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Passburg, Alta

Knizaskj Andrew.
Semancik Mike.
Kovach August.
Ricka Paul
Magdell Steve.

Carpenter Wilfred
Moore T. J.
Nailer Mrs J. H.
Tompkins C. J.
Crough Miss.
Baoldacre Miss.
Kenny Mrs.
Finnigan T.
McIssac J. A.
McDonald A. R.
McDonald N. R.
Brown Mrs J.
McIsaac Allen.

Frank, Alta
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all in this Co.

Miller John.
Solus John.
Mikloskski Martin.
Leskosky John.

Burmis, Alta

ST. CYRIL'S RECTORY
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BELLEVUE, ALBERTA

Bielin Joe.
Biegin Albert.
Biegin Pete.
Biegin Martin.

Durai Mike.

Gabo John.
Galica Tony.

Huradin Harry.

Jagas Mike.
Jacobites Joe.
Jasek Joe.
Jacobites John.
Jacobites Mike.

Klis Martin.

Leskusky Tom.

Mihulski Wm.
Misera Chas.

Noga. Albert.
Klis Wiadyslaw.
Roszyna. Pita.
Wisnski Tony.
Schfner Tony.
Semia Martin
Tyrlik Mike.
Jagos Mike.
Trotos Joe.
Polock Mike.

Polish

[illegible] John.
[illegible] Mike.
[illegible] John.
[illegible] Martin.
[illegible] Geo.
[illegible] Joe.
[illegible] John.
[illegible] Louis.
[illegible] John.
Jasek Joe.
Gibos Joe.
Gabor John.
Kinik Tom.
Kinik Joe.
Kubak Tom.
Kubec Martin.
Kubik Joe.
Kubik John.
[illegible] Joe.
[illegible] Joe.
[illegible] Angus.
[illegible] John.

Slavic

Robbins Mrs A. W.
Bond Mrs C. H.
Campbell John.
Gillis J. E.
Passmore Mrs G. A.
Welch F.
[illegible] E. L.
McLaughlin Mrs.

English

Thibideau Paul
Charbonnier J.
Drain D. C.
Dutil L.
Gruen R.
Laveis G. A.
Gibos Mrs.

French

Blairmore Alta.

P.O. address of all on this sheet

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Bellevue, Alta [illegible]

Slavonic

Marek Mike.
Leskusky Joe.
Gevura Andrew.
Kubincik John.
Kanik Joe.
Gareek Pete.
Ondus John.
Kulkuskij. John.
Mirburnik. Martin.
Hruby John.
Benochen Joe.
Leskovski Matt.
Tepey Ignatius.
Dobac John.
Hucik John.
Pardell Mike.
Kubasek Joe.
Hlasny Joe.
Labe W.
Perozak Mike.
Lipnicker John.
Hortak Steve.
Seter John.
[illegible] Steve.

Polish

Osckowcki Chas.
Osckowcki Paul.
Osckowcki Tom.
Markwyski Paul.
Paulos Albert.
Mirkindski Mike.
Urbos Martin.
Stanco Martin.
Winaski. Sam.
Vaduroski Jacob.
Wilczk Lindrich.
Slezri Stei.
Oskoski Albert.
Oskoski John.
Mehulski Mike.
Pjecorka John.
Mierniaski Frank.
Piekaverya Frank.
Kocsar Steve.
Pitch John.
Lock John.
Lock Mike.
Lonstra John.
Feksor Joe.
Krucz Chas.
Kuben Tom.

Hillcrest Alta

Slavonic

Belopotocski Steve.
Bornek Steve.
Balla Joe.
Farish Joe.
Furby Mike.
Kubic Martin.
Lessin Damian.
Pirozak Matt.
Novotny John.
Podgorneck Joe.
Ponek John.
Kboya Frank.
Sprala Martin.

Polish

Trstenski Mike.
Racnastal Frank.
Wanclic Mike.
Juris John.
Kazlanski John.
Kran Vincenchy.
Gregory [illegible].
Mark Andrew.
Jacobites John.
Wyjtylo Martin.

Hillcrest Alta

English & French

Aubert[illegible] R.
Auber[illegible] E.
Brehlen J.
Fuches [illegible].
Jennings. S.
Jennings J.
Loftus J.
Doujet F.
McMullen J.
Mallo. R.

Bellevue Alta

English & French

Boyle Jas.

Kelly A. J.
Maguire F.
Excoffin E.
Bosley Mrs F. A.
Harris Mrs D.
Callen J. A.
Cardle J.
Large E.
Gosse Misses.
McDonald Hugh.
McClafferty F.
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BELLEVUE, St. Cyril's SUMMARY OF FILE

Extract of Bishop Legal's Notes.
Rev. Ronald Beaton's historical notes
Plan of Bellevue, showing church site.

1914 - 1918 Rev. R. Beaton to Bishop McNally re church site. Church ready for opening about May 1, 1915. Comments on surrounding districts. Inventory.

Rev. W. R. Dargan re Bellevue P.P. taking charge of Blairmore, and perhaps moving there.

Rev. P. J. N. Cosman, correspondence with Bishop McNally.

1922 - 1925 Rev. Joseph Kreciszewski, - comments on Coleman, Bellevue.
Rev. R. J. Donovan, P.P. estimates 750 catholic miners, Mass attendance 60.
Petition to retain Fr. 'Joe'.
Father Cosman & Bellevue

1926 - 1935 Father Donovan to Bishop Kidd, etc. re:
Building church at Hillcrest. Wants halls at Bellevue & Hillcrest.
Goes east to collect funds for halls, -Fr. Dunbar replaces in absence.
Donations acknowledged. Raised $2,308.71. Fr. Beaton sends 'Notes'.
Transfer of land for hall.
Land for cemetery.
To Bishop Monahan - various comments:
Rev. D. Moreau - Bishop Monahan re land for road.

1936 - 1951 Rev. John B. O'Dea appointed. Correspondence Bishop Carroll and Father O'Dea re: Petitions. Passburg lots. Report 1937.
Other societies -services at graveside.
Newspaper report on 25th anniversary.

Rev. Arthur Anderson, P.P.
Road expropriation
Wind damage
Cemetery vandalism
Rev. B. A. Holland P.P. Reports 1950. (House purchased)

1957 - 1965 Rev. Stan Henke, P.P.
Boundaries
Correspondence with Bishop Carroll Re:
Selling house - buying house next to church. Loan of $2,000 for same.
Old house sold
Church alterations approved
Kindergarten
Alterations in progress
Hillcrest church closed - later demolished
Hillcrest hall sold.
50th Anniversary preparations.

1969 Rev. Lucien Robert.

For the Rest of Bp K's Files

Extracts from Bishop Legal's Notes

Bellevue - Mining town in Crow's Nest Pass. Population - 60, No church; no resident priest; attended from Coleman.

Church Property: an irregular piece of land, on N.E ¼ sect.20, West of 5th merid. Donation for church purposes by West Canadian Collieries Co. The Certif. of Title. R.E.216 - has been remitted to the Company for the delivery of another transfer. This declaration will be forwarded later on.

Coleman - In Crow's Nest Pass. Mining town - Population 600. One church, Holy Ghost, one resident priest; Rev. Father Delestre,O.Praem.

Blairmore- Mining town in Crow's Nest Pass - Population 80. One temporary church, no resident priest, attended from Coleman.

Cowley - C.P.R. line, west of Macleod. Population 40. No church; no resident priest; attended from Pincher Creek. No church property.

Burmis - On Crow's Nest line, West of Macleod. Population 50. No church; no resident priest, attended from Pincher Creek. No church property.

Passburg - In the Crow's Nest Pass. Mining town. Population 90. No church; no resident priest; attended from Frank or Coleman.

Frank - In the Crow's Nest Pass. Mining town. Population 200. One church,-"Corpus Christi" No resident priest for the present; attended from Coleman.

There was a resident priest here for a long time. He has quit, and there has been no possibility of putting another in charge. The last priest, Rev.Father Sammut has taken little interest in the work, and since the departure of a former priest: Rev. Father F. Lajat,o.s.b., little has been done to improve the situation.

This is the place where,some years ago,took place the terrific Rock slide, which carried with it half of the town. The place has never fully recovered from the effect of the disaster.

The church property is a donation from the"American Coal & Coak Co. This property and the church itself are said to be in the danger zone. It would be a pity to remove the church which is a pretty good one and located in a magnificent position. To my mind it is outside of the danger zone,created by Turtle mountain.

Hillcrest -In Crow's Nest Pass. Mining town. Population 80. No church; no resident priest; attended from Coleman. No church property.

Fr. Beaton & the Founding of Bellevue Parish

On instructions from Archbishop McNeil of Toronto I came to Calgary on the 17th April 1914. His Grace had told me Calgary Diocese was very short of priests. With the exception of three days I was away in Edmonton visiting friends I remained in Calgary until the 4th of May 1914. At the beginning I applied for the ordinary faculties of the diocese and was granted them. Nothing particular however was given me to do but that gave me more opportunity to explore a great part of the city especially the part around Bridgeland where the Italians Lithuanians and other foreigners were congregated. Another priest made the mistake of getting acquainted with the pronounced and well-to-do Catholics for the which he incurred the ire of the Rector of the Cathedral at the time and also of some of his lieutenants.

On Sunday evening May 3rd after supper at St Mary's we were sitting in the hall upstairs - a place then used as a smoking room, when Bishop McNally came and sat with us. For a while he spoke of conditions in the Crows Nest Pass - of the great amount of work to be done there and then turning to me said "Father Beaton I am going to send you down to the Crows Nest Pass." I answered "All right my Lord." Then the bishop called his secretary Father Hetherington and asked him to send a telegram to Father Delestre of Coleman that next day Father Beaton would go down there to help him prepare the children for confirmation and to meet him at the station. Directly the bishop did not give me any definite work. I heard his Lordship dictating the telegram to Father Delestre that I was to help him (Delestre) prepare the children for confirmation. No other work was mentioned. It surprised me not a little. I had been led to believe that the Diocese of Calgary was short of priests and here the only work being given me was a work often relegated to laymen and as often as not to women and even that was given me only indirectly. In the three years I was in Calgary Diocese I never got any other appointment or mandatum from the bishop or from anyone else in authority. Seventeen months after my arrival

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having to get an urgent dispensation I met his Lordship on a train coming from Portland and he gave me all the faculties that he had himself. He gave the same to other priests who were stationed in out-of-the way and difficult places. Anyway having some kind of an order from the bishop of Calgary even if indirect I got ready and next morning May 4th 1914 left for Coleman arriving there that evening. On my arrival Father Delestre showed me the telegram he had received from the bishop the contents of which I had heard the evening before.

Next day we visited Blairmore and Frank. Father Delestre having his hands full at Coleman generously gave me the rest of the Pass to the East. Viz. Blairmore Frank, Hillcrest Bellevue Passburg Burmis, North Fork and South Fork. At once I established myself at Frank boarding at the Sanatarium Hotel and from that center worked until the early fall. Following the bishop's indirect instructions I paid special attention to the children attending to the other work more as a side line. During the Summer while on a visit to Calgary the bishop's housekeeper of her own ~~accord~~ accord told me I was stationed in the Pass permanently – that I was just the priest for the place. fitting in well with the rough miners! I took this as a kind of left hand compliment but did not say a word. It became clear to me then however that more than helping Father Delestre to prepare the children of the Pass for Confirmation was expected of me in Calgary and so I went ahead.

In the early part of the fall I moved to Bellevue boarding at the Bellevue Hotel. Having studied the situation up and down the Pass I was now ready to begin a program I got permission from the bishop to build a church in Bellevue, Of his own accord he promised to give One Thousand dollars towards its construction. Times were bad in the Coal mines of the Pass and the Slovaks Hungarians and Poles on whom I had to rely for the most part of the Contributions were not getting much work. They and

a few men like Jim Caselle and the Boyle brothers dug out the basement and built the concrete walls under the church. Oct 2nd 1914 was the day on which we began the actual work on the Church.

It may not be amiss to mention an incident in connection with the work on the foundation. A Slovak butcher in Bellevue had supplied four or five Russians who were out of work with meat and provisions for several months. They could not pay and of course they left town the butcher saw he never would get his own. So he asked me if I would take four or five men he was going to send to work on the Church basement on condition that I supply each with three meals a day while working. To this I agreed. The butcher then made arrangements with the Russians to work at the foundation of our church at $3.00 a day and board until their bill at his shop was paid. They were glad to get the chance. I arranged with a Chinese restaurant to give the Russians three meals a day at $1.05. The first morning they showed away so much provisions that the Chinaman was having visions of being broke by the end of the week! With the meals they demanded cigarettes and at the noon they demanded beer! Anyway they worked until their bill at the butchers was paid up and they were let go. In a day or two quietly they tried to get their wages from Mr Hughes the head carpenter. He saw at once that if he gave them the money they would in all probability slip out of town and not pay the butcher. Mr Hughes referred them to me. I explained the situation to the Russians and showed them a receipt in full for what they owed the butcher. I had offered the butcher the money but he would not take it. He gave it all - about ~~eighty~~ dollars or so as a gift to the new church and gave me a receipt in full for his charges against the aforesaid Russians. As the butcher was a Slovak Austrian - and the Great War was on, the Russians thought they would make trouble for him or they all went to the Mounted Police ~~Barracks~~ and put them complaint before the Sergeant. The butcher was called for an explanation

Sergeant

and he gave it. The Sergeant opened the door and told the Russians to get out back and keep agoing! That was the last we heard of them.

On Dec 31st 1914 the tower and the cross were raised. Towards the end of the first week in January 1915 Bishop McNally made inquiries if another priest could get work in the Pass saying that he had met an Italian priest at the Delegation in Ottawa for whom he would like to find work. I answered at once that there was work enough in the Pass for three or four more priests - good missionaries but not for any one else at the same time suggesting that the Italian priest be tried out in Calgary looking after the Italians there under the supervision of some of the other priests in the city. I mentioned also that in the case of a good missionary the great question would be proper support. For answer - a telegram that the Italian priest was coming on the next train and for me to meet him. I did. This was on Jan 15th 1915. My income then in the Pass was not enough to meet the absolutely necessary expenses and here I had another priest on my hands! It so happened at the time that Father Deleotte of Coleman was away in a hospital and not expected to return for several months. The Italian priest then went to Coleman to look after that town.

On May 1st 1915 the first Mass was celebrated in the new Church Bellevue but a private Mass only. About this time Prohibition having come into force in Alberta the Bellevue Hotel closed its doors. Fortunately I had provided two rooms over the Sacristy in the new Church and moved in there. The teachers in the public school could not get boarding places so most of them clubbed together and rented a house. The principal Mr. Kelly was able to get a small room. The two ~~gas~~ took our meals at one of the Chinese restaurants. At the end of a week having with the aid of Mr. Kelly found out some of the secrets of the Chinese kitchen I could not bring myself to go to that restaurant any more. There was only one of two ways out of it. to rent a house and get a housekeeper or to do my own housekeeping. The income I was getting would not allow me to rent a house, furnish it with everything necessary and pay a housekeeper and at the same

time meet my own bills and get something towards the new church. Rather than go into debt I decided to do my own housekeeping in the rooms at the rear of the church. Needless to say I got on well – at least to my own satisfaction. On Sunday May 9th 1915 the first public mass was celebrated in the new St Cyril's church Bellevue. It was crowded to the doors.

The church was dedicated to St Cyril in this way. I had asked the bishop to give it a name but he left the selection to myself. A number of names were passed in review until I thought of another church far away situated just like the Bellevue church overlooking a river, in a valley surrounded by high mountains in a spot that through ages of persecution had kept the faith and handed it down untarnished – to me among the rest – and out of gratitude for this precious gift of faith the name of St Cyril's church in the Braes of Lochaber Scotland was given to the new church in Bellevue. St Cyril also was a name well known among the Slavs who formed most of the Congregation.

During the three years I was in the Pass work was as a rule slack in the mine especially for members of our Congregation. Besides building the church it was necessary also to get something towards my own support. Quite a lot of money was used in spreading Catholic literature among the people, in looking after orphans and in other urgent cases. I worked without a salary. Those who came to church were very good to me giving very generously out of their limited means. The Slovaks Hungarians Poles and Irish Catholics were as a rule very good. The Italians, Belgians and French and Bohemians with few exceptions acted as they do everywhere else. During the winter and bad weather I practically finished the inside of the church myself. At the end as to leave the new church to my successor without any debt I paid all the bills against it out of my own funds. This amount together with other various sums of a parochial nature paid out of my own pocket since coming into the Pass amounted

to about $1145.00 in all - a sum which the Church Extension Society really should have paid as the people who came to church contributed fully according to their means. A good Catholic people who have to struggle to provide for their own spiritual needs should not have an added burden imposed upon them for the sake of careless Catholics who have a lot of money for worldly purposes but not one cent - generally speaking - towards the expense of the church in their midst. Rich Catholic communities should be made to contribute to such missionary purposes and the carrying out of that program is the work of the Catholic Church Extension Society of Canada.

During my time in the Pass on account of conditions in Calgary itself a number of priests had to take the trail for other fields of labor. The day came when for much the same reasons I too had to go by the via pacis. I was sorry to leave the people who had been so good to me during the few years I was there.

As to the beginnings of the Church in that part of the Pass you will be able to gather some information from the old timers. Catholic missionaries followed the prairie Indians up through the Pass on their way to the buffalo hunts in the Kootenay country. The Oblate Fathers followed the construction gangs when that branch of the C.P.R was being built. Among the men were many Irish and Scotch Catholics from Ontario, the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. The old Oblate told me these men were very good Catholics and very generous contributors to the support of the priests. After the railroad went through the mines opened up and many miners came out from Belgium and northern France. The Oblates found here their own countrymen very indifferent towards the practice of the faith and towards the support of the priest and the Church. They then left the Pass to casual priests. One or two of their own were stationed there for a short term but for disciplinary purposes.

Among those who labored here was Father Lejeal O.F.M. He lived in Frank over

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the P. Burns meat store. The following incident will give you an idea of what he had to deal with: He found in Frank a whole lot of Bohemian couples living together without being married. He made one big day of it and got them all to the church to marry them. A Sheare of the population was there for witnesses. Before marrying them he made them all go to confession. Father Lejeal's great difficulty was that two and sometimes three Bohemians would enter the same box in the confessional at the same time! He had to come out of his place and pull the extra ones out of the confessional so that they could make their confessions one at a time! From this one can infer how much - or rather how little the Bohemians - a supposedly Catholic people knew about their religion.

On another occasion Father Lejeal was passing through Bellevue on his way to say mass somewhere - He had an old horse and buggy. The vestments that were in a box behind began to drop out here and there on the road. A miner seeing what was happening stopped him saying Mr. Priest! See! You are loosing your tools!!

Besides Fr Lejeal there were several other priests ~~over other points~~ working in that part of the Pass for short periods. Among them was one who took up his residence in Bellevue. He selected a place for a church there and collected some money towards its construction. Some of the miners made charges against him which were aired in Court. He left and after that the whole of the Pass was attended to by Father Delestre of Coleman until I came and relieved him of the East end of it.

Avenue
South
PACIFIC
BLOCK L
BLOCK G
Blair more Avenue
C. OF T. 2P42
South
BLOCK W
North
BELLEVUE
PLAN 6099 A. Q.

N.E.¼ SEC. 20 · TP. 7 · R. 3 - 5

Areas Required

Lot 15 Block 9 - 0.535 Ac. ← R.C. Bishop

C. of T. 2P42 (a) - 0.032 Ac.

C. of T. 2P42 (b) - 0.098 Ac.

Block W - 0.027 Ac.

Block V - 0.535 Ac.

Total - 1.307 Ac.

Bellevue, Alberta
March 6th 1915.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir—

So far as I can find out everything seems to be going all right in Coleman. Fr. Crociata has found out that he must go easy.

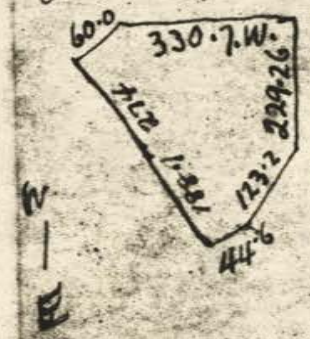
I have not yet answered Mr. Donovan's letter. He certainly is a good man. It would not do for me however to invite him to come West to see the country or to look for a job under present conditions.

The P. Burns building requires a lot of repairs changes etc. After going to all that expense we might in a few months time be asked to hand it back a butcher shop as we got it which would necessitate rechanging etc. It seems to me too uncertain a proposition to have anything to do with it. Yours very truly

Rev. R. Beaton

Frank, Alberta
Oct 28th 1914

Rev. & Dear Sir — I was told in the office of the West Can. Coll. Std. Blairmore that a deed was given the R.C. Epis. Corp. for the land in Bellevue given by the Company to the Church. On the town plan it is at the Corner of Blairmore Ave and Lille Ave. and has the following shape & dimensions. I hope this will help you to locate the deed in the Land Titles Office



Yours very truly
Fr. Beaton

Bellevue Alberta,
April 23rd 1915.

Dear Father Pelletington -

I received your letter the other day with belated notices of unpaid ante diluvian taxes.

Although not finished inside, the new Church will be ready for service about the first week of May. I have arranged with a French priest (Fr. Salaun) and with Fr. Crociata to come for a week or so to give the people a chance to make their Easter duty and get matters ready for the formal opening and blessing. We need a priest who speaks one of the Slav languages and needs him badly. Has his Lordship made any arrangements to send one down to the Pass?

Yours very truly Rev. R. Beaton

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Was up in Coleman last week. Fr. Crociata is having some difficulty with the women societies - old scores - gossiping etc. He seems to lose control of himself - in place of taking things cool.

The Sanatarium Hotel Frank can be bought for about $15.000. just now. The buildings etc. cost upwards of 70.000 - It would be a great place for a school, hospital etc. and be the salvation of the Pass.

Please ask Fr. Detheringhon to send me an Ordo. I say some office once in while. Yours sincerely in Pt. Fr. Beaton -

Bellevue Alberta
Jan. 3rd 1916

Rt Rev and Dear Sir.

Just a few words tonight. Shall write at greater length soon - or possibly go up to Calgary. Sandie MacDonald tells me he cannot come West at least for the present - as by the death of his only brother his mother has become dependent on him entirely. He tells me that Bishop Morrison knows of this and has approved.

Never heard from Bishop Budka. Ad majora mala vitanda went through the ceremony. I hope it is a case of

Ecclesia supplet etc. The couple refused to go to Confession. The police brought me another couple the other day to be married at once. It was a case of getting married - or going to serve a term in Macleod. I took each apart and had a quiet talk with them and found that they were quite willing to marry - so I married them.

Another couple came to get married at once. Everything went all right till I asked the man to

make his Confession - He did not understand - so I made some further inquiries and found him to be a Hungarian Calvanist - He was a Catholic ~~but~~ from Buda Pest - but would not give me her father's name. She was a widow with 3 children. I did not know what to do. Sending them away meant sending them to the minister with the three children so I got them to make the promises and went through the ceremony. It is hard to say just what to do in such cases.

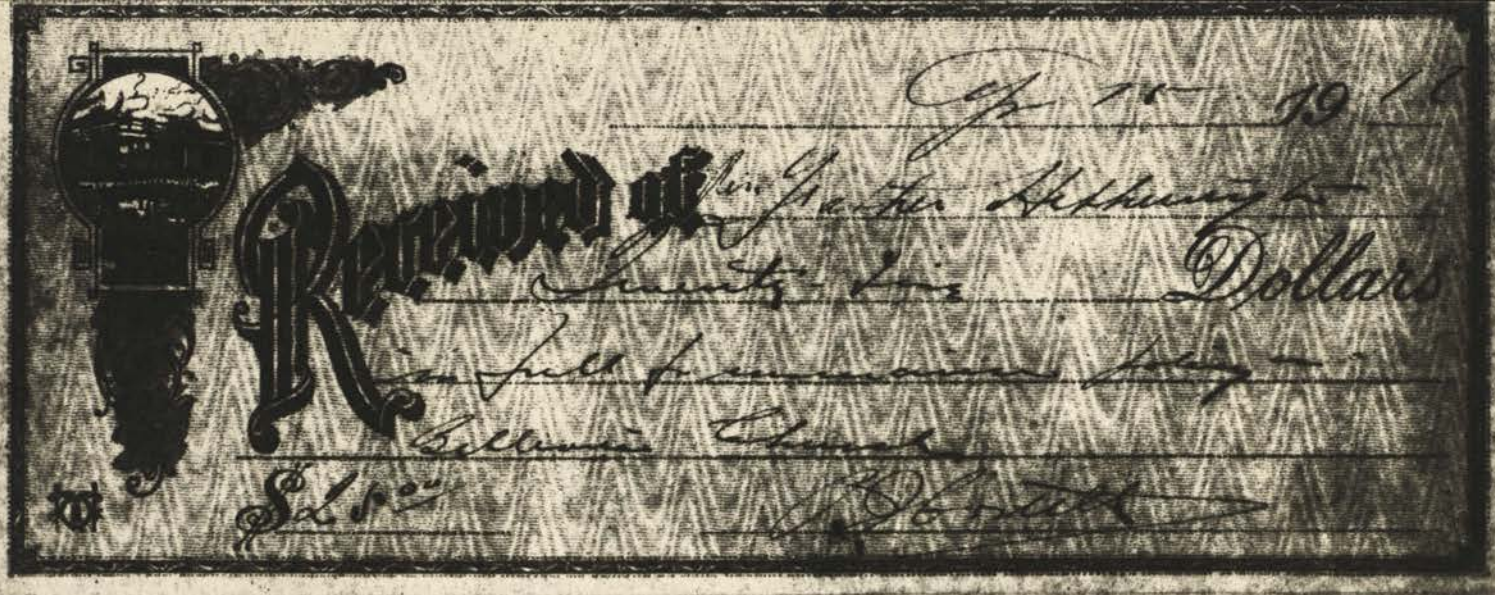
Bellevue

Bellevue, Alberta,
Sunday June 6th 1915.

Right Rev and Dear Sir –

Next week Father Meisner of Fernie is coming down and we are going to visit North Fork and surrounding districts. In one spot there are over a dozen Slav families and nine or ten French speaking ones. Beyond that up the Pass – 60 miles north of the Pass – are settlers & callers here and there all the way – many of them being Catholic. As far as I can find out no priest has ever said mass – or attended to Catechism out in that direction. I saw a number of the Slavs in Passburg and Barnes where they leave friends and do their shopping. On the very end of North Fork there is a small settlement of Italian miners – about 30 souls – and no one has ever been to see them. I am writing for this note to get faculties for Fr. Meisner and shall take it for granted that he has faculties unless your Lordship writes otherwise. It is an awkward dividing order on the boundary line between the two Dioceses here that the priests of the one Diocese have faculties also in the other –

Yours very sincerely
Father Benton.



Ladysmith B.C. Box 259.
May 31st 1917

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir—

I am enclosing an inventory of everything left in the Bellevue Church. The Carpenter did not finish the job of putting storm doors and shutters on the building before I left and I wrote him twice to find out but had no reply. I delayed sending the inventory and the financial statement in the hope of getting word from the Carpenter and closing out the whole business but it seems I must send you the list incomplete or uncertain at least as far as the above particulars item is concerned. As my net income in the Pass over and above the necessary personal expenses would not pay for a quarter of the amount spent on the building and equipment in Bellevue. I had outside your own generous help - to pay the rest out of my own pocket. A financial statement covering everything from the beginning will be sent you as soon as the matter above mentioned is closed out.

Yours very sincerely
Rev. Ronald Beeton.

List of Church Goods etc left in Bellurie Jan. 1917 ①

Vestments

1 Black Cope good
1 White " extra "
1 White Cope which belongs to Frank
1 Purple Vestment Complete good
2 Red " " "
1 Green " " "
2 Black " " "
2 White " " Very "
1 White Vestment old the stole of which is with the portable Altar outfit in Burmis as the stole of that set was missing: Got it in Frank.
2 Gold Vest. good
1 Large Bened. Veil & Burse with Pall
1 " White Bened Veil
1 " Gold & Red Stole
1 " Purp & Red Stole
1 Purp. Stole (Conf)
1 purp. & white pocket stole.
Mostly all in drawers on Gospel end of altar: Some few stoles hanging in Sacristy.

Linens &c

8 Amices
2 Albs.
1 large Surplice new
1 " " old.
1 Doz protect. for Stole & Chas.
2 Cords.
24 large Purificators
10 Small "
2 Small Corporals
12 large Corporals of which 10 in Vest. Burses
15 large finger towels
10 Small " "
5 Altar boys Surplices
2 " " Cassocks black
1 Oil Stock cover new
1 Pyx cover new
2 pieces white Cloth
1 " black "
1 lace trimming for altar.
1 lace 1 ft wide for Alb.
1 hand made 9 in lace for Altar Cloth.
3 large Altar Cloths with lace edge
2 small Altar Cloths.
1 Altar rail linen about 20 ft long.
(In small drawers on altar.

Altar.

1 Altar Complete steps Taken. lined 2 Keys. not for exile.
1 Set 16 in brass Candlesticks with Crucifix
1 large Crucifix about 3 ft.
2 Silver 5 branch Candlesticks
2 bronze 5 " "
1 " 8 " "
1 Set (6) Brass Candlesticks 9 in with tube extension to 27 in
2 Small Candlesticks
3 old Candlesticks no good.
2 Sanctuary bells (one of them belongs to Bishop portable Altar)
2 Sets Cruets & 2 plates (one belongs to portable Altar)
1 large Missal extra good
1 " " stand
1 Missal medium in portable Altar outfit.
1 Brok mark extra
1 Red Altar Cover
1 Green " "
4 Taken. veils - all new.
3 pos. large artif flowers
1 box small " "
1 Set Altar Cards black & old.
1 Set Altar Cards Cardboard almost new.
1 purple trimming 8 in wide & about 7 ft long for altar.
5 drawers on Shelving of altar.
4 or 5 large drawers on Gospel end:
2 Cupboards on Epistle end.

Altar Plate

1 Lunette & box
2 Chalices large & 2 patens new
The one with the ticket on it not consecrated.
1 Ciborium extra good
1 Oslensorium " "
See portable Altars for rest.

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List of Church Goods &c left in Bellevue Alberta Jan 1917 (Continued - ②)

Portable Altars

One in Bellevue belongs to Bishop and contains:
1 Vest. white & Red.
1 Amice: 1 alb.
1 girdle
4 Purificators
Finger Towels
2 Corporals.
1 Chalice 1 Paten
1 Pall. 1 Altar Stone: The missal belonging to this set is in the Burmis outfit.
The medium sized missal if not in the portable altar is in the Church. (Get a smaller missal)
1 missal Stand.
3 Altar Cloths
1 Crucifix
2 Candlesticks
2 Candles
1 Bread Box
1 Small ciborium.

One portable altar outfit at John Solus Burmis = contains everything necessary for Mass except a chalice, a paten, Wine Bread and a Soutanne.

No crucifix in the Burmis Port. Altar outfit - used one belonging to Mr. Solus. Better get a small crucifix and take it there so as not to be disappointed.

One portable altar outfit at George Zubak North Fork (Iod Creek). Everything necessary for Mass except a chalice. paten, wine Bread and a Soutanne.

Candles & oil & Wine

1 Set (6) very Large Mass Candles
1 Set (6) Large Mass Candles
1 Box Mass Candles nearly full.
1 Doz. white Ster. Candles
1 box wax tapers
A few bottles Altar Wine at Boyles.
Some Incense & Charcoal
No olive oil on hand used Coal oil & Small lamp for Sanctuary.
In cup board on Epist. end of Altar.

Church Furnishing -

12 Pews
11 Benches.
2 Credence Tables
1 Kneeling Stool.
1 Organ.
1 Holy water font at door small
1 Notice Board.
1 Door mat.
1 Altar complete
1 Altar rail
1 Sanct.- Lamp Complete
1 Censer & 1 Boat
1 Holy Water Pot & 1 Sprinkler
1 Box wreaths for Church decorations
1 Basin for washing Corp. & Purificators
3 Ceilich. Charts. consisting of one of Mac E. old & one new more Irish one.
2 Small Benches for Coffin in case of funerals
1 Confessional
2 Pictures: S.H.: B.V.M.
About 120 Vols books for young people.

Catechisms, leaflets &c &c

Parish Records

Parish & mission papers in 2 files - one in desk, one hanging on wall
Parish Seal.

Insurance: Keys: Water turn on &c &c

All the windows below have locks, and with the exception of one or two small ones behind are on weights.
The front doors have double action locks
The rear doors besides the ordinary lock have good Yale locks.
The water turn on is about 90 ft. West of the Church in the hallow
The Key for the turn on & off is found with all the other keys above the window in the N.W.E room of the building
Mr Boyle has one key for the building.
Building & contents insured for $1000.00 prem. paid. It has so far as I recollect one year to run yet.
Insured through Dr. Westerington make inquiries

Furniture, Material Tools &c left in Bellevue Jan. 1917

Furniture &c

5 Chairs
2 low Arm chairs
2 small tables
1 Extension Couch with
Matress – almost new.
1 Bedstead not extra good
1 Matress almost new.
2 wash basin } Iron
2 pitchers } or
2 Chamber pots } Granite ware.
2 Small tables
1 Water Closet Complete
in basement.
1 Water tap in basement
1 " " " room
1 Linoleum on floor
18 x 13 ft. new.
1 Desk
1 Cot – not extra good
but comes in useful

Tools.

1 Hammer
1 Saw.
1 Bench axe
1 wrench (pipe)
1 Square
1 floor mop with
handle complete
1 floor brush
1 tub. 1 pick
3 large stones: 1 small sh

Stoves & Coal.

In Church
1 large heater
Alaska: Jewel very
good – with about
48 ft. new piping
Damper. Galvan. covered
base.

In Sacristy
1 Jubilee heater almost
new with pipe connections
to flue. Galvan. covered
base.

In room
1 Blazer stove medium
size with pipes, damper
&c to flue. Base

In basement
1 Large Heater (Boon)
very good with pipe
damper &c to flue. Galv. base
extra 19 pieces 7 in Stove pipe } Stored in
2 elbows 7 " " " } one
7 pieces 6 " " " } Shed

Coal & wood

About 3 tons Coal;
A quantity of Kindling
wood; sawed & split.

Material – Lumber &c

550 ft. board (shiplap)
Some in basement some over
Church.
7 pieces 16 ft. 2 x 4 in (for ladders) &c
4 " 10 " 2 x 8 "
50 ft moulding
34 " door jam
Several bundles of shingles
and a quantity of boards
planks, kindling wood
& &c
4 New doors never put up.

Several pieces of Beaver
Board 4 x 9 ft.
4 Rolls tar paper.
A small quantity of
Nails of different sizes.
Shingle N. & paper wire tacks
for beaver board.

Glass

140 Cement bags – the
Cement Co. in Blairmore
will buy them at 10¢ each

Oil, Paint Glass.

9 gals Coal oil.
3 to 4 gals floor oil.
2 gals lin. oil.

1 Can putty opened
& a little of it used.

2 gals paint in
two Cans of light and
~~[illegible]~~
forgot color white or yellow
1 Can (small) white
paint for altar.
1 small can gold
paint for altar.
About a dozen or a
dozen & a half panes of
glass to replace those
broken by storms &
leave a few on hand
on box behind
Confessional.

Storm doors & shutters
on all the building
up & down – or
stored in the b[illegible]

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EIGHTEENTH AVE.,W.,
CALGARY, ALTA, CAN

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1– Name of Archdiocese or Diocese, as case may be / Le nom de l'Archidiocèse ou Diocèse: Diocese of Calgary

2– Name of City, Town or Village and State in which you are located / Le nom de la Ville, ou du Village et de la Provence où vous résidez: Bellevue

3– Full Post Office Address / L'adresse complète de la Poste: Bellevue Alberta Canada

4– Name of Church / Le nom de l'Eglise: St. Cyril's

5– Name of Pastor / Le nom du Pasteur: Rev. Ronald Beaton

6– Names of Assistants / Les noms des Vicaires: —

7– If a Religious Community give names of all other Fathers stationed at this address / Si c'est une Communauté religieuse donnez les noms de tous les autres Pères qui résident à cette addresse: —

8– Street Address of Rectory (in large cities) / L'adresse de la Rue du presbytère (dans les grandes villes): —

9– Exact Name of Religious Order conducting Parochial School / Le nom exact des Ordres Religieux s'occupant des Ecoles Paroissiales: —

10– Street Address of Sisters (in large cities) / L'adresse de la Rue des Sœurs (dans les grandes Villes): —

11– Number of Sisters / Le nombre des Sœurs: — Number of Lay Teachers / Nombre des Maitres Laïques: — Number of Brothers / Nombre des Frères: —

12– Street Number of Residence for Brothers (in large cities) / Le Numéro de la Rue de la Résidence des Frères (dans les grandes villes): —

13– Number of Pupils in Parochial School (Boys) / Le nombre d'Elèves dans l'Ecole Paroissiale (Garçons): — (Girls / Filles): —

14– Give Catholic population of Parish (Total number of Souls) / Donner la population Catholique de la Paroisse (Total des Ames):

15– Number of Baptisms: Infants / Nombre de Baptêmes: Enfants: Adults / Adultes: Total / Total: (Give figures for one year only / Donner le nombre pour une année seulement)

16– Deaths / Morts: Marriages / Mariages: Conversions / Conversions:

17– Information not covered by any of the above questions, such as Missions, Etc. / Toutes les Informations non comprises dans les questions ci dessus tel que Missions, Etc.:
missions Frank, Hillcrest, Passburg, Burmis, North Fork.

If any additional blanks are required please apply to: P. J. KENEDY & SONS, Publishers, 44 Barclay Street, New York.

Coleman. Alta.
June 7/17

Rt. Rev. & dear Bishop:

Some few days ago I paid a visit to Father Cosman and discussed matters pertaining to the "Pass".

Naturally he is somewhat discouraged at the outlook of things.

As you know the Pass is the most difficult section of the entire diocese.

As Father Cosman's territory now stands, it is far from such a thing as a parish and having lived here in the Pass for sometime, I can sympathize with him in his present difficulty, fully realizing as I do that someone must do the work.

Out of loyalty to you and in the interest of the diocese, permit me to suggest the following plan.

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1 Blairmore is an equal distance from Bellevue as it is from Coleman

2 Transfer the care of Blairmore to Father Coonan.

3 Owing to the location and condition of the Frank Church, it is a serious risk for priest and parishioners to hold mass there.

4 Messrs J. Gillis of Blairmore and Chas Tompkins of Frank, suggest that you give the permission to tear down the Frank Church and move it further west towards Blairmore, to a location convenient to the Catholics of Blairmore and Frank, the Government giving a grant of $800.00 for so removing the Church. As far as my support is concerned, it will mean a financial sacrifice to relinquish the care of Blairmore.

3/. I am willing to make the sacrifice in the interest of the diocese, as I know that under present conditions it will be difficult, if not impossible, for a priest to make both ends meet. Father Beaton managed to do it, but there are very few priests willing to live the manner of life that he did.

Please do not misunderstand this letter, my Lord Bishop, as it is written with the very best of motives. Owing to the long duration of the strike, money is very scarce here in the Pass and I know that the Company will not get very much during this troublesome time. So if you think my plan of transferring Blairmore to him is good one, I think it would be advisable to notify him at once. Another point in favor of the change is the fact that the Colman people are clamoring for two Masses on Sunday, as we cannot accomodate the crowd at one mass.

I regret very much that I cannot at the present send anything towards the Peter's Pence Collection owing to the strike, but have hopes of doing something when the men resume work.

Mass intentions are few and far between just now and I would appreciate it very much if you could send me a few.

Asking the assistance of your prayers.

I am,

Your obedient servant.

Father Dargan.

St. Mary's Rectory

Eighteenth Avenue West

Calgary, Alta. June 11, 1917.

Dear Fr. Dargan,

The Bishop has just gone away for two weeks; and you therefore can hardly have a reply to your proposal till the end of the month, or possibly the Bishop might post-pone his decision until hae can discuss it with you on the spot when he is in the Pass for Visitation.

But I should think that before he gives his consent, he would wish to know just how and where the new site, convenient to Frank and Blairmore, was likely to be found. I believe that the Mine Company has before now offered a new site for a church at Blairmore; but would it fit in with your plan?

Further, the question of moving the old church from the mountain peak in Frank was considered by Frs. Delestre, and Beaton and the Maltese Father; but they abandoned the idea. Apparently, they could not get the grant when they got down to business. It would be well to find out particulars of the possibility and the cost of moving the Frank church, and of the conditions for obtaining the government grant, while awaiting the Bishop's return.

With every best wish,
Yours very truly,

Bellevue, Alberta,
July 2nd; 1917.

Rt. Rev. J. T. McNally
Bishop Of Calgary,
Calgary, Alta.

My Lord:-

When I left Calgary, If I remember correctly, you told me that some "Guild" in Toronto would be glad to assist one of these missions. May I ask Your Lordship whon I may get in touch with to procure such aid, and also what is the nature of the aid which they offer. I am in need of many things for the church, and unless the people respond more freely financially than they have this last month I will be unable to live here much less to procure the necessary articles to build up the church. However I have one thing in my favor this month which is the mines will reopen to-morrow; but just what the future will bring forth remains to be seen: yet I live in hope of "pulling through O.K." As you know, I presume, the men have been out on "strike" for three months, consequently loose money, just now around here, is very scarce. I reached here at a very unopertune time, financially; yet spiritually at a very opertune moment, as I had a good opportunity to meet and "Round Up" all the men.

I am pleased to report, My Lord, that I have no reason to complain as to the spiritual sucess that I have had since I arrived here--thanks to the Dear Sacred Heart. My congregation on the first Sunday was not very large; but the following Sundays the church has been well filled, and in fact even the third Sunday, which was a very wet and dirty day there was not an available seat in the church, and many had to stand.

As soon as I arrived I made a house to house canvas of the parish, and found out the exact spiritual condition of every individual and as a result I rounded up three who had not bee to conf. for over 20yrs: II over I5yrs: some 25 over I0yrs: and many over 5yrs, in fact I found very few who had been to conf. or made their Easter Duty last year.

During the month of the Sacred Heart I had instructions with prayers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament every Sun. Wed. & Fri. evening for the spiritual growth of the parish, and I had wonderful results. It was almost like a mission there was not a morning that I did not have two or three conf., and many mornings I had as many as 40 to mass. the people--even the Non Catholics--wonder what cause such a number to turn out. So as I said--Thanks to the Dear Sacred Heart of Our Divine Lord-- I have no reason to complai There are only 2or 3 whon I put down as Catholics, who have not been to the sacraments. I expect fully 90% of the parish to receive on next First Friday.

I found no place here fit to stay in when I arrived, and so it has given me an enormous amount of work during the past month for, in addition to the spiritual care of the parish, I had to fix up a room fit to stay in, and to make matters worse there is not a fit place in the town where I can eat at

Bellevue, Alta.
July 10th; 1917.

Rt. Rev. J. T. McNally,
Bishop Of Calgary,
Calgary, Alta.

My Lord:-

On Saturday evening June 30th the Rev.Fr. at Coleman telephoned me to go to Blairmore, saying that you, My Lord, would send me full instructions as to who will look after Blairmore. Will you be good enough, My Lord, to advise me as soon as possible as there is an endless amount of work to be done there, and the children need a lot of instruction if they are to be confirmed.

Awaiting a reply at your convenience,
I am, My Lord, Your Humble Servant in Xto.

Rev. P. J. N. Cosman

Rt. Rev J. T. Mc N #2.

I have not been at all well since I came here; prehaps it is the altitude but of course, much is due, I think to the fact that I have been unable to get proper food, and the exceptional extra amount of work I had to do. I did most of the carpenter work and all the painting and papering myself, and so it was 12 & 1 O'clock every night when I got to bed.

I am simply writing this to you, My Lord, as I know how interested you are in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the missions of the diocese.

May I ask Your Lordship to let me have that address at an early date that I may get in communication with them. And now I will close by thanking you My Lord, for the many kind favors of the past, and may I ask you to pray for me that the Dear Sacred Heart will continue to bless my labors.

I remain,,My Lord, Your Humble Servant in Xto.

P. J. N. Cosman

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BELLEVUE, ALBERTA

Rt. Rev. J. T. McNally,

Bishop of Calgary.

My Lord:-

Permit me to extend hearty X'mas greetings, and may The Sacred Heart of our Divine Lord bless you with health and happiness during the coming year.

Attached p;ease find ck for $25.00....$5.00. is due you for a dispensation, which you granted some time ago----it being every cent I received from them. Kindly accept the balance $20.00 as a personal X'maw token from me. I wish I had more to send you as I know the great sacrifices you have to make----it is small ;yet freely given.

This is the anniversary of my ordination. I said a mass of thanksgiving to Our Divine Lord for the great favors He has given me. He surely has blessee my work. I may say I spent a very lonesome; yet a very, very happy X'mas as I had gratifying results from my hard work. I gave about 2oo Communions at mid-night mass and the best of it was I got back to the sacrament two whom I have been working with for the last three mos. One was away I7 yrs and the other I9 yrs. and I have the promise of the third to come New Years day. He will have to renounce the Masons and Oddfellows. It has been very hard work yet I feel paid a hundred times for my work.

I have been working almost night and day lately; but after the 6th I will have it much easier. I expect to go to Ka Calgary about the 7th on business, when I hope to see you.

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J. T. McN. #2.

Enclosed you will find the list of parishioners, whic you asked for. I may say that since I took the census last June about 25 families have moved away and others come so you will understand in a few months more many of these will not be here.

Will you be good enough to see that an ORDO for 1918 is sent me at once.

Thanking you, My Lord, For your kindness in the past and asking you to pray for me

I am Your Obedient Servant in Xto.

Rev. P. J. N. Cosman

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ST. CYRIL'S RECTORY
REV. P. J. N. COSMAN, PASTOR
BELLEVUE, ALBERTA

Financial Statment of Receipts and Disbursements

From My Arrival Here In May 1917. To Jan. 1918. Bellevue, Alta

Rev. P. J. N. Cosman

JUNE 1918.

Paid Out.

Current Expenses of House and Church.... 69.57

Church Goods..... 50.00

Finishing of one room..... 58.00

Total $177.75.

Cash Received

Sunday Collections.....42.05

Monthly Collections..... 54.40.

Altar Society..... 16.20

Total.$112.65

no Salary

Borrowed To Pay Bills Of June $65.10.

On July 1st 1917 in debt $65.10

July 1917.

Paid Out.

Current expenses of house and church.....55.50

Church Goods bought..... 37.68

Instl. of Electric Lights.....15.75

Chairs for Sanctuary..... 5.00

Livery..... 6.00

Total....$119.93

Paid on bill borrowed in June.....33.37

Total Recd.....$153.30.

no Salary

Cash Recd.

Sunday Collections..... 30.55

Monthly Collections..... 69.65

Altar Society..... 9.80

Outside Missions.....43.30

Total...$153.30

On Aug 1st in debt $31.73

STILL OWE $ 31.73

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August 1917.

Paid Out.

Current Expenses of House and Church....102.55

Church Goods.....65.00

Livery.....10.00

Total..$ 177.55.

Cash Recd.

Sunday Collections.....23.35

Monthly Collections..... 78.25

Rel. Art. Sold..... 5.00

Altar Society..... 6.00

Outside Missions.....36.00

$148.60

Borrowed.....28.95

Total..$177.55

Salary

No

In Debt Sept. Ist; 1917. 60.68

Sept. 1917.

Paid Out.

Current Expenses of house and Church.... 50.00

Church Goods..... ~~$~~5.00

12.00

Inst. Elec. Lights In Church.....~~12.00~~

Pastors Salary.....50.00

Paid Bill Owed Last Month..... 60.68

Total.....~~$187.68~~.

187.68.

Cash Recd.

Sunday Collections..... 27.90

Monthly Collections.....125.80

Outside Missions..... 21.85

Altar Society..... 14.00

Total..$189.55.

On Hand Oct. Ist; 1917. $1.87

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October 1917.

Paid Out.

Current expenses of House and Church.....50.00
Church Goods 26.50
Fixing Church..... 15.00
Pastor Salary..... 50.00
Livery.....10.00
Total....$151.50

Cash Recd.

Sunday Collections..... 21.95
Monthly Collections.....112.65
Outside Missions..... 6.00
Balance From Last Month 1.87
Receipts From Bazzar.....195.00
Recd. From Passburg Church Acc. 69.25
Total.$406.72.

Balance On Hand Nov. 1st; 1917. $255.22.

November 1917. Paid Out.

Current Expenses Of House and Church.... 50.00
Church Cleaning & things for Church.....29.00
Salary to Pastor..... 50.00
Insurance on Churches for (3yrs).....108.99
Express, Freight & Etc 10.00
J. Dalicate On Shutters.....50.00
Total....$297.99.

Cash Recd.

Sunday Collections..... 22.95
Monthly Collections.....135.35
Outside Missions..... 5.00
Altar Society..... 3.40
Balance Last Month....T.....255.22

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Bal. on hand Nov 1/17 $123.93

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&December 1917.

Paid Out

Current Expenses Of House and Church.....50.00

Freight & Etc.....12.43

Carpenter work on Church.....30.00

Painter. " "b ".....10.00

Burlap for Church.....30.00

Pastor's Salary.....50.00

Livery..... 5.00

J.E.Delicate lumber for Church..... 50.00

Heating & Lighting Church.....10.00

Elec. Lights. & Etc..... 15.00

Total $262.43.

Cash Recd.

Sunday Collections.....24.25

Monthly Collections.....120.25

Outside Missions..... 4.00

Carpet Fund.....90.00

Balance Last Month.....123.93.

Total...$362.43.

Bal. on hand Jan. 1st; 1918. $ 100.00.

No bills owed.

Insurance Paid on all church for 3 yrs.

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R. Rev. J. J. McNally
Calgary:-

My Lord:-
Enclosed please find My
Ck for five 50/100 ($5-50/100) being amount
Collected for African Mission on Sunday
last. Bellevue - $4.25. Blairmore $1.25.

Your humble Serdt
Rev. Father Cosman

Jan 10/18

ST. CYRIL'S RECTORY
REV. P. J. N. COSMAN, PASTOR
BELLEVUE, ALBERTA

Rt. Rev. J. T. McNally

Bishop of Calgary,

Calgary, Alta.

My Lord:-

Enclosed please find my ck. for $24. 75¢

$5.00.....for disp. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ granted. "mix. rel."

$15.00.....French collection..... Blairmore.

$4.75.....French collection..... Bellevue.
$24.75.

I received Lenten Inst.,and will comply with same. Also the bill for Taxes, which I paid this a.m.

Your Humble Servant in Xto.

Feb. 9th; 1918. Rev. P. J. N. Cosman

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Feb. 25th: 1918.

Rt. Rev. J.T.McNally;

Bishop of Calgary,

Calgary, Alta.

Your Lordship:-

Enclosed please find my ck for $7.00 (seven dollars) being amount, which I recd in the collection taken up on the first Sunday of lent for the "Church Ext."

Bellevue.....$4.00

Blairmore.....$3.00

Total....$7.00

The day was very, very stormy and very few parishioners out is the reason, I presume, that this collection was not more.

My Lord if I had a PASS over the C.P.Ry. it would save me quite a little on the run of a year as I use the train a lot going between my missions. There was a PASS issued last year to Rev. Fr. Bideau who lives at Lethbridge and he never uses it. It was a Pass from MacLeod to Crows Nest. I think this could easily be had this year in my name and it would help me considerably as from here to MacLeod is quite a piece. Would Your Lordship be good enough to apply for it in my name?

May I also ask you, My Lord, if it is customery for the priest in this section to remain here for Holy Week or shall I be required to go to the city. I would like to have this infor-mation at an early date so as to make arrangements.

Thanking you in advance, I am, Your Humble Servant in Xto.

Rev. Father Cosman

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To Rt Rev. J. T. McNally
Calgary, Alt.

My Lord:-

Enclosed please find attached my ck for $5.00 being 20% of State fees recd. Also please find financial statement of this church from June 1917 to Jan. 1918. The pews in this church are not sold consequently there is no revenue from them.

Your humble Servant in Xto.
Rev. P. J. N. Cosman

March 7/18.

P.S. I have been so busy that I could not get this statement off before this.

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REV.P.J.N.COSMAN. PASTOR
BELLEVUE, ALBERTA

Rt. Rev. J.T. McNally,

Calgary? Alta.

My Lord:-

Attached please find my ck. for ($4.50.) being amount recd. for collection ordered taken up yesterday.

Bellevue.....$1.90

Blairmore.....$2.60

Total.....$4.50

I have distributed about all the envelopes sent me. About fifteen of the people, who were here when that list was sent you have moved from here and a few new ones have arrived so I will give the new ones the extras. I spoke yesterday from the altar at the different churches about the noble work you were trying to do and asked them to co-operate with you by responding freely to your appeal.

I wrote you some time ago about the wreckage of the Frank Church. I have not as yet been able to dispose of it. I had one offer of $75.00 but I thought that too small until I had your consent and the next day he would not give over $50,00?

Your Humble Servant.

Rev. P. J. N. Cosman

May 20th: 1918.

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REV. P. J. N. COSMAN, PASTOR
BELLEVUE, ALBERTA

Rt. Rev. J. T. McNally.

Bishop of Calgary.

My Lord;-

Enclosed please find my ck. for $60.00 Sixty Dollars as per following statment.

I received $ 125.00 One hundred and twenty five dollars for the lumber and etc. of the Frank Church.

I paid out $ 15.00 Fifteen dollars for packing, shipping and hauling the bell and paying the freight on it and advertising the lumber for sale.

I am sending you the balance $ 110.00 less $ 50.00 for 50 mass "Sntentions", which I recd. when I was in Calgary a few days ago

Your Humble Servant in Xto,

Rev. Father Cosman

Blairmore, Alta.
June 18th: 1918.

ST.CYRIL'S RECTORY
REV.P.J.N.COSMAN, PASTOR
BELLEVUE, ALBERTA

To Rt. Rev. J. McNally

Bishop of Calgary,

My Lord;-

Enclosed please find attached my ck, for $ 6.00 It being amount of collection recd, as ordered taken up for Ruth. Missions. Blairmore,, 2.00 Bellevue, 4.00,,,,

My lord-

the Miners' union of Bellevue have acquired a lot of land for a public CEMETARY in the town of Bellevue about ane half mile from the church.

The Union wish me to take part of it for a Catholic cemetary. They will give us the privilege of fencing off our part from theirs. I held a meeting after mass and asked the people if they would prefere to have a cemetary in Bellevue or to continue to do as they are now i, e, some bury in Hillcrest, Some in Passburg and some in Blairmore. Blairmore is the only Catholic cemetary in all my missions. The people all without an exception wished to have the cemetary in Bellevue.

Will you be good enough, My Lord, to advide me at your earliest convenient moment if I may accept their offer.

Your Humble Servant in Xto.

Rev. P. J. N. Cosman

P.O.Box, 101

Blairmore, Alta.

July 15th, 1918.

St. Mary's Rectory

Eighteenth Avenue West

Calgary, Alta. July 16, 1918.

Dear Fr. Cosman,

In reply to enquiry about a cemetry at Bellevue, the Bishop is quite willing that you arrange as the people wish, and you may therefore accept the offer recently madeyou for this purpose. But since other missions, besides Bellevue will make use of it, the Bishop wishes you to consider all the needs, and to make sure that you secure a cemetry of sufficient size for the purpose.

Is not part of the cemetry ~~xxxx~~ at Hillcrest devoted to the purpose of a Catholic cemetry ?

Yours very truly,

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A.M.D.G.

Coleman, Alta.
July 7th, 1922.

Rt. Rev. Bishop McNally D.D.

Your Lordship:

has promised to obtain for me from Winnipeg a Clergy Half-Fare Book, and as I intend to visit the farms at Empress and Tide Lake here from Coleman, I would beg Your Lordhip to send it to me, if You have procured it.

From what I see, it would take some time before the people of Coleman could be taught to attend to their spiritual duties, because at the present time, they are more than negligent. Am getting acquainted with them, and as they will come to know me better, perhaps God shall move their slothful hearts.

Your Lordship, would it be possible for me to go to Winnipeg for some weeks? I promise that on my return, I would be faithful ever after.

Thanking You. Lord, for all the favours; and especially, for the Half-Fare Certificate, I remain

most obediently Yours.

Fr. Kreisgewski.
Coleman, Alta.

Bellevue, Alta.
St. Cyril's Church –
Box 118.

Very Rev. Hetherington V.G.

Very Rev. Father: –

Beg to inform you that I have dispensed from the triple banns in the case of an Italian wedding, between Pietro Vittorio Borrer and Vittoria Breda, married on the 14th of Oct. – as everything has been provided for the wedding, and fear entertained that the party would be married by a minister. There have been, to my knowledge, no other impediments to Matrimony.

I have enclosed the fee for the dispensation and information of the fact of the dispensation, as the Canons provide and oblige.

Have had a crowded Church on the last two Sundays, and hope as time goes on, to bring more of them back to Church. Even a few Italians came for Holy Mass.

Thanking for past favours,

$5.00

Sincerely in Xt,
Fr. Wm Kreciszewski.

Bellevue, Alta.
Oct. 16, 1922.

Bellevue Alta
Aug 5th 1923

Rt Rev Bishop McNally

My Lord

I enclose order for $9.50 for the propagation of the Faith collection.

As you have already given the permission ~~of~~ for painting the church, we will start it this week. We will have to put a toilet and wash basin in the living quarters here.

Mr Lamey, the bank mgr. told me that there are about 800 men engaged in the Bellevue and the Hillcrest mine. About 750 of them are or should be catholics, Roman Catholics. About 14 of the 750 attend Holy Mass.

There are over 700 children practically all Roman Catholic children in the 3 strictly protestant schools here. 31 of the 700 attend catechism.

Mr Lamey says that for the last 2 weeks in July pay cheques for these miners were cashed to the extent of £78.000. Two weeks pay.

Still £8.50 for the Faith collection and £7.60 for the Sunday collection here.

On Sundays I have low mass at 8-30 and High Mass at 10-30
catechism at 2. p m
Benediction at 7.30 with evening prayers and an instruction before it.

Mass every morning also at 8 sharp.

About 60 people attend Sunday Masses and half that number come to Benediction. There are hundreds of Italians here not one of their swarthy faces is ever seen in their church. Poles. slovacs, assyrians, Hungarians, Lituanians-Hungarians, all kinds of people come but no Italians —

yours devotedly
R J Donovan

Bellevue, Alta
Sept. 15th 1923

Bishop McNally
Calgary
Alta.

Your Lordship,—

by the request a large number of Bellevue Catholics, I am appealing to your lordship for the return of the Reverend Father Joseph to Bellevue.

Not that the present priest, Reverend Father Donovan is disliked, but as your lordship possibly knows the large percentage of Bellevue citizens are foreigners who cannot make their confessions except in their own language.

Father Joseph was getting this Parish in an excellent condition. Owing to his friendliness and his aggresive personality he was much liked.

The parishioners of Bellevue must humbly, and humbly request that your lordship will grant them this favor,

Your humble servant
C. A. Mc Donald

Bellevue.
Sept.6.th.1923

Bishop McNally
Your Lordship.

We parishioners of Bellevue humbly request that you give ear to our request for permission for Father Josef to come to labor amongs't us once more.

He has so endeared himself to us by the faithful performance of his duties, that we feel it is impossible for any one to take his place.

Give ear your Lordship to your humble petitioners request

E. A. Mc Donald
H. O. Cormier
H. Harvey
M. [illegible]
J. Pierzchala
P. Bielesch
Andro Knezicke
[illegible] Kubaseko
Josef [illegible]
John Mikolski
Martin Urbash
Stanislaw Kaluza
Wojciech Witek
Tomasz Okrowski
Jan Plasienski
Jan Kania

Stive Hurtak
John Hovan
J. F. Fappay
M. Myyford
St. [illegible]ik
J. Stachowczyk
J. Duvay
John Tarasy
John Hucik
M. Pierzchala
F. Mieroszewicz
Jan Giebato
Jan Jakubiec
Marin Pietrzniak
Fryk Buba

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F. Zógia
A. Lazaranko
John Lipnicka
M. Jankulak
M. Udrcik
A Lesson
Joe Salvo
Billy Click
Joseph Podgornick Jr.
John Panek.
Joe Podgornik. Sr.
Steve Lesson
M Matuhar
John Juris
Vasil Kulcicko

J. Odyvon
John Hruby
F. Pickarczyk
J. Tabarski
J. Cichy
J. Golufron
J. Markofski
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F. S. Lanier
Fred Dawson

Bellevue alta
Oct 4th 1923

Rt Rev. Bishop McNally.

My Lord

HERE IS A SHORT STATEMENT OF SOME BUSINESS I DID DURING THE PAST 10 WEEKS

PARISH FUNDS IN BANK

$225.54	COLLECTED by FR JOSEPH
18.29	" " FR COSMAN
227.50	" " FR DONOVAN - by BAZAAR.
17.00	" " " " ALTAR Soc. dues.
4.43	" " " " " " "
$492.76	

PARISH FUNDS EXPENDED By FR DONOVAN

$48.06	To KNAPMAN PLUMBING Co
168.00	" SIRETT & SHARPE - PAINTING EXTERIOR
72.75	" " " " " ROOF
24.70	" " " " " INTERIOR
15.92	" F WOLSTENHOLME CARPENTER
84.05	" KERR BROS BLINDS FURNITURE ETC
12.34	" WINNPEG Ch. Goods Co
.98	" CAN " " "
6.89	" JJM LANDY
432.69	

Bal $60.07

But INSURANCE $112.50 due Nov. 15 1923.

I got a lot of necessary work done also by voluntary labor. I am sorry to say that I must come in now to the hospital for some treatment and I will not need to be absent for

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three or four weeks.

If possible please send a priest to replace me for that time.

If not Fr. McCormick will give them Mass here every second Sunday.

I have been very happy and successful in every way here and secured splendid cooperation of the people in all parish works and devotions and I have a well founded hope to be able to be back in 4 weeks.

I remain yours very devotedly

Fr Donovan

Bishop's House,
Calgary, Alta.,
October 6th, 1923.

Rev. R. J. Donovan,
Bellevue, Alta.

Dear Reverend Father:

In reply to your letter of the 4th inst., I am directed by the Very Rev. A. J. Hetherington to tell you that you should make arrangements with Father McCormick to supply during your absence.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Cosman & Bellevue

BELLEVUE
MAY 8 1924

Rt Rev Bishop McNally
CALGARY.

Your Lordship

REV PJN COSMAN TOOK AWAY FROM THE ALTAR OF BELLEVUE CHURCH ITS FINE SET OF CANDLE STICKS AND TABERNACLE CROSS, ALSO THE OSTENSORIUM. HE PUT HERE IN THEIR PLACE DIRTY INFERIOR GOODS, RICKETY AND IN BAD ORDER.

THE STOLEN GOODS WERE FIRST CLASS HIGHLY POLISHED AND CLEAN AS I HAD TAUGHT THE WOMEN FOLK, TO KEEP THEM. HE GOT A NEW MARBLE ALTAR, THEY SAY, AT BLAIRMORE, SO HAD TO ROB THIS POOR MEAN PLACE OF THE COUPLE OF DECENT THINGS IT POSSESSED.

THEY HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS ALTARS EQUIPMENT FOR YEARS, AND NO CLAIM CAN EXCUSE HIS TAKING THEM.

YOUR LORDSHIP TOLD US AT THE RETREAT

that it is a disgrace to us to carry away even old pots and pans, How much more so then to despoil the altar itself?

Believe me the people here despise him for that.

Fathe Kreciszewcki left a ciborium and a light fixture here worth about $40. things personally his. Note the contrast.

When I came back. Fr Cosman was down in Spokane, so I could have retaken the goods. Respect for the church was all that prevented me.

Please send me an order on him for the return of these things.

This is the first time i have asked your intervention, because it happens to be the kind of outrage that I don't stand for. Very devotedly in Christ

R J Donovan

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Bellevue Alta
July 30 1924

Rt Rev. J. T. McNally
Calgary

My Lord

Kindly approve my request to the Extension circle for a white Vestment.

Allow me to request a visit for confirmation. If possible last of August or first week in September. We could make a big fete at that time, decorate the church and make your visit a great help to stir up devotion and respect to the church. Later in the fall, with bad weather, would not be so good.

The Methodist people, in control of the schools, the socialists who come to the doors of their shacks to mock people coming to mass and insert catholics, keep the parish work stifled here. So I feel that I would be neglecting one of my best helps if I failed to urge an episcopal visit and to have the gifts of the Holy Ghost conferred on the children.

Yours devotedly
Fr Donovan

Bellevue Alta
Sept 29th 1915

Rt Rev Bishop Kidd
Calgary

My Lord

Here is the information asked for the directory:

(a) name of church St Cyril's

(b) Missions Passburg; Burmis; Hillcrest
no churches at these missions

I would like to have my name listed as R J Donovan.
I believe the initials are reversed.
It matters but little, its true, but I like to retain the correct form of my name.

Yours respectfully
R J Donovan

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