Mr Brewster

Write

How many years please or my
the 1 Yr = 1899-88 or my
Pension check. (at 9th mile base now)

How many prior check affected

Fr. M. A. Murtain

Have any of the
of 11 years from the members to now?

Thank you

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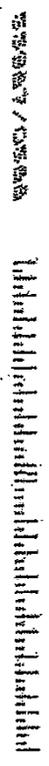
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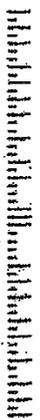
Winona, MN 55987



REV HAROLD B MOUNTAIN
50 TETON LN #124
MANKATO MN 56001-4813



MR. JOHN BROADWATER
CHANCERY OFFICE,
BOX 588,
WINONA, MN. 55987



John these are the figures I have. Using your method of calculation, I come up with these figures:

Total bills from all sources.....	φ 1,572.27
Less deductible.....	100.00

	φ 1,472.27
80%.....	1,177.82
Medicare paid.....	φ 1,033.31
Balance.....	φ 149.51
Christian Brothers paid to Mkt. Hosp.	φ ---53.94
Owed to me ????	φ 90.57

There is a noticeable difference between the billed and approved amount. The doctor's bill in Arizona was φ 113.00 and only φ74.70 approved by Medicare...same with some of the other bills.

OVER:

F. Mountain

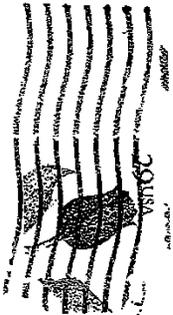
With a total bill of \$ 1,572.27

Doral Resort
AND COUNTRY CLUB

Medicare paid.....	.657	%	\$ 1,033.31
I paid.....	.309	%	485.54
Christian Brothers paid.....	.033	%	<u>53.40</u>
	100	&	\$ 1,572.27



HAROLD B. MOULN
50 TETON LANE 124
MANKATO, MN. 56001-4813



MR. JOHN BROADWATER
CHANCERY OFFICE,
BOX 588,
WINONA, MN. 55987

PLEASE RETURN THIS STUB

BUREAU OF PRIEST'S RETIREMENT
DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 W. SANBORN P.O. BOX 588
WINONA MN 55987

*Immac. Conception
St. Clair*

AUG 11 1986

ACCOUNT NO.

94

CLOSING DATE

08/03/86

IMPORTANT: TO INSURE PROPER CREDIT, PLEASE RETURN THIS STUB WITH REMITTANCE. (Indicate with a check (✓) the invoices paid.)

AMOUNT PAID

DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT
07/31/86	181	324.00
<i>-Deposited</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>	<i>7-18-86</i>
	<i>250.00</i>	<i>7-25-86</i>
		<i>162.00</i>
		324.00

PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT

162.00

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January 23, 1989

To: Fr. Gerald Mahon
Fr: John Broadwater
Re: Fr. Harold Mountain

When we discussed Continuing Education assessments a couple of weeks ago I brought up the fact that Fr. Harold Mountain had not paid his assessment for a number of years. The Bishop had asked at that time that he be kept up to date on this type of thing so that he has a full background of the situation.

I received a note from Fr. Mountain today with his payment for health insurance which provides a missing piece to the Continuing Ed assessment puzzle. A number of years ago, Fr. Mountain opted to withdraw from our priests' health insurance plan to purchase coverage of his own, which was apparently cheaper, better coverage or both. In years following that, he tried to get back on the group but Wisconsin Life would not allow it. Fr. Schmitz tried very hard over the years to work this out without success. In 1986 when we switched insurance companies from Wisconsin Life to Travelers, this was a good opportunity to bring Fr. Mountain into the group, which I did. From his letter I received today, I find that he has been withholding Continuing Education assessments to reimburse his parish for the extra money spent on health insurance over the years, obviously blaming the diocese for the problems which he brought upon himself. He is paying the health insurance premium which he would have to do in order to continue to be covered.

It would be my intention at this time to leave the old assessments on the books and deal with it when a new pastor goes to St. Clair. If you would like anything different done, please let me know. Thanks.

JB:pp

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FORMULA PROFESSIONIS FIDEI ET JURISJURANDI
JUXTA PRAESCRIPTA IN MOTU PROPRIO PII PP. X.
DIE 1a. MENSIS SEPTEMBRIS. ANNI 1910.

Ego *Harold B. Mountain*... firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quae continentur in symbolo fidei, quo sancta Romana ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula; Deum de Deo, Lumen de Lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero, genitum non factum, consubstantiali Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt: qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de coelis, et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est; crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est, et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas; et ascendit in coelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris; et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos; cujus regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem; qui ex Patre Filioque procedit, qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur, qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam, et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum; et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen. Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones, reliquasque ejusdem Ecclesiae observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram scripturam juxta eam sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta Mater Ecclesia, cujus est judicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum scripturarum, admitto; nec eam unquam, nisi juxta unanimem consensum Patrum accipiam et interpretabor. Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie sacramenta novae Legis a Jesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria; scilicet Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Poenitentiam, Extremam unctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium: illaque gratiam conferre: et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et approbatos Ecclesiae catholicae ritus, in supradictorum omnium sacramentorum solemnibus administrationibus recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula, quae de peccato originali, et de justificatione in sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium et propitiatorium sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis; atque in sanctissimo Eucharistiae sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter corpus et sanguinem una cum anima et Divinitate Domini nostri Jesu Christi, fierique conversionem totius substantiae panis in corpus et totius substantiae vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem catholica Ecclesia transsubstantiationem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi. Constantiter teneo purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis juvari. Similiter et sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum reliquias esse venerandas. Firmissime assero imagines Christi, ac Deiparae semper Virginis, nec non aliorum sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertiendam. Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo. Sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Romanam ecclesiam omnium ecclesiarum matrem et magistram agnosco, Romanoque Pontifici, beati Petri Apostolorum principis successori, ac Jesu Christi vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac juro. Caetera item omnia a sacris canonibus et oecumenicis conciliis, ac praecipue a sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo, et ab oecumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, praesertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor; simulque contraria omnia, atque haereses quascumque ab Ecclesia damnatas, rejectas, et anathematizatas ego pariter damno, rejicio, et anathematizo. Hanc veram catholicam Fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in praesenti sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et inviolatam usque ad extremam vitae spiritum constantissime, Deo adjuvante, retinere et confiteri, atque a meis subditis, vel illis quorum cura ad me in munere meo spectabit, teneri, doceri et praedicari, quantum in me erit, curaturum, ego spondeo, voveo ac juro.

Item firmiter amplector ac recipio omnia et singula, quae ab inerranti Ecclesiae magisterio definita, adserta ac declarata sunt, praesertim ea doctrinae capita, quae huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem Deum, rerum omnium principium et finem, naturali rationis lumine per ea quae facta sunt, hoc est per visibilia creationis opera, tamquam causam per effectus, certo cognosci, adeoque demonstrari etiam posse, profiteor. Secundo, externa revelationis argumenta, hoc est facta divina, in primisque miracula et prophetias admitto et agnosco tamquam signa certissima divinitus ortae christianae Religionis, eademque teneo aetatum omnium atque hominum, etiam huius temporis, intelligentiae esse maxime accommodata. Tertio: Firma pariter fide credo, Ecclesiam, verbi revelati custodem et magistram, per ipsum verum atque historicum Christum, quum apud nos degeret, proxime ac directo institutam, eandemque super Petrum, apostolicae hierarchiae principem eiusque in aevum successores aedificatam. Quarto: Fidei doctrinam ab Apostolis per orthodoxos Patres eodem sensu eademque semper sententia ad nos usque transmissam, sincere recipio; ideoque prorsus reiicio haereticum commentum evolutionis dogmatum, ab uno in alium sensum transeuntium, diversum ab eo, quem prius habuit Ecclesia; pariterque damno errorem omnem, quo, divino deposito, Christi Sponsae tradito ab Eaque fideliter custodiendo, sufficitur philosophicum inventum, vel creatio humanae conscientiae, hominum conatu sensim efformatae et in posterum indefinito progressu perficiendae. Quinto: certissime teneo ac sincere profiteor, Fidem non esse coecum sensum religionis e latetris subconscientiae erumpentem, sub pressione cordis et inflexionis voluntatis moraliter informatae, sed verum assensum intellectus veritati extrinsecus acceptae ex auditu, quo nempe, quae a Deo personali, creatore ac domino nostro dicta, testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credimus, propter Dei auctoritatem summae veraeque.

Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subitico totoque animo adhaereo damnationibus, declarationibus, praescriptis omnibus, quae in Encyclicis litteris "Pascendi" et in Decreto "Lamentabili" continentur, praesertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant. Idem reprobam errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiae repugnare, et catholica dogmata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum verioribus christianae religionis originibus componi non posse. Damno quoque ac reiicio eorum sententiam, qui dicunt, christianum hominem eruditorem induere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi liceret historico ea retinere quae credentis fidei contradicant, aut praemissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo haec directe non denegentur. Reprobam pariter eam Scripturae Sanctae diiudicandae atque interpretandae rationem, quae, Ecclesiae traditione, analogia Fidei, et Apostolicae Sedis normis posthabitis, rationalistarum commentis inhaeret, et critice textus velut unicum supremamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam temere amplectitur. Sententiam praeterea illorum reiicio qui tenent, doctori disciplinae historicae theologicae tradendae, aut iis de rebus scribenti seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine catholicae traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus ope ad perennem conservationem uniuersusque revelati veri; deinde scripta Patrum singulorum interpretanda solis scientiae principiis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclusa, eaque iudicii libertate, qua profana quaevis monumenta solent investigari. In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore profiteor, quo modernistae tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe deterius, pantheistico sensu illud admittunt; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historiae factis acquandum; hominum nempe sua industria, solertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes aetates continuantium. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retineo et ad extremum vitae spiritum retinebo, de charismate veritatis certo, quod est, fuit eritque semper in episcopatus ab Apostolis successione; non ut id teneatur quod melius et aptius videri possit secundum suam cuiusque aetatis culturam, sed ut nunquam aliter credatur, nunquam aliter intelligatur absoluta et immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos praedicata.

Haec omnia spondeo me fideliter, integre sincereque servaturum et inviolabiliter custoditurum, nusquam ab iis sive in docendo sive quomodolibet verbis scriptisque deflectendo. Sic spondeo, sic iuro, sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec santa Dei Evangelia.

Fectis:
Joseph A. Kelly
Chancellor

Harold Bernard Mountain
May 29th, 1942.

Immutabilis [v. n. 2001 seq.] continentur, praesertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant. — Idem reprobo errorem affirmatum, propositum ab Ecclesia fidei posse *historiae repugnare*, et catholica dogmata, quo sensu nunc intelliguntur, cum veritatis christianae religionis originibus componi non posse. — Damno quoque ac relicto eorum sententiam, qui dicunt christianam hominem emulsores inducere personam duplicem, aliam credentis, aliam historici, quasi haecet historico ea retinere quae credentis fidei contradicant, aut praemissas adstruere, ex quibus consequatur dogmata esse aut falsa aut dubia, modo haec directo non demargantur. — Responso pariter eam Scripturam Sanctae diudividuas atque interpretandas rationem, quae, Ecclesiae traditione, analogia fidei et Apostolicae Sedis normis posthabitis, *rationalistam* commentis habere; et criticis textus velut vulgarem supranamque regulam, haud minus licenter quam tenere amplectitur. — Sententiam praeterea illorum relicto qui tenent, doctorum disciplinam historicae theologicae traditae aut his de rebus scripti bene seponendam prius esse opinionem ante conceptam sive de supernaturali origine catholicae traditionis, sive de promissa divinitus ope ad perennem conservacionem uniuscuiusque revelati veri; deinde scriptis Patrum singulorum interpretanda sola scientiae principis, sacra qualibet auctoritate seclera, eaque iudicii libertate, qua propterea quaevis monumenta solent investigari. — In universum denique me alienissimum ab errore proficere, quo *modernitas* tenent in sacra traditione nihil inesse divini; aut, quod longe decessit, pantheistico sensu illud admittant; ita ut nihil iam restet nisi nudum factum et simplex, communibus historice factis aequandum; hominum namque sua industria, solertia, ingenio scholam a Christo eiusque Apostolis inchoatam per subsequentes aetates continuatam. Proinde fidem Patrum firmissime retinere et ad extremam vitae spiritum retinere, de charissime *veritatis* certis, quod est, fuit eritque semper in *episcopalis* ab *Apostolis* successione; non ut id teneant quod melius et aptius videri possit secundum suam cuiusque aetate culturam, sed ut *iniquum aliter crederetur, nunquam aliter intelligatur* absoluta et immutabilis veritas ab initio per Apostolos praedicata.³

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2. Iren. 6, c. 26.

3. Passer. c. 28.

(Litteris) *James Dooley* *Miss. & Rev. J. J. ...*

+++ PROFESSIO FIDEI +++

EGO N. firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quae continentur in symbolo fidei, quo sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet:

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium dominum et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum, ante omnia saecula, Deum de Deo, hunc de hunc, Deum verum de Deo vero; genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Ponto Pilato, passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die secundum scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria, iudicare vivos et mortuos, cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et glorificatur, qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

Apostolica et ecclesiasticae traditiones reliquasque eiusdem Ecclesiae observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector.

Item sacramenta Scripturam iuxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacramentorum Scripturarum, admitto, nec etiam unquam nisi iuxta unanimum consensum Patrum acipiam et interpreabor.

Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta nova legis, a Jesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria: scilicet Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Penitentiam, extremam Unctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium, illaque gratiam conferre, et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem et Ordinem sine sacrilegio retentari non posse.

Receptos quoque et approbatos Ecclesie catholice ritus in supplicatorum omnium Sacramentorum solemnem administratione recipio et admitto.

Omnia et singula, que de peccato originali et de justificatione in sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio.

Profiteor patet in Missa offerri Deo verum, propitium et propitiatorum sacrificium pro vivis et defunctis, atque in sanctissimoucharistia Sacramento esse verum, realliter, et substantialiter Corpus et Sanguinem, una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Jesu Christi, hincque conversionem totius substantie panis in Corpus, et totius substantie vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem catholica Ecclesia transubstantiationem appellat. Ideo etiam sub altera tantum specie totum atque integrum Christum verumque Sacramentum sumit.

Constatiter teneo, purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas aeternam suffragis iuvare. Spiritus et Sanctos, una cum Christo regentes, venerandos atque invocandos esse, eoque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum reliquias esse venerandas. Virginitatis firmissime assero Imagines Christi ac Deiparę semper Virginis, necnon aliorum Sanctorum, habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem et venerationem imperandum.

Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usumlicitis modo maxime salutem esse affirmo.

Sanctam Catholicam et Apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam, omnium ecclesiasticam matrem et magistrum agnosco, Romanoque Pontifici, beati Petri Apostolorum principis successori ac Jesu Christi Vicario, veram obedientiam sponte ac iure.

Cetera item omnia a sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo et ab eadem Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita et declarata, presertim de Romano Pontifice primata et infallibili magistero, indubitanter recipio ac profiteor simulque contraria omnia, atque hereses quasnamque ab Ecclesia damnatas et reiectas et mathematicas ego patet damno, reiecto et anathematizo.

Hanc veram Catholicam fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in presentem sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem heretiam et invidiosam ungue ad exortum vite spiritum constantissime (Deo adjuvante) retinere, et confiteri, atque a meis subditis, vel illis, quorum cura ad me in minere meo spectabit, teneri, doceri et predicari, quantum in me erit, curaturum. (Hic pont. manum dextram super apertum librum Evangeliorum.) Ego idem N. sponte, voto ac iure, sic me Deus adjuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

IUSURANDUM CONTRA ERRORES MODERNISMI

[Ex *Motu proprio «Sacrorum antihinum»*, 1. Sept. 1910.]

EGO N. dante amplector ac recipio omnia et singula, que ab Inerranti Ecclesie magistero definita, adserta ac declarata sunt, praesertim ea doctrinae capita, quae huius temporis erroribus directo adversantur. Ac primum quidem: Deum, verum omnium principium, et finem, naturamque rationis, iunioque *per ea quae facta sunt* [cf. Rom 1, 20], hoc est, *per visibilia* creationis opera, tantum causam per effectus, certo cognosci, adeoque demonstrari etiam posse, profiteor. Secundo: externa revelationis miracula et eorum certam, hoc est, facta divina, in primisque divinitus prophetia admittit et agnosco tanquam signa certissima divinitus orae christianae Religionis, eademque cetero aeternum omnium atque hominum, etiam huius temporis, intelligentie esse maxime accommodata. Tertio: firma pariter fide credo Ecclesiam, verbi revelati custodem et magistrum, per ipsum verum atque inerrantem Christum, cum apud nos degeret, proximo ac directo institutum eandemque super Petrum, apostolicae hierarchiae principem, eiusque in aeternum successores aedificatum. Quarto: fidei doctrinam ab Apostolis per orthodoxos Patres eodem sensu eandemque semper sententia ad nos usque transmissam, sincere recipio; ideoque proprus reiecto haereticum commentum evolutois dogmatum, ab uno in alium sensum transmutatum, diversum ab eo, quem prius habuit Ecclesia; patenterque damno errorem omnem, quo, divino deposito, Christi Sponse tradito ab saepe fideliter custodiendo, sufficitur philosophicum cum inventum, vel creatio humanae constantiae, hominum conatu sensu efformatae et in posterum indelimito progressu perpendenda. Quinto: certissime teneo ac sincere profiteor, fidem non esse caream sensum religiois a latere *subconscientiae* erumpentis, sub pressione cordis et inflexionis voluntatis nonnulli ter informantis, sed verum assensum intellectus veritati extrinsecus acceptae *ex animis*, quo nempe, quae a Deo personali, creatore ac Domino nostro dicta, testata et revelata sunt, vera esse credimus, propter Dei auctoritatem summe veracis.

Me etiam, qua par est, reverentia, subdico totoque animo adhaerere damnationibus, declarationibus, praescriptis omnibus, quae in Encyclicis litteris *«Pasceatis»* [V. n. 2071 sqq] et in Decreto

I. AAS II (1910) 659 sqq.

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LATIN <u>L. 14</u>	<u>B-</u>	ECONOMICS	
MOTHER LANGUAGE <u>Greek</u>	<u>B</u>	HISTORY <u>H. 12</u>	<u>B+</u>
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CHEMISTRY		EDUCATION	
PHYSICS		PUBLIC SPEAKING <u>P.S. 12</u>	<u>C</u>

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