

Diocese of Gallup,
Box 110,
Gallup, New Mexico.

December 16, 1940.

His Excellency,
The Most Rev. Emmanuel B. Ledvina, D.D.,
Bishop of Corpus Christi,
804 Antelope Street,
Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dear Bishop Ledvina:-

I am writing Your Excellency requesting some information of the Rev. Clement Hageman, a priest of your Diocese. At the present time he is at Smith Lake Indian Mission in this Diocese. Previously he was in Santa Fe at the Hospital there. About three weeks ago Archbishop Gerken wrote to the priest in charge at Smith Lake to come to Santa Fe and get him. The Father asked me what to do, so I told him to bring Father Hageman to Smith Lake. I was in Santa Fe last week and I asked Archbishop Gerken what was the trouble with Father Hageman, and he answered that he was guilty of playing with boys. Of course this did not sound so good to me. So I thought the best thing I could do was to write Your Excellency, and get your opinion of this priest. I will appreciate any information that you can give me, as also any advice. As you know, I am new here and I certainly would not like to make any serious mistakes along this line.

Thanking you for this favor and hoping that you will have a very happy and blessed Christmas, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Gallup.