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7 April, 1991

Mr John C. Kanis  
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Dear Mr Kanis

***KANIS Family***

I am currently undertaking geneological research into the Kanis family. I have identified three large families all originating from Holland. They are now widely dispersed throughout Europe, North America and Africa. Thus far, I have been unable to make any interconnection between them. One family comes from Kampen and another from The Hague. The third family came from Nijmegen, but I have been unable to trace any Kanis in this family after the mid-1600s. I have also identified families originating from Germany. All my research is filed on computer and so far my data base of Kanis names includes nearly 2000 names.

I have obtained your name and address from scanning telephone directories and I am writing to ask whether you might be prepared to help in this search.

I enclose with this letter a form which can be used to provide details of each person that you know with the name Kanis. If you know more than one Kanis it would be helpful to photocopy the form and fill in one form for each Kanis. If you cannot fill out the whole form, incomplete information would also be helpful. I would be grateful if you could return the completed form to the above address.

If you are interesred in having details of the family trees that I have compiled I would be happy to forward these at your request. If you have additional geneological information which you think would be of help to me I would of course be most interested in receiving this.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Monique Kanis

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**FASCIMILE MESSAGE**

Date: 10 May, 1991

For the attention of: John C KANIS

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From: Monique KANIS

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Dear Mr Kanis

Many thanks for your fax. I am happy to hear you are interested in my project. I have been working on it for many years now and I have more than 2000 names on computer. I have searched my database for your father's name but unfortunately it was not in it. I might be more lucky if I had some details about your grandfather.

I will be very glad to receive any informations your mother might be able to gather from her research.

I have been writing to many Kanis around the world. Your letter was one of 75 I sent to the States recently. Your are my first reply so far! Once again thank you for sparing the time to reply.

Before I add your name to the computer database, I would like to clarify a few names which did not fax well. These are:

1. Your mother's name was Mary Francis COR...AN? **CORCORAN**
2. I can't read the name of your first brother. Was it Jerry? **YES!** When was he born? **8-8-43**
3. I can't read the year of birth of your brother **Tom?** **2-5-48**

I look forward to hearing from you again. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have about this research.

My regards to you and your family.

*M Kanis*

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**PAT 12-25-56**

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## FASCIMILE MESSAGE

Date: 18 May, 1991

For the attention of: John C KANIS

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From: Monique KANIS

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Hi John

It was nice to hear from you the other day, even though I was half asleep! I received your fax OK and I have entered the data into my computer.

I am pretty sure that with a little more information about your ancestors, I will be able to find your roots. Most of the Kanis from which I have had replies fit in one of two families. Both are dutch. The first one has its origin in Kampen, the other in Zwolle. The Kampen family has more than 950 members, spans over 11 generations, and starts in 1680. The Zwolle family has about 110 members and goes back to about 1720. I have not made any connections between the two yet. By the way, the founder of the Kanis & Gunnink coffee company (Hendrik Kanis, born 1837) belongs to the Kampen family! It is very likely you come from that family!

Have you ever heard of Saint Peter Canisius (Peter Kanis)? He was canonised in 1925. I am faxing you a copy of the entry in the Penguin Book of Saints. He was from Nijmegen and I have also compiled his tree. It has over 300 members. Only last week, I have had some news from Holland that would suggest that the Kampen branch is an offshoot of the Nijmegen family. I am awaiting for the proofs of that connection with excitement.

My husband's family is also from Holland (The Hague) and I have traced it back to 1750. I have not been able to make any connections with the families mentioned above but I am working on it!!

I am helped in my research by various Kanis around the world, but more especially by a Mr Broek from Kampen. He is married to a Kanis and is keen on making the connection with the Saint!! I guess I am too!!

I hope you find this interesting.

Best wishes

*Monique*