

Saint Mary's, Marino,

Dublin.

22nd. October, 1953.

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return
to
me*

Provincial,

My very dear Brother ~~Superior~~

This is to acknowledge the receipt this morning of your letter to the Brother Superior-General of the 16th. inst.. The Superior-General is away from Marino just now, and so I am sending you a line in his name.

We were delighted to hear from you. It is an age since your last letter arrived, and we were wondering if, perhaps, you were ill. We are glad to know that our fears were groundless, and that your busy time in the West and at Ballarat have been the cause of your silence.

We are all very glad that you were so pleased with your visit to the West, and that you are thinking of opening two new Schools there in 1954. His Grace will be very pleased too. I suppose the preliminary discussion about terms took place. What did you think of the Collie property on the hill, and where do you favour the building of the School at Albany? I will be interested to hear what your impressions were of both places. Have you thought of the probable site for the Juniorate in the West? To tell you the truth I have been expecting a letter from you myself for the last two months telling of your impression gathered during your travels. It will still be very welcome when it comes.

I am very sorry to hear of the serious illness of Brother Pascal Reid, and I sincerely hope, and will pray, that it may be God's Will to cure him. It is good to know that otherwise you are free of serious illness in the Province. How is Brother Wilfrid Eastmuire? I ~~will~~ will always be glad to hear of him. I am very interested in him, and very anxious about his recovery and his happiness. He does not think so, but all that I did with regard to him was done in his very best interests. Thank God he seems to have made substantial progress. I hope that that has continued, and that he is getting stronger and happier, and that he is finding religious life less burdensome than he formerly found it.

We are glad that you feel that the General's Circular Letters will be productive of much good. They should, especially if they receive the backing that they deserve. Did I write to you some time ago asking you to let the Consultors know that the Superior-General wants them to write to him every six months as set down in the Constitutions? I think that I did write; The General told me to; but so far no letters have arrived, which seems to suggest that I did not get your letter away.

I am including the relevant pages from the Irish Catholic Directory. Will you check up on the Superiors and the numbers. You do not have to be absolutely accurate with the numbers, but do not put down too low a figure.



P.S. We have received Vis. Reports from the Brother 2nd
 Consultor for Cymet, Hobart, Launceston, and Kalgoorlie. It
 is very consoling to know that, generally Saint Mary's, Marino,
 speaking, the standard of observers
 is good. Try to get something done at Dublin.
 Kalgoorlie without delay. The Br. Second suggests re-
 modelling the old house. According to the Architect - Mr.
 Henderson, that would be a mistake. but something should
 be done. P.D.D.

I would like you to send the completed pages back by Air Mail as soon
 as possible.

There is an important matter that I want you to give your ~~the~~
 attention to. It concerns the Superior of Launceston, Brother Marcian Quaine.
 When I was in Australia on the Visitation, I was told that Brotjer M., during
 his period at Parade, was careless with regard to his relations with the
 boys, and that during physical culture exercises, he, on some occasions, put
 his hands on the private parts of one or more of the boys, during balan-
 cing exercises for example. This came to me from a boy who was concerned,
 but it came in an indefinite sort of way, and only after I had left Tasmania
 and finished the Visitations there. If I went back specially to Launceston,
 or if I called Brother Marcian over to Melbourne, it would have given rise
 to undesirable comment, and it is not the sort of thing that I could write
 about. Now I see from the Second Consultor's Visitation Report, which I
 want you to read again, that Brother Marcian is upset. The Consultor attrib-
 utes this to trouble with a difficult P.P. in the person of Dean Upton.
 That may be the correct diagnosis, but Brother may be troubled in the other
 matter also. I would like you to make it your business to meet Brother
 Marcian, and assure yourself that there is no irregularity about the matter
 that I have raised. You can tell him that it has been brought under your
 notice that he was careless in the past in this matter, and ask him what
 truth there is in the report. You can approach the question with all
 kindness, and let him see that you want to help him. If he is still being
 troubled in the same way, he will need a pretty straight talk. If he has
 gone astray in the matter in Launceston, you will have to consider trans-
 ferring him. If you want further observations about this from me you can
 write to me, but I think that you ought not to postpone too long straight-
 ening out the question. Maybe the incident in Parade was a passing phase.
 I have good reason to believe that it happened, and that kind of weakness
 does not easily die.

I am glad that you are well. Please give my warm regards to the
 Consultors, with a special word of congratulation to the First for the fine
 success at Ballarat.

Best wishes to you all,

I am, my very dear Brother Provincial,

Your affectionate Brother,

P. L. Duffy

Rev. Br. T. B. Garvey, Provincial,
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 Australia.