

Cook LC

PLAINVIEW, MINN.

August 13, 1950

Most Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, D.D.,
Bishop of Winona,
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

There is a young man - Louis George Cook - living here at Plainview who spoke to me of ^{his} intention to become a priest. He said he had written to St. Mary's College some short while ago and received word he would not be able to enter until the beginning of the second semester. *He said nothing about the priesthood.*

Louis was born July 14, 1924, son of John A. Cook and Lena Markus. He finished high school in 1942. and served in the Army from 1946 to 1949. He is of a very pleasing personality and makes a favorable impression.

Would you wish to interview this young man. I could easily bring him to Winona at a set time. He is at present working at a farm & mpartment store here in Plainview.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. S. E. Muckahy
Rev. S. E. Muckahy

*Ans
sent
Applications -*

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August 21, 1950

Reverend S. E. Mulcahy
St. Joachim's Church
Plainview, Minnesota

Dear Father Mulcahy,

In reply to your recent letter concerning the admission of Louis Cook to Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary as a candidate for the priesthood of the Diocese of Winona, I am herewith enclosing some application forms which he should fill out and send together with his high school record to the Very Rev. George H. Speltz, Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, Minnesota.

I will also be pleased to meet the young man when it is convenient for you to come here. According to present plans I will be in my office on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. if that is convenient for him and for you. If not convenient, kindly let me know when you could come.

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

enc.

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CHURCH OF SAINT JOACHIM
PLAINVIEW, MINNESOTA

Matrimonial Certificate
OFFICIAL COPY

This is to Certify:

that John Cook

and Lene mary markus

were united in marriage on the 19th day

of November A. D. 1913

according to the rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Rev. D. J. Lavery officiating

in the presence of George Graner

and margaret markus Witnesses

as appears from the marriage register of this church.

This certificate issued by
Rev. S. E. Mulcahy

Rev. S. E. Mulcahy Pastor

23th day of AUGUST A. D. 1950

Certificate of Baptism

OFFICIAL COPY

CHURCH OF SAINT JOACHIM
PLAINVIEW, MINNESOTA

This is to Certify

That Louis Cook

Child of John Cook

and Lea Markus

born in St. Joachim's Parish, Plainview, Minn.

on the 14th day of July 1939 was

Baptized on the 9th day of August 1939

According to the Rite of the Roman Catholic Church

by the Rev. D. J. Lavery

the Sponsors being Joseph Markus

and Florence Markus

as appears from the Baptismal Register of this Church.

Dated August 27 1939

Rev. S. E. Mulcahy Pastor

Certificate of Confirmation



Church of

St. Joachim

Plainview, Minnesota

:- This is to Certify :-

That Louis (not given) Cook
(BAPTISMAL NAME) (CONFIRMATION NAME) (SURNAME)

Son } of John Cook
Daughter } (FATHER)

and Lena Markus
(MOTHER)

was Baptized August 9th - - - - - 1924

at St. Joachim's, Plainview, Minnesota
(CHURCH) (CITY) (STATE)

received the **Sacrament of Confirmation**

on July 14 1933
(MONTH) (DAY) (YEAR)

in the Church of St. Joachim

at Plainview, Minnesota
(CITY) (STATE)

in the Diocese of Winona

by the Most Rev. Francis M. Kelly, D. D.,

the Sponsor being (not given)

Dated October 13, 1933

Issued by Rev. S. E. Mulcahy
Rev. S. E. Mulcahy

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SEMINARY
College, Winona, Minnesota

CONDUCT REPORT AND FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

Name Louis Cook, St. Joachim's Year Philos. II
Plainview

Conduct Grade good

Faculty Vote: Favorable all Unfavorable none
(Faculty Vote Given at the End of the Year Only)

Comments: Scholastic has maintained a "C" average with difficulty, particularly in philosophy and Latin. Part of his difficulty lies in his very poor elementary and secondary school preparation. Though his ability for the more abstract subjects is limited, he does have good judgment and alertness concerning human affairs.
Latin: H.S. none. College: 34 hrs. Rank: 1/10. Though he has had extra help, his Latin remains weak. (over)

Date 5/23/54

Signed George H. Spitz
Rector

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Latin (cont.)

Louis will continue his study of Latin during the summer, and has made arrangements to come to the Seminary one evening a week for special help and assignments.

Philosophy: has been able to maintain a "C" average.

Other qualities: seems to be of good solid character, energetic and well liked. We regard him as a good candidate for the priesthood. In charge of Mass servers.

Seminary: recommended for St. John's, Collegeville.

P.S. Has been successful catechist; good disciplinarian.

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

Your Excellency:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare my desire and intention to study for the Holy Priesthood and I make this formal application for assignment by you to a School of Theology where I may complete my studies for the Diocese of Winona. I agree that after ordination I shall give my services to the Diocese in whatever priestly work the Bishop shall assign to me.

I understand that the Diocese of Winona will pay the expenses for tuition, board and room at the Seminary, but I agree to repay the Diocese within five years after my ordination to the priesthood one-fourth of the total amount paid for me by the Diocese; and in the event that I should discontinue my studies, I will repay the amount in full.

Signed Louis G. Cook
Home address Plainview, Minnesota
Parish St. Joachim

Date 5/27/54

Approved and accepted by: E. Fitzgerald
Bishop of Winona

St. John's Collegeville

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SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
WINNORA, MINN.

HOME ADDRESS Plainview, Minnesota

STUDENT NAME Mr. John A. Cook

DATE July 14, 1954 PLACE Plainview, Minn.

DATE OF DEPARTURE 9-11-50 LEFT

REENTERED LEFT

COURSE Bachelor of Arts

DATE May 30, 1954

MAJOR Philosophy TOTAL CREDITS 141

MINOR Education HONOR POINTS 163

MINOR Latin

ADVANCED STANDING FROM HIGH SCHOOL Plainview, Minn. H.S.
GRADUATION DATE May 26, 1942 RANK 30.5/46

DEFICIENCIES		PHYSICS	
ENGLISH	4	ANC. HIST.	
LATIN		MOD. HIST.	1
FRENCH		U. S. HIST.	1
SPANISH		CIVICS	
GERMAN		GOV'T	
SPEECH		SOC. STUDIES	1
		ECONOMICS	
		MECH. DRAW.	
		Unit Math	1
TOTAL		TOTAL	
		17	

COURSE NO.	COURSE DESCRIPTION	GRADE	SEM. CDT.	H.P.	COURSE NO.	COURSE DESCRIPTION	GRADE	SEM. CDT.	H.P.
I Semester 1950-51									
Ph33	Apologetics I	B	1	2	Ph33	Philosophy of Nature	D	3	0
Ph37	Sub-Freshman English	D	0	0	Ph37	Ancient & Mod. Philosophy	C	2	2
L37	Readers Latin I	C	5	5	L37	Patriotic Latin & Comp. I	C	4	4
Ed33	Biology Survey I	D	3	0	Ed33	Educational Psychology	B	3	0
Ph32	Intermediate Algebra	D	3	0	Ph32	General Psychology	D	3	0
Ed21	Public Speaking	B	2	4	Ed21	Intro. to Literature I	D	3	0
Or	Orientation	P	0	0	II Semester 1952-53				
II Semester 1950-51									
Ph32	Apologetics II	B	1	2	Ph32	Renaissance & Reformation	B	3	6
Ph38	Biology Survey II	C	3	3	Ph38	Philosophical Psychology	B	3	6
L38	Readers Latin II	D	3	5	L38	Modern Philosophy	B	2	4
Ed34	English Composition I	D	3	0	L38	Patriotic Latin & Comp. II	C	4	4
Ed34	Plane Trigonometry	D	3	0	Ed34	General Methods	B	3	6
Ph38	Elem. Extemp. Speaking	B	2	4	Ph38	Piano	C	1	1
Total			31	25	Total			34	39
Cumulative Total					Cumulative Total			99	99
I Semester 1951-52									
Ph20	Survey of Cath. Doctrine	B	2	4	Ph20	Philosophy of Communism	B	3	6
Ph20	Elem. Latin Reading I	C	0	5	Ph20	Readings in Pol. Theory	B	3	6
Ed25	Intro. to Education	C	2	2	Ed25	Contemp. Social Problems	B	3	6
Ed25	College Algebra	C	3	3	I Semester 1953-54				
Ph25	Elementary Chem	C	2	2	Ph25	Sacred Scripture	C	3	3
Ph25	U. S. History to 1860	C	2	2	Ph25	Metaphysics I	C	3	3
II Semester 1951-52									
Ph25	Grace & the Sacraments	B	2	4	Ph25	General Ethics	C	3	3
Ph25	English Composition II	C	3	3	Ph25	Theory of Knowledge	C	2	2
Ph25	Intro. to Literature II	D	3	0	Ph25	St. Augustine	C	3	3
Ph25	Logic	C	3	3	Ph25	Teaching of Religion	A	3	9
Ph25	Elem. Latin Reading II	C	3	5	II Semester 1953-54				
Ph25	Advanced Chem	C	2	2	Ph25	Christian Literature	B	3	6
Total			34	35	Ph25	Ecclesiastical Latin	C	3	3
Cumulative Total			65	60	Ph25	Metaphysics II	C	3	3
Summer Session 1953									
Ph20	Logic	C	3	3	Ph20	Social Philosophy	C	3	3
Ph20	Elem. Latin Reading II	C	3	5	Ph20	Student Teaching	B	4	6
Ph20	Advanced Chem	C	2	2	Ph20	Education Seminar	P	0	0
Total			34	35	III Semester 1953-54				
Cumulative Total			65	60	Ph20	Christian Literature	B	3	6
III Semester 1953-54									
Ph20	Logic	C	3	3	Ph20	Ecclesiastical Latin	C	3	3
Ph20	Elem. Latin Reading II	C	3	5	Ph20	Metaphysics II	C	3	3
Ph20	Advanced Chem	C	2	2	Ph20	Social Philosophy	C	3	3
Total			34	35	Ph20	Student Teaching	B	4	6
Cumulative Total			65	60	Ph20	Education Seminar	P	0	0

RECORDED & INDEXED
ISSUED: JUN 3 1954
Brother J. Lee

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August 30, 1954

Veterans Administration
Regional Office
Fort Snelling
St. Paul 11, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that LOUIS G. COOK, who is preparing for the Catholic priesthood in the Diocese of Winona, has been transferred by me from St. Mary's College, Winona, where he has taken his preliminary courses, to St. John's Seminary, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, for the completion of his theological studies which are required for the priesthood. The St. Mary's College which he has attended does not offer these specialized courses.

Very truly yours,

Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald
Bishop of Winona

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SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
Collegeville, Minnesota

NAME Cook, Louis George
YEAR IN COURSE OF THEOLOGY I
RECORD FOR SEMESTER ENDING Jan. 26, 1955

Subject	Grade
Ascetical Theology 11	D+
Dogmatic Theology 11	C
Moral Theology 11	D
Church History 11	C
Sacred Scripture 41	C-
Canon Law 21	D-

Gregory J. Kettner

Dean

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SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
Collegeville, Minnesota

NAME Louis George Cook
YEAR IN COURSE OF THEOLOGY I
RECORD FOR SEMESTER ENDING June 3, 1955

Subject	Grade
Ascetical Theology 12	C-
Dogmatic Theology 12	D+
Moral Theology 12	C
Church History 12	C-
Sacred Scripture 42	C
Canon Law 22	C-

G. H. Wetzel
Dean

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

I. THE SEMINARIAN AND HIS PASTOR

- 1. Did Mr. *Louis Cook* present himself to you upon his return from the seminary? *Yes*
- 2. Did he consult you about his plans for the vacation? . *Yes*
- 3. Did you find him respectful, cooperative, and obedient? . *Yes*

II. THE SEMINARIAN'S SPIRITUAL DUTIES

- 1. Did he attend holy Mass daily? . . *Yes when circumstances permitted*
- 2. Did he received Holy Communion frequently? . . *Yes*
- 3. Did he visit the Blessed Sacrament daily? . . *Same as above*
- 4. Did he receive the Sacrament of Penance weekly? . *Yes*
- 5. Did he attend the special devotions in your church? . *Yes*
- 6. If not, was he in your judgement reasonably excused from these Spiritual Exercises? *Yes*

III. THE SEMINARIAN'S SPIRIT OF COOPERATION

- 1. Has he complied cheerfully with reasonable requests made upon his time to assist in parish affairs and activities? . *Yes*
- 2. Did he willingly assume any part you assigned to him in religious services? *Yes*
- 3. Was he prudent in discharging the duties assigned to him? . *Yes*
- 4. Did you find him to be reliable and dependable? . *Yes*

IV. THE SEMINARIAN'S ACTIVITES AND EMPLOYMENT

- 1. Were his chosen associates persons of good reputation?
 *Yes*
- 2. Has he manifested a spirit of worldliness in:
 - a) General deportment? *No* — *was satisfactory*
 - b) Recreation? *"* — *"* *"*
 - c) Reading? *"* — *"* *"*
 - d) Dress? *"* — *"* *"*
- 3. Was his conduct in relation to persons of the other sex such as
 to give rise to scandal or arouse suspicion? . . *No*

- 4. Was he engaged in any employment forbidden to seminarians?
 *No*

Reverend Father: You may wish to use this space for special comment.

Dear Mr. Kerner:
Louis was a truly inspiring
young seminarian around his
home town during his summer
vacation -
Rev. S. E. Muleahy

Part of St. Paul's
 Date. *Sept. 3 - 1955*

Signed . . . *Rev. S. E. Muleahy*
Pastor
 Church of. *St. Joachim*
 City . . . *Plainview*
 State. *Minnesota*

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

December 8, 1955

Rt. Rev. Magr. William A. Renner
Rector, St. John's Seminary
Collegeville, Minnesota

Right Reverend Monsignor

I hereby ask that you kindly submit to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D. D., Bishop of Winona, my request for promotion to First Tonsure and the Minor Orders of Porter, Lector, Exorcist and Acolyte.

I declare that in making this request, I do so entirely of my own volition and with complete freedom from compulsion of any kind.

Respectfully yours
Louis B. Cook.

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

Excellentiae Vestrae

Ego, infrascriptus Ludovicus Georgius Cook, alumnus Seminarii S. Joannis Baptistae de Collegeville, Minnesota, annum secundum curriculum theologiae frequentans, cum matura deliberatione ac sincera fide me esse ad statum sacerdotalem vocatum existimem, ad ordines accedere cupio atque hinc praesentibus ab Episcopo Antistite meo, diocesis Winonensis Ordinatio, admissionem ad Primam Consuevam et ad omnes Ordines Minores: Quaternarium, Sextarium, Episcopatum et Acolythatum humillime postulo.

Fateor et declaro, me cuncta, quae ad naturam et obligationes status clericalis, ac praesentim ad legem sacralitatis sacris ordinibus adnexam, pertinent, plane perspecta habere; volo pariter et constituto omnia et singula eiusdem status onera suscipere, eaque etiam propono ac spondeo, ope divinae gratiae, integre constantique servare toto tempore vitae meae.

Testificor, me propositum habere ascendendi ad omnes ordines, nec vero importunis aliorum precibus, suasionibus, obsecrationibus vel sollicitationibus pressum aut allectum ad sacram. militiam impelli, sed libera omnino ac spontanea voluntate, semotis mixis, oratur, vi vel coactione, sacram. ordinationem expetere.

Quibus precibus ut quae Episcopus meus propitius benignè annuere velit, reverenti atque obsequenti animo supplico,

Excellentiae Vestrae Romanae,
Servus humillimus,
Ludovicus Georgius Cook
Orator.

Datum die 8 mensis Decembris anni 1955

Petitionem praemissam mihi. tempore et loco, uti supra, fuisse oblatam testor.

Guilielmus A. Renner.
Rector.

Collegeville, Minnesota

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Reverende Domine,

S. Congregatio de Disciplina Sacramentorum, sub die 27 Dec. 1930, ad locorum Ordinarios, de scrutinio ante collationem sacrorum ordinum peragendo, Instructionem dedit, in qua, inter alia, haec leguntur:

"Ad rem autem intimius in singulis casibus perscrutandam, Episcopus, alumnorum eorumque familiae parochi praeterea mandabit aedulo exquirere non modo de vocationis signis promovendorum, deque eorundem virtutibus, seu pietate, sed etiam de anteaacta ipsorum vitae ratione et de praesenti; ac maxime percontabitur quomodo sese gesserint feriarum tempore, an videlicet quendam animi levitatem ostenderit, vel profanis rebus induerint; et quatenam sit publica ipsorum fama. Insuper num candidatorum parentes bona gaudeant existimatione, et quae sint rei familiaris rationes; num lucri

seu questus causa, eos reluctantes importunis suasionibus, precibus vel minis, vel alio modo impellant ad sacerdotium ineundum, pertimescentes scilicet aliquid familiae obventurum damnum, sacra ordinatione posthabita. Non parum etiam proderit ad praevenda mala, quae ex sacrae ordinationis oneribus temere susceptis oriri solent, inquirere, num aliquid abnorme ex parentibus in candidatum manasse confici aut suspicari fas sit, ac praecipue num corporis habitus ad libidinem sit proclivis, quod atavium sapiat" (hereditary defect).

Quae ut probe executioni mandentur, nomine et auctoritate Ordinarii proprii D.

Ludovici Georgii Cook

, huius Seminarii alumni, qui proxime adventante ordina-

tione ad Primam Tonsuram admitti exoptat,

enixe instanterque obsecro, ut ad explorandam eius vocationem, singulis quaestionibus iuxta adnexum interrogatorium sincera fide et aperta mente pro viribus respondere velis.

Interim cuncta fausta tibi a Domino adprecans, omni quo par est obsequio permaneo,

Reverentiae tuae,

Uti Frater in Christo,

Datum die 13a mensis Dec. anni 1955.

Guilielmus G. Renner
Rector.

CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE PASTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE INSTRUCTION, "QUAM INGENS"

I, the undersigned Rev. S. E. Mulcahy, pastor of the Church of St. Joachim, Plainview, Minnesota do, hereby testify that the answers herein set down are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

In the first place I declare that Mr. Ludovicus Georgus Cook a student of Saint John's Diocesan Seminary, has been known to me for the period from Sept. 1950 to the present time.

1. Is he faithful and devoted to his exercises of piety: namely, meditation, Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary?

Resp.: Yes he is.

2. Does he devoutly frequent the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist?

Resp.: Yes he does.

3. Is he diligent and devout in the service of the Sanctuary?

Resp.: He has always been willing and cooperative in helping with ceremonies.

4. Did he teach Christian Doctrine? If so, did he perform his work satisfactorily?

Resp.: Yes whenever given an opportunity.

5. Does he manifest a desire and earnestness to promote the worship of God, to care for souls, and does he show a zealous inclination for exercising sacred functions?

Resp.: He does manifest a desire and earnestness to promote the worship of God etc.

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7. Has he been given to reading profane books and papers which foster sentiments against faith or morals?
Resp.: As st.
8. During holidays does he dress in a manner befitting a seminarian?
Resp.: Yes he always dresses and conducts himself in a manner befitting a seminarian.
9. Has he associated with persons of doubtful reputation?
Resp.: Not to my knowledge.
10. Has he conducted himself with persons of the opposite sex in such a way as to cause scandal or criticism or suspicion?
Resp.: No.
11. Does he seek recreation in places unbecoming to his state in life?
Resp.: No.
12. Is he always proper in speech? Yes Does he use language unbecoming a seminarian? No
13. Has he laid himself open to any blame in respect to his morals or to his submission to the doctrines and precepts of the Church?
Resp.: No.
14. How does he conduct himself in the company of boys and young men? In a completely normal
With members of the opposite sex? very sensibly, manner.
15. Does he show any leaning to a life of ease? Towards worldly pleasures?
Resp.: No.
16. Has he shown any inclination to indulge in intoxicants?
Resp.: He has not shown any such inclination.
17. Does he manifest the virtue of charity?
Resp.: Yes.
18. Does he render proper submission and deference to his superiors?
Resp.: Yes.
19. What is public opinion concerning his vocation?
Resp.: All are very happy about his vocation.
20. What is the opinion of your Reverend Assistants?
Resp.: Have no assistants.
21. Are there indications of any infirmity in the family? In particular, are there any signs of mental disease or moral depravity in the family?
Resp.: He comes from a very good Catholic family.
22. Are his parents or others urging him to enter the priesthood?
Resp.: No.

Additional remarks may be made on the opposite page.

Signed Rev. S. E. Mulcahy
Parish St. Joachim's Church
Address Plainview, Minn

Date Dec. 30, 1955

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HIS EMINENCE
FRANCIS CARDINAL SPELLMAN
MILITARY VICAR

—
MOST REVEREND
WILLIAM R. ARNOLD, D.D.
MILITARY DELEGATE

Military Ordinariate

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
30 EAST FIFTY-FIRST STREET
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

TELEPHONE ELDORADO 5-3437

January 9, 1956

MOST REVEREND
JAMES H. GRIFFITHS, S.T.D., J.C.B.
AUXILIARY BISHOP
CHANCELLOR

—
RIGHT REVEREND MSGR.
THOMAS J. MCCARTHY, PH.D.
VICE CHANCELLOR

—
REVERENDS
FRANCIS E. MORIARTY, C.S.S.R., J.C.D.
JOSEPH F. MARBACH, J.C.D.
JOHN E. DOWNS, J.C.D.
ASSISTANT CHANCELLORS

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO:

Test. Ltrs.
COOK, Louis G.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. Renner
St. John's Seminary
Collegeville, Minn.

Dear Monsignor Renner:

I am writing in reference to the testimonial letters requested by Louis G. Cook.

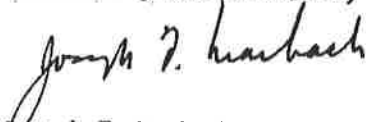
A search of the files here at the Military Ordinariate fails to reveal any record of a marriage contracted by Mr. Cook.

We have on file the favorable report concerning Mr. Cook from the Department of the Army in St. Louis.

I regret, however, that we were unable to secure further positive information about Mr. Cook to enable us to pass a judgment as to his suitability for the priesthood. I am enclosing our statement to that effect.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Joseph F. Marbach
Assistant Chancellor

JFM:ll
Enc.

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Franciscus



Josephus

TITULI SS. IOANNIS ET PAULI
S. R. E. PRESBYTER CARDINALIS
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA
ARCHIEPISCOPUS NEO-EBORACENSIS

ET

COPIARUM ARMATARUM STATUUM FOEDERATORUM AMERICAE SEPTENTRIONALIS

VICARIUS CASTRENSIS



IN DEI NOMINE AMEN.

Quum litteræ testimoniales a Nobis requirantur pro

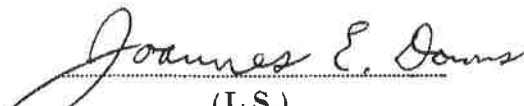
Dño LUDOVICO G. COOK, olim subdito Nostro ratione adscrip-
tionis exercitui Statuum Foederatorum Americae Septentrionalis, qui ad militiam clericalem
amplectendam a Deo vocatum nunc se sentit, per hasce praesentes fidem facimus ac testamur
Nos, diligentem post investigationem institutam, de candidato memorato satis eruere non
potuisse ut de eiusdem moribus, habilitate aliisque de iure requisitis iudicium modo feramus.
Ideoque promovendum praefatum quum non satis noverimus, totam rem eiusdem Ordinario
remittimus ut ad tramitem Canonis 994, §2 Codicis, I.C. quo melius possit, provideat. Quo
quidem rite peracto, nisi vero in contrarium aliquid adductum fuisset, nihil ex parte Nostra
prohibet quominus ad PRIMAM CLERICALEM TONSURAM ET SACROS ORDINES,
servatis de iure servandis, admittatur.

In quorum fidem has litteras fieri et expediri decrevimus.

De mandato Eñi ac Revñi D. Cardinalis Vicarii Castrensis.

Datum Neo-Eboraci ex Curia Vicariatus Castrensis die IX, mensis

Januarii, anno 1956


(L.S.)
Joannes E. Downs
Cancellarius Assistens


Josephus F. Marbach
Cancellarius Assistens

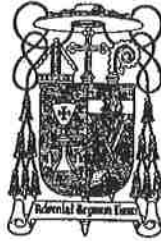
**Seminarium Sancti Ioannis Baptistae
Dioecesis Sancti Clodoaldi
Collegeville, Minnesota**

HAS LITTERAS VISURIS SALUTEM IN DOMINO!

Nos Guilielmus A. Renner Seminarii Sancti Ioannis Baptistae Dioecesis Sancti Clodoaldi Rector, tenore praesentium notum facimus et testamur, Dilectum Nobis in Christo D. Ludovicum Georgium Cook qui per unum et dimidium annos in hoc Seminario studiorum theologicorum causa commoratus est, bonis moribus se imbutum praebuisse, studia omnia requisita peregrisse, exercitiis spiritualibus praescriptis vacasse, ceterisque iuris pro susceptione Primae Tensurae et quattuor Ordinum Minorum requisitis rite fecisse satis, proindeque nihil quod sciamus efficere, quominus praefatum D. Ludovicum Georgium Cook Amplitudini Vestrae pro collatione Primae Tensurae et quattuor Ordinum Minorum commendemus.

Die 20a mensis Januarii anni 1956.

Guilielmus A. Renner
Rector Seminarii



PETRUS GULIELMUS

MISERATIONE DIVINA ET SANCTAE SEDIS GRATIA

SANCTI CLODOALDI EPISCOPUS

LITTERAE TESTIMONIALES

Praesentibus hisce litteris fidem facimus et testamur


Dilectum Nobis in Christo

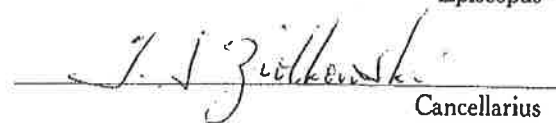
LUDOVICUM GEORGIUM COOK

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

Datum ex aedibus Cancellariae

Die 20a mensis Ianuarii A. D. 19 56


Episcopus


Cancellarius

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SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY OF THE DIOCESE OF SAINT CLOUD
COLLEGEVILLE

MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE RECTOR

IURAMENTUM SUPPLETORIUM

Ego, LUDOVICUS GEORGIUS COOK, ad Primam Tonsuram
promovendus fidem facio ac iuro me nullum canoni-
cum impedimentum contraxisse tempore quo exercitui
Statum Foederatorum^{Americae} Septentrionalis adscriptus fui.
Sic me Deus adiuvet et haec Sancta Evangelia quae
manibus meis tango.

Ludovicus Georgius Cook

Subsignatum et iuratum coram me in Seminario Sti.
Ioannis Baptistae apud Collegeville, Minnesota.

Die 20. mensis Jan. anno. 1956

Guilielmus A. Renner
Rector

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SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY OF THE DIOCESE OF SAINT CLOUD
Collegeville, Minnesota

The following documents from the file of Mr. Louis George Cook
were sent to the Chancery Office of the Diocese of . . . Winona
on . . . January 20th, 1956.

Certificate of Baptism ✓
Certificate of Confirmation ✓
Certificate of Parents' Marriage ✓

Petitions for Orders:
Tonsure ✓
I and II Minor Orders ✓
III and IV Minor Orders ✓
Subdiaconate
Diaconate
Priesthood

Oath of Liberty for:
Subdiaconate
Diaconate
Priesthood

Oath of Intended Retention of Domicile
Oath of Service to the Diocese

Investigation by the Pastor: ✓
Testimonial of the Rector ✓

Notice of Publication of Banns
Profession of Faith
Oath against Modernism

Certificate of Ordination:
Tonsure
I and II Minor Orders
III and IV Minor Orders
Subdiaconate
Diaconate

Testimonial Letters:
Diocese of Saint Cloud ✓

Military Ordinariate ✓
+ Suppl. Oath

Vacation Report ✓

Wm. A. Henner
Rector

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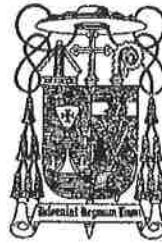
SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
Collegeville, Minnesota

NAME Louis George Cook
YEAR IN COURSE OF THEOLOGY II
RECORD FOR SEMESTER ENDING January 27, 1956

Subject	Grade
Dogmatic Theology 21	C-
Moral Theology 21	C-
Sacred Scripture 41	C-
Canon Law 31	C
Homiletics 21	B

Gregory J. Rettger O.S.A.
Dean

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Petrus Gulielmus Bartholome
 Miseratione Divina et Sanctae Sedis Gratia
 Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis fidem facimus et
 testamur Nos die 10a mensis Februarii anni 1956
 in Oratorio Sanctae Mariae, Reginae Apostolorum
 Dilectum Nobis in Christo LUDOVICUM GEORGIUM COCK
ex Diocesi Vinonensis

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

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

Apud Sanctum Clodoaldum,
 die 10a mensis Februarii anni 1956

Petrus Gulielmus Bartholome
 Episcopus Sti. Clodoaldi.

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Hoc testimonium rite excerptum esse ex libro nostro ordina-
 tionum testificor.

Gulielmus A. Renner
 Rector Seminarii Sti. Ioannis Baptistae.



Petrus Gulielmus Bartholome
 Misericordiae Divinae et Sanctae Sedis Gratia
 Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

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 testamur Nos die 11a mensis Februarii anni 1956
 in Oratorio Sanctae Mariae, Reginae Apostolorum
 Dilectum Nobis in Christo LUDOVICUM GEORGIUM COOK
ex Dioecesi Winonensis

ad Officium Ostiariorum et Lectorum
 juxta Romani Pontificalis Rubricas et assistente Nobis in hac Sancti
 Spiritus gratia promovisse et ordinasse.

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Apud Sanctum Clodoaldum,
 die 11a mensis Februarii anni 1956

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Petrus Gulielmus Bartholome
 Miseratione Divina et Sanctae Sedis Gratia
 Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis fidem facimus et
 testamur Nos die 1a mensis Iunii anni 1956
 in Ecclesia Abbatiali Sti. Ioannis Baptistae, Collegeville
 Dilectum Nobis in Christo Ludovicum Georgium Cook
 ex Diocesi Winonensi

ad officium Exorcistarum et Acolythorum
 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 Sanctum Clodoaldum,
 die 1a mensis Iunii anni 1956

+ Petrus G. Bartholome

Episcopus Sti. Clodoaldi.

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 tionum testificor.

Gulielmus A. Renner
 Rector Seminarii Sti. Ioannis Baptistae.

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SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
Collegeville, Minnesota

NAME Louis George Cook

YEAR IN COURSE OF THEOLOGY II

RECORD FOR SEMESTER ENDING June 1, 1956

Subject	Grade
Dogmatic Theology 22	D+
Moral Theology 22	C-
Sacred Scripture 42	C-
Canon Law 32	D
Homiletics 22	B

Henry J. Schlegel
Dean

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
STUDENT RECORD

Name COOK, Louis George Date of Birth July 14, 1924
 Home address Plainview, Minnesota Plainview
St. Joachim
 Parish

Schools Attended	Year	Class	Reports		Expenses Paid
			Scholastic	Character	
IHM			C		<i>90</i>
IHM	52-53	Ph. I	C-		<i>90</i>
IHM	52-53	Ph. I	B	S	<i>90</i>
IHM	53-54	PH. II	C	S	<i>90</i>
IHM	53-54	Ph. II	C	S	
St. John's	54-55	Th. I	C-	S	G.I. \$245.00
St. John's	54-55	Th. I	C	S	300.00
St. John's	55-56	Th. II	C	S	300.00
"	"	"	C	S	<i>300.00</i>

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Aug 28, 1956
Plainview, Minn.

C O N F I D E N T I A L R E P O R T

I. THE SEMINARIAN AND HIS PASTOR

- 1. Did Mr. *Louis G. Cook* present himself to you upon his return from the seminary? . . . *Yes*
- 2. Did he consult you about his plans for the vacation? . . . *Yes*
- 3. Did you find him respectful, cooperative, and obedient? . . . *Yes*

II. THE SEMINARIAN'S SPIRITUAL DUTIES

- 1. Did he attend holy Mass daily? . . . *When possible - Faithful in attending Daily Mass.*
- 2. Did he received Holy Communion frequently? . . . *Yes*
- 3. Did he visit the Blessed Sacrament daily? *Not daily but frequently*
- 4. Did he receive the Sacrament of Penance weekly? . . . *Yes*
- 5. Did he attend the special devotions in your church? . . . *Yes*
- 6. If not, was he in your judgement reasonably excused from these Spiritual Exercises? . . . *Yes*

III. THE SEMINARIAN'S SPIRIT OF COOPERATION

- 1. Has he complied cheerfully with reasonable requests made upon his time to assist in parish affairs and activities? . . . *Yes*
- 2. Did he willingly assume any part you assigned to him in religious services? . . . *Yes*
- 3. Was he prudent in discharging the duties assigned to him? *Yes*
- 4. Did you find him to be reliable and dependable? *Yes*

IV. THE SEMINARIAN'S ACTIVITIES AND EMPLOYMENT

- 1. Were his chosen associates persons of good reputation? . . . *Yes* . . .
- 2. Has he manifested a spirit of worldliness in:
 - a) General deportment? . . . *No* . . .
 - b) Recreation? . . . *No* . . .
 - c) Reading?
 - d) Dress? *No*
- 3. Was his conduct in relation to persons of the other sex such as to give rise to scandal or arouse suspicion? . . . *No* . . .
- 4. Was he engaged in any employment forbidden to seminarians? . . . *No* . . .

Reverend Father: You may wish to use this space for special comment.

Louis Cook has conducted himself during the summer months at Plainview in a manner that was inspiring and edifying to the people of St. Joachim's Church.

Date. . . *Aug. 28, 1956*

Signed . . . *Rev. S. E. Mulcahy*
Pastor
 Church of . . . *St. Joachim*
 City *Plainview*
 State *Minnesota*

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SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
Collegeville, Minnesota

NAME Cook, Louis George

YEAR IN COURSE OF THEOLOGY III

RECORD FOR SEMESTER ENDING Jan. 30, 1957

Subject	Grade
Dogmatic Theology 41	C
Moral Theology 31	C
Church History 31	B
Sacred Scripture 21	C
Sacred Liturgy 31	B-
Homiletics 31	B-

Gregory J. Kottger
Dean

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ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

March 25, 1957

St. Rev. Mgr. William A. Renner
Rector, St. John's Seminary
Collegeville, Minnesota

St. Rev. Mgr.:

I hereby ask that you kindly submit to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D.D., Bishop of Winona, my request for promotion to the sacred orders of Subdiaconate and Diaconate.

I declare that in making this request, I do so entirely of my own volition and with complete freedom from compulsion of any kind.

Respectfully yours,
Louis George Cook.

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

Excellentia Vestra:

Ego, infrascriptus, Ludovicus Georgius Cook, alumnus seminarii S. Joannis Baptistae de Collegeville, Minnesota, annum tertium Curriculi Theologici frequentans, cum matura deliberatione ac sincera fide me esse ad statum sacerdotalem vocatum existimem, ad ordines accedere cupio atque hinc praesentibus ab Excmo Antistite meo, diocesis Winonensis Ordinario, admissionem ad ordines majores Subdiaconatus et Diaconatus humillime postulo.

Fateor et declaro, me Luncta, quae ad naturam et obligationes status clericali, ac praesertim ad legem Caelibatus sacris ordinibus adnexam, pertinent, plane perspecta habere; volo pariter et constituta omnia et singula ejusdem status onera suscipere, eaque etiam propono ac spondeo, ope divinae gratiae, integre constantique servare toto tempore vitae meae.

Testificor, me propositum habere ascendendi ad omnes ordines, me vero importunitis aliorum precibus, suasionibus, oblationibus vel sollicitationibus pressum aut allectum, ad sacram militiam impelli, sed libera omnino ac spontanea voluntate, sematis minis, metu, vi vel coactione, sacram ordinationem expetere.

Quibus precibus ut qua Episcopus meus propriis benigne annuere velit, reverenti atque obsequenti animo supplico.

Excellentiae tuae Romae,
Sensus humillimus,
Ludovicus Georgius Cook.
Orator.

Datum die 25 mensis Martii anni 1957

Petitionem praemissam mihi tempore et loco, uti supra fuisse oblatam testor

Guilielmus A. Renner.
Rector.

Collegetville, Minnesota

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Reverende Domine,

S. Congregatio de Disciplina Sacramentorum, sub die 27 Dec. 1930, ad locorum Ordinarios, de scrutinio ante collationem sacrorum ordinum peragendo, Instructionem dedit, in qua, inter alia, haec leguntur:

"Ad rem autem intimius in singulis casibus perscrutandam, Episcopus, alumnorum eorumque familiae parochio praetera mandabit sedulo exquirere non modo de vocationis signis promovendorum, deque eorumdem virtutibus, seu pietate, sed etiam de anteaacta ipsorum vitae ratione et de praesenti; ac maxime percontabitur quomodo sese gesserint feriarum tempore, an videlicet quamdam animi levitatem ostenderit, vel profanis rebus indulserint; et quaeenam sit publica ipsorum fama. Insuper num candidatorum parentes bona gaudeant existimatione, et quae sint rei familiaris rationes; num lueri

seu quaestus causa, eos reluctantes importunis suasionibus, precibus vel minis, vel alio modo impellant ad sacerdotium ineundum, pertimescentes scilicet aliquod familiae obventurum damnum, sacra ordinatione posthabita. Non parum etiam proderit ad praecavenda mala, quae ex sacrae ordinationis oneribus temere susceptis oriri solent, inquirere, num aliquid abnorme ex parentibus in candidatum manavisse concilii aut suspicari fas sit, ac praecipue num corporis habitus ad libidinem sit proclivis, quod atavismum sapiat" (hereditary defect).

Quae ut probe executioni mandentur, nomine et auctoritate Ordinarii proprii D. _____

Ludovicum Georgium Cook _____, huius Seminarii alumni, qui proxime adventante ordinatione ad _____ sacram Subdiaconatus ordinem _____ admitti exoptat, enixe instanterque obsecro, ut ad explorandam eius vocationem, singulis quaestionibus iuxta adnexum interrogatorium sincera fide et aperta mente pro viribus respondere velis.

Interim cuncta fausta tibi a Domino adprecans, omni quo par est obsequio permaneo,

Reverentiae Tuae,

Uti Frater in Christo,

Guilielmus A. Renner

Datum die 25a mensis Martijanni 1957.

Rector.

CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE PASTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE INSTRUCTION, "QUAM INGENS"

I, the undersigned Rev. S. E. Malcahy, pastor of the Church of St. Joachims, Plainview Minn. do, hereby testify that the answers herein set down are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

In the first place I declare that Mr. Louis George Cook a student of Saint John's Diocesan Seminary, has been known to me for the period from August 1957 to March 1957

1. Is he faithful and devoted to his exercises of piety: namely, meditation, Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary?

Resp.: Yes.

2. Does he devoutly frequent the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist?

Resp.: Yes

3. Is he diligent and devout in the service of the Sanctuary?

Resp.: Yes

4. Did he teach Christian Doctrine? Yes If so, did he perform his work satisfactorily?

Resp.: When home he substituted in the H. S. Religion Class

5. Does he manifest a desire and earnestness to promote the worship of God, to care for souls, and does he show a zealous inclination for exercising sacred functions?

Resp.: Yes

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- 7. Has he been given to reading profane books and papers which foster sentiments against faith or morals?
Resp.: Not to my knowledge
- 8. During holidays does he dress in a manner befitting a seminarian?
Resp.: Yes
- 9. Has he associated with persons of doubtful reputation?
Resp.: No
- 10. Has he conducted himself with persons of the opposite sex in such a way as to cause scandal or criticism or suspicion?
Resp.: No
- 11. Does he seek recreation in places unbecoming to his state in life?
Resp.: No
- 12. Is he always proper in speech? Yes Does he use language unbecoming a seminarian? No
- 13. Has he laid himself open to any blame in respect to his morals or to his submission to the doctrines and precepts of the Church?
Resp.: No
- 14. How does he conduct himself in the company of boys and young men? In a proper manner
With members of the opposite sex? In a proper manner.
- 15. Does he show any leaning to a life of ease? Towards worldly pleasures?
Resp.: No
- 16. Has he shown any inclination to indulge in intoxicants?
Resp.: No
- 17. Does he manifest the virtue of charity?
Resp.: Yes
- 18. Does he render proper submission and deference to his superiors?
Resp.: Yes
- 19. What is public opinion concerning his vocation?
Resp.: Very happy about it.
- 20. What is the opinion of your Reverend Assistants?
Resp.: No assistants
- 21. Are there indications of any infirmity in the family? In particular, are there any signs of mental disease or moral depravity in the family?
Resp.: No
- 22. Are his parents or others urging him to enter the priesthood?
Resp.: No

Additional remarks may be made on the opposite page.

Signed Rev. S. E. Mulcahy
 Parish St. Joachim
 Address P.O. Box - B
Plainview, Minn.
 Date _____



PETRUS GULIELMUS

MISERATIONE DIVINA ET SANCTAE SEDIS GRATIA

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Datum ex aedibus Cancellariae

Die 1a mensis Maii A. D. 19 57.

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Episcopus


Cancellarius

Seminarium Sancti Ioannis Baptistae
Dioecesis Sancti Clodoaldi
Collegeville, Minnesota

HAS LITTERAS VISURIS SALUTEM IN DOMINO!

Nos Guilielmus A. Renner Seminarium Sancti Ioannis Baptistae Dioecesis Sancti Clodoaldi Rector, tenore praesentium notum facimus et testamur, Dilectum Nobis in Christo D. Ludovicum Georgium Cook qui per tres annos in hoc Seminario studiorum theologicorum causa commoratus est, bonis moribus se imbutum praebuisse, studia omnia requisita peregrisse, exercitiis spiritualibus praescriptis vacasse, ceterisque iuris pro susceptione Subdiaconatus et Diaconatus requisitis rite fecisse satis, proindeque nihil quod sciamus afficere, quominus praefatum D. Ludovicum Georgium Cook Amplitudini Vestrae pro collatione Subdiaconatus et Diaconatus commendemus.

Die 1a mensis Maii anni 1957.


 Rector Seminarium

FORMVLA IVRISIVRANDI

IN MOTV PROPRIO "SACRORVM ANTISTITVM"*

A SVMMO PONTIFICE PIO X

PRAESCRIPTA

Ego *Ludovicus Georgius Cook*

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

Me etiam, qua par est reverentia, subiicio totoque animo adhaereo damnationibus, declarationibus, praescriptis omnibus, quae in Encyclicis litteris *Pascendi*† et in Decreto *Lamentabili*‡ continentur, praesertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant.-Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiae repugnare, et catholica

* I Septembr. MCMX.

† VIII Septembr. MCMVII.

‡ III Iulii MCMVII.

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

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

Ludovicus Marius Cook

Inzamentum esse coram me circumscriptum factum.

Et loco Sanctuarii Civ. Iovialis Republicae

Guilielmus A. Penner

Delegatus episcopalis

* IRFN., 4, c. 26.

† Praescr., c. 28.

Dies 2a mensis Maii A.D. 1857

Approved May 1, 1919

† JOSEPH CHARTRAND

Bishop of Indianapolis.

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SEMINARIUM SANCTI IOANNIS BAPTISTAE
DIOECESIS SANCTI CLODOALDI
Collegeville, Minnesota

Die 22a Aprilis 1957

Reverende Domine,

Ut praescripto can. 998 sqq. rite satisfiat, Tibi tenore praesentium notum facio, D. Ludovicum Georgium Cook, ex parocia tua, proximo die 31a mensis Maii, anno 1957, ad sacrum Subdiaconatus ordinem promotum iri. Velit Reverentia Tua nomen Candidati publice in ecclesia denuntiare ac me de exitu peractae publicationis certiozem reddere.

Haec pro munere meo Tibi significans, Tibi prospera cuncta atque felicia a Domino adprecor.

Reverentiae Tuae

Addictissimus in Christo Frater,

Julianus A. Rector
Rector.

Rev. D. S. E. Mulcahy, Parochus,
Plainview, Minnesota

St. Joachim Church,
Plainview, Minnesota

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Die 8a mensis May, anno '57

Reverende Domine,

Per has litteras te monitum velim, me die 5a mensis May, anno 1957, instantem promotionem D. Louis George Cook ad sacrum Subdiaconatus ordinem proclamasse, nec ullum, quod referrem, impedimentum mihi exinde innotuisse.

Cum sensibus peculiaris aestimationis permaneo

Tibi devotissimus,

Reverende D. Seminarii Rectori,
Collegeville, Minnesota.

S. E. Mulcahy
Parochus.

(L.S.)

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PROFESSIO ORTHODOXAE FIDEI

IVXTA FORMAM

A SVMMIS PONTIFICIBVS PIO IV ET PIO IX

PRAESCRIPTAM

Ego *N.* firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quae continentur in symbolo Fidei, quo sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum, Filium Dei Unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum, ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et Homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato: passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos, et mortuos: cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum, et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur: qui loquutus est per prophetas. Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones, reliquasque eiusdem Ecclesiae observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram Scripturam iuxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto; nec eam unquam, nisi iuxta unanimem consensum Patrum accipiam, et interpretabor.

Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novae legis a Iesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria, scilicet, Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Poenitentiam, Extremam Unctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium; illaque gratiam conferre, et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem, et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et approbatos Ecclesiae Catholicae ritus in supradictorum omnium Sacramentorum solemnii administratione recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula, quae de peccato originali et de iustificatione in Sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium, et propitiatorium Sacrificium pro vivis

et defunctis; atque in sanctissimo Eucharistiae Sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter Corpus et Sanguinem una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Iesu Christi, fierique conversionem totius substantiae panis in Corpus, et totius substantiae vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem Catholica Ecclesia Transubstantiationem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi.-Constanter teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis iuvare. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum Reliquias esse venerandas. Firmiter assero imagines Christi ac Deiparae semper Virginis, nec non aliorum Sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertientiam.-Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum Christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo.-Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam, omnium Ecclesiarum matrem et magistram agnosco, Romanoque Pontifici beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori ac Iesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac iuro.

Caetera item omnia a sacris Canonibus et Oecumenicis Conciliis ac praecipue a Sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo et ab Oecumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, praesertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor; simulque contraria omnia, atque haereses quascumque ab Ecclesia damnatas et reiectas et anathematizatas, ego pariter damno, reicio et anathematizo. Hanc veram Catholicam fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in praesenti sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et inviolatam usque ad extremum vitae spiritum, constantissime, Deo adjuvante, retinere et confiteri, atque a meis subditis, seu illis, quorum cura ad me in munere meo spectabit, teneri et doceri et praedicari, quantum in me erit curaturum, ego idem N. spondeo, voveo ac iuro. Sic me Deus adiuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

Ludovicus Georges Cook

Invenitur in hoc nomine meo subditi tunc

Ex loco Sanctissimi in Christo Synodali

Gulielmus A. Renner
Delegatus Episcopi

Die 20 mensis Maii A.D. 1957

Iuramentum Servitii Dioecesis

(Can. 981, § 1)

Ego, LUDOVICUS GEORGIUS COOK, plenam habens
notitiam Canonis 981 Codicis Iuris Canonici, quo statuitur ut qui ordinan-
tur titulo servitii dioecesis se, interposito iuramento, perpetuo eiusdem ser-
vitio devovere debeant, spondeo ac iuro me Dioecesi **Winonensi**
perpetuo inserviturum, sub Ordinarii praedictae Dioecesis pro tempore
existentis auctoritate.

Sic me Deus adiuvet et haec Sancta Evangelia quae manibus tango.
In quorum fidem subsigno.

Die 2^a mensis Maii anni 1957

Ludovicus Georgius Cook

Hoc iuramentum die suprascripto coram me praestitum est.

Guilielmus A. Renner
Delegatus

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
May 2, 1957

I, the undersigned Louis George Cook, in presenting to the Bishop my petition for the reception of subdiaconate and Diaconate, as the time for the sacred ordination is near at hand, having carefully considered the matter before God, do upon my oath testify in the first place that I am urged by no sort of compulsion, force or fear in receiving the aforesaid sacred orders, but that I do spontaneously desire and of my own full and free will wish to receive the same, because I know and feel that I am truly called by God.

I acknowledge that I know fully all the burdens and other consequences which flow from said sacred orders and these I freely wish and propose to assume; and with the grace of God, I resolve to keep them most faithfully during my whole life.

I declare especially that I am clearly aware of what the law of celibacy entails, and I firmly resolve, with the help of God, to fulfill that law willingly and to keep it in its entirety until the end.

Finally, I sincerely promise that I shall always, according to the sacred canons, obey most exactly all the precepts of my superiors and whatsoever the discipline of the Church requires, being prepared to give an example of virtue, either in work or in word in such wise that I may deserve to be rewarded for the assumption of so great an office.

This I promise, this I vow, this I swear, so help me God and these Sacred Gospels, which I touch with my hand.

Signed: Louis George Cook....

Witnessed: *Sp. A. Kenner*....
Rector.

SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY OF THE DIOCESE OF SAINT CLOUD
Collegeville, Minnesota

The following documents from the file of *Louis George Cook*
were sent to the Chancery Office of the Diocese of *St. Cloud*
on *May 12, 1957*

Certificate of Baptism
Certificate of Confirmation
Certificate of Parents' Marriage

Petitions for Orders:

Tonsure
I and II Minor Orders
III and IV Minor Orders
Subdiaconate ✓
Diaconate ✓
Priesthood

Oath of Liberty for:

Subdiaconate ✓
Diaconate ✓
Priesthood

Oath of Intended Retention of Domicile
Oath of Service to the Diocese ✓

Investigation by the Pastor: ✓
Testimonial of the Rector ✓

Notice of Publication of Banns ✓
Profession of Faith ✓
Oath against Modernism ✓

Certificate of Ordination:

Tonsure ✓
I and II Minor Orders ✓
III and IV Minor Orders ✓
Subdiaconate
Diaconate

Testimonial Letters:

Diocese of Saint Cloud ✓

Vacation Report ✓

J. A. Renner
Rector



Petrus Gulielmus Bartholome
 Miseratione Divina et Sanctae Sedis Gratia
 Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

Universis et singulis has litteras inspecturis fidem facimus et
 testamur Nos die 31a mensis Maii anni 19 57
 in Ecclesia Abbatiali Sti. Joannis Baptistae apud Collegeville
 Dilectum Nobis in Christo Ludovicum Georgium Cook
Diocesis Winonensis

ad sacrum Subdiaconatus ordinem
 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 Sanctum Clodoaldum,
 die 31a mensis Maii anni 19 57

✠ Petrus Gulielmus Bartholome
 Episcopus Sti. Clodoaldi.

✠ ✠ ✠

Hoc testimonium rite excerptum esse ex libro nostro ordina-
 tionum testificor.

Gulielmus A. Penner
 Rector Seminarii Sti. Joannis Baptistae.

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SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
Collegeville, Minnesota

NAME Cook, Louis George

YEAR IN COURSE OF THEOLOGY III

RECORD FOR SEMESTER ENDING May 31, 1957

Subject	Grade
Dogmatic Theology 42	C
Moral Theology 32	C
Church History 32	B
Sacred Scripture 22	C
Sacred Liturgy 32	C
Homiletics 32	C

Gregory J. Rothgatter
Dean

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CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

I. THE SEMINARIAN AND HIS PASTOR

- 1. Did Mr. Louis Cook present himself to you upon his return from the seminary? . . . Yes
- 2. Did he consult you about his plans for the vacation? . . . Yes
- 3. Did you find him respectful, cooperative, and obedient? . . . Yes

II. THE SEMINARIAN'S SPIRITUAL DUTIES

- 1. Did he attend holy Mass daily? Yes
- 2. Did he received Holy Communion frequently? . . . Yes
- 3. Did he visit the Blessed Sacrament daily? . . . Yes
- 4. Did he receive the Sacrament of Penance weekly? . . . Yes
- 5. Did he attend the special devotions in your church? . . . Yes
- 6. If not, was he in your judgement reasonably excused from these Spiritual Exercises? Yes

III. THE SEMINARIAN'S SPIRIT OF COOPERATION

- 1. Has he complied cheerfully with reasonable requests made upon his time to assist in parish affairs and activities? . . . Yes
- 2. Did he willingly assume any part you assigned to him in religious services? . . . Yes
- 3. Was he prudent in discharging the duties assigned to him? . . . Yes
- 4. Did you find him to be reliable and dependable? . . . Yes

IV. THE SEMINARIAN'S ACTIVITIES AND EMPLOYMENT

- 1. Were his chosen associates persons of good reputation? . *Yes* . . .

- 2. Has he manifested a spirit of worldliness in:
 - a) General deportment? *No*
 - b) Recreation? *No*
 - c) Reading? *I think not*
 - d) Dress? *No*
- 3. Was his conduct in relation to persons of the other sex such as
 to give rise to scandal or arouse suspicion? . . *No*

- 4. Was he engaged in any employment forbidden to seminarians? . *No* .

Reverend Father: You may wish to use this space for special comment.

Date. *August 20, '57*

Signed *Rev. S. E. Muleahy*
 Pastor
 Church of . . *St. Joachim* . .
 City . . *Plainview*
 State *Miss.*

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SEMINARIUM SANCTI IOANNIS BAPTISTAE
DIOECESIS SANCTI CLODOALDI
Collegeville, Minnesota

Die 1a Augusti 1957

Reverende Domine,

Ut praescripto can. 998 sqq. rite satisfiat, Tibi tenore praesentium notum facio, D. Ludovicum Georgium Cook, ex parocia tua, proximo die 15a mensis Septembris, anno 1957, ad sacrum Diaconatus ordinem promotum iri. Velit Reverentia Tua nomen Candidati publice in ecclesia denuntiare ac me de exitu peractae publicationis certiore reddere.

Haec pro munere meo Tibi significans, Tibi prospera cuncta atque felicia a Domino adprecor.

Reverentiae Tuae

Addictissimus in Christo Frater,

Guilielmus A. Renner
Rector.

Rev. D. S. E. Mulcahy, Parocho,
Plainview, Minnesota

Ex Plainview, Minnesota,

Die 1st mensis September anno 1957

Reverende Domine,

Per has litteras te monitum velim, me die 1st mensis September, anno 1957, instantem promotionem D. Sub deaconate Louis George Cook ad sacrum Deaconate ordinem proclamasse, nec ullum, quod referrem, impedimentum mihi exinde innotuisse.

Cum sensibus peculiaris aestimationis permaneo

Reverende D. Seminarii Rectori,
Collegeville, Minnesota.

(L.S.)

Tibi devotissimus,

Rev. S. E. Mulcahy
Parochus.

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ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA
September 14, 1957

I the undersigned Louis George Cook in presenting to the Bishop my petition for reception of the diaconate at the time for sacred ordination is near at hand, having carefully considered the matter before God, do upon my oath testify in the first place that I am urged by no sort of compulsion, force or fear in receiving the aforesaid sacred order but that I do spontaneously desire and of my own full and free will wish to receive the same, because I know and feel that I am truly called by God.

I acknowledge that I know fully all the burdens and other consequences which flow from said sacred order and these I freely wish and propose to assume; and with the grace of God, I resolve to keep them most faithfully during my whole life.

I declare especially that I am clearly aware of what the law of celibacy entails, and I firmly resolve, with the help of God, to fulfill that law willingly and to keep it in its entirety until the end.

Finally, I sincerely promise that I shall always, according to the sacred canons, obey most exactly all the precepts of my superiors and whatever the discipline of the church requires, being prepared to give an example of virtue, either in work or in word in such wise that I may deserve to be rewarded for the assumption of so great an office.

This I promise, this I vow, this I swear, so help me God and these Sacred Gospels, which I touch with my hand.

Signed: Louis George Cook.

Witnessed: Mrs. A. Renner.
Rector



Petrus Gulielmus Bartholome
 Misericordiae Divinae et Sanctae Sedis Gratia
 Sancti Clodoaldi Episcopus

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 in Ecclesia Abbatiali Sti. Ioannis Baptistae, Colledgeville
 Dilectum Nobis in Christo Ludovicum Georgium Cook
Dioecesis Winonensis

ad sacrum Diaconatus ordinem
 juxta Romani Pontificalis Rubricas et assistente Nobis in hac Sancti
 Spiritus gratia promovisse et ordinasse.

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

Apud Sanctum Clodoaldum,
 die 15a mensis Septembris anni 19 57

✠ Petrus Gulielmus Bartholome
 Episcopus Sti. Clodoaldi.

✠ ✠ ✠

Hoc testimonium rite excerptum esse ex libro nostro ordina-
 tionum testificor.

Gulielmus A. Renner
 Rector Seminarii Sti. Ioannis Baptistae.

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
STUDENT RECORD

Name COOK, Louis George Date of Birth July 14, 1924

Home address Plainview, Minn. Parish St. Joachim

Schools Attended	Year	Class	Reports		Expenses Paid
			Scholastic	Character	
St. John	56-57	Th. III	C+	S	300.00
St. John	56-57	Th. III	C	S	300.00
St. John	57-58	Th. III ^{IV}	C	S	350.00
St. John	57-58	Th. IV			350.00
			Total		1300.00

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January 23, 1958

Rev. Mr. Louis Cook
St. John's Seminary
Collegeville, Minnesota

Dear Louis,

I am pleased to call you for ordination to the Holy Priesthood for the Diocese of Winona.

The ceremonies of ordination will be conducted by me at the Church of St. John, Rochester, Minnesota, on Friday, May 30, 1958, at 11:00 a.m.

Tickets for reserved places for your immediate family will be available if you will notify the Chancellor of the number that you wish to distribute. We will also distribute ordination manuals at the church.

With prayers for your success in the priesthood,
I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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SCHOOL OF DIVINITY
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY
Collegeville, Minnesota

NAME Cook, Louis George
YEAR IN COURSE OF THEOLOGY IV
RECORD FOR SEMESTER ENDING Jan. 29, 1958

Subject	Grade
Ascetical Theology 41	C
Dogmatic Theology 31	C-
Moral Theology 41	C
Pastoral Theology 41	B+
Sacred Scripture 31	C
Sacred Liturgy 41	C
Homiletics 41	C-

[Handwritten Signature]
Dean

LC

March 13, 1958

Rev. Mr. Louis G. Cook
St. John's Seminary
Collegesville, Minnesota

Dear Louis,

I regret to inform you that the ordinations for the Holy Priesthood in the Diocese of Winona will be held at the Church of St. John, Rochester, on Ember Saturday, May 31, at 10:30 a.m. instead of on May 30. This change is made necessary because of my inability to secure an indult to have the ordinations on May 30. I have just received an indult from the Holy See granting permission to ordain on the last Saturday of May. I hope that this change has not caused too much inconvenience in your plans.

I also ask that you sign and return to the Chancery the enclosed note for repayment to the Diocese a part of the cost of your education so that others may be assisted in their preparation for the priesthood.

You will kindly report at St. Marys Hospital, Rochester, at 5:30 p.m. on May 30 where you will be given accommodations for that evening. There will be rehearsal at St. John's at 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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(The following shall be signed and returned to
the Chancery before ordination.)

Your Excellency:

I Louis G. Cook desire to be
ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Winona, where I
shall perform whatever priestly assignments that shall be
given to me by the Ordinary of the Diocese.

Since the Diocese of Winona has expended \$2,445.00
towards the cost of my education to the priesthood, I
shall repay the sum of \$600.00 to furnish funds for the
education of other candidates for the priesthood. It is
understood that an annual interest of 6% shall be paid
on any unpaid balance after September 1, 1963.


Date

3/22/55

Signed

Louis G. Cook

N. B. A discount of 15% will be allowed on the above if
paid in full before September 1.



Chancellor

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ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

Excellentia Vestra

Ego, infrascriptus, Ludovicus Georgius Cook, alumnus Seminarii S. Johannis Baptistae Collegeville, Minnesota, annum quantum curriculum theologicum frequentans, cum maturo deliberatione ac sincera fide me esse ad statum sacerdotalem vocatum existimem, ad ordinem accedere cupio atque hinc praesentibus ab Episcopo antistite meo, diocesis Winonensis Ordinario, admissionem ad ordinem majorem Presbyteratus humillime postulo.

Factor et declaro, me cuncta, quae ad naturam et obligationem status clericali, ac praesertim ad legem caelibatus sacris ordinibus adnexam, pertinent, plane perspecta habere; volo pariter et constituto omnia et singula ejusdem status onera suscipere, eaque etiam profero ac spondeo, ope divinae gratiae, integre constantique servare toto tempore vitae meae.

Rectifico, me propositum habere ascendendi ad omnes ordines, nec vero impotentibus aliorum precibus, suasionibus, oblationibus vel sollicitationibus pressum aut allectum, ad sacram militiam impelli; sed libera omnino ac spontanea voluntate semotis minis, metu, vi vel coactione, sacram ordinationem expetere.

Quibus precibus ut qua Episcopus meus proprio benigno annuere velit, reverenti atque obsequenti animo supplico.

Excellentiae Tuae Reverentiae
Devotus humillimus
Ludovicus Georgius Cook
Orator

Datum die 25 mensis Martii anni 1958

Petitionem praemissam mihi tempore loco, uti supra fuisse oblatam testor.

Guilielmus A. Kenner

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ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

March 25, 1958

Rev. Fr. Msgr. William A. Renner
Rector, St. John's Seminary
Collegeville, Minnesota

Rev. Fr. Msgr.

I hereby ask that you kindly submit to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald, D. D., Bishop of Winona, my request for promotion to the sacred order of the Priesthood.

I declare that in making this request, I do so entirely of my own volition and with complete freedom from compulsion of any kind.

Respectfully Yours,
Louis George Cook.

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PETRUS GULIELMUS

MISERATIONE DIVINA ET SANCTAE SEDIS GRATIA
SANCTI CLODOALDI EPISCOPUS

LITTERAE TESTIMONIALES

Praesentibus hisce litteris fidem facimus et testamur

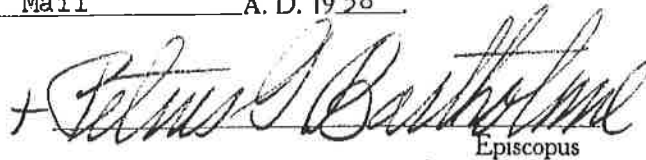
Dilectum Nobis in Christo


LUDOVICUM GEORGIUM COOK

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

Datum ex aedibus Cancellariae

Die 1a mensis Maii A. D. 1958


Episcopus


Cancellarius

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY
COLLEGEVILLE, MINNESOTA

May 2, 1958

I, the undersigned, Lauris George Cook, in presenting to the Bishop my petition for the reception of the Holy Priesthood, as the time for the sacred ordination is near at hand, having carefully considered the matter before God, do upon my oath testify in the first place that I am urged by no sort of compulsion, force, or fear in receiving the aforesaid sacred orders, but that I do spontaneously desire and of my own full and free will wish to receive the same, because I know and feel that I am truly called by God.

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This I promise, this I vow, this I swear, so help me God and these Sacred Gospels, which I touch with my hand.

Witnessed: Wm. A. Renner

Rector

Signed Lauris George Cook

FORMVLA IVRISIVRANDI

IN MOTV PROPRIO "SACRORVM ANTISTITVVM"*

A SVMMO PONTIFICE PIO X

PRAESCRIPTA

Ego.....Ludovicus Georgius Cook.....

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

Me etiam, qua par est reverentia, subiicio totoque animo adhaereo damnationibus, declarationibus, praescriptis omnibus, quae in Encyclicis litteris *Pascendi*† et in Decreto *Lamentabili*‡ continentur, praesertim circa eam quam historiam dogmatum vocant.-Idem reprobo errorem affirmantium, propositam ab Ecclesia fidem posse historiae repugnare, et catholica

* 1 Septembr. MCMX.

† VIII Septembr. MCMVII.

‡ III Iulii MCMVII.

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

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

Ludovicus Marius Cook

Imprimendum officio decessit per officium pastoris

St. Pauli in archidiacono Pauli

* IREN., 4, c. 26.

† Praescr., c. 28.

Guilielmus A. Renner
Delegatus Episcopi

Approved May 1, 1919

Die 2^a Mensis

Maii 1958.

† JOSEPH CHARTRAND

Bishop of Indianapolis.

PROFESSIO ORTHODOXAE FIDEI

IVXTA FORMAM

A SVMMIS PONTIFICIBVS PIO IV ET PIO IX

PRAESCRIPTAM

Ego *N.* firma fide credo et profiteor omnia et singula, quae continentur in symbolo Fidei, quo sancta Romana Ecclesia utitur, videlicet: Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilibus omnium et invisibilibus. Et in unum Dominum Iesum Christum, Filium Dei Unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum, ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et Homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis, sub Pontio Pilato: passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria iudicare vivos, et mortuos: cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum, et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur: qui loquutus est per prophetas. Et Unam, Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum Baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

Apostolicas et ecclesiasticas traditiones, reliquasque eiusdem Ecclesiae observationes et constitutiones firmissime admitto et amplector. Item sacram Scripturam iuxta eum sensum, quem tenuit et tenet sancta mater Ecclesia, cuius est iudicare de vero sensu et interpretatione sacrarum Scripturarum, admitto; nec eam unquam, nisi iuxta unanimum consensum Patrum accipiam, et interpretabor.

Profiteor quoque septem esse vere et proprie Sacramenta novae legis a Iesu Christo Domino nostro instituta, atque ad salutem humani generis, licet non omnia singulis, necessaria, scilicet, Baptismum, Confirmationem, Eucharistiam, Poenitentiam, Extremam Unctionem, Ordinem et Matrimonium; illaque gratiam conferre, et ex his Baptismum, Confirmationem, et Ordinem sine sacrilegio reiterari non posse. Receptos quoque et approbatos Ecclesiae Catholicae ritus in supradictorum omnium Sacramentorum solemnem administrationem recipio et admitto. Omnia et singula, quae de peccato originali et de iustificatione in Sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo definita et declarata fuerunt, amplector et recipio. Profiteor pariter in Missa offerri Deo verum, proprium, et propitiatorium Sacrificium pro vivis

et defunctis; atque in sanctissimo Eucharistiae Sacramento esse vere, realiter et substantialiter Corpus et Sanguinem una cum anima et divinitate Domini nostri Iesu Christi, fierique conversionem totius substantiae panis in Corpus, et totius substantiae vini in Sanguinem, quam conversionem Catholica Ecclesia Transubstantiationem appellat. Fateor etiam sub altera tantum specie totum atque integrum Christum, verumque Sacramentum sumi.—Constanter teneo Purgatorium esse, animasque ibi detentas fidelium suffragiis iuari. Similiter et Sanctos una cum Christo regnantes venerandos atque invocandos esse, eosque orationes Deo pro nobis offerre, atque eorum Reliquias esse venerandas. Firmiter assero imagines Christi ac Deiparae semper Virginis, nec non aliorum Sanctorum habendas et retinendas esse, atque eis debitum honorem ac venerationem impertendam.—Indulgentiarum etiam potestatem a Christo in Ecclesia relictam fuisse, illarumque usum Christiano populo maxime salutarem esse affirmo.—Sanctam, Catholicam et Apostolicam Romanam Ecclesiam, omnium Ecclesiarum matrem et magistram agnosco, Romanoque Pontifici beati Petri Apostolorum Principis successori ac Iesu Christi Vicario veram obedientiam spondeo ac iuro.

Caetera item omnia a sacris Canonibus et Oecumenicis Conciliis ac praecipue a Sacrosancta Tridentina Synodo et ab Oecumenico Concilio Vaticano tradita, definita ac declarata, praesertim de Romani Pontificis Primatu et infallibili magisterio, indubitanter recipio atque profiteor; simulque contraria omnia, atque haereses quascumque ab Ecclesia damnatas et reiectas et anathematizatas, ego pariter damno, reiicio et anathematizo. Hanc veram Catholicam fidem, extra quam nemo salvus esse potest, quam in praesenti sponte profiteor et veraciter teneo, eandem integram et inviolatam usque ad extremum vitae spiritum, constantissime, Deo adiuvante, retinere et confiteri, atque a meis subditis, seu illis, quorum cura ad me in munere meo spectabit, teneri et doceri et praedicari, quantum in me erit curaturum, ego idem *N.* spondeo, voveo ac iuro. Sic me Deus adiuvet, et haec sancta Dei Evangelia.

Ludovicus Steargius Cook.

Innocentium etc. contra meo amissionem factor,

Ex Iussu Sanctissimi P. M. Innocentii Pape

Guilielmus A. Renner

Delegatus Episcopali

2^a mensis *Maii* A.D. 1908.

Sancti Joachim
Ex Plainview, Minnesota
Die 5^o mensis May, anno 1958

Reverende Domine,

Per has litteras te monitum velim, me die 27 mensis April, anno 1958, instantem promotionem D. Ludovicum Georgium Cook ad sacrum Presbyteratus ordinem proclamasse, nec ullum, quod referrem, impedimentum mihi exinde innotuisse.

Cum sensibus peculiaris aestimationis permaneo

Reverende D. Seminarii Rectori,
Collegeville, Minnesota.

(L.S.)

Tibi devotissimus,

Rev. S.E. Mulaahy
Parochus

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SAINT JOHN'S SLAVE OF THE BLOOD OF SAINT CLOUD
Collegeville, Minnesota

The following documents from the file of Louis George Cook . . .
were sent to the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Minna
on May 7, 1958

Certificate of Baptism
Certificate of Confirmation
Certificate of Parents' Marriage

Petitions for Orders:

Tonsure
I and II Minor Orders
III and IV Minor Orders
Subdiaconate
Diaconate
Priesthood ✓

Oath of Liberty for:

Subdiaconate
Diaconate ✓
Priesthood ✓

Oath of Intended Retention of Domicile
Oath of Service to the Diocese

Investigation by the Pastor:

Testimonial of the Rector ✓

Notice of Publication of Banns ✓✓

Profession of Faith ✓

Oath against Modernism ✓

Certificate of Ordination:

Tonsure
I and II Minor Orders
III and IV Minor Orders
Subdiaconate ✓
Diaconate ✓

Testimonial Letters:

Diocese of Saint Cloud ✓

Vacation Report ✓

John A. Kinner

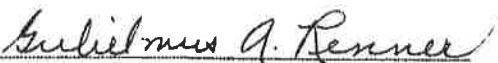
Rector

**Seminarium Sancti Ioannis Baptistae
Dioecesis Sancti Clodoaldi
Collegeville, Minnesota**

HAS LITTERAS VISURIS SALUTEM IN DOMINO!

Nos Gulielmus A. Renner Seminarii Sancti Ioannis Baptistae Dioecesis Sancti Clodoaldi Rector, tenore praesentium notum facimus et testamur, Dilectum Nobis in Christo D. Ludovicum Georgium Cook qui per quattuor annos in hoc Seminario studiorum theologicorum causa commoratus est, bonis moribus se imbutum praebuisse, studia omnia requisita peregrisse, exercitiis spiritualibus praescriptis vacasse, ceterisque iuris pro susceptione sacri Presbyteratus ordinis requisitis rite fecisse satis, proindeque nihil quod sciamus efficere, quominus praefatum D. Ludovicum Georgium Cook Amplitudini Vestrae pro collatione sacri Presbyteratus ordinis commendemus.

Die 10a mensis Maii anni 1958.


Rector Seminarii

EDUARDUS ALOYSIUS
DEI ET APOSTOLICAE SEDIS GRATIA
EPISCOPUS WINONENSIS

Universis et singulis, ad quos praesentes litterae pervenerint
notum facimus

Dilectum Nobis in Christo Domino, Rev.dum D., D.

LUDOVICUM GEORGIUM COOK

praeviis spiritualibus exercitiis, ac praevio examine de ejus
idoneitate ad normam Sacrorum Canonum, cum caeremoniis et solem-
nitatibus a Sancta Romana Ecclesia praescriptis, in Ecclesia
Sancti Joannis, Rochester de Minnesota, die 31a mensis maii,
anno 1958, ad presbyteratum, servatis rite servandis, a Nobis
in Domino promotum fuisse. In quorum fidem has litteras, a
Nobis et a Cancellario Nostro subscriptas, sigilloque munitas,
expediri jussimus.

Datum Winonae, e Cancellaria Winonensi, die 31a mensis
mai, anno 1958.

Episcopus Winonensis

Cancellarius

LC

May 31, 1958

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the Reverend Louis G. Cook, Plainview, Minnesota, is an ordained priest of the Diocese of Winona. He is authorized to assist at marriages according to the ecclesiastical canons of the Roman Catholic Church.

Bishop of Winona

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May 31, 1958

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Plainview, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

I am pleased to appoint you to be assistant to Father Snyder at St. Mary's Church in Winona effective at noon on June 9. You will kindly report there at that time, and I am sure that you will cooperate with him in the development of St. Mary's Parish.

I am enclosing a statement certifying to the civil authorities of the State that you are authorized to assist at marriages. You should take this document to any Clerk of Court in the State and register with him before you become eligible to assist at marriages in the State of Minnesota.

You are also reminded of Diocesan Statute No. 30 which requires that you have a Last Will and Testament prepared, and deposit it at the Chancery before September 1.

With kindest regards and best wishes for your success in the priesthood in the Diocese of Winona, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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Father Bank was
granted permission to
purchase an automobile
Chevrolet - '56 - 6 cylinders

Used —

6/17/58
J. C. A.

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Rev. Louis G. Cook

REPAYMENTS MADE TO DIOCESE

93891

Amount Due *600⁰⁰ - (510⁰⁰) Paid in full*

Date	Amount Paid	Date	Amount Paid	Date	Amount Paid
<i>7/19/58</i>	<i>510⁰⁰</i>				

June 5th 1975

Dear Billy Martin:

I am writing a letter to let you know what our family think of Father Ginter.

We joined Holy Trinity about 20 years ago. (Previous to that went 7 years to Sacred Heart at Oronotonna.) The reason we joined Holy Trinity was Father Ginter was the pastor there, we had attended mass occasionally at Holy Trinity (either here at Sacred Heart) as we live only 4 miles from Truss. Oronotonna is 10 miles but seemed so nice to go to the little country church & attend mass by Father Ginter, whom we admired very much as a Priest.

One day in Aug. Father Ginter came over & visited

... I would like to
 join Holy Trinity, we immediately
 agreed to join, & really love
 it there.

That was Aug. the following
 June or July Father got word he
 was being transferred. We
 felt terrible as I'm sure many
 other parishioners did also. At least
 I suppose some of the people
 were happy he was leaving
 as there's those few who
 complain & can make it
 bad for others.

We have 6 children 3 of
 whom are in high school,
 & never went to a Catholic
 school, 2 boys who go to St.
 Isidor's. One started in 5th
 grade the other in 1st

One Sunday Father Cook
 gave a sermon on what
 St. Isidor's had to offer as

3/ In Canada, school was closed
 very long and we had a
 grace. Then, because of the
 accident go to St. Basil's so
 that you'll be the 1st school &
 just love it. We have
 our youngest starting kinderg-
 garden. This year I will also
 be going to St. Basil's.

We think Sister Agnes
 Clair and Sister Lucia are
 really great. How sure Father
 had an important factor in
 letting kindergartens come in
 at St. Basil's, which I feel
 we are grateful for.

Father has done so many
 good things for our parish, I
 only wish people would realize
 this. After all it is their
 parish. When they have a
 good leader why don't they

keep him instead of trying
 to get rid of him. I think
 Father takes a lot. I suppose
 a priest realized he has to take
 some but nothing like
 Father Cook takes. Some
 people can really make it
 mean, we think Father
 is an excellent priest as
 well as person.

Our parish needs some
 one like Father with good
 leadership management. In
 the time he's been here
 the summer festival has
 more than double in size. He has new
 organizations started like
 men's club, (which I think
 is good) a summer B.B. & you
 a nice evening of good fun,
 & I think parishes need things
 like this to keep the people

here, the secretary of course Father
 Cook said the mass. We
 had mass at 8 P.M., Father was
 supposed to be back at the
 rectory before 9:30 as he had
 another appointment, he could
 of very easily told one of us
 no, but he took the time
 for both. This is something
 not all priests do, go into the
 homes and say a mass. This
 is something our children
 will long remember, and
 it has a special meaning
 behind it all.

I'm sure you know
 these are the things Father
 has done and more, I can't
 see how people can be
 so low as to say anything
 against a fine priest
 like Father Cook, imitated

I think it's hard for older
 people to accept the thought
 there are younger people in
 the parish who can carry
 things thru and do more
 things, we have to keep up
 with time. Things can't be
 done as it was in what
 we'd call the dark ages. And
 it's hard for some of them
 to see this. I think I know
 if we'd do things as it was
 done say 15-20²⁵ years ago, there
 wouldn't be no titmouse doors
 opened today because the
 younger people won't put
 up with it. Some of them
 old people are just old fashion &
 pick on any thing they can
 pick upon, oh yes, I'm sure
 that there are young ones who
 do the same but few of both
 and this makes it hard and
 hard for the rest.

putting the oldest
 people out here at Titovye, I
 think there good people but
 do need to change their ways.
 Some of them perhaps helped
 build that church but I
 feel how generation after generation
 goes, my husband's relations
 had something to do there also,
 I feel its an old church also.
 If it wouldn't be for a good
 Priest like Father Cook there,
 I don't think it'd be there
 anither for the simple reason
 the doors won't be opened.
 Not every priest can put up
 with the things Father does,
 I don't think Father has to
 nor should put up with it.

Yours Excellently, Father Cook
 has done so much in bringing
 us closer to the Catholic faith.
 My husband came from a very
 religious Catholic family, myself
 a average Catholic family. I
 always had a great belief

I'm all right, but
 thought, as usual, I don't care.
 This hurt me the way he
 felt, but couldn't say much
 if I would it ended up in
 a quarrel. Also if we ever had
 an argument did bring religion
 into it, why? I don't know?
 Apparently something was ^{missing}
 after Father Cook had been
 here something like 9-10 min
 had a completely new
 out look on our Catholic faith.
 We became closer to one another
 and also closer to God. I feel
 100 per cent we have no one
 but Father Cook to thank.
 Through his sermons and the
 way he can get things
 across with people working
 together as well as praying
 together plus many other
 ways.

I don't think
 of going to any other church

but Sunday because Father says
 it's something not there
 in other Catholic Church
 that's in our, just the
 way Father says the Mass
 and the Peace Sign
 to much meaning be-
 hind it, just seeing all the
 smiles on people's faces, makes
 one feel good.

at first wouldn't
 go to any of these social gatherings
 but after a ^{few} time after Father
 came he changed his
 outlook on that also, goes
 now & really enjoys it. So
 I really feel Father Cook has
 done a lot for us and our
 family. You know when
 you have a priest like
 this you feel like you
 belong and are wanted, to
 me this is very important
 to your Excellency, I

just - to let you
 know, even if there are
 some at Holy Trinity, Titomysl,
 who are against Father Cook,
 they are few. These few
 need to open their eyes and
 listen with an open ear
 as to what Father Sarpand
 does. I know many of us
 are grateful to have such
 a great priest and person as
 Father Cook at Holy Trinity
 of Titomysl.

Father Cook has done
 a lot for our parish, can't
 the people see this is
 our parish not his, he's
 here only helping us
 and wonderful help he
 has done and given each
 of us, if only they could

all see that way.
 My Father leaves he
 will be gratefully missed
 because no priest in
 the past has put so
 much into Holy Trinity as
 Father Cook has.

We as a family have
 and do really feel grateful
 to have Father Cook, because
 he has done so much
 with our family, religious
 and parish life.

I hope I pointed out
 just a few things your
 Excellency, as what Father
 has done for Holy Trinity
 and St. Vladimir's of Titonys.
 Sincerely

LC

June 1, 1962

**Reverend Louis G. Cook
St. Mary's Church
Winona, Minnesota**

Dear Father Cook,

I am herewith transferring you from the assistant-ship at St. Mary's Church in Winona to be assistant to Father McNallan at St. John Vianney Church in Fairmont effective at noon on June 19.

I wish to express my appreciation for your faithful and efficient service at St. Mary's Church during the past four years and I am sure that you will continue the zealous, effective priestly work in your new assignment.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Msgr. Snyder
Fr. McNallan

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Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary

Terrace Heights
WINONA, MINNESOTA

June 13, 1962

LC

Dear Bishop Fitzgerald:

I received your letter appointing me to Saint John Vianney Parish, in Fairmont. I wish to thank you for the very fruitful years in Winona and I wish also to thank you for making it possible for me to have been close to my mother these past four years.

Sincerely yours in Christ
Father Louis Hook.

LC

August 27, 1965

Reverend Louis G. Cook
St. John Vianney Church
Fairmont, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

Since I have granted permission for
to be absent for a rest, I would appreciate very
much if you will fulfill the duties of a regular ordinary
confessor for the Sisters at St. Joseph's Home during the
months of October and November.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

864 S. Hampton Str.

FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

August 31, 1965

Your Excellencies:

I received your letter asking me to be the regular ordinary Confessor for the sisters of St. Joseph's Home during the months of October and November.

I'm happy to receive your letter of confidence and assure you that I will carry out this task.

Sincerely Yours in Christ
Father Louis J. Cook.

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CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

EASTON, MINN. 56025

December 2, 1966

Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald
Bishop of Winona
Winona, Minnesota

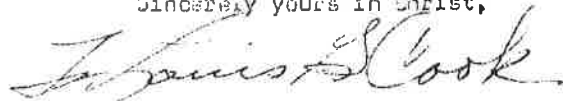
Dear Bishop:

I am happy to be able to accept the responsibilities of the two parishes, that is Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Pater Dolorosa. I realize that it means more work but, I can assure you I will do my very best in taking care of the spiritual and material needs of these two parishes. Work is what I need and I love it.

Thank you bishop for the check of \$699.40. I bought a C. D. at the Delavan bank and placed it in the Church improvement fund.

Thanking you for your confidence in me, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Louis G. Cook

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May 16, 1966

Reverend Louis G. Cook
St. John Vianney Church
Fairmont, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

I am pleased to appoint you to be administrator of Mater Dolorosa Church at Delavan, for which you will be allowed a monthly stipend of \$90.00 plus \$25.00 for travel expenses. You will reside at and also assist Father Scheuring at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Easton, effective as of June 8.

I also kindly ask you to accept the appointment as extraordinary confessor to the School Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Casimir Convent, Wells.

Wishing you many blessings as you begin this new assignment, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Father McNellan
Father Scheuring

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CHURCH OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

864 S. Hampton Str.

FAIRMONT, MINNESOTA

May 31, 1966

Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald
Bishop of Winona
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

I am very pleased and happy to accept the appointment to be Administrator of Mater Dolorosa Parish at Delavan and to assist at Mount Carmel in Easton.

I also accept the appointment as extraordinary confessor to the School Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Casimir's Convent at Wells.

I would like to assure you that I shall do my best in these new fields.

I would like to add that I have had many experiences while here at Fairmont. While looking over the record I find that in the past four years I have received thirty converts into the Church, had 153 baptisms, 40 funerals, and 32 weddings.

I shall do my best to carry the spirit of Christ into this new appointment.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Louis G. Cook

Father Louis G. Cook

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December 1, 1966

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Administrator, Mater Dolorosa Church
Delavan, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

We are pleased to enclose a check for \$699.40, interest on the parish note which we have on deposit for investment for Mater Dolorosa Parish. I trust that the parish continues to set aside funds for a future church or hall which I believe is quite important and necessary for the development of the parish.

Owing to the illness of some of my priests I am wondering whether you would be able to take care of the spiritual as well as material needs of Mount Carmel and Mater Dolorosa until I make arrangements for the assignment of a pastor at Mount Carmel, which will probably be in January. Kindly let me know if this would be possible for temporary care.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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December 3, 1966

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Easton, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

I thank you for your letter of December 2, but
I find that I am able to leave in charge
at Mount Carmel for the present.

I appreciate very much your willingness to take
charge and shall keep it in mind.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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April 26, 1967

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Easton, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

You will note in The Courier this week that I have named you as moderator of the Council of Catholic Men for the Blue Earth Deanery and that a program should be encouraged in each parish in the Deanery to promote vocations during the month of May.

I also recommend continued promotion of memberships in the Bishop's Lay Committee for Vocations in the parishes of the Deanery. Easton has always been an outstanding source of vocations as well as membership in this organization.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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July 12, 1969

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Easton, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

I am pleased to appoint you as chaplain to the faculty and students of the College of Saint Teresa, Winona, effective August 1, 1969.

I wish at this time to thank you for your wonderful priestly work exercised in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Easton, and Mater Dolorosa Parish, Delavan. I am sure that the people of these parishes have benefited much from your ministry. I am confident that you will give the People of God of the College of Saint Teresa the same attention which you have given to all who have lived under your care.

I am pleased that I have had the opportunity to discuss this appointment with you. I know that you will follow the guidelines for the celebration of Holy Mass and all liturgical functions in the College community.

In accord with our discussion, this appointment is given to you for a period of one year.

With kindest personal greetings and prayers, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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LC

June 1, 1970

Reverend Louis G. Cook
College of Saint Teresa
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

I am pleased to appoint you associate pastor of the Church of Queen of Angels, Austin, effective June 24. I am sure that you, working with Monsignor Cunningham, will be able to do much to lead the People of God of your parish closer to the Kingdom of Heaven.

I wish at this time to thank you for your wonderful priestly work exercised in all your pastoral assignments. I am sure that you will give the People of God of the Parish of Queen of Angels the same attention which you have given to all who have lived under your care.

With kindest personal greetings and prayers, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

cc: Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. A. Cunningham
Sister M. Joyce Rowland

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August 24, 1970

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Queen of Angels Church
Austin, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

I am pleased to appoint you as administrator pro-tem of Queen of Angels Parish, Austin, effective as of this date. I commit to you the full care of souls of that parish with all faculties, duties, rights and privileges according to the Code of Canon Law and our diocesan statutes.

I wish at this time, Father Cook, to thank you for your zealous priestly dedication to all assignments which you have received in the Diocese. I am sure that you and the priests of Queen of Angels will give the People of God of that parish kindly pastoral care at this very important time.

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

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
275 HARRIET STREET
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55987

Office of the
Bishop

September 28, 1970

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Queen of Angels Church
Austin, Minnesota

Dear Father Cook,

I am pleased to appoint you to the pastorate of Holy Trinity Parish, Litomysl. I commit to you the full care of souls in this parish with all faculties, duties, rights and privileges according to the Code of Canon Law and our diocesan statutes.

I would appreciate it much if you would make arrangements with Monsignor Henry F. Speck, Dean, to formally install you as pastor. The ceremony of installation described in our diocesan statutes should take place as soon as possible after you arrive in your new parish. I shall enclose the documents for your Profession of Faith and Oath against Modernism which should be taken before or during your installation as pastor. I shall also enclose the document showing your official possession of the parish. After your installation, please send these documents to our Chancery at your earliest convenience.

I commend you, Father Cook, for your zealous care of souls in all your assignments. I know that they have advanced closer to the Kingdom of God under your care. I hope and pray that your ministry will be effective in drawing the people of Holy Trinity Parish closer to God.

In a special way I commend to your pastoral care St. Isidore School which through the years has given quality education to the children of the Litomysl area. Special efforts will have to be made in the future to keep this school strong so that it might continue its important role in the parish and community. I know that you will make every effort to lead the people of your parish in continuing interest and dedication to the work of Catholic Education.

With kindest greetings and prayers, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ James J. Watters

Bishop of Winona

Kindly fill out the enclosed financial reports for Queen of Angels Parish; keep one copy in the parish file and send the other copy to the Chancery.

cc: Msgr. Henry F. Speck

Your appointment will be effective October 15, 1970.

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CHURCH OF QUEEN OF ANGELS
of Austin, Minnesota
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October 5, 1970

Most Reverend Loras J. Watters D.D.
Bishop of Winona
275 Harriet Str.
Winona, Minnesota

Dear Bishop Watters:

I accept the appointment as pastor of Holy Trinity parish in Litomysl. I know this shall be a new experience for me as regarding living in the country.

I'm very pleased with my past assignments, especially those which involved parish life. I'm especially pleased that I have always been able to leave a place on a high note.

I take personal satisfaction in knowing that I not only could run a large city parish, but that I did. I also know that I could live in a peaceful manner with other men of the house and offer direction in a pleasing way. All this has given me a very deep personal satisfaction, and so I'm very thankful for the four months at Queen of Angels parish in Austin.

Though other priests outside of Austin may not have recognized the above, it matters little. What does matter is that the people at Queens saw it and were pleased. I know I turned the people on at Queens and I know I can do the same at Litomysl. I know too I can, in a very short time, have the happiest parish in the Diocese of Winona.

You can be assured that you won't have to make a trip or trips out to settle any quarrels. You can also be assured that my work will be to lead the people of Litomysl closer to the kingdom of heaven.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Louis G. Cook
Father Louis G. Cook

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Decree of Possession

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

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

The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters being Ordinary of the Diocese of Winona,

I, Henry F. Speck, Dean of this district and delegate

of the Most Reverend Ordinary, give to the

Reverend Louis G. Cook

the possession of the

Parish of Holy Trinity, Litomysl, Minnesota
NAME OF CHURCH NAME OF CITY

to which he has been canonically appointed October 15, 1970
DATE

Dr. Rev. Henry F. Speck
Dean—Delegate

Richard E. Rogerson
Witness

Ludwig Wendel
Witness

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

Profession of Faith and Oath Against Modernism

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I therefore promise, swear and vow.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Seal)

Father Louis G. Cook

Attest:

Fr. Rev. Henry F. Spick
Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi)

Date *October 18, 1970*

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June 9, 1975

Dear

As Bishop Watters is away from the Chancery on pastoral work, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 5 regarding the pastoral work of Father Louis Cook. Be assured that I shall bring your letter to the attention of the Bishop when he returns; I know that he will be very pleased to see the gratitude that you and your family have for Father's ministry.

Personal best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Emmett F. Tighe
Chancellor

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June 11, 1975 C

Dear Rev. Bishop Walters,

My Husband and I want to let you know how we feel for Fr Cook. We have both worked with him in the 4 1/2 yrs. that he has been with us.

Sorry, that you, in such a position can believe anonymous letters, and send him such a letter without coming out to Titonopol and finding out for yourself, what is really going on.

Fr Cook has a beautiful Titonopol. I have gone to a lot of his weekday Masses, always both of us on Wednesday evening Mass, and not once did we see him drunk at Mass.

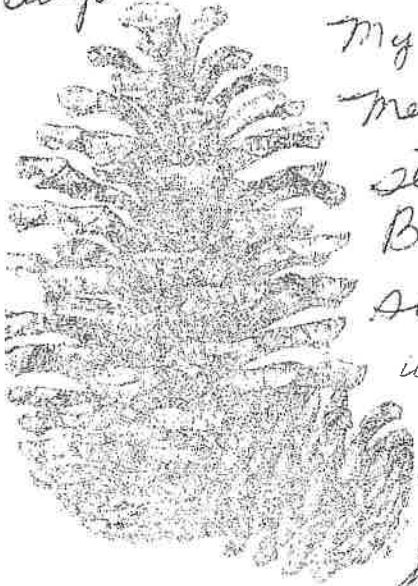
He has brought our Parish a beautiful Thanksgiving Ceremony, The Penance Service, He offers his Thursday nights for people of the Parish to have Mass in the home, which we have had the privilege of having in our own home on two occasions. He works in our school and for our school.

He prepares the children for Confirmation in a beautiful way. He prepares them for the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He has Penance even once a month for each grade at a time. In all his religious duties he also like things looking nice the lawn he spends time mowing he plants flowers and a garden.

Bishop writes "You the Father over your flock," I am surprised can take anonymous letters, so serious and not come personally and visit your priest, to see if they have a problem and the person writing the anonymous letter is maybe the one who hired the priest.

I was President of the Ladies Society and we redecorated the house. I was there from Jan to April every day. and Father was always around and ready to assist us.

My Husband was Sec. to the Mens Club, which Fr. Cook started in our Parish. Praise Be to God, He gave us women some relief. My Husband was President of the mens Club and has worked with Father Cook on many occasions. He has never come to his home and found him drunk.



Now he is a Trustee and can not see
any reason to believe what Father has been
accused of. Father did show him the letter
he received from you.

I would think you Bishop would
be one to talk with and understand your
fellow priests.

We know Fr. Cook tried very hard to
help with his vocations, almost
to the point of hurting his own health.

We are happy to say with our Prayers and
many others, and understanding him we helped
him.

Maybe some inspiring words and
understanding from his Bishop would have
helped.

We have 4 sons, we pray and
would be most happy if one of
them would choose the Priest-
hood as their way of life.

But if we can't save the
ones we have, something
must be wrong. How about
it Bishop

In closing this letter I must
say we are not ashamed to
sign our names. Only happy to
work with Fr. Cook. *Sincerely Pa. Dad Parishane*

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June 12, 1975

Dear Bishop Watters

A couple of Sundays ago Father Cook told the people of our parish that you have received letters from people of the parish telling about his drinking problem.

I came to Titomysl shortly before Father did and have seen him almost every day in school. We do live across the parking lot and certainly would have to be blind not to see something of such a nature.

In the five years I have known Father Cook, worked with him in school and

sacristan. I have never seen him less than conscientious in his duties of dispensing sacraments, instruction of converts and high school students and choice of helpers in the high school instruction; the growth in Christian living and secular studies of the children in our school. He has helped people in mental anguish, in time of death; our old people love him dearly as he takes time to talk and play cards with them.

Father Cook is ordinarily cheerful and witty. Several people have remarked about and worried about his

depression of this last winter. Not one who worried to me even suggested liquor as the problem. Blood pressure has been part of the cause but Father asked us not to speak of his health. His concern for [redacted] was known simply because the entire parish prayed for him at every Mass they attended since Thanksgiving. I doubt anyone realized the close priestly ties.

As I told Father Cook after his announcement, I wish the Bishop had checked with the Sisters before he talked to Father Cook about this problem

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That + Oh. was another nail
in Father Cook's crucifixion.
I wish he would not have
had to hear it.

Sincerely,

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June 12, 1975

Bishop Loras J. Hatters

Dear Bishop

May the Holy Spirit guide me as I write and be with you as you read.

First let me identify myself; I believe anonymity is cowardly when someone's reputation is at stake, namely Father Cook's. I'm a School Sister of Notre Dame, who happens to be a teacher and principal of St. Isidore School, Litomysl. I am an admirer of your leadership in education since the early and middle '60's in Dubuque when I taught at St. Donatus. I still ponder words of wisdom, advice and encouragement you offered at meetings. I always considered you a just man, that is why

I am writing - after almost two weeks of prayer and struggle.

In his³ sermons the weekend of June 1, Father Cook stated that people of the parish had accused him of being "drunk at the altar".

My first questions: Will the accusers be identified? Could they possibly be attending Mass daily so as to verify their accusations?

Perhaps the best people to ask would be us Sisters who attend almost every Mass Father Cook celebrates, except in summer.

I'll speak for myself: I have never attended a Mass where Father Cook was unable to celebrate in proper liturgical form.

Parishioners were not aware of Father Cook's concern for his fellow priests. They did not know it took two to three months for high blood pressure medication to be stabilized and

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that in the interim Father Cook was subject to depression, a condition common among sufferers of blood pressure at times of medication changes.

Bishop, I feel you have heard accusations - unbased - now I think you should hear commendations - unsolicited. I have been in Holy Trinity parish four years. In that time participation in liturgical services has grown tremendously. I won't enumerate, unless requested, but one practice - begun this year - is giving petitions from members of the Congregation at each Mass, spontaneously, no prompting. Communal Penance Services are well attended. Father Cook has kept alive and enhanced functions dear to the hearts of the people, Forty Hours Devotion,

Corpus Christi processions,
May Crowning, the Rosary before
Sunday morning Masses and others.

Let me speak from a professional
point of view. Even the youngsters
in school will verify Father Cook's
faithfulness in teaching religion
three days a week, every week
of the school year. He taught
in the upper grades 5-8 from
9:30 - 10:45 ^{three days a week} and in each of
the lower grade rooms once a
week. His absences on some
Mondays involved Personnel
Board Meetings. The faculty
will vouch for the fact that
Father Cook often joined us
at noon lunches in the cafeteria
for a cup of coffee in the office at
afternoon recess or after school.
We who observed Father Cook that
often certainly should be able
to observe his conduct more

closely than someone sitting half-way down the Church - I presume they didn't confront Father Cook personally.

Certainly one of Father Cook's greatest achievements - and supporters - are the 14 converts he has instructed - and as a teacher, I know he's not a "soft" instructor. I marvel at how Father Cook taught and dealt with those children preparing for First Communion and First Penance reception - daily for three weeks every spring.

Father Cook's active interest in all the parish and school organizations certainly are to his credit.

Many Monday and Wednesday meetings were preceded by a convert instruction. Father Cook's days and evenings were filled with his parish duties. He works in his flower and

vegetable gardens. He spends hours every week mowing the lawns at the cemetery and the Church and school grounds - our yard is the end of many passers.

Bishop, I better stop. Perhaps your best source of positive information is Father Cook himself, he has a tape recording of his testimony.

It is rumored - and I take it that way - that "concerned" people of Holy Trinity parish have written to the Bishops of the past complaining about Fathers, Gengler, Gunther, Joffel - and even the saintly Father Paukert. This is a tradition I hope Father Cook's confrontation has broken.

The people of Litomyšl are genuinely generous, sincere, faith-oriented Christians. I love my work and the privilege of living among them, and don't like to see this in even a minority,

but ... led my peace.
Thank you, Bishop, for your
patience; I felt you had to
know some of the contributions
Father Cook has made to Holy
Trinity parish.

We are in our fifth day of
retreat here at the Mankato
motherhouse. Everyday we pray
for you, Bishop, and the needs
of the Diocese. Father Nelson
is an excellent retreat master
and a priestly priest who
knows what his calling is
and demands; he is a blessing.

May God continue to bless
you and your work in the
Winona diocese.

Very sincerely in Notre Dame,

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June 13, 1975

Dear

As Bishop Watters is away from the Chancery on pastoral work, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 11 regarding the pastoral work of Father Louis Cook. Be assured that I shall bring your letter to the attention of the Bishop when he returns; I know that he will be very pleased to see that you and the members of your family appreciate Father's ministry in your midst.

Personal best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Emmett F. Tighe
Chancellor

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July 8, 1975

Dear Bishop Watters,

A few weeks ago Father Cook had a sermon telling us about some letters you received. Isn't it a shame that so many times we judge according to what some people may say! I think if I would have been in your place I would have come out and took notice of what Father does. If he did what the letters said, I'm afraid we wouldn't accomplish much! He has put a new spark around here. He has not taken anything away - yet added to the list of things that we do.

How many parishes today have Mass Crowns? Corpus Christi? Rosary before

Mass? 40 Hours? Besides these
 Father has added Mass in homes -
 a beautiful Thanksgiving ceremony,
 and a special Mass outdoors
 in the summer.

Needless to say I think some
 people just have to pick out the
 faults of a person, - sometimes I
 think if the Good Lord was right
 here, they would find something
 wrong with him. Don't you agree?

I do think the Priests of today's
 world need much support from
 the head of the diocese. How many
 times have you stopped out at
 Father's house and just said Hello
 and how are things going? I know
 there are times when you have
 been in the vicinity. I myself
 think it's a shame. We as lay
 people do a lot of praying for
 vocations, but they need your

Father also gives a good deal of support and listens to troubles of many young priests!

All in all I just can't believe that people would be so mean as to say things as they did and that you would believe letters that didn't even have names on them. They always say those kind aren't true! I guess as the people would pick up the stones to throw at the woman who sinned is still true - but now they just use words to hurt someone's reputation.

Please pray for Father that he may continue his work and we hope he can stay with us for a long time. He's done many good things here.

I'm not ashamed to sign my name as some are! Sincerely,

July 10, 1975

Dear Mr. and Mrs.

As Bishop Watters is away from the Chancery on pastoral work, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 8 addressed to him. Be assured that I shall bring your letter to the Bishop's attention as soon as he returns. I know that he will be very pleased to hear of your great appreciation for the pastoral work of Father Cook, and I know that you will continue to cooperate with your pastor in all works of religion, education and charity in your parish.

Personal best wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Emmett F. Tighe
Chancellor

June 8, 1976

Reverend Louis G. Cook
 Holy Trinity Church
 RFD 2
 Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

Dear Father Cook:

In accord with our recent conversation, I am pleased to appoint you as pastor of Crucifixion Parish, LaCrescent, effective July 22, 1976. I commit to you the full care of souls of this parish with all faculties, duties, rights and privileges according to the Code of Canon Law and our diocesan statutes. Enclosed is the form of resignation of your parish and acceptance of the new assignment. I ask that you sign this and return it to the Chancery as soon as possible. The announcement of your pastoral change should be made to your people on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, as it will appear in the official column of the Courier on June 25.

I wish at this time to commend you for your wonderful priestly work exercised in all pastoral offices to which you have been assigned. I am sure that you will give the people of God of your new parish the same attention which you have given to all who have lived under your care.

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 I delegate the Reverend Monsignor Roy E. Literski, Vicar of Region II, to install you in your new pastoral assignment. Your installation as pastor should be arranged for as soon as is convenient for you and Monsignor Literski. This ceremony should be a public event to which the members of the parish are invited. It is an important sign showing that pastoral authority is entrusted to you. I shall enclose the Decree of Possession and the Profession of Faith and Oath Against Modernism which you should take at the time of your installation. Please send these documents to the Chancery immediately after the ceremony of installation.

As both of us know, the Second Vatican Council and the implementation of its directives by the Sacred Congregations, especially for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the Discipline of the Sacraments, for Divine Worship and for Catholic Education continue to touch and influence the faith life of the people in every parish. In asking you to share with me the serious responsibility of providing pastoral care to all the people living within the boundaries of Crucifixion Parish, including those who, for whatever reason, have grown careless in the practice of their faith, I wish to stress the importance of celebrating the Eucharistic Liturgy and the Sacraments according to the revised rites. The various options which our official liturgical books provide can be used to nourish the faith and devotion of our people if they are prepared for their use by careful explanations.

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Rev. Louis G. Cook

6/8/76

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In order that the people play their proper roles in the life and worship of the Church, each parish must have an elected parish council with working committees (e.g., Liturgical, Education, Temporal Affairs, Community Life, and Vocations). Each parish is expected to cooperate in all works of the Diocese and the Region in which it is located.

I am confident that the people of Crucifixion Parish, under your leadership, will join with their brothers and sisters in the Faith in giving witness to the risen Christ.

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

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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cc - Rev. Msgr. Roy E. Literski

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Decree of Possession

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

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

The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters being Ordinary of the Diocese of Winona,
I, Roy E. Letiche, Dean of this district and delegate
of the Most Reverend Ordinary, give to the

Reverend LOUIS G. COOK

the possession of the

Parish of The Crucifixion, La Crescent, Minn.
NAME OF CHURCH NAME OF CITY

to which he has been canonically appointed July 22, 1976
DATE

Roy E. Letiche
Dean—Delegate

Mrs. Marjorie E. ...
Witness

Rev. Joseph Kay w.f.
Witness

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

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His Excellency
The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters, D. D.
Bishop of Winona
Winona, Minnesota

Your Excellency:

I herewith resign my pastorate at Holy Trinity
PARISH, Litomysl, Minn. to be
effective July 22, 1976 and accept the pastorate
of Crucifixion Parish, La Crescent, Minn.
I will report at my new assignment on July 22, 1976.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Father Louis G Cook

Date 7-22-1976

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Profession of Faith and Oath Against Modernism

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I therefore promise, swear and vow.

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

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

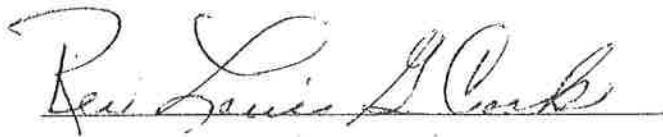
I further, with all due reverence, submit and with my whole mind adhere to all the condemnations, declarations, and ordinances contained in the Encyclical letter *Pascendi* and in the Decree *Lamentabili*, particularly regarding what is called the history of Dogma.

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


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

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

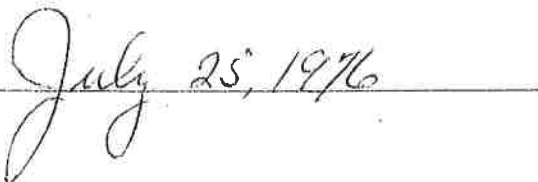
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Attest:


Episcopus (vel Delegatus Episcopi)

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Jan. 16, 1978

The Reverend Louis G. Cook
Guest House
1840 Scripps Road, P.O. Box 68
Lake Orion, Michigan

Dear Father Cook,

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with both of us as we try to live out the mystery of our sharing in His priesthood.

You were in my thoughts and prayers very frequently during the eight-day retreat I was privileged to make with the other bishops of the Province of St. Paul and Minneapolis; since returning to the Pastoral Center last Thursday afternoon I've been trying to catch up on the mail. Even though the pile is still higher than I like, I do want to take a minute to write to you and ask how you are getting along.

As you know from our conversation, I appreciate your obedience in this and in many other situations in which I asked your help. At the same time, however, I must add that I am deeply concerned that in spite of everything I or Father Gavin said you continued to insist that in no way is there any possibility of dependency in your case. Obviously, as long as this is your response, your stay at Guest House will be of no avail.

I know from experience with other treatment programs such as those at St. Mary's, Minneapolis, and in Albert Lea that direct confrontation by people who have first-hand experience with the dependent person's drinking patterns is a most important step in recovery of good health. Such a confrontation can be very painful, but sometimes it is necessary to present the cold truth with hard love. As you perhaps already know, Father Cook, some of your brother priests are willing to come to Guest House and make an effort in this way to help you.

At present it seems that I can arrange to spend the afternoon and early evening of Thursday, Jan. 26th, with you and Mr. Thompson at Guest House. I hope that the details can be worked out as I am most anxious to review the past weeks with you.

The third of our six priests' retreats began this morning at IHM. Father Murphy, a Jesuit from Milwaukee, is the retreat master and all of us were pleased with his emphasis on Ignatian spirituality in his opening conference. I am looking forward to celebrating the Eucharist with my brother priests tomorrow and Thursday

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mornings. Without the strength that comes to us through the Mass and our recitation of the Liturgy of the Hours we could accomplish little or nothing in the building up of the Church in the diocese. Be assured that I prize that unity which is ours at the Altar of Sacrifice and during the prayer of the Church even though we are separated by many miles.

Reports on _____ are encouraging; apparently, he is regaining his strength after his serious of treatments in Rochester. May God continue to bless him and grant him quick and full recovery. The people of Avoca, Iona and Fulda are very conscious of just how important priests are to the life of a parish; however, I do believe that the members of St. Rose of Lima, Avoca, would have been much better off had they joined either Slayton or Fulda several years ago. At the same time I can sympathize with the parishioners, especially the good people who have been members of St. Rose all their lives; changes can be very difficult for them.

Father Lovas called at the Pastoral Center last Thursday afternoon on his way to La Crescent; it will be difficult for him to get acquainted with all the dimensions of the pastoral work you did there but he will give it his best efforts. He will receive, I trust, the same cooperation of the people of Crucifixion as you did; all of us share priestly concern for their pastoral needs.

Now that Cotter defeated Lake City (43-37 before 4,500 at Winona State Saturday evening) and Dallas won in the Superbowl, life can return to normal in Winona.

If there is any thing I can do to help, please let me know. I assure you that I know something of how difficult these days can be and that I look forward with your many friends to your return in much improved health.

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

Faternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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School Sisters of Notre Dame

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April 1, 1978

Most Rev. Loras J. Watters
Bishop of Winona
55 West Sanborn
Winona, MN 55987

Dear Bishop Watters,

May our hunger for wisdom and strength in the Lord bring all our efforts closer and closer to His Will.

Under separate cover you will be receiving from the SSND LaCrescent Catholic School staff their resignation from the school, hopefully effective only after the completion of this school term.

It is with a spirit of sadness, yet peace, that I gave permission for this action. Those of the Provincial Team who were home on Easter Saturday met with the LaCrescent religious community for two hours. It is our belief that the members of the SSND LaCrescent community are not able at this time to live under the pressure of the circumstances that exist there. Hence, they are not able to serve effectively.

While I make no judgment on the persons involved in the totality of the circumstances, I can't help but feel the situation is a concentrated microcosm of our common Church Gethsemane moment in the United States. I believe it is our task to support each person involved to face his (her) unique cross with Christian courage, faith and trust in love.

Please know that I desire to keep all channels of communication open.

May Christ's peace be in it all!

Sincerely,

Sister M. Eunice Silkey
Provincial Coordinator, SSND

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April 1, 1978

Fr. Donald J. Lovas and
Members of the School Board
Crucifixion Parish
415 S. 2nd Street
LaCrescent, MN 55947

Dear Father and Members of the Board:

After much prayer, consultation, and loving concern for the people of Crucifixion Parish, we , and ; , with the permission of our Provincial Team, resign from our positions in this Parish.

Because of the false accusations against us as women religious, we believe that our personal and professional integrity has been so seriously damaged that we can no longer exercise an effective ministry here. These false accusations have put undue pressures on us emotionally, spiritually, and mentally; hence, we can no longer function well in service to the Church in LaCrescent.

As of now, we plan to continue to serve in this Parish until the end of the present school term.

Sincerely,

cc: Most Rev. Loras J. Watters, Bishop of Winona
Sister Joseph Marie Kasel, SSND, Office of Education
Provincial Team, SSND

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April 3, 1976

The Reverend Louis G. Cook
Guest House
PO Box 66
Lake Orion, Michigan

Dear Father Cook,

Joyous Paschalite greetings; may these beautiful days of this Easter season be filled with rich graces for all of us and the people we are trying to serve in the name of the Risen Lord.

Thank you for your good letter. I, too, appreciated the frank and friendly visit we had while you were home. I rejoice with you that you see the interior at Guest House as the beginning of a new life, free from dependency and open to growth in priestly prayer and pastoral ministry. As we both know, nothing could be more in keeping with our participation in the Paschal mystery; God is good and His Love is everlasting.

I appreciate the gracious invitation Mrs. Holladay has extended in the name of everyone at Guest House to attend your Opa and Grandma on this Friday, April 7; I would like very much to come, but I am very sorry to have to tell you that is really impossible. As you perhaps already know from the Confirmation Schedule, Sacred Heart, Waseca is having Confirmation that same evening and there is just no way that I can be at Guest House at noon and in Waseca by 7:00 in the evening. Be assured that I will join you in thanking God for what He has accomplished in your life through Guest House and its dedicated staff.

I note that you are planning on a vacation to visit your sister and family before returning to Crucifixion Parish on or about April 24th. As you will recall, I indicated that I would support you in the decision about returning to La Crescent and at the same time said that you might well be faced with some rather difficult problems after you returned.

One such problem has already surfaced; this morning I received a letter from _____ in which she enclosed a copy of the letter of resignation of the three _____. Naturally, I am deeply concerned and I hastened to share this confidential information with you. I believe that it is serious enough that we must visit about it as soon as possible. I will be available on this Saturday, April 6th, either in Rochester or even here in Winona from 10:00 a.m. until about 3:00 or 4:00 (depending whether we meet in Rochester or here) when I will have to leave for Confirmation in Litomyse. Please let me know your preference in this important matter.

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There is much more I would like to include in this letter; however, time is in short supply, again because of the Confirmation Schedule. In fact, I am so rushed that I am forced to ask Mrs. Holladay to accept a copy of this letter to you as my reply to her kind communication. I will look for the first opportunity to write to her.

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

Fraternallly in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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July 12, 1978

Rev. Louis G. Cook
Church of the Crucifixion
407 S. 2nd Street
La Crescent, MN 55947

Dear Father Cook:

Bishop Watters and Father Brom have confirmed the appointment of Henry Abnet and Herman Wedl as trustees for Crucifixion Parish from July 1, 1978 until January 1, 1980. The Bishop's vote along with your vote and that of the Vicar General constitutes the election of these two men to the office of trustee as is stipulated in the Articles of Incorporation.

As I understand, you consulted with the parish council for the nomination of Mr. Abnet and Mr. Wedl. This is in keeping with the directive in the document The Church in the Diocese of Winona: "to better promote the principle of subsidiarity and shared responsibility, those persons who are to serve as lay trustees should be nominated for that office either by parish election or by vote of the parish council." #49. Though the election by the Bishop, Vicar General, and Pastor is necessary and sufficient for the legality of the matter, consultation is important in order that the last part of that section in The Church in the Diocese of Winona be carried out: "the parish council and the directors of the parish corporation should consult and cooperate with each other in all matters of significant parish interest, including those vested in the board of directors by the articles of incorporation and the bylaws."

I note that Crucifixion Parish has had the practice of one trustee being elected by the parish council each year. (The last correspondence regarding this in our files is of June, 1976 when Mrs. Arnold Shea was elected to join Henry Abnet as the two trustees of the parish.) The timing involved in this arrangement is certainly possible, though for the sake of organization we suggest that the parishes of the diocese have the term of office run from January 1st to January 1st of even numbered years, as the enclosed memo indicates. More important than the timing is a clear understanding regarding the interaction of the parish/parish council and the pastor regarding the nomination of the trustees as it is outlined in the section from The Church in the Diocese of Winona noted above.

Hoping all is well with you and Crucifixion Parish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Donald P. Schmitz
Chancellor

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The Church of The Crucifixion
 407 SOUTH SECOND STREET
 LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA 55947

Sunday June 3 1979

Dear Bishop Watters:

On this the feast of Pentecost
 I feel it most appropriate to
 say thanks to you for coming to
 Crucifixion to give the sacrament
 of confirmation to the 48 youth and
 the 9 convents. I wish especially
 to thank you for the kind words as
 mass, and the enjoyable time
 before, during and after supper.

Please accept the enclosed
 gift as a sign of our appreciation

In the Spirit of
 Pentecost May
 God Bless you always.
 Father Louis A. Cook

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
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Office of the
Bishop

PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

June 5, 1979

The Reverend Louis G. Cook, Pastor
407 Second Street South
The Church of the Crucifixion
La Crescent, MN

Dear Father Cook,

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and the many, many people you are serving in your priestly ministry.

Thank you for your kind letter and the generous check enclosed. I am pleased to know that you share my happy memories of the lovely Confirmation Liturgy as well as of our pleasant visits before and after the Mass of Confirmation.

Now that school is over and both of us have a little more time, I would like very much to review this past year at Crucifixion with you as well as to receive your personal evaluation of the present and future pastoral needs of the good people entrusted to our pastoral care. Perhaps we could find a bit of time during the Workshop later this month; or, if you prefer, you could stop here at the Diocesan Pastoral Center whenever you are in Winona. There is no hurry.

The joy of the impressive ordinations of yesterday brightens even this beautiful spring morning which is flooded with sunshine. God has indeed blessed this diocese with holy and unselfish priests who cherish our unity in the Lord Jesus.

As you will note, I am asking you to consider the check which I am enclosing as a personal gift to Crucifixion Parish and especially to the School. I know how hard you and your people have worked to shoulder the heavy financial burden which is necessarily connected with operating a quality Catholic School. I am delighted that your generosity makes it possible for me to express my appreciation of the splendid work you, the principal, and the faculty have done during this year. May God continue to bless your efforts with every success.

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your priestly dedication, and a request for your prayers, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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Office of the
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June 9, 1982

The Reverend Louis G. Cook, Pastor
The Church of the Crucifixion
La Crescent, MN

Dear Father Cook,

"Let us serve the Lord in holiness all the days of our life!" This Antiphon from morning prayer for today is my fraternal greeting to you as I begin this letter which you have been awaiting since our pleasant visit of over a week ago.

May I begin by joining you in praising and thanking God for what He has accomplished through you for the faith growth of the members of Crucifixion Parish since I appointed you their Pastor in July of 1976? You know that the many people whose lives you have touched and enriched join me in thanking you for your generous response to their many and varied pastoral needs.

With this letter, then, I am happy to put in writing what we have already agreed to and appoint you Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Rollingstone, and of Immaculate Conception Parish, Oak Ridge, effective July 9, 1982. You and the other priests who are receiving new appointments at this time are asked not to make them public until the weekend of June 19-20. Since I know you agree that the people should receive this important information first hand from their Pastor, I hasten to thank you for your cooperation. You may also tell the people that Father Donald Grubisch is coming to continue your pastoral care for them.

As you already know, the members of both Holy Trinity and Immaculate Conception are most cooperative; they are anxious to play their proper roles in the celebrations of Eucharistic Liturgies, in the educational and service ministries of the Church, and as members of the Parish Council and other related consultative bodies authorized by Vatican II.

I am most grateful to you for your willingness to accept this portion of our shared responsibility to respond as best we can to the pastoral needs of all the people of this local or particular Church, the diocese of Winona which we all love so much. Our recent workshop on the revised Code of Canon Law emphasized once again how important our presbytery is and how much we need to pray, encourage, and support one another as brother priests and friends in Christ Jesus. I am pleased that we were able to work out this new appointment in the spirit of our mutual love for Christ and for His pilgrim people whom we wish to bring to more perfect ecclesial communion with Him and with one another.

Father Schmitz will send you the usual documents; please fill these out and return them to him as soon as possible. I understand, of course, that you will want to wait until the end of the month before filling out the financial report.

I will be happy to install you at the 5:30 Saturday evening Mass on July 10 in HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, Rollingstone. I won't be able to say to eat with you as I'll be going on the Rushford to install Msgr. Klein at 8:00 o'clock.

With kindest personal greetings, renewed gratitude for your priestly dedication, and a request from your prayers, I remain,

cc: Father Grubisch

Fraternally in Christ,

Bishop of Winona

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His Excellency
The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters, D.D.
Bishop of Winona
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Your Excellency;

I herewith resign my pastorate at Crucifixion Parish
LaCrescent, MN to be
effective July 9, 1982 and accept the pastorate of
Holy Trinity - Rollingstone, MN & Immaculate Conception - Oak Ridge.
I will report at my new assignment on July 9, 1982.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Father Louis H. Cook

Date July 2 1982

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Decree of Possession

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II,

The Most Reverend Loras J. Watters being Ordinary of the Diocese of Winona,

I, _____, Dean of this district and delegate

of the Most Reverend Ordinary, give to the

Reverend LOUIS G. COOK

the possession of the

Parish of HOLY TRINITY ROLLINGSTONE, MN
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OAK RIDGE, MN
NAME OF CHURCH NAME OF CITY

to which he has been canonically appointed July 10, 1982
DATE

+ Loras J. Watters
Dean-Delegate

James H. [Signature]
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This document is to be signed before the services and is read after the transfer of the symbols of pastoral prerogatives and powers.

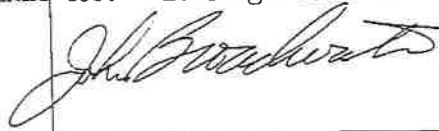
Bureau of Priests' Retirement
 Diocese of Winona
 55 West Sanborn P.O. Box 588
 Winona MN 55987

TO ► REV. LOUIS G. COOK
 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
 ROLLINGSTONE MN 55969-0000

ACCOUNT NO.

CLOSING DATE 03/31/87

Please make checks payable to:
 "Bureau of Priests' Retirement"

DATE	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	PAYMENTS	
07/31/86	32	BALANCE ON ACT, 7/31/86	600.00		
01/15/87	1132	1987 ASSESSMENT	300.00		
April 2, 1987		Fr. Cook: The old balance of \$600 covers the full personal assessment for 1985 and 1986. The information I received from Joni Kinowski last August showed that you had not paid those assessments. If you disagree with this statement, please let me know as soon as possible, and we will try to work out a solution. If you have another reason for not paying I need to know that too. Please get back to me on this. Thank you.			
					
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Office of the
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May 9, 1990

Rev. Louis Cook
Holy Trinity Church
Rollingstone, MN 55969

Dear Lou,

It is with a deep sense of appreciation and confidence that I appoint you for a term of six years as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in St. Charles and St. Aloysius Church in Elba effective June 29, 1990.

Rev. Donald Lovas, dean of the Winona Deanery, will act as my delegate in receiving your Profession of Faith. Please contact him as soon as possible concerning your formal installation as pastor. I want the people to whom you are sent as pastor to celebrate these new beginnings with you and to have an opportunity to welcome you in a prayerful and public way.

Louie, I am most grateful for the wonderful pastoral leadership you have given the people of Holy Trinity Church in Rollingstone and Immaculate Conception Church in Oak Ridge these past eight years. Your marvelous balance of wisdom and good humor have served the community very well. Your workshop has produced many wonders, not the least of which is the centennial crosier which you presented to me for use at our cathedral last fall.

The People of God are good. There are many ways in which they show us their affection and support. You come among them as one who serves, charged with the responsibility of pastoral leadership. If you ever need me for anything, please do not hesitate to call. The diocesan curia and support staff at the Pastoral Center in Winona stand ready to assist you in your many and varied responsibilities. Furthermore, I encourage you to be an active collaborator with your brother priests in the meetings and the activities of the Winona Deanery.

As St. Paul assured Timothy in his second letter to him (1:7), the "Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise." My prayer goes with you that the Holy Spirit will truly inspire and animate this new service of pastoral love which I entrust to you.

Your grateful brother in the Lord,

Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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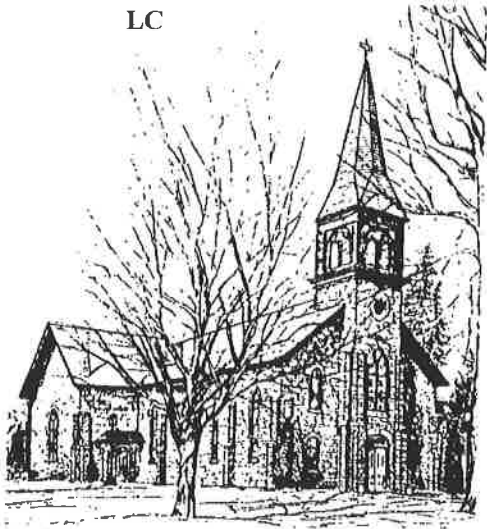
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Fr. C. Cook



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ROLLINGSTONE, MINNESOTA 55969

PHONE (507) 689-2351

June 26, 1990

His Excellency
The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny, D.D.
Bishop of Winona
P.O. Box 588
Winona, Minnesota 55987

Dear Bishop Vlazny,

I am pleased to accept the appointments as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, St. Charles, and of St. Aloysius Parish, Elba, effective June 29. Be assured of my continued priestly work and of complete cooperation with your office.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Louis H. Cook

Pastor,

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I, Louis G Cook, with firm faith believe and profess everything that is contained in the symbol of faith: namely,

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

With firm faith I believe as well everything contained in God's word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the church -- whether in solemn judgment or in the ordinary and universal magisterium -- as divinely revealed and calling for the faith.

I also firmly accept and hold each and every thing that is proposed by that same church definitively with regard to teaching concerning faith or morals.

What is more, I adhere with religious submission of will and intellect to the teachings which either the Roman pontiff or the college of bishops enunciate when they exercise the authentic magisterium even if they proclaim those teachings in an act that is not definitive.

Oath of Fidelity On Assuming an Office To Be Exercised in The Name of the Church

I, Louis G Cook, on assuming the office of Pastor promise that I shall always preserve communion with the Catholic Church whether in the words I speak or in the way I act.

With great care and fidelity I shall carry out the responsibilities by which I am bound in relation both to the universal church and to the particular church in which I am called to exercise my service according to the requirements of the law.

In carrying out my charge, which is committed to me in the name of the church, I shall preserve the deposit of faith in its entirety, hand it on faithfully and make it shine forth. As a result, whatsoever teachings are contrary I shall shun.

I shall follow and foster the common discipline of the whole church and shall look after the observance of all ecclesiastical laws, especially those which are contained in the Code of Canon Law.

With Christian obedience I shall associate myself with what is expressed by the holy shepherds as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith or established by them as the church's rulers. And I shall faithfully assist diocesan bishops so that apostolic activity, to be exercised by the mandate and in the name of the church, is carried out in the communion of the same church.

May God help me in this way and the holy Gospels of God which I touch with my hands.

(Seal)

Louis G Cook

ATTEST:

Rev. Donald Q. Loas
Ordinary of Winona (Delegate)

Date 8/10/90

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St. Charles Borromeo Church

761 WHITEWATER AVE.
ST. CHARLES, MN 55972
PHONE (507) 932-3294

August 31 1990

Dear Bishop Vlasek:

I know how important the over night get togethers for the different age groups of priests is to you, but at this time (Sept 5 and 6) I can't be present for them; however I would like to attend the one for the 50-60 age group.

My sister is here from Albuquerque and I like to spend as much time with her as I can since she only comes here about every 5 yrs. And I also have some radio advertising commitments this week. I have informed Mother that I won't be there, with prayers and good wishes

I remain
Father Louis J. Cook

P.S. Still love St. Charles & Elba.

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FILE

Office of the
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PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

April 7, 1992

Reverend Louis G. Cook
St. Charles Borromeo Church
761 Whitewater Avenue
St. Charles, Minnesota 55972

Dear Louie,

During my recent visit to St. Charles for the celebration of Confirmation you talked about a parish jubilee celebration some time in the fall. You were hopeful that I could come to celebrate the Eucharist with the people and you mentioned that you would get back to me about a possible date.

When I returned home, the following day I reviewed my calendar for that time of the year. Not many Sundays are left open and I thought I should let you know the possible dates right now.

I am free on Sunday, September 27, morning or afternoon; November 1, afternoon only; November 22, morning or early afternoon; November 29, morning or afternoon; or December 6, morning or afternoon. I doubt if you would want to go much later than that.

Please call my secretary to reserve one of those dates at your earliest convenience since I am quite sure that there will be some other calls as well.

Thanks again for a great evening last Friday. I hope to see you in Rochester for the Chrism Mass next Monday.

Your brother in the Lord,

+John

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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FILE

September 8, 1992

Reverend Louis G. Cook
St. Charles Borromeo Church
736 Church Avenue
St. Charles, Minnesota 55972

Dear Louie,

On Thursday and Friday of this past week I was out west for a meeting with the Worthington deanery and also a visit to Good Counsel Hill in Mankato. When I was catching up with the news on Saturday morning I noticed your brother's death notice. I write to extend my sincere sympathy and promise my prayers for him and my prayerful support for you and all who will miss him.

At the Priests' Retirement Bureau meeting on Wednesday, Dick Engels mentioned that your brother had been seriously ill. Apparently that was the day he died. It is always difficult to lose the family support that we need and take so much for granted.

I look forward to my visit to St. Charles at the end of the month. Whenever I drive through town on my way to I-90 I notice the banner proclaiming this 125th anniversary year. I hope it will be a season of grace and blessing for all of you. Take care.

Your brother in the Lord,

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The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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MOST REVEREND JOHN G. VLAZNY, D.D.
BISHOP OF WINONA
1000 10TH AVENUE
WINONA, MN 55991

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November 12, 1992

Dear Bishop Vlazny:

I have a concern regarding Father Louis Cook of St. Charles Borromeo, and I feel it is my duty to inform you of this. I have belonged to this parish for 23 years and although all of our previous pastors have had their own ways of doing things, I have never been disappointed as I am with Father Cook. I have heard many parishioners talk of their frustrations with him; my experience is as follows.

My 83 year old mother resides in the nursing home due to parkinsons and some short-term memory problems. October 7 she reported that she was sexually abused by an aide during the night. Without giving you all the details, it was properly reported with the of Human Services and found to be inconclusive. She has also recently had one session with a psychologist. This is the first such experience of this kind she has ever encountered and it has been devastating to her. She wanted to talk to her priest. I left a message in his mail box that weekend since he did not answer his phone, for him to see her the following week regarding a personal problem. He never did. She had a very difficult day October 18 trying to deal with this and I was called to the nursing home that evening. She again requested to talk to her priest. I again tried to call him and left another message. As I drove home I passed his house and seen lights on and the TV on so he obviously just was not answering any calls. He never responded. I left three additional messages throughout October on his phone. He never responded. November 2 I left a message that he call me at work. He returned my call that evening at home. Without even asking why I called, he gave me a five minute lecture on how I was expecting too much of him (3½ weeks without a response) and that he had 5 sermons to prepare every week and on and on. I had to interrupt him to get to the issue at hand. When I told him why I called, he flatly said "I don't want to hear about it." To this day he has not stopped to see my mother.

Father Cook only hears confessions in the evenings when it is impossible for the elderly to get out. My mother has often asked him to hear her confession after he says mass at the nursing home and he continually says he doesn't have time, and he has even told her she did not have to confess.

My mother was brought up a strict catholic and she lives it today. She is trying hard to accept his ways, but this is shameful. He spends much of his time (including Sunday sermons) criticizing those who "bother" him. I understand his busy schedule, but it's obvious he is not a productive worker. If he'd take all the time he spends complaining and use it productively, he would be able to meet the needs of the needy. This self-centered man enjoys demeaning others, even from the pulpit. In the past I have felt for those he is referring to in the audience. He is not considerate of other's feelings; he is not a caring person.

I feel his inadequacies as a priest should not go unnoticed, but I must ask that you keep this incident confidential. I take my mother to mass every Sunday. Life is hard enough for her right now, she doesn't need to go to church to hear him criticize her needs. There is more to life than attending Sunday service.

Sincerely,

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
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Office of the
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PO Box 588
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November 23, 1992

Dear

Please accept this acknowledgement of your letter of November 12. I was sorry to hear about your mother's distress and I regret the fact that Father Cook was unable to attend to her needs.

When I visited _____ in late September, it seemed that Father Cook was serving the people there well. He does have a second parish, St. Aloysius of Elba. Previous pastors were responsible only for the St. Charles parish. I am sure this does complicate his life somewhat.

But I cannot make apologies for him since I really do not know why he has not visited your mother. The fact that you want me to keep this matter confidential does restrict my ability to help this situation. If you would like, I would be pleased to stop at the _____ Nursing Home and visit your mother. Perhaps you could give me her name and I would be delighted to say hello and hear her confession, if she would like that. Under the present circumstances, it is the only avenue open to me for some kind of reconciliation. God bless.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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S. J. Challa

December 1, 1992

Dear Bishop Vlazny:

I sincerely thank you for your generous and prompt answer to my letter regarding Father Louis Cook. I have given considerable thought to relinquish the confidentiality of the letter, but feel this would be unwise and unfair to my mother knowing how he has reacted to others in the past. I just can not put my mother through that.

I would not mind if you shared this matter or letter with another priest who might be willing to stop to see her when he is in the area. I do not feel I can ask you to do this with your responsibilities. I am very grateful for your offer and your understanding.

Since my mother's visit with the psychologist, she does not seem so depressed and she has pretty much stopped talking about the incident, so I feel that was of help. Again, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Office of the
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December 8, 1993

Reverend Louis G. Cook
St. Charles Borromeo
761 Whitewater Avenue
St. Charles, Minnesota 55972

Dear Father Cook,

On December 6 the Clergy Assignments Committee met at the Pastoral Center to prepare for the reassignment of many of our priests in the coming year. As always, we dealt with the individual concerns of a number of our brothers. We also reviewed the terms of office and retirement considerations which affect the assignments of our priests.

In reviewing our records, we noted that during 1994 you will become seventy years of age. In the Diocese of Winona, that is considered the normal age for retirement, but you are certainly welcome to request a continuation of your assignment to active ministry or submit a letter seeking retirement this summer.

Please do me the favor of advising me before January 15, 1994 about your plans for the coming year. I would also be very pleased to meet with you and discuss your life and ministry here as a priest of our diocese. The people and I are truly grateful for all you do and are.

As you know, a number of our priests over seventy continue in active ministry. It has been our policy to inquire each year whether or not they are willing and able to continue. If you are indeed willing to continue in the active ministry of our church, that will be the procedure to be followed each subsequent year at this time.

God bless you as we prepare for the great feast of Christmas. I pray that the new year will be a time of grace and blessing for all of us.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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St. Charles Borromeo Church

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CHURCH & CENTER 932-3303

December 22, 1993

Dear Bishop Vlazny:

I'm writing in response to your letter of Dec 8, regarding clergy assignments.

Since my physical health and spiritual well being is in good shape (say May Clinic), I would like to continue on at St Charles & Elba for a couple more years. At the end of this period it might be a good time to make a change.

May you have a very Blessed and Happy New Year

Sincerely in Christ
Father Louis H. Cook

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OF THE DIOCESE OF WINONA
100 WEST WASHINGTON STREET
WINONA, MINNESOTA 55991

Office of the
Bishop

FOR INFO ONLY
Tel. 562-1111

November 4, 1994

Reverend Louis G. Cook
St. Charles Borromeo Church
761 Whitewater Avenue
St. Charles, Minnesota 55972

Dear Louie,

Thanks very much for coming to visit me this past Monday. I appreciate the good work you are doing both at Saint Charles and Saint Aloysius parishes.

In our conversation I suggested that I come for a pastoral visit and celebration of the Sunday Eucharist to Saint Aloysius Church in Elba on the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 1994. You indicated that this would probably work out very well. I am calling to confirm the visit and request that you advise my secretary, _____, about your concurrence with these plans. Please let her know what time the Mass will be celebrated on that day, if indeed I am able to come.

It was also good news to learn that you plan to stay at Saint Charles and Saint Aloysius parishes, God willing, through June of 1996. I appreciate the good pastoral care you give the people and look forward to our continuing collaboration during your time as pastor. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

John G. Vlazonis

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazonis
Bishop of Winona

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October 25, 1995

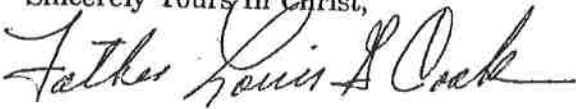
Most Rev. John G. Vlazny
55 West Sanborn P.O. Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

Your Excellency Bishop Vlazny,

In your letter of October 16, 1995 asking me to state my intentions about retiring or staying on in the parish another year. My intention is as follows: I intend to stay on one more year and then retire from the two parishes on June 30, 1997 and you can count on that.

According to the Mayo Clinic, my health is fine, and so are my spirits. I feel I have made a good decision. With continued prayers and well wishes I remain

Sincerely Yours In Christ,



Father Louis G. Cook

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
55 WEST SANBORN
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Office of the
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PO Box 588
Tel. 507/454-4643

October 30, 1995

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Saint Charles Borromeo Church
761 Whitewater Avenue
Saint Charles, Minnesota 55972

Dear Lou,

This past week I received your letter in which you informed me that you hope to continue serving as pastor of Saint Charles Church in Saint Charles and Saint Aloysius Church in Elba for yet another year. Your six-year term as pastor of both parishes does expire next June but I shall be delighted to extend your appointment for yet another year. It is my understanding that you do intend to retire in the summer of 1997 and I certainly support that decision and I thank you for the good pastoral care you continue to give the people of both parishes.

If you would like to visit with me about your parishes or your future retirement in the coming months, I would be more than pleased to welcome you to my office or to my home. My prayerful support and appreciation are with you now and always. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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May 16, 1996

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Saint Charles Borromeo Church
761 Whitewater Avenue
St. Charles, Minnesota 55972

Dear Louis,

With today's feast of the Lord's Ascension, the church turns our attention to the guidance and companionship of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our shared mission. As we prepare our hearts for the feast of Pentecost during the next nine days, I shall be remembering you in a special way in appreciation of our privileged partnership in giving God's people across southern Minnesota a shepherd's care.

Your 1990 appointment for a six-year term as pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Church in St. Charles and Saint Aloysius Church in Elba will expire this year. I am grateful for your willingness to continue to serve the people of these parishes and I readily acknowledge your effectiveness as their pastor and the congenial spirit in which you offer them a shepherd's care.

It gives me great pleasure to reappoint you for another six-year term as Pastor of Saint Charles Borromeo Church, St. Charles and Saint Aloysius Church, Elba, effective June 29, 1996. It is my understanding that you are perfectly free to request a change in assignment or even retirement (which I hate to admit!) before that second term expires. In fact, you did indicate to me that you were planning to retire in June of 1997. I will check in with you next fall to determine whether or not that continues to be your resolve.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me for whatever assistance or counsel you may seek in your many and varied responsibilities. I am grateful for all that you have done in the past and I look forward to our continuing collaboration in the future before us. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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cc: Reverend Gerald A. Mahon
Mr. John M. Vitek
Reverend James A. McCauley

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Office of the Bishop

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October 14, 1997

Reverend Louis G. Cook
Saint Charles Borromeo Church
736 Church Avenue
St. Charles, Minnesota 55972-1426

Dear Lou,

Fall is in the air and by the time you receive this letter the frost will probably be on the pumpkin. I hope you are doing well. This fortieth year of priestly ministry is hopefully a blessing for you.

Lou, last year you informed me that you intended to retire from active ministry next summer. I am writing to request your letter of resignation from the pastorate of Saint Charles Church, Saint Charles, and Saint Aloysius Church, Elba, effective June 30, 1998, provided that it is still your intention to retire at that time. I would welcome an opportunity to visit with you about your plans for the future. The Clergy Assignments Committee is meeting on November 26 and I would ask you to call my office and make an appointment to see me before then.

It was good to see you at Okoboji. I had some visitors this weekend and it was nice to enjoy some time around Winona without venturing out on I-90. We need to keep each other in prayer. God bless.

Your brother in the Lord,

+ John G. Vlazny

The Most Reverend John G. Vlazny
Bishop of Winona

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St. Charles Borromeo Church

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October 31, 1997

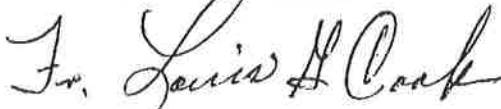
Most Rev. John G. Vlazny
55 West Sanborn Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

Your Excellency Bishop Vlazny,

I'm writing in response to your letter of October 14, 1997, requesting a written letter of resignation so that I may retire from active ministry, effective June 30, 1998.

This letter is my statement of resignation from active ministry for the parishes of St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles, MN and St. Aloysius, Elba, MN. The date to be effective is June 30, 1998.

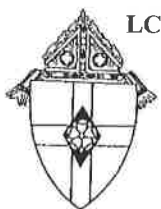
Sincerely Yours In Christ,



Father Louis G. Cook

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Office of The Vicar General

DIOCESE OF WINONA
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October 21, 1999

Rev. Louis Cook
800 Clover Court
St. Charles MN 55972

Dear Louie:

Thank you very much for your willingness to help out and substitute the week-end of November 6-7 at Dodge Center, Claremont and West Concord. The brothers have been very good about covering both for Father James Seitz and Father Russ Scepaniak and I am happy that you are willing to be part of that effort.

The mass times for that week-end are as follows:

Saturday, November 6	5:00 pm	Claremont
Sunday, November 7	8:30 am	Dodge Center
Sunday, November 7	10:30 am	West Concord

The normal stipend for coverage will be paid to you by Mrs. Sharon Pechacek. You can also inform her of the mileage that you accrue. She works out of the office at West Concord and her phone number is 507-527-2384.

Again, thank you for your willingness to help out.

Sincerely, in Christ,

Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner
Vicar General

MJH/jt

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Office of The Bishop

DIocese OF WINONA
PASTORAL CENTER

March 10, 2000

Rev. Louis Cook
800 Clover Court
St. Charles, MN 55972

Dear Fr. Cook:

God's blessings to you these days of Lent in this Great Jubilee Year 2000!

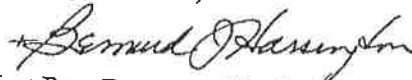
With this letter, I officially appoint you Administrator of St. Augustine Parish, Austin, Minnesota, effective March 13, 2000. This appointment conveys to you all the rights and responsibilities of a Parish Administrator outlined in the Code of Canon Law. This assignment will be effective until returns or until other arrangements are made.

Louis, I am grateful to you for your willingness to become Administrator of St. Augustine Parish. I wish, of course, that the circumstances were different but am happy that you agree to serve while is away for needed treatment. Let us pray that his days are fruitful for him and that he returns ready and able to continue ministry as a ministerial-priest of Jesus Christ.

The people of Austin are addressing a particular challenge at this moment, a challenge to find ways to work together in a manner more Christian and a way more effective for the good of the whole Christian community there, especially the youth. May your presence and ministry among them be a help to them in this endeavor.

Again, Louis, thank you for accepting this assignment and may the Good Lord bless you and the work of your hands.

Sincerely, In Christ,



Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

cc. Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner
✓ Rev. Edward McGrath
Rev. Greg Leif

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Office of The Bishop

DIOCESE OF WINONA
PASTORAL CENTER

March 14, 2000

Rev. Louis Cook
St. Augustine Parish
405 4th St. NW
Austin MN 55912-3091

Dear Father Cook:

I want to thank you for taking over the responsibility as Administrator of St. Augustine's parish during this medical absence of

I was at the parish last weekend and I noticed a few things that perhaps I should share with you.

1. There was way too much wine consecrated at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. I noticed afterwards that the Eucharistic Ministers just left the extra Precious Blood on the table in the Sacristy. I did call attention to Lynn about this and I would caution you, that perhaps in the weeks to come, to cut back on the amount of wine that is to be consecrated and inform the extraordinary ministers that the Precious Blood be consumed after each Mass.
2. I mentioned to the people at each Mass last weekend that there should be a prayer for each week in the Prayer of the Faithful asking God's blessings upon him and for a quick recovery.
3. I ask that there be a prayer at the Intercessions for the "Austin Catholic Community" from now until Easter so that the community can come together and let the work of the Spirit be made manifest.
4. As you are probably aware, I have asked that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament take place at all three parish in Austin at this time of special concern. I announced at my talk on Sunday that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament would take place in St. Augustine's church after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays until 7:00 o'clock in the evening. I would ask that you be very faithful to this practice so that the people will have an opportunity to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please, if you would arrange for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and for the replacement of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 p.m.
5. At the 10:30 a.m. Mass, I happened to stop one of the Eucharistic Ministers on his way back to the tabernacle after distribution of Holy Communion. I asked for his ciborium tray to combine it with my tray. Much to my surprise, his tray was half filled with broken pieces and particles. I proceeded to purify his ciborium. The particles filled up one half of my chalice.

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Rev. Louis Cook

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March 14, 2000

I ask that you may want to monitor the ciboria in the tabernacle to assure proper reverence and appropriate maintenance is observed. I believe that stacking open ciboria on top of each other is not appropriate.

Also, at the Saturday evening Mass, there were four completely filled ciboria with consecrated hosts. I monitored the number of hosts to be consecrated at the next Mass to reduce the supply in the tabernacle. I believe that with proper planning, there should be only one ciborium remaining in the tabernacle after Sunday Masses are completed.

Since _____ is absent, I ask that you continue to encourage the parishioners to support the Diocesan Annual Appeal. If the parish reaches its goal, I will forgive the outstanding debt. Also, _____ asked them to be very generous so that all contributions beyond the goal will be used for the roof replacement. I asked the people to consider a gift of \$100 to the drive to assist in these two projects.

I'm afraid that if the people are not encouraged or reminded each week, the drive will fail. I appreciate your support in this matter.

I thank you once again for your willingness and kindness to serve the people of St. Augustine and to be a sign of support to)

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

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Office of The Bishop

DIOCESE OF WINONA
PASTORAL CENTER

March 28, 2000

FILE COPY

Rev. Louis G. Cook, Administrator
St. Augustine Parish
405 4th St. NW
Austin MN 55912-3091

Dear Father Cook:

I want to thank you for coming down to visit with Father Michael Hoepfner, Mrs. Thompson and myself. It was good to clear the air so that we knew what you said and that you hear how other people are interpreting what you said. I believe this helps both of us get a better appreciation of the picture and the confusion that is taking place.

I do appreciate your willingness to work with the Austin Catholic community in the spirit of prayer and penance and seeking reconciliation and forgiveness. I am glad that you are willing to work with our process of fact finding, discussion and planning for the future. This effort will take quite some time, but because of prayer and hard work, good results will come.

Once again I thank you for your generosity in being administrator at St. Augustine's. I have great confidence that you will do an excellent job and will work with the pastoral leadership in Austin.

I thank you for encouraging prayer and penance, seeking reconciliation and forgiveness, promising to be part of the solution and not part of the problem, working together with the other pastors and finally, taking the discipline to write out your homilies while being administrator of St. Augustine. I know this last point is very difficult but I am sure it will bring great benefit and God's abundant grace to you and to the congregation.

I look forward to meeting with you and the pastors on April 6 as we discuss our planning and fact finding in the months to come.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

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DIOCESE OF WINONA
PASTORAL CENTER

September 13, 2000

Rev. Louis Cook, Admin.
St. Augustine Parish
405 4th St. NW
Austin MN 55912-3091

Dear Father Cook:

God's blessings to you these beautiful September days of Jubilee Year 2000!

I want to thank you for your service and ministry to the people of St. Augustine's Parish in Austin and to all the faithful of Austin these past months. Your willingness to fill in for Father Nelson clearly has been a sign of your love for him and of your love for the Church. May God reward you for your generosity.

is completing his final days of his Leave of Absence. With this letter, I officially give notice that I am restoring him to ministry as Pastor of St. Augustine's Parish in Austin, effective September 19, 2000. On that date, Louie, your assignment as Administrator of St. Augustine's will cease. Please be sure to bring up to date on the life of the parish there and life in Austin in general.

Again, thank you for your ministry and service. The Senior Priests of the Diocese of Winona continue to play a very important part in helping us meet the need for priest's ministry in this Diocese. I know you will continue to help out your brother priests in any way you can as you finish now as Administrator of St. Augustine's.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

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cc:

Very Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner
✓ Very Rev. Edward McGrath
Rev. Greg Leif

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The Instruction for Identifying, Reporting and Responding to Sexual Misconduct

Acknowledgment of receipt

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of The Instruction for Identifying, Reporting and Responding to Sexual Misconduct for the Diocese of Winona. I have read this complete document, understand its meaning, and agree to conduct myself in accordance with its procedures. I further understand that this acknowledgment will be filed at the parish or institution in which I serve and that I am required to attend training annually.

Detach and File

Date: Feb 28, 2002

Name: Father Louis G. Cook

Parish/Institution: St. Joachim (Plover)

Pastor/Supervisor: Retired

Your signature: Rev. Louis G. Cook

Signature of witness: Carol Kronebusch



*a copy is kept on file in personal records.
2-28-2002.*

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November 5, 2003

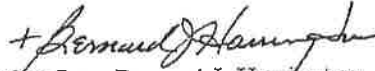
President of AOSUSA
AOSUSA
Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America
1500 Jefferson Drive
Port Arthur, Texas 77642

Dear Sir:

With this letter I grant permission to **Rev. Louis Cook**, a priest of the Diocese of Winona, to serve as a cruise ship priest during the year 2004, notwithstanding all other requirements of the AOSUSA.

If you have any questions, please contact our diocesan Chancellor, Fr. Michael Cronin.

Sincerely yours,


Most Rev. Bernard J. Harrington
Bishop of Winona

**In Memory of Our Beloved Brother
Rev. Louis George Cook**

Fr. Louis George Cook, age 80, a senior priest of the Diocese of Winona, died Friday, November 26, 2004, of an apparent heart attack while traveling in Honduras.



Louis George Cook was born July 14, 1924 in Plainview, Minnesota, the son of John and Lena (Markus) Cook. He studied classics at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary from 1950-1952 and philosophy from 1952-1954. He then studied theology at St. John's Seminary in Collegeville from 1954-1958. Fr. Louis Cook was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Winona on May 31, 1958 at St. John's Church in Rochester by the Most Reverend Edward A. Fitzgerald.

Fr. Cook's many pastoral assignments began as an assistant at St. Mary's Church in Winona in 1958; St. John Vianney, Fairmont in 1962; administrator, Mater Dolorosa, Delavan, and assistant at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Easton in 1966; Chaplain, St. Teresa's College, Winona, in 1969; associate pastor, Queen of Angels, Austin, in 1970; pastor of Holy Trinity, Litomysl, in 1970; pastor, Crucifixion, La Crescent, in 1976; pastor, Holy Trinity, Rollingstone and Immaculate Conception, Oak Ridge, in 1982; pastor, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Charles, and St. Aloysius, Elba, in 1990. Fr. Cook was elected to the Presbyteral Council and served for six years. Fr. Cook retired to senior priest status on July 1, 1998. In 2000 he served several months as administrator of St. Augustine, Austin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be concelebrated at 11:00 am Friday, December 10, 2004 at St. Joachim Church, 900 W. Broadway, Plainview, MN. In the absence of Bishop Harrington, the Very Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner will be the main celebrant. Rev. Robert Herman will be homilist. All priests of the Diocese of Winona are invited to concelebrate. (Concelebrants should vest in the church basement.)

A public visitation will be held on December 9th, 2004, from 4-8 pm at St. Joachim's Church in Plainview. Visitation will also be held from 10:00-11:00 am on December 10th, 2004 at St. Joachim's Church. (Due to circumstances, there will be a closed casket.)

Fr. Cook is survived by a sister and several nieces and nephews.

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7718 Countryside Drive
Bloomington, MN 55438
March 20, 2005

Fr. Michael J. Hoepfner
P. O. Box 588
Winona, MN 55987

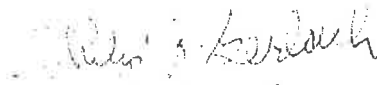
Dear Father Hoepfner,

I am writing to you in regard to the Father Louis Cook Estate. He has an account at the Peoples State Bank in Plainview that is for Mass Intentions. There is \$607.00 in the account. However, I have been unable to locate his Mass Intention book, stipulating which intentions have been fulfilled and which intentions have not been fulfilled. Please advise me on how I should handle this account.

I have found other intentions with money in envelopes which I have submitted to Fr. Charlie Collins. Should I do the same with this account or do I combine this money with the estate account.

Any advice from you will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Philip J. Gerlach
Personal Representative
Louis G. Cook Estate

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From: [REDACTED]
Content: Tuesday, December 17, 2013 1:15 PM
To: Quinn, Bishop John
Subject: Disgusted

(Most Rev) Not!

John M. Quinn

I was born in Germany, raised a Roman Catholic. I am a believer in Jesus Christ and God the almighty.

But now I am also a Catholic who is disgusted by your behavior.

You, the official church, have fought the allegations and dragged the victims thru the mud.
You, the official church, have done more harm than the perpetrators could ever do.
You, the official church, are a bunch of money grabbing sick bastards.

Here at Pax Christy Church, I have seen too much to believe that this church is caring and kind.

Example: My 4 children were given all their catholic rites (baptism, first communion, weddings etc. here at Pax.

They had all their children baptized here at Pax. Well, almost all.

The Catholic Nazi priest here decided that my youngest grandchild could not be baptized here because his parents had moved away from here (Shakopee)

See, my daughter grew up in that church, was married in that church, and that priest told her that her child could not be baptized here. Her first three children were baptized here.

After pleading with the priest and promising to pay all costs associated with the baptism, he relented and said my grandson could be baptized here but only AFTER mass. Not during mass like others.

Then during the actual mass his sermon was about people who think the church "Owed them something". A direct slap in our faces.

My daughter has now left the Catholic church. Are you surprised?

Why am I telling you this? So you can see that your, our church is run by power hungry men. Any little power they can excerpt over people, they will do it.

Don't you see it? Power is what these men seek!

Like Father Cook of St Charles MN. I knew him well. Too well. He was a human pig! Everyone knew it. How come the Bishop did not do anything about him? Because he was a great fundraiser.

Money, money and more money!!!!

Father Cook (actually not a Father because that is a title he never earned) he held a funeral service in St Charles where he stopped the son of the deceased from giving a eulogy for his father because he, Cook, had not approved it.

The man cried! Cook sat down and ate the lunch they served and then later told me that people are too

demanding. He said that now

the people want a mass in Spanish. What a nerve of these people.

What a human Pig.

In the end do I think this letter, these notes will make any difference? No!

But think about this. My youngest daughter got married at Pax. We asked the then current priest if he minded that we would like Father Syl Brown to officiate.

She loved that priest. He came and officiated at her wedding. Now, she is devastated!!!!!!!

That is YOUR fault!!

You should have told us about the allegations!! You had an OBLIGATION!. Dam YOU. You cause so much PAIN!

A response is not needed.

From:
Content: Thursday, December 19, 2013 1:41 PM
To: Tibor, Judy
Subject: priests sexual conduct

Bishop Quinn,

Do to the current disturbing news I have changed my mind on my pledge to diocese of winona.

I am having a hard time with the issue, I was in grade school that had one of the accused priests.

No miss treatment of myself but Fr. Cook was downright mean to one of my friends one of my friends.

He would make him cry in religion class,why?

We were asked to financially support retiring priests, I don't know that I can if I think that I may be supporting

A ongoing coverup. I would support seminary as soon as priests can get married

I pledged 1500.00 and sent 300.00 please consider my pledge canceled.

I hope and pray for guidance in this hard time of being a catholic. I hope that current priests in all your church,

ardon my language have the balls to address this issue from the pulpit, to help us forgive.

With great sorrow for all victms,

Holy trinity litomysl

Louis G Cook

Status: Deceased

DOB: 7/14/1924 in Plainview Minnesota Parents: John and Lena (Markus) Cook
DOD: 11/26/2004

Education:

1950 - 1954 – Attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Winona
1954 - 1958 – Attended Saint John Seminary in Collegeville Minnesota

Ordained 5/31/1958 at Saint John's in Rochester by Most Rev. Edward A. Fitzgerald

Assignments:

- 6/9/1958 - Parochial Vicar for Saint Mary's in Winona
- 6/19/1962 - Parochial Vicar for Saint John Vianney in Fairmont
- 6/8/1966 - Parochial Administrator for Mater Dolorosa in Delavan, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Easton
- 8/1/1969 - Chaplain for College of Saint Teresa in Winona
- 6/24/1970 - Parochial Vicar for Queen of Angels in Austin
- 10/15/1970 - Pastor for Holy Trinity in Litomysl
- 7/22/1976 - Pastor for Crucifixion in LaCrescent
- 1/1/1978 - Leave of Absence
- 7/9/1982 - Pastor for Holy Trinity in Rollingstone, Immaculate Conception in Oak Ridge
- 1986 - Presbyteral Council - elected - 4 year term
- 1990 - Presbyteral Council - re-elected - 2 year term
- 6/29/1990 - Pastor for Saint Charles Borromeo in Saint Charles, Saint Aloysius in Elba
- 6/29/1996 - Pastor - reappointed for Saint Charles Borromeo in Saint Charles, Saint Aloysius in Elba
- 7/1/1998 - Retired
- 3/13/2000 - Parochial Administrator for Saint Augustine in Austin
- 9/19/2000 - Parochial Administrator - released
- 11/26/2004 - Died of a heart attack while traveling in Honduras
- 12/10/2004 - Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Joachim in Plainview. In the absence of the Most Rev. Bernard Harrington, Rev. Michael Hoepfner was main celebrant. Rev. Robert Herman was homilist and priests of diocese concelebrated. Burial at Saint Joachim Cemetery in Plainview