

August 1, 1953

Rev. James M. Janssen
St. Joseph's Rectory
East Pleasant Plain
Iowa

Dear Father Janssen:

Following our conversation of yesterday, I desire once more to appeal to your sacerdotal zeal. Always remember that you have the opportunity of doing a great work for our High Priest, Jesus Christ. East Pleasant Plain and Richmond provide you with the opportunity of doing much for His cause. I know that you will not disappoint Him.

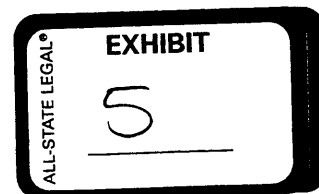
I ask you to bear in mind those practical points which I indicated to you in our conversation: Regarding hearing confessions—greater attention to the manner in which you say Holy Mass—the matter of going swimming—the necessity of preparing your sermon and studying your theology.

In this matter, you will be able to do good work for our Lord, and you will be happy in that work. There is plenty of work to be done in the parish and Father Wetzstein will be very happy to direct and to encourage you in that work. Throw yourself into true sacerdotal activities; you can be sure of the constant assistance of our Lord and His Blessed Mother. I shall continue to pray that you will enter loyally and zealously into the assignment which has been given to you.

With every best wish and with my blessing, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Ralph L. Hayes
Bishop of Davenport.



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