

The Rev. Pirmin Wendt, OSB, was born George Wendt on June 11, 1898 in West Union, Minn. He attended Saint Boniface, Grade School, Minneapolis; Saint John's preparatory and received a B.A. from Saint John's University. He attended Saint John's Seminary from 1921 to 1925 and professed final vows at Saint John's Abbey, July 11, 1922. He was ordained at Saint John's June 1, 1924. Fr. Wendt served as prefect at Saint John's Prep from 1921 to 1939 and college prefect from 1939 to 1943. He was pastor of Saint Joseph's Parish, ~~Saint Joseph~~, Minnesota from 1949 to 1969
M. J. W.

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Full Name: Fr Firmin Wendt	B 1898 P 1919 Ord 1924
Social Security No. yes	Birthplace: West Union, Minnesota
Hospital Insurance: Medicare	Nameday Date: November 3
Nearest Relative for emergency (address, phone):	[REDACTED]
Present parental home address: parents deceased	
College Degrees (with name of school): B.A. (St J)	Major
Graduate Degrees (with name of school): Some summer school work	Major:
Special skills, arts, crafts, athletics: music (clarinet)	
Experience: <u>Administrative</u> Business Chaplaincy Farming Industry Library	
Educational Mechanics Missionary <u>Pastoral</u> <u>Teaching</u> <u>Counselling</u> Social	
Other:	
Languages: Spanish Italian <u>German</u> French Russian Polish Other:	
Hobbies, Sports, Recreation:	
Number of brothers: 1 sisters: 4 Your rank among them: 2nd	

Health Record in general (past and present): Has ulcers which give him trouble from time to time

Your preferences for future work: some small hospital

Work you would like excluded:

Other comments or suggestions:

Places you worked since your Profession:	Type of work:	Dates	
		From:	To:
1. St John's Abbey	Teaching and Prefect	1924	1943
2. Mpls, St Austin's	substitute pastor	1943	1945
3. St Paul, St Bernard's	under Fr Odilo Kohler	1945	1949
4. Mpls, St Joseph's	pastor	1949	1964
5. Mpls, St Boniface	pastor	1964	1969
6. Mpls, St Boniface	pastor emeritus with Fr Boniface		
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Comments:			

Full Name: Fr Pirmin Wendt

Code:
G Y R P

Visits:
① 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ✓

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LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY ALL THE MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS (lasting six months or more) YOU HAVE RECEIVED SINCE PROFESSION AND ORDINATION. Give (a) the type or nature of the work, e.g., assistant pastor or plumber or math teacher in Prep School, (b) the location, (c) the duration, (d) any special achievements or items of note, e.g., built parish hall in 1948, or Danforth grant in 1960.

Prefect in St. Bado Hall and Anselm Hall from 1921-1942 :

Taught in Prep School from 1920- 1926 (?) Taught Economics and American History in College from 1927-1942.

My career come to an end in 1942; took sick.

Substitute Pastor at St. Austin's in Minneapolis 1942-45.

Appointed assistant at St. Bernard's, in St. Paul in 1945 until

1949. In 1949 appointed Pastor of St. Joseph's in Minneapolis

lasted until 1964; then appointed Pastor of St. Boniface, in

in Minneapolis. in 1965. In 1969 was asked by personnel Director

to retire. Since that time I have been here at St. Boniface

working under the horrendous title " Pastor Emeritus." Thank God

I am still able to do priestly work. Leave pastoral work

to appointed pastor.

No great achievements to report.

Retired to St. John's Abbey in 1978.

Minneapolis, Minn.
Feb. 28, 1921.

Dear Brother:

We received your most welcomed letter. We had not realized that it was three weeks already since your last letter arrived.

I am very glad to hear that you are feeling so well. According to that fasting seems to agree with you. I hope that side of yours will soon stop bothering you.

When father came home from West Union, that night [redacted] said we should look at his back because it itches so, what do you think he was just full with the small pox. He did not have any fever, but we kept him in bed for about a week and then he stayed home another week until he was all healed, that is why he did not come into the Pilot. His Sister said he should be glad that someone else has a chance to come into the Pilot, and that some complains came in because he always had the first place. You ought to see his report the marks are all from 94% to 100%. After June I will sent it to you. He is studying the Mass Prayers now, No doubt you were surprised to see [redacted]'s name in the Pilot, but she made up for it again for now she has the sixth place in school, she claims she wants to give other children a chance.

[redacted] still the same place, even if she does not appear in the Pilot, she likes it because the head bookkeeper is a Catholic. He goes to St. Joseph's Church, he also knows Father Damian, his name is [redacted]

[REDACTED] feels somewhat better, only he always has such a scary feeling, and sometimes he sees things.

Paul was to see Uncle Gustave , but when he first came there Uncle Gustave did not trust him until he showed Father's business card. Father wrote to Uncle that he was coming , but he did not receive that letter, That was about 8 o'clock in the evening when Paul came there and they talked together until twelve. The next day he was there for supper and during the day Uncle showed him around Hamburg. Uncle Gustave wrote us if there is anything he should send along we should write right away, because Paul will call there again before he sails.

We are sending five dollars, for masses, four should be for the Poor Souls and One for Mother.

I shall have to close now, with best regards to you, as well as to Uncle George, from us all , especially from

Your loving sister
[REDACTED]

P. S. Three Cheers for St. John's basket ball players. We notified in the paper that they only lost two games which they played here in Minneapolis. Best regards, I will write more next time , have to go to bed now.
[REDACTED]

Menominee, Minn.
June 9, 1921

Dear Brother:

You will be rather surprised to receive another letter in such a short time. In the name of the whole family I wish to congratulate you to your birthday. We all hope that you I will see many, many more birthdays in perfect health. We will remember you especially in our prayers this day.

How are you dear brother, I certainly hope in the best of health. We are all well. I want to let you know that I will have my vacation from June 13th to June 25th. Now dear brother I would like to come and visit you during this time for about a day or two as I am sure that this will be my last opportunity because I intend to work until nearly the end. I am going to leave for Wilmette August 2nd. Will you please let me know if this will suit you and what day you want me to come. Aunty is not with us anymore. I will

tell you about this later. Father is very busy.
Well dear brother I will close now.

Mündlich mehr. Many regards to you
and Uncle George from us all and especially
from

Your

[redacted] filius Henrici
Wendtt et Annar Kunz, natus die
11. Junii 1898, et baptizatus est
die 14. Junii 1898 in ecclesia S. A-
lexii, West Union, Minn. a Rev.
P. J. Ideyhouso O. S. B. Patrimi fuer-
unt Georgius Kunz et Carolina
Botzet.

Invid testatur:

[redacted]
Rector ecclesiae S. Alexii.
die 29. Aprilis 1918

[redacted]
5. Confirmationem
die 12 Junii 1912 in

[redacted]
Colleyville, Minn. a
Reverendo [redacted]
accept. Ita in libro
Confirmatorum.
Invid testatur Petrus Engel O.S.B.

Name: George Wendt

Name of father: [REDACTED] (+)

Name of mother: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: June 11 - 1898

Place of Birth: West Union

Minnesota

Todd Co.

Came to America, when?

Baptism, when? June 15 - 1898

where? West Union

by whom? P. Idelphonse Oltz

Confirm., when? June 11 - 1912

where? St. John's University

by whom? Rt. Rev Bishop Trobec

Dioc. of birth: St. Cloud

Present bishop: Rt. Rev. Joseph Bush

Letter written: ✓ Bp. St Cloud sent testimonial

Ans. received: ✓ 3 wrote to archbp Ireland
May 16/18

Everything O.K.

Omnibus has literas visuris

Salutem in Domino!

Cum dilectus in Christo filius *Georgius Wendt*
filius legitimus [REDACTED]
ejusque uxoris [REDACTED]
natus die *11* mensis *Junii* A.D. *1898*
in parochia *S. Alexii, West Union, Iowa*
dioceseos *S. Cleopoldi - postea per quindecim*
annos in parochia S. Bonifacii, Minneapolis
habitans

ad habitum religiosum Ord. S. Benedicti admitti intendat, decretum
S. Congregationis super statu Regularium auctoritate S. memor. Pii
PP. IX. die 25. Januarii 1848 editum respicientes, hisce literis juxta
scientiam Nostram ex diligenti investigatione deductam testamur,

eundem *Georgium* legitimis nata-

libus ortum, pie educatum, bonis moribus ornatum, in fide christiana

bene instructum, fama *bona* et conditione (sociali)

gaudere, nunquam inquisitum, neque alia censura,
irregularitate, aut alio canonico impedimento irretitum, vel reddendæ
rationi alicujus administrationis obnoxium esse: eundem porro, quan-
tum inquirendo cognoscere potuimus, ære alieno non gravatum, nullis
quoque promissionibus aut initis contractibus impeditum, nec habi-
tualis morbo affectum existere, ita ut ex hac parte nihil obstat, quomi-
nus ad habitum monasticum Ordinis S. Benedicti admitti possit.

Datum in Urbe Nostra episcopali *Sti. Pauli de Minnesota*

die *70^a* mensis *Martii* A. D. *1918*

f. Deland

Omnibus has literas visuris

Salutem in Domino!

Cum dilectus in Christo filius *Gregorius Wendt*
filius legitimus [redacted]
ejusque uxoris [redacted]
natus die *11* mensis *Junii* A. D. *1898*
in parochia *S. alexii, West Union Minn.*
dioceseos *S. Clodwaldi - et per sex annos*
in Collegii S. Joannis apud Colfaxville
Minn. studiis humanioribus vacanti
ad habitum religiosum Ord. S. Benedicti admitti intendat, decretum
S. Congregationis super statu Regularium auctoritate S. memor. Pii
PP. IX. die 25. Januarii 1848 editum respicientes, hisce literis juxta
scientiam Nostram ex diligenti investigatione deductam testamur,
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libus ortum, pie educatum, bonis moribus ornatum, in fide christiana
bene instructum, fama *bona* et conditione (sociali)
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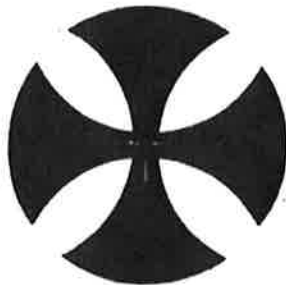
Datum in Urbe Nostra episcopali

die *14* mensis *Majis* A. D. *1918*

+ *J. F. Busch*
J. Clodwaldi

In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi. Amen
Ego Frater Perminius Wendt ex West Union diocesis
Sancti Clodoaldi, ad honorem Omnipotentis Dei, Beatissimae
Virginis Mariae, ac Beatissimi Patris nostri Benedicti, et
omnium Sanctorum, tenore praesentium per vota simplicia
ad triennium valitura promitto stabilitatem, et conversionem
morum meorum, ac obedientiam secundum regulam ejusdem
Sancti Benedicti, et statuta nostrae congregationis, coram Deo et
Sanctis ejus, quorum Reliquiae hic in praesenti ecclesia sunt,
simulque in praesentia Reverendissimi in Christo Patris ac
Domini Domini Petri Engel, hujus monasterii Abbatis, et coram
Reverendis Patribus et Venerabilibus Fratribus hic praesentibus.
In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.

In cujus rei testimonium praesentem schedulam manu
propria scripsi in hoc venerabili loco ecclesia Sancti Joannis
Baptistae anno ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo nongentesimo
undevicesimo ante diem quintum Idus Julias festo Solemnis-
tatis Sancti Patris nostri Benedicti.



Petrus Engel
Abbas

In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi. Amen.

Ego Frater Pimmius Wendt, ex West Union diocesis
Sancti Blodoaldi, ad honorem Omnipotentis Dei, Beatissimae
Virginis Mariae, ac Beatissimi Patris nostri Benedicti, et
omnium Sanctorum, tenore presentium per vota sollem-
nia promitto stabilitatem et conversionem meam, meorum,
ac obedientiam secundum regulam ejusdem Sancti Benedicti,
et statuta nostrae congregationis, coram Deo et Sanctis eius,
quorum reliquiae hic in praesenti ecclesia sunt, simulque
in praesentia Reverendissimi in Christo Patris ac Domini,
Domini Meinii Deutch, hujus monasterii abbatis et
eorum Reverendis Patribus et Venerabilibus Fratribus
hic praesentibus: In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus
Sancti. Amen

In cuius rei testimonium praesentem schedam
manu propria scripsi in hoc venerabili loco ecclesia
Sancti Joannis Baptistae, anno ab Incarnatione Domini
millesimo nonagesimo vicesimo secundo, ante diem quintum
Idus Julias, festi Sollemnitatis Sanctissimi Patris nostri
Benedicti Abbatis.



Professionem hanc coram
Nobis emissam testamur
Meinius Deutch,
Abbas.

LAST WILL.

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

I, the undersigned Reverend George Wendt of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, in the County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, declare, and publish the following as, and for, MY LAST WILL, hereby revoking all other Last Wills that I may have previously made:

(1) I give, devise and bequeath all of the estate, property and effects whatsoever and wheresoever situated, both real and personal, which I may own or to which I may be entitled or of which I may become possessed hereafter unto the Order of St. Benedict of the County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, absolutely.

(2) I nominate and appoint the Rt. Rev. Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B., President of the aforementioned Corporation, or his Successor in office, sole Executor of this my LAST WILL and TESTAMENT, and desire that he shall not be required to give any security for the performance of his duty.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of July, A.D. 1922.

(Signed) Reverend George Wendt, O.S.B.

Witnesses:

Mark Braun O.S.B.

Arnold Mondloch O.S.B.

Clarus Graves O.S.B.

Address:

Collegeville, Minn.

Collegeville, Minn.

Collegeville, Minn.



Josephus Franciscus Busch
Misericordiae Divinae et Sanctae Sedis Gratia
Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis fidem facimus et
testamur Nos die 1^a mensis Junii

anni 1924 in
Ecclesia Abbatialis S. Joannis Baptiste

Dilectum Nobis in Christo

Severinum Wendt

in Ordine S. Benedicti

ad Presbyteratum

juxta Romani Pontificalis Rubricas et assistente Nobis in hac Sancti
Spiritus gratia promovisse et ordinasse.

In cujus rei fidem has testimoniales litteras sigillo Nostro
majori insignitas confici jussimus.

Apud Mon. Clodaldum
die 24^a mensis Septembris
anni 1924

+ J. F. Busch
Episcopus S. Clodoaldi.

OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
STEARNS COUNTY, MINN.
I, JOHN L. DOMINK, Clerk of the Superior
Court, do hereby certify that the within
Instrument was by me duly recorded in
Book 279 of Certificate of Adjudication
on page 379 on this
4th day of Feb. A. D. 19 26
John L. Domink Clerk
Mr. J. W. Klauwink Deputy

München, den 22 December 1920

Lieber Josef!

Was allem wünsche ich Dir ein frohliches Weihnachtsfest mit ein
glückseligem neuen Jahr. Meine Liebste Linda hat Dir geschrieben von der
Königin's Jugendheim über Dich geschrieben und Dir
alle Wünsche ausgesprochen, welche Du für Lieb und Wohl notwendig
hast für das gl. Vaterland.

Dabei verhofft Du ein kleiner Posten. Hoffentlich wird Dir ein
Dorfbesuch sein, um die Leigen zu heilen und dem Vaterland.

Du machst ja ein ein kleines Weihnachtsfest für die Ma-
ma, es ist keine große Sache da.

Dabei verhofft Du ein Geld von dem Pensionsamt, bei mir
Du hast ein Weihnachtsfest, und meine kleine Schwester wird
es auch gut sein. Ich habe meine kleine Arbeit alle Jahre fest
bestimmt am 15 December, so aber nicht alle Jahre
festen hat das erste Jahr sein, aber mich gleich genug. Ich
bin jetzt das ein ein Posten in die Kollegium zu sein,
jeder hat die Arbeit bekommen, gleiches aber nicht, das ist
von dem Pensionsamt fest sein. Auch wird noch sehr wenig von
meiner Pension sein. Geben Dir das Geld von
1000 \$ auch ein ein Posten. München hat in der
Northwesten Zeitung so ein Posten und ist jetzt ein Dayly Star

Das Mr. Haggard ist der jetzt Offizier Maniager und das hat sie aufgegeben
sie sollte zu ihm kommen. Das hat jetzt \$22⁰⁰ Mennung woer hat sie
nicht etwas mehr, fahre aber nicht gefangt den sie muss gucken.
Wiele Grueße von Central Army, wünsche auch den bekannten Kindern
fröhliche Feiertage. Das auch Sie viel Freude gegenseitig von Dainan

Dear Brother:

In the name of [redacted] and [redacted] I wish
you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, with
God's Blessing. It is, as father has stated already,
no real pleasure this year.

Last Monday night [redacted] left for [redacted],
he will sail on the 23rd. He is going to see Uncle
[redacted] and bring him [redacted] Communion pictures.

I wonder what he will have to say when he gets
back. I received a nice cedar chest from him.

By the 1st of April he expects to be back again, so
you may remember him in your prayers so he
has a safe journey.

Again wishing you and Uncle [redacted]
the Seasons Greetings, I am

at
One pair of shoes stockinns are your loving sister
from Aunt and Uncle [redacted] [redacted]

Jesus! Maria! Joseph!

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Zum kommen Andenken an unsere innigst
geliebte Gattin und Mutter

Verstorben am 2. April 1908. In Herzheim, (St. B.
Hilg.) Gestorben am 7. Februar zu Minnea-
polis, Minn.

Ein Herz, das Gott und Menschen treu geliebt,
hat ausgehört für diese Welt zu schlagen.
Ein Mutterherz, wie's edler keiner gibt,
das Leid undummer hat so fromm getragen.
Das Mutterherz mit seiner ganzen Lieb',
sie haben es für diese Welt getragen,
in ihrem Schmerz und dem ein Trost erblickt,
das wie ein Mutterherz im Himmel haben.

Süßes Herz Jesu, sei meine Stütze!
(800 Tage Ablass)

Süßes Herz Maria, sei meine Rettung!
(800 Tage Ablass)

Mein Jesus Barmherzigkeit.
(100 Tage Ablass)

Guter Vater, u. i. m. Begnügt sein u. i. m.

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, although he be dead, shall live; and every one that liveth, and believeth in Me, shall not die for ever.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

[REDACTED]

Died at Minneapolis, Minn.,
March 24, 1946.
Age 72.

O God, whose property is ever to have mercy and to spare, we humbly beseech Thee on behalf of the soul of Thy servant Helen, whom Thou hast called out of this world, that Thou wouldst not deliver her into the hands of the enemy, nor forget her for ever, but command that she be taken up by Thy holy angels, and borne to our home in paradise, that having put her hope and trust in Thee, she may not undergo the pains of hell, but come to the possession of eternal joys. Amen.

FAX

IN JOYFUL REMEMDRANCE OF MY
ORDINATION JUNE FIRST, AND
FIRST SOLEMN MASS
JUNE EIGHTH
NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR
AT SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH
NORTH EAST MINNEAPOLIS
PIRMIN WENDT, O. S. B.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, through Our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the charity of the Holy Ghost, that you help me in your prayers for me to God."
Rom. XV. 30.

Im Jesus durch Maria

Zum Andenken
an mein
Erstes heiliges Messopfer
gefeiert in der
St. Bonifacius Kirche
3^{te}
Minneapolis, Minnesota
am 8. Juni 1924
Pirmin Wendt, O. S. B.

„Durch die Gnade Gottes bin ich was ich bin.“—, „Orator in euangelio.“
I. Cor. 16, 16.—Ps. 109, 4.



Durch das Uebermaß von Liebe und Schmerz
 ward sie die Königin der Magier.
 (St. Alfons v. Siquier)

MADE IN SWITZERLAND 1810



ECCE HOMO
 He was wounded for our iniquities,
 He was bruised for our sins.—Is. 53, 5.



S. AZAMER
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 M. N. Y.

The Sower
 The sower set forth to sow his seed;
 some fell on good ground and grew
 and bore fruit even unto a hundredfold.
 [St. Luke VIII, 8]

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My Father, Thy will be done, not mine.
 St. Matt. XXVI, 42

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*In Grateful Remembrance
of my
Golden Jubilee
in the
Holy Priesthood*

Father Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.



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In joyful remembrance of our
Sixtieth Anniversary of
Monastic Profession

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1919 July 11 1979

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Fr. Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Fr. [REDACTED] O.S.B.

Monks of Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota

In Jesus durch Maria

Zum Andenken

an mein

Erstes heiliges Messopfer

gefeiert in der

St. Bonifacius Kirche

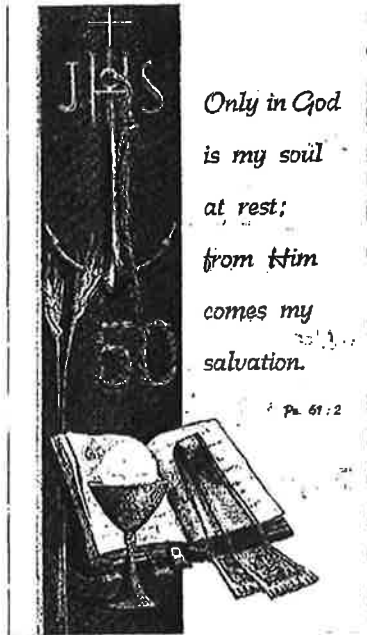
zu

Minneapolis, Minnesota

am 8. Juni 1924

Pirmin Wendt, O. S. B.

„Durch die Gnade Gottes bin ich was ich
bin.“ — „Priester in ewigkeit.“
I. Cor. 15, 10.—Ps. 105, 4.



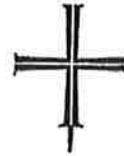
Only in God
is my soul
at rest;
from Him
comes my
salvation.

Ps. 61:2



THE EYES OF ALL
HOPE IN THEE.
O LORD AND THOU
GIVEST THEM THEIR
MEAT IN DUE SEASON.
THOU OPENEST THINE HAND
AND FILLEST EVERY LIVING
CREATURE WITH BLESSING

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Now we will follow you
with our whole heart;
We will fear you
and seek your face once more.

Daniel 3:41

University of Minnesota

July 31, 1927

Rt. Reverend and dear Father Abbot,

The first session of the summer course came to a close yesterday, and whilst the professors managed to keep us pretty busy, I must say, that I have enjoyed my work up to now. I particularly found my class in American History very interesting. The professor I had was a master in his field and an inspiration to all in the class. I have actually become interested in American History and begun to realize that that study has great possibilities. In regard to my grades, I will make no predictions, then I am sure that I will have no regrets.

But I have something else about which I wish to write to you this morning. [redacted] his grade schooling in June and would like to come to St. John's in September. He is not decided yet whether he wishes to become a priest or not, but would be glad to have an opportunity to ascertain whether God wants him for that life or not. But there is another difficulty. My father has not the wherewith to send him thru college. He is willing to pay something - \$ 50, 75 or even a \$ 100 if necessary, and, of course, the extras. Besides, he says, that in case [redacted] does not become a priest, he will see to it that St. John's will be paid any amount which you wish to stipulate.

May I ask you, dear Father Abbot, to let me know whether [redacted] may come to St. John's as a tentative scholastic, and, if so, what amount you wish my father to pay. I was hoping to be able to speak to you personally about this, but up to now I have had no occasion to see you in Minneapolis.

Just a word about [redacted] ability to learn. During all the years that he went to school here, he was always the first in his class. Whether that means anything or not, I do not know. However, I think that the school here is as good as the average. As far as his moral character is concerned, I think I can safely say, that he is a good boy.

Thanking you for past favors and also for the present opportunity for attending school, I am

Obediently yours,

Fr. Pomin, O. S. B.

University of Minnesota

Dear Father Abbot,

Sept. 5th. 1937

Within the last month or so, I have been troubled with what seemed to me to be neuralgia. I had myself examined last week and found that I had an impacted tooth and a growth in the nose which impedes my breathing.

Since I could not get in communication with you last week, I presumed your permission to have both removed this week. I will be back home as soon as that is finished.

I wish also to take this opportunity to thank you in my father's name for the concessions you have made to [REDACTED]

With many greetings, I am

Devotedly yours in St. Benedict

F. Pittman

St. John's University
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

When a few moments ago you asked me in the Chapter Room whether I had kept the promise that I made to you last summer on my own volition, I said yes. Frankly I must confess that at the moment I did not understand the purport of the question, for I thought that it had some altogether different reference. When I did realize what you did ~~mean~~ mean, I did not have the courage to withdraw my affirmation.

However, I want to be frank. On a few occasions I took some drink in the company of others. I then spoke the matter over with my Confessor and told him what I had voluntarily promised to you. I asked him whether it would be contrary to my promise if I would change it so that I would confine any drinking of this kind only in company with others? He thought not, and so I changed the promise.

I can truthfully say that I have never bought anything for myself neither have I ever brought anything back for myself.

Now, Father Abbot, if you still feel that I can be trusted, would my commutation of my promise to you last year be satisfactory? ~~I~~ I feel that the greatest danger in drinking lies in the fact that some can and do drink to excess alone; and therein probably the danger lies for me.

J. P. Parnin
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Faribault, Minn.
July 23, 1936

Dear Father Abbot,

A certain [REDACTED] a blind man from the Immaculate Conception Parish, called at the house here yesterday. He told me that a cousin of his wife [REDACTED] had spoken to you of his son, a boy about 14 years of age, about attending St. John's next year. However, he would like to speak to you first and requested me to inquire whether Wednesday, July 29th would be a suitable date. Incidentally, Father Abbot, would I be permitted to bring about 10 of the servers along and show them St. John's? I do not think that there are any immediate prospects but it may not do them any harm to know that there is such a place.

Otherwise there is little to note that may be of interest. The heat, of course, has been terrific; yet, I am sure, the crops are much better here than around St. John's. We had $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain within the last week and that surely helped the corn crop.

As to work here, there is just sufficient to keep me active. Confessions are entirely out of proportion with the number of Holy Communions on Sundays. St. Lawrence Church seems to be a sort of a clearing house for the other two parishes.

I sincerely trust that you are still in the best of health and that everything else is well at home.

With many greetings I am

Obediently,

J. P. Pinnin, C.S.B.

OSB WENDT_00027

J. M. J.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Oct. 31, 1937.

My dear Brother,

Heartiest congratulations to your approaching feastday. May God's choicest blessings be yours on this day and may you be the recipient of all those graces, which you stand in need of for your spiritual and temporal welfare. I shall remember you especially on your feastday and all my prayers and day's work I will offer up in your behalf.

Many thanks for your loving jubilee letter, but above all for that inestimable gift, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. How are you my dear Brother? We were very sorry that we were not able to have you with us last summer when our dear parents, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] visited us last August in "Maria Immacolata". We enjoyed their visit very much. It was the first time we had the opportunity to meet [REDACTED] and she made a very favorable impression upon all three of us. Last week I received a letter from home in which Daddy enclosed a letter from [REDACTED]. I had to laugh heartily when I read the same, for in it he described how he tried to make some wine.

I am well and hope the same of you. Do you still feel the after effects of that fall you had last summer? How is our dear Father? He wrote he too had a fall and was laid up for seven weeks.

Thank God, he was not killed. I have 26 pupils in class this year. The same afford me much pleasure. Last week Sister [redacted] our school supervisor visited our classes and she complimented the children on the alertness and enthusiasms they showed while she was in the classroom.

From the 9th to the 13th October the Third National Catechetical Congress of the Confederation of Christian Doctrine was held here in St. Louis. The Sisters had the pleasure to attend many of the lectures that were given those days. I heard our Rev. Archbishop from St. Paul speak also Most Rev. E. M. Walsh Bishop of Charleston, Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Great Falls, Most Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma, and Rev. Daniel A. Lord S. J. Every talk was very interesting and inspiring. On one occasion I also met one of your fathers I think it was Father Schmiedler. He said he knew you well and promised to give you greetings from me.

Did you receive them?

Wishing you once more a very happy and joyous feastday, dearest Brother, and with fond greetings from dear Sister Secundilla I am in the love of Jesus and Mary
Your love [redacted]

P.Pirmin Wendt.

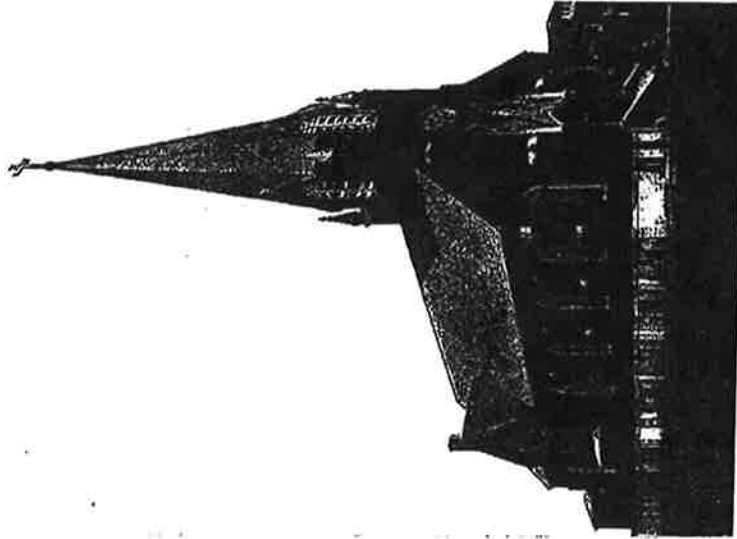
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Univ of Minnesota--Summer sess.-1926;'28;'29;
1930.

Abbey:Prefect of St.Bede's Hall--
Professor of Economics,History,Political Econom.-
Sept.1924-
Prefect of St.Anselm's Hall- 1939



Sacred Heart Church and Rectory, Farad, Minnesota



Owen, Wisconsin
January, 1940

Dear Father

Delayed but always
forth & coming are these letters
of mine.

Just where and what to
start with is a matter that
requires some consideration.
It would be best, I think,
to start with some more or
less indefinite period until
the present is accounted for.

Last Summer as you no
doubt know, Father, I was forced
to retire from indoor labor be-

course of four semesters. So now
my duties consist mainly of odd
jobs around the hotel.

You will be surprised to learn
that I am back in school again.
Rather than loaf through the winter
I am taking a post-graduate course
at Ames High School. Typing, Book-
keeping and shorthand. Remember
how I used to talk typing and
typewriters when I was a senior?

To do justice to myself though
my lowest mark has been a B
so far. There is an amazing
difference in attitude when one
takes a course out of a desire to
accomplish something and taking
a course because it is prescribed.
I think that you will agree with

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one on that.

In April one of my dreams
will achieve reality. Father, you
I and [redacted], my legal
partners are entering the fur-farms
field. Minp, by the way, are
to be the objects of your attention.
I've always been interested in
this work and it will give me
a chance to be outside what
every day. We have four minp
to start with and about 6 acres
of land. It will take about
four years to make it a paying
proposition.

You know I have one peculiar

ambition, among many others,
and that is to be in a position
to get bells for the church here.

We have a missing church,
dedicated to "Our Lady of the Holy
Rosary" and to me something
is missing without those bells.

Have I ever told you that
I am choir master here, frankly
though, though no choice of
my own.

Well Father, now that nearly
two sheets of paper have been
filled telling about myself I
think it would be best to charge
to you.


Last summer some of the
fellows from Nepoose came
up and they mention that you

were now in Anshem Hall.

I've often wondered why you didn't take that vacation the doctor ordered you to take in 1933 or 1934. I still believe it would have done you a world of good.

What classes do you teach now? Do you remember the Economics class, I was the sole member.

What kind of showing did the hockey team have this year?

 is now taking nursing training at St. Mary's Hospital now. She is class vice-president and treasurer.

made. We is all proud of her.

The rest of us are in good health and progressing with the business which has improved remarkably.

Write at your earliest opportunity Father for it really is good to read the news of old John's written by you.

Sincerely

[Redacted]

P. S. Best regards from Mother & Dad.

Wendt, Pirmin

Wendt, Pirmin

ord June 1, 1924.

Prefect in St. Bede's Hall. ^{until 1939.} Operated for appendicitis in
fall 1923.

Studied History, U. of Minn. Various summers up to 1934 (incl.)

Summer 1935 at Schmitz Hall.

" 1936 at Fairbault.

" 1937 at Pleasantwood, Montrose.

" 1938 at Conkey, Minn.

" 1939 at Pleasantwood, Montrose

1939 - Prefect of St. Anselm's Hall: College Priesthood, candidates.
(let be has Fr. David helping him, by taking care of the "spiritual" interests)
i.e. - Spiritual Director

(Summer 1940 - Pastor, part time - of St. Boniface, Mpls.)

(Summer 1941 - Parcell, Wyoming, assistant)

Summer 1942 - Clingman, Montrose, & Benson, Minn. (Aug.)
(only)

St. Austin's, Mpls. -

Oct. 1945 - Assistant at St. Ann's, St. Paul, Minn.

Aug 26, 1949 - Pastor - St. Joseph's, Minneapolis, Minn.

Church of Saint Barbara
Fossil, Wyoming

August 21, 1941

Dear Father Abbot:

But a little more than two weeks another summer shall have passed and, whilst I look forward to returning home, I am at the same time grateful for having had the opportunity of spending the summer here. The work has been interesting and educational and, although at times the days between Sundays dragged out and were monotonous, the Sundays at the Park amply compensated for the defects of the week; for one cannot help but feel a profound sense of gratitude for being a member of Christ's Church, when one sees the large crowds from all parts of the country attending Holy Mass with profound devotion.

Furthermore, I feel that the Pastor here has been somewhat represented. Both Fr. Osmund and I have found him kind and obliging. He is not the type that falls all over one but does extend himself, so as to make our stay a pleasant one.

Speaking of Father Kimmet, he has requested me to write to you, Father Abbot, concerning the possibility of getting a substitute to remain here for about three weeks during the month of October. I told him that as a rule we do not have men available during the school year, but that there is a possibility. I am sure he would appreciate it, if something could be done. Perhaps you would prefer to write him as to the possibility.

With cordial greetings both from Fr. Osmund and myself, I remain

Obediently in St. Benedict

J. P. Pinnick

August 25, 1941

Rev. Firmin Wendt, C.S.B.,
Catholic Rectory
Powell, Wyoming

My Dear Father Firmin,

It was a pleasure to gather from your letter that you have on the whole enjoyed your stay in Powell and that you have found the pastor kind and obliging, more genial than he had been represented by those who had been with him before.

I note that Father [redacted] would like to have a substitute for about three weeks during the month of October. You know that it is not easy for me to find someone to spare for three weeks during the school year. It may be possible to accommodate Father [redacted], but I would like to know definitely the precise time during which he would visit the Father before I give a definite answer.

Here we are becoming conscious of the fact that the vacation days are drawing to a close. Some of the classes are waiting to be read the required time in order to finish what we have undertaken. All of them are well, except Father [redacted] of Canada, who seems to have a touch of tuberculosis and is returning to Canada. Father [redacted] had a stroke on the first day of this month and will be out of the running, even if he should possibly survive. The other invalids are still invalids. Father [redacted]'s condition is somewhat improved. Father [redacted] has quite recovered from his serious operation, and Father [redacted] is still at Sacred Heart Sanatorium -- which may be news to you -- and write a lugubrious letter to the effect that he will not be fit to teach this year.

But I had better not pick up the urge to send you the news. This letter would become too long, and I still have some problems to solve. Not even the faculty list is published as yet. My greetings to you and to Father Osmund; God bless you both.

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

AD/js

OSB WENDT_00041

St. Gabriel's Church

Chinook, Montana

July 7, 1942

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Arrived here on Friday morning just in time to offer the Holy Sacrifice at 8 o'clock. The trip was not particularly pleasant, for the train was crowded. There were eighteen cars that made up the train, but despite this, I was fortunate in finally getting a seat with some degree of comfort only towards evening. But then my troubles only began, for some gent headed for Seattle sat next to me. I presume he wanted to be courteous for he soon began on the topic of religion. There was little use talking to him for his religious knowledge and experience was minus zero. Of course the Catholics were not as bad as they were made out to be, but they bear watching...even though the Catholic Church is the true Church nevertheless, there should be a Protestant, so as to keep the Catholic Church in line..Etc. Fortunately nature intervened, he fell asleep and so did I.

Chinook is a nice place; has five missions. The Pastor is also here. Father Engelbert's brother lives at one of the missions.

With best wishes and cordial greetings,

Affectionately,
J. P. Pinner

July 9, 1942

Rev. Pirmin Wendt, C.S.B.
St. Gabriel's Church
Chinook, Montana

My dear Father Pirmin,

I thank you for your letter of the 7th announcing your safe arrival in Chinook. I am sorry that the trip out there was anything but a pleasant experience, and I sympathize with you, for I, too, have had such experiences. But perhaps we should not be too pessimistic about them. Maybe a word we said or an attitude we showed may bear fruit at some later date, entirely unknown to us. It has happened before.

The new novices arrived during my absence, for I was at St. Bede's and St. Procopius from the 26th of June to the evening of the 5th instant. All came, except the Brother. His dispensation from Rome has not yet arrived, and so it is perhaps fortunate that he has decided to think the matter over more carefully during this summer. The novitiate is quite full, for we have with us four novices from St. Bede's Abbey — formerly they were sent to St. Vincent's, but the new abbot requested that we accept them here. Tomorrow morning they will be clothed — I am somewhat put to it to discover names for the group, but by tomorrow each will know whether I have taken each one's suggested name or not.

All is fairly quiet here, though there is still an abundance of work. The calls for Sunday assistance are constantly increasing, and we can no longer fill all of them.

May our holy Father intercede for you and give you a holy and happy feast.

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

AD:je

OSB WENDT_00043

St. Gabriel's Church

Chinook, Montana

July 20, 1942

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

This noon when I returned from the Missions Father Duffy, the Pastor, asked me whether I could stay for another month. "Well" I said, "that would depend upon Father Abbot. However, I added that Father Abbot had written to me that he already had more requests than he could fill.

Shortly after I arrived here, Father Duffy mentioned that he was planning on leaving on the 26th of July for Philadelphia, his home. He told me that another priest would arrive here at that time and Father [redacted] would be back by the 31st. In fact he said - much to my amazement - "I would not want you to stay with Fr. [redacted]." (Fr. [redacted] had been out of the priesthood some 20 years.) So Father Duffy started shopping around. When, however, he found that he could not get a substitute, he seemingly forgot what he had said about my staying with Fr. [redacted] and asked me to stay.

Why Father Duffy did not ask me at the very outset - for he had no substitute - I cannot understand. I have tried to do my work faithfully and have given with God's help no offense. I have taken care of his sick; buried his dead, whilst he made a five day trip to Billings. On the Fourth of July he went fishing and I watched the house. Later he went to Great Falls, I stayed at home. Last week he was gone nearly the entire week. A week ago he planned a trip through the hills for Sunday, today. I was to go along. To my surprise after, I had taken breakfast this noon, he asked me to stay at home. So here I am.

I have enumerated these facts not in a spirit of complaint, for I have none. Neither am I lonely for our dear Lord is as truly present in the Tabernacle here as in the more populous regions. Neither have I lost my taste for the Montana climate. But I do feel, Father Abbot, that you have a right to know the situation in considering Fr. Duffy's request; for there may be some requests in August equally as urgent and perhaps a wee bit more deserving. I did not, of course, tell Fr. Duffy that I am writing to you. Your wish, Father Abbot, in this matter is also mine.

With cordial greetings,

Affectionately yours,

J. P. Pomin

July 20, 1942
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Rev. Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.,
St. Gabriel's Church
Chinook, Montana

My dear Father Firmin,

I wrote Father Duffy yesterday that I could not grant his request to have you remain as his substitute for the month of August for the reason that I had already made different arrangements for you, which arrangements could not be changed because I did not have enough men available to fill all the requests.

Father Timothy came home from Benson over a week ago, and since then Father Shea has been without a resident priest there. I have told him that he must be satisfied with only Sunday assistance for this coming Sunday, July 26th, but that for the Sunday, August 2, I would have one of the Fathers who could remain there in residence until shortly before the opening of the fall school term.

Will you, therefore, please go to Benson for the first Sunday in August? I have looked up the schedules, and find that you must leave Chinook some time on Thursday evening, July 30, in order to arrive in Benson on Friday evening, July 31. I do not know of any other way by which you might arrange to arrive there in time for confessions on Saturday, August 1. Unless I should notify you otherwise, will you please then remain at Benson until the end of the month of August?

All is well here. I have just permitted two more of the Fathers to present themselves to the Military Ordinariate as chaplains -- Fathers Harold and Columban. Perhaps later on, when I know more definitely what our needs will be for the coming year it may be possible to allow others that have volunteered to go as chaplains.

With every best wish, and the hope that you will enjoy your stay in Benson, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

OSB WENDT_00045

St. Gabriel's Church

Chinook, Montana

July 29, 1942

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Your letter advising me to go to Benson, Minn. reached me last week. I will leave from here tomorrow evening, Thursday, and should be there, Deo volente, by Friday evening.

Since I wrote my last letter in which I stated a few reasons why Fr. Duffy's request might not receive consideration, if equally urgent requests were made by other priests, Fr. Duffy himself told me his reasons why he did not ask me to stay in the first place. I am pleased to say that his failure to ask me was not at all personal and I hope to tell you the reasons later when I get back home. In fairness to Fr. Duffy I must say that when he was here, he always was kind and considerate. At present he is at Miles City. Just seems to come home long enough to change his shirt. So far he has no substitute but hopes to get one from the Bishop.

Last Sunday I had my final experience at the Missions which I shall not forget for sometime. When I left Harlem, the first mission at which I had offered the Holy Sacrifice it was raining. The second mission was 23 miles from there. By the time I had said my second Mass it was also raining at the second mission. We started to drive home. After we had travelled about 13 miles, the roads were so slippery that forward progress was impossible. There was only one thing to do, walk to town and get a wrecker. The distance was ten miles. Walking on the road was impossible for the mud reached ones ankles. So we walked in the grass. My suit was drenched and my shoes were water logged. Fortunately we got a ride the last four miles. We looked like deep sea divers when we got into Harlem at 2:30 P.M. Yet, I thought we look upon such an experience as a hardship, whilst the good old missionaries must have made this experience regularly.

Outside of the fact that we had some heavy electrical storms here yesterday and also some hail, there is nothing new to mention since my last letter.

With best wishes and cordial greetings

Affectionately yours,

J. Permin

If you wish, Father Abbot, a greeting to my Uncle [REDACTED]

OSB WENDT_00046

August 5, 1942

Rev. Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
St. Francis' Church
Benson, Minnesota

My dear Father Firmin,

Your letter of the 29th - arrived here during my absence while attending a meeting of the advisory committee of the Department of Education of the F.O.C.B. in Cincinnati. Since my return home there has been a lot of mail, and just now we are in the midst of the Rural Life school, and some of my time is occupied in meeting some of the priests who have come for the session. I think there are over forty priests here and a number of laymen -- all most visibly interested in the various discussions and lectures and demonstrations.

There is nothing of note that I might write you, except to thank you for the assurance that you would reach Benson on last Friday evening. I hope that you will enjoy your stay here. It may be somewhat difficult there, but I have confidence that you can adjust yourself to circumstances and make the best of them.

Yesterday Father Peter and Father Ronald left for New York, the former to be at St. Ann's, the latter at St. Benedict's in place of Father Lancelot who will return here. Father Peter is replacing Father Emmanuel who is the new assistant at St. Joseph's in Minneapolis. I must still make other appointments, but have not yet had time to give them sufficient consideration.

Reciprocating your best wishes and cordial greetings, I am

Affectionately yours,

AD:je

Abbot

OSB WENDT_00047

Church of St. Francis
Rev. F. M. Shea, Pastor
Benson, Minn.

Aug. 25, 1942

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

All things eventually end; so my stay here at Benson is gradually drawing to a close. I have, indeed, enjoyed my few weeks here and everything went along very well. According to your instructions in July I am to stay until the last Sunday in August. I will therefore leave here sometime on Sunday.

However, I have a request to make, namely, that I be permitted to visit with my Father in Minneapolis a few days before returning home.

Whatever else of interest, I hope to relate to you upon returning to St. John's. Until then with best wishes and cordial greetings, I remain

Affectionately yours,

F. P. Pimm, O.S.B.

August 25, 1942

Rev. Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Francis
Benson, Minnesota

My dear Father Firmin,

I have your letter of yesterday. It arrived here this noon, and I received it just after my return from the Cities. I left yesterday morning by car to visit Father [redacted] at Rochester. He has been there for some time with a cancerous growth in the bladder. However, both he and his doctors are confident that in another ten days or so he will be well enough to return to St. Gregory's.

You may return via Minneapolis and there spend a few days with your father. Please give him my greetings. Before you leave, Benson, however, I hope that you will find the time to jot down your impressions of the trouble your predecessor had there. I do not want to judge him too harshly, and hence I would appreciate your judgment regarding whatever transpired during his stay at Benson.

By now you must have received the notice concerning Father [redacted]'s death. I received a letter from Father Albert this morning. He says that two doctors had pronounced Father [redacted] well on the day preceding his death, and that death occurred while Father was on his way in a bus to an outing with some of the children of St. Benedict's. Father Albert will arrive with the body tomorrow morning, and the funeral will be here on Thursday.

With every best wish, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

AD:je

OSB WENDT_00049

Church of St. Francis
Rev. F. M. Shea, Pastor
Wenson, Minn.

Aug. 27, 1942

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Thank you for your prompt reply and also for permitting me to visit my father for a few days. The death of Fr. [redacted] was, indeed, a surprise, yet "in medio vitae mortui sumus." May he rest in peace.

As to what exactly transpired during the stay of my predecessor, I cannot describe adequately, for I lack complete information. However, remarks made from time to time by Fr. Shea and members of the laity throw a gleam of light on the probable cause of the difficulties.

Fr. [redacted] seems to have been particularly irked by the housekeeper, [redacted] age 70. My impression of her is that of a simple soul, whose greatest shortcoming is her failure to get meals on time; a fact that disturbed Fr. [redacted] no little. Furthermore, she is most loyal to Fr. [redacted] and follows his instructions to the letter. One of these instructions, namely, that during Fr. [redacted]'s absence all his personal mail and the mail for the Church was to be opened by a trustee was certainly not judicious. But [redacted] was adamant for those were her instructions. When one considers the fact that Fr. [redacted] has been incapacitated for sometime, one can also understand that the housekeeper assumes a responsibility out of proportion to her position. Yet she is amenable, for I have opened letters addressed to the Church, told Fr. [redacted] and all was well.

(Please pardon these creases in the paper - this typewriter is an antique.)

There is another woman, a certain [redacted] a quasi Secretary of Fr. [redacted], whom I suspect has been the fly in the ointment. She is rather officious and seems to feel that the welfare of the Parish rests squarely upon her shoulders. The climax was reached on the last Sunday when Fr. [redacted] made the supreme blunder of telling the Congregation that he was leaving Benson "because of a woman." [redacted] came to the house after Holy Mass and asked whether she was the woman referred to. What followed would be ludicrous, if it were not so tragic. According to Fr. [redacted], Fr. [redacted] lost complete control of himself. There were words; even threats to strike the woman. Also, I believe on this occasion Fr. [redacted] wished to call the police to get the woman out of the house. I have no mind to exculpate [redacted] for she is inclined to be too bossy. However, she can be put in her place without offense.

As to Fr. [redacted], he is most reasonable and appreciative. He is most grateful to you, Fr. Abbot for having supplied him with assistance, men, who according to him "have been perfect gentlemen." He is a sick man but despite all, has a fine sense of humor, is affable and kind. Of course, he has peculiarities, but where is the man that has none. [redacted] for instance, are not his forte and this seemingly disturbed Fr. [redacted]. It should, but one can scarcely expect to change a man in the 70's.

As to the laity outside of the household, I met very few. I visited none except the sick. But even there Fr. [redacted] was spoken of. One instance, when Fr. [redacted] came between 10-11 o'clock at night to have their boy, who was a trucker and had to go to work every morning at 3 o'clock, take him back to St. John's that very night. Or again the indiscreet discussions of his problems with the laity. Again there was his trouble with the altar boys; his difficulties with the Confirmation

class, so that he wrote to the Archbishop telling him that he slapped a child and, I believe, dismissed it. (He got no reply.) There is little gained in going on. Personally I feel that it all adds up to the one thing, an excess of zeal and a complete absence of judgment.

I have written at length about these things, Fr. Abbot, not due to lack of fraternal charity, but because I feel that you have a right to know in the interest of furthering the cause of Christ and the welfare of Community. I assure you that this matter will be discussed by no one else.

Fr. Shea has asked me to inquire whether it would be possible that the man that comes here during the year come by Bus via St. Cloud to Willmar (Willmar) instead of his sending up a car each Saturday. His problem is one of tires. There is a bus that leaves St. Cloud at 12:30 and arrives at Willmar at 2:30 P.M. He would then have a car there to bring the priest to Benson. On Sundays the man could get the bus here at 1:50 and catch the bus at Willmar at 4 P.M. This bus arrives at St. Cloud at 6 o'clock. Of course he would compensate for the additional cost. Would you kindly let him know whether this suggestion is feasible.

I am looking forward to my return to St. John's, for, after all, one feels best at home. Until then, best wishes and with cordial greetings, I remain

Affectionately yours,

J. Pomin

CHURCH OF ST. AUSTIN
DOWLING AND WASHBURN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Feast of St. Benedict

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutach, O.S.B.
Collegeville, Minn.

My dear Father Abbot,

When I left St. John's I took with me some intentions that were given to me by Father Prior and some further intentions that I received from my sister and others. The stipends for the latter intention I gave to Father Prior before I left. However, I find it impossible for me to say these Masses here. I am therefore sending the book in which the intentions are noted with Father Andrew in the hope that some Father will be able to offer these Holy Masses. Those intentions that have neither date nor a P affixed to them have not been said. I am also inclosing a Gregorian for the deceased [REDACTED] requested by [REDACTED]

As to myself there is little of interest to report. I am gradually becoming acclimated. The Rev. Lieut. Colonel is shuttling between here and Ft. Snelling. At present he is in Chicago. I am quite satisfied when he returns to Ft. Dix, N.J. I do hope Father Abbot that you will find time to stop here when you come to Minneapolis.

With cordial greetings and sincere good wishes, I remain

Obediently and affectionately yours

J. Pinnin, O.S.B.

July 12, 1943

My dear Father Pirmin,

Just a brief note today to thank you for the Gregorian series that you sent together with the money to cover the stipend. The series, as well as those masses which you sent up in the book with Father Andrew, will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Yesterday's ceremony of profession was the longest that we have ever had -- almost four hours, and we did not begin until 9, so you can see that we did not have an early breakfast. But despite the heat, all seemed to stand the long fast quite well. Perhaps the new ritual ceremonies are longer, but the fact that we had four different items (Simple vows, Perpetual Vows, Solemn Vows, and a Jubilee) accounts for the length of the ceremony.

Assuming you don't mind I will consider it a pleasure to stop on St. Austin's if I get to Minneapolis during your stay there, I am, with every good wish,
Most respectfully yours,

AD:jo

Abbot

CHURCH OF ST. AUSTIN
DOWLING AND WASHBURN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Aug. 27, 1943

Dear Confrere,

As I looked over or rather thru the Ordo the other day, I noted that we begin the Pars Autumnalis next Saturday. So again, I have to ask a favor of you. I left this part at home, for I never thought that I would be here until September. You will find it on the bookshelf, the first upper shelf to the right. So, if you come down next Saturday, Please bring it along or give it to the man that is coming.

As to the lenght of time that an additional man must be sent here, I cannot say. As far as I know it is quite indefinite. Even though Father [redacted] does return, I do not think that he will be able to do any work for quite some time. So I presume that the assumption is that a man will continue to come from St. Ann's as in past years.

My diet is getting rather monotonous; however, I hope that it will help.

Thanks for your trouble. Maybe we will see ea ch other Saturday.

With cordial greetings,

Faternally,

J. P. Pinnin, M.B.

The Church of St. Austin
Dowling Avenue & Washburn North
Minneapolis, Minn.

Sept. 20, 1943

The Right Reverend Father Abbot
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

An apology may be in order for not having written sooner; however, I am sure that you will understand from what I have to say, that no disrespect was intended.

Since the middle of July I felt severely distressed between meals and during the night. I made little of it, for I thought it was just a recurring stomach affliction which had bothered me intermittently during the last six years. But the distress grew from bad to worse until I finally presumed your permission to see a doctor. Since Doctor [redacted] whom I had consulted four years ago was in the navy, I went to Doctor [redacted]. I was x-rayed at St. Mary's Hospital. The decision of the doctor was that I was to go immediately to St. Mary's Hospital for three weeks and lie in bed and have a glass of milk brought to my room every two hours. The thought struck me, why pay those good Nuns \$5 or more a day for resting in bed, when I could do that very thing right here. So I held out and the Doctor finally consented to permit me to stay here. I was also permitted to offer up the Holy Sacrifice every morning. (I forgot to mention that the x-rays showed two ulcers; one as large as a little finger in the duodenum and the other the size of a dollar in the stomach.) I was obedient to the orders of the doctor and stayed in bed for three weeks doing only that which was essential. After my three weeks were over, the Doctor extended my milk diet for another week, for he was not quite satisfied with my progress.

However, last Thursday I had another x-ray taken and I am happy to state that the ulcers show signs of healing. As a result, the Doctor has now permitted me to eat a soft boiled egg and also some soup. This is not much but at least it is a change. This will be my diet for about another month and then I must report again. I hope and pray that the improvement continues.

I appreciate the fact that you have permitted me to stay down here, for I do not think that I would be of much use in the classroom as I feel now. The work is not heavy here and I believe, if I may say so, that I manage to get along fairly well.

Just a final thought, Father Abbot. My days as a Prefect are now over. I always enjoyed the work with the boys, not as an escape from the monastic routine, but as an opportunity of doing good. You have seen fit to make a change and I say: "It's well." Younger men are being groomed to teach my subjects and, I am sure, will be better qualified than I ever was.

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The Church of St. Austin
Dowling Avenue & Washburn North
Minneapolis, Minn.

I am now in middle years. I have always been happy when I had the opportunity of doing parochial work. It has been my hope that someday I would be granted the opportunity of exercising the fulness of the priestly power permanently in a parish. This has been on my mind for some time and I respectfully submit it to you, Father Abbot, for consideration. Needless to say, I do not expect any immediate action on the above observations but perhaps you may see fit to do something at some future time.

This letter has become rather lengthy and I will burden you no further concerning my ill's and reflections.

With sincere personal wishes and cordial greetings, I am

Obediently yours,

J. Pissin, A.B.

November 1, 1944.

Rev. Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.,
St. Austin's Rectory
Dowling Ave. and Washburn
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Father Firmin:

If I am not mistaken, the feast of St. Firmin is celebrated tomorrow. I extend to you herewith my congratulations and best wishes. May your holy patron intercede for you and obtain for you health of soul and body.

I suppose you will be left alone again shortly, for I recall that you told me, when you visited here recently, that Father [redacted] is going to leave this month. I daresay you will not mind becoming a hermit.

I expect to attend the funeral of Bishop Peschges next Monday in Crookston. I would rather stay at home, since there is always plenty of work for me.

I had a letter today from Father [redacted]. He tells me that his hands are in such bad condition that he feels he should not remain in the Bahamas any longer. That raises another problem for me in connection with others already existing in the Bahamas. I trust you will pray for me that I may find a solution to them all.

Father [redacted] wired today from Miami that he has reached the U.S. and will shortly be with us. The other chaplains are all well, as far as I know.

Praying God to bless you, I am

Affectionately yours,

BA/AD

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CHURCH OF ST. AUSTIN
DOWLING AVENUE AND WASHBURN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 12, MINNESOTA

Nov. 15, 1944

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Well nigh two weeks have elapsed since I received your kind letter expressing felicitations on my Namesday. Let me assure you that I appreciated that letter.

Since that time I noticed in the Minneapolis paper that your brother in Behidji passed away. Please accept my sincere sympathy and the assurance that I will remember him at Holy Mass.

Father [redacted] left here last Monday. That again leaves me alone for some months to come, a situation that I much prefer. Father [redacted] was always kind to me but for some reason or other, I was always somewhat tense during the time of his stay here. I did most of the work but never knew exactly what I should or should not do. There is enough work here for one, But I thank God, that I feel sufficiently well to do it. I am constantly reminded that I have some gastric affliction but with careful dieting, I am sufficiently well to do my work and am happy in the thought that I am privileged to fully exercise my priestly powers.

There is just one thing more. It has been customary here to take up a Poor Souls offering and apply the one Mass that is offered on Poor Souls day for the intentions presented for that Day. The offering, of course, goes to the priest. This has always impressed me as one of those "pious rackets." Last year I had Holy Masses offered for every \$1 stipend. Of course I see now that the offering was never so intended. But somehow or other, I am repelled by this trafficking. Father John asked me about the method that I used last year and did not approve. He told me that the Abbey was not entitled to that offering. Poor men, they think that we monks have a private pool of our own. Anyhow, I told him to assume the responsibility and also take the offering this year. On All Souls Day he gave me the stipend for the Mass that I offered and furthermore \$50.00 to give to my folks in so far that my stepmother has been doing my washing since I am here. I suppose there is nothing else

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that I can do, since the application of the money was so specified.

Father [redacted]'s housekeeper will leave here next Sunday and Father [redacted]'s former housekeeper [redacted] will take over. I consider myself fortunate in getting her.

In conclusion may I again extend you a cordial invitation to stop over here at St. Austin's any time that you come to the Cities. We have both a car and chauffeur here.

With every good wish and cordial greetings, I am

Affectionately yours,

J. J. [redacted]

November 22, 1944

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Dowling Avenue and Washburn, North
Minneapolis 12, Minnesota

My dear Father Pirmin:

I suppose I may congratulate you, now that you are again alone at St. Austin's and that you are sufficiently well, even though you must do careful dieting to do the required work. I pray you may continue at least as well, but rather that the condition of your stomach may improve, if such be God's will.

I do not think I need say anything to what you write about the practice of Father [redacted] in regard to the offering received on All Souls' Day. I am pleased that you feel as you do about the matter, as I do not want any of our pastors to indulge in the same practice. Since you received the stipend for the Mass that you offered on All Souls' Day and Father [redacted] considered himself entitled to the rest of that offering made by the people on that day, there is nothing that you need worry about.

I am glad to know that Miss [redacted] is going to be your housekeeper. It will make me feel more at home, in case I should find it possible to visit you, which I hope will be the case before the end of the year. I am to address the Cerra Club on the 20th of December by invitation of [redacted]. Maybe I shall then find the time to say "hello" to you.

Affectionately yours,

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DOWLING AVENUE AND WASHBURN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 12, MINNESOTA

Jan. 31, 1945

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Undoubtedly I must be about the last one to get in my report. I have been working at it for sometime, but the parish report, instructions etc. gave me very little time to stay at it. However, what was worse, I had 292.50 more than I could account for. This was a check for salary and I was under the impression that I had sent it to St. John's; finally I discovered that I had deposited it in the Bank. I was much relieved. The Kitchen account begins with November 13th.

Otherwise there is very little of consequence to report. There has been plenty to do during the last month and now with Lent around the corner, I look forward to even more work. I thank God that I am able to do it.

I trust that you are still in good Health, Father Abbot. I know that you have always enough and even more than enough to do. I am still awaiting your stay here at the Rectory before Father [redacted] returns in April.

With best personal wishes,

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

J. Pirmin



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February 6, 1945

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
St. Austin's Rectory
Dowling and Washburn, N.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Father Firmin:

You were not exactly the last one to get in your report, but you were near the end of the line. I thank you for it, as also for the check representing the balance of your savings. You have made a good contribution to the Community during the year. May the Lord bless you for all the sacrifices implied in your savings of over \$1000.

I am glad to gather from your letter that you are able to do the work that is required of you. I hope that the additional work that will be required during the Lenten season will not be too trying for you.

I was in Minneapolis for an hour or two on Saturday evening, having come down from Duluth and Superior. On Sunday I preached the sermon at St. Bernard's for Father [redacted]'s First Mass. I came back yesterday noon and found an abundance of work awaiting me. I might have stayed longer in the Cities, but felt that I could not do so at the present time. I shall try to get down some time before April to visit you, as promised. Perhaps you have already heard that I am sending Father [redacted] to Sioux Falls as chaplain at the McKennan Hospital; Father [redacted] will take Father [redacted]'s place at St. Joseph's. Father [redacted] will replace Father [redacted] when he goes into the Army as chaplain.

Commending you to God and His blessed Mother, and begging a remembrance of the Community and myself in your prayers, I am

Affectionately yours,

CHURCH OF ST. AUSTIN
DOWLING AND WASHBURN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

April 4, 1945

Dear Father John,

Received your note concerning instructions for [redacted] and have delayed reply lest perchance I might say something, which I would later regret.

I suspect that [redacted] wrote to you highly incensed that I did not ask her to take over, when [redacted] leaves for several weeks to look after her sister's children. However, I made other arrangements and I do not feel that I have done [redacted] any injustice. I have always resented [redacted] indirect intrusions in parochial affairs. I do not mind being under observation, if that be deemed necessary, but please, not by a woman.

In the latter part of January you wrote to me that [redacted] was not to be paid after January. Furthermore, I could take care of the books or let them go until you return. No posting had been done for January. Lent came and when you wrote that you would return in June, I decided to do the posting immediately after Easter and send you a composite statement up to April 1st. But now I am told that [redacted] alone can take care of the books accurately. Father, whatever may be said of me, it can never be said that I have not handled the parish monies with scrupulous care. Every penny of income has been recorded and all expenses have been paid by check. You have a perfect right to know what the financial status of the parish is, for you are ultimately responsible. But it is indeed mortifying to feel that a woman must audit the parochial accounts, so that you may get an accurate statement.

I have been here now nearly two years; my position has been rather unique for I am neither flesh nor fish, constantly trying to grab two horns of a dilemma. But despite all, I have striven to follow the beaten path; I venture to say that not even Father [redacted] would have been more painstaking in this respect. I am not quite so stolid as not to have at least gathered an occasional idea that might benefit a parish in my 21 years in the priesthood; but I have always set them aside, so as to make no innovation. -Oh yes, pardon me, I did attempt an innovation last summer at the Novena, and I was severely slapped down. You know that there is an undercurrent of discontent in this parish, but not once have I lent an ear to anything that might be said. Spiritually, I feel confident that parish has not retrograded; financially, the figures speak for themselves. Maybe this may be attributed to the times.

I am a religious and should undoubtedly be a much better one than I am; but unfortunately, I am also human and feel slights as keenly as anyone else. When I have worked hard and have tried to do what is right, all I ask is to be permitted to give my accountant of my stewardship.

However, let me assure you, I will continue to work diligently and conscientiously. The Easter collection amounted to \$855.85; Sunday envelopes \$322.30; Total deposits votive etc. for Easter \$1341.17. Confirmation is June 10th at 2:00 P.M. I will need additional instructions from you as to the adults. [redacted] was buried this morning. Of all days, this was the day she had to be buried on, one of the worst blizzards this winter. Did not stay long at the cemetery. Otherwise there are no very sick persons. [redacted] broke her ankle; and [redacted] has been laid up for several weeks.

In conclusion, best wishes and cordial greetings,

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DOWLING AND WASHBURN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

April 5, 1945

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

When little storm clouds appear on the horizon, naturally our thoughts towards home. At present I have a presentiment that such a tempest may be in the offing; hence the reason for these few lines.

When Father [redacted] informed me that he would not return until June, I asked [redacted] to stay until then, although I knew at the time that she must go to St. Cloud for a few weeks to look after her sister's children, who would be confined in the beginning of April. I asked [redacted] to help me out. Meanwhile, [redacted] the housekeeper of Father [redacted] calls here and asks me what I had in mind to do when [redacted] left. I told her about the arrangements and I noticed that she was much disturbed.-You know that I receive the pastor's salary and take care of the expenses, including the housekeeper.

Last Monday I received a short note from Fr. [redacted] informing me that [redacted] was to take care of the books beginning next week. She does take care of the books when Fr. [redacted] is here - a notion that I consider unfortunate. - The reason that was given was that [redacted] could present him with an accurate picture of income and costs, since she knew his system. The system is such that a high school graduate could comprehend it.

Of course, I saw through the whole thing. She wrote to him undoubtedly and he favored the idea, since thereby he would be kept well informed of the goings-on in the parish. I have no secrets and every parishoner knows what is going on; but I resent a woman forcing herself upon me, when I know that she is not wanted. I say nothing against her character, but she gads about too much and thinks she is at least one of the wheels that keeps the parish in operation. I am inclosing a copy of the letter I sent to Father [redacted]. I may have said too much but surely not more than I felt.

This is a nice parish and has a real future. But, as you know, Father Abbot, they fear Fr. [redacted]. What will happen when he returns, I do not know. Some of the parishoners are on the blacklist and they are not even considered as registered in the parish. Whilst I have liked my work here and the people have responded well, nevertheless the peculiar situation has always made things difficult. I have truly made no innovations except what I considered an aid to their spiritual welfare. Many things might and should be done here. A census should be taken but how can this be done, when there is a perpetual dispute between the parish of Robbinadale and this parish as to boundaries. People do not know where they are at.

I am willing to stay here as long as you wish me to. I know that the Archbishop appreciates the fact that I have been here. Even Fr. [redacted] has been quite reasonable and I think I can ride out the storm. If I said too much, please let me know and I will make amends.

With cordial greetings,

Affectionately yours,

J. P. [redacted]

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April 9, 1945

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
St. Austin's Rectory
Dowling and Washburn, N.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Father Pirmin:

I could not get to reply to your letter before today. I was up in Cass Lake Thursday afternoon and Friday morning; I did not get back home until about three in the afternoon. There were various other letters requiring attention the next morning, and my secretary left me for De Graff. I do not think the delay has caused you any inconvenience, for I suspect that you sent off to Father [redacted] the letter you wrote him on the same day that you wrote it.

I do not think that you said anything too harsh in your letter to Father [redacted]. You wrote with restraint. You had a right to bring to his attention your objection to the situation created by the introduction of [redacted] as a sort of bookkeeper and supervisor. If Father [redacted] does not like it, there is a simple way of getting even with you. Let him come home and take over the parish. I do not think you need worry as to what will happen when Father [redacted] comes back. It is not pleasant to feel that things will not work out well, since Father [redacted] has not the confidence of the parish. But it is up to him and the Archbishop and the parishioners to take steps to remedy conditions that may be unsatisfactory.

It is not clear to me whether Mrs. [redacted] is to be also your cook and housekeeper. If so, Father [redacted] has not been fair to you. After all, it is your right, since you have been there so long and are to remain for an indefinite time, to choose your own housekeeper and not to have one imposed on you, especially since you are receiving the pastor's salary and taking care of all expenses, also of the salary of the housekeeper.

I was greatly disappointed that Father [redacted] did not return at the beginning of April. I had thought to use you as pastor of Cass Lake. Since you were not available, I had to take Father [redacted] from St. Bernard's, thus leaving St. Bernard's short of an assistant.

Hoping against hope that one of the Fathers [redacted] will soon be back and that your stay at St. Austin's will not be too unpleasant—you need not let [redacted] give you orders, even if she stays there—I am

Affectionately yours,

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CHURCH OF ST. AUSTIN
DOWLING AVENUE AND WASHBURN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 12, MINNESOTA

May 14, 1945

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Two weeks ago I received a letter from Father [redacted] in which he expressed the hope that I would be able to stay at St. Austin's at least until the 17th of June. I wrote to him that I had not heard that Father Abbot had in mind to withdraw me immediately. Last week I received another letter part of which dealt with the previous matter. I am inclosing this letter and will let the matter rest with your decision.

Apparently Father [redacted] has improved some but does not know how the damper Minnesota climate will agree with him. He is still in hopes that Fr. [redacted] will now be released from the army at least by Fall. This may be probable now that the war in Europe is over. In any event, he would still wish to have two men, if you should decide to change me. As to myself, I have outridden the last storm and perhaps was too severe in my interpretation of Fr. [redacted]'s motives. I have stood it thus far and feel that I will not be any the worse during the next few months. However, whatever is your wish in this matter, is also mine. Perhaps Father [redacted] would appreciate a few lines as to your decision in this matter. His address is given on the top of the letter.

Otherwise there is little of significance to note. Will not be able to attend the first Retreat, for we have Confirmation on June 10th.

In conclusion may I anticipate your NAMEDAY by a few days and extend my sincere wishes on your Feastday. Will remember you especially at the Holy Sacrifice on this day. Ad multos annos!

With cordial greetings,

Affectionately yours,

J. P. Pinn



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May 16, 1945

My dear Father Firmin:

Just a line to acknowledge receipt of your letters, along with the one Father [redacted] wrote you. I am returning this to you.

I hope it will be possible for Father [redacted] to take care of St. Austin's after his return, at least until Father [redacted] gets his discharge from the Army.

It is not quite clear to me when Father [redacted] wants the two men to which you refer and which he mentions in his letter—one to come Friday and the other one Saturday. However, as I expect to see you next week at the consecration of the two bishops in St. Paul, we can speak of it at the time. However, you might inform the Father that will assist you next Sunday as to the dates in question.

With every good wish, I am

Affectionately yours,

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Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
St. Austin's Rectory
Dowling and Washburn, N.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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DOWLING AVENUE AND WASHBURN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 12, MINNESOTA

May 17, 1945.

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Fether Abbot,

Received your letter this morning and in as far as Fr. [REDACTED], who assists here on Sundays does not return to the Abbey, I thought it best to write a few lines in explanation of Fr. [REDACTED]'s letter.

As I understand it, the meaning is this. In the event that you would decide to recall me he would wish to have two men from St. John's to assist for every Sunday until such a time that Fr. [REDACTED] would return from the army. One of these men is to be here on Friday evenings and the other is to come on Saturdays.

I will be looking forward to a visit from you next week, although I doubt that I will be present at the Episcopal consecration. I have not been too well during the last three weeks and have done only the most essential work. With a malignant condition, these things can be expected and are no reason to be unduly alarmed.

With all best wishes, I am

Affectionately yours,

Perrin, A. J.



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May 19, 1945

My dear Father Firmin:

Thanks for your note, informing me as to the meaning of the passage I alluded to in your letter.

I shall not commit myself to a promise to send one Father on Friday evening and the other on Saturday. I do not know whether I shall have anyone available for Friday evenings.

I am sorry that you are not feeling well enough to attend the episcopal consecrations. I hope I shall find the time to stop in at least a few minutes to see you.

Wishing you the fullness of the Holy Spirit, I am
affectionately yours,

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
St. Austin's Church
Dowling and Washburn, N.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

CHURCH OF ST. AUSTIN

DOWLING AND WASHBURN NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Sept. 24, 1945

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, C.S.B.
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Another week and the sands shall have run out. That had been intended to be a two months stay, extended over two years. I am filled with happiness and also regrets. I am glad to have met the [redacted] but am satisfied to be somewhere else; as to the people here, I regret to leave them. By God's help, I feel that I have been able to effect some good; last Saturday I baptized a woman who was 78 years of age; fixed up the marriage and the husband who is 88, went to the Sacrament yesterday.

Now I am ready to leave. During the Retreat I spoke to you and we both agreed that parochial work might be the better under the circumstances. There are those that think that my condition might be taken care of under any environment, but believe me, Father Abbot, this condition is not one of imagination. Proper diet makes it possible for me to do a maximum of work. As long as I attend to this, I can do as much work as a healthy man.

Naturally I am interested what you may have in mind with regard to me. I am gathering my things so that I may be set to leave next week. I would like to have a parish (for I am priest over 21 years)where I can take care of converts and bring people back to the service of God. Personally I am afraid to be in a small parish and I am sure, Father Abbot you understand the reason why. I feel like St. Paul who finds that there is an inclination to God and one that draws him away from him. But I also realize that it is late in the summer to expect any changes. Father [redacted] has suggested that in the event that Father Abbot has no specific assignment, that I come to him; he feels that there is enough work for three priests. But it is not for me to make suggestions.

However, Father Abbot, I would appreciate it very much if you would inform me what the next step is to be. - Incidentally, I have a housekeeper of whom you would approve.

With all best wishes,

Affectionately yours,

Alcuin Deutsch, C.S.B.

I am inclosing the 1st and 2nd edition of [redacted]'s auto-eulogy!

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September 28, 1945

Rev. Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Austin
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Father Pirmin,

I received your letter of the 24th three days ago, and would have replied to it at once had it not been necessary wait until I could give you a definite answer. I can well understand that you are filled both with happiness and with regrets at leaving St. Austin's. I know that you have done good work there -- may the Lord bless you for it.

I agree with you that parochial work will be better for you under the circumstances. Were you in good health, I would ask you to come back to teach, for I know that you have been missed from the faculty, and that all would welcome your return. But, at least for the present, I don't think that would be wise, given the condition of your stomach.

I have no parish to which I might appoint you as pastor at present. While I think your services would be very helpful to Father [redacted], I must first provide Father [redacted] at St. Bernard's with another assistant. I have written to him, and he will be happy to have you with him. I think you will find there the sort of work you desire: that of making converts and of bringing souls back to God. There is a lot of work in St. Bernard's, but you tell me that you can do much work, given the proper diet. I am sure Father [redacted]'s housekeeper is a good cook and will gladly prepare for your needs.

I am writing to the Archbishop today to tell him that I am asking you to go to St. Bernard's as assistant. There will be no objection on his part; hence, though I have not yet his approval of the appointment, you may go to St. Bernard's as soon as you are free to leave St. Austin's. I shall let you know as soon as I have heard from the Archbishop. Your faculties as pastor expire when you leave St. Austin's, but I can give you the faculties of the Archdiocese for confessions temporarily, and I do so herewith for your work at St. Bernard's.

In the hope that you will find this appointment very pleasant, and with a prayer that God continue to bless you and your work, I am

Affectionately yours,

Je

Abbot

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The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Genium Ave.
ST. PAUL (1) MINN.

Oct. 24, 1945

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutech, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

You may be wondering whether I ever received your letter appointing me to be assistant at St. Bernard's, for until now I failed to acknowledge it. However, I was up to St. John's the following week and hoped to see you at the time. But I was told that you had gone to Utah.

Anyhow, I arrived here on the 3rd of October. I could not get away on the 1st, for the Colonel did not arrive until that date. I am very happy about my appointment here for St. Bernard's combines the best and worst features of any parish. There is more than enough to do and I hope to get into it, once that I become better acquainted.

Before leaving St. Austin's I received many nice tokens of appreciation from the people. The money I have turned in to my general account; among other things I received a \$35.00 alb, which I ask your permission to use.

I have also been an expense to the Abbey since my arrival here. I have found it necessary to get new glasses. I went to an optometrist in the hope that it would be less expensive, but I doubt whether I gained much.

The check inclosed in this letter is from

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] her husband is in the hospital and she requests that a Novena of Masses be offered for her intention. She would appreciate it if these could be said soon.

With all best wishes and assuring you of my daily remembrance of you, Father Abbot, at the Holy Sacrifice, I am

Affectionately yours,

Piermin, A.B.



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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

October 26, 1945

Reverend Firmin Wendt, C.S.B.
197 West Geranium Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Father Firmin:

I am indeed happy to know that you were pleased with my sending you to St. Bernard's. I pray that you may enjoy your stay there and do a great deal of good pastoral work. I know you have the zeal and the charity, and I am confident that you will take very well with the people, once they get to know you.

The good work you did at St. Austin's and the appreciation of it by the people was evidenced to you by the gifts that you received. Thanks for the money that you have turned in as a result. My permission to retain the alb that you received is herewith given. I also approve of your having taken steps to remedy your eyes. Perhaps it would have been better for you to go to an oculist rather than to an optometrist.

Thanks also for the check that you enclosed for a novena of Masses. Will you please tell [redacted] that we will take care of it, beginning it within the next few days?

Begging you to give my greetings also to the other Fathers at St. Bernard's, I am

Affectionately yours,

The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL MINN.

Jan. 5, 1946

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Your letter requesting information about [redacted] reached me yesterday. I do have a rather vivid impression of [redacted]. He was the young man who dashed out of Father [redacted]'s Latin class in the beginning of the year muttering "Revelation, Revelation." Father [redacted] thought he had a vision. However it turned out that [redacted] had merely been chewing tobacco by the name of Revelation and had inadvertently swallowed some.

I did not know that [redacted] had been requested not to return. However that is the way it should have been, for [redacted] was definitely eccentric. He was frequently the butt of the students' pranks and, as a rule, unpredictable.

Personally I feel that if [redacted] has not changed his peculiarities - and I do not feel that this is probable, he ought not to be encouraged to go on for the Holy Priesthood. His character is good but he lacks one essential, that is, good judgment. It would seem to me that his Superiors in the Seminary should have detected this having known him for a longer period than I.

Otherwise there is little of significance happening here at St. Bernard's. We have been busy getting out the annual statement to the point that we eat and dream about figures.

The little matter that I discussed with you during my brief visit between Fr. [redacted] and myself has been amicably settled to the satisfaction of both of us.

Wishing you God's blessing during this new year and with cordial greetings, I am

Devotedly yours,

Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.

The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL (1) MINN.

July 1, 1946

The Right Reverend Alouin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

When you were here two weeks ago, you kindly consented to my request to visit [redacted] at Ironwood, Michigan. My plan at the time was that my father accompany me. - He seems so lonely now that [redacted] is dead. - Since then he made a further suggestion. He is getting along in years and would like once more to visit my sisters in the Convent at Wilmette, Ill. The plan is that we stop at Wilmette for two days, then proceed to Ironwood. On Friday [redacted] would drive us back to the Cities. I therefore respectfully request permission to extend my trip so as also to include a stop at Wilmette.

I would have waited to bring this matter up personally when I come to the Retreat next week. However, as I am planning to leave the week of the 21st of July, I thought it better to settle this matter before the Retreat.

With all best wishes I beg to remain

Affectionately in St. Benedict

Perrin, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

July 3, 1946

My dear Father Pirrin,

Just a brief note in response to your letter of the 1st, to let you know that I gladly give permission to you to extend your trip so as to include also a stop at Wilmette, Illinois. As I understood your first request, and as I understand the present one, you will not be absent from St. Bernard's over a weekend, and will therefore not need a substitute.

In the hope that you will have a very pleasant trip and that your father will enjoy it also, I am, with greetings to all of the Fathers,

Affectionately yours,

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Abbot

The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL (MINN.)

January 18, 1947

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

This year I can send no money personally to the Abbey but only an account of my expenditures. Frankly, I was somewhat amazed at the outlay for some of the items, particularly those of books. The books are all spiritual, either homiletical or catechetical. At that, I have little to show for my money. The moral, I will be more careful in the future.

Otherwise there is little of note transpiring here. Now that the parish statements are finished we again can return to our routine of teaching and visiting the sick and taking census.

I noticed in the paper that the Abbot Primate passed away. Death must have been a relief to him.

With best personal wishes, I am

Devotedly in St. Benedict

Primus, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

January 18, 1947

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
197 West Geranium Avenue
Saint Paul 3, Minnesota

My dear Father Firmin,

My thanks for your personal statement and for your letter of the 17th. Your personal statement was very satisfactory, and I have no complaint to make, especially since you yourself tell me that you will be more careful in the future in the purchase of books. It is strange but true that many books appeal to us; we purchase them, and then they stand idle on our shelves. I have noted that again and again among our Fathers.

Yes, I think that death must have been a relief to the Abbot Primate, for he had suffered rather much these last months, according to reports that reached me from Father Ulric and others. The Fathers in Rome had written shortly before the Primate's death, and none of them mentioned that he was worse. Hence, I do not know exactly what caused death.

Reciprocating your good wishes, and begging God to bless you and your work, I am,

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

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The Benedictine Fathers

St. Bernard's Church

197 W. Genesee Ave.

ST. PAUL 3, MINN.

January 20, 1948

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith my statement of expenses for the past year. I feel that a few items need explanation. The item for meals dates back to the days when we had no housekeeper. Fr. [redacted] and I went out to gether to eat. I always felt that we should have been reimbursed from the Pastor, for he was getting money for our board, but nary a word.

The expense for radio came about in this way. Our Radio was out of commission and I had the use of someone else's radio for a special occasion. Of all things, the thing blew out on me. Result a bill of \$6.00. I am in hopes of being able to reduce the expense for medicine for the coming year. I have a new and more effective medicine that I am taking now; furthermore, it lasts longer.

Deo volente, I will begin my 25th year as priest in June. I am in hope that next year I will be permitted to send home my statement as a pastor. I have liked my work at St. Bernard's and I still do. The relationship between the assistants is always cordial and fraternal; but it is exceedingly difficult for an assistant to become accustomed to a tempermental Pastor. Neither do I feel that that a pastor should feel slighted if a parishoner asks for an assistant rather than the Pastor. Fr. [redacted] is an excellent priest but some of these quirks make it difficult for an assistant to feel that community spirit, which should be a characteristic of our Benedictine Rectories. I have learned a great deal during these past two and one half years of what to do and also what not to do as a pastor. I hope that I shall not forget these lessons. I mention the above not in a spirit of bitterness nor uncharitableness, for I have none of these, but only to you, for I feel that you have a right to know.

Two years ago in speaking to you I mentioned, that if you saw fit, to permit me to work in a city. The reason is that it gives me an opportunity for doing much good; - convert instructions, validations, etc. I realize that there is much that saddens the priest in city work, but there is also much that is consoling. However, there is a further reason for this request which, I am sure, is known to you Fr. Abbot. - I am afraid of myself. When I am kept busy I do that which I want to do, and not that which I may be inclined to do.

So I leave everything in your hands, Fr. Abbot. I hope that I am still enough of a monk always to wish to do the will of my Superior. However, the Holy Rule does not forbid the monk to place his case before the Abbot. As I stated above, I like my work here and neither do I wish to give the impression that we are quarreling here at St. Bernard's. I have kept my peace many a time in order to preserve peace. I will be satisfied to remain here as long as you wish.

In conclusion, I pray daily that God may spare you and also that you may spare yourself so that you may continue the work of God. With best personal wishes, I am

Affectionately,

Fr. Timon

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

January 21, 1948

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.,
197 West Geranium Avenue
Saint Paul 3, Minnesota

My dear Father Pirmin,

My thanks to you for your letter of yesterday, and for your financial statement for the past year. I appreciate the explanation which you gave of the two items for meals and for radio, as well as for medicine. The important thing is that you are feeling better and have found a more effective medicine.

I shall keep in mind what you write about being appointed pastor in a city parish. I am pleased that you have so freely and humbly opened your mind on the question, and that you are fully prepared to abide by any decision that I shall make. I have thought of you for various parishes, but none of them were suitable from the point of view that they were out in the country and somewhat lonely places. At present I have not made any plans for the coming year, but undoubtedly there will be changes, and I hope that there will be a suitable parish to which I can appoint you.

I have not been faring too well since my return from the hospital on the 15th, for I am still not able to sleep because of a more or less constant itching over most of the body. I am to report to Doctor [redacted] at St. Joseph's Hospital next Sunday, the 25th, and hope that he will be able to do something for me.

Assuring you that I appreciate your prayers, and begging God to bless you and your work, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

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The Benedictine Fathers

St. Bernard's Church

197 W. Geranium Ave.

ST. PAUL 3, MINN.

March 11, 1948

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

My sincere thanks for the letter that you forwarded to me from my cousin in Germany and also for the provisions that were sent him. You may not know it, but this young man is a Protestant minister. (All my father's relatives are Lutherans.) However, he shows interest in the Catholic faith and this charity may make him even more favorably disposed.

I regret that I did not get to see you during your recent stay at St. Paul. Sunday afternoon and evening I spent at a youth rally sponsored by the St. Paul Sodality Deanery. Fr. [redacted] called on you Tuesday morning but he says that you were asleep and so did not wish to disturb you. Fr. [redacted] called Wednesday and found that you had already left. I hope and pray that you are continually improving.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Affectionately,

J. J. Ferriman, O.S.B.

sent note - 3/13/48 - assuring him packages would be sent

The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Genesee Ave.
ST. PAUL 3, MINN.

March 12, 1948

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Yesterday I wrote to you thanking you for having sent some foodstuff to a cousin of mine and today I received an urgent appeal for the same from another cousin of mine from my mother's side. She says that both her parents and she have suffered much, due to the lack of food. I know that the Abbey does not owe my relatives a living but I am also aware that you have done much to alleviate the plight of these poor people. So whatever you may do or direct me to do will be greatly appreciated. I am inclosing the addresses.

With best personal wishes,

Affectionately,

Jr. Firmin



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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

March 13, 1948

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
197 West Geranium Avenue
St. Paul 3, Minnesota

My dear Father Firmin,

Thanks for your letter of the 11th. I am happy to know that the things sent to your cousin reached him, and that they may be the cause of his becoming more favorably inclined towards the Church. I shall add my prayers to yours for this grace.

Please tell Father [redacted] that I am sorry that he made a trip down to the hospital to see me on Wednesday evening. I had in mind to call him Wednesday morning that I would be leaving that afternoon, but the matter slipped my mind. Please also thank Father [redacted] for his visit; I regret that I was sleeping at the time of his call.

Yes, I believe I am slowly improving, and Doctor [redacted] thinks my heart and kidneys are in pretty good shape. In fact he told me that he did not think a trip to Puerto Rico and to Mexico would do me any harm, if I took it easy. I haven't made any definite plans, but am thinking about going to either or both of these places after Easter if all goes well, for there are a number of problems to be solved at each.

With greetings to all, and every good wish, particularly for a most joyous Easter, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

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The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL 3, MINN.

June 23, 1948

The Right Reverend Abbot, Alcuin Deutech, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

May these few lines serve as a postscript to my conversation with you on the Saturday after the Retreat. I have been somewhat worried since my conversation for fear that what I may have said may be misconstrued or that I might have been uncharitable. This above all I did not wish to be. Personally I have the highest regard for Fr. [REDACTED]'s sincerity and his piety. All I wished to say was that because of some of his peculiarities, I have found living in such an atmosphere rather difficult. Rarely did we have words but on various occasions I kept silent for the sake of peace.

The principal reason however, Father Abbot, why I spoke as I did was, perhaps inadvisedly, that one of my confreres here thought that I should give you some idea of conditions here. In attempting to do so I may have been unjust. What I said was true but I may have placed undue emphasis on some minor situations giving the impression that these are permanent; such as conversation at meals and recreation. If such was the case, I wish to correct this impression for I have no intention of burdening my conscience. However, when I said that I have found Fr. [REDACTED] very difficult to work with; I was not only expressing my opinion but that of others. Beyond this I will say no more.

In conclusion may I add, Father Abbot, that I would have no peace of mind if any change in the Pastorate here at St. Bernard's would take place because of what I have said. I spoke as I did for I felt that you had a right to know. Beyond that I had no intentions that might be considered as self interest. I have never tried to make my bed as a monk and it would be foolish for me to begin now. I have on various occasions stated my preferences and the reasons for them to you, as the Holy Rule permits, but ultimately you will be also my will in this matter.

I do not expect a reply to this letter, Father Abbot, for I know that during your absence your correspondence must have accumulated. My only hope is that any unkindness that I might have been guilty of is hereby corrected.

Praying that God may continue to strengthen you and with best personal greetings, I am

Devotedly,

Jr. Firmin, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

July 3, 1948

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
197 West Geranium Avenue
St. Paul 3, Minnesota

My dear Father Firmin,

I returned only last evening from my trip to Mexico and found your letter of the 23rd awaiting my attention. I appreciate your having told me that it does not require an answer, but I want to assure you briefly that you need not worry about your having given me an false impression, for I knew the situation pretty well.

I have not yet come to a definite decision about any changes, but you may be assured also that if I do make a change at St. Bernard's it will not be the result of anything specific that you may have told me in your conversation after the retreat. There are a number of rather difficult problems facing me, and I do not know yet when I will find the solution for them. But you will hear from me later.

All in Mexico are well. It would take too long to describe the trip and the activities there; suffice it to say that I stood the trip well, and that the future in Mexico looks bright even if we will move from the rancho at the end of this year, when we hope to have a more satisfactory place.

With the prayer that God bless you and give you a happy feast next Sunday, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

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The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Genesius Ave.
ST. PAUL 3, MINN.

August 21, 1948

The Right Reverend Alouin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

When Father [redacted] returned from the Retreat yesterday after noon and told me about the parochial changes and, furthermore, that he had spoken to you in my behalf, I let him know that he had no right to speak for me and that his procedure displeased me. Whilst it is true that when I returned from the Retreat last June, I told Fr. [redacted] that you had promised me a change this summer, however at no time have I felt slighted nor have I given expression of any grievance to anyone, when a younger man was chosen for a parish in preference to me. You have your reasons for making the changes as you do and these are not always, nor need they be apparent to others.

If I were to say that I was not disappointed when I did not receive a pastoral appointment this summer I would not be telling the truth; for this by God's grace is my 25th year in the Priesthood and I felt confident that this would be the year. May I quickly add, however, that I am fully aware that I expressed a preference for the type of parish that I would like to be appointed to, for reasons mentioned to you in the past, if you saw fit to consider them. I know that you have had this preference in mind and since such parishes are limited in number, it is not possible for you immediately to fulfill such requests. Hence, I assure you, Father Abbot, that there is neither bitterness nor rancor in my heart.

As I have told you in the past, I like the type of parochial work here at St. Bernard's. It keeps me busy and keeps my mind off of myself. But again I say, I do not like the atmosphere in the Rectory. The "quam bonum et quam jucundum" is lacking. Fr. [redacted] is too much of an individualist and such a trait cannot be changed. However it makes it hard for those that must live with him. Despite all, there are no open clashes. I assure you that I can put up with this for a longer time and will do my work to the best of my ability. So in all this, your wish is God's will and that is enough for me.

I will presume your permission to come up to St. John's before vacation ends to pay a visit to my uncle.

In conclusion Father Abbot I hope that you will take time to relax a little after your strenuous days of interviews during the Retreat. With best personal wishes, I am

Devotedly in St. Benedictus

Pirmin, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

August 27, 1948

Rev. Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Geranium Ave.
St. Paul 3, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin:

God bless you for the fine spirit manifested in your letter of the 21st inst. I have not the time to write at length. This morning has been overcrowded as have been all the days since the Retreat, my secretary, Father [redacted], having been since then in our hospital with acute bronchitis. He expects to be out tomorrow, or certainly by Sunday. I hope so.

I am not yet finished with all the appointments. I dare say that you know some of the things that have turned up to upset some of my plans. I have not lost sight of you. I am happy to know that you are patient and resigned and bear me no ill-will. God bless you,

Affectionately yours,

The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Genesee Ave.
ST. PAUL 3, MINN.
January 17, 1949

The Right Reverend Abbot
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith I respectfully submit my personal Expense Account for the past year. The item of clothing includes a new top coat and some shoes from St. John's for which I received permission.

May I add a short postscript to our conversation in the Hospital last week. After speaking as I did, I always worry lest I may be motivated by a personal interest. What I said, I felt that you had a right to know as Superior. I think that you also know me well enough with all my faults that I would not stoop so low as to injure another in order to promote my own interests. I am also sure that any decision that you will make will be based upon other sources rather than solely my own. With that then I will leave the matter rest.

With cordial greetings, I am

Affectionately,

J. J. J.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

January 18, 1949

My dear Father Pirmin,

As there is a chapter meeting this afternoon, and as I am leaving early tomorrow morning for Minneapolis to catch a plane at nine o'clock for Mexico City (Father [redacted] will accompany me), I am rather busy today.

Yet I want to thank you for your personal statement for the past year, and to commend you for the very fine observance of your vow of poverty. May the Lord bless you for it. And as regards your little postscript to our conversation in the hospital, you need not worry further. I understand, and have been giving the matter consideration.

Begging God to bless you and your work, I am, with every good wish,

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

P.S. [redacted] was taken to the St. Cloud Hospital last Saturday; I visited him yesterday, and he was feeling fairly well, but the doctor did not wish him to return here just yet. Apparently his kidneys are not in good condition, and he still feels the effects of his fall. He would be pleased to see you, if you can arrange to come up for a visit.

The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL 3, MINN.

May 9, 1949

The Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

On June 18th, the Feast of the Most Blessed Trinity, I have in mind to offer a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving for God's many graces during the past twenty five years in the Holy Priesthood. May I herewith extend to you, Father Abbot, a cordial invitation to be present on this occasion. I am sure that if this is not possible, you will not forget me in your prayers so that I may become more worthy of God's graces during the years that may still be allotted to me. I would also be very pleased if Father [redacted] could be present and preach a sermon on the Priesthood on this occasion. If possible, would you permit him to come?

In the past years I know that the Fathers were permitted to take a trip on the occasion of their Silver Jubilee. Personally I have given this matter little thought. However, I will reveal to you, Father Abbot, that a few months ago, when Father [redacted] stopped here at the Rectory we discussed the possibility of taking a trip together. Father [redacted] mention that on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee three years ago, he was one of the few fathers in the past years who did not take a trip on this occasion. This may have been due to an oversight as he thought, or failure on his part to place a request. His aged father at present resides in San Diego, California and Father [redacted] discussed the possibility of asking you, Father Abbot, of paying his father a visit this summer, in as far as he did not ask three years ago. The thought then occurred to me of the possibility of making that trip together, if Father Abbot would be agreeable. I suggested the possibility to Father [redacted] and he was pleased with the idea. Beyond this the matter has not gone. I have not obtained any time tables or spent time tracing an itinerary.

However I respectfully submit this matter to your consideration, Father Abbot, with the request, if you see fit, that Fr. [redacted] and I be permitted to take this trip this summer. I will leave the time for the trip and the length of time of the trip entirely up to you.

Yet, Father Abbot, if you do not see your way to grant this request, I will not be disappointed; for you know best. Beyond this I have no plans and I do not care to travel alone.

In conclusion may I add that Father [redacted] has not authorized me to speak for him; however, if you wish, you may discuss the matter with him.

Praying that God may grant you further strength to carry on your work, with best personal wishes, I am

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

Jr. Pirmin

Right Reverend Manni Deutsch, O.S.B.

Dear Father Abbot,

these few lines convey
to you my sincere
wishes for a happy Feastday
with the prayer that St. Meinw
may intercede for you that you
may continue to perform, as long
as God sees fit, faithfully the
work God has entrusted to you
(over)



Because this is your Name Day
May God most richly bless
Your heart with many graces
And your life with happiness.



I shall be especially mindful of
you at Holy Mass & prayer on
this day.

I regret that I could not
have had a longer talk with you
last week. When you said that I
could take a trip in August, did
you imply that Fr. Walker and I
may take the trip to San Diego
about which I wrote in my last
letter? May I again extend to you
a cordial invitation to be present
at my solemn Mass of thanksgiving
on June 12th - May God bless and
keep you, Father ~~Abbot~~ Affectionately,
Fr. Firmin

YOLLAND, JOLIET, U.S.A.

On Your NAME DAY



God Bless You



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

May 21, 1949

Reverend Primin Wendt, O.S.B.,
197 West Geranium Avenue
St. Paul 3, Minnesota

My dear Father Primin,

I am sorry I have not replied before this to your letter of the 9th instant, but, as you may have heard, my secretary spent two days in the hospital during the week of the 8th, and then went with me to Kentucky this present week. We returned only late Thursday night, and a great deal of correspondence has accumulated; besides, all the requests for testimonial letters for our 12 candidates for the novitiate had to be gotten out yesterday and today.

Hence this will be only a brief reply to your letter and to your greetings for my feast day, which I appreciate very much. My congratulations to you also on the occasion of your silver jubilee of ordination. I would very much like to be with you on the 12th of June for the celebration of this jubilee, but Father [redacted] has asked me to preach at his First Mass celebration here at the abbey on that day. So I shall have Father [redacted] represent me and the community, and preach the sermon on the occasion. I presume you have asked him and that it is agreeable to him.

I cannot see my way clear to permitting Father [redacted] to make a trip to the west coast this summer, though I would very much like to give you this happiness of making the trip together with him. And, in view of the possible changes and of the great many calls for help this summer, I would prefer if you were to take a trip next summer rather than this present summer. For I have in mind to appoint you to a parish during the present summer, probably during the month of August. During June and July it would be impossible for us to send someone to substitute for you at St. Bernard's; during August, it would hardly be convenient for you to be absent when I am ready to appoint you to one of our parishes. In view of this, I hope you will not mind a change in plans, and that you will find it agreeable to wait until the summer of 1950. While I do not want to make any definite promise (except that you yourself may take a trip in the summer of 1950), I presume that there will be an opportunity next summer for you to travel with one of the Fathers to the west coast. Should you have any very special reason for wishing to go this summer, please let me know and I will see what arrangements can be made. But, as mentioned, it would be more convenient if you were to wait until 1950.

Reciprocating your good wishes, and begging God to bless you and your work, I am

Affectionately yours,

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Abbot

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY - COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

August 18, 1949

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
197 West Geranium Avenue
St. Paul 3, Minnesota

My dear Father Firmin,

When I spoke with you last week, I mentioned that I would ask the Archbishop to approve of your appointment as pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Minneapolis.

This, then, is to inform you that I have written, and His Excellency has graciously approved the appointment of yourself as pastor of St. Joseph's, the appointment to become effective on the 26th of this month. I am confident that you will do very good work at St. Joseph's, and I shall beg the Lord to bless it most abundantly. I trust that you will be most happy there.

Father [redacted] was pleased to know of your appointment at St. Joseph's. He did write me, however, that he has not been too well for the past two years, and that he finds certain things very difficult, such as the public recitation of the rosary, etc. I told him that he should speak frankly with you, and that I was confident that you would be sympathetic. I do not believe that he will ever shirk work, and he himself wrote that he had tried to do more of the work which he could do without difficulty so as to make up for his lack in other things. I have also promised him to give him some sort of rest next summer, since the doctors had recommended a rest for a couple of months already two years ago, and it has not been possible for me to give it to him up to the present. Hence I trust that all will go well during the coming year.

With every good wish to you in this new appointment, and with the prayer also that God bless you and keep you in good health, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

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P.S. Since Father [redacted] will be coming to St. Bernard's on the 26th also, you may be able to make some arrangement with him about moving your things over to Minneapolis.

The Benedictine Fathers
St. Bernard's Church
197 W. Geranium Ave.
ST. PAUL 3, MINN.

Aug. 22, 1949

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Your kind letter appointing me pastor of St. Joseph's Parish reached me Friday. I am grateful for the trust that you place in me and I humbly pray that I will not be underserving of your confidence. I know that you will also remember me in your prayers.

As to Fr. [REDACTED] I will do all in my power to make his work as agreeable as possible.

May I in conclusion extend to you a standing invitation, Father Abbot, to stop at St. Joseph's whenever you come to Minneapolis.

Praying that God may bless you and that He may bestow upon you further good health, I am

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

J. P. P. O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

August 25, 1949

My dear Father Pirmin,

Although your letter of the 22nd really does not require an answer, I want to thank you for your statement that you will do all in your power to make the work as agreeable as possible for Father [REDACTED], and for your standing invitation to me to stop at St. Joseph's whenever I come to Minneapolis. I hope to be able to visit you there before too long.

With every good wish, and the repeated assurance that I will beg the Lord to bless you in your new field of work, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

je

Church of St. Joseph
1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

Oct. 26, 1949

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutch, O.S.B.
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Yesterday when I put on my winter suit I discovered that it fits so tightly so as to be uncomfortable. Whether that is due to shrinkage or to physical expansion on my part, I do not know. However, I respectfully place a request to purchase a new suit.

I hope and pray that you are enjoying reasonably good health. As to myself, I am gradually becoming accustomed to the situation that I must make my own decisions. I hope that all will go well and I recommend myself to your prayers.

With best personal wishes, I am

Affectionately yours,

J. J. J. J.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY, COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

October 27, 1949

My dear Father Pirmin,

I herewith grant your request for permission to purchase a new winter suit. I presume that the old one is still in fairly good condition; hence it should be sent to Brother John. Perhaps it would fit someone else, or it might be sent to some needy priest in Europe.

I had in mind to come down to the Cities today and to stop with you at St. Joseph's. But other matters have intervened, and I have decided to postpone my visit to the Cities until next week. Father [redacted] is doing quite well, according to the report of Doctor [redacted], and he will still be there next week when I come down. I have not yet set any definite date.

My health has been fair, though my cough seems to be becoming somewhat worse again lately. All others are well here.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am Affectionately yours,

je

Abbot

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March 6, 1950

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

These few lines purpose to exprese my thanks for permitting us to use the New Dodge that Fr. [redacted] brought from Utah. I sold the old car to the Janitor, a most worthy man, for \$400.00. I felt that this was a good price considering the age of the car and the fact that the price on used cars is dropping in the City market. I will forward the moeny to the Abbey as I get it together.

Fr. [redacted] showed me a letter he sent to you on Saturday. I had asked Fr. [redacted] to take the Stations for the children during Lent on Friday afternoons. I would have the sermon and Stations in the evening and also on Sunday. Otherwise I take all devotions and Highmasses. ^{St.} Friday I had Sacred Heart devotions in the morning and services in the evening. Hence my request. However, it seems that this was too much for Father and so I will also take the Stations on Friday afternoons., **also.**

Once more a sincere thank you and with best personal wishes, I am

Devotedly,

J. J. J. J.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

March 7, 1950

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 11, Minnesota

My dear Father Pirmin,

My thanks for your letter of the 6th. I hope that the new Dodge will give you good service for many long years. I am pleased to know that you received \$400 for your old car; I think it a good price.

Yesterday I wrote to Father [redacted] in response to his letter. I am sorry that he finds it too much to take the Way of the Cross. I wrote him that I thought you would not mind this extra burden, but that he must be prepared for times when it might be impossible for you to take the Stations in view of other work. It is difficult to decide the cause of this weakness in certain functions, but it may be the result of nervousness and tiredness, as the doctors seemed to indicate.

For that reason I was willing to permit him to take another appointment for this coming summer. As I wrote him yesterday, the appointment in Cody does not seem too attractive and might be difficult for him. But I felt that he would enjoy a summer at Mercer, Wisconsin, where he could relax during the week and get physical exercise. I do not know if he will take this appointment or not; if he does, Father Prior will send one of the Fathers to St. Joseph to take his place. It will mean a new man for you for the summer, but in the hope of Father [redacted]'s regaining his health and strength, I presume that you will not mind. Father Prior, I am sure, will send someone who will be able to give you good assistance.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you during this Lenten season, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

je

Church of St. Joseph
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April 7, 1950

Right Reverend Alquin Deutsch, O.S.B.
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

May I extend to you my sincere good wishes for a most joyous Easter; I pray that the Risen Savior may grant that one day you may enjoy the eternal Easter in Heaven.

Perhaps you may have heard that Archbishop Murray is celebrating his golden Jubilee as a priest next week. Furthermore that the pastor and assistants of the Diocese have been asked to contribute \$100-200 for pastors and \$50 for Assistants. These contributions should be made by April 20th. We await your decision in this matter. The contributions are to be sent to Msgr. Corrigan.

Again sincere good wishes and cordial greetings.

Devotedly,

J. J. J. J.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

April 11, 1950

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.,
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 11, Minnesota

My dear Father Pirmin,

My thanks to you for your Easter greetings and good wishes. I am sorry that I did not get a chance to reply to them before this, but I am confident that you knew my best wishes were with you for the feast.

In regard to the contribution for Archbishop Murray: we have decided that each of our pastors should contribute \$100, and each of the assistants \$50. We think also that it would be best if each pastor would send the proper amount for himself and his assistant or assistants to Monsignor Corrigan.

Will you, therefore, please call each of our pastors in the Archdiocese (St. Boniface's, St. Bernard's, Stillwater, Wayzata, Hastings, Holy Name) and inform them of this decision. Each can then send in the proper amount in good time. I have not the time these days to send each of them an individual note, and they may be waiting for information.

Begging God to bless you and your work,

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

je



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

May 9, 1950

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.,
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 11, Minnesota

My dear Father Pirmin,

I am writing today to ask you whether you would have any objections to having Father [redacted] as your assistant. Although I do not wish to rush you on this decision, I would appreciate your writing me so that I may have the letter not later than Saturday morning, May 13.

In view of Father [redacted]'s good behavior for the past two and a half years, the Holy See has granted me permission to absolve him from the censure of excommunication which he incurred when he was dismissed from the Order. During February Mr. [redacted] (I can't think of his name, but he is one of the officials of the AA) came to speak in behalf of Father [redacted], and gave me the assurance that he has not touched any liquor during these last two and a half years; Father [redacted] of St. Thomas gave me the same assurance. Father [redacted] also came to see me and to ask for absolution from his censure. I put in the petition to the Holy See and received the reply yesterday. When I asked Father [redacted] whether he would be willing to return to St. John's, he said he would do whatever he was told, but he would just as soon remain in or near the Cities so that he might continue his contacts and his work with the Alcoholics Anonymous, at least for another year; the leader of the AA's also suggested that this might be the better procedure to follow. It is my thought that, while being assistant at St. Joseph's, he could carry out his full work in the parish and still have sufficient time to devote some of his energies to the AA's. I am hopeful that he has made a complete change, and that this change will be a permanent thing. Given his past, I would not like to place him where he would not be welcome. I would, therefore, appreciate receiving your reactions before Saturday morning, since I expect to have Father [redacted] come up over the weekend to obtain absolution.

My plan is to remove Father [redacted] from St. Joseph's and to ask him to return to Ponsford, since I have been told that he would appreciate such an appointment. I am writing to him today, though I shall not mention anything to him about replacing him with Father [redacted] -- I will not mention it to others either until I have heard from you.

With every good wish to you, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Affectionately yours,

je

Abbot

P.S. Father Prior would appreciate knowing if the S.V.D. Father is going to be with you this summer, and whether you expect him to be with you also during the next school year. You need not write a special letter, for I will give the information to Father Prior.

Church of St. Joseph

1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

May 11, 1950

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Your letter arrived yesterday morning and frankly I have been pondering its contents ever since. I am satisfied that you are contemplating a change in Assistant for I feel that Fr. [REDACTED] will be happiest if he is with himself or his periods of depression would not be so noticeable if he were with a larger group of confreres. I had in mind to ask you for another confrere - I will even venture to mention his name, Fr. [REDACTED], if Fr. [REDACTED] would be willing to spare him. I feel that I know him well enough to curb some of his extreme ideas and believe that he could do much useful work in this parish.

However now you have suggested sending Fr. [REDACTED] here and frankly I am somewhat at a loss to know what to say. For who am I to stand in the way of Fr. [REDACTED]'s attempt to reestablish himself in the priestly life. His past may have been bad but even the good God does not hold our past against us, even though He might, as long as we are determined to do better in the future.

Yet I have given this matter much thought during this short time and I respectfully submit the following reasons why Fr. [REDACTED] should not be placed here:

1. Fr. [REDACTED] and I are nearly of the same age. Under the circumstances I feel that it would be better for Father if he were with a somewhat older man. Again, since there are only two priests here it would, I believe, be better if the assistant would be a little younger. Or again, how well is Fr. [REDACTED] known here?

2. Fr. [REDACTED] has been out of the Community for three years. Don't you think, Fr. Abbot, that Fr. [REDACTED] would acclimate himself more readily if he were with more confreres rather than only one?

3. I wonder whether Fr. [REDACTED] would really care to be assistant to me. We were together during that summer of 1940, when I had to call you to take him home; again, I was called to testify during his trial.....

I respectfully submit these points to your consideration, particularly (1) and (2). If, however, you still feel that St. Joseph's is the best place for Fr. [REDACTED], I will consider your wish as God's wish. I have never said "no" to my Superior and I am getting too old to do it now.

May I report that I was obliged to spend three days in St. Mary's Hospital. My basal metabolism was -14 among other things. Thank God I am feeling much better now.

As to the S.V.D. Father, he will be with me until the last Sunday in July. So I will need no assistance on Sunday until then.

With a prayer that God may bless you, I am Devotedly, *Jm. Quinn*



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY · COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

June 1, 1950

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
1127 4th St. North
Minneapolis 11, Minnesota

My dear Father Firmin,

I am sorry that it has taken me so long to answer your letter of May 11. It has been very difficult to make provisions for all of our needs for the coming year.

In view of what you wrote me (I appreciate your having fully explained your reasons), I have decided to send you Father Romauld as an assistant. Since you wrote that you had had in mind to request me to send him I am presuming that you will have no objection to his coming to St. Joseph's. I do not yet know whether Father [redacted] will have objections or not but I presume that he will not. Nor do I know just when this change will go into effect. Some changes must be made at once and possibly this one will also be made soon.

I have informed Father Prior that the S.V.D. Father will be leaving at the end of July. He will make the necessary arrangements for sending you someone.

I am sorry to hear that you spent two days in the hospital but rejoice that you were better when you wrote. I hope that these past few weeks have seen an improvement also.

Begging God to bless you, I am

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

June 9, 1950

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
1127 4th St. North
Minneapolis 11, Minnesota

My dear Father Pirmin,

I wrote you on the 1st of June that I have in mind to send you Father [redacted] as your assistant to replace Father [redacted].

Since then various other considerations have arisen which necessitate my changing my plans. Father [redacted] will continue at St. Bernard's, at least for the present. I have in mind to send you as assistant Father [redacted], who is now at Albany.

I need not write you at any length concerning Father [redacted]. He has done good work in the various places he has been. During the past year or so, he has been absent from home rather frequently in the evening. I think this is because there is not sufficient work for him in Albany. I believe it would be best for him to have work in a city parish, and I do not hesitate to send him to you since there has been no complaint of anything beyond the mere fact that he has gone out rather frequently in the evening. I trust he will be acceptable to you, and I know that you will be helpful to him. Please let me know as soon as possible if you should have any serious objections. The change would go into effect during June, though I do not know just when.

With all good wishes, ~~Yours,~~

Affectionately yours,

Abbot

Church of St. Joseph
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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

June 10, 1950

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

In reply to your letter which I received a short time ago may I say that Fr. [redacted] will be perfectly acceptable to me. I think there will be more to do here to occupy his time in the evening and, if not, I will not hesitate to point out your regulations with regard to social calls.

With every best wish, I am

Devotedly,

J. J. J.

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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

June 15, 1950

Right Reverend Alcuin Deutsch, O.S.B.
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

After reading your letter advising me that Fr. [redacted] would come later in the summer, I thought it better to inform you that Fr. [redacted] will be with me until the first Sunday of August. He is not taking any work at the University and so is free throughout the week. So in the event that you are pressed for men and would wish to change Fr. [redacted] before Fr. [redacted] arrives, I could manage. Of course in such an event, Fr. [redacted] or someone else would have to supply on Sunday.

However, Fr. Abbot, this is not a suggestion but merely a statement of the situation. I thought it might be helpful.

With best personal wishes, I am

Devotedly,

J. J. J. J.

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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

July 31, 1950

Dear Father Prior,

This morning I received a note from Father Abbot informing me that I may make a private Retreat at the Abbey beginning Sunday evening, August 6th. The thought occurred to me that I might be able to ride back Sunday evening with the car in which the Fathers return that supply in the vicinity over the weekend. Would you please let me know whether there would be room.

Fr. [REDACTED] is leaving this week; hence I will need help here on Sunday. Fr. [REDACTED] could, if you wish, do so. (By the way, I had no knowledge of his coming.) His supplying here during August would help me to defray the costs of boarding the students. However, if you have other plans, it matters not.

Finally, I presume there will be a room available when I come on Sunday.

With best personal wishes, I am

Fraternally,

J. J. J.

January 29, 1951

My dear Father Pirmia,

My thanks to you for your financial statements for the past year, both for the parish and for your house and personal account. My thanks also for the check of \$2385 which you enclosed as surplus income. Though I regret that you were taken in by a D.P., I find your statements satisfactory, and beg the Lord to bless you not only for the work you have done but also for the sacrifices you have made during the past year.

My thanks also for the check of \$316.00 which you enclosed to cover the 316 Mass Intentions. These are always welcome, and will be taken care of without delay.

After considering all of the suggestions for the office of Prior, I appointed Father [redacted] the appointment will go into effect this noon.

With all good wishes and the prayer that God bless you and your work,

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je

Church of St. Joseph

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April 16, 1951

Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Whilst I did not get the opportunity to felicitate you personally on the day of your Benediction, nevertheless I prayed that God may fill your days with His abundant graces.

The purpose of these few lines is to request special assistance during the summer. I do not know whether you are aware of it, but there are over 80 Mexican families under our charge. Many of the older ones do not speak English. There are many invalid marriages and many of these people do not make their Easter duty. Their children pass our school in order to attend the Public school. I feel that it is most urgent that something be done before this entire contingent of Mexicans is lost to the Church.

Hence the thought occurred to me to ask you, Father Abbot, to send us a Spanish speaking priest this summer and have him go around and contact these people and get back to the Church whatever can be salvaged. It will be hard work and the success will be limited. However, I am sure that some good will come from it. Perhaps next Fall we could have a Mission for these Spanish speaking people.

I am sure that you are flooded with requests for the summer and Spanish speaking priests are very few at the Abbey. Perhaps something could be worked out so that such a man could work among these people at least one month. Even though the project would be only very partially successful, nevertheless I would feel much more satisfied in the thought that we tried to do something for them. I hope that you may see your way clear to give us some help in this undertaking.

With best personal wishes and the further assurance of my prayers for God's blessing upon your work, I am

Devotedly in St. Benedict,



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 17, 1951

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

I have your letter, dated the 16th, which Father Bertram handed to me yesterday.

All of the summer appointments have already been made. That is, we have already accepted all requests for help that we can supply. I had not thought of your need for a Spanish speaking priest to look after the Mexicans in your parish during the summer months. And at present I do not see how it would be possible for me to arrange the appointments so that someone who knows Spanish could be available for the work at St. Joseph's. Crookston needs two men for work among the Mexicans; Fargo needs one. And Father Bernardo is scheduled to teach in the Gregorian Institute Summer Session here during July. That program leaves no one with a sufficient knowledge of Spanish free for St. Joseph's.

However, I will keep you need in mind, and it may be possible to make some arrangement during the course of the summer so that someone could work among the Mexicans in your parish for a month. I am sorry that I cannot give you more definite assurance.

With all good wishes, and with the prayer also that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je

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Church of St. Joseph
1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

June 22, 1951

Right Reverend Abbot Baldwin, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith I am inclosing two checks, \$1000 for Abbey Support and \$45.00 due to the Abbey for part assistance during May. On the Sundays that Fr. Raphael assisted I was told to pay him personally. This I did.

I felt bad after you left this morning when Fr. Cyprian told me that he had asked you at this time for a little vacation. I have no objection whatsoever as to his going away for a few days. However it must have appeared rather odd that a few moments later I also make a similar request. You must have felt on your first visit here as Abbot that we were "ganging up" on you. However let me assure you that it was merely a coincidence that we both asked at the same occasion. I am not even sure that I am going. However, if I do go, it will be between Monday and Friday. So I hope that this coincidence will not prevent you from stopping here again.

With best personal wishes, I am

Devotedly,



June 23, 1951

Dear Father Pirmin,

Just a brief note before the mailman comes to thank you for your letter of yesterday, and for the checks, one for \$1000 for support to the Abbey, and the other for \$45 for medical assistance. The Procurator was very happy to receive the thousand dollars, and we are grateful.

The coincidence that both you and Father Cyprian asked for a few days will not in any way prevent my stopping again at St. Joseph's. I appreciated your hospitality, and wish that I might have stopped longer. But other occasions will arise when I will have the opportunity of stopping with you.

With all good wishes, and the prayer that God bless you and your work,

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

September 26, 1951

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

I am writing today to ask whether you would be willing to give a monthly spiritual conference to the Benedictine Sisters at St. Anne's parish in Minneapolis.

The Superioress, Sister [REDACTED], has written to me that, since the illness of Father [REDACTED] they have been without such spiritual conferences though she has tried to get someone from the Archbishop and from religious priests. She did write to me last spring, and I asked Father [REDACTED] at the time. He did not feel that he should take on this additional work then, and I do not like to ask him again now.

If you feel that this monthly conference would be too burdensome, I do not wish to urge the matter. But before replying to Sister [REDACTED], I would like to be able to tell her that I had tried.

Tomorrow Father [REDACTED] will undergo an operation for the removal of a cataract from his left eye. He has been in the hospital for about ten days, since the doctors wanted to be sure that his general condition was good enough to withstand the effects of the operation. All others are quite well, and Father [REDACTED] began to say Mass again last Sunday.

With all good wishes, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je

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Church of St. Joseph
1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

Sept 28, 1951

Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Thank you for the letter which I received yesterday. If it is your wish that I give these conferences to the Sister, I am willing to do so. How good they will be, only the Good Lord will know.

This Sister [redacted] seem to me to be rather persistent. Last Spring she called me and I told her that I would not do so unless authorized by a proper Superior. Our Sisters here do not receive conferences and the Josephites, whose confessions I hear weekly, have no conferences either, as far as I know. They asked me but I told them that it was not in accordance with Canon Law that the confessor also give the conferences. Not a peep since. However, be that as it may, if it is your wish that I give the conferences, inform them that I am willing to do so.

With best personal wishes, I am

Devotedly,



September 29, 1951

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday, and for your willingness to give the conferences requested in my last letter. I am writing today to Sister [REDACTED] that I have asked you to give these conferences to the Sisters, once a month, for one year only, and that she should get in touch with you to arrange a convenient time for the conference.

I know that many convents do not receive conferences regularly, but I would like to help these Sisters if it does not prove too burdensome for one of our Fathers. Hence I am asking that you try it for a year. If you find it difficult during this year, we will have the Sisters try elsewhere next year. God bless you and your work.

Your devoted Abbot,

BR:je

Church of St. Joseph

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December 22, 1952

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

May I extend to you my sincere wishes for God's abundant graces during this season of joy with the prayer that the new year may be replete with God's blessings.

The inclosed checks are intended for:

1. \$1000 for Abbey Support
2. 41 Dormition intentions for the year.

The check of \$600 represents the remainder of the bequest of my [REDACTED]. All those mentioned in his will have been paid and the above amount represents \$100 left to me and the \$500 was left over after others had been paid.

I thought, that if you see fit, the \$600 might be applied to Abbot Alcuin's burse. I am sure that my uncle would wish it that way. However I leave it entirely up to you, Father Abbot.

Again my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and with personal greetings, I remain

Devotedly,

L. J. Jansin, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

December 23, 1952

Reverend Firmin Wandt, O.S.B.
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Firmin,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday, and for the three checks which you enclosed:

\$1000 for Abbey support

\$42 - Mission stipends for Dormition Abbey

\$600 - from the estate of your uncle [REDACTED]. I will be happy to add this to the Abbot Mein scholarship, for I believe that that will most exactly fulfill [REDACTED]'s desires.

Yesterday I was a Dubuque for the blessing of the new Abbot of New Halleray, and I returned to the Cities on the Empire Builder, which was 45 minutes late. I had driven down to the Cities on Sunday and had left the car near the depot. The Highway Department informed me that the roads around the Cities were treacherous but that after about 25 miles they were good. So I decided to drive home yet last evening, but I found the roads got worse instead of better as I came closer to home. It was not a very pleasant drive, but I don't think the highway is much better this morning.

The Prier informed me this morning that two of the Fathers had to go to the Hospital yesterday: Father [REDACTED] and Father [REDACTED]; neither is seriously ill, but neither will be able to take an assignment. Since Father [REDACTED] is also still in the hospital -- he was taken down last Friday -- we really are down to the last man. Father [REDACTED] had a severe throat infection but is improving nicely.

Reciprocating your good wishes for a blessed and joyous feast, and with greetings also to Father [REDACTED], I am

Your devoted Abbot,

BD:je

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Church of St. Joseph
1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

Jan. 29, 1953

Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot;

Herewith all financial statements for the year 1952. There is little that I need add; it costs considerable to live these days.

If the car expense seems rather high may I say in explanation that we reported in February that Fr. [REDACTED] skidded and hit a telephone pole. This cost \$78; the first fifty had to be paid by us. Also that our winter tires were so worn as to prove useless; a new set cost \$45.

We hope that you have by now completely recovered from the flu. The good Lord has spared us thus far. Fr. [REDACTED] left for Mexico Friday.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly in St. Benedict,





SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 3, 1953

Dear Father Pirmin,

This is to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of the Financial Statement, your Personal Account, and a check of one thousand dollars, making a total of four thousand of Surplus Salary to the Abbey for the past year. I think that is very good, and it will be most welcome when we get down to serious planning for our next building project. There are so many needs that seem immediate that it is really difficult to know where to begin. We are so crowded now in the monastery that we do not know what to do when we get a visiting priest, and the Brothers are being doubled up as much as possible in the various rooms. Of course, the librarians feel that theirs is an even more urgent need.

Today Fr. [redacted] received a telegram from Abbot [redacted] which announced that Fr. [redacted] was killed in a car accident and that it was necessary to bury him at once. That is a sad way to come to one's end on earth, is it not? No one here knows further details.

I haven't forgotten that I promised to stop in the next time I come to Minneapolis. Most of the sick are better; Fr. [redacted] is in the Infirmary and is doing well, following his examination by Dr. [redacted]. Fr. [redacted] is also improving rapidly. [redacted] oldest sister at St. Ben's, died today. She worked many years with Fr. [redacted] and was [redacted] aunt. God bless you and your work and your assistants.

Devotedly yours,

TREASURER'S OFFICE
St. Gregory's College
Shawnee, Oklahoma

April 3, 1953

Rev. Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
1127 4th St. N.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Father Pirmin,

Since you, as Prefect, had to put up with me my first four years at St. John's I am asking for another favor and that is that you be a Deacon of Honor in the Pontifical Mass at which I shall be Blessed as Abbot on May 6th. It is my sincere hope that it will not interfere with any previous plans there and that it will be possible for you to come.

Recent word from Bismarck is that Abbot Mark continues to be in the best of spirits and though his actual condition has not changed he is feeling well.

With the best wishes of this Holy Season of Easter, I remain

Yours in the Risen Saviour,


O.S.B.

Church of St. Joseph
1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

April 7, 1953

Right Reverend Baldwin Dworechak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot, The inclosed letter needs no explanation. Your wishes in regard to the request will also be mine. However I would appreciate a little note so that I could give Father Abbot a definite answer.

Easter, 1953, is history again. We all had a good workout. The Easter Vigil was well attended and well received. I hope that it will be continued.

With sincere personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly,

F. Pirmin



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

April 14, 1953

Reverend Firmin Fendt, C.S.B.
St. Joseph's Church
127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Firmin,

Just a brief letter today to pass on the following request, which I received from Mother [REDACTED], Superioress of the Poor Clares in Sauk Rapids. Sometime ago she wrote that the Archbishop had granted their request to make a foundation in the Archdiocese, provided that they were able to secure a suitable location. On April 13, Mother [REDACTED] wrote:

"We wonder if it would be asking too much if you would ask your Fathers at St. Joseph's Church, Minneapolis, to inquire if any one has 4 or 5 acres they would sell and at what price. The Sisters rather prefer that location than the one out at Shakopee, but we do not know any one to ask."

Could you bring this to the attention of your people in some way? And if there is a favorable reply, would you write directly to:

Mother [REDACTED], P.C.
St. Clare's Monastery
Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

I hope this will not cause too much trouble. With greetings also to Fathers [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and with every good wish,

Your devoted Abbot,

BD:js

Church of St. Joseph

1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

January 25, 1954

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Faced with two funeral^s in the beginning of the week, we were in need, if at all possible, of an extra Mass. Knowing that this was the time of the mid-term recess, I presumed your permission to ask Father [REDACTED] to stay over night and offer one of the Holy Masses this morning. If there is any penance, I must be the recipient.

Msgr. [REDACTED] has also met his Maker. Will attend the funeral on Wednesday morning.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly,



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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

June 2, 1954

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

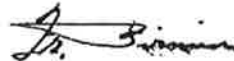
Dear Father Abbot,

This year the first retreat begins whilst classes in the Parochial Schools in the Cities are still in progress. The school year come to a close on Friday, June 11th. Because of this I am taking the liberty to place a request for a substitute for Fr. [REDACTED] during this week. I know that this would entail the making of the second retreat for this man. So if this would not be too grave an inconvenience, I would appreciate getting a man for the week; if not possible, I will also be satisfied. (There are always many extra things during this last week - confessions etc.)

Thank you for whatever you may do. With best personal wishes,

I remain

Devotedly yours,



Church of St. Joseph
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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

July 7, 1954

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Herewith are inclosed 400 Mass intentions and the check for that amount. I would have sent them directly to Father Subprior but for the fact that I found it necessary to write to you.

The second check for \$1500.00 is towards Abbey Support.

The principal reason for this letter is to set the date for the Father from St. John's to preach in behalf of the Benedictine Missions. I thought that the best date would be the third Sunday in September - September 19th. - The summer months are not too good for too many people are absent on Sunday. If this date is acceptable, I will make a note of it and reserve it for this purpose.

The Fathers residing here are all hard at work. I am amazed at the progress that Fr. [redacted] has made during these few weeks. I believe that the favorable report that the Doctor gave him was a great help in changing his whole mental attitude.

In conclusion may I add that whilst Frs. [redacted] and [redacted] are finishing up within a short time, other Fathers that may be sent to the Cities are always welcome here as long as we have room.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly,



Happy Feastday!



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

July 8, 1954

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday, for the check of four hundred dollars to cover the stipends for the 400 Mass intentions, and for the check of \$1500 as surplus income. The Masses are welcome and will be taken care of without delay. It is almost superfluous to add that the second check is also very welcome.

The 19th of September, the third Sunday of that month, is very agreeable as a day on which we may preach a collection for our Missions. I have informed Father Prior of the date, and he will see to it that one of the Fathers who has had experience in preaching such collections will be there for that Sunday. Thank you.

It is good to know that the Fathers are all well, and that Father [redacted] is getting along nicely. Please give my greetings to all of them for the feast of our holy Father. You might tell them that [redacted] and [redacted] were here yesterday to settle a few details and to check on the progress of the building. Everything is going along according to schedule, and the rain has not caused much interference.

With greetings and every good wish,

Your devoted Abbot,

BD:je

OSB WENDT_00130



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

January 28, 1956

Dear Father Firmin,

Thank you for your financial statements, for the check of \$2300.00 which you enclosed as surplus income, and for the check of \$120.00 which you enclosed to cover the stipends for the 102 Mass intentions. The intentions are welcome, and the Masses will be offered without delay. I have checked the statements and have found them very satisfactory. I note that during the past year you have sent the sum of \$3500 as surplus income, and I beg God to bless you not only for the work you have done but also for the sacrifices made during the past year for the welfare of the community. We are grateful too for the Mass intentions which you regularly send, since there are still very many requests for help in this way.

All of the community remain well here, though Father [redacted] has been in the St. Clow Hospital for the past week with a sinus infection. But in general there have been few cases of the flu or serious colds among the members of the community. With greetings also to Father [redacted] and the prayer that God continue to bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je

Church of St. Joseph
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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

May 23, 1956

The Right Reverend Abbot
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Since the First Retreat takes place during the last week of school here, would it be possible again this year to have one of the Fathers from the Abbey supply for Father Edwin during the week? All this man would need to do would be to offer up Holy Mass and hear a few confessions. At the same time it would eliminate the possibility of dropping all our earlier Masses because of a funeral etc.

I am sure that you are exceedingly busy now that the school year is coming to a close. We are picking up some of our "Easterlings" before the dead line. Odd, some people just will not call the priest, but he must come to them. I am sure that it was always thus. Now just one sad note:--Honeybee has left us; went out Saturday night and has not been seen nor heard of. Heu mihi!

Thank you, Father Abbot, for whatever consideration you may give my request and with best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly,

L. J. J. J.

May 24, 1956

Dear Father Firmin,

I have your letter of yesterday, in which you asked whether it would be possible for us to send one of the Fathers to St. Joseph's during the first retreat since your school is still in session. I have not yet seen Father Prior, but I am sure that he will be able to send someone for that week, someone who will then be able to make the second retreat here. I will ask Father Prior to put it down on his list of appointments.

These are busy days, and the schedule for the summer will also be rather crowded. Fortunately, all of the Fathers are well, and I am sure they are looking forward to the close of another school year.

With all good wishes, and the prayer that God bless you and your work,

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je

P.S. I hope that Honeybee has returned by this time!

Church of St. Joseph

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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

July 29, 1956

Dear Father Abbot:

I had in mind to send this note by mail but since Fr. [redacted] would see you, I asked him to take it with him. I have a request and whatever you decide is perfectly satisfactory to me.

OK
May I have your permission to go away for 5 days next week? I would like to take a little trip to the north country visit some of our missions in transit and go as far as Warroad. However I would plan to drive but I naturally would not care to drive alone. So in a nutshell may Fr. [redacted] go with me as a companion? We would leave on Monday, August 6 and return by Friday, August 10th.

By the way, Father Abbot, does that invitation still hold to parishoners of Benedictine parishes to attend the Centennial celebration on the 22nd? I have not publicized it as yet for I had been expecting some further information from the Abbey.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly,

J. J. [redacted]

July 30, 1956

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Firmin,

You have permission to be away for five days during the coming week, as requested in your note of yesterday, to make a trip to the north country, visiting some of the missions en route and going as far as Warroad. Father [redacted] may go with you, providing that it is o.k. with Father [redacted] that he be absent at that time.

The invitation to parishoners of our parish still holds good. I had hoped to have a letter out to the Fathers before this, but too many other things have crowded my schedule. I hope you will invite the members of the parish to be present for the Mass, which will be at 10:30 on the 22nd, and also for lunch — it will be a hot lunch that will be served to all lay people from St. Mary's cafeteria. I have appointed Fathers [redacted] and [redacted] to go around to our parishes in Stearns County to practice Mass VIII and Credo III, with some hymns, with the children and others that are interested in each parish. For we want to have the people alternate with the monastic choir in the common parts of the Mass.

If you adult choir sings Mass VIII, I would be happy if you would invite them specially to come. If the adult choir does not sing the chant Masses, perhaps your children's choir does. If so, and if some could be gotten together for a rehearsal before the 22nd, we would be glad to send some of the books which we are preparing, containing Mass VIII, the Credo and a number of hymns. I think the two Fathers will be kept busy in the parishes nearer here, but the sister could rehearse with the children or the choir. In any event, I think you should announce that the people present are going to participate in the singing of the Mass, insofar as possible, and of the hymns, and that your people should not hesitate to join in.

With all good wishes, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je

PS: If there is any way of knowing about how many will come from the parish, it would be helpful to us to know that figure.

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Church of St. Joseph
1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

July 31, 1956

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Thank you, Father Abbot for the letter which I received this morning and also for the permission. Likewise the program as it affects our people is now clear to me and I shall begin to publicize the event.

I am herewith inclosing a letter which I received from the Chancery this morning. In 1950 a similar letter with a request for a donation on the occasion of the Archbishop's Golden Jubilee was sent to us and at that time Abbot Alcuin informed us that the matter would be taken care of from the Abbey. We will await your decision in this matter.

Honey-bee is lying on the floor here; believe suffering from nervous breakdown. --Rain, rain is the order of the day during July; 11/3 inches yesterday.

With sincere good wishes, I remain

Devotedly,

L. Finnigan, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

June 24, 1957

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

I should have written to you before this, but [redacted] was here ([redacted]'s assistant) two days last week and then I was absent for three days. Perhaps Father [redacted] has told you that I arranged with him on his visit here that he would leave for Puerto Rico on the 15th of July, and that I gave him permission to spend some time with his Sister, who I believe is also going to a mission -- Japan, if I recall correctly.

What I am wondering is whether you will be pressed during the week with only Father [redacted] to assist you when Father [redacted] is absent. If you are, please let me know and I will try to arrange to send someone to help out with the work. I have given Father [redacted] permission to be absent from the parish one weekend, and for that, of course, we will send someone to replace him.

With all good wishes, and with the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

BD:je

P.S. I am not ready yet to ask you about a replacement for Father [redacted]. I have been working at the appointments for the coming year, but there are the usual difficulties. However, I hope to be able to write you about this fairly soon.

Church of St. Joseph

1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

June 27, 1957

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Thank you for your letter of yesterday. Fr. [REDACTED] left yesterday and was up at the Abbey to call on you, but, I understand, you were not at home.

Whilst the work is not pressing during the summer months, I would appreciate it, if you can spare a Father, if he could be here during these next few weeks until you are able to make a permanent appointment in place of Fr. [REDACTED]. I suspect that Fr. [REDACTED] will be in and out until he leaves. Fr. [REDACTED] is of little help for he does not return from school until late in the afternoon and I do not care to impose additional work on him, for seemingly he has enough to do. So Father Abbot I will leave the rest to you and, whatever you decide, will be satisfactory.

Heard you came in on the tail of the tornado last Thursday. Must have been an experience. No thank you, you may have it. Too bad about Shanley but God knows best.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

J. Forman, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY, COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

July 23, 1957

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Firmin,

I am writing you today to ask whether you have any objections to receiving Father [redacted] as your assistant. Should you have any, I would appreciate your letting me know very soon, for I wish to write to the Archbishop, asking that the appointment be made effective on the 1st of August.

I am sorry that I could not write to you about this earlier, but I had intended to send Father [redacted] back to Puerto Rico, as he had first indicated that he would like to return there. He has been helpful to Father [redacted] during the past weeks with the Mexicans, but comes down one day each week to hear the confessions of our Mexican Sisters. Yesterday he told me definitely that he thinks it would be better if he were not to return to Puerto Rico at present. I then told him that, if I did keep him here, I would not send him to Puerto Rico for two years -- in other words, if I send him to St. Joseph you may count on his being with you two years at least, since I know that too frequent a change of assistants is not good for the parish and is not easy on the pastor.

Father [redacted]'s health seems to have improved very much since his arrival here, and I am confident that he will be able to do the work required of him at St. Joseph. With his knowledge of Spanish he should be particularly helpful. I believe that he was with you at St. Bernard's, and so I need not write more.

It turned cool during thenight and we have a beautiful day here today. If only we could order this kind of weather for the Liturgical Week!

With all good wishes, and with the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

BD:je

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Church of St. Joseph

1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

July 24, 1957

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Thank you for your letter which I received this morning. Frankly I have no objection to Father [redacted] as assistant here, provided you feel that he is physically able to do the work. There are not only the Mexicans but many others that need attention in this parish and this requires many housecalls. Of course I help along but I do expect the assistant to work with the Legion of Mary, which group brings these problem cases to our attention. So, Father Abbot, if you feel that Father [redacted] is again able to do the work, I will be more than happy to welcome him as my assistant. Also I will strive to be patient.

Some fireman stopped at the house this noon and informed us that [redacted] fell on her way to town this morning and was taken to hospital. Otherwise little of interest to report. Weather is cooler; - honeybee felt the heat very much. Fr. [redacted] keeps busy.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly,

J. J. [redacted]

Church of St. Joseph

1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

August 6, 1957

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Now that I again have a permanent assistant, may I ask you, Father Abbot, for permission to go away for a few days between Sundays. I frankly would welcome a change for a few days. I would accompany Fr. [REDACTED] on his visit to his brother at Hallock. However whatever your decision will be, will be acceptable to me.

Otherwise there is nothing of moment to report here. I have had enough of summer and am ready for fall.

May I conclude with sincere personal good wishes,

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

A. Finian, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

August 9, 1957

Dear Father Pirmin,

Your letter of the 6th has been here for a couple of days, but I returned only last evening from attending the funeral of Abbot Boniface of St. Bernard's, who passed away last Thursday; the official notice has not yet come but should be here tomorrow.

You may be away for a few days between Sundays, and I hope you will enjoy a visit with Father [redacted] to his brother at Hallock.

Here all is going well, though many details yet remain to be worked out for the liturgical week, which is only a little more than a week away. All remain well, except Fr. [redacted], whose condition varies from day to day.

With all good wishes, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted abbot,

BB:je



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 3, 1958

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.,
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for the financial statement, for the check of two thousand, and for the 149 Mass intentions, brought to me by Father Aubrey this morning, along with the two checks to cover the stipends for these Mass intentions. The intentions are welcome, and the Masses will be offered without delay.

The check of two thousand is also welcome, and in the name of the community I appreciate not only the work you and your assistants have done but also the sacrifices you have made, in order that there might be a surplus of \$3000 for the past year. I know that some of the sacrifices are real sacrifices, but I am convinced that it is because of these that God continues to bless us and our work. I find the statement very satisfactory.

Perhaps Father [redacted] has told you, since I did not get a chance to see you again before leaving the other day, that I have given his permission, after checking with the local doctor, to make an appointment at Rochester and that I would, when the appointment was made, send Father [redacted] to take his place while he is at Rochester. I have spoken to Father [redacted] about this, and he is willing. He should be able to do all of the work that Father [redacted] has been doing with the possible exception of the teaching of the high school children during release periods. At any rate, I hope that Father [redacted] will not be absent too long and that Father [redacted] will be fully satisfactory in the meantime.

The Vienna Boys Choir did a magnificent job in their concert last evening in the gymnasium, and we had a good crowd. The group will leave this morning for their next stop, Montevideo.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je

OSB WENDT_00143

Church of St. Joseph
1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

April 7, 1958

Right Reverend Father Abbot
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

May I first of all express my sincere regret that I burdened you with my problems on Easter day. If I had to do it again, I would not have called you. But the Easter fatigue is my only excuse for my rashness.

Despite the fact that we had a two week Mission, which concluded on Palm Sunday, we had a very thorough workout in the confessional; besides we had solemn services on all of these days. It was then that I noted that Fr. [redacted] was exerting himself to the utmost to lend his assistance.

I do not know whether you are aware of it, Father Abbot, but I am sure that Fr. [redacted] is suffering a great deal. He is not the one to confide in anyone, at least not in me, but he told Fr. [redacted] as well as [redacted], he was not sure whether he could carry on on Holy Saturday night as well as on Easter Sunday. This prompted me to make the call yesterday. I feel that Fr. [redacted] should go to the hospital, as the Doctor suggested, and see whether anything can be done for him. Frankly, I do not ask you to make a change here, at least not at the present time, for I realize the problems involved for you. But if there would be a Father available who could substitute during the time that Fr. [redacted] is in the hospital, I think it would set Fr. [redacted]'s mind at ease. I know that he worries about his condition and particularly as to whether he should have an operation or not.

I trust that these few lines will put the reason for my call yesterday in a somewhat better light. Again I say that I am sorry that I disturbed your Easter Peace.

May I ask you Father Abbot if you come to the Cities sometime to stop here for about an hour. I have another matter to discuss with you. It is a matter that affects the future of this parish. I would prefer to talk the matter over with you rather than put it down in writing.

With the prayer that the Peace of this Easter Season may ever abide with you and with sincere good wishes, I remain

Obediently in St. Benedict,

L. J. Jimin, O.S.B.

*Fr. Arnold - Evening of 14th
Brooklyn - about 19th*



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

April 3, 1958

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday in explanation of your call of Easter Sunday. I was somewhat disturbed by the call, but I can fully understand your reason also for calling and I appreciate your interest in Father [redacted]'s welfare.

It is difficult to get from him a clear statement as to how he is feeling and as to what he thinks should be done, especially since he does not want to follow the advice, given him twice in Rochester, that he should have an operation. From his letter I received the impression that his going to the hospital for treatment by an osteopath was not something urgent but rather something that could be done when it would be possible for me to send someone to replace him. I therefore wrote him that at the time it was not possible to send any replacement, but that I would send either Father [redacted] or Father [redacted] as soon as they returned. I then expected that Father [redacted] would be here about the 20th of this month; now I know that neither will be here before the end of the month.

The only man who is not teaching is Father [redacted], but he is kept busy not only with the work here but as Director of Vocations. For he is assisting Father [redacted] in the office as well as in charge of the workmen and student workers. Just now, with the new building beginning, it is impossible for him to leave. However, after talking with him this morning, it could be arranged that, after a talk which he is to give at Minot on the evening of the 13th, he could go to St. Joseph's, to arrive by the evening of the 14th. I expect Father [redacted] to return to the Abbey by the end of that week, the 19th, and I would then send him, since Father [redacted] cannot be gone too long from the office. I don't know just what Father [redacted]'s plans are in reference to his work here, but I assume that he could spend a week or so there without serious inconvenience. Therefore, if Father [redacted] thinks his going to the hospital for treatment is urgent, he should make arrangements to go already next Sunday afternoon -- Father [redacted] would then arrive Monday evening, and Father [redacted] would come on the 19th. I hope that the treatments would not take more than two weeks.

If Father [redacted]'s going to the hospital could be postponed until the return of Father [redacted] about the end of this month, it would be so much easier to send him there for as long as would be required. I would appreciate just a note letting me know whether Father [redacted] will go to the hospital next Sunday, or whether it can be postponed. I will stop in to see you as soon as convenient to discuss the other matter mentioned in your letter. Tonight I must go to Chicago for a meeting of the Abbots, but it will not be possible to stop in the Cities going or coming. With all good wishes, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

BD:je

OSB WENDT_00145

Church of St. Joseph
1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

July 14, 1958

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

You may recall that last year you granted Fr. [REDACTED] and myself permission to take a trip to Hallock, Minn, where Fr. [REDACTED]'s brother is stationed. I was sick when I left and became progressively worse during these few days; ultimately I found myself in the hospital.

May I again request you that we two be permitted to take this trip this summer. We would be gone between Sundays. However, I assure you, Father Abbot, that there will be no bitterness in the event that you say "no."

The "Priory" lost one of its members today - Fr. [REDACTED]. The others are studying very diligently.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Obediently,

Fr. [REDACTED], O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT
MAY 15, 1958

Dear Father Pirmin,

I am happy to grant permission in accord with your letter of yesterday to you and to Father [redacted] to make a trip to Hallock to visit Father's brother, between Sundays. I remember well how ill you became last year and I hope that there will be no recurrence this year.

Father [redacted] returned yesterday and was grateful for the kindnesses shown him while he was with you. I know that the other Fathers with you are also grateful for your hospitality to them.

With every good wish and the prayer that God bless you and your work,
I am,

Your devoted Abbot,



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

August 9, 1958

Reverend Minnie Wentt, O.S.B.
The Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Minnie,

I beg your letter of yesterday in reference to the Masses which Father Peyton has suggested that each priest offer for thirty-five days for the success of the Rosary Crusade, in addition to a Holy Hour for each day for the same number of days.

I believe that Father Peyton has made the same request in most of the dioceses of the Province. But in St. Cloud, the Bishop has authorized the pastors to take the stipends for these Masses from the parish funds, if the members of the parish do not give sufficient stipends for this specific purpose. I feel that, unless some such arrangement is authorized by the Bishop, that we cannot be expected to have each of the Fathers offer thirty-five Masses without stipends. Hence, if you would not feel justified in taking the stipends for these Masses from the parish funds, I do not feel that our Fathers should follow this suggestion of Father Peyton. If any of the other Fathers ask you about this, I would appreciate your giving them my decision.

I have not been to the Cities recently, for I have been kept very busy here. This week I intend to take in, insofar as possible, the Mental Health Institute for Religious Superiors, though Mr. Reever will also be coming this week for discussions on the church, and on Friday I am to preach at the centennial at Red Lake of the first Mass offered there. So I do not know just when I will get to the Cities, but I hope it will be fairly soon. Meanwhile, with every good wish and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

ED: jc



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

December 29, 1958

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, C.S.B.
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

This is to let you know that I have just written to the Archbishop, asking him to approve of the appointment of Father Barnabas as the assistant at St. Joseph's parish. I have also asked him to make the appointment effective on the 3rd of January, this coming Saturday.

Would you please inform Father Adolph that I am sending Father Barnabas to replace him, that I assume the Archbishop will approve of the appointment, and that in any case he brings preparatory to returning to the Abbey. I have not yet decided upon another assignment for him. I don't know just what arrangements to suggest for bringing his things back to the Abbey. Perhaps he could drive up with them on Saturday morning, and Father Barnabas could drive back at noon to be there in time for confessions in the afternoon. But if you have another suggestion, that will be agreeable to me.

Father Superior mentioned your request for facilities for Father Raphael, in case need for his services should arise. I gladly grant them for the period of his stay in the cities, which I believe will be to the 15th of January.

Father [redacted] was operated on this morning for hernia. The doctor felt it would be a simple operation but because of his blood condition wanted to have him in the hospital already last Friday just to be sure that everything was set for the surgery. I have not had any report as yet from the hospital, but I presume that everything went well. Yesterday afternoon I visited him, as well as Fathers [redacted] and [redacted]. The former has a cold, and the latter is doing well after his operation of last Friday. The doctors removed a tumor from the kidney but found that it was not malignant.

With every good wish for a Blessed New Year, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY - COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

January 31, 1939

Venerable Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis, I, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your personal and house account of the past year, and also for the check of \$2200.00 which you enclosed as surplus income, making the total of surplus income to the Abbey for the past year \$4300.00. I find the statement very satisfactory, and beg God to bless you not only for the work done but also for the sacrifices made. I am grateful also for the hospitality shown to the student boarders and to those who stop off there.

I appreciated your call concerning Father [REDACTED] but I have come to the decision to do nothing for him and to let the law take its course, if it come to that. He has received every possible consideration, and the community went to great expense to send him to Seton Institute and to pay his expenses there, only to have him deliberately try to deceive both the doctors and myself and then to disobey the orders given him. Perhaps if he finds himself stranded, he will come to his senses.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 23, 1959

Dear Father Pirmin,

Today I received a letter from Father Odo with the information that Father Agustin Cerezo will arrive in Minneapolis from Chicago on Northwestern Airlines at 5:40 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25. I would appreciate it if either you or Father Barnabas could meet him at the airport and then get him to the busdepot for the 7:15 p.m. bus to the Abbey, which arrives at St. Cloud at 8:45 — we will then meet him there with a car. If the flight should be late so that he could not make the evening bus to St. Cloud, I would appreciate your putting him up for the evening, and then sending him up on the early bus on Thursday morning.

With all good wishes, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

ED:je

Church of St. Joseph

1127 FOURTH STREET NORTH
MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

January 31, 1960

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

\$2500.00 check

Dear Father Abbot:

Herewith my Personal Statement and also a statement of the Parish. If Magazines, papers and books seems a little high, may I add that it costat lest \$24 a year for the one daily paper; then I also got two year subscriptions for the magazines. (a little cheaper that way.)

I hope Father Abbot, if you come to the Cities sometime, you will find time to stop in. I am very anxious to discuss the new boundaries given to St. Joseph's parish - however not officially promulgated.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Obediently in St. Benedict,



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Total Kitchen expense for summer: 744.52
Four Fathers for first five weeks:
one for last 5 weeks.

Paid for as follows:

From stipends applied :	210.00
Sunday service:	190.00
Cash St. John's	137.00
Parish	207.52
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	\$ 744.52

Total Kitchen Expense for year: \$ 1945.08
(exclusive for expense of extra
Fathers during summer)

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Supplementary Expense and Income - derived from sources outside of parochial activities & gifts etc.

Expenditures:

Papers	6.00
Barber; Toilet art.	19.63
Medicine	22.45
Cigars; tob.; cig.	32.44
Car Wash; gas	8.50
Clothing; shoes	18.44
Festival (Parish)	10.00
Glasses rpr.	5.00
Miscl.	2.00

124.16

Income:

On hand Dec. 31, '58	82.20
Received 1959	76.68

Total	158.04
Expenditures	124.16

On hand Dec. 31, '59 \$ 34.72

J. J. J. J.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 2, 1960

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 31st of January, for your personal statement and for the check of \$2500.00 which you enclosed to cover, rather, to bring your total surplus income to \$4500.00 for the past year. I find the statement, with the supplementary statements, fully satisfactory and, in the name of the community, I am grateful to you and your assistant for the surplus income and for the work and sacrifices which this represents.

I will probably come to the Cities yet this week, though I am not sure, since it depends upon the work here. However, when I do come, I will stop at St. Joseph's to discuss with you the new boundaries of the parish, though I don't suppose there is much that can be done about them, even if they have not yet been officially promulgated.

All here remain quite well, and both the community and the students have been immune from the flu thus far.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

BD:je



[REDACTED]
December 17, 1960

Dear Father Pirmin,

One can hardly believe that we are so near Christmas and therefore I must hasten to wish you, dear Father Pirmin, a Merry Christmas and a happy and Blessed New Year. May the dear Infant bless you in a very special manner and may He shower you and your penitents with graces. I am making this novena before Christmas for you and all my dear ones. I know that these are hectic days for you, but when one sees what good comes out of it, you as a priest must think it is worth it.

Several weeks ago a "stray shepherd" came to our Convent and ask^{ed} to see the superior. When asked who he was, he told Sister at the door that he was a priest. We have a priest on our faculty so Sister asked him to go to see the person and to investigate. Yes, he is a priest, but has left his diocese at least seven years ago. He is a chronic alcoholic. Father took supper with him and they spoke together for several hours. Our Father [REDACTED] felt so sorry for him when he saw him go out into the dark night. He promised Father to return, but up to the present time he has not kept his promise. This priest said that there are many stray shepherds in our neighborhood and many of them have come to our convent for a handout. May the dear Lord give them strength to return.

How are you, dear Father Pirmin? I hope that

the winter thus far has not been too hard on you. We have ^{had} very little snow thus far. Yesterday it seemed that we were destined for a heavy blizzard, but it has all disappeared.

They tell me it looks rather bad in Ethiopia. If that is the case I hope that [redacted] will leave the place. [redacted] (I think I misspelled his name) had much to do with Mussolini in the second World war. He must be up in years if he was ruler at that time. Things look pretty bad.

I hope that you will have an opportunity to spend at least a few hours with pop and Teresa on Christmas afternoon. How is your housekeeper, because Sister [redacted] told me that she met some of your Benedictine Sisters and they said she was quite sick. I hope that she is better, because a good priests' housekeeper is a precious jewel.

Now take good care of yourself, and please do not forget to pray for me. I know that you remember all of us in your daily Holy Mass. God bless you, dear Father Firmin. With fond greetings, I remain in the love of the Divine Infant

[redacted]

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January 31, 1961

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Herewith my personal account for the year 1960. I trust it postmarked January 31st, so as to get under the line. Also inclosed a check for \$2,800, additional surplus income for 1960.

A few words of explanation may be in order. There is the item "to board " What I have been doing is to credit the man that stay here during the summer and Fr. Leonard for the stipends; also what Fr. Leonard has left over and above for Sunday assistance, I give to him. Fr. Leonard is charged \$3.50 a day. This may seem high; but with the price of food and kitchen help, as well as utilities, one cannot get by with less.

A Question? What constitutes stolà ? I have added the receipts from funerals and weddings to the Mass Stipends -\$710.00. This figure may give the wrong impression as to the number of stipends we have received.

Honeybee has entered the land of Nevermore; now we have Jezabel; needs to be solemnly exorcised; has it badly behind the ears.

Trust that you are well and hope that you will find an opportunity to stop in sometime.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Obediently,

L. Jimin, o.s.b.



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February 1, 1961

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 31st, for your personal account for the past year, and for the check of \$2800.00 which you enclosed as additional surplus income. I find the statement fully satisfactory, and appreciate the explanations given of the items "to board" and the large sum for Mass stipends, since these include the receipts for weddings and funerals.

It is perfectly satisfactory to continue to handle the income and expenses of the men that may stay there as you have been doing. However, I think it would be better if you were to include the income for weddings and funerals under the "stola," rather than under Mass stipends. For they are really included in the definition of stola, except for the actual stipend for the Mass itself. But in our set-up it is not necessary to distinguish the actual stipend from the remainder of the offering, and I would recommend your putting the total offering under stola.

All here are quite well, and the second semester began this morning. I am told that both the college and the high school had good retreat masters, and that they were impressed by the manner in which the students made the retreats.

When I have an opportunity I will stop in -- it will be interesting to compare Jezabel with Honeybee. With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

BD:je



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
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July 5, 1961

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Joseph
1127 Fourth Street North
Minneapolis 1, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

On the 19th of this month we will consecrate the 36 altars in the basement of the new church, and Bishop Bartholome has delegated Fathers of the community to do the consecrating, with a few diocesan priests who have special ties with the donors of a few of the chapels.

We have enough consecrators, but we do not have enough younger priests at home to serve as assistant and as an incensing priest, the one who during part of the rite must constantly incense the altar. For that reason I would ask that, if possible you send your assistant, along with Father Hilary, for this purpose. They should come up the afternoon of the 18th, for we have set a rehearsal and an explanation of the ceremonies for 7:15 that evening -- the consecration itself will begin at 9:30 on the morning of the 19th. I hope that Father Hilary can be free from classes on the 19th.

Also we need 36 white copes and 36 censers and boats. Would it be possible for Father Barnabas to bring along two white copes and two censers and boats -- I am thinking that if the parish does not have two, perhaps the Sisters' Convent would have one of each. Since we must get all of these things lined up as soon as possible, I would appreciate your letting me know as soon as convenient if Fathers Barnabas and Hilary can come, and what they will be able to bring in copes and censers. If possible each should also bring along a surplice, though it will be easier to furnish these here.

I am writing today to Father Harold and to Father Theodore to ask them to send their assistants, and Father Gilbert, who is attending the University. Also I shall ask Father Omer to come up, if possible. Since I hope that there will be five from Minneapolis coming, they could come in one car; would you please call Father Harold and arrange whether the five should come in your car or in his, or in Father Omer's. I hope this doesn't sound as though I am excluding the pastors from the 19th, but I think they would prefer to come for the 24th, the consecration of the church itself. By the 24th of August we hope to have a copy of the new rite, and this ceremony then will be shorter than that which we will have on the 19th of this month, for which we must use the old form.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work, and special greetings for the feast of our holy Father Benedict, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

BD:je

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SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

September 29, 1961

Dear Father Pirmin,

I find it necessary to write to you about the many complaints that have reached me in the past year and a half with respect to your drinking habits. I know that I should have written to you specifically about this sooner. In a letter to the expositi on August 2, 1960, I wrote, "During the past year several very serious complaints have been lodged against members of our community because of their overindulgence in drinking..Such is the nature of the complaints and the imminent danger of loss of good reputarion so necessary for us all if we are to continue to merit the confidence of clergy and laity, that I hereby give due warning that I will proceed promptly against the offenders in the future by removal from any position of responsibility."

Very recently I received another complaint, and I know that the Visitators are going to be told that I have failed to take action in this matter. I had hoped my letter would serve as a warning to you. Since it did not, I must now take some action. I am not an expert in handling cases of this kind, and I know of only one remedy - Prayer and Total Abstinence. I'm willing to let you continue as pastor of St. Joseph's if you selemnly promise to accept this remedy.

At the same time I direct you not to serve any liquor to guests except beer, and that only sparingly. You may quote me in justification of this restriction.

I know you will take this letter in the spirit of charity in which it is sent.

Devotedly yours,

Abbot t

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Church of St. Joseph
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October 2, 1961

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Your letter arrived here this morning and, I assure you, there is no bitterness in my heart. I accept the letter in the spirit of charity, as you ask me, for I know that the Abbot is responsible for those intrusted to his care.

I make no excuses for myself except to say that I did not make it a point to tipple every day. However there were times when I was immoderate and un-priestly.

I have always had a desire to be a good priest and good monk; and I still do. I appreciate the opportunity that you give me to continue as pastor here and I accept the conditions wholeheartedly that you place. I will abstain completely and offer up this sacrifice for the mistakes I have made in the past. I ask your prayers in my behalf so that I may persevere.

Again, I thank you. With best personal wishes, I remain

Obediently,



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January 20, 1962

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot:

Herewith my Personal Account and a Parish Statement for the year 1961. The item "House Support" in the Parish Statement includes both Kitchen and wages paid to house keeper and washwomen. The Kitchen bill was a little less than \$1700.

A few items on the Personal Account need some elaboration.

1. Salary to Assistant does not represent the amount drawn by Father Barnabas; I paid the surplus over and above the Board cost to Fr. Leonard and Fr. Xavier from St. Meinrad Abbey. They helped out on Sundays and received credit for their services.
2. The Board Bill for Fr. Leonard and the Fathers there were here last summer was \$1.50 per day plus their stipend. I also added the amount paid by the parish for us that permanently reside here.
3. The item "Medicine" is just that. I have to pay close to \$6 among other medications for one prescription given me by the Doctor.
4. Stipends are considerably less than the previous year. However I do not think that the difference of \$2000 is accurate. I think last year I counted the High Masses as a complete stipend. This year took \$2 for the stipend and added the other \$2 to stola. This accounts for the higher stola this year. It should be less for we had less Baptisms, Funerals and the weddings were in part validations.

The inclosed check for \$3300.00 represents additional Surplus Income.

I trust that the above explanation is satisfactory. With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly,



January 22, 1962

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your copy of the Personal Account for 1961, the check of \$5,300.00, and the letter of explanation about some of the items on the Account. I am well satisfied with the amount you have been able to send to St. John's this past year. In general the Fathers on the parishes are doing better than before, and I am sure that this reflects as much their desire to observe the vow of poverty as the desire to please the procurator or the abbot.

The cold weather has curtailed work on the new Prep School, and this is unfortunate because not too much remains to do what needs to be done before this fall. Yesterday 128 prospective high school freshmen took the entrance examinations, while the parents milled around for three hours, waiting for the boys to finish the ordeal. I can't help wondering what I would have done if faced with such an obstacle before being considered as a student. However, I am all for some kind of selection today when a certain amount of pressure brings so many priesthood students to school. In a few years we will know how much we are going to benefit from this program of recruiting. We had to do something, once the Bishop took his St. Cloud (rather all St. Cloud) diocese students out of St. John's.

Devotedly yours,

OSB WENDT_00165

Church of St. Joseph
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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

July 25, 1962

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Your letter reached me this morning and, in reply, may I state that I have no objections to Fr. [REDACTED] being assistant here at St. Joseph's. I trust that he will understand that his principal work will be parochial - there is plenty of leg work in a parish such as this.

During the few weeks he has been here I have found him very faithful in carrying out some of the small assignments given him. So I am satisfied with the change and I pray that God will make the work of both Fr. James and myself most fruitful.

I have been undergoing a physical examination during the past few weeks with Dr. [REDACTED] as host. Had cardiographs, X-rays, blood tests and metabolism. Everything satisfactory except the metabolism. For this he prescribed "thyroid". I hope that this will give me more energy again and also help in overcoming my nervous tension.

Otherwise there is little to report. The "little Priory" is at peace. The Fathers are studying diligently and also Brother [REDACTED] the housekeeper has been suffering from the "shingles." She spent nine days in the hospital. There is no medication for this ailment except sedatives. I never knew that this affliction is so painful. It may last from 6 weeks to a year. Everyone has his cross.

As requested, nothing will be said to Father [REDACTED] until he hears from you.

I hope that your trip West will not be all work, but also a time for some relaxation.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Obediently,

J. Jamin, O.S.B.

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September 14, 1962

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Just a postscript to the your subscript that I received the other day. Your arrangement that you made with Father Barnabas in regard to the vestments is perfectly satisfactory to me. I merely told him that if the vestments were a gift to the parish, I had no right to give them to him; however, if they were a personal gift, then I felt that Father Abbot should have been informed about the gift. We have no need for the vestments; they are too ample for me and some of the younger Fathers tried them once or twice this summer and then set them aside.

The school year is again in full swing. We have about 500 children in school. Father James is doing very well in trying to adapt himself.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly in St. Benedict,



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January 30, 1963

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak , O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith our Financial Statement for 1963. The check inclosed for the amount of \$2,200.00 represents additional Surplus income.

I could not include surplus income for Father James; he receives \$900 a year, however he drew \$890.00. Perhaps he sends his own surplus income to the Abbey.

A few words of explanation: The Board bill represents part of the Kitchen cost during Father Gilbert's stay here up to the end of July. Part of this was defrayed by salary for service (some surplus was given to him); the rest in stipends.

If the Stola seems rather high, may I add that I did not break down the income from weddings and funerals (43 last year) but put it all under stola.

Another item is medicine. I regularly take anti-acid liquid and tablets. With the cost of drugs at present, it adds up quickly. Once the Doctor prescribed some nerve tablets. Cost: \$9.75. Such a price is enough to make anyone nervous.

Otherwise, there is little of moment to report. You may have noted that the Basilica parish was divided somewhat since the death of the Monsignor. As to our parish, it is gradually dying as to quality. We still have some 2700 souls of all types on our census files; however we have 60 children less in school this year.

May I request when and if we are permitted to say the Divine office in the vernacular, I may receive the privilege either devotionis causa, or, if you will, propter ignorantiam.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Filiially in St. Benedict,



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February 6, 1963

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

I trust that you will pardon my tardiness in sending in my financial report. This is the first time in all the years I have been out that this happened to me. Time just ran out in getting the Bishop's statement and the parish statement, burying the dead and breaking in a substitute caretaker, [redacted] quit at the end the year; just out of the blue. I had no knowledge that he had that in mind. He did not better himself but I had no intention of asking him to stay, if he was not happy with his work. I hired a permanent caretaker yesterday, a young man who possesses other aptitudes outside of pushing a broom.

As to my statement, I think it is self-explanatory save the matter of "kitchen." I have again given credit for Sunday assistance and the Mass stipends. However I received \$140 towards Board from Fr. [redacted] for Brother [redacted] who was with us for 70 days. I asked nothing of St. John's, for I was able to make ends meet with the various credits mentioned above.

All is well here; numerically the parish is as large as ever; over 2800 souls; 500 children in school. Father [redacted] is doing very well; he is conscientious and makes many calls to bring back the wayward. His personal needs are a little expensive. However, alii sic...Fr. [redacted] is his own greatest enemy; oh, so sensitive and tempermental.

I was sorry that I could not get to Fr. [redacted]'s funeral; however it was not possible for us on this day. One of Fr. [redacted]'s aunts was buried last week.

Otherwise there is nothing further to report.
With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly,

St. Francis, O.S.B.

The check for the Ordo I failed to include when I sent Fr. [redacted] some Mass intentions the other day.

The check represents surplus income.

\$ 36.00

February 7, 1963

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your Personal Account for the year 1962 and for the large amount of surplus salary sent to the Abbey for the year. That is a great help in meeting our obligations. I was glad to see also that you are able to make ends meet in the parish and was surprised to note the number of sculd still within the limits of the parish.

Just as pleasing was the report on Fr. [REDACTED]. I hope that he continue to give satisfaction, and I know that he wanted to find someone who would show some consideration for his ways, such as they are. As for Fr. [REDACTED], I know that his problems are going to weigh heavily on him in spite of the fact that we have given him medical help.

Fr. [REDACTED] died after suffering excrutiating pains for about ten days. A number of people have written to me praising him for what he had done for them, mostly sick and old. They also praised him for his priestly life and for being very loyal to his community. He has three brothers living.

Fr. [REDACTED] left yesterday for Mexico City for two weeks. I hope that he benefits from this trip and does not go beyond what the doctor permits. Fr. [REDACTED] is again around, but he shuffles more and more slowly. Fr. [REDACTED] is definitely improved, and so is Fr. [REDACTED]; the latter is more cheerful and resigned to his present condition and his need to be where he is.

May God continue to bless your priestly work.

SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

January 31, 1964

Dear Father Pirmin,

Office of the Chapter
Thank you for your Personal Account for 1963 and for the amount of plus you were able to send to the abbey. This will come in handy when we embark on the next stage of the building program, as you no doubt surmised from the voting of the chapter meeting held recently.

Thank you for the explanations about the account. Fr. [REDACTED] is in a very sad state of mind and has deteriorated somewhat since some long sessions with the psychiatrist. It seems that he is greatly to be pitied when you know the circumstances of his early life, which, if we had known at the time of his application, would have undoubtedly greatly affected the voting.

We are running into difficulties in choosing a suitable text for the vernacular breviary, and it may take some time before we can use one that has sufficient approval. Not all are happy with the kind of changes being introduced by the Council, but that was expected.

I hope that Bishop Cowly or the Archbishop will take an interest in the situation at St. Joseph's parish when it is time to make some kind of adjustment. Perhaps we should invite such a move and not wait for the parish to go down gradually. May God bless your priestly life and work this new year.

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May 25, 1964

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

About two weeks ago we received a ballot requesting us to vote for various officials of the monastery. However we neither received a copy of the Confreere nor your report on the Visitation. It was not until last Thursday that I obtained a copy of the latter from Fr. Omer.

In your report you stated that you would be pleased to hear from us as to our reaction to the policy enunciated by the Visitators. What can I say? I am not averse to a change. In fact I would have asked for a change some years ago except for a consideration to which I shall come to shortly.

You know the nature of this parish. Numerically we have some 2700 souls in our census file; but this includes everyone - those that are invalidly married; those who do not attend Holy Mass; broken homes, etc. I have lying before me over a 100 cards used by our laymen in canvassing our parishoners for the Opus Sancti Petri Drive. The vast majority of those returned were from people residing in the Government Project who would not even offer a prayer much less make a contribution. We did get some \$1400 on this Drive which I did not consider bad for our type of parish.

On May 14th Bishop Cowley administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 259 children and adults. In the course of the get-together after Confirmation I asked him casually what the future of the parish might be. He said he could not discuss the matter. I may have been imprudent in asking the question, although no other priest heard me ask the question. Nevertheless I feel that Archbishop Binz should advise you what his plans are in regard to the parish. The Benedictines have served this parish over 90 years.

I stated above that one consideration has deterred me from asking for a change. As you may know, I have an old father who is in his 93rd year living on the East side. He is a shut-in. His mind is wonderful but his vision and hearing are greatly impaired. My father, who is a convert, has given freely four of his children to God in religious life. (I have a cousin, who is a Lutheran minister) My brother is in Michigan and works daily to support the little household. My father has nothing but a roof over his head.

I have been bringing Holy Communion to my father and on two occasions administered the Last Sacraments. My father has never asked for any favors nor has he regretted giving up his children. He sits there alone during the day and from time to time during the week I would drop in for a short visit. These visits he would always appreciate.

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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

This then has been the consideration that has deterred me from asking for a change. Again, may I say, I am not opposed to a change. However, if in your opinion, the consideration that I presented has any value, would it be possible to be assigned to some other parish in the Archdiocese. This would make it possible for me to visit from time to time my good father. However, I do not ask that anyone be removed so as to make room for me nor that I be assigned to any parish, unless you feel that I am qualified.

I thank you, Father Abbot, for any consideration that you may give to this matter and I assure you, that your wish will also be my wish.

With best personal wishes, I remain

Filially in St. Benedict,



Fr. [REDACTED] is not a reason that I sought a change. We have been getting along well and he has been doing some good work.

SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

June 15, 1964

Dear Father Pirmin,

I appreciate your letter of May 25th in which you indicate a willingness to accept a change. I do not favor change for the sake of change, and for that reason I did not intend to act on your letter until I received one from Father [redacted] in which he tells me he is willing to accept a change and since I gave him a choice of either St. Boniface in Minneapolis or St. Joseph's in Minneapolis, he chose St. Joseph's.

Would you be willing to accept St. Boniface? I know it is your "home" parish, but you have been away from it a long time, and for that reason your return to it as pastor might not pose problems because it the parish of your origin. Fr. [redacted] does not want me to move you from St. Joseph's if you prefer to remain there, but I decided to ask you if this move would be agreeable.

Fr. [redacted] will be recalled to St. John's to teach, and that means I will be sending a new assistant; I do not know yet who it will be. Fr. [redacted] must stay on at St. Anselm's to complete several projects and won't be able to come to Minneapolis until the end of August. Is that too late for you to make the change if you do so? I could let Fr. [redacted] there as long as possible, and perhaps also Fr. [redacted].

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MINNEAPOLIS 1, MINN.

June 17, 1964

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Thank you for your letter which I received yesterday and whilst I hope to be at the Abbey next week, I thought it better to write, so that you may give Fr. [REDACTED] a definite answer.

I am willing, Father Abbot, to accept St. Boniface. Whilst I am aware of the words of our Divine Lord: "No prophet..." I am sure that there are very few after these many years that know me as a "prophet" and these few that do, I feel confident have mellowed with age. So I wish to assure Fr. [REDACTED] that he need have no qualms about replacing me here at St. Joseph's.

As to staying here until the latter part of August, I do not foresee any great problem. Once that the appointment has been definitely made, I can call on Fr. [REDACTED] from time to time and get the necessary information. I will also be willing to acquaint Fr. [REDACTED] with whatever he may wish to know, once that he arrives.

So again, thank you Father Abbot. With best personal wishes, I remain

Filially in St. Benedict,

B. Dworschak, O.S.B.

INFORMATION FOR THE ARCHIVES OF SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY, COLLEGEVILLE

NAME: Pirmin George Wendt
(Religious) (Baptismal) (Family)

BIRTH: West Union Todd Minnesota June 11 1898
(City) (County) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year)

YOUR PATRON SAINT: St. Pirmin NAMEDAY: November 3rd

TRIENNIAL VOWS: St. John's Abbey July 11, 1919 Abbot Peter
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

FINAL VOWS/OBLATION: St. John's Abbey July 11, 1922 Abbot Alcuin
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

ORDINATION: St. John's Abbey June 1, 1924 Busch
(Place) (Date) (Bishop)

FATHER'S FULL NAME: [REDACTED]

FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: [REDACTED]

FATHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: German

FATHER'S RELIGION: Catholic : DATE OF DEATH: _____

HIGHEST LEVEL OF FATHER'S EDUCATION: _____

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Retired Painter
(Now) (When You Entered Monastery)

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: [REDACTED]

MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: [REDACTED]

MOTHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: Germany

MOTHER'S RELIGION: Catholic DATE OF DEATH: February 7, 1920

HIGHEST LEVEL OF MOTHER'S EDUCATION: _____

YOUR CAREER BEFORE ENTERING THE MONASTERY: ---

EDUCATION	SCHOOL	FROM	TO	MAJOR	DEGREE	DATE
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ELEMENTARY:	<u>St. Boniface, Minneapolis - 7 Grades</u>					
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SECONDARY:	<u>St. John's High School</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>1915</u>			
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UNDERGRADUATE:	<u>St. John's College</u>	<u>1916</u>	<u>1921</u>		<u>B.A.</u>	
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THEOLOGY:	<u>St. John's Seminary</u>	<u>1921</u>	<u>1925</u>			
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GRADUATE:	<u>Minnesota University - Summer Sessions</u>	<u>1925</u>	<u>1929</u>			
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POST-DOCTORAL:	_____					
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OTHER:	_____					
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[Over Please]

DATE FILLED OUT: July 31, 1964


(Signature)

LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY ALL THE MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS (lasting six months or more) YOU HAVE RECEIVED SINCE PROFESSION AND ORDINATION. Give (a) the type or nature of the work, e.g., assistant pastor or plumber or math teacher in Prep School, (b) the location, (c) the duration, (d) any special achievements or items of note, e.g., built parish hall in 1948.

Prefect : High School (Pre@divinity students) 1921 - 1939

College " " " 1939 - 1943

Taught in High School - History 1921 - 1927

" " College - History, Economics 1927-1943

Assistant at St. Bernard, St. Paul 1945-49

Pastor at St. Joseph, Minneapolis 1949 - 1969 *gmp.*

Retired in Aug 1969 - St. Boniface, Minn.

GIVE YOUR PARENT'S PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING.

Father in Osseo Nursing Home, Osseo, Minn.

LIST YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE ORDER OF THEIR BIRTH. INCLUDE YOURSELF. For those still living give their present address; for those who have died write "deceased." Put an asterisk before those whom you want contacted immediately and directly by the Abbey when you die.



IN THE REMAINING SPACE AND ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY PUT DOWN ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOURS THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY RECORDED.

No accomplishments that I am aware of.

BENEDICTINE FATHERS
The Church of St. Boniface
629 SECOND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS 13, MINN.

February 4, 1965

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

At long last I am able to present my statement for 1964. I am sure that you will pardon my tardiness, when I mention that I worked out the financial statements for the Archbishop, Parish and Government during the month of January. Fr. Harold's accounts were in good shape but his system is different than mine. I use double entry and so it took me longer than it would have otherwise.

As to the statement: First I left some \$1200 of our personal account at St. Joseph's; I brought with me \$124; there were some \$708 here left by Fr. Harold. The item to Board was income from Fathers boarded at St. Joseph's during the summer. I received over \$400 from the people when I left from St. Joseph's. Clothing: bought a new suit and hat with permission. (Old suit 15 years of age.) Photos- a racket. Archbishop Binz wanted a photograph of every priest in the Diocese. I had not. Catholic Bulletin engaged photographer from Detroit (1)

I trust that your little jaunt to the Islands was also an opportunity for some rest. Archbishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation here on February 18th.

With sincere personal good wishes, I remain

Devotedly,

Inclosed check for \$3000.00 surplus income. ✓

J. J. J. J. J.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 6, 1965

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 4th, and for the financial statement for the past year, with a check of \$3000 as surplus income. I appreciate the explanation given of the amount left at St. Joseph's and the amount found there, as well as the explanation of the photos. I agree with you that this is a racket, especially when a photographer from Detroit is brought in. I find the statement fully satisfactory and, in the name of the community, I am grateful for the work done and the sacrifices made for the welfare of all and for the work of all.

I found all of the Fathers and Brothers in the missions well and that much progress has been made since my visit four years ago. There wasn't too much time for rest, and in the Bahamas there wasn't too much sun -- they were having an unusual cool and cloudy spell. In Puerto Rico we are now in a new diocese, but the new Bishop was not appointed until after I had left there; now we must find out his attitude toward an independent community. In the Bahamas there is a possibility that independence could come next year, if all continues to go well now.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you and your work,

Your devoted Abbot,

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BENEDICTINE FATHERS
The Church of St. Boniface
629 SECOND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS 19, MINN.

July 29, 1965

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville; Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

The inclosed check for \$250 is for Masses to be offered for [REDACTED] upon notification of her death. These are \$2.00 stipends. I spoke to you about this on the occasion of the Retreat.

I have also a request to make. May I be away from the parish during the week of August 2th? I have not been away for over three years. I would leave on Monday and return on Friday. Fr. Kenneth is here and so no Masses would drop out. I would go to Detroit Lakes by train and visit some of the Fathers.

We have our new Buick; nothing fancy. Received permission from the Archbishop. Used \$400 from the Abbey and not \$600 as you permitted.

I pray that God may bless you in the new burden thrust upon you.

With sincere personal good wishes, I remain

Filially in St. Benedict,

Dr. J. J. J. J.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

July 31, 1965

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, C.S.B.,
The Church of St. Boniface
629 Second Street N. E.
Minneapolis 13, Minnesota

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th, and for the check of \$250.00 which you enclosed as a deposit from [redacted] for 125 Low Masses to be offered for the repose of her soul after we receive notification of her death. I am enclosing a Certificate of Deposit, which you may either give to her to be kept by her, or which you may keep in your files, so that we will be notified of her death and then offer the Masses.

You have my permission to be absent from the parish during the week of the 8th of August in order to go to Detroit Lakes and visit some of the Fathers. I hope that you will enjoy the brief respite from the work of the parish and the visit with the Fathers.

Up to the present the work of the new office has not been too heavy, but I imagine that it will become heavier as the weeks progress, since much will have to be done to get things ready for the extraordinary general chapter next spring. I have just received from the Archabbot the schemata for the fourth session of the Council, and so I will have much to study before the session opens on the 14th of September.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God bless you always,

Your devoted Abbot,

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THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE
629 - 2ND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

Feb. 10, 1966

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

at head of \$2,300

Dear Father Abbot,

Please pardon my tardiness in presenting the Personal Statement for 1965. I tried to be on time but did not make it. Too many other statements in January.

There is little to explain about the statement. The \$400 for car is the payment that you permitted when I asked you about getting a new car. Then I also had to take \$250 out of stipend money for the Maases for [redacted] This money was received before I came here and must have been in the surplus from the previous year. My father left \$250 for each one of us. He had little. I am sure that you will remember him at Holy Mass.

Otherwise there is little of note to mention. Fr. Aloys is well and is diligent as ever. (I am sure that the typewriting of those figures on the statement will hardly qualify me for a secretarial job.)

With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly in St. Benedict

The inclosed check is surplus income.

St. Benedict, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 11, 1966

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
The Church of St. Boniface
629 Second Street N. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Pirmin,

Father Abbot will be returning from a visitation of some of the eastern Abbeys late tonight or tomorrow morning, but he will then leave again on Monday for Holy Cross Abbey for the election of a coadjutor Abbot, and then return East to complete the visitations set for this year, which he will finish about the 10th of March.

I know that he will be grateful for your letter of yesterday, for the check of \$2300 which you enclosed as surplus income, for your personal statement, and for the statement of the parish. I am sure he will find the statement fully satisfactory, and that he will appreciate the work done and the sacrifices made by yourself and Father Aloysius to enable you to send \$3,000.00 for the work of the community during the past year. I have deposited the check which you enclosed, but your letter and statements will be on Father Abbot's desk when he arrives.

And now I would like to thank you for your letter of the 10th to me, and for the two checks which you enclosed to cover the stipends for the two sets of Mass intentions, the first set representing Masses from 1965 and covered by the check of \$348.00.

The second check was for \$342.00 and cover the second list of Mass intentions, those given at the bottom of the page of intentions. This list contained the following intentions:

178 at two dollars each	\$340.00
27 at one dollar each	27.00
15 High Masses at five dollars each	75.00
	<u>\$442.00</u>

I think my figuring is correct, and so I think the check which you enclosed should have been for \$442.00 instead of for \$342.00. If you agree that the above is correct, I would appreciate your sending a check of one hundred dollars to make up the balance. All of the intentions are welcome and all of the Masses will be taken care of promptly.

All well here except that Father [redacted] fell in his room three nights ago and broke his hip; it was set this morning; that is, a pin was inserted and it will be a couple of months before he will be able to put any weight on the leg. The two deer really miss him; fortunately the warm weather and rain exposed the grass and so they can get enough to eat by themselves. With every good wish, and also a memento,

Fraternally yours,

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THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE
629 - 2ND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

January 31, 1967

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith the Financial Statement for 1966. Also a check
of \$2,000.00 for Surplus income.

There are two items I wish to explain. The stipends to others.
I gave \$60 to Fr. Omers and the rest was put in to the Kitchen fund for the
parish. Fr. Francis usually takes an intention. Also I went to the Doctor for
a physical checkup; prescribed some medicine; must have had some gold nuggets
in them. Also had to get a new lens; have an incipient cataract in the right eye.

Otherwise there is little new to report. It is snowing but that is hardly new.
[REDACTED] collapsed at the organ the other morning. I have not heard that it
was anything serious; however he is 78 and I suspect his organ playing days
are pretty well over.

With sincere personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

Dr. Primm



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY+ COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 3, 1967

Dear Father Pitmin,

Before he left for the blessing of the new Abbot at St. Mary's in Morris-
town, Father Abbot asked me to check the financial statements that might
come in and to deposit the checks so that these would not be held up. I
am sure that he will find your statement fully satisfactory, and that he
will appreciate the explanation given in your letter of the 31st of January.
I have deposited the check for \$2000 which you enclosed as surplus income,
making the total for the year \$4000. I know, too, that Father Abbot will be
grateful to you for the work done and for the sacrifices made to enable you
and Father [redacted] to send this amount for the work of the community -- I mean
Father [redacted] -- a sign of old age.

All well here, though Father [redacted] is not improving as well after his
second operation as he did after the first. Father [redacted] visits him in the
hospital almost each day to cheer him up, and he does a good job of this.
With every good wish, and also a memento for you and your work,

Fraternally yours,

sec.

THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

629 - 2ND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

February 4, 1968

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,
Inclosed my Personal Account for 1967 and also a check
✓ for \$ 2,700 Representing Surplus Income.

Pardon my tardiness but by the time I get the parish
and Archbishop's Statement and particularly the Government's Tax Report
ready, January has pretty well run its course.

The travel item is for a trip to New Orleans with permission.
I took the train; still have not been in a plane.

Income was less for the year particularly Mass stipends.
we get many stipends from funerals and we had very few this year.

We are still managing to keep going although our enrollment
in school is 224 pupils. We have four lay teachers/ What the future has in store
the dear Lord only knows. However with the redevelopment new houses are being
built and there is some hope for the future.

I trust that you are well. You must be establishing some
what of a record of presiding at the election of new Abbots.

May God keep you, Father Abbot. With best personal wishes
and cordial greetings

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

J. J. Primus, O.S.B.



SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY • COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
56321
OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 6, 1960

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
The Church of St. Boniface
629 Second Street N. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Firmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 4th, for your personal statement for the past year, and for the check of \$2,730.00 which you enclosed as surplus income. I am happy to assure you that I find the statement very satisfactory and that, in the name of the community as well as in my own name, I am grateful to you and for Father Rupert for the work done and for the sacrifices made. These have undoubtedly been of benefit to the parish as well as to the community, and this both in a material and in a spiritual way.

It is good to know that, though the income is down this year, you are managing to keep going and that there is hope for the future because of the redevelopment and new houses being built. The hundred and twenty-four pupils is still a fairly good-sized school, and I hope that the number of pupils will not become less. There are difficulties for Catholic education in view of all that is being written and spoken, but I wonder if there will not be a change in a few years.

Here all are well, and Father [redacted] returned to the abbey last Saturday; it will still be some time before he is able to resume work, but he appears to be much better than when he went to the hospital shortly before Christmas. The second (or I guess it is now called spring) semester began this morning and everyone is again busy with his work -- some did not have any project or course during the interim period, which seems to have been successful for most of the students.

This morning also I attended the funeral of [redacted] St. Joseph, along with a good number of members of the community. He died of a heart attack while fishing at a lake near Coakley last Saturday. It will not be easy to replace him a chief engineer now to find one as loyal and devoted to the community as he was. His brother [redacted] died early in November of last year, and [redacted] died early in this new year, and so some of the ties with the past are being broken. There are, of course, some good young men working for us, but the relationship doesn't seem to be quite the same as it was formerly.

With every good wish, and the prayer that God continue to bless you and your work, I am

Your devoted Abbot,

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THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

829 - 2ND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

February 14, 1969

The Right Reverend Father Abbot
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

I trust that I am still considered a member of the Community, despite my tardiness. However the flu laid me low for over two weeks; Hence all my book work got into arrears.

Enclosed herewith our financial statement and a check for \$2800 ✓
as additional surplus income. If stipends seem rather high these include Highmassess.

I am inclosing a copy of what the probable set up for our schools will be next year. Then there is the 3½ million dollar drive in April. I am afraid that they will not achieve that goal. First the parishes were assessed for the amount of 10 million to build the schools and now another 3 million to maintain. Our parish schools are hurting also and St. Boniface is no exception. I will try to do the best I can to help.

I trust that you are still well; I am feeling better. With best personal wishes, I remain

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

L. Timmer, O.S.B.

SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

February 17, 1969

Dear Father Primin,

Office of the Chancellor Thank you for your Personal Account, for the check of \$2800,
and for the explanation of the school situation as it affects
St. Boniface Parish.

I was sorry to hear about your illness, and I hope that you
are now well along the way of recovering some of your pep and
good health. You certainly did right in going to the hospital
where you could be well taken care of.

I was pleased to see how the school situation was handled; this
should be a satisfactory solution for the present at least. As
to the drive, I am sure that this is going to be a difficult
way to raise that amount of money. At the same time, I don't
know what the Archbishops can do if many demands are made upon
them to help some of the high schools of the diocese.

With kindest personal regards, I am

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The profession of vows which I, Father Firmin George Wendt of West Union, Minnesota, of the Diocese of St. Cloud made fifty years ago, to the honor of Almighty God, of the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, and of our holy Father Benedict, I do now, with the assistance of divine mercy, vow again; and I promise stability, the monastic way of life, and obedience according to the Rule of the same holy Father Benedict, and the Statutes of our Congregation, in the presence of God, and of His Saints who relics are in this church, and in the presence of the Right Reverend Lord and Father in Christ, Baldwin Dworschak, Abbot of this monastery, and the Reverend Fathers and Brethren here present: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sign Here: _____

July 11, 1969

Baldwin Dworschak, O.R.B.

THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE
629 - 2ND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

September 2, 1969

The Right Reverend Father Abbot
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

These few lines are a request in behalf of my housekeeper, [REDACTED] who has served faithfully for over ten years. [REDACTED] is a widow whose husband is buried at Marble, Minn. He was not Catholic. She has no relatives in that area and has no desire to be buried up there.

[REDACTED] would like it very much eventually to be buried in the Abbey Cemetery, where some Confreres would whisper a prayer for her soul from time to time. She is willing to pay for the grave and also for the cost of interment. Whatever consideration you would give to this request, would be appreciated.

Next Thursday school will reopen under the new setup. We will have the 5-8 grades here from St. Anthony, St. Cyril and some of the neighboring parishes. We must await the outcome; also whether there is any economy in this arrangement.

Thank you, Father Abbot, for whatever you may do in regard to the above matter. With best personal wishes, I remain
Devotedly in St. Benedict.

Dr. Quinn, OAR

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3 September 1969

The Reverend Primin Wendt, O.S.B.
CNS - 2nd Street Northeast
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Pirain:

I am sending a letter to your housekeeper, [REDACTED] granting her permission to be buried in the Saint John's cemetery. The charge we have been asking for interment and perpetual care is \$100.00. We are continuing to grant this arrangement until the south side of the cemetery is filled; then we have given out as much of the present cemetery as we think we should to the general public. Of course, when that part is used, another decision might be made by others.

Please tell [REDACTED] to keep this letter with her other papers which will be given to her executor of the will at the time of her death so that he will see at once that an arrangement for burial has been made by her with Saint John's.

We are beginning the school year today in the college; hence all is activity and a bit of confusion.

Father Eric is here now, in retirement, making eight in all who are here to share the rest they so much deserve.

God bless you and your work.

Devotedly yours,

Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B., abbot

OSB WENDT_00193

THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

629 - 2ND STREET N. E.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

February 4, 1970

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith my financial statement for 1969.
Also a check for \$ 2,161.07 representing surplus income.

The statement represents income and expenditures - with some additions to July 1, 1969, the time that Fr. Boniface took over as Pastor. The \$ 1,000 on hand is the money that I left to Fr. Boniface as part salary and stipends.

I do not take a check at the end of the month but leave this money in the Benedictine fund. If I need any money, I draw on that.

Otherwise, there is little of moment to report. Fr. Boniface and I get along as well as might be expected. I do whatever I can and leave the pastoral responsibility to him.

With sincere personal greetings

Devotedly,

J. Curran, O.S.B.

Also greetings from Fr. Boniface

9 February 1970

The Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
625 - 2nd Street Northeast
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55412

Dear Father Pirmin:

Because of my stay in the Saint Cloud Hospital for eleven days, I have neglected to acknowledge receipt of your Personal Account and your check of \$2,161.07 before this. I am sure that I now have greater sympathy for those who must undergo surgery and must learn how to be a good patient - cooperative with all those who are trying to be helpful. I am very grateful that my operation was a success and will never forget those who prayed for me.

Thank you for the surplus income you were able to send to Saint John's for 1966. I know this represents a real effort on your part to live according to the spirit of poverty, a spirit so much in harmony with the demands of a Christian in our age.

The Lenten season will soon begin. May this holy season be the specific means of helping you to realize definite plans of spiritual renewal for yourself and, through you, all the people for whom you are responsible. This would add greatly to your joy and your success as a priest.

I am glad that all is going so well with you at Saint Boniface. It was good having a visit not so long ago. God bless you and your work.

Devotedly yours,

Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B., abbot

BD/ev

THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

629 - 2ND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

February 4, 1971

The Right Reverend Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Inclosed my Personal Account for the year 1970. It seems somewhat unusual for me not to inclose any money. I do not draw my monthly salary and, I am sure, Fr. Boniface included it when he sent in his statement.

Well, Fr. [REDACTED] has gone Home. I think of him every day. However, he was true to the end. I sent him a Christmas card with a a note. He answered very promptly. But, alas!, there was no stamp on his letter. So I had to pay the postage.

I have been furthermore saddened since then. I do not know whether you remember my brother [REDACTED]. He has been working for the government in various capacities for over thirty years. This year (1970) he was able to retire and receive his pension. However, he has been sick since. His malady has been diagnosed as cancer of the marrow. Humanly speaking, there is no hope and his life expectancy is until Easter. My sister, [REDACTED] who lives here in Minneapolis, is in New Orleans now. She is helping [REDACTED] wife.

So it is, Father Abbot. [REDACTED] could have had some nice days ahead of him. He is only 57. My prayer is " God's will be done." Also, that God may shorten the time of his visitation; his suffering is intense. May I recommend him to your prayers.

Tonight Archbishop Binz will be here to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have 47 that will be confirmed.

The days of our school are numbered. The Region raised the tuition. I am afraid many parents will no longer send their children to the Catholic School.

Wishing you, Father Abbot, the best of everything during this new year with cordial greetings, I remain

Devotedly,

J. J. J. J.

8 February 1971

The Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
The Church of Saint Boniface
629 - 2nd Street Northeast
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Pirmin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your Personal Account.

As I am sure you know, the community here at Saint John's Abbey is very much aware of the substantial support which comes from the surplus income of the Fathers and the Brothers on parishes and chaplaincies. The financial statement each year indicates that the amount of revenue is increasing in spite of the fact that the cost of living is going up. In some instances I am sure that this increase represents an ever more conscientious living of the spirit of poverty.

The revenue for the past fiscal year from "expositi" was \$202,529 before expenses were deducted.

Mass Intentions in excess of those you need are still most welcome. For various reasons such intentions are almost disappearing in other parts of this country and abroad, and the excess we have are sometimes the means of support in the abbeys to which the intentions and stipends are sent.

Thank you for your nice letter, and I hope that you will find consolation in the prayers of the community for Carl and that he will also. Please let him know that the community here is praying for him and his family.

Conditions are changing rapidly in the Church, and we must accept them as beneficial - in the Providence of God. So they were in the past history of the Church, following each Council.

You must have been very close to Father Walter and were one that appreciated God's special gifts to him. He used them well, didn't he? Now we must make up for whatever his loss is to the community by doing a little more to fill up the measure of charity that was his.

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The Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.

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8 February 1971

My daily prayer for you is that this year will be one of many blessings for you and especially joy and peace in your life and in your apostolic work.

Devotedly yours,

Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B., abbot

BD/ev

THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

629 - 2ND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

February 1, 1972

The Right Reverend John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

To my surprise I discovered that January did not have an extra day, due to Leap Year. So I will merely state that during the last 10 days I have been rediing the tax form statements for the Internal Revenue Office.

Here-with my statement for the Abbey for 1971. I have no surplus income to send home, for I do not draw my salary. However, I believe that F.r. Boniface attended to that.

As to the statement, there is little I can say. One item needs someclarification. " Barber etc.\$ 42.00. Up to year and a half ago I had a fine barber, who would cut my hair for \$ 1.00. Now with all these hippies, the Good Lord called him home. Now I must pay \$3.00 per hair-cut. Maybe this idea of becoming a hippie is not so bad.

The telephone bill is rather high. Most of this was entailed when [redacted] was in the hospital in New Orleans and eventually passed away.

I trust that this severe winter has been kind to you. I am thankful to God that He has spared me. My greatest problem are my eyes. I have an incipient cataract not sufficiently progressed to permit an operation. However, I do manage without too much difficulty to pray my Office and do a little additional reading.

In conclusion, may God bless you in your work and with cordial greetings, I remain

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

Lr. Finian, O.S.B.



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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

February 8, 1972

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, C.S.B.
Church of St. Boniface
629 Second Street N, E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 1st, and for the personal statement for the past year. I am happy to assure you that Father Boniface sent in your surplus income and that I find the statement fully satisfactory. In the name of the community I am grateful to you for the work done and for the sacrifices made which made it possible for almost the whole of your salary to be sent for the support of the community and its work.

I would have written before this, but I did succumb to the flu for a day or so last week. When over twenty here were down with a sort of stomach flu. Fortunately, it was not the Asiatic type and lasted only about twenty-four hours, though it also left one's bic washed out for a couple more days. All are now back on their feet, and hopefully that is the last attack of the flu for the community this winter, though it seems that winter is going to continue on and on. I visited the four in the hospital on Sunday afternoon: Father [redacted] (who was taken there last week because of the swelling in his legs and a rash over much of his body) was feeling better and hopes to be back in a couple of days; Father [redacted], who celebrated that day for the first time and who may be able to return to the abbey shortly; Bro. [redacted], whose condition does not improve and whose left leg may have to be amputated; Bro. [redacted], whose hip is healing slowly but whose spirits are good. Here the older men remain about the same and so not seem to mind the cold weather, though Father [redacted] is slipping.

While I would wish that the incipient cataract would disappear of its own accord, I suppose it is more realistic to hope that, when it has progressed sufficiently, the operation for its removal will be fully successful. It is good to know that you can still say the Office and do a little extra reading. I am not finding too much time for reading, but I think that will come.

With greetings also to Father Boniface, and every good wish,

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

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THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

628 - 2ND STREET N. E.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

January 31, 1973

The Right Reverend John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith my financial statement for 1972. If the salary income seems rather high, this includes \$75 per month car allowance, an amount I never use, and some fringe benefits for those who are priests over 25 years. That is the money given me and I ask no questions.

If the amount for medicine seems rather high, I had to have my glasses changed; then there is also an item for Digel, which I must take at various times during the day. If Brother Andre could get about 12 boxes wholesale, I might reduce that cost.

Otherwise, thank God, all is well. My greatest ailment are my eyes. An incipient cataract and the result much less reading.

I trust that all is well with you. Judging from the Confrere work is not lacking.

In conclusion, with cordial greetings, I remain as ever
Devotedly,

J. Simon, OSB

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Wendt

February 1, 1973

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday, for your personal account for the past year, and for the check of \$3850 which you enclosed as surplus income for the support of the community and its works. In the name of the community I am grateful to you for the work done, for the sacrifices made and for the good example given in the careful use of money. I find the statement most satisfactory and I rejoice that Digel seems to be helpful. I hope, and pray, also that the eyes will not fail you, and that you will continue to check with the doctor as to what is to be done about the incipient cataract.

All here are quite well just now, though Father [redacted] is a bit more wobbly of late, and for the past few days has been confined to his room since his legs were very swollen. The Brother told me this morning that there is much improvement and that soon he should be able to attend community exercises again. With all good wishes, and with greetings also to Father Boniface,

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

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May 15, 1973

The Right Reverend John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
Abbot
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Thank you for your letter inviting me
to commemorate my fiftieth year in the priesthood at a
concelebrated Mass at the Abbey. I will be very happy to
do so.

There is one little fly in the ointment,
that is the dinner on Thursday evening. You know the Friday
following is the First Friday. We still have confessions here
on Thursday afternoon and evening. On the First Friday we
have a Mass at 6:00 a.m. and at 8:00 a.m. Fr. Boniface always
has the 6 o'clock Mass and I the 8:00. After his Mass about
7 o'clock, ~~goes out to~~ make many Communion calls. He gets through
about 9:30; so I must offer Holy Mass at 8 a.m. So we would like
to leave after the noon luncheon.

he leaves

Father [redacted] came back from the hospital on
Monday; he had severe nasal bleeding and the doctor has not
exactly determined what it was due to. He suspects it might
be high blood pressure.

Otherwise, all is well. I love the cool weather
and I pray and hope that it will be equally as cool on the
23rd of June. By the way, the Concelebrated Mass will be at
2:00 p.m. Will send a formal invitation within a few days.

So once more, thank you and I pray and hope
that you will continue to feel better.

With cordial greetings, I remain

Devotedly in St. Benedict,

L. J. Boniface, O.S.B.

CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

629 - 2ND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

Decemebr 5, 1973

The Right Reverend John Eidenschink. O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

With considerable reluctance I am constrained to write this letter. As you may know, God willing, I would celebrate my Golden Jubilee as a priest next June. In my years, one does not plan ahead that far. On the other hand, it was my hope to have a very simple observance.

However, the other night, we attended a Golden Jubilee Mass of one of the Chaplains at the Little Sisters of the Poor and Archbishop Binz was present. Fr. Boniface mentioned to him that I would also be priest in June for fifty years. The Archbishop observed that he would be a priest for fifty years in March. Furthermore he would be happy to attend my observance in June. I did not feel that I had any right to ask the Archbishop to attend my observance. However, he said he would come if a date could be arranged.

The date now agreed upon, is Sunday, June. 23. The Archbishop wishes to be notified 6 months ahead of time so that he can arrange his schedule; that is the ~~why~~ of this this letter.

Now Fr. Boniface also wishes me to make arrangements for the Preacher on that occasion. Now Fr. Abbot, I would be honored and gratified, if you would accept this invitation to preach. The Archbishop would merely be in attendance and not do the preaching.

This then is the purpose of this letter. It took some prodding for me to write it, but under the circumstances, I had no alternative.

I trust that you have had some time to rest up after your strenuous journey. All is as well as might be expected here. Again we have no cook here and frankly, I am getting a wee bit tired of eating noodles. However, one should not complain, when there are so many that have so little to eat. - Finally, I hope the energy crisis does not leave you too cold.

In conclusion, may I extend to you many sincere wishes for a Most Joyful Christmas and with sincere greetings

Devotedly In St. Benedict,

J. Eidenschink, O.S.B.



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OFFICE OF THE ABBOT

December 7, 1973

Father Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Boniface
629 - 2nd Street N.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday and for the kind invitation to me to preach on the occasion of the celebration of your Golden Jubilee of ordination on Sunday, June 23, 1974. Although June will be a rather heavy month with our retreat the first week and the General Chapter the second week, I will be happy to accept your invitation and will try to do justice to the joyful occasion. I am happy to know that Archbishop Binz has agreed to be present for the jubilee celebration. I have noted the date on my calendar and presume you will let me know later the exact time of the jubilee Mass.

Today you will receive a report I sent yesterday regarding my visit to Japan and two other matters. The only other thing I can add is that two days ago Father [REDACTED] was taken to the hospital because his kidneys were not functioning properly and he was quite weak. The report yesterday was that his condition has not changed. Father [REDACTED] is growing weaker but still enjoys watching at least part of some of the football games. The rest of the community remains well.

In the hope that you will soon have a housekeeper again and with cordial good wishes for a blessed and joyful Christmas, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

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THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

629 - 2ND STREET N. E.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

January 29, 1974

The Right Reverend Abbot John, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith my Financial Statement for 1973. There is little to explain. Perhaps the item, Medical Attendance seems rather high. However I had to get a new lens for my afflicted eyes. Also inclosed a check for \$ 4,100, surplus income. I have not been drawing any monthly income. Will try to do so and send some to the Abbey during the course of the year.

Very little new has happened since I saw you last week. As I sat there the words of St. Benedict came to my mind that God often reveals to the young.

Well, God bless you, Father Abbot. With cordial greetings
I remain as ever

Devotedly,

L. J. Firmin, O.S.B.

Wendt

January 30, 1974

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 28th, for your personal statement for the past year, and for your check of \$4100 which you enclosed as surplus income for the support of the community. I find the statement fully satisfactory, and, in the name of all, I am grateful for the work you continue to do, and for the sacrifices made to enable you to send this amount to the community. I wish that more, especially the younger men, would be more conscious of the need to be sparing in expenditures.

Although many problems are involved, I thought that the meeting at St. Bernard's was helpful, and it was good to see all of the men working in the Archdiocese there. It was good also to see you looking so well, and I look forward to the golden jubilee in June. Meanwhile, with all good wishes and a continued memento for your and your work, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

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February 10, 1974

The Right Reverend John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith my Financial Statement for 1974.

I am planning to run to the mailbox so that its arrival
will not be too late.

The inclosed check represents my savings
for 1974; the amount \$ 5,704.60 People were rather generous
to me on the occasion of my jubilee.

I need not tell you that the cost of
even the most common needs have skyrocketed. Got one
lens for my left eye (the other no longer responds to
correction) cost \$ 38.00. I am afraid in the not too
distant future, God willing, I will need to have an operation
on my eyes.

There is one item in the statement that needs
some explanation - Alms and Donations - I gave my sister \$ 100
at the time of my jubilee to help pay for some of the groceries
which she had to purchase when my three sisters were with her
on that occasion.

The winter has not been too kind to me. I
got the flu Christmas week and was in bed for nearly one week.
Was not even able to offer Holy Mass on Christmas Day. This
saddened me but as God wanted it, so be it.

I have one sister at home, [REDACTED] She had a
breast operation in November and as a result, that operation,
she has lost her hearing completely. So far, not even a hearing-
aid helps her. Please remember her in your prayers.

I trust that you have rested from your rather
arduous trip. As to my self I am feeling stronger again.
Have lost weight but that is good.

Please accept my most cordial greetings and may
God bless and keep you

Sincerely in St. Benedict

J. Eidenschink, O.S.B.

OSB WENDT_00208

May 16, 1974

Father Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Boniface
629 - 2nd Street, N.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of yesterday in reference to commemorating your Golden Jubilee of the priesthood with the community on June 6. Both Fathers Elmer and Demetrius have also signified their willingness to participate in this community celebration.

Since you and Father Boniface wish to leave after the noon luncheon, in view of First Friday obligations, we will plan to have the special luncheon at noon rather than in the evening.

I am happy to hear that Father [redacted] returned from the hospital on Monday and that he is feeling better. Please give him my greetings. I join with you in prayer that the weather will be cool during our retreat and discussions and also on June 23. Thank you for indicating that the concelebrated Mass on that date will be at 2:00 o'clock.

With every good wish, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

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OSB WENDT_00209

Father Wendt to offer Golden Jubilee Mass

SAUK CENTRE HERALD 4
Thursday, May 30, 1974

The Rev. Father Pirmin Wendt, a native of West Union, Minnesota, will offer his Golden Jubilee Mass on Sunday, June 23 at 2 p. m. in the parish church of St. Boniface, 629 N.E. 2nd St., Minneapolis.

After his ordination in 1924, Father Pirmin spent 19 years at St. John's Abbey as prefect and teacher of history. He was then asked to serve as substitute pastor at St. Austin's, Minneapolis from 1943 to 1945. He then worked at St. Bernard's, St. Paul for four years; was pastor of St. Joseph's, Minneapolis from 1949 to 1964; and then pastor of the Church of St. Boniface, Minneapolis until 1969, when he retired to become pastor emeritus and has continued to help in that parish since then.

Father Wendt was ordained to the priesthood on June 1, 1924 at St. John's Abbey by the late Bishop Joseph F. Busch of the Diocese of St. Cloud along with Father Elmer Elsenschek, a native of Cold Spring, Minnesota, and Father Demetrius Hagmann, a native of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Wendt - June 18, 74
Rev. Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B., a member of the History department at St. John's left school Sunday morning for St. Paul where he attended a meeting of the Catholic Historical society. On Monday he attended the eighty-seventh annual meeting of the Minnesota Historical society. At this meeting Sister Grace McDonald of the College of St. Benedict read one of the principal papers. Father Pirmin returned to school Monday evening to resume his teaching.

February 12, 1975

Father Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Boniface
629 Second Street, N.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 10th, for your personal account for the past year, for the check of \$5,704.60, and for your suggestions for the office of Prior. In the name of the community I am grateful for the very generous check which you were able to send to the community as a result of your savings and the generosity of friends for your jubilee.

I gladly approve of your personal account and of your having given your sister \$100 to help cover the cost of groceries when your three sisters were with here for the jubilee. I hope that your eyes will continue to improve, but I recommend that you follow the advice of the doctor if he thinks an operation will be helpful.

I am sorry to learn that you had a bad case of the flu at Christmastime but I am happy to know you are feeling better now. I will also remember your sister [REDACTED] in the hope that her hearing will be restored.

I have recovered from the trip to Rome and New York, but I am leaving on Friday for a five-day visit to the Bahamas and five days in Puerto Rico. My last visit to the Bahamas was in 1950 when I went with Abbot Alcudo! I do ask a special prayer for the trip and especially for the work to be done in Puerto Rico since there are several problems there which need solutions.

With every good wish for a blessed and fruitful Lent, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

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THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

629-2ND STREET N. E.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

June 29, 1975 .

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith my schedule of income and possible expenditure for 1975-76; also my bank deposit card, which is to be counterigned. There are some water spots on the card. For the life of me, I cannot account for them, unless, perchance they are tears of compunction. My deposit is not very large at the bank but should have additional rights for withdrawl.

Otherwise there is little of significance to report from here. No need of speaking baout the weather; you have that also. Just plain hot and muggy.

Trust that all is well with you and with the Community.
In conclusion please accept most cordial greetins from

Yours sincerely in St. Benedict

L. J. Jamin, O.S.B.

July 2, 1975

Dear Father Firmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 29th of June, for your estimated expenditures for the coming year, and for the bank deposit card, which I have signed and which I am returning to you herewith. I find your estimated expenditures most reasonable, and I will give this sheet to Father Prior, since he is working more directly with the budget for the coming year. It is a big job, but, since the Chapter requested it, I am hopeful that it will prove to be helpful.

Everyone seems to be taking the heat and the humidity in stride, though I am sure all are hoping that it will break soon. Father [REDACTED] is doing well after two operations: the varicose veins in his legs were stripped last week, and yesterday he had acataract removed from his left eye. I presume you remember Msgr. [REDACTED]: he died last Sunday, and today I attended his funeral at Evelèth and burial at Chisolm as he and his sister have been very generous to us and to the Bahamas. With all good wishes, especially for the coming feast of St. Benedict, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

629 - 2ND STREET N. E.
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January 20, 1976

The Right Reverend Abbot John, O.S.B.
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

During the month of January I have been waiting to receive a notice from you regarding our Financial Statement for 1975. However in your recent letter to the Exposititi I noted that the statement is not due until July.

However I do have some surplus invome. I am herewith inclosing a check for \$ 3,500 dollars. I would send it earlier but Father Boniface does not pay me until the end of the year. I am sure, if I would ask, he would give it to me some other time.

Well Fr Boniface is gone now for over two weeks. He is planning to return on January 30th. I have not heard from him from the Philippines. Others have.

By the way, Father Abbot, I have been opening Fr. Boniface's mail during his absence; paying bills etc. However today a letter came addressed from you to Fr. Boniface. I did not know whether it was personal or a letter of general interest. So I left it lie.

Otherwise there is little of news to report. Personally I am not too keen about being alone; things have, I believe, been working out fairly well and in another ten days that solitude should come to an end. Fr. Prior has been sending a Father every Saturday; so we manage alright.

May I conclude with cordial greetings

Sincerely in St. Benedict

J. J. Pirmann, OSB

January 23, 1976

Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Boniface
629 Second Street N E
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Pirmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th, and for the check of \$3,500 which you enclosed as surplus income. This is very good, and it will be helpful to the community in our various needs, and it is in the name of the community that I am grateful that you are able to continue your work and also for the sacrifices made.

The letter which I sent to Father Boniface a few days ago is just a short note of thanks for a clipping he sent me from San Beda in Manila, a clipping in which Abbot Alouin, Father Boniface and Father Owen are mentioned. But yesterday I sent another letter, and this was a general letter to all Chapter members; that is, it is intended for all Chapter members, but to save postage I sent only one copy to each address. This general letter indicates that I have changed the date of the chapter meeting from the evening of February 3 to the afternoon of February 2, a Monday. I think this will be more convenient for all.

It is good to know that you are well. For the moment we have no one in the hospital as Father [redacted] was able to return to his chaplaincy at the Nursing Home in Albany after almost a month in the hospital there. Here no one is critically ill, but a few of our older men need rather constant care, and the nurses are kept busy. Father [redacted] may have had another slight stroke a few days ago as there is a bit of paralysis in his right hand.

With all good wishes and the prayer that God continue to bless you and your work, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

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May 10, 1976

The Right Reverend John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Inclosed a check for \$ 5,059.67. This represents surplus income for the current fiscal year.

Thank God, I am in relatively good health. My eye sight has improved considerably since my operations. Oddly enough, the biggest expense in all of this has been change of lenses. Three different changes were necessary. I just come from the Doctor and another change was necessary. I hope this is the last one. Whilst the operations cost \$ 1200 the Doctor was satisfied with what Medi-care paid. This was nearly \$ 800. The net hospital cost for two times I was in the hospital was \$57. Medi-care surely helps.

Now what have I been doing during my semi-retirement? Now that I see better I have been doing more reading. On the other hand, I offer Holy Mass daily; twice on Sundays and also preach. I help with Confessions and do whatever I am asked to do, such as answer the door or telephone, whenever the pastor is not around. May I assure you, Father Abbot, at no time have I intergered with the parish or made any criticism to anyone. If I am asked to attend a parish meeting, I do. Otherwise I stay in my room.

There is one more matter, Father Abbot. This has always been the time for rumors in a Monastic Community. This year is no exception. One of these rumors is that I am to come home and live in retirement completely. I am not averse to monastic life. However no one wants to admit that he cannot do any further work.

This however is the crux for my request. I have a sister here who a few years ago had a cancer operation. An infection set in and they flooded her with anti-biotics. The infection was cured but the sequel was that she lost her hearing completely. She doesn't hear a telephone or doorbell. However, she is perfectly resigned to her cross. She has no one to whom she may turn. [redacted] has gone to the Lord and my three sisters are all in the Convent at or near Chicago. So I have been helping her in as far as I could; such as making calls etc. I don't live over there but have been going over for about one half an hour a day. Furthermore she has sold the home recently and now must find a place to live.

So Father Abbot I respectfully request you in charity to permit me to remain here. I would deeply appreciate this favor. On the other hand I assure that whatever change their might be here, I would be a docile confrere,

Thank you, Father Abbot, for perusing this lengthy letter and also for your kind consideration.

With cordial greetings, I remain

Devotedly in St. Benedict

J. Eidenschink, O.S.B.

CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

629 - 2ND STREET N. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55413

August 4, 1976

The Right Reverend John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Herewith inclosed my Financial Statement from January 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976. I realize that I am a little late; cause - inertia due to the extremely hot summer.

Also inclosed a check for the amount of \$ 2,195.50. This represents income from January to June, 1976.

The statement may not be as explicit in breaking down the sources of income. However Father gives me a check indicating salary and increment. This increment may cover several items.

In my old years, I should not wish time away. But the summer has been very hard. Prefer the cold to the heat.

Was to the Doctor for my eyes about a week ago. He left the operation for the cataract up to me. He said I would definitely see better. I am still thinking about it.

I trust the summer has been kind to you. I note that had you had to be absent from time to time. Well that is one of the " emolumnts " of being an Abbot.

Thank God, I have been as well as might be expected. Still able to offer my Holy Masses and preach at two Masses on Sunday. God has been good to me.

Well, Father Abbot, accept my sincere good wishes and greetings, as ever

Sincerely in St. Benedict

L. J. Simon, O.S.B.

August 6, 1976

Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of St. Boniface
629 Second Street N E
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Firmin,

Thank you for your letter of the 4th, for your Financial Statement for the past 18 months, and for the check of \$2195.50, which you enclosed as surplus income to bring the total for the period from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976, to \$5,695.50. This is very good, and in the name of the community I am grateful I find the personal statement very good and I am happy to know that, despite the heat of the summer, you have been able to carry on your work. Now that the weather is turning a bit cooler, I hope that you will be feeling even better.

As I mentioned to you at the time of the retreat, I leave it to you whether to have the operation for the cataract or not. Father [redacted] had such an operation some weeks ago, and is getting along very well. He tells me that he sees much better now, and this is evident in the way he gets around. Before the operation he was almost blind and had to sort of feel his way around. If the doctor thinks the operation will improve your sight, I think it would be worthwhile.

The summer has been, for some reason, more busy than usual, and it looks like it will continue that way. This morning I welcomed the Conference of Permanent Deacons that is being held here; this evening a Workshop for the Prep School Advisory Board opens for the next two days, and I am supposed to participate; I agreed to attend some of the sessions. Tomorrow morning Cardinal Suenens is stopping here for a couple of hours. And so it keeps going. But I have been feeling well, and for this I am grateful. Work on the south wing is going ahead nicely, and we hope to be able to move into it early in September; that will relieve the crunch on rooms that we have had for the past months. And all remain quite well.

With every good wish and the prayer that God bless you always,

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

1977

INFORMATION FOR THE ARCHIVES OF SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

NAME: Pirmin George Wendt
(Religious) (Baptismal) (Family)

BIRTH: West Union Todd Minnesota June 11 1898
(City) (County) (State) (Month) (Day) (Year)

YOUR PATRON SAINT: Pirmin NAMEDAY: November 3

TRIENNIAL VOWS: St. John's Abbey July 11, 1919 Abbot ~~Aluin~~ Peter
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

FINAL VOWS/OBLATION: July 11, 1922 St. John's Abbey Abbot Aluin
(Place) (Date) (Before Whom)

ORDINATION: St. John's Abbey June 1, 1924 Bishop Joseph Busch
(Place) (Date) (Bishop)

FATHER'S FULL NAME: [REDACTED]

FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: [REDACTED]

FATHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: German

FATHER'S RELIGION: Convert Catholic DATE OF BIRTH: October 5, 1871

HIGHEST LEVEL OF FATHER'S EDUCATION: Was court reporter at some time

FATHER'S OCCUPATION: Decorator Deceased
(When You Entered Monastery) (Now)

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: [REDACTED]

MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: [REDACTED]

MOTHER'S NATIONAL DESCENT: German

MOTHER'S RELIGION: Catholic DATE OF BIRTH: April 3, 1869

HIGHEST LEVEL OF MOTHER'S EDUCATION: Had ordinary education at the time

YOUR CAREER BEFORE ENTERING THE MONASTERY:

Grade school 1904-1911; High School at St. John's 1911-1916;
College 1916-18. Novitiate 1918

EDUCATION SCHOOL FROM TO MAJOR - DEGREE .. DATE

ELEMENTARY: 1904-1911

SECONDARY: 1911-1916

UNDERGRADUATE: 1916---1921

THEOLOGY: 1921-1925

GRADUATE: Attended Summer classes at University of Minn.

Had all my credits for M.A. Never got time for writing thesis

POST-DOCTORAL: _____

OTHER: _____

LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY ALL THE MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS (lasting six months or more) YOU HAVE RECEIVED SINCE PROFESSION AND ORDINATION. Give (a) the *type or nature* of the work, e.g., assistant pastor or plumber or math teacher in Prep School, (b) the *location*, (c) the *duration*, (d) any *special achievements* or items of note, e.g., built parish hall in 1948, or Danforth grant in 1960.

Prefect in St. Bede Hall and Anselm Hall from 1921-1942 ;

Taught in Prep School from 1920- 1926 (?) Taught Economics and American History in College from 1927-1942.

My career come to an end in 1942; took sick.

Substitute Pastor at St. Austin's in Minneapolis 1942-45.

Appointed assistant at St. Bernard's, in St. Paul in 1945 until

1949. In 1949 appointed Pastor of St. Joseph's in Minneapolis

lasted until 1964; then appointed Pastor of St. Boniface, in

in Minneapolis, in 1965. In 1969 was asked by personal Director

to retire. Since that time I have been here at St. Boniface

working under the horrendous title " Pastor Emeritus." Thank God

I am still able to do priestly work. Leave pastoral work

to appointed pastor.

No great achievements to report.

Retired to St. John's Abbey in 1978.

GIVE YOUR PARENTS' PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING.

Both deceased

LIST YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE ORDER OF THEIR BIRTH. INCLUDE YOURSELF. For those still living give their present address; for those who have died write "deceased." Put an asterisk before those whom you want contacted immediately and directly by the Abbey when you die.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Firmin George Wendt, O.S.B. 6292nd St. N.E. Minneapolis

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

IN THE REMAINING SPACE AND ON AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY PUT DOWN ANY OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOURS THAT YOU THINK SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY RECORDED.

Nihil

11 May 1977

The Reverend Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Church of Saint Boniface
629 - 2nd Street Northeast
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Pirmin:

Thank you for your letter of yesterday and for the check of \$5,059.67 which you enclosed as surplus income for the current fiscal year. You have done well and in the name of the community, and in my own name, I am grateful.

I am happy, also, that you are in relatively good health and especially that your eye sight has improved considerably since the operations. Medicare has been a real help in covering the costs.

I don't know how or why rumors get started but they do. In any event, I have not had any thought of asking you to retire and return to the Abbey. On the contrary, I am grateful that you are still able to be of real help to the pastor and that this permits you also to be of help to your sister. Father Boniface does appreciate the help you have given him. At the moment I am unsure as to just what to do in some of our assignments for the coming year. For some reason they have been more difficult than usual. However, if I do give Father Boniface a new assignment, and appoint a new pastor at Saint Boniface, I am sure the new man will welcome your help.

Father [redacted] grows weaker; Father [redacted] is back at Redlake though Father [redacted] has gone up to take over the work. Ten days ago Father Robert Blumeyer suffered a heart attack and is in the hospital at Hastings. His condition remains serious. All others are well.

With every good wish, and a prayer that God bless you, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

JE/ev

26 May 1978

The Reverend Firmin Wendt, O.S.B.
Saint Boniface Church
629 - 2nd Street Northeast
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55413

Dear Father Firmin:

It is with great reluctance that I am writing this letter. I had hoped to be able to come down to visit with you, but that has not panned out and I do not see any possibility of my getting down this coming week. The week after, of course, we will be on retreat.

After consultation with the Staff, I feel that I should ask you to return to the Abbey after you have celebrated your 80th birthday on June 11th. I fear that this request will make you sad, not only for your own sake but also for that of your sister. However, I trust that some satisfactory arrangement can be made for her care. Knowing that you have always been truly an obedient monk I am confident that, even though you will find this difficult, you will acquiesce in the decision. During the retreat we will be able to talk over the practical arrangements.

So that Father Virgil will know that he must plan to carry on alone, I am sending him a copy of this letter. Perhaps he can be helpful to you in working out a satisfactory arrangement for your sister.

Despite the heat, all are quite well here though Father [redacted] remains very weak. Father [redacted] also is not in the best of health. I commend them and all of us to your prayers.

With every good wish, and a prayer that God bless you, I am

Devotedly yours,

Abbot

JE/ev

cc: The Reverend Virgil O'Neill, O.S.B.

OSB WENDT_00224

I spoke with Father Pirmin on June 8, 1978, during the retreat. I told him I was sorry he had written this letter since the information I had did not square with what he had written. I also said that I would extend his stay at St. Boniface to July 15, or shortly thereafter, if he needed a few more days to get his eyes examined. He was sad but accepted.

REV. VIRGIL O'NEILL, OSB
PASTOR (612) 379-2761

Abbot John

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CHURCH 379-2699
MAINTENANCE 379-2455
ORGANIST 636-3248
SACRISTAN 379-2095

June 1, 1978

The Right Reverend John Eidenschink, O.S.B.
St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Father Abbot,

Thank you for the time and consideration you gave me yesterday. However, my interview saddened me, for I got the impression that I am being called home because I have become a problem child.

That I was by accident incontinent on one occasion, I do not deny. That this an habitual affliction is not true. I apologized for it. This was not a public scandal. How this got to the attention of Father Abbot, frightens me.

Again I have been trying to do my work to the best of my ability. I just have not been tipling in my room from time to time. The truth is that I have had nothing there. I have taken an occasional drink when it was offered to me. But I have not made it a point to go out to get it.

As to my sister, there is little that I can add. It is not that I am inordinately attached to my relatives but rather that I am filled with compassion for her.

So Father Abbot, in charity in respectfully request that my stay here may be extended for one year. During that time we should see what direction this whole matter takes. I assure you, there will be no problems.

Thank you, Father Abbot.

With cordial greetings, I remain

Sincerely in St. Benedict

F. Pirmin, OSB

1979

My name: Fr. Pirmin Wendt, O.S.B.

ADDRESSES OF MY CLOSEST RELATIVES All sisters of mine

- 1) Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City & State: [REDACTED], Zip Code: 55413
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
- 2) Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City & State: [REDACTED], Zip Code: [REDACTED]
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
- 3) Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City & State: [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
- 4) Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City & State: [REDACTED], Zip Code: [REDACTED]
Telephone Number: [REDACTED]
- 5) Name: _____
Address: _____
City & State: _____, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____
- 6) Name: _____
Address: _____
City & State: _____, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____
- 7) Name: _____
Address: _____
City & State: _____, Zip Code: _____
Telephone Number: _____

LENTEN INVENTORY FOR 1979

Please list below the more valuable items which have been committed to you for your use. In addition, those serving in parishes and chaplaincies are asked to mark these items so that they may be clearly distinguished from items that are the property of the parish or the institution.

The list is to be returned to the Abbot at the end of Lent. ON THE REVERSE, please give the names, addresses, and phone numbers of your closest relatives. Thank you.

Those living and working in our mission in Puerto Rico or in Japan should give their Inventory and their list of closest relatives to their respective Priors, though each Prior should send me his own Inventory and list of relatives.

1 Wrist watch

1 TV

1 Typewriter

1 Reclining Chair

1 Chalice

I have closed out my bank account and deposited it

with the Abbey.

The above items are all gifts from parishoners

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE PROFESSION OF VOWS WHICH

I, FATHER PRIMIN WENDT,

OF WEST UNION, MINNESOTA,

DIOCESE OF SAINT CLOUD,

MADE SIXTY YEARS AGO, I NOW RENEW, AND

PROMISE BEFORE GOD AND HIS SAINTS,

IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR FATHER IN CHRIST,

ABBOT JOHN EIDENSCHINK,

AND THE MONKS OF THIS MONASTERY,

STABILITY IN THIS COMMUNITY,

PURSUIT OF PERFECT CHARITY THROUGH A MONASTIC MANNER OF LIFE,

AND OBEDIENCE ACCORDING TO THE RULE OF OUR HOLY FATHER BENEDICT

AND THE LAWS OF OUR FEDERATION.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE SIGNED THIS DOCUMENT HERE AT SAINT JOHN'S
ABBAY, COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1979, ON THE
ELEVENTH DAY OF JULY, A FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER BENEDICT.

Primin Wendt

John Eidenschink, OSB

10 August 1982

[REDACTED]

I wish to inform you that Father Pirmin's condition has deteriorated in the last month or two. He has been transferred from a private room in the monastery to a room in the Health Center of the abbey. His cancer is progressing and this is causing him to become weak and at times disoriented. Most of the time he prefers to sit up in his chair and generally we can converse with him about his needs and feelings.

I will keep you informed about his illness. Please call or write when you wish more information.

Sincerely,

Abbot Jerome Heisen, O.S.B.

JT/ev

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OSB WENDT_00229



FATHER PIRMIN WENDT

BORN: West Union, Minnesota 6-11-1898
PROFESSED: July 11, 1919
ORDAINED: June 1, 1924
DIED: August 15, 1982 age 84

George Wendt was one of seven children, three boys and four girls. Three of his sisters entered religious life. George entered the novitiate at Saint John's in 1918 and after ordination, began working in the educational apostolate of Saint John's. For nearly twenty years, Father Pirmin served as a Prefect in the Preparatory School. The intramural football teams which he regularly organized and coached were his pride and joy - often proved unbeatable. As a teacher, Father Pirmin specialized in American history. He did advanced work in this field at the University of Minnesota. Father Pirmin was responsible for expanding the college offerings in American history.

Father Pirmin will not only be remembered as a history and economics professor, but as a dedicated pastor as well. From 1942 to 1978, he served in the parishes of Saint Austin, Saint Bernard, Saint Joseph and Saint Boniface in the twin cities. In 1978, Father Pirmin retired from active ministry and returned to the abbey. His favorite pastime was reading, and in retirement found time to read the multi-volume series on the popes by H.K.Mann and Ludwig von Pastor and Father Pirmin was ready to discuss his perceptive impressions with confreres. He always enjoyed bantering and was known for his repartee.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



PIRMIN GEORGE WENDT, O.S.B.

OSB WENDT_00231

Father Pirmin Wendt

COLLEGEVILLE — Father Pirmin George Wendt OSB, 84, monk and priest of St. John's Abbey died August 15.

Father Pirmin was born June 11, 1898 in West Union, Minnesota in [REDACTED]



and his high school and college studies at St. John's and entered the Benedictine community at Collegeville in 1919. He was ordained on June 1, 1924.

He taught economics, government and history in the Preparatory School and University from 1921 to 1942. He was responsible for expanding the college offerings in American History. After 1942 he spent much of his subsequent career in the pastoral ministry, serving in the Twin City parishes of St. Austin, St. Bernard, St. Joseph, and St. Boniface until his retirement to the Abbey in 1978.

Wendt SCOT

8-16-82

COLLEGEVILLE — The Rev. Pirmin G. Wendt, OSB, 84, died Sunday at St. John's University.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Tuesday at St. John's Abbey Church. Burial will be in the abbey cemetery.

Friends may call at the abbey church after 7 tonight.

Fr. Wendt was born June 11, 1898 in West Union to the late [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] monastery at St. John's in 1919 and was ordained June 1, 1924. He taught economics, government and history at the university and Preparatory School from 1921 to 1942, was responsible for expanding the college course offering in American history and from 1942 until his retirement in 1978 he served as a pastor in the Twin Cities at St. Austin's, St. Bernard's, St. Joseph's and St. Boniface Parishes.

Survivors include [REDACTED]

Born in West Union, Minnesota
June 11, 1898
Professed July 11, 1919
Ordained June 1, 1924
Died August 15, 1982

I know that my Redeemer lives,
and on the last day
I shall rise again.
In my body I shall look on God,
my Savior.
I myself shall see him,
my own eyes will gaze on him.
This is the hope I cherish
in my heart.

St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota

ON SUNDAY, 9:45 A.M., AUGUST 15, 1982

Father Pirmin George Wendt, O.S.B.



BORN IN WEST UNION, MINNESOTA, JUNE 11, 1898;
PROFESSED JULY 11, 1919; ORDAINED JUNE 1, 1924;
DIED PEACEFULLY IN THE LORD.

Father Pirmin was born into a German-American family in Central Minnesota just before the turn of the century. His parents [redacted] and [redacted] had seven children, four girls and three boys. Three of his sisters entered the convent. As a member of our community for over sixty years, he will be remembered as a very effective and understanding guide of high school students. For nearly twenty years he served as a prefect in our Preparatory School. The intramural football teams which he regularly organized and coached were his pride and joy and often proved unbeatable. He had the gift of winning the confidence of adolescents. As a teacher he specialized in American history. He did advanced work in this field at the University of Minnesota. He was responsible for expanding the college offerings in American history. He will not only be recalled as a history and economics professor, but also as a dedicated pastor. From 1942 to 1978 he served in the parishes of Saint Austin, Saint Bernard, Saint Joseph, and Saint Boniface in the Twin Cities. Upon his retirement to the Abbey in 1978 he found much comfort in reading. He covered the multi-volume series on the popes by H. K. Mann and Ludwig von Pastor and was ready to discuss his perceptive impressions with confreres. He always enjoyed bantering and was known for his repartee. We are very grateful for Father Pirmin's sixty-three years of faithful service and devotion to the Benedictine way of life, especially for his high esteem for the divine office.

FOR THE REPOSE OF HIS SOUL WE ASK EACH NOVICE AND PROFESSED MONK OF OUR ABBEY TO OFFER TWO MASSES IN THE MANNER ALLOWED BY HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST. WE ALSO RECOMMEND OUR CONFRERES TO THE USUAL PRAYERS AND MASSES IN OTHER HOUSES OF OUR FEDERATION. THE CONCELEBRATED MASS OF THE RESURRECTION WAS OFFERED ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1982, AT 4:00 P.M., IN THE ABBEY CHURCH, FOLLOWED BY BURIAL IN THE ABBEY CEMETERY.

ST. JOHN'S ABBEY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

Jerome P. Theisen, O.S.B.
ABBOT

Funeral Mass of Father Pirmin Wendt
17 August 1982

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Jn 17:24-26

Father Pirmin Wendt lived a full monastic and priestly life. His 84 years of life, 63 of which were spent as a professed monk and 58 as a priest, were dedicated to the service of God and the local church. He served as a committed monk, an esteemed guide and teacher, and a devoted pastor. For many years he served as prefect of Saint Bede Hall and Saint Anselm Hall; as such he became for many the model of monastic and priestly life. His way was firm but fair.

After more than 20 years of prefecting and teaching economics and history in the high school and college, he began the second phase of his labors: pastoral assignments in the Twin City parishes of Saint Austin, Saint Bernard, Saint Joseph, and Saint Boniface. There he was steady in his service of the people. And he continued in this service until he reached the ripe age of 80. Many of his assistants, both long-term and weekend, will remember his appreciation of cats; these animals which he befriended shared much of his life.

He cultivated a love of history and continued to read history as long as his eyes and vitality allowed. It was a point of honor for him to know the history

Funeral Mass of Father Pirmin Wendt -- page 2

of the church and the history of the popes.

He moved within the boundaries of the monastery, the student dormitories, the classroom, and the parish. While he did not regard this kind of life as extraordinary, for he said he had no accomplishments to report, he portrayed well our tradition of monasticism at Saint John's: a life dedicated to prayer, letters, guidance, and pastoral care.

The community life that we enjoy now is a life with Jesus. There is union with him now and there is the expectation of union with him in a time to come. "Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am..." Where Jesus is constitutes the place of eternal life. Being with him now is the way to being with him in the final community. Jesus is himself the way, the truth, and the life; knowledge of him brings one into the presence of the Father.

To be with Jesus is to be with the Father, for God the Father is eternal life. We belong to the Father and the Father gives us to the Son. The love of the Father, therefore, resides in the disciples of Jesus. Because of this love

Funeral Mass of Father Pirmin Wendt -- page 3

we belong to Jesus. Jesus can claim us as his own for we were given to him by the Father. Jesus can pray for his own and he can love his own for we are taken up into the divine life.

Since we are disciples of Jesus we are caught up in a love beyond ourselves. We are caught up in Trinitarian love, a love that characterizes the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. There is a dance of love in the Holy Trinity; there is a vitality of love. We as humans are caught up in this love.

It is not a love that makes us shed our humanity. Just as Jesus brings a humanity into the dance of love, so also his disciples are brought into a bodily relationship to the God of the universe. It is Jesus who wishes to show us his glory, the glory he had with the Father from the beginning but also his glory that he received in the resurrection.

At this Christian burial we are reminded of the love which the Father makes to reside in us, the dance of love that we are called to share, and the glory that we glimpse now but that we wish to behold in the face of the risen Christ.

Abbot Jerome Theisen, O.S.B.

J. M. J. Josephinum Convent
August 22, 1982

Dear Father Abbot,

In [REDACTED]'s name and our own we wish to THANK YOU, Father Abbot, for all that was done for Father Firmin, both spiritually and physically by the Community. We know that he got the best of care and that it was done with great love.

The funeral Mass was very uplifting. We will never forget the scene when all the Monks came from both sides of the sacristy and stood by Father Firmin and you, Father Abbot, came to bless his remains. The prayers and singing were just beautiful. It was most touching when the Monks took their places in the sanctuary and Father Firmin was placed in their midst.

We greatly appreciated it that we and

May
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Reward
You.

the parishioners were permitted to be in the sanctuary with the Community it made us feel like a member of the Community.

What is heaven going to be like when a ceremony like this is so uplifting.

We also THANK YOU, Father Abbot, for the dinner served after the Mass, and this gave us an opportunity to meet many of Father Pimmin's priestly friends

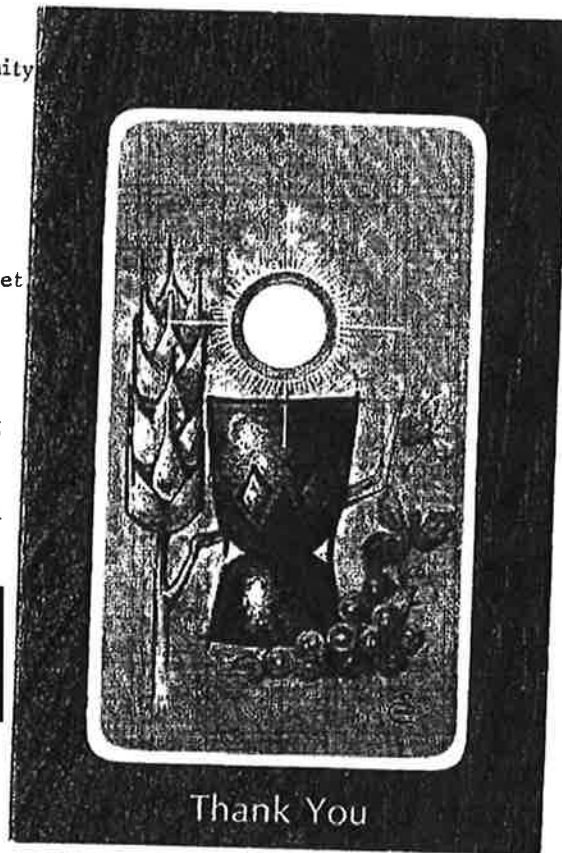
We will keep you, Father Abbot, and the Community in our prayers asking God to bless you all. May the smile of our Lady rest upon all of you and your work this is the prayer and wish of

Your ever grateful,



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IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF [REDACTED]

AGAINST

THE ORDER OF ST. BENEDICT

TELEPHONIC UNSWORN INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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5 appeared telephonically on behalf of [REDACTED]

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7 MICHAEL J. FORD, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box
8 1008, St. Cloud, Minnesota 56302, appeared on behalf
9 of the Order of St. Benedict.

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11 ROBERT STICH, Attorney at Law, 250 Second
12 Avenue South, Suite 120, Minneapolis, Minnesota
13 55401-2122, appeared telephonically on behalf of
14 Father Pirmin wendt.

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20 WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were duly had,
21 to-wit:

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1 (WHEREUPON, [REDACTED] Exhibit 1 was marked for
2 identification by the court reporter.)

3 EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. FORD:

5 Q If we're ready to go I'll get started. [REDACTED]

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6 as we indicated off the record my name is Mike Ford,
7 I'm an attorney at the Quinlivan & Hughes law firm in
8 St. Cloud, Minnesota. I am here today representing
9 the Order of St. Benedict. Bob Stich is an attorney
10 in Minneapolis and he is here representing the member
11 of the community, I think Father Pirmin Wendt you
12 indicated in your materials that's involved; do you
13 understand that?

14 A Yes.

15 Q I have been furnished a confidential for mediation
16 use only statement by your attorneys that describes
17 in a summary fashion what is going on with you, what
18 happened to you and how it's affected you. Have you
19 seen a copy of that document yet?

20 A I saw a copy that I gave them and all that stuff,
21 yeah.

22 Q what I'm going to do is I'm going to go through this
23 document just to double-check to make sure everything
24 got recorded correctly, and after that I will have a
25 few other questions for you; do you understand that?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q So this confidential for mediation use only statement
3 tells me that your age is 63; is that right?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And what is your date of birth?

6 A October [REDACTED], '47.

7 Q It tells me that you're married and that you have one
8 child; is that correct?

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- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q It tells me that you're currently employed as a
11 maintenance engineer at [REDACTED];
12 is that right?
- 13 A Right, yep.
- 14 Q How long have you held that position?
- 15 A 19 years.
- 16 Q Have you always been in that line of work for pretty
17 much all of your working life?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Prior to working at [REDACTED] where were you a
20 maintenance engineer?
- 21 A At the [REDACTED], I was there from '67 on to about
22 '72 or so, and then I was at the [REDACTED].
- 23 Q It identifies the member of the St. John's Community
24 that was inappropriate with you as being Father
25 Pirmin Wendt; is that right?

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- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q It identifies the period when the events took place
3 as sometime in 1962 or '63; does that sound roughly
4 correct?
- 5 A Right.
- 6 Q And it says the location where it happened was at the
7 Dalles House Motel in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin; is
8 that right?
- 9 A That's right.
- 10 Q It tells us in a summary fashion that Father Wendt

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11 sexually molested ^{010511BH} and took photographs of [REDACTED]
12 while in the bathtub; is that right?
13 A That is absolutely, yep.
14 Q Then it goes on in more detail to describe the abuse
15 as follows, it starts out by saying: [REDACTED] Father
16 wentt at [REDACTED]'s wedding. Father wentt
17 officiated the wedding at the church of Joseph. What
18 was your brother's name that the wedding was of?
19 A [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]
20 Q And the church of Joseph, where was that located?
21 A Let's see, I have the book here, it was on 4th Street
22 North in north Minneapolis.
23 Q Was it called St. Joseph or just Joseph?
24 A Church of St. Joseph.
25 Q Spirit of St. Joseph?

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1 A No, Church of St. Joseph.
2 Q Okay, Church of St. Joseph, got it. Then the
3 confidential mediation statement goes on to say:
4 Father wentt invited [REDACTED] his motel to go
5 swimming. [REDACTED] went into the bathroom to change into
6 his swimming suit and halfway through changing Father
7 wentt came into the bathroom, claiming he wanted to
8 wash his hands, and that [REDACTED] should continue to
9 change; does that sound correct?
10 A Yes.
11 Q Then it goes on to say [REDACTED] and Father wentt went
12 swimming and Father wentt was touching [REDACTED] on the
13 water all over his body; does that sound right?

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- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Did Father Wendt touch any of your private parts
- 16 while you were in the pool?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q So he was touching, what, things like your arms, your
- 19 legs?
- 20 A My legs, my butt, you know, nothing -- when you say
- 21 private, I don't consider my butt private, but maybe
- 22 it was. [REDACTED]
- 23 Q So he was touching your buttocks?
- 24 A Yeah.
- 25 Q Any other areas other than what you have already told

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- 1 us?
- 2 MR. NOAKER: Hey [REDACTED] I'm having just a
- 3 little trouble hearing you, can you talk directly
- 4 into that phone?
- 5 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 6 MR. NOAKER: There you go, thanks.
- 7 Q Did Father Wendt touch you any places in the pool
- 8 other than what you have already told us about?
- 9 A Yeah, well we went in the sauna.
- 10 Q I'll go to that, but [REDACTED] just focused on the pool
- 11 right now.
- 12 A No, that's about it.
- 13 Q Then the statement goes on to say from the pool
- 14 Father Wendt took [REDACTED] sauna where Father Wendt
- 15 touched [REDACTED] inner thigh; is that correct?

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16 A Yes.

17 Q Any other portions of your body that Father Wendt
18 touched inside of the sauna, other than your inner
19 thigh?

20 A No.

21 Q Then the statement goes on to say they went back to
22 the room and Father Wendt told [REDACTED] take a bath
23 because he had been swimming in the pool [REDACTED] took a
24 bath and while bathing Father Wendt came in with a
25 camera and had a drink in his hand. [REDACTED] put the wash

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1 cloth over his private parts, while Father Wendt took
2 pictures and tried to uncover [REDACTED] private parts,
3 which he did; does that sound roughly correct?

4 A Yes.

5 Q When you say Father Wendt tried to uncover your
6 private parts, I assume that ^{means} he reached down
7 and tried to and eventually did remove the wash
8 cloth; is that right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Did he take any pictures after he removed the wash
11 cloth?

12 A No. I put the wash cloth back in real quick.

13 Q And was there any conversation as that was happening?

14 A I can't recall.

15 Q Then the statement goes on to say after awhile [REDACTED]
16 was told to get out and dry off. Father Wendt had
17 taken [REDACTED] clothes into the other room so he had to
18 get them and walk from the bathroom naked. [REDACTED]

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19 believes that Father wendt was intoxicated. Did I
20 say that correctly?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Now after you went back and got your clothes, what
23 happened then?

24 A Well, I started putting them on, you know, and he
25 said I didn't have to go to the bathroom. I went to

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1 the bathroom and put them on and I said to him that I
2 don't think this is, you know, the right way
3 now at all. And then he said -- you know, then we
4 checked out.

5 Q Now how old were you when all of this was going on?

6 A 15.

7 Q Did you ever have any contact with Father wendt after
8 this one time?

9 A No.

10 Q The statement goes on to say, as it describes your
11 injury or damages, it says [REDACTED] suffers from
12 depression. He has suffered the loss of his faith.
13 As [REDACTED] gets older this bothers him more and more
14 because he wants to go back to church; did I read
15 that correctly?

16 A Yes. You know it's always all these younger people
17 nowadays that it's happening to, no one really knows
18 what happened back years ago to us older people, it
19 was never brought up back then. We were victims back
20 then that no one even knows about.

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- 21 Q Did you tell anybody about these incidents back when
22 they happened?
23 A No. Too embarrassed and no one would have believed
24 that a priest did that back then.
25 Q When was the first time that you told somebody about

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- 1 this?
2 A I think I called up to Father sometime in March
3 because I was having a rough time as far as
4 health-wise and a lot of operations and like I said
5 I'm not getting any younger and I'm a Catholic and I
6 would like to feel free, you know, and not have this
7 hanging over me with what happened. It felt like I
8 was guilty of the thing too.
9 Q So back in March of 2010 you called up and talked to
10 Father who?
11 A Well, what is his name, Jonathan L-I-C-A-R-I.
12 Q Jonathan Licari?
13 A Yep.
14 Q So you called out to St. John's?
15 A Right.
16 Q And you talked to this Father Jonathan Licari?
17 A Yep.
18 Q And what did you tell him?
19 A I told him basically the same thing, that I was
20 trying to find the father's name that did this to
21 me. And he talked to me about it and he said he'll
22 try the best he can to help me out with it. And, you
23 know, at first he was pretty helpful, you know, he

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24 said he would help this and help that. And later on
25 I said can't you get a marriage certificate or

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1 anything like that and he kind of hee hawed here and
2 hee hawed there. So that's when he told me to go see
3 this Gary Schoener and talk to him, he was a
4 counselor, and we finally got the marriage
5 certificate that told me the father's name. Father
6 Jonathan to me didn't want to give out that name at
7 all at that time.

8 Q Okay.

9 A So there is a note here saying that I did go to see
10 him and he says St. John's takes these incidents very
11 serious and whatever sexual abuse or exploitation has
12 taken place the victim's well-being and safety is the
13 primary concern, and it goes on and on and on.

14 Q Now after you got the marriage certificate and
15 identified the priest, what, if anything, happened
16 then?

17 A Then I talked to that Gary Schoener again and he told
18 me that if I wanted to, you know, go the route I'm
19 going right now.

20 Q So you went out and sought Jeff Anderson's office and
21 talked to his office?

22 A Gary Schoener gave me Anderson's phone number and I
23 called him up, yes.

24 Q We won't talk about whatever you were talking about
25 with your lawyers, that's not right. Okay. Any

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- 1 further contact with St. John's after you got the
2 marriage certificate?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Now have you told anybody other than your lawyers,
5 Mr. Schoener, Father Licari? For example, any
6 members of your family or your wife or anybody like
7 that?
- 8 A My wife.
- 9 Q When did you tell your wife?
- 10 A Oh, it was about a year ago.
- 11 Q Have you ever sought any treatment, medical
12 treatment, mental health counseling, anything like
13 that, other than Mr. Schoener?
- 14 A No.
- 15 Q Did you always remember this incident, or did you
16 forget it for some years and something brought it
17 back recently?
- 18 A It was always in the back of my mind, but it's a lot
19 more in my mind as I'm getting older.
- 20 Q Now you indicated earlier I think that you were
21 having some health problems?
- 22 A Yeah.
- 23 Q Do you attribute any of those health problems to what
24 happened between you and Father Wendt?
- 25 A No, no.

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- 1 Q It says in this summary statement that you suffer
2 from depression; how long have you suffered from
3 depression?
- 4 A Well, I guess when I had all these back operations
5 and stuff like that, but I'm not getting treated for
6 it now, everything is okay.
- 7 Q Do you attribute that depression that followed your
8 back operations to anything that happened between you
9 and Father Wendt?
- 10 A It's a good possibility, yes.
- 11 Q Had you ever suffered from depression before the back
12 surgeries?
- 13 A No. I mean like any typical person I suppose, you
14 know, you worry about things and you think about
15 things.
- 16 Q But no doctor has actually treated you for depression
17 before your back surgeries?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Did you get treatment from anybody for your
20 depression following your back surgery?
- 21 A What it was, it wasn't really depression. I'm the
22 type of person that when stuff gets piled up on my
23 desk at work and stuff, I have a feeling that I have
24 to get it done right away. I get real nervous and
25 stuff and so that's what they were treating. This

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1 depression deal, I was never depressed with life or

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2 nothing, but it was the other way around. I just get
3 too nervous about things that I have to get done at
4 work and I want to get it done. I was never
5 depressed and that's what they treated me for.
6 Q This incident that happened between you and Father
7 wendt, is that the only time you have ever been
8 involved in anything that you might call abusive or
9 sexually abusive?
10 A Yes.
11 Q Does your family have any history of problems with
12 sexual abuse, anything like that?
13 A Nope, no.
14 Q So you're the only one that you know of in your
15 family that's ever had to contend with something like
16 this?
17 A Right.
18 Q Did you keep a diary back when you were 15, 16 about
19 any thoughts you had about this situation with Father
20 wendt?
21 A No, no.
22 Q Is there anything that I failed to ask you about that
23 you are thinking is important so that we and your
24 attorneys can understand your situation, anything you
25 can think of as you sit here today?

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1 A I guess this whole idea about this thing that it's a
2 growing problem with me because as I get older, like
3 I said, I want to get back to the church, you know,
4 and it's been on my mind for a long time here.

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5 That's about it I guess.

6 Q Have you and Mr. Schoener met to talk about that
7 particular issue at all?

8 A Oh, yeah.

9 Q Are you still treating with Mr. Schoener?

10 A No, no.

11 Q Is there a reason for that? I mean do you feel that
12 he's done all he can for you, or he's not the right
13 guy or anything?

14 A No, no, he's the right guy and stuff. I mean
15 everything was good with him and we just got to a
16 point, you know, where he suggested this, you know,
17 and that was that. I don't know if he thought he
18 could do any more for me or not, but he said if I
19 need any more help I can get in contact with him.

20 Q Well, thank you, sir. Do you have any questions for
21 me?

22 A No.

23 MR. FORD: I think Mr. Stich may have a
24 question or two for you. Thank you very much.

25 THE WITNESS: Yes, have a good day.

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1 EXAMINATION

2 BY MR. STICH:

3 Q [REDACTED], this is Bob Stich.

4 A Yes.

5 Q When did you see Mr. Schoener?

6 A It must have been in March sometime.

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7 Q How many times did you --
8 A Two or three.
9 Q Two to three times?
10 A Yeah.
11 Q And that was, what, back in March, or March and
12 April?
13 A It was sometime back there, I don't know the exact
14 date, I got that paperwork also. Like I said out of
15 this letter and it was dated March 30th and it was
16 all he said I understand you are choosing to counsel
17 with Mr. Gary Schoener. So this was dated March
18 30th, so it must have been in March.
19 Q Okay. The letter you got from Father Licari, that
20 was the letter when you first started seeing Mr.
21 Schoener?
22 A Well, I don't know if it was the first or second
23 time. It says here as a follow-up to our
24 conversation on March 26 I would like to review
25 briefly what we talked about. It is my understanding

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1 that you have chosen to consult with Mr. Gary
2 Schoener and that in the future you would be
3 contacting me again.
4 Q Okay. Then after that did you contact Father Licari
5 again?
6 A Yes. I talked to him about three or four times
7 during this whole thing.
8 Q And who paid for your time with Mr. Schoener?
9 A St. John's Abbey picked it up.

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10 Q They paid?
11 A Yep.
12 Q Now you said --
13 A I didn't pay.
14 Q You didn't pay?
15 A I didn't pay.
16 Q You said this has been on your mind, something that
17 has been on your mind for many years. So I am
18 assuming this goes back, you have been thinking about
19 this for a long time?
20 A Yes.
21 Q How long, have you been thinking about it ever since
22 you were 15?
23 A Well, off and on, yeah. I'm getting older now, more
24 and more so. Like I said, you know, back in those
25 days it was unheard of.

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1 Q Right.
2 A I should have had the sense to go home and tell my
3 mother that the priest was doing this and that but
4 she would have thought I was crazy back then.
5 Q Now you said that you have been thinking about this
6 more and more lately and as you get older and I know
7 how that goes, I'm older too, I'm older than you
8 are. But it says you want to go back to church, is
9 there something preventing you from going back to
10 church?
11 A Yeah.

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12 Q What is that?

13 A I just can't trust the Catholic church anymore, the
14 priests. I mean it might sound silly to you, but
15 after someone did that to me, I have tried going back
16 to church and I don't feel comfortable with it you
17 know. I wanted to raise my kid to be Catholic and
18 stuff and I just couldn't do it.

19 Q Well, what do you think it would take for you to get
20 back to church if you say you want to?

21 A You know I really don't know that answer. I haven't
22 gotten over that bridge yet, I just don't know. You
23 know just because this is happening, I mean I don't
24 know if this is going to help me go back to church or
25 not. But, you know, I guess someone did it to me,

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1 someone did something to me and I want that to be
2 recognized, someone did do this.

3 Q Do you think that would help you?

4 A I would get a little closure to it, yes.

5 Q We can try and help you out with that. You said that
6 Father Wendt took you back to his motel, what motel
7 was that?

8 A It wasn't his motel, he picked me up at my house I'm
9 sure and we drove out to the Dalles House Motel in
10 St. Croix Falls.

11 Q And where was the wedding?

12 A The wedding was at the church.

13 Q At St. Joe's?

14 A Yeah. Where the reception and stuff was, I don't

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- 15 remember that.
- 16 Q Well, I was wondering if the reception was someplace
17 around St. Croix Falls or something like that?
- 18 A No, it wasn't, no. If I remember right the family
19 back then we always had our receptions over at
20 northeast Minneapolis area. So that's somewhere over
21 on northeast, that's where the reception would have
22 been.
- 23 Q St. Joe, that's a church that is no longer there,
24 right?
- 25 A Right. They moved -- well, I don't know if that

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- 1 church moved or not, but Maple Grove.
- 2 Q But the old St. Joe's Church was eventually torn
3 down, I know where that was.
- 4 A I found that out, I did my research trying to find
5 that church, you know, and I finally found out that
6 it transferred out to Maple Grove here.
- 7 Q What was the relationship between Father Wendt and
8 your brother?
- 9 A As far as I knew they were just there to get
10 married. I don't think my brother had a relationship
11 with him.
- 12 Q I'm wondering if he knew him or had some contact with
13 him?
- 14 A It was his wife that probably went to that church, so
15 that's why they got married there.
- 16 Q So you think Father Wendt was just with that church?

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- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Okay. Nobody in your family had gone to St. John's
19 or anything like that or knew him from up there?
- 20 A No.
- 21 Q Your brother never went to St. John's, right?
- 22 A Not that I know of, no.
- 23 Q You didn't?
- 24 A We were over in northeast and we had Holy Cross and
25 stuff like that over in our area.

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- 1 Q Yes, I'm familiar with Holy Cross. Where did you go
2 to high school?
- 3 A High school I went to vocational.
- 4 Q Downtown Minneapolis?
- 5 A Yes. My grade school was at St. Hedwig's.
- 6 Q Did you after that one day at St. Croix Falls, did
7 Father Wendt give you a ride back home?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Did he come in and meet your parents or anything like
10 that?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q Or just drop you off?
- 13 A Just dropped me off.
- 14 Q Did you ever see him again after that?
- 15 A Nope, nope. He never called me up and I definitely
16 didn't make no call to him at all.
- 17 Q Did he ever suggest that he might call you again or
18 anything like that?
- 19 A No, no. If I may say his attitude on the way home

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- 20 was a lot different than on the way there.
- 21 Q Okay. And was the first person you ever told about
22 this, was that your wife?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q And was that before you told Father Licari?
- 25 A Yes.

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23

- 1 Q Okay. What was it that brought about the fact that
2 you would tell this to your wife after all of these
3 years?
- 4 A I had the same thing as far as the church, I had to
5 get it off of my chest, I had to tell somebody. You
6 know it was for so long and then all of a sudden I
7 seen all this stuff on TV again and that definitely
8 refreshed my memory.
- 9 Q What time of the year was it that this occurred?
- 10 A That I don't really know, I couldn't say.
- 11 Q Was it summer or winter, do you have any
12 recollection?
- 13 A I would say it definitely wasn't winter, because I
14 don't think it was cold outside, because on the way
15 home we had the windows down in the car, so it could
16 have been fall or summer.
- 17 Q All right, let's see, I'm just checking. Now you
18 said that you believe Father Wendt was intoxicated,
19 did you have anything to drink?
- 20 A No. No, I didn't.
- 21 Q Now this was not the day of the wedding, was it?

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22 A No, oh no, no. 010511BH
23 Q It was sometime after?
24 A Yes.
25 Q How long after, do you recall?

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1 A No, I don't, no.
2 Q How did this come about, did he call you, or did you
3 call him, or did he make some arrangements with your
4 parents or what, how did it come about?
5 A He made arrangements with my parents and stuff and
6 why, I have no idea how this all started, I really
7 don't to be truthful with you. You know I don't know
8 why he singled me out on my brother's wedding or
9 stuff, I don't know.
10 Q Do you recall spending sometime talking to him or
11 anything like that at your brother's wedding?
12 A No, I don't remember.
13 Q Okay.
14 A You know everything is really fuzzy except for that
15 part at the hotel motel. For some reason I can
16 remember going into the hotel, taking the door to the
17 hotel room, and there was supposed to be the
18 whirlpool and all that stuff. I mean I bet if I went
19 back there now I could find the room.
20 Q Okay. And that's the part that you have always
21 remembered, right?
22 A Yes. All that stuff that happened in that motel I
23 remember.
24 Q when you were swimming were there other people in the

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25 pool?

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1 A No, there was not nobody there.
2 Q It was just the two of you?
3 A Yep.
4 Q what about in the sauna?
5 A There was no one in the swimming pool area at all.
6 Q Okay.
7 A It was just us, I know that for a fact, yes.
8 Q Okay. I think that's about all of the questions I
9 had. Did I miss anything or anything that you think
10 we should know about?
11 A I don't think so, unless my lawyer, Pat, has anything
12 to say.
13 MR. NOAKER: No, I think we covered it.
14 MR. STICH: Speaking of your lawyer, I was
15 going to suggest, if you haven't already done so,
16 give a copy of that letter from Jonathan Licari to
17 your lawyer and by way of professional courtesy I'm
18 sure he'll send a copy on to us.
19 THE WITNESS: Okay.
20 MR. NOAKER: Sure.
21 THE WITNESS: I don't know if he has one or
22 not, he can tell me if he does; and if he don't, I
23 can fax that over to him.
24 MR. STICH: Right, you guys can talk about
25 that, we don't have to be involved in that. Okay, I

1 think that's all of the questions I have right now.
2 Mike, do you have any more questions?

3 MR. FORD: Just a couple, I wanted to
4 follow-up on a couple points that Mr. Stich brought
5 up.

6 EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. FORD:

8 Q You said that Father wendt's attitude was different
9 on the way home than it was on the way up there, how
10 was it different?

11 A His mood was just completely sober, you know, like he
12 was pissed, excuse my language.

13 Q And he was more happy-go-lucky or friendly going up
14 there?

15 A On the way there, I mean, we talked and stuff, yeah,
16 the mood was a lot better.

17 Q And then when you told your wife about this, what was
18 her attitude, was she supportive?

19 A Yeah. Yeah, she supported. She was surprised that I
20 could hold it in that long without telling her and I
21 told her I was so embarrassed.

22 Q Do you feel that your holding it in all of those
23 years had an affect on your marriage at all?

24 A You know I think it does in some ways. I think it
25 had a complete affect on my whole life as far as my

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1 relationships throughout my life. You know I waited
2 until I was married and all that stuff. I went in
3 the Marines, I was a typical Marine, all that stuff.
4 I waited until I got married before I did anything.

5 Q And has your relationship with your wife been better
6 since you have told her about it?

7 A Oh, no, no, it's the same.

8 Q About the same, okay. How would you describe your
9 relationship with your wife, good?

10 A Very, very good. I have known her since 9th grade.

11 Q And you said you were in the Marines, what point in
12 time were you in the Marines?

13 A '66 to '68.

14 Q That was kind of a stressful time for the Marines,
15 were you in Vietnam?

16 A No. I was on my way there, but my mother had a heart
17 attack, so I got stationed at Breakway, I was an MP
18 for two or three years, two years.

19 MR. FORD: That's all of the questions I've
20 got, thank you very much.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you, guys, very much.

22 MR. STICH: I don't have any further
23 questions, Pat, so we'll be getting off.

24 MR. FORD: I'll be hanging up.

25 MR. NOAKER: Hang on there, Bob, and we'll

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1 talk after these guys get off.

2 MR. FORD: Okay.

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(WHEREUPON, the interview concluded at
approximately 4:05 p.m.)

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEARNS

BE IT KNOWN THAT, I took the foregoing interview
of [REDACTED]

FULL AND FINAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF the payment of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (\$ [REDACTED]), the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged [REDACTED] hereafter "Releasor"), has released and discharged, and by these presents does for himself and for his heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, release, acquit and forever discharge Fr. Pirmin Wendt OSB and the Order of Saint Benedict, and any other School owned and/or operated by Order of St. Benedict and/or St. John's University, or any School or facility where Fr. Pirmin Wendt OSB worked together with any and all present and former Order of St. Benedict and/or St. John's University, priests and religious women in or associated with the Order of St. Benedict and/or St. John's University, all other priests and nuns, Brothers, and each and every one of the aforementioned parties' former and current Agents, Administrators, Members, Predecessors, Servants, Heirs, Executors, Faculty Members, Volunteers, Staff Members, Priests, Teachers, Schools, School Principals, School Administrators, Directors, Officers, Employees, Agents, Representatives, Successors and Assigns associated with any of them, and any insurers, re-insurers, risk pooling trusts, and selfinsurers, and all other persons, firms and corporations against whom any liability, direct or indirect, might be asserted, (hereafter individually and collectively "Releasees"), of and from all known and unknown actions, causes of action, claims for relief, claims, demands, rights,

damages, costs, expenses, compensation, loss of services, loss of income, loss of consortium, loss of enjoyment of life, emotional distress, mental anguish, medical expenses, funeral expenses, rights of contribution, rights of indemnity, rights of subrogation, rights of reimbursement and all consequential and incidental damage on account of, or in any way growing out of, all known and unknown injuries, including death and property damage, and all other damages of whatsoever kind, whether economic or non-economic, whether compensatory or punitive or whether property or personal, together with all known and unknown consequences from all such injuries, death and damages resulting, or to result, from any act, omission, matter or thing occurring prior to the date of this Release, including, but not limited to any claim of whatsoever kind arising from or relating to or resulting from any and all alleged sexual molestation, sexual abuse, battery, assault, verbal abuse, physical abuse, and intimidation, inflicted upon [REDACTED] Fr. Pirmin Wendt OSB or any other former or current teacher, staff member, faculty member, religious member, volunteer, or employee including but not limited to sexual misconduct, sexual abuse, sexual molestation, battery, physical abuse, emotional abuse, verbal abuse, intimidation, negligence, negligent hiring, negligent supervision, negligent retention, negligent entrustment, negligent failing to warn, breach of fiduciary duty, conspiracy, fraud, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligent infliction of emotional distress.

THIS RELEASE INCLUDES ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE CLAIMS OF

WHATSOEVER KIND, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN AT THE PRESENT TIME, WHETHER TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT, WHETHER EXPECTED OR UNEXPECTED, WHETHER ECONOMIC OR NON-ECONOMIC, WHETHER COMPENSATORY OR PUNITIVE AND WHETHER PRESENTLY OR LATER DISCOVERED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ALL INJURIES, INCLUDING DEATH, AND DAMAGES OF WHATSOEVER KIND, WHETHER PROPERTY OR PERSONAL, RESULTING, OR TO RESULT, FROM THE MATTERS REFERENCED ABOVE.

Releasor expressly represents, warrants and agrees as follows:

1. Releasor has relied wholly upon Releasor's own judgment, belief and knowledge of the nature, extent and duration of any injury, loss or damage resulting or to result from the matters referenced above, and Releasor's own evaluation of all claims of whatsoever kind which were or could have been asserted as a result of any of those matters; and Releasor was not influenced to any extent whatever in making this Release by any representations or statements regarding those or any other matters, which may have been made by Releasees or by anyone representing Releasees or employed by Releasees.
2. Releasor elects to and does assume all risks for injury, including death, loss or damage claims of whatsoever kind, whether known or unknown at the present time, whether expected or unexpected, whether temporary or permanent, whether economic or non-economic, whether compensatory or punitive, whether

presently or later discovered, and whether as a consequence of or incidental to some known or unknown injury, including death, loss or damage, and includes within the scope of this Release all such claims of whatsoever kind against Releasee. Releasor hereby expressly waives all rights Releasor may have and further agrees that Releasor's acceptance of the consideration for this Release satisfies all rights and claims of whatsoever kind Releasor now has or may have had or may in the future have arising out of any of the matters referenced above.

3. Releasor will indemnify, hold harmless and defend at Releasor's own expense, Releasee from all past, present and future liens and claims of any person or entity, including, but not limited to, any insurer, attorney, government agency, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, medical care provider, mortuary or other person or entity who may assert a right of subrogation, right of indemnity, right of reimbursement or other interest of any kind howsoever designated in any amounts paid or to be paid in settlement of or compensation for any injury, death, loss or damage, whether economic or noneconomic, whether compensatory or punitive and/or whether personal or property, including, but not limited to, medical care, legal representation, public assistance, maintenance, rehabilitation, medical assistance, general welfare, lost income, insurance and/or property damage resulting or to result from any of the matters referenced above.

4. The consideration aforesaid is intended to cover all past, present and future medical, legal and other expenses, and Releasor is signing this Release for

and on behalf of all insurers, hospitals, clinics, physicians, healthcare providers, mortuaries, attorneys and government agencies who now have or may have had or may in the future have a claim for subrogation, indemnity, reimbursement or other interest in any of the proceeds from the settlement however that interest may be designated.

5. Releasor understands that none of the Releasees know the full extent of any obligations Releasor may have to pay, reimburse or re-pay any insurers, attorneys, hospitals, clinics, physicians, healthcare providers, mortuaries, government agency, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and/or others; and, therefore, Releasor will first deposit any settlement checks into Releasor's attorney's trust account so that the consideration for this Release may be disbursed by Releasor's attorney in the proper amounts to the appropriate persons as their interests may appear or exist.

6. Releasor will satisfy any judgment rendered against anyone or more of the Releasees as a result of any past, present or future lien and/or claim asserting a right of subrogation, right of indemnity, right of reimbursement or other interest of any kind whatsoever in any of the proceeds from the settlement or as a consequence of any matter referenced above. No further amount will be paid by Releasees or by anyone on Releasees' behalf at any time for any such purpose.

7. The consideration referenced above is intended to be full compensation for all known and unknown injuries, death, losses and damages

of whatsoever kind, whether economic or non-economic, whether compensatory or punitive and whether personal or property, sustained or to be sustained as a result of the matters referenced above; and Releasor has waived and assumed the risk of any and all claims of whatsoever kind which presently or in the future may exist, but of which Releasor does not know or suspect to exist, whether through ignorance, oversight, error, negligence or otherwise and which, if known, would materially affect Releasor's decision to sign this Release.

8. The terms specified in this Release are accepted as a complete compromise of matters involving disputed issues of law and fact; and Releasor has assumed the risk that the facts or law may be other than what Releasor may believe.

9. Releasor will not enforce any judgment against any or all of the Releasees in the event any Releasee is assigned any liability in any lawsuit or other proceeding involving any matter referenced above.

10. Releasor has not, directly or indirectly, assigned, encumbered or otherwise transferred any interest in any action, suit, debt, claim, cause of action, sum of money, agreement, damage, or demand intended to be released and discharged by this Release; and no other person or entity has any interest of any kind in any of the released claims.

11. This Release shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the

laws of the State of Minnesota and any action to enforce the terms of this Release shall be commenced in the District Court for the State of Minnesota, Seventh Judicial District, Stearns County.

12. Releasee and his attorney agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Defendant, its counsel and its insurer from any and all claims by an and all government agencies/entities, State or Federal, for conditional payments, liens, subrogation or indemnification interests of any kind or nature arising out of an incident that occurred in 1962 or 1963 at the Dalles House Motel in St. Croix Falls, WI.

13. In any action brought to enforce or interpret the terms of this Release (including the defense of any action brought by any entity described in paragraph 5 above in pursuit of their right of reimbursement from the Releasor), the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover all costs and expenses incurred in such action, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

14. This Release represents a compromise and settlement of a disputed claim. Any payment referenced above is not to be construed as an admission of liability on any Releasee's part. All Releasees expressly deny any liability to the Releasor.

15. Releasor has had the benefit of the advice of counsel of Releasor's own choice in the negotiation and execution of this Release. This Release shall be construed liberally to carry out its objectives and shall not be construed against any party.

16. No promise, inducement or agreement not herein expressed has been made to Releasor by Releasee or by anyone representing Releasee or employed by Releasee.

17. Minnesota law shall govern the interpretation of this Release.


18. This Release contains the ENTIRE AGREEMENT and the terms of this Release are contractual and not a mere recital.

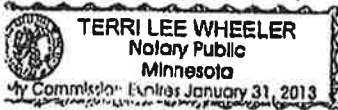
Dated this 22 day of February, 2011.



STATE OF MINNESOTA)

COUNTY OF Hennepin)

On this 22 day of February, 2011, before me personally appeared  known to me to be the person who is described herein and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that s/he executed the same.




Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-31-2013

Parishes - Missions - Chaplains

CITY	CODE	ASSIGNMENT NAME	NAME	POSITION	DATES	NOTES
MINNEAPOLIS	MN	ST. AUSTIN	PIRMIN WENDT	A	1942 - 1945	
ST. PAUL	MN	ST. BERNARD	PIRMIN WENDT	A	1945 - 1949	
MINNEAPOLIS	MN	ST. JOSEPH	PIRMIN WENDT	P	1949 - 1964	
MINNEAPOLIS	MN	ST. BONIFACE	PIRMIN WENDT	P	1964 - 1969	
MINNEAPOLIS	MN	ST. BONIFACE	PIRMIN WENDT	A	1969 - 1978	FATHER PIRMIN WENDT WAS MADE PASTOR EMERITUS OF ST. BONIFACE. BACK TO ABBEY IN 1978.