

PERSONAL RECORD OF REV. Frank J. Sierra
 NAME IN FULL

in re FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

Have you contracted any funded debts such as bank loans? Yes
 If so, in what amount? Car Payment, \$2000.00
 Do you owe any current accounts? Yes
 If so, in what amount? \$ 100.00

List of Appointments since Ordination

TOWN	PARISH	CAPACITY	DATES
Italy		Teaching	1945-
Spain		Teaching	1947
Argentina		Teaching	1949-1952
Santa Cruz, N.M.	Holy Cross	Assistant	1953
Center, Colo.	St. Francis Jerome	Pastor	1954-1958
Greeley, Colo.	Our Lady of Peace	Assistant	1959
Santa Cruz, N.M.	Holy Cross	Assistant	1960 -1961
Bayard, N.M.	Our Lady of Fatima	Pastor	1962-1968
El Paso, Tx.	Our Lady of Light	Pastor	1968-1970
DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO UPLAND	St. Joseph	Associate	10/28/70 - 2/ 4/74
COACHELLA	O.L. of Soledad	Associate	2/ 4/74 - 7/ 1/75
ENCINITAS	St. John	Associate	7/ 1/75 - 7/2/79
BRAWLEY	O.L. Perpetual Help	Pastor	7/2/79 - 2/1/88
FR. SIERRA RETIRED	2/1/88. In residence at Our Lady of Guadalupe in		
Calexico.			
	<i>In residence at Nazareth House</i>		1993
La Mesa	Little Flower Haven	In Residence	2/1/2005

SIERRA-RCBSD 0221

January 27, 1977

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
St. John's Parish
P.O. Box 457
Encinitas, California 92024

Dear Father Sierra:

As you are aware a study is being made to relocate the present parish plant. I am fearful that the Parish Council in their desire to build a new parish plant will neglect the Chicanos and the poorer people the parish now serves.

I am seeking your help in giving me statistics and information concerning the need of preserving the present parish plant, its location and what would be the outcome if it were moved any great distance from the present site.

It would be important to have the number of people that it serves within its present radius and how beneficial it is to them.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

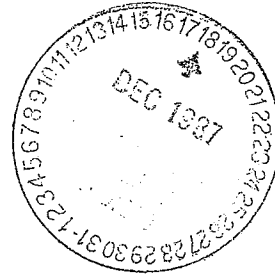
+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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December 15, 1987

Most Reverend Leo T. Maher
P. O. Box 90428
San Diego, California 92138



Dear Bishop Maher:

I am writing you this letter to let you know that I am one of the silent majority in our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Brawley who loves Father Sierra and who is very unhappy to hear that he is leaving us, because a few individuals who do not speak for all of us are dissatisfied with him.

I ask you to reconsider and please, if there is some way that you can see to it to let him stay, we will be so grateful.

We have been members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for 31 years and this is the first time I have written a letter to you for any reason, but I feel very strongly about this and so does all of my family.

Father Sierra has been a wonderful pastor, but, as you know, a pastor cannot please all of the people all of the time, and the ones who started all this are never going to be satisfied with any priest that you assign to our church.

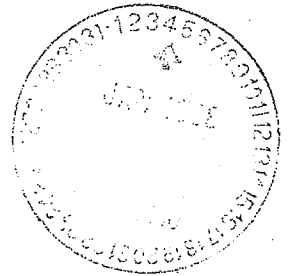
If for some reason you see fit to remove Father Sierra from our parish, it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider him for assignment to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Heber, California.

Your loving attention to this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

REDACTED

Most Rev. Leo T. Maher
P.O. Box 80428
San Diego Ca. 92138



Most Reverend Sir:
We are a family who attends the parish
of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brawley
California. We are very unhappy to hear
that our Reverend, Father Frank Sierra
is leaving us. We would like you to re-
consider and have him stay with us.
Thank you, Most Reverend Sir, for
looking into this matter.

We have the honor
to remain your
obedient servants,



Diocese of San Diego
Office For Apostolic Ministry

June 19, 1987

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1250 B Street
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, CA 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

As the fiscal year draws to a close, we have noted the following is due and payable from your parish:

Payroll	
Multi-peril coverage	\$ 4,839.00
Clergy Pension Assessment	1,219.00
Parish Assessment	7,800.00
Parish Debt	

If for some reason the above amount does not agree with your records, or if you have any questions, kindly call Mrs. Christiane Guittard in the Accounting Office.

Your efforts to bring delinquent accounts up to date will be greatly appreciated.

Please be assured of my best wishes for you and your parish.

Fraternally yours,

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen
Chancellor/Curia Moderator

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SIERRA-RCBSD 0225

January 20, 1987

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, CA 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

This is to remind you that your parish has not yet made a contribution toward the Jubilee celebration of the Diocese and the Bishop.

It would be much appreciated if you made the suggested contribution of \$100.00 at your earliest convenience.

We hope to achieve a 100% participation of our parishes.

Please be assured of my best wishes for you and your parishioners.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen
Chairman
Jubilee Committee

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December 18, 1986

Rev. Frank Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P.O. Box 1283
Brawley, CA 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

In your recent letter you invite me to participate in the VII Annual Congress of Hispanic Catholic Renewal in Imperial Valley. I note that it will be on January 30-31 and February 1.

Since I have already so many commitments I cannot at this time undertake further obligations, but I am very grateful for your thoughtfulness and the invitation and I wish you every success in this Hispanic Catholic Renewal Congress.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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SIERRA-RCBSD 0227

Most Reverend Bishop
Leo T. Maher
P. O. Box 80428
San Diego, CA. 92138



Dear Bishop,

We are having our VII Annual Congress of Hispanic Catholic Renewal in the Imperial Valley.

It would be spiritually fruitfull, a great honor and a very special privelege to have you present.

The Congress will be held Friday, January 30, Saturday, January 31, and Sunday, February 1, 1987.

The people of God you sheperd Thank You!

Yours in Christ

Coordinators VII Annual Congress of Hispanic Catholic Renewal in the Holy Spirit of Imperial Valley.

Rev. Fr. Frank A. Sierra

Reverend Frank Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Brawley, CA. 92227
(619) 344-2226 or 344-6824

*P.S. The theme this year
"Peace & Justice"*

November 6, 1986

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, CA 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

What a joy to celebrate together the 50th Jubilee of the founding of our Diocese! You and I have witnessed such growth in establishment of new parishes and schools and the extension of spiritual formations, educational programs, and have now proclaimed a preferential love for our poor. We are committed to the opening of the new St. Vincent de Paul Center.

More than at any other time do we seek your cooperation to promote in your parish Stewardship '87 - the Year of Jubilee. With few exceptions, you will note our parish goal has remained the same as Stewardship '86. Our important apostolates must continue to be funded. Stewardship provides these funds. In thanksgiving to God for these fifty years of grace, may I ask you to educate your people to be generous in their Stewardship offering? The program is only successful when all join as a community of charity.

Please sign your commitment of the goal set for your parish at \$2,000 and return it to me by December 1st.

I have every confidence that Stewardship '87 will be a banner year. Of course, all collected in excess of your goal will be returned to the parish.

The devotion of our priests is the means for inspiring our people. Enthusiasm is like fire, it spreads very rapidly.

Faithfully in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

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SIERRA-RCBSD 0229

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October 9, 1986

Dear Father Sierra:

On Sunday, April 5, 1987, the Diocese of San Diego will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of its founding and our Bishop will celebrate the Silver Anniversary of his episcopal ordination with a 2 p.m. Liturgy of the Eucharist at Saint Joseph's Cathedral. A reception in the Cathedral courtyard will follow. Later that evening a dinner by ticket only will be held at the Hotel Intercontinental.

As a prelude to this double celebration, our Diocese is planning a series of festivities and liturgies which will highlight the unity and the diversity of the People of God in our Diocese. The celebration will begin with a liturgy on Sunday, December 14, 1986 honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. On Wednesday evening, March 18, 1987, we have scheduled a civic and cultural celebration at the Civic Theatre in downtown San Diego.

Recognizing the truly Diocesan scope of our celebrations, we will be extending invitations to you and your parishioners to attend these joyous events. Your presence and participation at the religious, cultural and civic celebrations being planned are important parts of these festivities. Realizing that funds are necessary to schedule and sponsor these events, we are projecting an expense budget of approximately \$130,000 and asking each parish to provide a donation. In order to complete the planning process within a realistic time frame, we would appreciate receiving from your parish a minimum amount of \$100.00 by November 15, 1986. We request that you send your donation to Mrs. Christiane Guittard, Diocesan Office, c/o Golden Jubilee Fund, which will also be used in part for presentation of a gift to Bishop Maher. Should you have any questions regarding these jubilee events, please contact me.

Thank you for your parish's generosity, cooperation and participation.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen
Chairman of the Diocesan and
Episcopal Celebration Committee

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SIERRA-RCBSD 0230

August 23, 1986

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, CA 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

At your earliest convenience, I ask that you take up a collection for the Catholic Relief Services for the poor of the world. Kindly stress the fact that the Holy Father personally visited Thailand and saw the extreme need of the poor. The Vietnam offensive sent one million Indochinese fleeing from Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia. 644,000 refugees are now in Thailand and desperate for assistance. The Holy Father placed the obligation of assisting these people on the American Church.

The Bishops have accepted this responsibility and they are working with the hierarchy of Thailand operating programs to feed the people with rice, vegetables and milk, and to supply medicines. We have established two hospitals which contributed to the substantial reduction of sickness among the Khmer and Vietnamese refugees. This program provides a concrete answer to Pope John Paul II's plea to the American Church in 1984 that no refugee go hungry and homeless.

Together with the nutrition programs, Catholic Relief Services provides medical programs where special attention is given to pregnant mothers and children under 5 years to avoid malnutrition. We are looking beyond the immediate emergency and these refugees are being trained in self-help programs and support programs that will foster self-reliance.

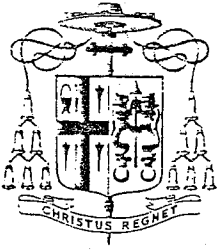
We urge you to support us in accomplishing what the Holy Father asked us to do in caring for the refugee camps in Thailand. These people have nothing and they are relying on the American Church for the tremendous help that we must give them for the next few years.

Thank you for your very generous support in the past. I am sure that it will be similar for the tremendous need of the present time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

SIERRA-RCBSD 0231

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego



Diocesan Office
for Apostolic Ministry / Alcala Park

September 11, 1985

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
1250 B Street
P.O.Box 1283
Brawley, CA 92227

Dear Fr. Sierra:

During this past year the Catholic Hispanic laity of this diocese have expressed their desire to take a more responsible and active role in the local parish and its activities. Their good intentions and desires can be channelled for the service of the local parish by incorporating the laity in the Parish Council.

The formation of Spanish-speaking Parish Councils might require extra effort on your part. In due time your endeavors will produce much fruit benefiting the priests and the community as a whole.

Therefore, I ask you to establish as soon as possible a functioning Parish Council. If you are in need of a manual, they can be obtained from the Diocesan Office.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

cc: Most Rev. Gilbert E. Chavez

SIERRA-RCBSD 0232

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

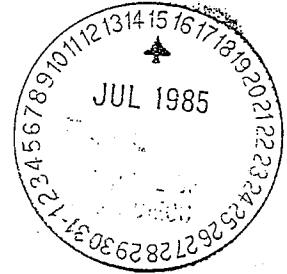
1250 "B" ST.

P. O. BOX 1283

344-2226 BRAWLEY, CALIF. ZIP 92227

July 12, 1985

Most Reverend
Leo T. Maher
P.O. Box 80428
San Diego, CA 92138



Dear Bishop,

I would like to present to you a picture of the Brawley Parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, in its financial matters. The reason is that I need your help and guidance. The average income per Sunday is below \$300, especially now during the four summer months June, July, August, and September; it is more like \$200 per Sunday. The other income that we have is about \$200 or less from the Bingo activity fund raiser of every Friday.

The salary of the priest alone is \$730. The electricity, utilities, and phone average over \$600 a month. Food expense of \$400, office supplies, house supplies, and repairs, is another \$300. No money is left to pay a maid housekeeper, cook, janitor, or secretary. Now the other serious accounts are with the Diocese such as; assessments, insurance, and pension.

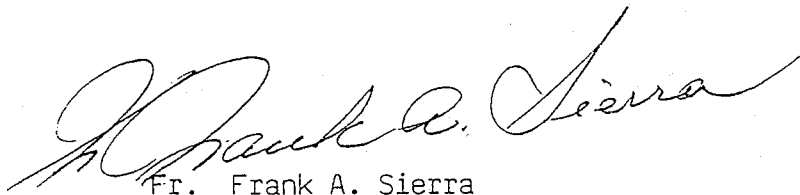
-----The grand total income amounts to \$2000 a month. (Summer months \$1600.)

-----Monthly expenses average well over \$2000.

-----This explains the serious debt on the Diocesan assessments and obligations.

This parish is several thousand dollars behind in payments to the Diocese on the above mentioned accounts. I would like to have help or a possible loan or what you have to recommend as my superior and my shephard.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,


Fr. Frank A. Sierra

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
124 E. 5th Street
Calxico, California 92231

January 26, 1984

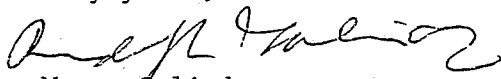
Dear Mr. Barry M. Crane:

Regarding our telephone conversation of Wednesday January 25, 1984, I've checked with Father Sierra and his personal needs, I think these are good figures & estimates.

Refrigeration units (2)	\$3,000.00
Roofing repairs	\$2,000.00
Bus & Dodge repairs	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

I know Father Sierra will be happy to hear from you, he really needs our help.

Sincerely yours,


Rev. Msgr. Galindo



Diocese of San Diego
Office For Apostolic Ministry

October 26, 1983

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, CA 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

This confirms the substance of our telephone conversation of today regarding unpaid invoices previously under discussion and in response to your letter of October 12, 1983. From the attached copy of my worksheet, you can see that we have paid 11 vendor/accounts in the amount of \$10,750.83. In compliance with Bishop Maher's instructions this was done to bring your major parish obligations to a current status.

I have informed you that with regard to the repair of the Dodge Van motor, the air conditioning for the church hall and rectory and the repair of the church hall roof, that estimates are necessary. At this time based on the Bishop's instruction, if the amounts you presently estimate are correct, we should be in a position to pay for the completion of such work. Your prompt response will make this possible.

Finally, please provide me with the remaining information omitted from your parish financial report for the period July 1, 1982 to June 30, 1983. In this manner we will be able to update our parish accounting information and assure that proper assessment takes place.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation and if you have any question whatsoever about this, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Castro
Finance Officer

bcc: Most Rev. Leo T. Maher ✓

SIERRA-RCBSD 0235



Diocese of San Diego
Office For Apostolic Ministry

July 7, 1983

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Most Reverend Leo T. Maher
FROM: Richard J. Castro *Richard J. Castro*
RE: Donation of Funds and its Custody

This confirms that we have received authorization from St. Didacus Church in the amount of \$100,000.00 to be used as described in the parish's letters of July 7, 1983 in behalf of the Sisters of Nazareth program for an addition to the priests' retirement facility and for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Brawley.

On behalf of the Sisters of Nazareth, \$50,000.00 will be transferred from the St. Didacus funds on deposit to a custodial account which would be accumulative and non-interest bearing. This account, as directed by you, will be initially targeted to accumulate approximately \$300,000.00 for an addition to the priests' retirement facility. Nevertheless, it may as required, be drawn against for purposes of financing the priests' retirement facility.

An additional \$50,000.00 will be transferred from the St. Didacus funds on deposit to a custodial account on behalf of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish at which Fr. Frank Sierra is the pastor. Approximately \$30,000.00 will be used as soon as feasible for the purchase of property recommended by Father Sierra to be used for the parish drug addiction program. This property is to be made diocesan property and rented to the parish with a written agreement drawn by diocesan counsel for \$5.00 per year. The remaining funds will be used to liquidate accumulated debts and obligations of the parish including accounts payable to various vendors in Brawley, and diocesan debts and obligations including diocesan assessment, diocesan Stewardship, diocesan payroll and diocesan insurance programs. Given the circumstances, unless you object, I would recommend that all disbursements be made from the diocesan checking account. Any remaining funds after the purchase of the property and payment of obligations and debts, will remain in the custodial account to cover specific expenses as needed and as you authorize.

Please advise me if this meets with your instructions.

Attachments

SIERRA-RCBSD 0236

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
P.O. BOX 1283
BRAWLEY, CA 92227
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PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT, JULY 1, 19⁸⁰ TO JUNE 30, 19⁸¹

(Please type if possible. Keep School, Mission, and CCD Reports separate from Parish Financial Report)
PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE CATEGORIES

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Opening Balance: 80	12,422.63		
Cash and Bank July 1, 19 ⁸⁰			
TOTAL (A)	12,422.63	Clergy Salaries - Parish Supply	5,000.00
Plate Collection	12,448.82	Salaries - Other	741.32
Envelope Collection	5,686.29	P/R Fringe Benefits (FICA & Insur.)	821.47
Easter Collection		Church Expense	2,529.66
Christmas Collection		Parish Events	616.25
Marriages, Baptisms, Funerals, Confirmation	754.50	Religious Articles	
Bequests - Donations		Rental Expense	885.50
Interest - Dividends		Insurance Premium	999.19
Parish Events - Raffle	1,473.39	Office Expense	
Religious Articles	87.50	Household Expense	3,667.91
Rents - Trust Deeds		Repairs - Maintenance	502.32
TOTAL (B)	20,450.50	Taxes - Licenses	2,839.00
Designated Gifts - Parish Council	2,500.00	Utilities	1,015.65
Property - Securities		FUEL	
Funds Withdrawn		Assessment	3,367.00
Loans from Diocese		C.C.D. Subsidy	
Stewardship Rebates	504.00	Donations - Charity	96.00
C.C.D. Fees		Equipment - Furnishings	
Other	3,000.00	Funds on Deposit	
TOTAL (C)	6,004.00	Major Repairs	850.22
Parish Assist. Program		Parish Debt	
Special Collections		New Prop./Construction	
Other		School Supply Accounting	119.54
TOTAL (D)	-0-	Major Purchases	4,568.48
GRAND TOTAL (B + C + D)*	26,454.50	TOTAL (B)	9,001.24
*Must agree with total of Income Recap. Sheet		Misc. Parish Assist. Program Special Collections	851.79
Balance Proof:		TOTAL (C)	851.79
Total A + B + C + D	38,877.13	GRAND TOTAL (A + B + C)*	29,816.96
Less Disbursements (Year)	29,816.96	*Must agree with total of Disbursement Recap. Sheet	
BALANCE (1)	9,060.17		
Cash and Bank June 30, 19 ⁸¹			
Totals (1) & (2) must agree BALANCE (2)	9,060.17		

PARISH SCHOOL (from School Report)

Total Receipts	
Total Expenses	
Balance	
Amount transferred from Parish	

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

Total Receipts	
Total Expenses	
Balance	
Amount transferred from Parish	

FINANCIAL REVIEW

SIERRA-RCBSD 0237

FUNDS ON DEPOSIT 7/1/ 80	3,131.29
Deposits during year	26,454.50
Withdrawals during year	29,816.96
Balance 6/30/ 81	(231.17)

PARISH DEBT 7/1/	
Additions to debt	
Payments during year	
Balance 6/30/	

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BANK (S) Bank of America 220 Main St. Brawley, Calif. 92227

Are all parish moneys and receipts in name of parish and in parish bank account Yes No

List authorized signatures for bank transactions Frank Sierra

Have all surplus funds been deposited in Diocesan Office Yes No

Memo

From

THE REV. MSGR. I. BRENT EAGEN
Chancellor

Fr. Sierra

\$30,000

5 lots & 2 story
bldg.

Barry Crane

SAN DIEGO DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

ALCO-UTILITY Line Form No. 30-1/8 INK-400 Lt.

P H O N E M E M O	TO	Msgr Eagen	DATE	4/14	TIME	2:02	AM PM
	FROM	Fr Sierra	AREA CODE-TELEPHONE NO.-OR OPER.				
	M		344-2226				
	OF	Brawley	EXTENSION #				
MESSAGE							
SIGNED <i>MW</i>							
Phoned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call Back <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Returned Call <input type="checkbox"/> Wants To See You <input type="checkbox"/> Will Call Again <input type="checkbox"/> Was In <input type="checkbox"/> See Operator <input type="checkbox"/>							

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

1250 "B" ST.

P. O. BOX 1283

344-2226 BRAWLEY, CALIF. ZIP 92227

May 11, 1983

Dear Mr. Barry Crane:

→
The Building on Main Street is for sale-1133 Main Street. It is important to buy such a place as a Valley wide and county wide refuge for drug addiction recovery and connection with other centers of this nature.

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One important very important issue is that this ~~is that this~~ is the only Catholic directed center of this nature South of Los Angeles (Called Catholic Rainbow Outreach).

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Catholics are being swallowed up by other establishments such as "Victory Outreach", "Victory Chapel".

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They work like Jehovah Witness in hate and turn Catholics away at a young age.

→
A Catholic priest has a strong influence on the program if the catholic church owns the program building, and has a say on who is in leadership there. What is taught in ways of religion and bible. Especially as it is now born a Catholic program.

→
Father Virgilio Elizondo considered such factors to be very important. Many other priests, bishops, ministers know about it. Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish was established twenty seven years ago by Bishop Buddy.

→
A very poor barrio is almost surrounding the parish. Extension society made the initial payment of church building. All building and property has been very slow to provide, Any priest has to work hard here.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

1250 "B" ST.

P. O. BOX 1283

344-2226 BRAWLEY, CALIF. ZIP 92227

The Spiritual level of Brawley is taking a dimension of leadership in the valley.

The youth ministry is also at a top pr very high level and leadership and priesthood vocations are there,

God Blesses the sacrifice and love and care of the poor, in many ways it is a very serious matter. to decide about a property such as this.

5 Lots, a two story building, \$30,000.00 on Main Street

Business wise it can be resold at \$75,000.00 today (the value is tax evaluation). The plae is worth more on Main Street.

God knows that this place has been his place to heal sons and daughters, mothers, fathers, entire families have reconciled.

We visited the jail (26 inmates) yesterday they were evagelized one hour. I was there with six other men from our Catholic Rainbow Outreach Program.

I, personally pray that a program like this be seriously considered as the social builder of man and society throught the "Word Of God" that transforms man and society.

RENEW is in action at 1133 Main Street.

Valley Cursillo people (over300) could have a one dollar a month Club and pay the monthly payment on the \$30,000.00.

At this point it is a vital issue. Saving lives ands pertinent to the crisis of faith, of family unity, of youth (their lives, their faith).

The entire valley is now aware of the influence, change, difference that this Program of prayer, of Bible sharing has done in Imperial Valley

Sincerely,

Fr. Frank Sierra

February 7, 1983

Reverend Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, California 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

This confirms my having received from you an initial copy of a draft budget covering a request for subsidy from the diocesan office. A copy of the first draft is herewith attached for your review. Based on my initial calculation, this request for monthly subsidy amounts to approximately \$30,000.00 per year.

Subsequently, you advised Monsignor Eagen, and then me, that repair work would be needed on the 1973 Dodge van. Labor would cost about \$200.00, and replacement of the engine and other parts approximately \$800.00. Until this work is completed, the van is not usable, as you inform me, and the work cannot be completed until \$1,000.00 is provided your parish.

You also advised me that approximately \$900.00 would have to be paid to Heffernan, Kieler and Doble for auto and other vehicle insurance. Hence, your immediate need is approximately \$2,000.00.

As a general item of information, you advised me that your parish assessment is in arrears about \$600.00. Also, you have no hired staff and are assisted when available by volunteers.

I am now reviewing this matter and will be discussing it with Monsignor Eagen in order to provide you with some indication of the availability of the diocesan office to grant the subsidy you have requested. Nevertheless, it would be desirable that you provide me additional information in detail which you believe would assist us in analysing your request.

If you have any questions about this matter, do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Castro
Finance Officer

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SIERRA-RCBSD 0241

December 17, 1982

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, California 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

At the December meeting of the Council of Priests of the Diocese of San Diego, a resolution was unanimously adopted to preserve the current number of subscriptions to the Southern Cross on a mandated paid basis for the calendar year of 1983.

I enclose two copies of your parish subscribers to the Southern Cross. It is vital that you review it to make any necessary changes without reducing the present number of subscribers.

Please return a corrected copy of the list by January 15, 1983 in the enclosed envelope. The Southern Cross will continue to bill the subscribers as in the past, including any new subscribers. Each quarter beginning April 1, 1983, your parish will receive an invoice for the unpaid subscribers in your parish. Billing for bundles will be handled in the normal manner.

To assure the success of this plan, it is imperative that each parish maintain the minimum number of subscriptions now on record. If you delete a subscriber, kindly replace with another name. You may of course add any new subscribers, particularly those who are active contributors.

With your cooperation, this plan will succeed for the coming year.

Wishing every blessing in this joyous holiday season,
I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

SIERRA-RCBSD 0242

October 25, 1982

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, California 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

Our people of the Diocese have accepted Stewardship as a way of Christian living. It has been their generous response, returning to God a real sacrifice as a positive act of thanksgiving for His many blessings. The commitment of the faithful to dutifully respond to our Stewardship appeal has made it possible for our diocese to support so many diocesan programs and at the same time to underwrite parish projects. Over \$900,000 is being received as rebates to parishes for Stewardship 1982.

It has been three years since our parish goals have been reviewed. With the reality of increased costs and the necessity to meet the challenge of growth, we have revised our goals. The figures represent a realistic expectation from your parish community.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Brawley, CA, has a diocesan goal of \$2,000.00 for Stewardship '83.

As you and I have worked together in fulfilling our roles as Stewards of the Diocese and Parish, God's choicest blessings have been copiously poured upon our people. You and I need to work together continually in meeting these challenges of today and tomorrow.

The theme this year for Stewardship '83 is Solidarity. The Stewardship Program's success is in direct proportion to your enthusiasm and involvement as pastor of your flock. Please sign the enclosed card as a positive indication of the amount your parish hopes to achieve in rebates for '83, and return card to me personally no later than December 1st, (self-addressed envelope enclosed).

I am grateful to you, dear Father Sierra for the splendid efforts you put forth in fulfilling your pastoral ministry.

With every best wish and blessing, I am

Devotedly in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

SIERRA-RCBSD 0243

November 2, 1981
Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Brawley, California

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P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, California 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

Our Stewardship Program is widely accepted by the priests and people of the diocese as an effective and fair-share plan to keep viable diocesan services and meet special parish needs. Our people through the education provided them over the years, willingly accept the call to Stewardship every year. In fact, they anticipate it and even integrate their donations as part of family budget planning.

The good news is that we are committed to retain the same diocesan quota for Stewardship '82. This fact should motivate you to make even greater success of the appeal as your parish will receive all amounts collected in excess of the diocesan goal set for your parish.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Brawley, California, has a diocesan goal of \$2,000.00 for Stewardship '82. With your administration or finance committee, you may now determine a specific parish goal indicating what the Diocesan Goal is, then there is a line provided for you to fill in your Parish Goal. Please total the two amounts on the card provided, sign it and return it to me personally no later than December 1st.

Our Stewardship program that provided over \$900,000.00 in rebates to parishes last year, has become a model for diocesan programs throughout the country. Our appeal is low key, efficiently promoted and collected, keeping the cost of the campaign minimal. You will be pleased to note that we shall be offering even better service to you this year as the program will be operated with our own computer services. Up-dated lists and information regarding donor's payments will thus be greatly expedited.

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The total concept of Stewardship involves also time and talent. Our people should be educated during the year to offer their time and talent in the various parish ministries. Each parish has determined the best way to solicit this vast source of lay involvement for personal and community growth. Perhaps the program of "Renew" will bring even a greater commitment from everyone in the diocese.

"God's generosity to you frees you to be generous with others" clearly inspires us to encourage our people to practice good Stewardship. The key to the success of our annual appeal is you as the chief Steward of your parish community. I ask you to put forth your best effort to continue to preach the Gospel of Stewardship. The gift of giving is a vital and valid spiritual gift. The need to instruct our people to understand that we need each other's help in order to know how to love God. We need each other's help in order to know how to love our neighbor.

My greatest consolation is the devoted and loyal spirit of our priests. I am grateful to you and the splendid efforts you put forth in fulfilling your pastoral ministry. I ask your continued personal support and encouragement of our Stewardship Program. The success of Stewardship '82 will be in direct proportion to the vitality and involvement of the pastor and his associates in promoting Christian Stewardship.

With every best wish and blessing, I am

Devotedly in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

July 17, 1981
Rev. Francis A. Sierra
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July 10, 1981

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, CA 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

In checking the returns of the collection for Communications, I find you have not as yet sent in your parish contribution. As you know, there are four major national collections that are obligatory, namely: Propagation of the Faith, Bishops' Overseas Relief, Human Development and Communications. Other collections--such as for the Pope, the Latin American collection which is given to our two neighboring dioceses, the Indian and Black collection--are part of Stewardship and add up to about \$100,000.

Since our records do not show your contribution to the Communications collection, you are requested to send in your collection at the earliest possible date. If by chance you did not take it up at the scheduled time, you are requested to do so as soon as it is convenient. Certainly you recognize this is not an optional collection, but requested by every parish to promote the evangelical work of the Church on the national and local level.

Pastoral charity requires that priests avoid operating in a vacuum and that they work in a strong bond of union with their bishop and brother priests. If this be their program, priests will find the coordination and unity of their own life in the oneness of the Church's mission. They will be joined with the Lord and through Him with the Father in the Holy Spirit. This will bring them great satisfaction and a full measure of happiness.

Let us imitate Mother Teresa of Calcutta who says so beautifully: "The very life of our vocation is belonging and being used." Mother Teresa further says; "It is not how much you do, but with how much love you do it."

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In the spirit of Mother Teresa, let us work together in the local and national Church to fill the people's hunger for God.

I thank you for your cooperation and support in the mission of the work of the Church. We are blessed with splendid leadership in our priests, which creates harmony and unity through the bond of love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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344-2226 BRAWLEY, CALIF. ZIP 92227

June 24, 1981



Diocese of San Diego
P.O. Box 80428
San Diego, Ca. 92138

Dear Bishop Maher,

Referring to the 25th Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Brawley. Could the Mass for October ~~4~~, 1981 be in the evening? The reason for an evening Mass is for the weather conditions of the Valley, and also to give the Out-of-town Priests' a chance to get to Brawley. A reply on the time for the Mass would be convient.

~~6:00~~

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Frank A. Sierra

Frank A. Sierra

no

Mass to be at 12:00 noon

SIERRA-RCBSD 0248

SAN DIEGO CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

Alcala Park
San Diego, Calif. 92108

(All mail addressed to this office should be sent to 425, San Diego 92138)



San Diego, California, October 26, 1980

October 13, 1980

TO: Father Dan

FROM: Bishop Maher

DATE: March 4, 1981

Reverend Frank A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, California 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

This is to confirm our recent telephone conversation regarding the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.

Bishop Maher will be happy to accept your invitation to be with you on Sunday, October 4, 1981, to celebrate the 12:00 Noon Mass.

When further details are worked out, please let me know.

Grateful to be of service to you, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Daniel J. Dillabough
Secretary to the Bishop

DJD:ypg

SAN DIEGO DIOCESAN OFFICE FOR APOSTOLIC MINISTRY

Alcala Park
San Diego, California

(Mailing address: P.O. Box 80428, San Diego 92138)

Date November 26, 1980

TO: Father Dan
FROM: Bishop Maher
RE: Brawley Anniversary

Father Sierra, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brawley, wishes to have a 25th Anniversary celebration for the parish probably in October or November of next year. Please set a date so that it will not interfere with the investiture of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre and the Bishops' Meeting.

MEMORANDUM

SIERRA-RCBSD 0250

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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November 25, 1980

Most Rev. Bishop Leo T. Maher
Diocesan Office
P.O. Box 80428
San Diego, Calif. 92138

RE: Leadership Training Office of Evangelization Education
Youth Center

Dear Bishop Maher:

Here, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Brawley, California, and on the occasion of celebrating the "Twenty-Fifth", Anniversary of the establishment of the Parish Community above mentioned, we the people of Brawley wish to extend the invitation to you, Most Reverend Bishop, the Shepherd of the Diocese, to the Diocese to celebrate with us the joy of this great occasion.

The Loyalty of this Community to the Roman Catholic Church and it's Shepherd, Pope John Paul II, Bishop Leo T. Maher, and the Auxiliary Bishop, Gilbert Chavez, and the nine Pastors that have been responsible for this Parish Community, will make this event the most outstanding in the History of Brawley this coming year 1980-1981, from the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 1980, to the closing of the year and Jubilee, December 12, 1981.

First and foremost, to you, our Bishop, then to our beloved Auxiliary Bishop, Gilbert Chavez, and to the Pastors that have been here in the past Twenty-Five years.

SIERRA-RCBSD 0251

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank Sierra

Rev. Frank A. Sierra

Fr. Sierra

April 10, 1980

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, CA 92227

Dear Father Sierra,

"We have never failed to remember you in our prayers and to give thanks for you to God . . ." writes Saint Paul to the Collossians. These words reflect my sentiments as I note the remarkable and splendid effort you have made in educating the people of your parish community to the call to Christian Stewardship.

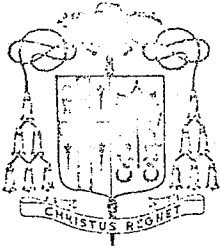
It is consoling that you have pledged your parish's goal to provide diocesan services and that you are now participating in Stewardship '80 for your own parish's needs. In the light of the present economy, it is a true witnessing of the Christian way of life that your parish fully understands the role of committed stewardship as gladly returning thanksgiving to God for all His blessings. Truly our people anticipate our annual Stewardship appeal to be able to express their generosity to support our diocesan and parish ministries.

Please accept my personal gratitude to you and the members of your parish. Your support not only brings in the required funding but builds a greater bond of unity and charity.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

SIERRA-RCBSD 0252



Diocesan Office
for Apostolic Ministry / Alcala Park

December 21, 1979

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, California 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

The financial committee has reviewed the case of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Brawley and due to the earthquake we are reducing the Stewardship goal to \$1,000. It is understood that this is only for this year.

May this coming year be a very blessed one for you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

LTM:ea
cc: Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen

SIERRA-RCBSD 0253

CERTIFICATION OF INSTALLATION

During the Pontificate of Pope Paul VI, with the Most Reverend Leo T. Maher serving as Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, I, Rev. Mark A. Medow, Episcopal Vicar, in the presence of the parishioners whose signatures appear below, commit to the Rev. Frank Sierra responsibility for the spiritual and temporal administration of the parish of O. L. Perpetual Help to which he has been duly appointed as Pastor.

The Rev. Frank Sierra is now officially installed as Pastor of this parish with all the rights and responsibilities in accord with the laws of the Church. This document certifies that the installation ceremony has taken place and that it has been publicly proclaimed in fulfillment of all applicable requirements canonical and civil.

Given at Brawley in O. L. of Perpetual Help Church
This 16 day of September in the year of Our Lord 1979

George Wells
Witness

Frank Sierra
New Pastor

Joe Rebalcava
Witness

Mark A. Medow
Episcopal Vicar

(To be signed in duplicate: one copy for Diocesan Archives;
one for Parochial Archives.)



Diocesan Office
for Apostolic Ministry/Alcala Park

July 9, 1979

Rev. Francis A. Sierra
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
P. O. Box 1283
Brawley, Calif. 92227

Dear Father Sierra:

His Excellency, Bishop Maher, has asked me to remind you of the Ceremony of Installation of a Pastor which is to be conducted by your Episcopal Vicar.

Please find enclosed a copy of the ceremony which you are asked to arrange at your earliest convenience.

Be assured of my personal good wishes and congratulations on your new appointment.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

J. Brent Eagen

Rev. Msgr. I. Brent Eagen
Chancellor

enclosure

SIERRA-RCBSD 0255

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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July 17, 1979

Rev. Msgr. I Brent Eagan
Diocesan Office
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San Diego, Ca. 92138

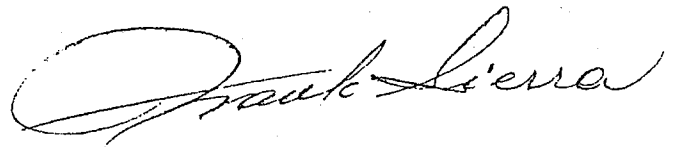
Dear Msgr. Eagan,

In reply to your letter of July 5, 1979. Yes there is a slight chance of success in the search for help in the matter of agricultural products.

Time for me to learn who has all this information is necessary, yet it seems like there are certain people that can help me reach the growers.

Many products are seasonal especially the vegetables and fruits. Efforts to contact the source of information is somewhat encouraging at this time. Sue Gardner at the Cathedral Plaza Co-op. will be contacted. Glad to be of any help.

Fraternally yours in Christ.



Rev. Frank Sierra

*Original sent to Mr George
Gardner 7/20/79*

SIERRA-RCBSD 0256

5. Team Ministry in Coachella. Speak to Fathers Rockwell and Carrier in re: who they would suggest as a third member of their team ministry. (Bishop Chavez related that Father Gonzalez is not interested in team ministry in Coachella.)
6. Father Kiefer - ask him to come up with a plan for his sabbatical; send him a copy of Catholic University's pastoral program - 1 year.
7. Father John Gallagher - St. Paul, Lucerne
8. Fathers Miller, Helfer and Butler - meet and present a program for youth ministry in San Bernardino. If acceptable to pastors, Board will recommend that a full-time youth coordinator be appointed.
9. Father Barry Vinyard - Baja parish
10. Father Dillabough - Blessed Sacrament
11. Father Waiches - St. Joseph, Upland
12. Father Avila - St. Francis, Riverside (pro tem)
13. Father Miller - Youth Coordinator, San Bernardino, part-time
14. Father Collier - St. Agnes, San Diego
15. Father Callahan - Corona (only if new pastor is bi-lingual)
16. Father Ponce - Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Bernardino
17. Father Anthony May - St Joseph's, Barstow
18. Father Cosimo Corciulo - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Calexico
19. Father J. Vincent Sullivan - Our Lady of Fatima, San Bernardino
20. Father Humphries - St. Thomas More, Rialto
21. Father Waterfall
22. Father Benson - St. Mary Star of the Sea, Oceanside (part-time ministry to Spanish speaking).
23. Father Sierra - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Calexico
24. Father Pettid, S.J. - Mercy Hospital summer replacement
25. Father Wieser - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Indio

Everyone present except Fathers Florek and Lyons.

1. The Board approved of Father Quinn's Newman Apostolate in Albany Diocese.
2. It was recommended Father Sierra go to Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Bernardino, or St. Joseph's, Barstow.
3. Father Augustine Acevedo go to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Chino.
4. Father John Magana to St. Joseph's, Barstow, or Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Bernardino.
5. Father Leal to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Calexico.
6. Father Barry Vinyard to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Calexico, with the possibility of also teaching in the high school there. (To take place after his return from Baja.)
7. Father James Anderson to seek work in Puerto Rico.
8. Father Gerard Rodin (from Los Angeles) to be interviewed by Father Straling. If Father Straling does not accept Father Rodin, he is to be considered for the Cathedral, St. Joseph's.
9. Father Joseph Sum to do full-time resource development work at University High and be assigned for weekend work in a parish. (This will be possible if Father Rodin is assigned to the Cathedral.)
10. In reply to the request that a priest in special work who has the seniority to be a pastor as determined by the personnel committee be given a pastor's salary regardless of the special work in which he is involved -- The Board approved that any priest 12 years in the Diocese who is in special works is eligible for pastor's salary.
11. Father Bud Wick is to enter Rush Clinic in Orange for evaluation. Father Ortman is to work out the details.
12. Father Pat Guillen is to interview applicants for the Narcotic Rehabilitation Center Chaplaincy. He is to assist Father Oller in selecting his replacement.
13. Father Vincent Lorenz to attend further clinical pastoral education. He is to be moved from his present hospital chaplaincy.
14. Father James Poulsen is to be considered for the Newman Ministry at San Diego State College.
15. Father Michael Drennan should be notified to prepare himself to work in Cana and Pre Cana.
16. Father Robert White is to prepare himself for taking over the youth program. Father Pinta is to be notified about this change.

Clergy Personnel Board Agenda

July 8 (Thursday)

10:00 a.m. Conference Room,
Chancery Office

1. Father John Quinn's request for Newman Apostolate in Albany Diocese.
2. Request of entry into the Diocese by Father Sierra, S.F., and Father Marquillias, C.M. Both of these priests speak Spanish.
3. The need for an associate at Sacred Heart, Redlands.
4. At St. Bernardine's, San Bernardino, Msgr. Bradley suggests a change for Father Strancar.
5. A placement for Father Jim Anderson. In his last call to the Director, he spoke of a possibility of priestly ministry in Puerto Rico if a small parish was not available here.
6. University High School requests Father Joseph Sum for full-time resource development. (Father Sum is Associate at St. Joseph's Cathedral.)
7. Father White will be returning from Rome later this year to do work on his dissertation.
8. Father Oller's replacement at the Narcotic Rehabilitation Center.
9. There has been a request for the implementation of the Priests' Senate Resolution 70-123 which states:

"That a priest in special work who has the seniority to be a pastor as determined by the personnel committee be given a pastor's salary regardless of the special work in which he is involved."

Following the October Priests' Senate Meeting, Bishop Maher had accepted Resolution 70-123.

PERSONNEL BOARD ELECTIONS - 1976 Group 2 (1943 - 1950)

Aldasoro, Rev. Francisco
 Anderson, Rev. James
 Balderas, Rev. Msgr. Luis
 Battle, Rev. Lawrence
 Beatty, Rev. John
 Bergeron, Rev. Andre
 Bernal, Rev. Luis
 Buchanan, Rev. Donald
 Byrne, Rev. Thomas
 Callahan, Rev. Robert
 Carlin, Rev. Thomas
 Cerezo, Rev. Alfonso
 Cloonan, Rev. John
 Connolly, Rev. Edward
 Creighton, Rev. Msgr. Edward
 Cronin, Rev. Edward
 Dien, Rev. Vincent
 Domas, Rev. John
 Fitzwilliam, Rev. Ivan
 Flynn, Rev. Michael
 Gilfillan, Rev. Msgr. James
 Jazbec, Rev. Stanley
 Keenan, Rev. John
 Kelly, Rev. Francis
 Lanphier, Rev. Leo
 Lawlor, Rev. Msgr. Timothy
 McDonald, Rev. Joseph
 McDonnell, Rev. Joseph
 Manning, Rev. Gregory
 Medaer, Rev. Mark

Mimmagh, Rev. Msgr. Peter
 Moloney, Rev. Msgr. Thomas
 Munnelly, Rev. James
 Murray, Rev. J. Walshe
 Myan, Rev. John
 Nolan, Rev. Msgr. Michael
 O'Callaghan, Rev. Daniel
 O'Donoghue, Rev. Msgr. James
 O'Neill, Rev. Patrick
 Rhatigan, Rev. John (INCUMBENT)
 Ross, Rev. B. Francis
 Ryan, Rev. John
 Schilly, Rev. Joseph
 Sierra, Rev. Francis
 Smith, Rev. Earl
 Topping, Rev. Msgr. Joseph
 Trong, Rev. Joseph
 Uboldi, Rev. Victor
 Varga, Rev. Joseph
 Vehovec, Rev. Valentine
 Waiches, Rev. Vincent
 Walsh, Rev. Msgr. Patrick
 Waterfall, Rev. Richard
 Wieser, Rev. Francis
 Wilson, Rev. Russell
 Wheeler, Rev. John
 Wilson, Rev. William
 Yahn, Rev. George
 Young, Rev. Charles

Please nominate THREE candidates by marking an X on the line to the left of the priest's name.

Should you be nominated but do not wish to be put forward as a candidate in the final run-off, please indicate your intention here:

YES _____
 NO _____

This ballot must be returned to the following address by October 16th, 1976 to be valid:

Rev. Frederick J. Florek
 4735 Cass Street
 San Diego, Ca. 92109

(SIGNATURE) _____

(Your ballot or the envelope containing it must be signed by you).