

December 9, 1982

Rev. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
424 S.W. Mill St.
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Father Aldo:

On November 12 I sent a memorandum to all priests of the Archdiocese announcing that I had accepted in principle the two resolutions (Nos. 12 and 13) passed by their Convention in August referring to limited tenure of pastors.

Now I am writing to all pastors who will have been in their present assignment for ten years or more on July 1, 1983, even those over 65 years of age, in order to learn what course the individual pastors have decided to take with respect to the newly announced policy.

Father Aldo, you have been pastor of St. Michael Parish in Portland since September of 1956. Since you will have served as pastor of St. Michael Parish for a period of ten years as of July 1, 1983, you are affected by the limited tenure policy. I would very much appreciate your letting me know what your wishes are regarding a transfer to another parish as of July 1, 1983.

During your twenty-six years at St. Michael Parish you certainly can point to many specific and outstanding accomplishments, not the least of which has been the improvements to the parish church. You can look with justifiable pride on your impressive record. Your talents, gifts and experience can certainly be put to good use in another parish of the Archdiocese.

In my November 12 memorandum I stated that "I am...convinced that there is merit to a limited tenure policy for pastors." I added, however, that "I cannot say that tenure is or should be the last word, or the only criterion."

I fully believe that there would be no justice in my asking all pastors to accept a transfer regardless of how they might feel about their present or a future assignment. I am therefore writing to each pastor individually and asking him to let me know how he feels about a transfer to another parish in accordance with the Convention resolutions. Each pastor should seriously reflect on the fact that the resolutions were passed by a majority of priests in the Archdiocese, and therefore they represent the desire of most of our priests to have a limited tenure policy.

I might say that in dealing with transfers we will, of course, follow the procedure of consulting with all pastors prior to any change of assignment.

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Rev. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
December 9, 1983.

I would appreciate having your written response to this inquiry as soon as conveniently possible, preferably within two weeks. Many thanks.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

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Archbishop Cornelius M. Power
The Chancery Office
2838 East Burnside Street
P.O. Box 351
Portland, Oregon. 97207

Dear Archbishop Power,

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As to my preference of what I expect of the future, it is, of course, to remain where I am at least for a few more years.

In 1959, the Jesuits informed the Archbishop that they would no longer administer this parish. Since it was (and is) a National Italian Church and because of my background I was assigned as pastor.

In the course of the twenty-three plus years that I have been here, we have become in addition a parish church taking over the boundaries of the former St. Lawrence which fell victim to the urban renewal. In a rescript from the Vatican, dated July 9, 1960, St. Michael was designated to temporarily "assume the pastoral care of the faithful living within the parish limits of St. Lawrence." And it further stipulated that the designated status of St. Michael's would continue until such a time as other arrangements could be made.

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I have found that the size of the parish suits me well. If it were any larger I would find it a bit overwhelming. I know my limitations and capabilities and try to work within that framework, as I have been doing at St. Michael's.

If it is in accordance with your wishes, I would ask to remain in my present position, continuing in the role of Italian Pastor and Parish Priest.

Wishing you the best of the Blessed Season, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,

Father Aldo

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Vicar General
Most Rev Paul E Waldschmidt C.S.C.
2838 E Burnside St
Portland, Or 97214

Re: Tenure question - Fr Aldo Manzonetta St Michael the Archangel Church

Your Grace -

We asked for this audience so as to clarify our great concern regarding the move of Fr Aldo Orso Manzonetta from St Michael Church under the new tenure rule. We simply want to ask what we can do to make certain that the case for retaining Fr Aldo as an exception to the ten year rule is considered by the Diocese.

For several reasons this case is special -- (a) The Parish composition (b) The Italian heritage (c) Father Aldo's relation to the Parish. We should make clear we are aware of much Parish consternation and we speak as concerned individuals. The Parish Council is not in a position to oppose Diocesan decisions. Fr Aldo has furthermore asked that no agitation be undertaken in his behalf. However we feel strongly that this case should be fully understood by Diocesan authorities. Who will make a final decision and we ask that you advise us what action we should take to insure our thoughts are reviewed.

(a) Parish Composition

- 1 Large proportion of people in apartments and condominium in area mostly older people
- 2 Considerable number of older people in modest or poverty line circumstances dwelling in apartments and dwellings from Vista ave to Willamette river and from Morrison St to Johns Landing.
- 3 Italians in Parish area and all over city.
- 4 Office people attending week day masses.
- 5 College Students.

To serve this disparate group without the binding force of a Parish school is a serious challenge which Fr Aldo is meeting with remarkable success. A single Priest with no housekeeper.

(b) Italian Church

Church was built with hands and hard earned dollars of Italians four generations ago and is still supported vigorously by their heirs. In past eight years church front was rebuilt and interior was renovated with great support from Italians. The St Michael Alumni Association remains an active and important function in helping Fr Aldo with a variety of contributions and with their moral support. The church has a special Vatican designation of "Chiesa Italiana". We feel the Papal delegate should be considered and advised in the assignment of this Parish Priest. Because we are aware of Italians being upset by (1) Removal of Fr Aldo and (2) prospects of diversion of church to other purposes. We believe this dismay should be relayed to the Diocese.

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- (c) Fr Aldo Orso Manzonetta
Father Aldo was appointed Pastor in 1959 as we can testify the Parish was in very poor financial condition. His devoted care has enabled it to thrive. From a starting point where Parish could not afford to pay him a modest salary. The Church has progressed to a sound position, spiritually and financially. After completing a major structural uplift in 1977 and another interior renovation last year, the church has approximately \$70,000.00 in the bank and no debt. St Michael Church averages 500 or more at Sunday masses and has good attendance at daily mass. Including cost of assistance from Holy Cross Fathers and part time secretary, administrative expense averages less than \$2000. per month. We believe this is remarkable and difficult to replace. He is almost a one man staff. To reward these endeavors by removing him may very well have dire consequences because his health is frail as the record shows. This new rule comes to him without warning or precedent.

Conclusion

This Parish holds together with its Italian heritage and its older generation support led pastorally by Fr Aldo. His removal and replacement promises serious havoc. We ask whether this prospect is truly in the interest of Arch Diocese?

Respectfully,

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CENSUS - 1983

Each year we try to take a census of the people who attend Mass here and who live in the area or attend this Church and consider it their parish. Even though you may have signed up in years passed, in order to try for an accurate account, may we ask that you sign up again, listing your new address, if any and phone. (If unlisted, please indicate same.)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY Portlano ZIP CODE 47225 PHONE 292-9323

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF FAMILY _____

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this our Parish only is Father Aldo
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NAME _____

ADDRE _____

CITY Portland ZIP CODE 97232 PHONE 232-2356

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF FAMILY _____

COMMENTS _____

are Stoban. She will continue to attend & support this parish if we can maintain Father Odo. I feel this parish can not grow without him because ~~the~~ many people who are willing to drive many miles to attend mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Let's keep the Stoban culture & heritage as it was meant to be.

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February 23, 1983

Rev. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
24 S.W. Mill St.
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Dear Father Aldo:

The Personnel Board has studied the letters of all of the pastors who have been in their present assignment ten years or more, and who were notified last December that they were involved in the limited tenure Resolution (#12) passed by the majority of the priests attending the 1982 Clergy Convention. Each pastor/parish situation was given individual attention. The Board has recommended that you should be asked to accept a transfer to another parish. While I know that you would very much like to remain where you are, I feel that you should consider a transfer as of July 1, 1983, in accordance with Resolution #12.

Twenty-two priests are affected by the new policy. The five who are between 65 and 70 years of age have indicated their desire to remain in their present assignments and have been exempted by Resolution #13. They will not be moving to another parish in July. Three others will not be transferred because of ill health or a building project under way.

All of the remaining pastors are being asked to consider another parish.

In the very near future I will be writing to all of the priests of the Archdiocese to let them know of the results of the process thus far, and to inquire whether any of them want also to be considered for a transfer in July. This will give us some idea of what parishes might be considered open - more or less.

I say "more or less" because it is possible that we may not be able to match up priest and parish in every case, because there will be the usual consultative process outlined in Chapter IV of the Clergy Personnel Manual, "Pastors," and because of the large number of transfers we will be trying to arrange.

In the twenty-three years you have been at St. Michael's in Portland you can point to any number of accomplishments. What you have learned in your present assignment will, along with your native talents, enable you to make an invaluable contribution to your next parish.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

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PARISH COUNCIL, NOTICE!

There will be a meeting of ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7:30 p.m. This will be held in the parish hall.



My dear parishioners and friends of the parish,

As you may or may not know, there are changes coming about in many parishes. Many pastors will be ~~assigned~~ to new parishes. I am among those who will be reassigned to work in another place. As to where it will be, that has yet to be determined. As to when I leave Saint Michael's, that will be towards the end of June. I have asked for some time off before assuming my new duties.

We become so accustomed to wanting everything to remain the same, however, we realize that in all of our lives changes come about whether we want them or not. For a pastor, who has served the people in the parish for twenty-four years, the change is difficult not only for him, but for the congregation as well. To say that I leave without regrets would be a lie, since I feel I had my beginnings here (my parents were married in this Church in 1922). However, the time comes when we all must go on in order to fulfil whatever work God has ahead of us.

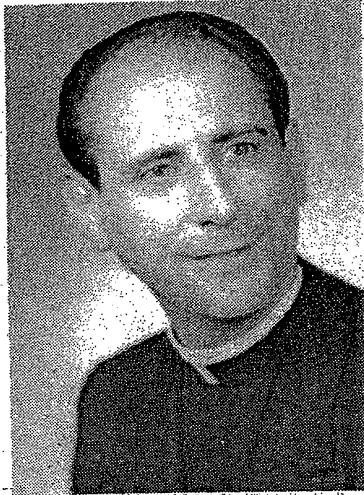
I could say much more but at times like this, it is easier just to say thank you for your cooperation in all those twenty-four years. May God bless all of you and your families. I would ask a remembrance in your prayers, as you will all be in mine, wherever I may be. And remember - I do love you, my very dear people!

Very Sincerely Yours,

P.S. Hey! How about me? MAXIME von Caesar

FR. Aldo

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FATHER ALDO ORSO-MANZONETTA

Father Aldo To Mark Jubilee

Father Aldo C. Orso-Manzonetta will celebrate the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, on Sunday June 1, at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 424 SW Mill St., in Portland.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered at 3 p.m., followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Father Aldo received his education at St. Francis Academy, Washington High School, University of Portland, St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, Colo. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1950 (The Holy Year) at St. Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Edward D. Howard.

Following ordination Father Aldo was assigned to St. Cecelia where he served as administrator until June, 1951, when he was assigned to the Downtown Chapel, then as administrator at Our Lady of the Mountain, Ashland; then as assistant at All Saints' Parish in Portland; then as chaplain at Mercy Home, North Bend. He has been pastor of St. Michael's Parish since 1959.

Father Aldo will be celebrating his silver jubilee in the same church where his parents were married on Aug. 19, 1922. One brother, Bernard Orso-Manzonetta, is a member at St. Philip Neri Parish.

St. Michael Church

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4/11/1983

Fr. Joseph Wood OSB
Director of Ministries & Personnel
Chancery Office
Portland, Or.

DEAR FATHER JOE, thanks for contacting me. Though Seaside is not too close to Portland (but not too far either) and though there is a mission there, I would ~~be~~ ready to accept that parish. Concerning St. Michael in Portland, that would call for a long discussion, so to make ^{it} more similar to other Italian Churches, like St. Peter & Paul in S. Francisco or St. Peter's in Los Angeles or Our Lady of Rosary in San Diego. I know very closely their working way and organization. Portland ^{ITALIAN} is rather nominally an Italian Church. For a real apostolate among the Italians ^① it should be given back to the Holy See and ^② to a Religious Community. Best regards, n D. no

Handwritten signature: Fr. Joseph Wood

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April 11, 1983

The Most Reverend Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon
2838 East Burnside
Portland, Oregon 97214

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Your Excellency:

As a member of the parish of ~~St.~~ Michael the Archangel, I am taking the liberty of writing to you about Father Aldo.

One hears a rumor that some time toward the end of this month a number of pastors will be transferred from their parishes to other parishes, and that Father Aldo may be one of those selected for transfer.

Father Aldo is due to celebrate his 25th Jubilee in this parish in the summer of 1984, and I feel it would be a great pity indeed if the people of our parish were deprived of the opportunity to celebrate the service he has given for all these years.

There is, next, the personal consideration that one would want to see shown to Fr. Aldo. He will be 60 this summer. He has, as of course you know, been ill in the past. I am quite sure that what he must deeply dread is beginning all over in a new parish when he does not have the health and buoyancy he once had. He is quite capable of functioning very effectively in the parish with which he is familiar. But if I may speak quite frankly, the current thought about cancer is that one of the factors that can precipitate it is stress. One would surely not wish to run such a terrifying risk.

There is of course the matter of St. Michael's having had an Italian pastor who has served the Italian people attending this church (as well as those who were not Italian). Even if you should feel this is no longer as important as it has seemed to be, in charity to that portion of this congregation that would be most affected, it would be my feeling that no transfer should be made (if transfer there

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must be) for at least a year, so that they could assimilate the idea of not having an Italian pastor, and would be able to seek churches elsewhere. If they were given time, it would surely make the transition easier.

Finally, there is my own, quite personal feeling. I find Fr. Aldo truly extraordinary in his devotion to the Liturgy -- by which I mean that he follows the rubrics exactly, speaks the words as they are given to us, and does not set himself above them by, as it were, writing his own Mass. If a priest is that faithful and humble in the presence of the Eucharist, it must surely say something about his essential spirituality. I find the experience of attending Fr. Aldo's masses deeply meaningful, and though, if you did decide to make the transfer one hears rumored, I would of course in holy obedience accept your decision, I would be very sorry indeed.

Most respectfully,

I am sending a copy of this letter to Father Wood.

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Name of Priest Fr. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta Age 56

Present Assignment(s) St. Michael Church, Portland, Oregon
Since 1959

Interviewing Bishop P. E. Waldschmidt

Date of Interview April 18, 1979

Personal Profile Completed Is in process: also a parish profile

Further Data to be Obtained _____

Specific Recommendations Fr. Aldo likes his present assignment; is not seeking a change. Would see himself continuing at St. Michael until he is no longer able to function. However, he did indicate that if the Archdiocese needed him elsewhere, he would certainly be willing to go.

The parish is somewhat unique. Because of the location, people are afraid to come out at night -- so there are very few evening programs. He has a parish council which meets only 3 to 4 times a year. There is an alumni group from the old St. Michael's school that meets monthly -- also an altar society. He has no Eucharistic ministers. His servers are usually college age students and over -- they do the readings. There are no official lectors. Fr. Aldo visits the aged and sick in his parish "2-3 times each month, bringing them communion". He has individuals located in the various residences who keep track of the sick and notify him.

He has completed the remodeling of the parish and was able to pay for the entire project -- so no debt.

He has "good music" in his parish -- some from live singers, others from tapes. He has one Latin Mass each Sunday. He feels he has a good working relationship with the people of the parish.

He indicated that his health was good, although he has not been too regular about getting an annual check-up. I urged him to get this on a regular basis. He hasn't had a full vacation in 7 years -- but takes off afternoons. He has ~~Mass~~ daily Mass and confessions at noon so cannot participate in many of the archdiocesan activities. He does get week-end help from Fr. Vincent OSB.

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We discussed the possibility of his going on for some continuing education. He would love to go to Rome -- as he has never been to Italy to see his relatives. I think we should consider him as having a high priority among the priests for such a continuing education experience. I think it could help his ministry. After 30 years of priesthood, he would profit from the experience.

Perhaps we should look to 1981 as the year for his sabbatical leave. We might also consider at that time whether or not he could serve the Archdiocese better in another parish

He indicated satisfaction with being in a one-man parish. However, he did speak of the desirability of obtaining the motel next to the parish and making it a center -- where the Catholic Chaplain at PSU might reside, along with the Chaplain at other portland area community colleges. I did not pursue with him the idea of making the parish the College campus parish -- but I think we should explore this with Fr. Frison and others and once we have some positive ideas, get together with Fr. Aldo to consider them. I think he may be open to the idea.

Fr. Aldo also spoke of his past interest in radio, film and tv work. But he feels that time has passed him by on this interest. He also indicated that he has some ideas for writing and would like sometime to pursue this goal -- after he is retired, but in the next statement he indicated that he never really wanted to be "retired"; he wants to keep busy. I told him of the great service "retired" priests like Fr. Schaefer, Fr. Stipe et al are doing. He concurred and indicated that's what he would like to do.

Along with the interview -- I was served a marvelous dinner:

1. Antepasto
2. Salad
3. Pasta -- ravioli
4. Crepes -- filled with lobster thermador and mushrooms
5. Asparagus
6. Ice cream with marsalla wine.
7. I forgot the name of the wine served with the dinner. but it was excellent.

Fr. Offered to cook a dinner for all the priests of the Archdiocese any time we wanted to get them together for a social or other event. I could recommend him without hesitation.

April 22, 1983

Dear Ms.

I appreciate very much your very beautiful letter expressing your evident appreciation and support of Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta at St. Michael's in Portland. The priests of the Archdiocese voted last August in their annual convention to make it the policy of the Archdiocese that pastors not serve indefinitely in one parish. They were convinced, as I have long been, that a limited tenure policy would be beneficial not only to the majority of parishes, but to the majority of priests as well, as hard as it might be on certain individuals.

Father Aldo has done great things at St. Michael's, and it is heartening to see that many of his parishioners recognize and appreciate this.

I assure you that we are most grateful to you for your evaluation and support of Father Aldo's pastoral ministry at St. Michael Parish.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland

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April 29, 1983
Portland, Oregon

Father Joseph Wood
Director of Personnel Board
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Portland, Oregon 97207

Dear Father Wood:

I write this as a matter of great concern to all of us. It affects a church, its pastor, the parishoners, the community at large, and the very integrity of the Archdiocese. It is the proposed removal of Father Aldo Orso Manzonetti of the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

As you must realize, St. Michael's is a very unusual and unique parish. The supportive bulk of members do not live within the assigned geographical confines of the church's boundaries. Many of us live miles away. For years we have very willingly helped our church and pastor in every way, in spite of travel and time difference. Through God's grace I feel we have been greatly rewarded. As the designated Italian National Church of Portland, St. Michael's is also a registered National Historical Landmark. Extensive rebuilding and improvements of the frontage area, the hall, a new heating/air conditioning system, new lighting, restored stained glass windows, new pews, carpets and interior decorations are all completed and nearly paid for. The Alter Society, Parish Council and Alumni Society are all very healthy and active organizations. Their generous personal sacrifices are evident in the results of their efforts. All of this and much more than space permits, is primarily because of one man's dedication and tireless devotion to God's will. It is because of Father Aldo's inspiration and guidance that St. Michael's exists today. It is why we eagerly attend mass regularly and support freely. To the older and aged members, St. Michael's with Father Aldo is a mountain of peace, a sanctuary from our turbulent and destructive times.

And now the very structure of our parish is seriously threatened by his departure. Already this news has caused great anxiety, bewilderment and fears among all those I have spoken with. I understand that some parishoners with a petition of many names have asked for a hearing to withdraw your's and the Personnel Board's decision regarding this case. Also that an individual was granted a good hearing before the board. In spite of these efforts the present decision leaves me confused.

To a man of 59 years old, with the best 24 of those at his devoted duty, this change may be incalculating bad. Father is not the healthiest of us. Over the years he has mentioned "St. Michael's is my first love, my home. I wish to remain as long as I am able to serve." Considering his age, his rather limited remaining productive years, and all the above, I, too, ask: why must Father leave?

The Catholic Sentinel of March 18, 1983, tells of "Three More Pastors Exempt," from reassignments. I respectfully ask for no more than that for Father Aldo. I feel that any less will lead to the eventual destruction of our parish. Even now, many say they will leave and not even support this Diocese.

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In all matters of rule, extenuating circumstances and exceptions overrule.
This case of St. Michael's and Father Aldo is surely such a one.

I pray God be with you in your final decision.

Very truly yours,

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April 29, 1983

Dear Father Wood,

Am enclosing the Parish Profile. Anything more on the financial situation while I am away? Can you also procure the necessary papers to take with me when on leave? Meanwhile am proceeding on schedule in moving out. (What a mess - after twenty-four years!)

Best Wishes,

Aldo

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May 6, 1983

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Dear Mr.

I received your letter concerning the term of office policy and how it applies to Father Aldo.

This policy was voted in by the majority of the priests at last year's clergy convention. The policy was also favorably received and approved by the Archbishop.

We know that in individual parishes and in the case of individual pastors there is some consternation over the reassignment of the priests in their particular place. We are sorry about that.

In some cases, as you alluded to in your letter, some exceptions have been made at the discretion of the Archbishop and his advisors. However, we can't really make too many exemptions; otherwise, the policy loses all force of effectiveness.

We are still considering what assignments will be made and the process is not yet complete.

I appreciate your letter, and I appreciate your loyalty to Father Aldo and your personal support of St. Michael's. I will report your letter to the Personnel Board and the Archbishop. Thanking you for your interest and support of the Church, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Joseph Wood, O.S.B.
Director of Clergy Personnel

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June 7, 1983

Rev. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
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Dear Father Aldo:

Enclosed you will find your formal appointment as Administrator of St. Peter Parish, Newberg. It would have been my wish to have appointed you Pastor of that parish, but Father Joseph Wood, Personnel Director, informed me that you preferred to be named Administrator, leaving you freer to accept an alternate appointment sometime in the future should you desire to do so.

I fully realize that you would have preferred to remain at St. Michael's until your twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of that parish. However, I do appreciate your setting your personal preference aside in view of the needs of the Archdiocese. It will be difficult for your parishioners and your many friends, whose respect and love you have earned during your years at St. Michael's, to see you leave. You have served them well and they truly appreciate the personal dedication and loyalty you showed them at Portland's uptown parish.

The long uncertainties connected with your transfer have been hard on you and your parishioners, and I sincerely regret that the process could not be speeded up. I assure you, however, that the delay was not intended, but was unavoidable under the circumstances of having to consider so many changes at one time, and the personal feelings of the priests and people involved in the transfers.

I deeply appreciate the fine spirit that you had with regard to your accepting a new appointment. I feel every confidence that you will be happy in your assignment to St. Peter's, and that the people of that parish will appreciate the style of ministry that you will bring to your work in that parish.

May the Great High Priest shower His blessings and His graces upon you as you make the transition from St. Michael's to Newberg. I thank you for your many fruitful

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Rev. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
June 7, 1983.

years at St. Michael's Parish, and pledge my prayers for equal success at St. Peter's in Newberg.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Faternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of ~~Portland~~

P.S.: The letter you published to "My dear parishioners and friends of the parish" in your May 8 bulletin was a beautiful one, and, while I know it must have been hard to write, showed a very priestly spirit in connection with your transfer.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

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June 7, 1983

The Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
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Dear Father Orso-Manzonetta:

I am pleased to notify you that I am appointing you Administrator of the Parish of St. Peter, Newberg, Oregon. This appointment will be effective August 1, 1983. It is our understanding that you will be on sabbatical from the time you leave St. Michael until November 1. It is also our understanding that you have arranged for a substitute both in St. Michael Parish and in St. Peter Parish during this time. We hope you have a well deserved sabbatical.

I commit to you the full care of souls in the above parish and I grant you all the faculties necessary for you to fulfill this office. You will bear the duties and responsibilities and enjoy the rights and privileges accorded to administrators in accordance with the prescriptions of the Code of Canon Law, the applicable decrees of the Fifth Provincial Council of Portland in Oregon, official Chancery letters and approved custom.

You will find enclosed forms for your Profession of Faith and Oath of Office. At your early convenience you should make your Profession of Faith and take the Oath of Office in the presence of any priest enjoying the faculties of the Archdiocese. The forms should then be forwarded to the Chancery for filing.

So as to facilitate the substitution of your signature for that of the outgoing pastor, we are enclosing herewith letters certifying to the banks that you are the duly authorized, newly appointed administrator, and that your signature should accordingly be honored henceforth.

Since you are taking the place of the pastor, you will be required to offer the Missa pro populo, in accordance with Canon 466, on all Sundays and Holy

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The Rev. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
June 7, 1983
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Day of Obligation. It is no longer of obligation for the administrator of souls to offer the Missa pro populo on the days other than Sundays and Holy Days listed in the 1918 Code of Canon Law.

Praying God's blessing upon you and your labors in your new assignment and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of ~~Portland~~ in Oregon

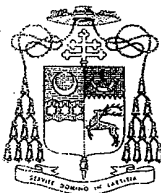
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THE CHANCERY OFFICE

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MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 351, PORTLAND, OREGON 97207

November 10, 1983

Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
St. Peter Church
608 S. Columbia Street
Newberg, Oregon 97132

Dear Father Orso-Manzonetta:

I am pleased to notify you that I am appointing you pastor of St. Peter Church, Newberg, Oregon. This appointment will be effective immediately.

I commit to you the full care of souls in the above parish and I grant you all the faculties necessary for you to fulfill this office. You will bear the duties and responsibilities and enjoy the rights and the privileges accorded to pastors, in accordance with the prescriptions of the Code of Canon Law, the applicable decrees of the Fifth Provincial Council of Portland in Oregon, official Chancery letters and approved custom.

I have asked Father Martin Senko to represent me to receive your Profession of Faith and Oath of Office, and to preside over the ceremony of your installation, which should take place within ten days from the date of your appointment as pastor.

So as to facilitate the substitution of your signature for that of the outgoing pastor, we are enclosing herewith a letter certifying to the bank that you are the duly authorized, newly appointed pastor, and that your signature should accordingly be honored henceforth.

As you are no doubt already aware, Canon 466 requires that all pastors offer the Missa pro populo on the days appointed. It is no longer of obligation for the pastor of souls to offer the Missa pro populo on the days other than Sundays and Holy Days listed in the 1918 Code of Canon Law.

Assuring you of my gratitude for your ministry at St. Michael Archangel Parish these past 24 years, and praying God's blessings upon you and your labors in your new assignment, I remain

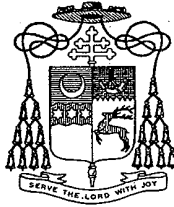
Faternally yours in Christ,

+Cornelius M. Power
Archbishop of Portland in Oregon

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ATTESTATION OF INSTALLATION OF PASTOR

THE CHANCERY OFFICE
2838 EAST BURNSIDE, P. O. BOX 351
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In the Name of the Lord. Amen. Under the Roman Pontificate of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, the Most Reverend Cornelius M. Power, Presiding Prelate of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, I, The Reverend Martin Senko
Delegate of the Most Reverend Archbishop of Portland in Oregon, in the presence of the undersigned subscribers to this document, give to the Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta canonical possession of St. Peter
Parish, Newberg, Oregon, to which he has been canonically appointed.

The Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta is now canonically installed in possession of this parochial benefice, as this act testifies. We further witness to the fact that the act of possession was publicly proclaimed and the canonical requirements were properly fulfilled.

Given at Newberg in St. Peter Church
this 27th day of November, in the year of Our Lord 1983 Rectory

[Signature]
Witness

F. W. Aldo C. Orso-Manzonetta
New Pastor

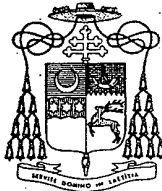
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Witness

Martin R. Senko
Delegate of Archbishop

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(To be signed in duplicate; one copy for Archdiocesan archives, one for parochial.)



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THE CHANCERY OFFICE
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PROFESSION OF FAITH

I, NN The Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta, with firm faith, believe and profess all and everything that is contained in the Symbol of Faith (the Creed), that is:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And 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. By Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And He became flesh by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man. He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. And of His kingdom there will be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the 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, and Who spoke through the prophets. And in one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And I await the resurrection of the dead. And the life of the world to come. Amen.

I firmly embrace and accept all and everything which has been either defined by the Church's solemn deliberation (Latin words: *solemni iudicia definita*) or affirmed and declared by its ordinary magisterium concerning the doctrine of faith and morals, accordingly as they were proposed by it, especially those things dealing with the mystery of the Holy Church of Christ, its Sacraments and the Sacrifice of the Mass, and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

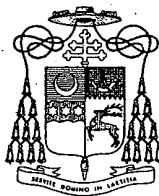
F. Aldo C. Orso-Manzonetta
Signature

Martin Suko
Priest Witness

27 Nov 1983
Date

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THE CHANCERY OFFICE
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PORTLAND, OREGON 97207

OATH OF OFFICE

I, The Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta, ~~promise~~ before God,
under oath, and declare before the undersigned witness,
that I will faithfully and conscientiously exercise the
office of Pastor of
St. Peter Parish, Newberg,
Oregon, which has recently been committed to
me, in accordance with all applicable laws and within the
limits of the letters of appointment.

So help me God and these Holy Gospels which I touch.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.

Frd Aldo C Orso-Manzonetta
Signature

27 Nov 1983
Date

Newberg, OR
Place

Mark R. Auer
Priest Witness

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Orso-Manzonetta

January 9, 1989

Dear Father Lienert,

I am writing to inform you that I am resigning as Pastor of Saint Peter Church, newberg, Oregon at the end of June, 1989. I have talked at some length with Father Saalfeld about my reasons for leaving the present assignment. Undoubtedly I will be hearing from you or someone from the personnel office in the near future.

Sincerely Yours,

Fr. Aldo

Fr. Aldo C. Orso-Manzonetta

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Father Aldo: A Priest With Pizazz

By Lionel Fisher

The 1970 Buick GSX is straight out of a teen-age beach movie. "Rottweiler on Board!" announces a triangular sign hanging from the right rear window. On the left window, the owner proclaims, "Proud to Be Italian." As the Saturn-yellow car pauses for a red light on a quiet Newberg street, a pickup truck with a load of melons eases to a halt alongside. The driver glances over, expecting to see a Sean Penn look-alike. Instead, an elderly priest with the curly white hair and puckish features of a Neapolitan pastry chef grins back.

The Rev. Aldo Carlo Orso-Manzonetta is not your run-of-the-parish clergyman.

For one thing, the 64-year-old pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Newberg relishes the double takes he collects at the wheel of his classic sports car. "Only 499 of this model were made," he exclaims, figuring that his may be the only GSX still running in Oregon. "I've hit 115 miles-per-hour in it — but never in Yamhill County," he adds. The quick recovery is needed in a community where policemen give a wave when Father Aldo passes by.

Sadly, Father Aldo has failed to win the hearts of his rural parishioners as readily as he's familiarized them with his car. The former pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Portland — a church the Vatican designated as the "National Church for the Italian Colony of Portland" in 1901 — brought his unfailing good humor and impulsive outspokenness to Newberg in 1983. He soon found that the qualities that engaged his downtown Portland flock didn't necessarily translate well to his new setting. Some members of the congregation accused him of "flaunting" his ethnic background.

As Bob Bigelow, a regular churchgoer, puts it, Father Aldo is unique — "and that uniqueness hasn't been accepted by everyone," Bigelow says. "He loves subtle jokes, whether the parishioners appreciate them or not. But he means well."

At the small kitchen table in his rectory, Father Aldo shrugs while sipping black coffee from a white mug emblazoned with the red letters, "KISS THE COOK." "I've seen too many priests become sour and reclusive in their old age," he says gently.

LIONEL FISHER is a Portland writer and regular contributor to Northwest Magazine.



The Rev. Aldo Carlo Orso-Manzonetta and his 1970 Buick GSX.

"I won't just put in my time. I refuse to grow old. I'll do what I can for as long as I can."

Thirty-seven years a priest this June, Father Aldo was born on Portland's east side, the son of Italian immigrants who came to America to work in a macaroni factory and were married at St. Michael's. Graduating from Washington High School in 1941 — the same year, he points out, that class president and football team captain Vic Atiyeh graduated — young Orso-Manzonetta went on to attend the University of Portland, then St. Thomas Seminary in Denver.

After his ordination in Portland in 1950, his early ministries included St. Cecilia's (now Queen of Peace Church) in North Portland, the Downtown Chapel and Our Lady of the Mountain Church in Ashland. He served as assistant to Monsignor Thomas J. Tobin in Northeast Portland, then as chaplain at the Mercy Home in North Bend, before becoming pastor of St. Michael's in 1959. He was only the third priest assigned to the church, which was declared a Portland historic landmark in 1971.

Like Michael Balestra, who remained at St. Michael's for 49 years before him, Father Aldo had expected to die serving his beloved national Italian church. But a 1982 edict ordered that Catholic priests in the Portland Archdiocese be rotated regularly to new parishes. Having been at St. Michael's for more than 20 years, Father Aldo was forced to move and settled on St. Peter's in Newberg.

In his new rectory, the pastor bends to tug the

ears of a 5-year-old rottweiler named Massimina, the successor to a dog named Heidi, who frequently strolled up to the sanctuary during Mass at St. Michael's.

"I was giving a homily on how the spiritual grace accrued in church seems to dissipate on the way home," Father Aldo recalls of the dog's first such visit. "The bickering resumes in the car, I was saying, and by the time the family walks through the front door, the father is usually hollering something like, 'Who let the dog in?' The congregation roared with laughter. But it was only when I turned away from the pulpit that I found out why. Heidi had plopped herself down on my spot at the altar."

Massimina lacks the same visitation rights at St. Peter's.

Hundreds of operatic and classical music albums jam a bookcase in Father Aldo's rectory, revealing a love affair that rivals his delight in his

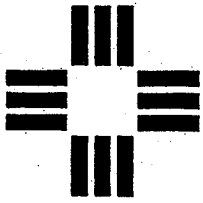
pet. As a close friend of former Portland Opera Director Herb Weiskopf, the priest was a familiar backstage figure for many years before Weiskopf's death. Besides serving as the auditorium's unofficial chaplain, he recalls, "I made my debut as an Ethiopian slave in 'Aida.' Then I was lamp extinguisher in 'The Barber of Seville.'"

Although his spear-carrying operatic career is a thing of the past, cooking remains a present passion. His recipe for success: dishing up prodigious amounts of gourmet fare — and with gusto. It has served as a way of getting acquainted with his congregation, and Father Aldo relishes opportunities to cater multicourse Italian dinners for community leaders and parishioners in Newberg. One time he hosted 50 Newberg police officers and their spouses as a gesture of appreciation for their service. "Cooking is a ministry in itself," he says.

Next July, a few weeks before his 65th birthday, Father Aldo's tour of duty at St. Peter's expires. Looking ahead to that event, the irrepressible priest notes that the men in his line of work are allowed to retire at 70. But he doubts that he will. "What would I do?" he asks.

"Once you leave a place, it's a chapter closed," the cleric says. Although he would have preferred to end his own book at the Old World sanctuary that is St. Michael's, he says, "you can't do good work by dragging your past. You just do your best."

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Office of the Archbishop

June 8, 1989

Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
St. Peter Church
601 Wynooski St.
Newberg, OR 97132

Dear Father Orso-Manzonetta:

With this letter, I am pleased to appoint you in residence in the parish of Sacred Heart in Tillamook, Oregon. This appointment is effective August 1, 1989.

While you will technically be "in residence" at Sacred Heart Parish, I am providing you with parochial vicar faculties to enable you to assist Father Morton Park with the pastoral care of the parishes of Sacred Heart, Tillamook, and St. Mary by the Sea, Rockaway.

Assuring you of my gratitude for your ministry at St. Peter Parish these past five and one half years and asking God's blessings upon you and your work in your new assignment, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William J. Levada
Archbishop of Portland

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cc: Reverend Morton Park

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JUNE 10, 1989



Orso-Manzonetta

DEAR CHUCK,

I WAS HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU WHEN I LEFT A MESSAGE AT THE PASTORAL CENTER, BUT I REALIZE THAT AT THIS TIME YOU HAVE YOUR HANDS FULL.

IN TALKING WITH THE ARCHBISHOP I HAD ASKED IF IT WERE AT ALL POSSIBLE FOR ME TO HAVE A SUBSTITUTE, AT LEAST ON THE LAST FOUR WEEKENDS OF JULY, SO THAT I MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE TIME OFF. I HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY TIME SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN NEWBERG FOR OVER THE THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR PLANS, DEFINITE THAT IS, BUT WOULD PROBABLY USE THE TIME IN WHICH TO MOVE TO THE COAST, AS WELL AS PROVIDING THE PARISH HERE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE THE RECTORY (PAINTING, CLEANING, ETC.) FOR FATHER GAGE. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO ME. IF NECESSARY, THE PEOPLE COULD DO WITHOUT THE WEEKLY MASS FOR A FEW WEEKS.

I WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO FOR ME IN THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,

Call priests *Fr. Aldo*
Holy Cross

Gratto
Al Wallman
Josh Stipe

Fr. Kelly

*called & gave
message 6/19*

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July 28, 1990



Orso-Manzonetta

TO MEMBERS OF THE RETIREMENT
AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

I would like to submit the following set of circumstances regarding priests, like myself, who are still active in parish assignments but are past the age of 65.

According to the new standards in effect this month, a priest in any similar situation would be receiving around \$1250.00 per month, give or take a bit. However, after 65 years of age we can only earn no more than \$780.00 a month. The amount of social security added to the restricted salary does not equal the amount earned by other priests under the age of 65, who are doing the same work as we. Here we have an inequity.

In my position I pay close to \$1000.00 a year for FICA, but am not able to receive any reimbursement from the parish for any part because it would exceed the standards set by Social Security. So, excluding the base pay of \$750.00, I have \$30.00 which takes care of car travel, years of service as a priest, and FICA.

Even though I am listed as "in residence" at Sacred Heart Parish in Tillamook, believe me, I am putting in full time as I would have in any other assignments. In fact, I feel as though I am in charge as I was at Saint Michael and Saint Peter, but, do not have any authority - just responsibilities!

While I am not in "tight circumstances," nevertheless I must be judicious in my spending.

I felt that perhaps, this unthought of problem, might be discussed by you so that some solution could be reached pertaining to us "over 65 - but still working." As time goes on, this might just become an increasing thing with which to be concerned, provided the priests don't decide to call it quits at that age!

Sincerely,

Father Aldo

Fr. Aldo C. Orso-Manzonetta

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Orso-Manzonetta

SUA ECCELLENZA,

USUALLY, ANY LETTERS I HAVE SENT TO THE CHANCERY OFFICE IN THE PAST ARE NEVER HEARD FROM AGAIN. AS YOU WILL NOTE, I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF A LETTER SENT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE RETIREMENT AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE. SO FAR, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING BUT THEN IT COULD BE THAT THEY ONLY MEET A CERTAIN TIMES OF THE MONTH. HOWEVER, KNOWING THAT ONE SHOULD ALWAYS KEEP THE "BOSS" (SUPERIOR) INFORMED AS TO WHAT IS HAPPENING, I FELT IT PROPER TO SEND YOU A COPY FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

HOPING AND LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR COMING (WITH GUESTS, IF YOU WISH) FOR THAT "SPECIAL PRANZO ITALIANO, IN OCTOBER, I REMAIN,

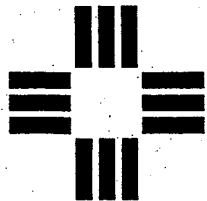
FAITHFULLY YOURS IN CHRIST,

Aldo

DON ALDO C. ORSO-MANZONETTA

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ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON

Office of Clergy Personnel

MEMORANDUM

TO: Archbishop Leveda
FROM: Father Lienert
SUBJECT: Fr. Aldo's letter concerning Social Security
DATE: September 4, 1990

Larry Van Dyke, Sheila Svela and I have researched the questions raised by Fr. Aldo concerning those priests who receive Social Security before the retire.

A priest who reaches age 65 and continues to work has the option to begin drawing Social Security or defer receiving benefits.

If he defers benefits:

- 1) He will receive higher benefits. If he was born before 1924 the benefits will be increased 3% for each year they are deferred. If he was born after 1924 the benefits are increased at a progressively higher percentage depending on the year of birth.
- 2) He remains eligible for Medicare. When a person applies for social security benefits he is automatically put on Medicare. If he defers receiving benefits he must apply for Medicare separately. This must be done during the seven months beginning three months prior to the first month he is 65. Failure to enroll during this period will result in a delay of four to 16 months in starting coverage and a penalty charge.

If he elects to receive benefits at age 65:

- 1) His benefits will be reduced if he earns more than \$9,360. Beginning in 1990 the rate of reduction is one dollar in social security benefits for every three dollars earned over the \$9,360 limit. Thus, if a priest earns \$12,630 (currently our highest salary) his social security benefits will be reduced by \$1,090. This reduction may be even higher if his food costs do not qualify for tax exemption.

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- 2) Even with the reduction in Social Security benefits, he is financially better off taking the full salary.
- 3) Under our new method for reimbursing mileage, he should not include this reimbursement in calculating total income.
- 4) He will be automatically enrolled in Medicare.
- 5) Once he reaches age 70 he may earn any amount without having Social Security benefits reduced.

It is too late for Fr. Aldo to defer benefits. However he can take his full salary. Even with the reduction in benefits he will be better off. In any event he should have a tax consultant review his situation.

I would be happy to write him and explain this to him if you wish.

Please do.

It also might be helpful to send a memorandum to priests explaining their options in receiving Social Security. In most cases they would be better off deferring benefits until they retire or reach age 70. If they elect to defer benefits, however, it is crucial that they apply for Medicare.

*Good idea -
would you and/or
Kathleen prepare
a draft?*

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September 12, 1990

Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
Sacred Heart Parish
2411 5th St.
Tillamook, OR 97141

Dear Aldo:

I enjoyed our visit last week. I appreciate your keeping me informed about the work in Tillamook.

The Archbishop asked me to respond to your letter concerning Social Security. I did some research for him to determine the options that priests have upon reaching age 65. As you know, a priest may defer receiving social security benefits. If he does this, the benefits will be increased when he actually begins receiving them. At age 70 there is no longer a penalty for making more than \$9,360. If he defers benefits, he must be sure to enroll in Medicare at age 65. If the priest elects to receive Social Security at age 65 (as you chose), he is subject to a reduction in benefits if he earns more than \$9,360. Starting this year the reduction is somewhat less, \$1.00 for every \$3.00 over the specified limit. Once a priest reaches age 70, there is no longer a reduction of benefits if he makes over \$9,360.

In your situation you are better off to take your full salary even though your benefits will be reduced. You are entitled to receive a full salary. The reduced benefits from Social Security will still increase your overall income. I also want to point out that under our new system of reimbursing clergy for business miles at \$.26 per mile, this reimbursement is neither taxable nor included as income in calculating your total income for the year.

The Archbishop agrees that it would be helpful to send a memorandum to all the clergy explaining their Social Security options when they reach age 65. He asked me to prepare the information for him.

I hope you continue to enjoy your work at Sacred Heart for many years.

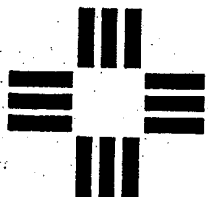
Sincerely yours,

Reverend Charles J. Lienert
Clergy Personnel Director

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Office of the Archbishop

March 4, 1991

Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
Sacred Heart Parish
2411 5th Street
Tillamook, OR 97141

Dear Father Orso-Manzonetta:

With this letter I would like to formally notify you of your appointment as administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Tillamook, Oregon. This appointment will be effective from April 1, 1991, until July 1, 1992.

I am very grateful for your willingness to take on this additional responsibility at Sacred Heart. This will be a great help to us, particularly during this year when we will need pastors in two parishes which were formerly staffed by religious. I am sure the people of the Sacred Heart will welcome your assignment as administrator.

I commit to you the full care of souls in the above stated parish and I grant you all the faculties necessary for you to fulfill this office. Enclosed, then, you will find the faculties of the Archdiocese for Pastors and Parochial Vicars. You will bear the duties and responsibilities and enjoy the rights and the privileges accorded to administrators, in accordance with the prescriptions of the Code of Canon Law, official letters and approved custom.

You will find enclosed forms for your Profession of Faith and Oath of Office. Please make your Profession of Faith and take the Oath of Office in the presence of any priest enjoying the faculties of the Archdiocese. The form should then be forwarded to the Clergy Personnel Office.

To facilitate the substitution of your signature for that of the outgoing pastor, we are enclosing a letter certifying to the bank that you are the duly authorized, newly appointed administrator, and that your signature should accordingly be honored henceforth.

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Since you are taking the place of the pastor, you will be required to offer the Missa pro populo, in accordance with Canon 534 on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation and with every best wish and blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *William J. Levada*

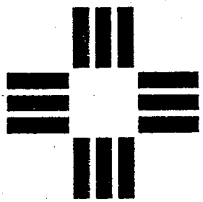
Most Reverend William J. Levada
Archbishop of Portland

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

I, The Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta, 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 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 also believe everything contained in God's word, written or handed down in tradition and proposed by the Church, whether by way of solemn judgment or through the ordinary and universal magisterium, as divinely revealed and calling for faith.

I also firmly accept and hold each and every thing that is proposed definitively by the Church regarding teaching on faith and morals.

Moreover, 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 by an act that is not definitive.

Aldo C. Orso-Manzonetta
Signature

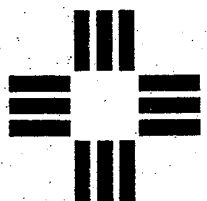
Rev. Matthew Butsch, S.S.B.
Priest Witness

3/16/91
Date

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Office of the Archbishop

OATH OF FIDELITY ON ASSUMING AN OFFICE TO BE EXERCISED IN THE
NAME OF THE CHURCH

I, The Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta, in assuming the office of administrator, promise that both in my words and in my conduct I shall always preserve communion with the Catholic Church.

I shall carry out with the greatest care and fidelity the duties incumbent on me toward both the universal Church and the particular Church in which, according to the provisions of the law, I have been called to exercise my service.

In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, I shall hold fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety, I shall faithfully hand it on and explain it, and I shall avoid any teachings opposed to that faith.

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

In Christian obedience I shall unite myself with what is declared by the bishops as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith or established by them as those responsible for the governance of the Church; I shall also faithfully assist the diocesan bishops, in order that the apostolic activity exercised in the name and by mandate of the Church may be carried out in the communion of the same Church.

So help me God, and God's holy Gospels, on which I place my hand.

Aldo C Orso-Manzonetta
Signature

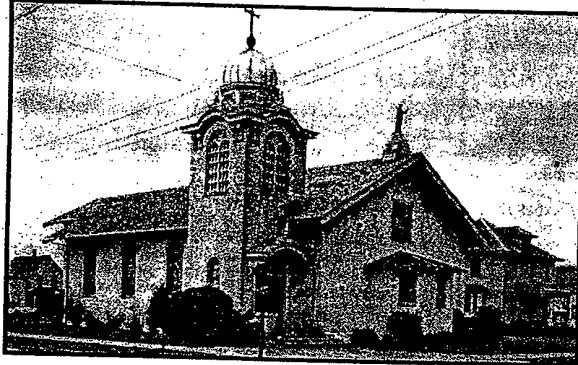
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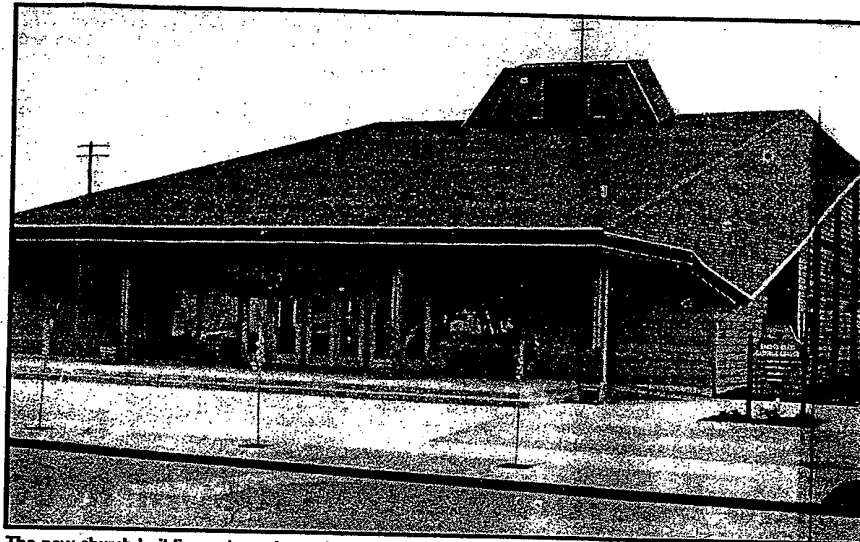
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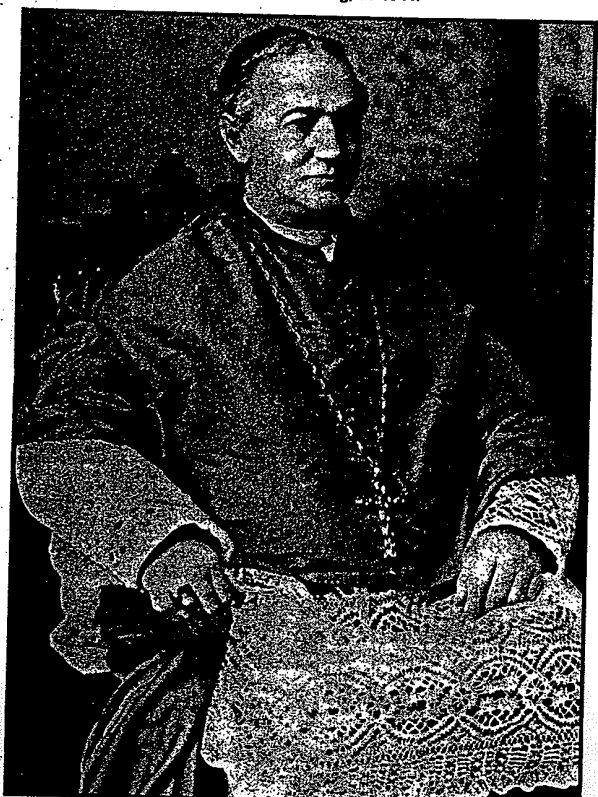
Tillamook parish celebrates centennial



The former Sacred Heart church building, in 1941.



The new church building, where the parish celebrates Mass now.



Portland Archdiocese archives photo
Archbishop William Gross approved the parish's establishment in 1890.

TILLAMOOK — Sacred Heart Parish here will hold its centennial celebration the weekend of Aug. 16-18.

The celebration will include socials, a fish fry, a dance, and reunions of all classes of St. Alphonsus School, Sacred Heart Academy and Tillamook Catholic High School. Archbishop William Levada will celebrate the 10:30 a.m. Mass Sunday, Aug. 18.

"If we could put all the people together who ever attended Mass [at Sacred Heart Church], what would be the total?" asked Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta, pastor, in the parish's August newsletter.

He also wondered how many priests and sisters had served at the parish — many just filling in for a time and their names forgotten. How many Masses, funerals, marriages, communions, confessions, and confirmations?

Parishioners Howard Baertlein and Helen Blaser, centennial co-chairmen, directed Brenden Mallon to write the latest parish history. They've used much of the research gathered by Benedictine Father Augustine De Noble, who lived in Tillamook until recently.

Before there was a church in Tillamook, beginning in about 1861, Father Adrian Croquet of Grand Ronde came to the Tillamook area once or twice a year for Masses, baptisms,

confessions, burials and marriages. Father Croquet has been called the "Saint of Oregon," and was the first monsignor west of the Mississippi.

The earliest settlers in the area were mostly Irish, with names such as Fitzpatrick, Tone, Purcell, Murphy, Bresnahan and O'Hara.

Father Croquet celebrated Mass in the Fitzpatrick house and the O'Hara home in Netarts; he was also a guest at the home of Dr. Davidson at the mouth of Kilches River.

David Fitzpatrick, and his father, William Fitzpatrick, wrote Archbishop Gross for the establishment of a parish with a priest for Tillamook.

On August 28, 1890, Archbishop Gross came to the town. After visiting the Garibaldi, Netarts and Tillamook area, he agreed to the Fitzpatricks' request and gave David Fitzpatrick permission to collect money to build a church.

Claude and Estella Thayer sold land for the parish church for the price of one dollar, at the southeastern corner of Pacific and 11th streets, where the Tillamook Pharmacy now stands.

On January 29, 1891, the *Catholic Sentinel* published a letter from David Fitzpatrick reporting that the church was rapidly nearing completion. The church was 20 by 46 feet, with four small rooms at the back, two below and two upstairs

that served as living quarters for the priest.

Father Lewis Desmarais, the first resident pastor for Tillamook, arrived in spring 1891. Awaiting completion of the building, he took up a temporary residence with David Fitzpatrick.

On March 14, 1891, the altar was blessed.

On Sunday, March 15, 1891, Father Desmarais celebrated the first Mass in the church.

He made missionary visits to Bay City, Garibaldi, Netarts and the Woods and Nestucca area.

On December 7, 1891, and again on Dec. 28, 1891, a strong wind lifted the new church off its foundation.

After Father Desmarais was transferred to Coos Bay in August 1892, the parish was without a permanent pastor until Father Joseph Schell arrived in July 1895.

Father Schell, a controversial figure in Oregon's Catholic history, advertised through the *German American* newspaper, *St. Joseph's*, for Catholics to come to the area. Many of Sacred Heart's parish families came to the area in response to Father Schell's ads.

The *Tillamook Headlight* (Jan. 9, 1896), reported that the "My Academy" had been sold to the Catholics. Mass would now be offered on the second floor of the academy, and school would be taught on the first



Brandon Mallon, Sherry Clements and Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta leave the church after Sunday Mass.

floor. By September 1897, nuns were at Sacred Heart, arranging for the school's opening. Six sisters from Scranton, Pa., arrived Sept. 25, and the school opened Oct. 4.

The sisters also taught night school at the St. Alphonsus Academy for those unable to attend day classes.

Sacred Heart's high school closed in 1976 and the grade school in 1980. Those sisters left Tillamook in 1903 and were replaced by Sisters of St. Mary of the Valley.

Father De Noble says that it's important that people know that the Pennsylvania sisters' leaving was announced before they left.

On June 24, 1899, Sister Timothy (of the sisters from Scranton, Penn.) died of tuberculosis and was buried

in the Catholic cemetery. She had come to Tillamook in September 1897. She was probably the first person buried in the cemetery. Her body was later exhumed and moved to Portland.

Archbishop Christie visited Tillamook in August 1899 to inquire into the estrangement between Father Joseph Schell and the Catholics there.

There were reports that Father Schell had closed the Catholic Church and some parishioners were forced to travel to Grand Ronde for the sacraments and to make their Easter duties.

The antagonism arose as part of a larger struggle between German Catholics and Irish Catholics in Oregon, says Jesuit Father Wilfred

Schoenberg, who has written several histories of the church in Oregon. Archbishop Christie transferred Father Schell from Tillamook to Marshfield/Coos Bay by Archbishop Christie.

Father Schell probably left the first week of December 1899.

The next pastor, Father J.J. Burri, arrived in Tillamook Dec. 19, 1899.

The *Tillamook Headlight* reported August 22, 1901, that Father Burri purchased two blocks located south of St. Alphonsus Academy, where he erected a residence for himself at a cost of \$3,000, and where the church was placed until a new church building was erected.

A year later the *Headlight* reported, "The Catholic Church is being moved to the block near Father

Burri's house. The Catholics are deserving of a new, commodious church building, and we hope it will not be long before they will have one, for not a few Protestants would be willing to throw in their mite to help them out."

The Benedictines took responsibility for parish in 1917 and staffed it until 1980, when diocesan priests again staffed the parish.

Since April 1, 1991, Father Orso-Manzonetta has been pastor of Sacred Heart.

There is no longer dissension between the Irish and German families — instead parishioners work together on projects such as the Thursday soup kitchen.

Father Orso-Manzonetta said, "When we stand at the century mark,

especially of our parish Sacred Heart, we can't help remembering how much time, effort, sacrifices, sweat and tears — and love that has brought us where we are today."

"We look back with heartfelt gratitude, but there is also at the present time a note of sadness. When we look about us, we see the many, many Catholics who have deserted their church for one reason or another."

"And with the Christ who wept over the city of Jerusalem, we also silently weep and pray that all those souls will find their way back home. And in this coming century, may all of us be instrumental in helping them return."

"They are our brothers and sisters!"





Orsini-Manzonetta

DECEMBER 17, 1991

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SUA ECCELLENZA,

I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE BOOK OF SHORTER FORMS OF BLESSINGS WHICH WILL CERTAINLY COME IN HANDY. THE LARGER FORM IS GOOD BUT A LITTLE TOO LARGE WHEN HAVING TO PERFORM A BLESSING OUTSIDE THE PARISH.

YOU MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE HEARD THAT I SPENT A FEW DAYS IN THE HOSPITAL IN NEWBERG LAST MONTH. THE RESULTS, SO FAR, ARE GOOD, BUT THERE IS NEED FOR ME TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ONE PARTICULAR DOCTOR. I CAN EXPLAIN MORE WHEN WE MAY PERHAPS MEET IN THE FUTURE. I TOOK ON MORE THAN I SHOULD HAVE - THREE PROCEEDURES IN ONE DAY. I AM STILL TRYING TO REGAIN STRENGTH. I THOUGHT I COULD SAVE TIME BY HAVING EVERYTHING DONE IN ONE DAY. NO MORE.

EVERYTHING IS GOING ALONG WELL HERE. BUSY PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS. MAY I EXPRESS MY SINCEREST WISHES THAT YOU HAVE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS. AND MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD!

CORDIALLY,

Aldo

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EXECUTIVE APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT

I hereby grant the indicated retirement to the

Rev. Aldo Orso-Manzonetta

Latest Assignment Administrator - Sacred Heart, Tillamook

Date of Approval 7/1/94

+ William J. Levada
Most Reverend William J. Levada

Retirement

X Regular (over age 70) _____

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Special Circumstances _____

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Supplemental Room and Board: _____

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Archbishop
Director of Business Affairs
Director of Financial Services
Vicar for Clergy Personnel

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September 15, 1994

Chuck,

Apparently Doctor Eskeli's office doesn't deal with Medicare.
So, what do I do with these? Pay them? Would appreciate
knowing how to dispose of them.

Sincerely,

Father
Aldo

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Vicar For Clergy



September 28, 1994

Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
2314 S.E. Grant St.
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Aldo:

This letter is in response to your request about the process for paying your doctor bills. You might make an appointment with our Insurance Department to ask them about dealing with Medicare for Dr. Eskeli's bills. The Archdiocese will cover anything not covered by Medicare.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Charles J. Lienert
Vicar for Clergy

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Enclosure - Blue Cross Forms

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Orso-Manzonetta

FEBRUARY 11, 1995

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Upon my death I ask that the following be observed as closely as possible:

1. As to the mortuary, either Zeller's or Holman's be contacted.
2. The Wake Service could be held either in the afternoon or evening prior to the Mass on the next day. Whatever is convenient is fine.
3. As to the Mass itself - I do not wish a homily or eulogy of any description. I do ask that excerpts from Verdi's "Requiem Mass" be played, especially from the "Dies Irae." I would also like an excerpt of the "Libera Me," from the same Mass. The recording to be used is the RCA VICTOR GOLD SEAL recording with the NBC Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Arturo Toscanini..
4. It is my wish that I be buried next to my mother in the Orso-Manzonetta Family Plot at Mount Calvary Cemetery.
5. Finally, I do not wish any flowers. Whatever money would be spent on flowers should be given to the Mount Saint Joseph Restoration Fund.

Given this day of Febraury 11th, 1995.

Father Aldo C. Orso-Manzonetta

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February 1, 1996

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Rev. Charles Lienert
Ardiocesan Pastoral Center
2838 East Burnside
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Father Lienert,

At one time or another, there comes the need to make some momentous decisions. Even though I was not officially assigned to Mt. St. Joseph, I feel that I need to inform you that I am resigning my part-time Chaplains position due to health problems.

Since last June, I have felt myself going down-hill, physically. In addition to loss of voice, my muscles have been deteriorating. The problems seems to be neurological. In fact, Dr. Nick Carulli, seems to think there is an outside chance that I may have Lou Gehrig's Disease. I am to have additional tests at OSHU to determine just what I do have.

I have decided to remain here at Mt. St. Joseph where I can at least of of some help to the Sisters and the residents. Of course that brings up the problem of finances which needs to be discussed. Maybe someone from the Pastoral Center might guide me in this matter.

I need a walker so purchased one in order to get around. When outside I need to rely on a cane. I have felt myself slipping but didn't expect it would hit me so soon. With my voice barely audible, I cannot continue offering Mass when no one can hear me. As for any homilies, I can't do that either. As to when my voice will return, that's a problem as well.

For the time being there is need for a padre to offer Mass and also take care of some of the other sacraments.

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I will continue to do what I can until I learn what direction my health will take me.

Sincerely,

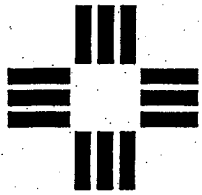
Father Aldo

I have difficulty even trying to sign my name. My thumbs have given out!

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February 20, 1996

Reverend Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
2314 S.E. Grant St.
Portland, OR 97214

Dear Father Aldo:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in informing me that you are resigning your part-time chaplain position at Mt. St. Joseph.

I am very sorry to hear about your deteriorating health. I hope that the doctors will be able to diagnose and treat it. My own father died of Lou Gehrig's disease so I am familiar with the effects of that illness. I hope your problems are less serious.

In regard to the finances at Mt. St. Joseph, our general policy is that the priest pays for nursing home care to the extent that he is able. In general, if he has no resources other than his pension and Social Security, the policy states that his pension will go toward the cost of the care and he will keep his Social Security for other personal expenses. The Archdiocese will then make up the difference. I would be happy to discuss the details of this with you. Perhaps I can come over and visit in the near future.

With my best wishes and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours,

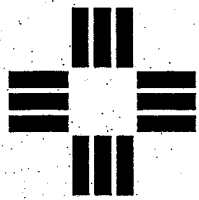
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MEMORANDUM

TO: File

FROM: Father Charles Lienert

SUBJECT: Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta

DATE: February 26, 1996

I met with Father Aldo at Mt. St. Joseph. His doctors are not certain what he has, but they believe he may have Lou Gehrig's disease. He is going to live as a resident at Mt. St. Joseph. They are giving him a 25% discount in view of his work in the past and the work that he can continue to do anointing the sick and helping Sr. Eunice, the Director of Pastoral Services.

I told him that if he would contribute \$1,000 a month out of his pension, the Archdiocese would cover the cost of the nursing home care. He will have them send the bill to us and will send a check for \$1,000 each month to us.

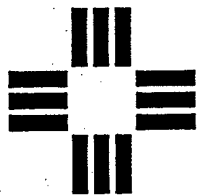
I told him to let me know if he had any needs.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kate Belt
FROM: Father Charles Lienert
SUBJECT: Father Aldo Orso-Manzonetta
DATE: February 26, 1996

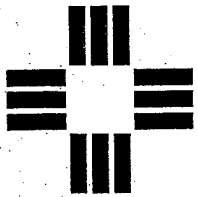
Father Aldo is now a resident at Mt. St. Joseph. We will pay his bill and he will send us a check for \$1,000 a month to off-set the cost. He will ask Mt. St. Joseph to send the bill.

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ARCHDIOCESE
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March 22, 1996

Dear Father:

I received word this morning of the death of our brother priest, Reverend Aldo Carlo Orso-Manzonetta. He died early this morning due to complications related to ALS. He was 72.

Father Aldo was born on July 26, 1923 in Portland, Oregon to Carlo and Paola Maria (Raschiotti) Orso-Manzonetta. He attended the University of Portland from 1944-45 and went on to St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, Colorado where he finished his priestly studies in May of 1950. He was ordained on June 3, 1950 by Archbishop Edward D. Howard in Portland, Oregon.

Father Aldo's first assignment was as assistant pastor and then administrator at St. Cecilia parish in Beaverton. From 1951-54 he was assistant pastor of the Downtown Chapel in Portland. He then was administrator in Ashland at Our Lady of the Mountain parish. From there he was assistant pastor at All Saints parish in Portland until 1957. His next assignment was as chaplain at Mercy Home in North Bend until 1959 when he became pastor at St. Michael parish in Portland. In 1983 he moved to Newberg to be the administrator and then pastor at St. Peter parish until 1989 when he moved to Tillamook where he was in residence until 1991 and then administrator until his retirement in 1994.

Surviving him is his brother, Bernard Orso-Manzonetta.

The Vigil Service will be Monday, March 25, 3:00 pm at Mt. St. Joseph Residence. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, March 26, 11:00 am at the Cathedral. Burial will be in the family plot at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Please remember the Orso-Manzonetta family in your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Paul F. Peri
Vicar General

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ORSO-MANZONETTA

Dated:

July 13, 1983
September, 1988
May - June, 1992
January, 1994
December, 1994

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