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Book I



Diary of my Deaf-  
Work

A

Personal Chronicle

For One Year

1936-1937 1938-1939

1936-1937-1938-1939

John O'Farrell

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John O'Farrell

# Domestic and Foreign Postage Rates

(Revised at time of going to Press.)

**Domestic mail matter** includes matter deposited in the mails for local delivery or for transmission from one place to another within the United States, or to, or from, or between the possessions of the U. S. and is divided into four classes.

**First Class** includes all letters and sealed parcels, except parcels sealed under special permission (with approved label). It also includes any open letter or parcel which contains writing except that there may be included a single invoice and still retain 4th class rates.) Type written work and carbon copies are first class matter.

First class mail may be registered or sent C. O. D. but cannot be insured.

Letters and other first-class matter as described above, 3c for each ounce or fraction thereof.

Letters for Local Delivery 2 cents per ounce.

**Drop Letters** mailed for delivery at the office where deposited and where carrier delivery service has not been established, 1c for each ounce or fraction thereof.

**Postal Cards, Private Mailing or Post Cards** within government size limits, written or printed, (get ruling on over and under sizes) 1c each.

**SECOND CLASS (transient).** Complete copies of newspapers or periodicals, entered at P. O. as second class matter. When mailed by other than publishers, 1c for each two ounces or fraction thereof, regardless of weight or distance, or Parcel Post if cheaper.

Second class matter may be registered but cannot be insured or sent C. O. D.

**THIRD CLASS** includes circulars, and other matter wholly in print, (except second class publications), proof sheets, corrected proof sheets and manuscript accompanying same, merchandise (including farm and factory products) and all other mailable matter not included in the first, or second, classes. Weight limit of this class: 8 ounces, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for each 2 oz. or fraction thereof. Over 8 ounces the fourth class (Parcel Post) rates apply.

**Exception:** Books, catalogues, seeds, bulbs, roots, cuttings, scions, and plants (up to 8 oz.) 1c for 2 oz. or fraction thereof.

Special rates for bulk mailings. See your postmaster.

Third class matter may be registered or insured or sent C. O. D.

Restricted delivery on registered articles, if desired, 10c additional.

Return receipt on registered articles, if desired 3c additional. Return receipt on registered articles, showing address where delivered, 23 cents additional.

**FOURTH CLASS (Parcel Post)** must weigh in excess of eight ounces: includes books, circulars, and other matter wholly in print, proof sheets, corrected proof sheets and manuscript copy accompanying same, merchandise (including farm and factory products), and all other mailable matter not included in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes.

Size limit: 100 inches in length and girth combined. NOTE.—Parcels over 84 inches in length and girth combined, and less than 10 lbs. in weight must be prepaid at 10 lb. rate.

Weight limit: 70 lbs.

Parcels containing fourth-class matter (parcel post) are mailable only at post offices, branch post offices and lettered, named or numbered stations.

Parcels must bear the return card of the sender otherwise they will not be accepted for mailing.

Fourth-class matter may be insured or sent C. O. D. up to a maximum of \$200 (per parcel).

Zone	Distance	First Lb.	Additional Pounds	Wgt. Limit Lbs.
<b>Local</b>				
1	within 50 mi.	.08	1.1c	70
2	50-150 "	.08	1.1c	70
3	150-300 "	.09	2c	70
4	300-600 "	.10	3.5c	70
5	600-1000 "	.11	5.3c	70
6	1000-1400 "	.12	7c	70
7	1400-1800 "	.14	9c	70
8	1800 and over	.15	11c	70

Any fraction of a cent resulting in the total postage on a parcel must be counted as a full cent. Local delivery within the city where mailed, 7c for the first pound or fraction thereof, and 1c for each additional 12 pounds or fraction thereof. On parcels collected on rural routes, the postage is to be 2 cents less per parcel than shown above when intended for local delivery, and 3c less per parcel when for other than local delivery, provided parcels are endorsed "Mailed on rural route."

Library books, from non-profit organizations, if sent out or returned, within 3 zones, or within the state, 3 cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound.

See local postmaster for "Book and Catalog" rates.

## INSURANCE RATES: 3rd and 4th Class Mail

Values to \$ 5.00.....	5 cts.
Values to \$ 25.00.....	10 cts.
Values to \$ 50.00.....	15 cts.
Values to \$ 100.00.....	25 cts.
Values to \$ 150.00.....	30 cts.
Values to \$ 200.00.....	35 cts.

Maximum for Phillipine Islands is \$100.00

Restricted delivery, if desired, 10c additional.

Return receipt, 3c additional.

Return receipt, showing address where delivered, 23 cents additional.

## C. O. D. RATES: 1, 3, or 4th Class Mail

To \$ 5.00...12 cents	To \$100.00...32 cents
To \$ 25.00...17 cents	To \$150.00...40 cents
To \$ 50.00...22 cents	To \$200.00...45 cents

Restricted delivery, if desired, 10c additional.

1st class C. O. D. articles may be registered in addition for combination rates as follows:

# *insert origin of the Deaf work*

## *Legal Holidays in the Various States.*

*in N.O.*  
*see your files!*

JANUARY 1. NEW YEAR'S DAY: In all the States, Territories and Colonial possessions.

JANUARY 8. ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS: In Louisiana.

JANUARY 19. LEES BIRTHDAY: In Ala., Ark., Fla., Ga., Miss., N. C., S. C., Tenn., and Va.

FEBRUARY 12. GEORGIA DAY: In Georgia. Date of Oglethorpe's landing in 1733.

FEBRUARY 12. LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY: In Alaska, Calif., Colo., Conn., Del., Ia., Ill., Ind., Kan., Ky., Mich., Minn., Mo., Mont., Neb., Nev., N. J., N. Y., N. Dak., Ohio, Pa., S. Dak., Tenn., Utah, Wash., Vt., Wyo., and observed by Governor's Proclamation in Mass.

FEBRUARY 14. ADMISSION DAY: In Arizona.

FEBRUARY 22. WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY: In all the States, Territories and Possessions.

MARCH 2. ANNIVERSARY OF TEXAN INDEPENDENCE: In Texas.

MARCH 4. INAUGURATION DAY: Every four years in the Dist of Columbia only.

MARCH 25. MARYLAND DAY: In that State only.

MARCH 30. SEWARD DAY: In Alaska.

GOOD FRIDAY: In Conn., Del., Fla., La., Md., Minn., N. J., Pa., Philippines, Porto Rico, Tenn.

APRIL 12. HALIFAX INDEPENDENCE RESOLUTIONS: In North Carolina.

APRIL 13. THOMAS JEFFERSON'S BIRTHDAY: In Alabama.

APRIL 19. PATRIOTS' DAY: In Me. and Mass.

APRIL 21. ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO: In Texas.

APRIL 26. CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY: In Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi.

MAY 10. CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY: In Kentucky and North Carolina.

MAY (Second Sunday). MOTHER'S DAY: Is observed but not a legal holiday.

MAY 20. ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE MECKLENBURG DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: In North Carolina.

MAY 30. DECORATION DAY: In all the States and Possessions except Ala., Ark., Fla., Ga., La., Miss., N. Mex., N. C., S. C., Tenn., and Texas.

JUNE 3. JEFFERSON DAVIS'S BIRTHDAY: In Ala., Ark., Fla., Ga., Ky., La., Miss., Tenn., Tex. and Va.

JUNE 11. KAMEHAMEHA DAY: In Hawaii.

JUNE 14. FLAG DAY: Is widely observed but not a legal holiday.

JUNE 15. PIONEER DAY: In Idaho.

JULY 4. INDEPENDENCE DAY: In all the States, Territories and Possessions.

JULY 10. ADMISSION DAY: In Wyoming.

JULY 24. PIONEERS' DAY: In Utah.

AUGUST 1. COLORADO DAY: In Colorado.

AUGUST 16. BENNINGTON BATTLE DAY: In Vt.

SEPTEMBER (First Monday). LABOR DAY: In all the States and Territories except Ala., Wyo. and the Philippines.

SEPTEMBER 6. LAFAYETTE DAY: Also the anniversary of the First Battle of the Marne. Is not a legal holiday, but is celebrated in New York and ten other States.

SEPTEMBER 9. ADMISSION DAY: In California.

SEPTEMBER 12. "OLD DEFENDERS' DAY": In Baltimore, Md.

OCTOBER 1. MISSOURI DAY: In that State's schools.

OCTOBER 12. COLUMBUS DAY: In Ark., Ariz., Calif., Colo., Conn., Del., Fla., Idaho, Ill., Ind., Kan., Ky., La., Me., Md., Mass., Mich., Mo., Mont., Neb., Nev., N. H., N. J., N. M., N. Y., N. Dak., Ohio, Ore., Pa., R. I., Tex., Utah, Vt., Wash., W. Va., also in Porto Rico. In Arkansas and Kansas it does not affect notes or judicial proceedings.

OCTOBER 12. FRATERNAL DAY: Alabama only.

OCTOBER 18. ALASKA DAY: In Alaska only.

OCTOBER 31. ADMISSION DAY: In Nevada.

NOVEMBER. GENERAL ELECTION DAY: 1st Tuesday after 1st Monday. In every State and Territory except Alaska, Dist of Col., Hawaii, Ill., Mass., Miss., Ohio, Philippines and Vt. In Illinois it is a legal holiday in Chicago, Springfield, East St. Louis, Galesburg, Danville, Cairo and Rockford. In Ohio it is a half holiday. In Maine it is a legal holiday only as to the courts, which also close on the State Election Day (biennially, 2nd Monday in Sept.).

NOV. 11. ARMISTICE DAY: In Ala., Ariz., Ark., Calif., Colo., Fla., Ill., Iowa, La., Mass., Minn., Mo., Mont., Neb., N. J., N. C., N. Dak., Pa., R. I., S. Dak., Tenn., Tex., Vt., Va. and Hawaii. In other States by Governor's Proclamation only.

NOVEMBER. THANKSGIVING DAY: Last Thursday in November. Is observed in all the States, Territories and Possessions.

DECEMBER 25. CHRISTMAS DAY: In all the States, Territories and Possessions.

DECEMBER 30. RIZAL DAY: In Philippines.

There are no statutory holidays in Mississippi, but by common consent the Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas are observed. In New Mexico, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Labor Day, Flag Day (June 14), and Arbor Day are holidays, when so designated by the Governor. In South Carolina, Thursday of Fair Week is a legal holiday.

ARBOR DAY is a legal holiday in many States, although in some it is observed as designated by the Governor.

Wednesday, January 1, 1941

(1)

INT 1<sup>st</sup> Day - 364 days to follow

INTRODUCTION  
This was written in

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

October, 1941, about seven (7)

seven years after I began the  
work for <sup>the DEAF.</sup> (Written by my niece, Mrs.

Charles Rhodes.)

(transferred from my first note-book in  
which the notation was so often meagre.  
If anyone had ever told me

that some day I should be  
working for the deaf, and  
willing to spend the rest  
of my life at it, I think I  
should have ~~laughed~~ at the  
bare idea: I say this, because  
I had lived at our Prepara-  
tory College, at Firkwood, Mo.,  
with Father Higgins for  
several years; I knew Father  
Higgins was doing that work;

(2)

Thursday, January 2, 1941.

2nd Day—363 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

was highly interested in it,  
and had heard him talk about  
it, etc.; but the idea of me  
ever getting into the work  
alongside of him, never even  
entered my mind; I had my  
work to do; teaching daily  
at the Prep, and going out  
every Sunday for eight years,  
helping out the Secular Clergy  
around the St. Louis  
Archdiocese, and in Illinois,  
within a couple hundred  
miles) radius); and so it  
never dawned on me that  
no help was needed. —

~~Friday, January 3, 1941~~

(3)

3rd Day—362 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

I guess it was Providential  
 how it all came about; I  
 remember well, upon my  
 first visit to the new  
 Archbishop of San Antonio;  
 Robert Lucy; he greeted me with: "How  
 did you ever take up this  
 work for the deaf?", And on  
 my replying that the Lord  
 had to "sock" me in the  
 throat first; as St. Paul was  
 first socked with a bolt of  
 lightning; he replied: "Guess  
 it was Providential"; And;  
 I guess it was.                     
 Towards the end of                     
 (\* maybe? a presumptuous reference!)

(4)

Saturday, January 4, 1941

4th Day 361 days to follow

Clean
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

For my voice, I have lost it with

October, in the year 1930,

my voice left me entirely,  
of a sudden; my vocal  
cords, as the doctor said,  
became "bow-legged", and  
were like a piece of rubber  
that had the "elastic fatigue".For months, I could scarcely  
talk; then began to whisper;  
which continued some three or  
years before the voice showed signs of improvement.  
Doctors said there was  
nothing that could be done  
for it, and ~~sunless~~ nature  
brought it back, which caused

Sunday, January 5, 1941:

(5)

5th Day - 360 days to follow.

= hallo-ing & singing of anthems  
(Henry V Part IV act 4 sc. 2.)

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

be helped along by my keeping quiet, and not using the voice; there was no hope for a full return of the voice." — ???!

NO HOPE FOR  
FULL RECOVERY OF VOICE.

Very nice prospect, for one whose vocation is to use his voice; and as by no means encouraging. But!! doctor sent me out of Grand Rapids, and the Superior, thought I could go to St. Louis and keep quiet there, while helping the Procurator with his work, and acting as I

(PROV: T. M. PALMER)

(2) (1) Monday, January 6, 1941

6th Day 359 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

am "Snow" of St. Louis. Provincial Chronicler. After ten months in St. Louis, the doctors ordered me out of St. Louis; as being the ~~worst~~ place in the country for anyone who was suffering from either nose or throat trouble; and <sup>they</sup> suggested either Denver, or San Antonio.

When the Provincial got the report from the St. Louis doctor, he called me in, and told me the verdict; and sent me to the Mexican House in

Tuesday, January 7, 1941

(7)

7th Day 358 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Saw Antonio, where, not knowing any Spanish, I had a better chance of saving my voice.

But after that was settled, the Provincial suggested: "Joe, why don't you take up the sign language and work for the Deaf?"?

"I know you are a fellow that doesn't like to stay & lag around and likes to keep active": "Fine idea", I said; but I wanted to start that work the year after I lost my voice, but was told by the Provincial:

② (8)

Wednesday, January 8, 1941

8th Day 357 days to follow

Clean
Wash
Brush
Shave

(E.K. CANTWELL):

"Oh, there isn't enough to  
keep one man busy." —

"Well, never mind that," said  
"but, if you want to take ~~be~~  
it up, before you go to  
San Antonio, run up to  
Detroit, and get a start  
from Father Higgins, and  
stay as long as he thinks  
necessary; but mind! :::  
I am not giving you  
orders; not commanding  
you to take up that work! :::  
To which I replied: "Thanks!  
a lot for that, I think  
I'll take it up to give me

DETROIT - TRYING TO SIGN - VARIOUS CONTRACTS

Thursday, January 9, 1941

(9)

9th Day 356 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

something to do, I'm tired  
lying around doing nothing  
but waiting for the voice  
to come back: ---

So up to Detroit I went;  
stopping off on my way to  
see Notre Dame play  
Pittsburg and get a good  
licking -- that was in  
1933, -- and then arrived at  
Detroit, only to find Father  
Wiggins getting ready to  
depart for some Mission  
work in Chicago. He gave  
me a book, and showed  
me the alphabet, and one

10  
10

Friday, January 10, 1941

10th Day - 355 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

and

as two pages of the signs;  
and then said: "you study  
by yourself, as I have to  
go." I stayed in Detroit about  
ten days, and never studied  
anything so hard in my  
life. I don't mean the signs  
were hard to learn, but  
that I studied hard, putting  
in some six or seven: 6-7.  
hours a day at the book.  
And it was <sup>not</sup> a case of  
having to look at the  
picture and the sign and  
then read the explanation,  
and then often to wonder

Saturday, January 11, 1941

(11)

11th Day 354 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Light
Show

whether I really had the sign right; Some eight (8) days after, Father Higgins returned and gave me a little examination, and then told me I knew ~~sufficient~~, and ~~ought~~ <sup>now</sup> go out and preach to the Deaf! - You can imagine how I started at that! I headed South, passing through Grand Rapids, and seeing Notre Dame again play and get another licking by Southern Cal - it was their worst Doldrums year.

(2) 12

Sunday, January 12, 1941

12th Day 353 days to follow



Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

and

Stayed in New Orleans over Christmas, and during which time I paid a visit to the Chinchuba School for the deaf, then, over the Lake in Chinchuba proper.— I can still remember my feeble efforts at signing and spelling to the children. I could spell only slowly and just knew individual signs. Remember too how I got my name sign; one of the little ones asked me my name and when I finished spelling

Monday, January 13, 1941

(13)  
13

13th Day - 352 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

it slowly, she immediately gave me the letter "H" over the fore arm and upper arm. I now make the third OSLR marking for the deaf whose name begins with the letter "H". — And I remember too, when I first arrived and told the Mother Superior, Sister of a Sales, that I was going in for the deaf work, she expressed her pleasure and hoped I'd stick with it. And I had to laugh at the reason

(2) (14)

Tuesday, January 14, 1941

14th Day—351 days to follow



Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

she gave why she thought I'd be good at the deaf work; "I think," I asked; you're going to be good at the work;" and on my asking why, she thought that, having never even seen me make a sign, she blandly answered: "Why, even in ordinary conversation, you make faces." — "Guess I ought to be good then," said I; though in using the signs, facial expression is only necessary at times, and not regularly.

Wednesday, January 15, 1941

(15)

15th Day - 350 days to follow

1934

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

as sometimes one sees the  
deaf do..

After ~~few years~~ <sup>weeks</sup>, I headed  
over to my new Habitat:  
mostly to keep quiet and to  
save my voice, and with  
little prospect of doing any  
work for the deaf, as I  
knew so little and was  
rather bashful in using  
what little I knew,

1<sup>A.N.</sup> I arrived January 12<sup>th</sup>, 1934,  
1<sup>2</sup> and was met by the  
Rector, W. Jones, and two  
of the Brethren, and had  
a fine first idea of the  
town, when driving a few

(2) 16 Thursday, January 16, 1941

—16th Day—349 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

blocks from the Mo.-Pac.  
and  
depot, we passed along  
St. Commerce Street in the  
Mexican section just in  
time to see a Mexican  
get shot just so nonchalantly  
as if it were just an  
ordinary occurrence.

A new kind of life for  
me, among the Mexicans,  
but soon got used to  
things and settled down--  
to what? Took over the  
job of dejinetor after a  
month or two and that  
kept me rather occupied.

ANTONIO

N.Y.C.

Friday, January 17, 1941

(17)

— 17th Day — 348 days to follow,

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

with the complexity of their bookkeeping. Spent some ten months here, with no chance, or rather no "push" in me to begin work, for the deaf, <sup>+ mostly scared to begin.</sup> I used to go over the book about once a month, and though I occasionally saw some deaf downtown signing, I was too afraid to try any of the little I knew.

Things went along nicely -- and I got to see much of the work the Padres were doing for the Mexicans,

Saturday, January 18, 1941

18th Day 347 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

I saw all the divisions they cared for, & drove within a radius of some 150 miles all around San Antonio, N., E., S., W., ... Things went along nicely ~~quiet~~ till one fine day in about the second week of October 1934, when I got a jolt on getting a letter from New Orleans asking me if I could come over to D. O. for the 4th Sunday of October and of November, and preach to the day.

If I had been ordered to

Sunday, January 19, 1941

(19)

19th Day 346 days to follow.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

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execution, or told I was elected Page, I think I should not have been greater bewildered <sup>or flabbergasted</sup> than at that summons. What hat did I know? I <sup>had</sup> never even signed to any deaf person! I just couldn't do it! I remember, my mind was in a whirl and I was quite agitated, and I still can feel my "cold feet," actually, They got as cold as ice, and my first impulse was to write back that I couldn't do it.

Monday, January 20, 1941

20th Day ~~345 days to follow~~

MY REACTION:

But, somehow or other, there came to my mind, as it were, an inspiration; a sort of voice saying to me: "Just a moment; this ~~day~~ may be "your Opportunity" in life; grasp it, and don't turn it down." Even then, my feet were still cold; and I could see several reasons why I shouldn't accept the proposition; I didn't know how to preach to the deaf; I didn't know the signs sufficiently; besides, there

Tuesday, January 21, 1941

(21)

21st Day 344 days to follow

Clear,
Hazy,
Fog,
Snow.

MY-REACTION:

were two or three others  
who knew the language  
better than I by far; —

I read the letter again,  
more carefully, maybe  
to see if I could spy a  
loop-hole; the letter said:  
that the Father in charge  
<sup>(Kurtheiser)</sup> of the Deaf in New Orleans  
was sick; bad heart, and  
doctor forbade him to do  
anything like the signs;  
that therefore the deaf  
were being neglected;  
that they were complaining  
to the Archbishop of N. O.

(22)

Wednesday, January 22, 1941

22nd Day ~~343 days to follow~~

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

(From Mr. Fitzgerald)

and that he, the Restor: had been hauled over the coals on that account; that he had written to the Provincial <sup>(Fr. Palmer)</sup> in St. Louis for someone; and that the Prov. answered he had no one available at the time; but <sup>the Prov. had</sup> suggested asking "Kendell" over in San Antonio who, he knew, was dabbling in the signs; and now; could I help him out by coming over for the Fourth Sunday of October and preach to the deaf?

Thursday, January 23, 1941

23

23rd Day—342 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

dry feet were still cold; physically, and figuratively, but, I guess the inspiration was gaining over, <sup>\* warming</sup> my cold feet, and, as much as I still wanted to write back and say "I can't do it", I hunted up a few sermons that Dr. A. H. Higgins had given me as "samples" of how to preach to the deaf, and found one that I thought would be proper; I looked it over carefully, and discovered that there wasn't a sign of the sermon

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Friday, January 24, 1934

24th Day—341 days to follow

Clear
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that I didn't know already; and that if I kept the paper in front of me, I could possibly "get thru" with it. So the inspiration won out: I'd try it.

Struck back; that I never preached or even signed <sup>before</sup> to a deaf person, but, that if I'd be taken as I am, I'd be willing to come over and try it.

on the ~~1<sup>st</sup>~~ Sunday, Answer came back, to come on: of course, his hands were washed of it all, and

TO-N.O.

REPLY

1934 Saturday, January 25, 1941

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25th Day—340 days to follow

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now it was my affair,  
and I could do the sweating,  
which I hereupon did very  
easily; physically, and  
figuratively.

I studied and worked  
at the sermon; and  
strange to say, I was  
married least of all, over  
the signs, but more over  
the material, as I hadn't  
done any sermon work  
for over three years, and  
my brain seemed "all out."

I arrived in P. O. and saw  
Dad Gartheiser who had

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Sunday, ~~July 26, 1934~~ 1934

26th Day—339 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

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charge of the deaf but now  
 am ~~★~~ was incapacitated; gave  
 me some general ideas  
 what to do, but was of  
 very little help to me  
 otherwise. his hands were  
 Oct. 28. The 4<sup>th</sup> <sup>washed too, + again</sup> Sunday of October, 1934, fell on the 28<sup>th</sup>. There  
 was a goodly crowd  
 present; and after getting  
 over the jitters and intro-  
 ducing myself in trembling  
 hands and blundering  
 fingers, I preached to them  
 about a half hour. But  
 to this day I have never  
~~★~~ vide: p. 324.

FIRST SIGN SERMON.

FACT 101

1934

~~Monday, Jan 27, 1934~~

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27th Day—338 days to follow

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Oct. 28

discovered whether they understand me or not.

Had Benediction and though they waited for me to come out and see them, I was too scared to venture on that. I felt like a whipped dog, or like a school boy who doesn't know just how he did, and wanted to go and hide myself. The Doctor asked me how I did; but no more interest than that! — It was my funeral, <sup>not his.</sup> After a few days in D. O.

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Tuesday ~~September 28, 1934~~ 1934

28th Day—337 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

I returned to San Antonio,  
 and who should be in  
 the House but the Provincial  
 making Visitation! asked  
 me How I did?? and I told  
 him I stayed in the pulpit  
 for a half hour struggling  
 in the signs and that  
 they didn't throw any  
 rotten eggs at me; and  
 that's all I know: <sup>He</sup> said  
he might have to send  
me over to D.O. to take BACK TO  
 care of that work, as  
 he had no one to send;  
 to which I replied what's

1934

Wednesday January 29, 1934

29

29th Day - 336 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

the matter with Ray ~~Hector~~? he's been working on the signs all through the Studentate, and that he was doing some deaf work around de Soto; But Ray seemed to be "so important and necessary" in De Soto at the Convicate that he couldn't very well be taken away; — (But a month or so later, he was transferred to St. Alyx, Chicago, because the Rector <sup>O'ENNING</sup> up there wanted him). "Well, said the Prov., I'll think

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Thursday, January ~~20~~ 1934.

30th Day 335 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

it over and, let you know  
 in a day or so." After  
 a day, the Prov. called me  
 and said: "Guess you  
 had better go over to D.O.  
 and take care of that deaf  
 work; it will be a big  
 field for you and you  
can do take your own work;  
 you need not do any  
 other work, on account  
 of your voice; (<sup>I was then still</sup> <sup>whispering</sup>)  
 take care of the deaf."  
 That was one thing I  
 wanted to know; ~~that~~: why  
I was being sent to D.O.

APPOINTED TO D.O.

CARE OF DEAF, N.O., ET ALIBI.  
TO

1934 ~~Friday, January 21, 1934~~ (31)  
31st Day 334 days to follow

to take care of the deaf  
and not to be stationed  
there in the Parish; "O.K.",  
said I, "I'm glad to get  
something to do," but just  
remember one thing — :  
you are sending me to  
my own home-town, and  
I never wanted to be  
stationed there." So there  
again, the Prov's hands  
were washed clean of <sup>also</sup>  
the affair and it was  
now my "dirty" work to  
do; it was up to me to  
sweat blood and struggle as best I could.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

## MY STRUGGLE ALONE.

with no one to help me; no one to advise; thrown on my own absolutely; and not knowing a thing about the deaf; or what, or how to talk to them; it was dry job! and I could struggle as best I could; and no one cared. The Fathers were no help, + the Rector sure <sup>wasn't</sup>. This was my fourth job in the Priesthood that I had to start from scratch; and getting help from no one. Looks as if I must always crawl up

Saturday February 1936

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32nd Day—333 days to follow

1936

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

from the bottom and  
dig my own hole out.  
+ pull the hole in after me.

Over I went to D. O. and  
the Boss there, <sup>Frank Fitzgerald,</sup> didn't even  
seem to know that I was  
sent over to be in the  
community; and to take  
care of the deaf; it was  
sometime in early November,  
1936. He told me to make  
my own Stark; as had the Prov.  
Preached again in  
November, but don't remember  
anything about it, or  
events in general; said  
that I attended my first

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Sunday, February 21, 1931

1931

23rd Day 322 days to follow



## JANUARY

Jan 1 New Years Party for the  
 Deaf, and though not  
 getting quite acquainted,  
 "cuz I couldn't sign <sup>so good</sup>,  
 understand 'em well  
 enough; I still met  
 quite a few, and even  
 made a stupid sign -  
speech telling 'em I was  
 to be in charge.

Don't remember a thing  
til the summer months  
 when I went over to the  
 Chinchuba School, now  
 temporarily in Mandeville,  
 after the fire, and spent

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Monday, February 23, 1934

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34th Day 331 days to follow

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a week<sup>or 2</sup> at the school;  
studying with Sister Alexia,  
learning some of their  
signs and comparing  
mine; got quite a  
collection too of differences. —

Previous to this however,  
the sisters coaxed me into  
giving the children a three  
days retreat during March  
and so: When they asked me  
to do that, I wanted to  
wiggle out of it, but they  
coaxed and said it would  
be good practice for me; so  
I prepared first by

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~~Tuesday, February 4, 1941 1935~~

35th Day—330 days to follow

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Snow

MARCH 1935

RETRAIT

CHINCHUBA.

getting brother Loyola's book on "First Communion" and writing out what I wanted; and then rewriting all in the deaf-idiom: a job! (March 1935).

I remembered having my paper in front of me and looking at it after every sentence; I got by the first day without hanging my head too low; but when the kids started asking me what I meant by this and that sign, I realized that I had to do

Wednesday, February 5, 1941

36th Day 329 days to follow

MARCI

1935

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something more; scattered  
the last talk, <sup>of deficit day,</sup> Sr. Alvaria  
and I went through the  
three talks for the next  
day; and when I could  
get their signs easily, I  
learned them; otherwise,  
I underlined the particular  
word, and that meant:  
<sup>to</sup> use my own sign, but <sup>to</sup> spell  
it too; And so, the third day;  
I sweated blood, and  
I lost three pounds. Had to  
laugh; one evening as  
one of the older girls brought  
me my supper, she started

Thursday, February 6, 1941

37th Day—328 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

signing to me; I signed back: "I don't understand"; and she told me I was stupid, dumb; I said "yes", "I am", but maybe if I live long enough, I may be able to understand). From the rate I am able to understand, I guess the girl was right! —

It was some time after this; maybe, before school was out, that a young lady teacher of the deaf, Miss Andal Primeau, of Abbeville, asked me to

Friday, February 7, 1941, 1936, 39

38th Day—327 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

come over to her home town to preach to the deaf there; as there were quite a few in the surrounding neighborhood. But, evidently, I could do nothing till March of 1936; I still remember writing back and forth to her to make arrangements with her Pastor, and my receiving a letter from him telling me to come for the work; but <sup>that</sup> he wondered how he could pay me

~~Saturday February 8, 1941~~

39th Day—326 days to follow

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suggesting that he could see his way clear to give me something, if, while preaching to the deaf, I would also preach a forty hours or something like that; of course, I wrote back telling him about my voice and my total inability of preaching save in the signs, and mentioned that he needn't worry about paying me at all.

In the meantime I was

Sunday, February 9, 1941

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40th Day—325 days to follow

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DIOCESE.

LAKE ERIE

trying to get a Pass out  
of the Southern Pacific thru  
Mr. Turner - Gen. Pass. Agent,  
but could only get a  
Trip Pass as far as  
Houston; but the Pass  
came after I was already  
in Abbeville and back  
home again.

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These Annals now are  
being transcribed from a first  
book, rather small, I want all  
to be in the same kind of book.

Annals start March 31, 1936  
& go thru till end of 1939.

Transcription being done  
in Economy, July 10 - 1947  
while recuperating from Head-attack

② 1936

Monday, February 10, 1936

41st Day—324 days to follow

## FIRST WORK FOR DEAF IN LAFAYETTE DIOCESE.

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March 31 - April 1-2.Retreat for Deaf: Abbeville, La.

16<sup>deaf</sup> made the Retreat; 21 came all told: 5 from Payne, 2 Protestants, 3 from Maurice, Erath, DeRambre, and New Iberia.

My first venture - and the first work ever done in the Lafayette Diocese for the Deaf; it turned out fairly successful. - Served as an eye-opener to the good Bishop, Jeanninot, who expressed surprise that there were that many Deaf around sufficient to warrant a Retreat or small Mission; he asked for names & addresses of the Deaf, & Miss Andra Prineau, (deaf) supplied me the names of some 30 or 40, within her immediate neighborhood. I sent some to the Bishop.

~~Tuesday, February 11, 1941~~

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42nd Day—323 days to follow

May 6: Received Bp's answer  
(quod vide.) (I've been keeping  
all Episcopal mail dealing with  
my work.)

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LA May 11- Called on Bp of Lafayette  
to talk over an intended survey  
of the Deaf of his Diocese - just  
along the S.P.RR, as I had a  
trip-Pass as far as Houston.  
(Has applied in N.O. to a Mr  
Turner for an annual which  
he refused but instead secured  
me this Pass.) The Bp. expressed  
his pleasure at my idea, gladly  
gave me permission, & asked me  
if I could take care of the Deaf  
of his Diocese, to which I replied  
I'd gladly do so, since my super-  
iors have given me carte-blanche  
to make my own work. Bp  
gave me \$25<sup>00</sup> for expenses. Sat

② 1936

Wednesday, February 19, 1936

43rd Day—322 days to follow

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he observed that I had relieved his Conscience immensely by taking over this work.

May 11. SURVEY started. And here's just how it was written down in my first book; for I had not definite ideas as yet, and neither do I now remember anything that happened after 11 years!

May 11-12 — Lafayette & Bloussard

May 12-13 — Rayne

May 13-14 — Crowley

May 14-15 — Welsh

May 15-16 — Lake Charles  
and back to Welsh.

Fr. Jules Doigle, the Pastor of Welsh had 2 days to marry and asked me to return & have the ceremony on Sunday,

May 17<sup>th</sup>. My first marriage  
in the signs, I think, Mr & Mrs Sedney Soileau.

May

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Thursday, February 13, 1941

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44th Day—321 days to follow

May 17-18-19 = Benton, Tex.  
Where I just remember how cold  
& un concern, & seemingly bitter,  
were the dog couple, Philip Stein  
& wife. Their life looked hard.  
also remember some good Sam-  
aritan picking me up & driving  
me to the depot.

May 19-20: Houston, Texas.  
Stayed in a hotel. Met the  
Administrator of St. Joseph's  
Church, Fr. John Connolly,  
(don't recall the circumstances)  
— a prospective start here for  
the Deog. work.

May 20-21-22: New Iberia  
& St. Martinville

May 23: Return to N.O.  
with more names gathered, &  
the work fairly advertised, and  
the clergy sold on the idea.  
Started again —

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(2) 1936

Friday, February 11, 1941

45th Day—320 days to follow

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June 8-9 - Opelousas

June 10-11 - Washington

June 11-12 - Ville Platte

not much success on this trip!

July 4: Went to San Antonio & helped out at Perpetual Help, & to do a bit of Dog-work at Floresville with Jesse Trevino.

July 9: Returned to N.O.

July 26: To Baton Rouge - & got the Supr. Devine (a pie-faced Baptist, & rather bitter) to let me look up the card index of the children's homes at the Dog School, & copy out the names of the Catholics. It took me 3 hours, - & that!

August: Towards the end of August I called on the Archbishop & gave him an account of the work for the Dog, as copies

Saturday, February 15, 1941

46th Day—319 days to follow

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from a short resume by Fr. Higgins, found, maybe in the scrap-book annuals of the N.O. House. — Asked me, if I could also take care of the Deaf of the Archdiocese, to which I replied: "I'd be glad to" and my Superior would let me, as I was no good (on account of my voice) for any other work. Then I added on my own hook, & unbeknown to my superiors: "But, if I take care of the whole Diocese, who's going to pay expenses?" For you must know: the C.S.S.R.s have been caring for the Deaf <sup>in N.O.</sup> for the past 25 yrs or so, & at their expense, but it isn't C.S.S.R. work, but yours. Or which, the Archdiocese smile)

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TO ARCHBPP. RUMMEL

1936

Sunday, February 16, 1941

47th Day—318 days to follow

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and said: "there's no more than right & just; if the CSSR do our work, we ought at least pay the expenses; whatever you say." — As I had no idea then of my expenses he gave me a check for \$100 <sup>00</sup> for Sept, Oct, Nov. & Dec., adding if I needed more to let him know. I don't know what comes be fairer or sweeter, but if I hadn't taken up there may have never been any recompense at all.

## DEAR SCHOOL NOW IN OUR PARISH.

## NOW IN OUR SCHOOL

Sepr. 27: Left for Beaumont to see about some deaf children coming to the Chinechuba School which was wrong to N.O. during the vacation, — at old St Joseph's Orphanage. Full the same staff but the Superior of St Josephine Dr is also Superior of the Deaf

Monday, February 17, 1941

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48th Day—317 days to follow

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GALVESTON.

School - which is all wrong as she knows absolutely nothing about the Deaf & work for the Deaf. — Seems the Bishop was or first inclined to re-build the Deaf-School over in Chinchurva, after the fire, but some people helped him to <sup>p. 325</sup> ~~wide~~ change his mind.) <sup>Changed method of teaching,</sup> My trip was a failure.

Sept. 28: Over to Houston, and on to Galveston to see Bishop Byrne. Told him of the reported number of Deaf in Houston — (some 100 Catholic Deaf = which was all wrong) was received kindly. The Bp expressed interest in the work, & wanted me to make a survey whenever I could come over — but to let him know.

Saw Fr. John Connolly again. Had a wild-goose chase after a

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BISHOP BYRNE

(2) 1936 Tuesday February 18, 1936

49th Day—316 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

SOMETHING NOW:

leading deaf woman, but failed  
to find her. Fr. Connolly  
expressed a wish that, if the Deaf  
work should start, he would wel-  
come me to use his Church, as  
it is just a bit off the down-  
town district, & fairly accessible.  
I had tried our Unionization  
Church, as it is in the Down-  
town district, but met with  
no encouragement & some coldness.  
<sup>from the Pastor.</sup>

Oct. 1.; Up to Lafayette to gather

the deaf children for Chinchota  
School, via N. D. road, and it  
was sad!: Some of the older  
ones were not returning, tho far  
from finished with their studies,  
owing to the "new U.S.A." from  
those in authority & the new  
superintendents that all must pay  
tuition of \$15.00 a month!  
Poor kids! Parents can't pay,  
so they can't come to school!

CHINCH. DEAF. MUST PAY

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Wednesday, February 19, 1941

50th Day—315 days to follow

Dec. 13: up to Shreveport to investigate case of Bessie Williams, a Protestant deacon, who attended the Chinchuba School last year -- an older girl with little or no schooling so far.

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Stayed at St. John's College with the Jesuit Fathers, who were very kind and helpful, esp. Father Goodspeed. Has an awful time finding Bessie's folks. Met 3 different sets of deacons, all non-Catholic. Looked up Virgin Eusinhamer, formerly of Chinchuba School, who married some non-Catholic before the judge.

Dec. 15: Back to Alexandria La  
Stayed at the Bishop's (Desmoulin) House. Spoke to him about my work & my desire to make a survey of the Deacons in his Diocese. Has previously written about this, but got no answer. He scarcely looked me in the eye when he said, "Of course, Father, I realize

(2) 1936 Thursday, February 20, 1936

51st Day—314 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

ALEXANDRIA, LA

"the value of one soul, but from the mere acre number of names you have, I can't as yet quite see the feasibility of having you go thru the Disease, at some expense, just for those few." — To which I replied; "There would be no expense? I have a Pass on the Texas & Pacific RR," (granted me thru Mrs. Ollie Webb, a Protestant, & former Minister, who thought my work so meritorious that there was no need of tackling the Pres. of the Road,) "and all I'd need would be a place to stay and eat & say Mass, that's all," but as you say, Bishop."

Dec. 22: Gonzales, La.: about 65 miles up from N.O. to Baton Rouge. Some 8 deg adults here - 3 brothers in one family, all elderly - Brand, by name, <sup>one is blind</sup>. Don't know how I heard of them unless it was from the Pastor, Fr. Bill Castel, an old friend of mine; came up for sermon

GONZALES, LA

Friday, February 21, 1937 1937 (53)

52nd Day—313 days to follow

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and confessions. Fr. Castel is very interested, & ever helpful; he goes out of his way to help my work for his Deaf parishioners; sends his car to inform them of my coming and again sends it to fetch them to bring me home again.

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1937

### GALVESTON DIOCESE SURVEY.

Sometime after Jan 1st, I wrote to the Bp. of Galveston about making some sort of survey of the Deaf in Houston (vide p 49. Apr. 28), and received a very kind & favorable letter a few days later.

Jan. 10: Struck out for Houston.—Used St. Joseph's as Headquarters under Fr. John Connolly: started scouting the afternoon of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

1937

Saturday, February 22, 1937

53rd Day—312 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

The Deaf woman who was supposed to give me all the information about the Catholic Deaf of Houston couldn't be located. Thwarted at the very start!! And the weather was especially aiding its part to the failure — rain, mist, slippiness under foot, — & all over again.

I've often wondered if the Devil didn't want me to start work for the Texas Deaf; so many obstacles in the way! Thwarted!! but not stopped!! Conceived idea of visiting all the Pastors in Houston and asking them for an audience — went about the Deaf on the following Sunday. Fr. Connolly drove me around. All received me favorably and readily agreed to my request. Spent 2 days on this. Even visited the Schools, & asked the children to help along. But after visiting each close-room of St. Joseph's School, found it was too much on my

Sunday, February 23, 1941

(55)

54th Day—311 days to follow

voice, so thereafter visited only one classroom of each school.

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Cloudy
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In one school room, higher grade, when the Sister left the room for a minute, one of the rascally boys sidled up to me & whispered: "Well! Teacher, lead us some of lead signs, hah!" — To which I replied: "ah no! you kids will start that behind the teacher's back, & I'll get the blame". — I got lots of leads, but every one a "blind lead". Often I'd call on a person who was blind, or just hard of hearing. So hardly any good results to be expected till after the Sunday announcement in the churches. Went over to San Antonio to scout Jan. 14; there for the Catholic Diocese. Found a few — got names of some others not Catholic; discovered no one was ministering to the Dioc. but most all attended some sort of Sunday School. — Called on

SAN ANTONIO

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1937

Monday, February 24, 1941

55th Day—310 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
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the good, loveable archbishop of San Antonio, Droessens, who received me kindly & when I told him I was from N.O. as that he buried my mother in 1895 when he was Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul in N.O., he felt from then on as if he owned me! Gave me all faculties whenever I'd come into the Diocese, & carte blanche to work for the Deaf. But that was all!

Jan. 19 - Tues: Thought I'd go up to Austin, Tex. to see what was going on at the State School for the Deaf. — Maybe right here was the germ-idea I followed later of penetrating the school for the Deaf, & trying to save the kids! — Heard that the Principal of the school, a Mr. Buchanan, was a Catholic, (while the Super, a Mr. Scott was a Protestant & not favorite) but found out he was not Catholic tho married to a Catholic woman.

AUSTIN - TEXAS: SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 25, 1941

(57)

56th Day—309 days to follow

and that a son of his was  
studying for the Priesthood up  
in Minnesota. So that looks very  
favorable. Had a nice meeting with  
him; also he gave me the "low-down"  
on the School: seems no one was  
allowed to go out to church (the  
(I suppose) later that the kids could)  
go to church if they had written  
consent of the parents) but all  
had to attend Chapel Services  
which was all Protestant. He  
also gave me lists of names of  
all kids at the school over a  
period of several years, from which  
it was impossible, however, to tell  
Catholic from non-Catholic, even  
though I could fairly guess that all  
the Mexican names should be  
Catholic.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Jan. 19. Back in Houston. But so  
far no reports of the previous  
Sunday's announcement.

1937

Wednesday, February 26, 1937

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57th Day—308 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Spent all Wed & Thus. (20<sup>th</sup>,  
 21<sup>st</sup>) scouring the city in all  
 directions, yet no sign of so many  
 Catholics, - scarcely any, and even  
 these didn't know anything about  
 it. - Visited homes, shops, stores,  
 stood on street-corners, meeting  
 the Deaf. At one house, the lady  
 proprietress said there were some  
 Deaf boarding there, but all were  
 bad; she was not Catholic. Thought  
 none of her deaf tenants were  
 Catholic; and said she went  
 to church sometimes & all the  
 Deaf made fun of her for so  
 doing: no one taking care of  
 them! — Heard of an old Jew  
 Deaf mute who sold papers at  
 the "Houston Chronicle" corner,  
 & stopped there, only to find 2  
 old men selling papers; so  
 not knowing who was deaf, I  
 stood between them, & said low:  
 "which one of you fellows is Deaf?"

Thursday, February 27, 1941

(59)

58th Day—307 days to follow

The Deaf fellow turned them  
& seeing me, grunted out  
"Pa-pah"! I started to sign  
to him, & he at once dropped  
his bundle of papers and signed.  
Seemed glad to see me. I told  
him who I was, & asked him  
to come when I'd preach to  
the Deaf; said he would.  
Lots of people stopped to look  
at the Catholic Priest and the  
Jewish Dispensary using their hands  
in conversation.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Jobs. 21: Not till the very last after  
noon was there any ray of some  
success: met 2 ladies who  
were God-sends; one secured lots  
of valuable information for me;  
the other, a Mrs LeBlanc, was willing  
and anxious to help. Says she  
tried to start work for the Deaf  
some 10 years ago, but failed.

(2) 1937 Friday, February 28, 1937

59th Day—306 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Gave her all my information  
and the names I gathered.  
She will look em up. & try to  
assemble them for me. ( Only 2  
names sent in so far from the  
Sunday announcements )

Feb. 12: Sent report of the Houston  
expedition to the Bp of Galveston.

Feb. 18: Lafayette, La.: To arrange  
with the Bp. itinerary for Retreats  
or Missions for the Deaf. ( I call  
em Retreats - as it was only  
an affair of 3 successive night  
sermons ) - all O.K. Bishop  
gave me a letter asking my  
superiors to allow me to take care  
of the Deaf of his Diocese.

Spent 2 days in Lafayette - at  
the Bishop's House - trying to  
contact some of the Deaf there;  
but meager success - and had  
weather.

Feb. 24: FRANKLIN, LA. — Found the

LETTER from BP. JEAN MARIE

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## Special Data

Two former Deaf: Clarence Gardner,  
+ Winnie Watkins. — Left on  
next train for New Iberia; had  
luck again; couldn't get about  
so well, as the Priests were very  
busy with lots of funerals. Found  
two new Deaf.

Feb. 25: Left for Crowley at noon,  
arranged for a Retreat with Fr.  
Mollo, a compatriot of mine  
from Plaquemine, La.

Feb. 26: Returned home to N.O.

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### MARCH

Mar. 10-11-12: Retreat at NEW IBERIA

Out of a possible 8, 6 showed  
up, one not coming even, after  
writing a card saying he'd attend.  
(from Franklin), and the other two  
gone to Texas for a while. —

First evening: just 3 came;  
second " : 2 showed up;  
third " : 5 attended; but

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Special Data

I preached just the same as if they were 100; tho it would have been more encouraging. Preached in Church, in the Pulpit, and often they would not like my sign and tell me it was wrong; I'd ask them what was better and would try to use their sign which was sometimes different, and sometimes only a variation.

Msgr. Langlois, the Pastor, gave me \$10<sup>00</sup>, & I wasn't even dreaming of anything like that.

March 15-16-17: ABBEVILLE:

A rice & sugar town, some 20 miles west of New Iberia, the Highway is good, running thru the towns of Delcambe & Smith, where dwelt a few Negroes.

I previously sent cards to all possible. 15<sup>th</sup> announcing my coming. First night was cold & church was cold; only five came; second & third nights,

10 attended - still cold, and my hands were stiff; but 3rd night, it was warmer.

March 23-24-25: Gonzales, La.

Sermon + confessions of the Deaf; six came.

Baton Rouge; at the State School for the Deaf. - Talked a possible 3 Day Retreat with the Fathers at St. Agnes Church (Fr. L. Caillouet, Pastor, + M. Strossel, I think) which Church is just two or three blocks away from the school. Then settled things definitely with the Superintendent, Devine; Has a hard time of it, getting a "Concession" out of him, a hard-shell Baptist, for the retreat, he remarking, that he wasn't running a church but a school. I didn't show any "fight", preferring to get things easier. - Nothing doing

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## Special Data

at the school, of course, but all to be in church; one talk Sunday morning; one Monday & Tuesday afternoon after school hours, at 4 o'clock: that was the best I could get out of the Pie-faced Bigot; and I swallowed that for the present, but was figuring ahead.

## APRIL

April 2-16: RAYNE: LAKE CHARLES

I took Fr. Mollo's place the Sundays of April 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.  
W and while in Crowley where I staid, drove over to Rayne the evenings of April 6, 7, 8,  
intended having the Retreat at Crowley, the larger of the 2 towns, but realizing there were but 2 possible at Crowley & some 7 or 8 in Rayne, I decided to preach foremost at Rayne as one of my centers.

Saturday, March 1, 1941

(65)

60th Day—305 days to follow.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

So had to re-arrange this or  
change) situation with Fr.  
Mollo, who understood + agreed  
perfectly. Then wrote to Father  
Hubert Gerschen of Poyne, asking  
to have the services in his church.  
Wrote on Good Friday (March  
26<sup>th</sup>) but got no answer; so  
that for me worried. However  
I left Friday morning, April 2.  
for Crowley, + arrived about  
2:56 p.m. — Saturday morning  
got some one to drive me to  
Poyne — some 8 miles east —  
+ met Fr. Gerschen, who greeted  
me with the news that he had  
announced the Retreat the pre-  
vious Sunday, but said nothing  
about not answering my letter  
over which neglect I was so  
worried. So I said nothing,  
being glad it worked out so well.

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Sunday, March 2, 1941

61st Day—304 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Changed the Retreat from April 5-6-7 to April 6-7-8. But then had to let all the Deaf know the change; so had to get some one to drive me around the town, and even out to St. Leo's, (a German settlement & parish out of Royston a few miles) to tell all about the change of plans. Met a Deaf girl who was running a Beauty Parlor, Sisalene Hebert who became one of my stalwarts; she called on the 2 Broussards, who in turn called their sister and 2 brothers - all Deaf, but of whom I had never heard. (These last three were all peculiar beings in & later years turned out sort o' nutty!) — So business was "looking up". Then Mrs. Bill Wright, who thought she might not come, as she was on the outs with some of the Deaf (Besides, I understand,

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Monday March 3, 1941

(67)

62nd Day—303 days to follow

she isn't thoroly Deoz) Her husband, Bill, who works in a printing shop in Rayne (& who ~~strength~~ was very faithful) attended each evening. — After visiting all, drove back to my headquarters at Crowley.

	Clear
	Cloudy
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	Snow

April 6: Opened at Rayne at 7 p.m. (actually at 7:15) as I was late arriving from Crowley, all the Deoz were waiting in church. — How glad & surprised I was to see about 15 Deoz in attendance! (One, non-Catholic, Mr. Tobey, who came every evening.) — all 15 from Rayne, save the 2 I brought with me from Crowley. (one from Crowley I found out later was a little "twitched" in the head & so never came) One from Lake Arthur, & 2 from Dotsa, Lake

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Tuesday, March 4, 1941

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

63rd Day—302 days to follow

Arthur is about 37 miles away,  
and Iota some 20 miles.

The Deaf-mute of Church Point  
about 8 miles away, did not show  
up, nor even answer my call,  
but answered later, which was much  
too late for the Retreat. — The  
attendance staid about the same  
each night. — all were so glad  
that a Priest who could sign,  
(even as awkwardly as I) was  
coming to do something for them,  
(the poor "forgotten" & neglected  
ones!) and when I promised  
to come a couple of times a  
year, at least, they were more  
than happy. — One evening  
about 10 hearing-people were  
in church, thru curiosity.  
At the close, the non-Catholic,  
Tobey, handed me a long note  
or letter of appreciation, & hoped  
I'd come often. Despite my  
"no-no", they took up a collection

(69)

Wednesday, March 5, 1941

64th Day—301 days to follow

and handed me \$1.50. The poor things! You so appeara-  
tive! all asked me to come again.  
The Pastor, Fr. Lerschen, was pleased,  
and so was I!

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

April 9. Ran over to Welsh from Crowley = about 18 miles — to arrange a gathering there for the following Monday. Saw Fr. Doyle, the Pastor, who took me over to see Soileau in his Barber Shop, (whom I had visited) who promised to spread the tidings, & to fetch some of the boys. He did fine. Drove back to Crowley.

April 12. Left Crowley on the 2:56 train for Welsh. — When 7 o'clock came, to my surprise, 7 boys showed up instead of the 4 I expected. Preached about 45 minutes in the church. Told em I'd come back later to give them a 3 day

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Thursday, March 6, 1941

65th Day—300 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Retreat. They collected \$1.25.  
Had some one drive me over to  
Lake Charles right after the sermon,  
arriving at Msgr. Vigliano's about  
9 p.m. & was received as only a  
fine Priest & gentleman can do.

April 13: Intended preaching a 3  
Day retreat here, but the Msgr.  
had previously written, suggesting:  
preaching to the Deaf in Welsh  
on Monday; then, going with him  
and the 2 assistants Tuesday  
forenoon out to his mission of  
Big Lake (some 20 miles south  
of Lake Charles towards the Gulf  
& where the Louisiana marshes  
edge to the Gulf) where the Padars  
teach eschism every Tuesday.  
And while they were doing that,  
I could preach to the 5 adult  
Deaf in one of their houses. We  
had first to visit the 2 different  
sets of deaf — 3 in one house &  
2 in the other — to let them

BIG LAKE

(71)

Friday, March 7, 1941

66th Day—299 days to follow

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Cloudy
Rain
Snow

know about our program.

First, met the 3 Blanchards, some 14 miles out, then crossed over the Intra-Coastal Canal on a very primitive ferry — a Barge pulled to & fro by a cable — + drove a few miles further to the two Heberts, a young couple recently married. — At noon, having re-crossed the Canal, we got back to the Blanchards, where the whole 5 Dog assembled, all in their Sunday clothes; after our dinner, I preached to them in one of their fair boarded rooms, with the rest of the family looking on in joy + wonderment. — Scratched my pockets for my sermon (which I use to keep before me) but didn't have it with me, so had to fall back on my wits, & was more satisfied with that sermon than any of the previous others, with the paper before me.

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Saturday, March 8, 1941

67th Day—298 days to follow

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Cloudy
Rain
Snow

LAKE CHARLES

It took a lot of dissidence out of me. — all five were happy when I told them I'd come out the next morning, hear their confessions, say mass for them & give an Holy Communion. — About 1:30 Mrs. Vigliars picked me up, & back to Lake Charles, — at 7 p.m. 3 Cotboche Dog of Lake Charles arrived at the Rectory, & I preached in the Rectory to them.

April 14; Drove out to Big Lake & had mass for my Dog. I think it was Fr. Robichaud who drove me out, as he has charge of Big Lake. (It may have been on one of these trips with the little round Pier, that the pier being broken down, he & I had to get across in a skiff, & then had to commandeer an auto to drive us the mile or so to the church.) — All the 5 Dog came and were delighted at me getting attention. —

Sunday, March 9, 1941

68th Day—297 days to follow

Left Lake Charles on the after-noon train for Port Arthur.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Had to go to Beaumont first, where some one met me at the depot, & drove me to Port Arthur — a thriving oil-town, full of Louisiana cajuns, who don't want to be recognized as such, but their language betraying them — arrived about 6:45 p.m. {I don't remember when I staid.

April 15: Drove to St. Marys & to St. James Church — but don't remember anything. Learned none of 4 Catholic Deaf; saw 2 personally; one gave me a booklet of the Deaf of Texas. — Looked up a Catholic deaf boy staying with a Protestant family, but the boy had gone to Texas. The Prot. family were lovely people, & hoped I could get hold of the boy, Murphy Bourque, & make him take care of his religion. (met his parents-in-law some years ago in Houston)

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Monday, March 10, 1941 1937.

69th Day—296 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

## MY FIRST DEAF MISSION: LOS ANGELES, CAL., APR. 9-16:

Early in March, I got a letter from one of my old students from L.A., Fr. Herman Heidke, C.S.S.R., then giving a mission at St. Agatha's, Los Angeles, saying the Assistant, Rev. Geo Pausch, in charge of the Deaf in the L.A. Diocese, was looking for someone to give a mission to the Deaf of L.A. & surroundings, and that he had suggested my name, & that now I should get in touch with Father Pausch.

What an inducement! Had never before been in the far West, California was opening up before me, here was my chance, un-solicited; and the visit was highly tempting. — Still my feet got somewhat cold at the prospect, since I did not consider myself good enough in the work to try a mission. But wrote to Father

1937 Tuesday, March 11, 1941

(75)

70th Day—295 days to follow

Pausch, & played honest & square  
with him; saying some one  
had boosted my stock; gave him  
my limitations & my capabilities  
& even suggested 2 better men in  
Higgins & Heing; but if he should  
still want me after this description  
of myself, I'd be only too glad to  
come out. ( Glad to get out to  
California, but leery about the work )

No work for about 5 weeks; but  
in the meantime I was preparing  
a set of sermons & learning them;  
and wondering, and when  
his answer did finally come,  
it took another entire week  
before I got it, being then on my  
Crowley-job. - Letter was sent  
to Crowley, revised there several  
days, & then sent back to New  
Orleans. - My job was exuberant  
and my feet colder. But now I  
was fully committed, & had to

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Cloudy
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Snow

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Wednesday, March 12, 1941

71st Day—294 days to follow

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Cloudy
Rain
Snow

got back to work. Several  
were accepting the mission  
dates, after my Rector Oked everything.  
A few days later, got a letter  
from the Southern Pacific RR.  
informing me that my fare was  
awaiting me at the Tricker office,  
(I had in the meantime succeeded  
in acquiring an Annual Pass  
on the S.P.—T. + N.O. Division  
(from N.O. to El Paso) thru  
the bus offices of Mr. Joseph  
Lallonde, the General Freight  
Agent in N.O.) So the L.A.  
Diocese paid my Pullman out,  
+ my fare to & from El Paso  
to L.A. But I paid my Pullman  
back.)

May 2. Took the "Argonaut" at  
11 p.m. for Los Angeles, and  
had a wonderful trip out—a dis-  
a lot of studying of my sermons—  
Up to some 80 miles west of  
San Antonio which we reached in

Thursday, March 13, 1941

(77)

72nd Day—293 days to follow

The afternoon, the land is quite familiar to me, having been located in Santon for nearly a year & having covered almost all the surrounding territory within a radius of 150 miles on all sides; past that, all is new. (I still remember my first trip west of Santon, passing thru the town of Hondo - some 30 or 50 miles west - and seeing a large wooden sign situated between the S.P. tracks & the High way 90 which said: "This is God's Country, Don't Drive thru it like Hell" - and I noticed it from the train & called some of the train crew's attention to it, from - new to them, tho they pass it every day, & never see it.)

West Texas was seen early

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

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Friday, March 14, 1941

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

73rd Day—292 days to follow

in the morning of Tuesday,  
 May 4<sup>th</sup>, the uplands and  
 hills & the mountains of deserty  
 began west Texas — mud mts —  
 Still my eyes were delighted with  
 the eternal hills. I do love mts,  
 rivers, & trees. — Leaving El  
 Paso, the vast stretches of deserts  
 of New Mexico, with its predom-  
 inant yucca, were all around  
 us, with mts afar off until  
 we neared the Arizona line.

Met a young Catholic Contractor,  
 Morgan by name, who invited  
 me to stop over on my way  
 back — which I didn't do, as  
 much as I should have liked —  
 Morgan got off at El Paso  
 where his home & office were,

and the train wasn't long  
 out of El Paso, while sitting in  
 the lounge car a smiling  
 red-faced gentleman came  
 over to me & said, "Are you  
 a Catholic Priest, or an

Saturday, March 15, 1941

(79)

74th Day—291 days to follow

Anglican Minister?" says  
I, "Catholic Priest, & proud of  
it." Says he; my name is  
Mulcahy from Tucson Ariz.  
Says I, "Litany of the Saints"?  
(my way of asking one with an  
(Irish name if he is Catholic)  
He looked at me & then caught  
the drift. & said; "Yes, Father".  
He has a big Lumber yard in  
Tucson. & said he made all his  
money after the World War I  
just here it lucky: was just  
coming back from a trip to  
Mexico, & had gotten on at  
El Paso. - Of course, I had to  
tell him where I was going &  
what for, & which he grew  
very much interested, & asked  
me to stop off on my way  
back at Tucson, & be his  
guest, at any hotel & he'd

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

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Sunday, March 16, 1941

75th Day—290 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

pay my bills. Also gave me an introduction to an S.P. P.R. man in L.A. —

Arizona — all desert & mountains, and cactus of many varieties. Mr. Mulcahy was pointing out to me the "ocotillo" cactus which was then in bloom. Scenery much more interesting than the south-eastern N. Mexico, tho more weird. Got out at Tucson <sup>to stretch</sup> & it was baking hot after an air-conditioned Pullman. Last leg, now, for California.

May 5. Woke up early, about 5 o'clock, & had my first views of gently sloping hills of southern California; of orange groves, of vast vineyards; of walnut groves; and soon my first look at the new teeming towns, outlying Los Angeles — & finally Los Angeles! — Gentleman met me at the depot, at 7:10, a.m., & then took me for a long auto

Monday, March 17, 1941

(81)

76th Day—289 days to follow

Trip of several miles to St. Agatha's -- Got a nice reception by the Pastor, Fr. Bense, & his ass't, Fr. Pausch, & the house keeper, Miss Anna Schutten. Fr. Pausch is a young man, plump & jovial. — After a while, drove down town to the Chancery offices to pay respects to the Archbishop, Conlwell, but didn't see him as he was in some conclave; met one of the Chancery officers, Fr. Rue Gucken, & got faculties from him, also met the Sup'r of Education.

May 6: Phone Whittier, & Fr. Jourge come to fetch me, where I stay till Saturday morning when they drove me back to St. Agatha's. The brother at Whittier were grand, Fathers Birmingham & Heidke taking me

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

(2) 1937

Tuesday, March 18, 1941

77th Day—288 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

around L. A., & thru the near by towns, closely strung together, thru Pasadena, - saw the Rose Bowl, Santa Anita race track etc. — on the way back to Whittier, we stopped at Hollywood & called on Fr. Jim Martin, who was formerly at Kirkwood, & spent all afternoon with him, riding about; drove to Santa Monica Beach where I had my first view of the Pacific Ocean. Came back via Culver City, & passed some of the Movie establishments. Back at St. Agatha's Saturday evening.

May 9: Mission for the Deaf began about 3 o'clock downtown at St. Joseph's Church, (Franciscans) Preacher in one of the meeting rooms of the School Building, tho' I'd rather have preacher in church, however saying nothing on that score. Some 65 deaf attended - a nice group, cosmopolitan, & from all sections

Wednesday, March 19, 1941

(83)

78th Day—287 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

of these United States typical  
of Los Angeles. — Preached about  
40 minutes after a bit of intro-  
duction. — Many signs different,  
after the Introduction, I sang &  
signed the "Hail Mary" with them,  
made announcements; sang  
"Come Holy Ghost." After saying  
Benediction in the Sisters Chapel,  
Fr. Pausch singing the "O Salutaris"  
& "Tantum Ergo" with them. — I  
signed the "Divine Praises". Then  
Pausch signs "Holy God" with  
them. Was scared as could  
be, but managed through.  
Had to stand alone afterwards  
& meet the gang, which was  
worse than preaching, as I  
could understand them signing  
nor even their fast spelling.

Same program other nights,  
but at 7:30 p.m.

After Sunday opening, the

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Thursday, March 20, 1941

79th Day—286 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

crowd remained steadily about 45 — new ones showing up each night, others alternating. (Looks like a week's Mission is too much.) Some Protestants were always of the number: — most all confessions were "heard" Saturday night — 45 all told). Fr. Pausch was with me every night except Friday & Saturday & Sunday morning, when I was thoroughly "on my own", and felt like a Babe in the Woods.

Fr. Pausch has a splendid helper in Miss Madeleine Sprangers, who, tho deaf, speaks well using lips fine & signs beautifully. If I only had such a right Bohemian from the very start, I wanted as usual to wear my heart on my sleeve, & tell the Deaf that I am practically new at this business, & have a terrible time understanding them, but both Fr. Pausch & Miss Sprangers said "No", but to her the Deaf believe I know

Friday, March 21, 1941

(85)

80th Day—285 days to follow

it all - which I did, but  
never feel right about it all.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

(The Dicks aren't that dumb!)

Mission closed Sunday morning  
May 16; in the Sisters Chapel. Mass  
at 9 o'clock, with general com-  
munion. (Chapel rather small)  
I presided after the Mass & before  
Benediction. All over by 9:50,  
After that, had our picture taken  
in a group, & a few individually,  
of myself. — Then all had break-  
fast, & signs were floating about  
like a storm. Luckily I had  
no deleine sitting next to me  
to interpret. — I had previously  
got her aside & made her pro-  
mise, & fight if necessary, to  
sit next to me, & told her if  
necessary she could even sit  
on my lap, & not to leave me  
alone at the mercy of all those  
signs. Without her, I would have  
been sunk.

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Saturday, March 22, 1941

81st Day—284 days to follow

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Cloudy
Rain
Snow

The Deaf put on a couple of skits which were very clever, but I pretty near got convulsions when Madeline left me for her part of the program — a poem about me. Finally the President signed me a speech which Madeline interpreted to me & presented me with a purse of Los Angeles, & containing \$35.00. I was agreeably surprised at that! Some other little gifts & souvenirs of L. A. also were given me; especially by Miss Pat Murphy, formerly of New Orleans, who keeps Fr. Pausch with the social side. Of course I was then expected to give a speech, & lasted about 5 minutes. We broke up about 11:45, said "good bye" & bounded back to St. Agatha's happy & glad to have "gotten by" & thru with my first mission to the Deaf. Wow! Was it an ordeal! I sweated blood! —

Sunday, March 23, 1941

(87)

82nd Day—283 days to follow

I still remember 2 incidents  
that happened during the week  
which I had not recorded in my  
other book; incidents dealing  
with the bigotry to be found out  
there in L.A. which is the Haven  
& Rendezvous of Crack-pots.

One evening as Fr. P. & I were  
taking a walk before the sermon,  
several children hollered at us  
in ridicule & hate, - and the  
very next day, while he & I  
and a young man friend of  
his were heading for "Berm-  
steins" for lunch, walking  
along the crowded noon-day  
street, some old bag came  
from behind, looked at us, &  
gave us a volley of abuse  
& cursing, the likes of which  
may never have been heard  
before & never by my ears.  
Took me so by surprise, I

Clear
Cloudy
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Snow

1937

Monday, March 24, 1941

83rd Day—282 days to follow

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turn) to see whence this fusilade was coming & began to laugh, at which she opened up "all guns" & advised us to get off the street with "our dirty, stinking religion". When she passed on, exhausted no doubt, the young man who was with us said: "I'd never have believed there was as much religious venom in the world; and if I hadn't heard it with my own ears, I'd never have believed it, even if your 2 Priests had told me."

Intended leaving L.A. back eastward about the 23rd, but wanted to see San Francisco & Oakland. During the week, I called with Fr. Pausch on the S.P. official to whom I had an introduction from Mr. Mulcahy to request a trip Pass, & the gentleman was very gracious & obliging, & thought

Tuesday, March 25, 1941

(89)

84th Day—281 days to follow

he could just phone & the  
Pass would be granted. But  
there's an understanding out  
there that no Priest can get  
a Pass till the Bishop or the  
Chancery OK's it. (Too many  
priests imposing on the RR's)  
So after leaving chas, Fr. P.  
had him phone the Chancery  
& they gave approbation. But  
the Pass has to come from San  
Francisco. Was too late com-  
ing, so bought a ticket, &  
got a receipt & had my  
money refunded in San  
Francisco.

May 18: Left for San Francisco:

The Brethren met me & drove  
me over the Big Oaklans  
Bridge to our college there.  
(Don't remember much, but  
did drive around oaklans &  
San Francisco which I seem  
to love at once. Beautiful!

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Cloudy
Rain
Snow

1937

Wednesday, March 26, 1941

85th Day—280 days to follow

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Met Fr. Bill Reilly of Oakland who has charge of the Deaf out there. Fine fellow!

Returned to L. A. on May 22, & left on the "Argonaut" for Tucson on the 23rd.

May 24: Stopped off at Tucson Arizona, accepting the invitation of Mr. Mulcahy whom I had dinner, & who met me at the depot & who put me up at the Santa Rita Hotel at his expense.

Mr. M. took me over to the Deaf School where I met the Sup't. Mr. Bob Moscow, a fine gentleman, and with whom I formed a subsequent friendship.

He gathered the Deaf children and I gave them a talk in the signs. He hoped I could & would come back sometime soon to do something for the Catholic children. Then Mr.

Mulcahy drove me to the Tucson newspapers, & introduced

TUCSON: FIRST VISIT

Thursday, March 27, 1941

(91)

86th Day—279 days to follow

me & my work. To the  
8 editors who immediately  
wanted copy, which I gave, but  
begged them not to use for a  
day, as I wanted to do the  
correct thing & visit the Bishop  
first & get some sanction from  
him, as is proper. I went alone  
to the Bishop's, & thought it a  
bit queer that Jack Mulcahy  
didn't want to go with me; but  
the Bishop, Gercke, gave me the  
low-down why Jack does not  
come around any more: some  
marital trouble, which I  
respected). — Bishop Gercke  
received me kindly and was  
glad to listen to my advertising  
of my work. He said  
there was a splendid gentle-  
man as Super, & asked me to  
visit the school & find out  
what was being done for the

Clear
Cloudy
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Snow

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Friday, March 28, 1941

87th Day—278 days to follow

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Catholic children; and why  
I told him I had already been  
there, he wondered at my speed,  
+ who brought me there. That's  
when he told me of Gibbs' trouble.  
Bishop wants me to come out +  
do something for the children when  
ever & as often as I can. —  
Discovered there were about 35  
Catholic kids at the school (for  
Deaf + Blind) + no one cares  
for them, except a couple of  
Sisters of Charity (mostly Selon)  
from St. Peter + Paul's Church,  
away across town. — But  
found out the Sisters don't  
know the signs + just talk to  
the children, + haven't any idea  
if the kids are getting any-  
thing or not. So I suggested  
teaching the signs + later send  
em Sign Books. (But they  
never learned the signs, & when  
Miss Murphy interpreted for them  
they stopped learning signs entirely.)

from Pittsburg

Saturday, March 29, 1941

(93)

88th Day—277 days to follow

nor it as I'm planning them  
as the sisters do so much  
in the Disease. — One day  
during my stay, Mr. Whitley,  
and his "right-hand" at the  
office, a Mr Cy Douglas, and  
Mrs Douglas, and I drove over  
the Santa Catalina Mountains, then  
"Oracle", & into the San Pedro River  
valley, to some little town  
whose name I forgot, to witness  
some Desert justice; for Mr. M.  
had gone bail for a Dude Rancher  
who got in trouble with the  
sheriff, was put in jail, &  
escaped; returned for trial;  
a crowd in the improvised court  
room — a dance hall whose walls  
& ceiling was all ~~uphol~~ <sup>up</sup> stalks —  
and we waited a long time only  
to see no trial or all; the  
Dude paid his fine, stood hand  
with the Judge & sheriff & Jack  
& all had a drink, I suppose,  
on the Dude.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

1937. Sunday, March 30, 1941

89th Day—276 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

May 28: received letter from  
Bishop of Togouette.

## JUNE

June 15-18: PLAQUEMINE, LA.

Visited the Deaf, several of whom I missed seeing last year, as they were at the Baton Rouge School. Pastor, Fr. Robin & assistant, Fr. Gordon Raine, were just fine. Fr. Raine said if I don't see the Deaf, it will be my fault, as he will take me around whenever I say the word; so off we went down the west side of Bayou Plaquemine & found the Acosta couple. — Next day, we took the other side of the Bayou, past where it empties into Brown River, and while looking for 2 certain Deaf we missed them but found 2 others. —

June 18: Drove to Addis & Brushy

Monday, March 31, 1941

(95)

90th Day—275 days to follow

+ saw Gena Drago + family  
and Concetta Cuccia + her  
folks (pupils of the B.R. school)  
Concetta was so glad to see me,  
she wrapped herself around me,  
much to her parents delight.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

June 17: Fr. Raine drove me also  
to Bayou Goula a few miles  
down (towards N.O.), only to find  
that the 5 deaf children of the  
Ousso family are scattered. Here  
it was, that Mrs. Ousso asked  
me if she had so many deaf  
children because she had noticed  
a first cousin, "maybe, but  
too late now." — Then we drove  
on to White Castle, still further  
down, + saw a deaf boy who  
has a shoe repair shop: known  
as Goutreaux.

Tuesday, April 1, 1941

(97)

91st Day—274 days to follow

account, & the other away out  
in the country; went there,  
but no one at home.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

July 22: Drove to Bogalusa: Two  
Negro boys Melancouis, who at-  
tend Chinchuba School. Priest  
not at home, so went back to  
Connington.

July 23: Drove to Abita Springs.  
No known Negro here; so went  
back to Mandeville, & on to  
Lacombe, asking about for Negro  
but none hereabouts, save  
perhaps 3 negroes (?)

July 24: Back to New Orleans.  
After a very unprofitable trip,  
tho I almost learned that  
there weren't so many across  
the Lake. All this section is  
under the Benedictine Fathers,  
and they were just splendid in  
their help & hospitality.

1937

Wednesday, April 2, 1941

92nd Day—273 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

AUGUST.Aug 1. - EPHPHETA SUNDAY:

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost, has been set aside for the Deaf since 1910 by Pres X, & no one knows anything about it, save some of the Deaf. I sent out cards to all the N.O. Deaf, and some 65 attended General Communion & Breakfast, served by Mrs. Bofill & Ladies of St. Ignatius Circle of the Morgan's Daughters.

Aug. 2-13: CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX

Scouting trip! — Left on the 11 p.m. S.P., arriving San Antonio the afternoon of the 3rd, & found it scorching hot. — People often ask me the difference between N.O. heat & San Antonio heat. I always say: "Duration, the same; intensity, San Antonio, but after all, it just depends

1937

Thursday, April 3, 1941

(99)

93rd Day—272 days to follow

How you want to die;  
hard, or soft? For, whereas  
 San Antonio heat bakes you,  
 New Orleans' heat boils you;  
 so take your choice!"

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Aug. 4: Wed: Fr. Lopez of Perpetual Help, where I staid, & I drove down to Rockport, Texas, a town on the Texas Coast above Corpus Christi, maybe 30 miles, and some 150 to 170 miles from Lantana. Expected to stay at Rockport, at my friend Fr. Kelly, who was sitting on his cool porch with another priest when we drove up in our shirt-sleeves; I remember him looking hard at first wondering who we were till he recognized me, & said: "Fellow, where did you come from? You is a grand welcome, & sure we could stay at 'Kelly's

1937

Friday, April 4, 1941

94th Day—271 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Hotel." He gave me an alcove, windows on 3 sides, and the breeze blowing strongly from about 8 in the morning till about 2 in the next morning when it seems to die off after 8 a.m. all over again. I was afraid of catching a cold with so much breeze steadily on me at night. All the trees are bent & lean north from the long-continued daily blow. — One day we drove a bit north, & crossed a gathering of low, some upon some German Oak of Priests who had a House there. — Was to go to Corpus the next day to call on the Co-adjutor Bishop, Garriga, (Bp. Sevina) was sick & away to talk people work with him, but on hearing he was going down to "Kennedy Ranch", & besides not feeling so well, we called it off. So started at Rockport. — No

Saturday, April 5, 1941

(101)

95th Day—270 days to follow

deaf here abouts,  
Aug. 5; thus. Evening of the  
5<sup>th</sup> phone message came from  
Corpus that Bishop Gamiga was  
coming with archbishops Prendergast  
of San Antonio & Luis exiles from  
Mexico, for supper & to spend  
the night. — As I bar, Fr. Kelly  
& I drove out to pick up their  
food, & we had a nice supper  
together. I found Bp. Gamiga  
a little cold at first, & only found  
out the reason later when Fr.  
Kelly told me the possible reason.  
We gave the Bishops our room  
& went over to the vacatious  
vacated Sisters' House, & made  
our beds there in a sort of  
dormitory. Place was hot at  
first, as it had been closed by  
cooler off soon. — No chance  
to talk to Bp. Gamiga over  
my work till the next morning  
after the 2 archbishops left.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

1937.

Sunday, April 6, 1941

96th Day—269 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Bp. warmed up & was quite sympathetic I could work for the Deaf in the Diocese till the Bishop come home. — Showed him Higgins Sign Book & he got interested. I promised to send him one. — To come back to why I found the Bp. a bit cool at first: Fr Kelly said that when Garniga was a Postor in San Antonio, he and the C.S.S.R's had some sort of Boundary quarrel, & Garniga always felt the C.S.S.R has a feeling against him, which Fr. Kelly knew soon dispelled by saying that he never heard any C.S.S.R. say anything bad against him — which the Bp. was now glad to hear. — So much misunderstanding in this world! and how we often stay apart just because we never know the exact case! — That was over!

On the way down to Corpus, we stopped at Beeville or rather Stockers who with his sister

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Monday, April 7, 1937

(103)

97th Day—268 days to follow

as housekeepers were from the north, Indiana I think; got nice reception & offered to stay for dinner which we did. — Later, he took me over to see a Deaf couple, Moore's; they gave me the name of the Floerke's at Taft, & a fellow by the name of Larson, none of whom did I ever meet! — On the way back I inquired about the Floerke's, but no find!

Aug. 9: Fr. Dan Murphy of St. Gerard's took me to see a Deaf girl in the parish, Marcelline Spencer, from the school at Austin; but knows scarcely any signs & just a little spelling. Tried her out with the "Our Father," read it, signed it, spelled it, but no go. maybe she was shy, & maybe too distracted as several speaking children were about playing & talking.

Aug. 10: Visited the O.M.'s at St. Mary's

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

1937

Tuesday, April 8, 1941

98th Day—267 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

and asked about using their  
down-town church as a base.

The Rector was not at home, but the Fr.  
in charge gave me encouragement.

Aug. 11: Some one drove me to the  
Hospital, Austin, some 75 miles w  
so, to see the Principal of the  
School, Mr. Buckman, but he  
was away on vocation. Tried  
to get information at St. Ed's  
College, Holy Cross Fathers, and at  
St. Mary's Church (some Fathers)  
but scarcely anything, except  
very sympathetic. — The Fathers  
Church, St. Mary's, is the only  
parish church in town, and tho'  
north of the Colorado River &  
in the Galveston Diocese (while  
the south side where the Deaf  
School is located is in the Austin  
diocese of San Antonio) the Fr's  
have charge of both sides of the  
town, in both Dioceses, &  
therefore the Deaf School belongs  
to them.

AUSTIN

Wednesday, April 9, 1941

(103)

99th Day—266 days to follow

On the way back to Santone, stopped at New Braunfels, a solidly German town, and saw the Pastor, Msgr. Roebling, who gave me the name & address of a Deaf girl. I called at the house, but the girl was not at home.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Aug. 19-20: Bogalusa;

Took the 6 p.m. "Rebel" for Bogalusa, & the acting-Pastor, Fr. Malache O.S.B. met me at the depot. — Splendid scouting the next morning, but it rained "cats & dogs", & when that happens, the roads are impossible. However, towards evening, it abated & then stopped; so after supper we drove over to the Melongon's, & saw John & Irl, the 2 Deaf of the Chinchuba School. — After that, we wild-goose-chased over the outlying districts of Bogalusa, looking for a solitary Deaf person going hither & yon in the dark.

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Thursday, April 10, 1941

100th Day—265 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

but couldn't locate the party.  
It was after 9:30 p.m. when  
we returned to the factory.  
That now finishes the Survey  
of the over-the-lake territory.  
Got fine assistance & hospitality  
from the O.S.B., but had little success  
finding scarcely any dep., chiefly  
owing to the sparse Catholicity  
over that section.

WORK

Aug. 24: Baton Rouge: Wanted  
to see Brother Peter at "Baptist - Hi".  
Met him sometime ago, and he  
talked about doing something for  
"the poor dep. children at the State  
School", so I gave him a sign,  
Book; & now I wanted to find  
out if he ever did anything or  
all. But not at home.

Visited the School, & saw a  
Mrs. Heath, and found out about  
4 Catholic Teachers at the School,  
Called at St. Agnes, & talked over  
the situation with the assistant,  
Fr. Gassel, who was trying to

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Friday, April 11, 1941

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101st Day—264 days to follow

do something for the children. He had made up a "Confession paper" for the kids, a small folder, but a very harrowing affair with scarcely a thing missed & the 6th Com. scattered over the pages. —

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Aug. 27: Had sent Bp. Ganiaga a Sign Book, & got a letter thanking me, & saying that while he might not learn the language he'd keep the book on his desk to remind him of that part of the flock.

## SEPTEMBER

Sept. 13-17: Shreveport & Alexandria  
MON.

Took the night T. & P. for Shreveport arriving Tuesday morning, staid again at St. Johns, the Jesuits, and as before, got a smile welcome & gross hospitality. — Some one drove me out to see Verlyn Eisenhower & Bessie Williams (deq. mutes)

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Saturday, April 12, 1941

102nd Day—263 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

who were told to stay home from school — (& the former, I think,

within a year or so of graduation) on account of the new regime or the Chinehuba School taking the children at earlier ages, 4 yrs. & keeping them only till 16.

N.B. A dog child is still a child in mind & education, the dog being some 4 or 5 years before speaking Chinese of their age, on account of the initial handicaps.) This means:

N.B. Driving the 16 yr. ones either to no school or all, or straight to the State Schools, where all Calabec' children get soaked in Protestantism, unconsciously, if not, as sometimes happens, deliberately by the Protestant faculties who have taken over, commandment, & own the State Schools generally. — It also makes our Chinehuba School a sort of Prep. school or pindergarten for the State School; the sisters doing all the hard foundation work in oralism, & then getting taught at

Sunday, April 13, 1941

(107)

103rd Day—262 days to follow

& criticized for it by the Prot-  
estant Preachers.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Hunted up a deaf boy by the name  
of "Hill", only to find out from his  
brother whom I met & who was very  
friendly & dear that they were all  
Baptists.

16<sup>th</sup>: Left Thursday morning for  
Alexandria, and staid at the  
Cathedral Rectory with the Pastor,  
Fr. Medding, who with his Ass'ts,  
Fr. Broussard & Preost, are all  
~~fine~~ gentlemen; no adjective  
needed. — Fr. Preost drove me to  
see some Deaf, but contacted only  
Mrs. Vidrine on Masonic Road,  
who however gave me the names  
of a Catholic Deaf person across  
the Red River in Pineville; too  
late to see her, as I had just 15  
minutes to get my train for N.O.

Sept. 20: Mon. Sent out letters to  
the Deaf of N.O. informing them of  
our renewal of our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
sermons, & urging attendance. This  
is never what it ought to be.

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Monday, April 14, 1941

104th Day—261 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Sept. 26: Sun: Was as sick as a dog, but had to say the 10 and 11:30 Masses, & then get over it as well as I could before preaching to the Deaf at 4 p.m. — Some 60 attended. Not so bad! — (I've been getting the 10, or the 11:30 Masses at Third & Prytania, or both, almost every Sunday; so that I can almost see the smile on the people's faces, as they can surely see it on mine, when I come forth each Sunday. — So noticeable that

N.B. when coming back from California in May, the steward on the Diner Mr. Ries, said to me at my last meal before reaching N.O.,

"I've been looking at you the past days & saying to myself: 'I know that priest; he's either from Houston or N.O.; but now I know you; you're from N.O. tho I don't know your name.' To which I said:

"How did you come to that decision?" "Well," he said, "whatever I'm in

Tuesday, April 15, 1941

(109)

105th Day—260 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

N.O. on Sunday, I go to Mass or the "Chapel" on 3rd & Prytania and I always go to the last mass and you always have them. To which I add: "Fellow, you're right; I always have 'em".

Sept. 28: Tues: called to see the Arch-bishop; discussed my Expense Acc'ts w/ the Baton Rouge School.

Wants me to make a monthly visit to the Catholic children for Confession, Mass & Instructions & wants me to supervise regular Sunday Instructions that some of the Catholic Teachers give (Mr Gaiennie; Mr Holmes; Miss Mal Mouton — & for some time, Mrs & Mr. Coursege) — Pol's the Rector, Fr. Frank Fitzgerald, this; but he off-hand + officially decided his way: I should go on a Sunday; but should stay over to take a Sunday Mass in our church (he has an idea I was sent there solely to take a Sunday Mass.)

B.R. SCHOOL

MONTEZUMA VISIT

FOOK-OBJECTION

RECTOR'S FOOK

ARKANSAS FOR

AND RECTOR'S

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Wednesday, April 16, 1941

106th Day—259 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

then get a Bus for Baton Rouge,  
 assemble the Catholic children,  
 and give them instructions in the  
 afternoon; so he decided. But I  
 asked with: "Do you know what  
 that means? It means: first of  
 all, no confessions; secondly, it  
 means, that while the other kids  
 are outside playing & enjoying  
 themselves, as it's the only day they  
 have, the Catholic children should  
 be in church or Hall getting re-  
 ligious instructions; where do  
 you think their minds will be?  
 and how they'll love Religion!  
 But he wouldn't listen, & decided  
 his way was to be done.

nothing to be done but to re-  
 port this insane idea to the  
 Archibishop; who at once said:  
 "No, no, Father, that will never  
 do;" "I'll write to your Rector,"  
 and a day or so afterwards,  
 I got a letter, (& so did the  
 Rector,) in which the Archbp.

Thursday, April 17, 1941

(111)

107th Day—258 days to follow

gave his mind & enclosed a  
check for 1937 for \$325<sup>00</sup>  
on receipt of the archbp's letter  
the Rector came to me excitedly  
& said: "I didn't know the archbp  
wanted that." I answered: "I  
told you what he wanted, but  
you decided your way was  
right." — So, no more trouble  
on that score, & ever after I  
went to B.R. every First Sunday

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

## O C T O B E R .

Oct. 5: Headed for Baton Rouge  
to arrange for care of the Neg  
children monthly, but stopped  
off at Gonzales a day to see  
Fr. Castel to get the "key of the  
land" as to where I should best  
stay & work from in B.R.

Oct. 6: Fr. Castel drove me to B.R.  
to St. Agnes, & I saw Fr. Caillouet,  
the Pastor, & told him of the archbp's  
desire — was highly pleased, & so was

1937

108th Day—257 days to follow

	Clear
	Cloudy
	Rain
	Snow

Fz. Strossel, the Ass't., as why shouldn't they? They ought to take care of the School, since it is the Parish limits, a few blocks distant, & here I am coming along and doing their work! — Over to the School & saw one of the Teachers, Mr. Holmes, teacher of printing, a fine young Catholic young man who is a fine influence on the boys; in the evening, went over to his home, just a little distance from the Rectory, and enjoyed a nice evening, meeting his wife and 2 boys, & discussing plans with him. Decided on a Special Meeting the next night, at his home, of the Catholic Teachers. — Had to beg a night's lodging at St. Joseph's from Msgr. Gassler, as St. Agnes' hadn't sufficient room. Very hospitably received, & spent 2 nights there!

Oct. 7: Got in touch with Brother

Saturday April 19, 1941

(113)

109th Day—256 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Peter, of "Coobie High", who was going (?) to do something for the Coobie Deaf children or the school; but not even a beginning made in his plans or idea — just too busy. — Meeting at 7 p.m. at Mr. Holmes' with 2 Teachers besides him showing up: Garienie & Miss Moulton. Had a very nice session, & they delighted at the turn things were taking, & at the prospects of my coming every month, — Made arrangements as best we could — Mr Garienie is Deaf, a gentler easy to deal with, signs & speaks slowly — is thoughtful!

DEVINE: ✓  
W.P.T.O.F.B.R. 5C4100 ✓

Apr. 8.: Called on Mrs. Rome, mother of one of the Chinchuba Deaf boys, but she was not at home. — Called at the State School, and got a frozen (un) welcome from the Supr. Devine, & a very <sup>snatty</sup> conversation on his part. Guess he thinks

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Sunday April 20

OCT.

110th Day—255 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

I'm intruding; and I shall continue so, & may beat him down yet. — Saw Holmes at the Printing Shop, & met some of the four Chinchua pupils who now have to attend the State School if they want to continue their education. Mr Gacimie took me thru some of the new Buildings; and saw part of a foot-ball game between the Deaf School & B.R. High. — Met Mrs. Gacimie (Prot.) Mrs. Jones & others of the Staff, all Prot., & just civilly received. Gacimie & Holmes drove me to the depot.

Wester was terribly hot, and I was sweating bullets, & that cut down my efficiency a lot, & besides, all the Fathers were over-loaded with work, & so could not drive me about. Otherwise, the trip was quite successful.

Oct. 25: On my way North to make my 10 Day Retreat; used my

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111th Day—254 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Mo-Pac. Pass, and having a  
4 hour stop over at Little  
Rock ark. wandered up the Hill,  
visiting the State Capitol on the  
way, & calling on the School for the  
Deaf.— It was near noon; asked  
for the Super; told he was busy, but  
would be free soon; hardly said  
when out comes the Super whom I  
accost: "The Super?" Yes sir; Mr.  
Henderson.— "My name is Heideel,  
Catholic Priest from N.O. who takes  
care of the Catholic Deaf in the  
South!"— "What's that? Father!"  
Changing quickly from "Sir" to  
"Father."— "Come on in my office  
you're a man I want to talk to."  
In we went & had a nice session  
during which I learned his was  
a political job, as many Super-  
intendents of State Schools are,  
and that he knew scarcely any-  
thing of the signs. Told him  
about Higgins Book of which I

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Tuesday, April 22, 1937

112th Day—253 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

had a copy with me, and on looking over it, he said: "Where can I get a book like that? That's the best I've seen." — "It surely is the Best," say I, "and I'd be glad to send you a copy." — "But send me the Bill," say he. "No," say I, "I'll send 2, but with mine and the authors' compliments!" He said he appreciated that. — Then I wanted him to get me a taxi to leave; at which he said: "Not on your life; you are going to take dinner with my wife & me & some of the Teachers." — Well, I went along & had dinner, whilst some of the older school girls served; we were signing back & forth, & all the Teachers were watching, when in comes Mrs. Henderson & says: "me, but they're going to town about you, Father, out in the corridor." — Dinner over, he & I

~~Wednesday April 22, 1937~~ (117)

113th Day—252 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

had a smoke together; then at one o'clock when the kids were eating <sup>(300)</sup> he took me down to see them in their big cafeteria. Their eyes popped when they saw this guy leading in a Roman Collar, & when he began to introduce me fumblingly, he said: "Ah, introduce yourself, you can manage the signs better than I." — So I told em about myself & said a few more things, & hoped to see em again.

Then, when I again asked for a taxi, Henderson said: "Of course not; I'm taking you down," which he did. On saying goodbye, he said: "Now, we want you to visit us again, whenever you come thru Little Rock, & we want you to stay with us at the school; we have a Room for you. And if we ever hear you've passed us by, & or least giving

1937

Thursday April 24, 1937 NOV

114th Day—251 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

us a visit, we are going to be mad at you". — Heard a fine story of this same Mr. H. some time later, which showed his great caliber. — Only one Catholic Deaf kid in the school — one Catholic Preacher, neither of whom did I meet, and one Catholic deaf negro who worked at the school.

(I sent the 2 Sign Books later and received a good letter of thanks.)

\* NATCHEZ: vide page 165 - JUNE.

## NOVEMBER.

Nov. 10: Visited the "Ephphatha" Deaf School in Chicago. The Sisters have no distinctive gait, spent 3 hours going thru the class rooms, getting acquainted, & seeing what & how they do things. They have the "Combined Method". — Also went down to 12th St. & visited Father Hoffman, S.J. who cares for the Deaf of Chi. The Sisters asked me to come up

~~NOV~~

~~Friday April 25 1937~~ 1937,

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115th Day—250 days to follow

sometime to give the children  
a retreat, but I said I was  
sticking to the South, as there are  
sufficient priests north, & not  
enough south; and if I go away  
like this, I neglect my deaf in  
the South.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Nov. 15: Visited the St. Joseph School  
for the Deaf outside of St. Louis.  
Spent several hours visiting each  
class-room & seeing their work.  
What was exhibited was grand!  
Purely "Oral method"; of course  
the children "don't sign" because  
that is forbidden?? I saw some  
signing out on the play-ground.

Nov. 9: Received letter from Archbp  
of San Antonio giving me formal  
approbation & faculties of the Diocese  
whenever I come.

1937

Saturday, April 26, 1941

116th Day—249 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

DECEMBER:

Dec. 5: My first Trip starting the monthly work for the Dog children of the Baton Rouge School.

Left Sat. morning on the No-Pac arriving about noon; no one to meet me, tho I told the Padres previously, so grabbed a taxi.

Boys came along in tow of Mr. Holmes, about 2:30; girls with Miss Moulton, finished at 5:10 - some 75. - Girls had no confession papers, so I had to make each confession for them, Boys had papers.

Sunday morning was nasty, drizzling and rainy. No one showed up ~~at~~ 6:30, so I was beginning to fear none would come at all. At 6:45, about 35 boys with Messrs. Gairnie & Holmes & Mrs. Moulton arrived. They kept the girls home, & they did not even come for 10 o'clock Mass when

STARTED  
BATON ROUGE

DEC. Sunday April 27 1941 1937

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117th Day—248 days to follow

they could easily have been al-  
lowed to come. — For mass,  
for the boys & girls & one girl in  
the School Hall. Prebop. gave me  
permission for mass in the Hall.  
Altar on the stage was fixed up  
& decorated by the Dominican Sister  
who teach at St. Agnes, who even  
got roses at their own expense.  
All went to Communion, & I prayed  
to them after mass for about 15 min.  
In the afternoon, while crossing  
the street at the intersection, near  
the neutral ground, I nearly got  
run down by an auto driven  
by some niggers, who were either  
drunk or lost control of the car,  
because while the driver had plenty  
of room to make his turn, he  
kept coming at me, & the more I  
moved away, the more he turned  
at me, till when just on me, I  
put my hands on the mud-guards  
& swang aside, & doing so, saw  
my glasses off & broke em in  
smithereens. I cussed the nigger

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

1937

Monday April 28, 1937 DFC

118th Day—247 days to follow



RETREAT SAN ANTONIO

out, & was more angry than scared; it looked so deliberate. Then headed to Holmes' house & has a meeting with the 4 Profs & settlers on the Catechism Course. So far, they had done nothing this yr.

Dec. 12: Retreat for Deaf of San Ant. Left on the Argonaut at 11 p.m. for San Antonio. Called same evening on the O.M.I.s at St. Mary's Church where I was to speak to the Deaf; and saw about the lighting of the church - all ok.

Weather was bad & getting worse; a "very Norther", & prospects looks bad. ★ I often noticed; whenever I start a work for the Deaf, the elements seem fighting against me.

Dec. 14-15-16: First night: Church lights up, & only 5 Deaf show up: 3 Catholics men, & 2 non-Catholic women; and one little boy who enjoyed himself crawling over, on, under, in & out of the pews, distracting the Deaf, and

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119th Day—246 days to follow

me mostly. But I kept on preaching even tho I'd often lose the thread of my talk. But I put up with it, even tho I felt rotten over the sermon on that acc't Preacher from the pulpit.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Dec. 15: Second night: weather maybe a bit worse; five again attended, 3 new ones, one of whom was non-Catholic. No boy tonight, & no distractions, & the sermon went over lots better.

Dec. 16: This night: Weather clear-  
ing & rather decent; 15 deos showed up, about 10 non-Catholics, all very attentive, but like the first night, another 'boy' disturbed us all; an un-baptized 4 yr old, of a Catholic mother, who hollered and screamed & ran all over the church from before the sermon till all was over. Seemed as if the kid had a legion of devils in him. I tried to out-sign him, but he had me whipped; again I felt as if the

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120th Day—245 days to follow

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sermon was a flop. — Met all 15 after the sermon & got names & addresses. The Catholic boy, Herbert Hildebrandt, who acts as promoter felt bad over the poor attendance. He & Jesse Olson suggested September as a better time to come.

One Catholic deaf woman wanted her child baptized. — Fr. Anselm, the Pastor, & all the factors were very kind & sympathetic. — Not much success, but at least got started.

Dec. 17: Has to return to N.O. under orders = to help out on Sunday. Arrived home Saturday night, only to find there were 19 men in the house for 15 masses; so I wasn't needed at all; but just had to come home! — On that account, I had to leave 2 deaf boys, about 17 yrs old who had never made First Communion, uncaressed for. One of these boys has been hanging fire like this

for several years. and I can't get  
full time to instruct him, tho'  
I was told "to make my own work."  
Hope things will mend - some day!

Dec. 22: Left for Gonzales, La. to  
care for the 8 deaf there. Sent  
Fr. Castel a ~~note~~, but he didn't  
open the envelope & not hearing  
from him, sent a telegram which  
was the first indication of my  
coming, & so couldn't get the news  
to the Deaf fast enough. - At  
last, S. showed up. I gave him  
a Christmas sermon & "heard" their  
confessions. - I always come  
up to Gonzales by the M.-P.,  
on which I had a pass, but the  
nearest point to Gonzales on that  
road is Burnside, some 7 miles  
away, on the river. - The L + A  
RR passed right behind Fr. Castel's  
property, & I could have taken that  
road easily; but in these days I  
have to pinch my nickels hard,  
& so always used my Pass on M.P.  
(I had no Pass on the L+A.)

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Special Data

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## JANUARY.

JAN. 1: The Sr. Ignatius Circle ladies under, Mrs. Bozlee, gave the usual Christmas-tree Party — about which I had no note in my "first Book".

EL PASO: Some time towards the end of last year, or at the very beginning of the new year, I wrote to the Bishop of El Paso, Bishop Shuler, S. J., & asked permission to come out to his Diocese to visit the Deaf School of New Mexico, as I was told was at Alamogordo, N. M., in his Diocese — for all the lower tier of counties of N. M. belong to El Paso. — He has said there were some 50 or 60 Catholic children at the school. — His answer was almost immediate, by wire, telling me to come out & see him & talk things over. — All settled to leave Sunday night.

SATURDAY. Left for Boston Range to take care of the children, & "hear" some 72 Confessions. —

Thursday, May 1, 1941

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121st Day—244 days to follow

Pastor Fr. Guillouet, was worrying how we'd manage in the morning: I had Mass, Comm., & sermon at 6:30, & the Holy Name Society, such as it is, were to have breakfast after the 8 o'clock Mass in the same Hall! — Big Trouble! I said: "no trouble or all; I'll be finished with everything by 7:30". — He's a fussy man & can see more difficulties ahead without being able to cope at once with them, should they ever be real! The Ass't, Fr. Gossel, said: "Don't worry about him", I didn't.

The sisters fixed the altar again on the stage, but seemed beginning to "tire" doing that big job, & in a month or so wished it off on some of the women. — Once ~~I asked~~ <sup>said</sup> to the Superior: "See, I wish our sisters could keep me teach these children; & she snapped back: "We have enough of our own work to do." — "Oh, say I, "excuse me!"

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

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Friday, May 2, 1941

122nd Day—243 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Jan 9. Sun. — all the children plus the 3 Catholic Teachers, Goliemie, Holmes, & Mrs Moulton, were on hand for Mass, Com. & Sermon in the Hall. Made my sermon short, on acc't of that Holy Name Breakfast. — I noticed scarcely any of the children were using beads or prayer-book; & on observing this fact to the Prop., they told me the children have beads & books, but "forget" to bring them. That old story again: "Forget"!

Poston seemed a little disappointed because we didn't connect with the H. N. Society. As it was, the H. N. Breakfast was served at the purity end of the Hall on just 2 tables — maybe some 25 men. Took the 4:50 Mo-Pac. to N.O.

Lay on the Argonaut, 11 p.m., for El Paso. Slept well both nights on the train.

Jan 11. Tues. arrived in the a.m. & went straight to the Bishop's.

Saturday, May 3, 1941

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123rd Day—242 days to follow

I had to wait long, as the Bp. was occupied with a previous caller. His house-keeper is an old C.S.S.R. parishioner, so I was sure of real good treatment from her.

I had a good talk with the Bp. a fine elderly Gentleman with no "put-on" about him. Glad I came to see about & take care of the Deaf, & said the School was at Almagorda & was for the Blind and the Deaf — as I was also told — - I thought he knew.

Took me over to the Cathedral Rectory & introduced me to the Fathers there, who invited me to stay for dinner which I accepted.

At 1 o'clock, started off north to Almagorda, some 90 miles away, past Fair Bliss, & then the Sandy Desert, with the White Sands to our left some distance, & a Peak away north very visible just outside of El Paso.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

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Sunday, May 4, 1941

124th Day—241 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Drove up with Fr. Edmund Austin, a Franciscan who is in charge of the Indian Mission of Tularosa, N.M. some 12 miles north of where I wanted to go. — Nice trip — all desert, flanked by Mt. ranges — esp the Sacramento Mts — with "White Mt" sun-capped in the far distance. The Padre was a very pleasant companion. Arrived Almagorda about 3 p.m. Met the Pastor of Almagorda, Fr. Torquandel, a Spanish priest. — He received me graciously & gladly. housed me over night. — My first shock came when he told me the school was for the BLIND only, and no Deaf either or all. — Now, a fine long wild-goose-chase of some 1280 miles one way to find out that much. Even the Bishop didn't know better!

After I recovered from that information, the Padre got me a boy to drive me over to the school to get information. — Fine school,

Monday, May 5, 1941

(13)

125th Day—240 days to follow

received) very kindly, & informed me that the school for the Deaf is in Santa Fe, some 300 miles north, up in the mountains.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Returned to the factory, & then to Padre & I drove up to Tularosa to visit the Franciscans. Had supper at a cafe. — Back to Almagorda & we talked till 9:30. Fr. Torrance liked St. Alphonous knew much about his life, & knew some of the CSSR in Spain. — His house was very cold (physically) like an ice-box, sove for his office. — Slept before going to bed, as I had decided to go back to El Paso on the early morning train.

Jan. 12 - Wed. Arose early & said Mass at 5:30, as train was due at 6:30, my Pass not good on the Pacific Division. Arrived El Paso at 8:30 Walked to the Bishop's House & gave him my information. He seemed bewildered at the news.

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Tuesday May 6 1941

126th Day—239 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

that the Deaf were not as alma gorda. — No time to be done here, so thanked him for his kindness & interest, & went across the street to the Rectory, where they too were surprised with my information about the Deaf School. — Had an hour & a half before dinner, so walked a mile to hunt up a Deaf person; found the house, met the Deaf person, who was not a Catholic, & who didn't know of any Catholic Deaf in El Paso — (But there must be some Mexican Deaf!) — Learned that a Protestant minister, Deaf himself, Wilson, comes out about twice a year to care for the Deaf.

Left after dinner, as I didn't want to hang around the house, mostly alone, & had from 2:30 till 8:30 p.m. to wait for my train back east. — Walked down town El Paso — took in 2

JAN. ~~Wednesday, May 7, 1938~~ 1938 (133)

127th Day—238 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

movies, one after the other, (for which I care very little) and still had an hour before pulling out at 8:30 for San Antonio.

Jan. 13: Arrived there in the afternoon. Caught me a cold in the vocal cords & chest, & not feeling so good, just hung around the House (Mexican).

Jan. 17: Drove out to Canada Verde, one of the missions, to instruct an 18 year old deaf boy who hasn't as yet made his First Comm. — Spent  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hrs with him, but most of my efforts were wasted, as the poor kid didn't know anything; so no chance of First Comm. as yet. Fr. Harry Wade thought he could follow up the work with the boy. Feeling rotten, so did no more work.

Jan. 19: Left S.A. for Houston on the mid-night train.

Jan. 20: Arrived in the morning. Went to St. Joseph's church for Mass.

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Thursday May 8, 1931 JAN.

128th Day—237 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Later, got in touch with friends,  
the Mc Donalds & Fitzgeralds,  
The latter picked me up & drove me to  
see Mrs. LeBlanc, from whom I  
wanted to find out what she did  
for the Deaf in the past year. She  
had lots of trouble, & so could do  
very little for the cause. Bishop  
Byrne had not got in touch with  
her as he said he would. After  
a good talk with her - drove to  
the Norton's, the wife being Deaf,  
& mixed up in marriage with her  
present husband. Fr. Connally says  
it can't be fixed up. Had supper  
with the Fitzgeralds.

Jan. 21: Arrived in N.O. in the  
evening.

Fighting a heavy cold.

~~Friday, May 9, 1938~~ 1938. (35)

129th Day—236 days to follow

## FEBRUARY

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Feb. 5 + 6: up at the school in

Baton Rouge; 72 Confessions, —  
all shaved up at Mass & Comm.  
I preached too long; signed the  
Gospel, said a few words of an-  
nouncement, & then preached.

The children eat breakfast at 7:30  
and should all be together, but  
my over-praching held em back.  
I don't like to disturb the order  
of the school, & always try to  
get with that as much as I can.  
Besides, I don't want to give  
the vigorous Supt., Devine, a  
chance to crab.

Feb. 27: Sun: Preached to my  
N.O. Deaf at 4 o'clock.

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Saturday, May 10, 1938

1938.

130th Day—235 days to follow

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Rain
Snow

In

MARCH

Mar 22: Fr. Ray Kehler, CSSR arrived to conduct the annual Retreats for the Deaf. — Fr. Ray & I called on the Archbishop to get faculties & to tell the Archbp. about the proposed Retreat for the children of the Baton Rouge School, concerning which I had some difficulties with the bigoted Supr. Devine, who would only allow us 2 days, Saturday & Sunday, while we wanted Friday afternoon after school also. — Told the archbp. story, & he wrote Devine a note which I was to present to him personally, with a parting casual observation from the archbp.: "If that note produces no result, let me know, & I'll take it to the Supr. of Education." The Archbp's lips were set hard when he said that, & I knew we'd won over the 'black Baptist.'

MAR

~~Sunday, May 14, 1944~~ 1938.

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131st Day—234 days to follow.

Fri. Kalter preached to the adult  
class of N.O. March 23.  

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24-25-27 I & during the same  
time preached to the pupils of  
the Chinchuba School, where few  
now know the signs. — (I'm  
some sort of Chaplain over there  
so the Superior told me, & I go  
over once a month or twice  
(I forgot) & take care of the kids  
confessions — some 10 or so,  
all the others being too young —  
and out of "Catholic Chancery"  
(I get 25<sup>00</sup> a month.)

March 28: Fr. Kalter & I went up  
to Baton Rouge to see the Sup'r  
of the School. Greeted us with  
a very smiley & smoky remark  
which I didn't quite hear right,  
the Ray did, said he wasn't  
running a church but a school,  
and order had to be kept —  
which I've always tried to respect.

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Monday May 12, 1938

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132nd Day—233 days to follow



I casually handed him the archbp's letter, & watched his face change - it seemed to cool him considerably & all his belligerency was melted away; & we got what we first asked for; Friday afternoon to start the retreat. — Back to N. O. on the 4:50

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## APRIL

April 1-2-3: First Retreat at the Baton Rouge School - which later on became an annual affair I let say now it; I going over to Texas previously.

March 30: Left for Galveston to see Bp. Byrne about the proposed monthly visit to the Diag of Houston - Has been previously from Mrs. Le Blanc of Houston, saying she had seen Bp. Byrne & had secured the K. C. Hall for the beginning of the work, & all that was needed now was my coming.

1938. ~~Tuesday, May 13, 1941~~ 1938. (39)

133rd Day—232 days to follow

I took the day train to Houston  
& staid at St. Joseph's over  
night.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Mar. 31: Left on morning train  
for Galveston, but the Bp. was not  
at home. Saw the Chancellor  
instead, ~~Msgr. Peeler~~, faculties of the Seminary  
& found out a bit more about the  
State School at Austin — (Some  
time previous, I had inquired for  
an occasional Trip Pass on the  
Santa Fe System from the Galveston  
Headquarters, & could only secure  
about one a year.) — I had pre-  
viously told the Bp. about the  
Religious set-up at that School  
which I had gotten from Buckman  
the Principal, & the Bishop must  
have gotten busy & stirred up  
things, as something was "cooking".  
More information ~~for~~ on this new  
development from the C.S.C. Pastor  
at St. Marys, Austin, — Rained  
to Houston on the next train &  
arrived back about noon.

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134th Day—231 days to follow



also wanted to square things with Fr. Connolly of St. Joseph's whose church I had intended to use as my Center — at his request & my desire, He has always been so kind & helpful, offering me the hospitality of his Rectory as my stopping place. I explained to him about the K. C. Hall & he understood & still offers his House for bed & board. — That was just marvelous! —

April 1: Left Houston for N. O.

N.B.: Some time ~~ago~~ ago, I had written to the Postors of Lake Charles, Welsh, Rayne, Abbeville & New Iberia about the time most suitable for me to make my bi-annual visit thru the Louisiana Diocese, according to whom the Bp. and I had settled: i.e. during Lent & Lent or the Easter Season, if possible. — News from Lake Charles, Rayne & Abbeville;

~~Thursday May 15, 1938~~ 1938. (141)

135th Day—230 days to follow

and so arranged my schedule, as not all days would be open to me, owing to possible services, such as missions etc., in their churches.

Claire	✓
Wanda	✓
John	✓
Betty	✓

\* April 5: Left for Lake Charles, as I had to be there for Wed. morning, the day agreed upon this year, on account of their Big Lake catechism class on that day. Arrived about 4 p.m.; rather worn and my collar was willing. I found that the mother of one of my deaf, Mrs. Prudhomme, was in the hospital, so Fr. Robichau drove to see her, hoping to meet the 2 deaf daughters there. Gave her name at the hospital, so we drove to their home & found both there. I had a good work-out in signs with them, much to the astonishment of the rest of the family who thought I was deaf too, (vide April 4: p. 147)

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Friday, May 16, 1941

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136th Day—229 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

april 6: Msgr. Vigiers & I  
 and 2 ladies - one was Grace  
 Taylor, — to Big Lake; they, to  
 teach Catechism in the Public school,  
 & I to preach to the Deaf, to whom  
 I had previously written to meet  
 me at the home of Silas Blandford.  
 all five were there awaiting me  
 & gave me a fervent welcome.  
 The Blandbards insisted I'd eat  
 dinner with them first as all  
 was ready. So I did, which pleased  
 the Deaf & the old folks, who  
 are not Deaf; the father can  
 speak English a little but the  
 mother only French. So I was  
 better off in the signs. Shortly  
 after dinner, when I was cooled  
 off somewhat, I preached to  
 the Deaf for about 40 minutes,  
 then "heard" their confessions,  
 all in the farm-house. Just  
 about finished, Fr. Robichaud  
 called for me & back we went  
 to Lake Charles. Weather still

BIG LAKE

~~Saturday, May 17, 1941~~ 1938. (143)

137th Day — 228 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

W.M. B.S.  
CHURCH  
LUTHERAN  
April 7  
warm & threatening. — I got  
right, at 7:30, I preached  
to 2 Deaf in the Parlor of  
the factory at Lake Charles — the  
2 Deaf girls were with their sick  
mothers. Rather hard to preach to  
so few, & in the factory!

April 7. Next morning, about 7,  
Fr. Robichaud & I drove out to  
Big Lake, picking up the Blanchard  
on our way. Had moss & Corn  
for the S. Big Lake is having  
an oil boom, drilling wells.  
The factories are all splendid.

Left Lake Charles on the fore-  
noon train, & arrived in Rayne  
about four or so later. Weather  
threatening more, & soon we had  
a good blow & a storm, with  
rain, lightning & thunder, and  
got much cooler. By evening, rain  
stopped, & it was a bit cold.

I got services about 7:30 p.m.  
& only 6 showed up instead of the

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138th Day—227 days to follow



14 or 15<sup>th</sup> I expected. Preached  
about 45 minutes; no confession.  
Six from Poyné did not show up.

On asking to Fr. Lerseter about  
who always gives me fine co-  
operation, about the Paper for the  
Deaf, "The Catholic Deaf-Mute"; he  
suggested we subscribing for his  
Deaf parishioners & sending him the  
bill, adding: "I should preach to  
them, but can't; so the paper will  
be my mouthpiece to them."

April 8. Fr. Lerseter drove me to  
Church Point, some 15 miles north,  
to see Frs. Clay, Bienvielle, & Losse.  
Fr. Lerseter told Fr. B. what  
he was doing for his Deaf about  
the Paper & Fr. Bienvielle follows  
suit & has me subscribe for his

2 Deaf also. — Caught the  
afternoon train for N.O. —

Weather turned cold, & near  
freezing.

April 12. Left for Abbeville.

Took one of the Deaf children of  
(Charles Heinew)

~~Monday, May 19, 1938~~ 1938. (145)

139th Day—226 days to follow

the Chri chava school on the  
train with me, & treated the  
kid to dinner. He was bound  
for Payne. — I got off at New  
Iberia, & Fr. Daull of Abbeville  
met me at the Depot, & drove me  
the 20 miles to his bailiwick.

Due to preach at 7:30, but  
only 4 showed up by then; at  
7:45, ten more arrived; one from  
Delcambe, 6 or 7 miles away; 3  
from Erath, 3 or 4 miles away; &  
4 from Abbeville; 2 from Kaplan,  
maybe 10 miles, the 3 from  
Maurice didn't come, nor did 3  
or 4 from Abbeville. — I had ex-  
pected about 20. — Preacher done  
45 minutes, & all went to Confession.

April 13: Said the 6:30 mass in  
Church & nearly all came for mass  
& Communion. Fr. Daniel was all  
alone & had plenty of work, so  
could not drive me to New Iberia.  
So took the 12:15 Bus to Lafayette  
& such a rickety Bus! — over 11 miles

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Tuesday, May 20, 1941

140th Day—225 days to follow

Clear
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of detour, & terrible! — Got  
the train at Sagayete for N.D.

April 14: Left for Gonzales on the  
Mo-Pac, & getting off at Barnside,  
as usual: saw no one around, so  
(figured) there was a hitch some  
where in our plans, as Fr. Costel  
would surely meet me. Surely  
some kind Samaritan drove me  
the 7 miles to Gonzales. Costel  
so surprised to see me back in, &  
asked: " Didn't you get my letter?  
" No," was the answer. — He had  
no room for me as 2 Jesuits  
were there. — We arranged later  
dates as he hadn't told the day  
of my coming. Took dinner  
with him, & his brother John  
drove me to Boston Lounge to St.  
Joseph's, where I was hoping to stay  
over night, & to do some day  
scouting on the morrow. But  
again there was "no room in  
the Inn". So I took the 4:50  
back to N.D. — for Fr. Costel,  
letter on my return.

GONZALES

Wednesday, May 21, 1938. (147)

141st Day—224 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

\* (for p. 141) April 4: Fr. Kaltz,  
who finished the Retreat at  
Balin Rouge, & I called on the Arch-  
bishop according to his desire,  
& gave him an account of the  
work done & the success of his  
letter to the Superior of the School.  
Asked a lot of questions.  
Gave me my year's expenses ~~the~~  
\$325<sup>00</sup> & out of that he slightly told  
me to give Kaltz what I thought  
was just. — The usual stipend was  
75<sup>00</sup> & that's what the Rector gave  
him. — The Archbishop asked me  
to write him an account of  
the Diocesan work in the Archdiocese  
This may have been the time, he  
asked for 3 copies, as he was going  
for his "Ad Limina", & wanted to  
have an account for the Pope,  
one for the Apostolic Delegate &  
one for himself. {World War II trouble  
out, & he couldn't go.  
April 24: (my first entry of the  
of the Sunday work in N.O. —

1938

Thursday, May 22, 1941

142nd Day—223 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Preached on Extreme Unction, &  
I must have been preaching a  
course on the Sacraments, for so  
many showed up - 35 or 40. I  
was soaking wet when I was thru  
with Sermon & Benediction, tho'  
the weather was rather decent.

## M A Y

May 1. Up to Boston Range Satin-  
day for the children at the State  
School. About 75 communions. —  
As the Sisters <sup>Dominican</sup> get the job, some  
good ladies decorated the altar,  
beautifully, in the Hall. —  
Mass at 6:30; with Gaiennie  
& Holmes, there were 77 Communions.  
I preached after the Mass. —  
My last trip for this School Year,  
as school closes on May 27 —  
gave our advice for vacation  
months. — Preached on the gospel  
"One Fold & One Shepherd". —  
Left Sunday afternoon by Bus

Friday, May 23, 1941

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143rd Day—222 days to follow

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Cloudy
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Snow

for Gonzales, & took Fr. Castel's place Monday & Tuesday. While there, one day a deaf fellow named the Bell, waiting to sell some articles of use, Father Castel's mother called me to see if the fellow was a fake or not. No fake! But, Ed Laiche, whom I've been looking for around Pecan wine for 2 years & never could catch him. Told him about my work. He came for moss on

3. Tuesday, & I "heard" his Communion & gave him Communion. At 10:45, preached to the Gonzales deaf; 4 out of 8 showing up. Father's auto was not usable, so we could not fetch the others. Caught train for N.O. at Baton R.

### May 8: HOUSTON WORK:

I scouted Houston last year in Jan. with feeble success, but found a good auxiliary in the person of Mrs. LeBlanc. She wrote me sometime in Sept., telling me all

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Saturday, May 24, 1941

144th Day—221 days to follow

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Rain
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was never ready, & the only thing  
warning was my coming to  
start the work under Houston Day.  
Couldn't go during Lent, so settled  
on the week of May 8. — But no  
sooner did I write Miss. J. Blane  
saying I was coming than I got  
"cold feet" about this venture &  
almost wished I hadn't made  
the decision. Every new job  
seems to get me this way. —

maybe a complex; maybe just  
the fact that I don't know the  
language properly & cannot  
understand the dog, when they  
sign & spell to me, so comfortably.

Many a day, the Bullock see  
me going on one of these ex-  
peditions, going out laughing,  
& they think I'm out for a  
good time, but they never see  
what fear & trepidation is in  
my bones, & only God knows  
how much sweat & blood it  
takes out of me. — But

Sunday, May 25, 1941

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145th Day—220 days to follow

I was committed, so off I went,  
left N.O. Sunday night on  
the Argonaut, & arrived Houston  
9 a.m. — Headed for St. Joseph's whose  
Pastor, Fr. Connolly so repeatedly  
invited me to stay there whenever  
I come to Houston. — I wanted  
to use his Church as my Center  
for the Deaf, esp. as he was so kind  
to invite me to do that, but  
Mrs. Le Blanc thought the K.C. Hall  
would be better; and I figured  
so it would be.

May 9. Got in touch with the good  
lady as soon as I could, & set out  
to see her & talk things over. In  
the meantime, newspaper reporters  
started phoning me about my work  
and requesting appointments for  
pictures & articles. First article  
appeared in the afternoon paper. It  
was well located & the caption  
in big type, but had some trivial  
stuff gathered from my endless  
conversation over the phone. Ans.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

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Monday, May 26, 1941

146th Day—219 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Monday evening, a reporteress, Mrs. Houston, arrived with a photographer. She wanted me to put on "that thing - white stuff when you peach" - "oh the surprise"? "Yes". — "No, no! we don't peach in that, as we're liable to rip it to pieces with some gestures & signs". Just some <sup>more</sup> of my careless words, & she wanted to make "copy" of that till I halted her. — She was very friendly & agreeable. — Tuesday, I had to go to the "Chronicle" for a photograph — it was rotten of me I look like I had a stomach ache, got a lot of publicity, & all fairly decent. If publicity could make for success, I could have left town without doing any work at all.

(In my early days, I used to publicize the work a lot, but last I observed that it only stirred up the Protestants more, so I dropped it.)

Tuesday, May 27, 1941

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147th Day—218 days to follow

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Saw Mrs. LeBlanc, + found out we couldn't get the K.C. Hall for our meeting, + so had to fall back on St. Joseph's church much to my delight, as I don't like preaching in a Hall or room, these not being the proper atmosphere.

~~May 10:~~ Spent most of the morning chasing up the Catholic Deaf to get them to come. Was called later to see a deaf lady who was sick, + her name was Lois Sick.

~~FIRST NITE~~ Was supposed to start at 7:30 p.m. but by that time only  $\frac{1}{2}$  doz showed up: 3 Catholics, 3 Prots, 1 Jew. Waited till near 8 p.m. & no more coming — (saw one negro deaf fellow who didn't know the signs, but saw lips somewhat.) I began my sermon: "My we are on Earth". Got by fairly well in spite of plenty nervousness. Some hearing friends of mine plus Mrs. LeBlanc attended, — a Mr.

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Wednesday, May 28, 1941

148th Day—217 days to follow

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Morton, not deaf, but married to a deaf woman (& he himself son of deaf parents, — now Catholic tho his wife is) attended and was put out at the meeting and, I presume to go around & see the deaf, Protestants & all, & urge them to come the next night, which he did. — So the second evening there were 26 new ones — while the "first-nighters" for the most part didn't show up. May be they didn't like my signing, maybe it was too serious, maybe getting to church was too hard, as most are poor & have to come a distance, & have no conveyance (which is one big consideration for the Deaf: distance & carfare).  
N.B. Future: 8 p.m. is better.

May 11: Mrs. Lublue drove me over to the First Baptist Church to see a Mrs. Beard, a young woman, Baptist, who signs the sermons each Sunday or two days, & doing that for many years.

Thursday, May 29, 1941

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149th Day—216 days to follow

a very gracious signer — (I hear  
her parents are deaf & so  
this will account for her knowledge  
of the sign-language.) — The Baptists  
have been caring for all Deaf of  
Houston for years, & no other De-  
nominations; and the Catholics  
have never given the deaf a thought.  
So the Baptists have the Deaf.  
Catholics & all, are well organized  
& cared for, with meeting room &  
play room, — Looks like it's go-  
ing to be an almost impossible  
job (unless I were a better signer)  
to wean the Catholic Deaf away  
from the Baptists! — The Catholic  
Deaf seem to be half or whole  
Protestants; nor can I blame them,  
with no one caring for them, no  
religious training, schooling all  
Protestant, & the Baptist taking  
care of them: why shouldn't  
they be half-Protestant, or whole?

Met Mrs. Beard in the office  
of the First Baptist Church & found

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150th Day—215 days to follow

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her quite amiable & friendly,  
 + by no means cold or such  
 usually are, + as that meeting  
 her in the 'Baptist' fair! We  
 talked of our mutual work for nearly  
 an hour, I getting information &  
 swapping ideas, with her giving  
 more than she got. Asked me if  
 I sign-sang with the Deaf &  
 she signed a secular song for me  
 + not to be outdone, I signed  
 one of the few only hymns I know  
 "Come Holy Ghost". She liked my  
 signing, + asked about the sign  
 for "Grace" — as she never has a  
 sign for that word, nor has any  
 clear idea what "grace" meant.  
 I gave her one of Higgins' Books  
 which she seemed glad to get +  
 said she had never seen anything  
 so good like it. — (Since then,  
 I've often wondered how Fr.  
 Higgins feels in that Baptist church.)  
 She professed her gladness that I  
 was going to do something for the  
 Catholic Deaf! ?! Sincere? I hope.

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151st Day—214 days to follow

SECOND  
NITE.

Some 26 showed up—about 19 Protestant, & the one Jew again. — Starts at 7:45. — Catholic by name of John Rankin took charge in church—made his generalization but didn't seem used to it. — He gave me the names & addresses of all present. Preacher on "God's Master-piece Ruined & Restored"; & again got by O.K. After the sermon I talked to them in the pews; one gave me a copy of the "Modern Silents", a magazine or paper recently. Has a hard time making them go home; the deaf like to hang around & talk. A young woman, Mrs. Paulus, of deaf parents, but speaking, (Prot.) attended; complimented me on my signing & my venture, & hoped (it is seems quite sincere) I come more often, saying I could do a lot of good for the deaf if I'd come regularly. (That's to be seen; I'm willing; but?)

THIRD  
NITE

CLOUDS! — no clouds, for only 6 showed up. — Convoying a trouble again, I learned. (We must

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Monday, June 2, 1941

153rd Day—212 days to follow

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May 14: Left Houston for San Antonio on the morning train arriving in the afternoon — Spent Sunday after my mass working on a sermon.

May 16: Fr. Wade & I drove to Austin to see the Holy Cross Pastor of St. Marys, Fr. O'Brien. I had a good trip in spite of rain all the way; Harry is good company, — nice welcome, & after acquainting Fr. O'Brien with the nature of my visit, he became highly interested, & gave me all the "dope" on the Deaf school, & the difficulty he had with the Superior Mr. Scott. — Last year, I had informed Bishop Byrne of Galveston about the religious situation at the school. (quovadis.) — Then the Bishop got in touch with Fr. O'Brien, after a Mrs. Brusseau of Beaumont complained to the Bp that her boy, Harold (formerly of Chincoteague School) was not allowed to go out to his own church.

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organize them better next time - get cars to fetch them - that's where my LeBlanc can come in handily; get some Catholics to pick em up & have em home again — But, so far - (Get those Catholics!) - as none of those present were present the first night, I preached about seven only again, — Sure was disappointing to see about 6 deaf in front of me instead of 26 of the night before! And again, half were Prots. I can't expect the Protestants to attend, esp. since I intend trying to save the Catholics; then none are used to coming to Church except on Sunday, & to have em come, 3 nights! hand-ringing during the week ?? — N.B.: Looks like I've got quite a handicap to overcome, if overcome I can: Baptists so long in this field, alone, & with fine accommodations; and the woeful states of the Catholic Deaf, after all the proselytizing at the school, & the care of the Baptists !!

Sunday, June 1, 1941

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152nd Day—213 days to follow

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Must get organization behind the work; & some who can sign: a) Mrs. LeBlanc must get a Ladies auxiliary together to give the Deaf some social life; b) Deaf must get regular service—monthly or least, & even then won't counteract the Prof. influence. If I get over here only once or twice a year, it will be just like starting over each time — & there's no sense or benefit in that. — c) Some priest must be on board already to help & care for the Deaf. But how to get that? — A little ray of light: W. N. Norton, speaking of deaf parents & knowing the signs, whose marriage to a Catholic Deaf girl is all tangled up & seemingly unfixable, can be a big help, as he is much interested.

N.B. No regular minister for the Deaf in Houston; deaf minister visits occasionally from Naco, Ft. Worth, or Dallas.

N.B. I have the names of some 14 or 20 Catholic Deaf in Houston.

Whew! What a time I have!

Tuesday, June 3, 1941

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154th Day—211 days to follow

Bp. put the case in Fr. O'Brien's lap, (as he should have, since he is Pastor of all Austin, including the Deaf school) who is of the Fighting Race & a proper man for the job; Fr. O.B. called on the Super & was told: no child was allowed to go out to church, but all got "General Religion" together. (This may be not quite right, for later, <sup>you</sup> I discovered they could go to their church if they got parents written permission to leave the school — which however may be a later decision.) Fr. O'Brien, who taught law at Notre Dame 13 years knew his law better than the Super, & told the Super so, proceeded to one of the State Senators & had the case brought up in the Texas Senate, which passed a favorable resolution on the case. — Fr. O.B. told me to call on the Super to see what could be done for the Catholic children, and gave me a letter to fortify my request, if necessary, saying:

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Wednesday, June 4, 1941.

155th Day—210 days to follow

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"See Fr. Par Dussey, C.S.C. over  
or St. Ed's U. just, for he is  
now in charge of founding a new  
Parish, St. Ignatius Martyr, in  
South Austin (south of the Colorado  
River, which belongs to San Antonio  
Diocese) just a few blocks south  
of the Deaf School. And you both  
call on the Superior & ask for what  
you want; if he refuses, present  
this letter:—"Now be was them.

Drove over to St. Ed's, & the first  
person I met was Fr. Dussey, a  
young priest. Guess it's too much  
for me to send him then. — To whom  
the nature of my visit, & why I called,  
said: "there was no trouble at all;  
he had callers on Scott, & had gotten  
what he wanted by letter; Fr. OIB  
was magnifying the situation;  
the only conditions were".

- a) some one must chaperon the  
children all the time they are away  
from the school; - b) written  
permission from parents to  
attend church; — which all

Thursday, June 5, 19~~11~~

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156th Day—209 days to follow

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seemed quite easy & reasonable to me; & in spite of Fr. D. thinking too much fuss was made, maybe Fr. O'Brien's work has a very softening-up effect on the Dep't.

Fr. Duffy came along with Wade & myself over to see Mr. Scott, who received us like friends, and as a gentleman. He spent 3 hours with us, taking us thru the "oral section" of the school, & we saw wonderful results. Teachers appeared friendly & at home with us, & invited us back again. — In the vocational Dep't, I signed to the Dept.

Before leaving Austin Fr. Duffy asked for one of the Sign Books (I sent 2 copies) Hope he gets interested! Maybe during the summer I can come over & start him out!!!

But, certainly we must start something for the Dep't children of the Austin school, or all our initial fuss will be worthless.

On my return home, I wrote to Fr. O'Brien giving him the usual

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Friday, June 6, 1941

157th Day—208 days to follow

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of our visit to the school. He soon after answered, glad, & hoping Fr. Duffy & I could arrange something. That will be up to my Doctor; if he will not thwart me as he has done on other occasions, but will let me go over to Austin monthly!

N.B.: seems to me that most troubles we have at State Schools, outside of an occasional real bigot, are either unscrupulous, or we don't go after what we want, or go after it with a chip on our shoulder. — If properly approached, most State Schools will allow Catholic children to be taken care of in Religion. Concessions on both sides are necessary, & one must always respect the School order.

So far, I have visited the State Schools of La. Ark., Texas and Arizona, & have always had nice reception, save at the Garrison School where the suff's always appears hostile.

May 20: Book in N.O. — The week

Saturday, June 7, 1941

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158th Day—207 days to follow

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of the 22nd, I spent most of my time over at the Chirch Chubba School (now in our parish) in the A.M. trying to get 5 children ready for First Comm. — As they quit flat with the signs, just a few knew some signs, & it was rather a farce, I thought. I let all five make first Comm. on Sunday, May 29. — School broke up on June 3rd.

## JUNE

### NATCHITONAH DIOCESE: (vis. Oct. 1939)

Last October, I met Bp. Guow in Natchez while up there for some Jubilee celebration of the Diocese, & told him about my work for the Deaf. He was glad to know about it, interested and willing to cooperate. Later he wrote a letter, giving me the facilities of the Diocese, & full permission to scout & care for the Deaf. Suggested seeing Father Sorin, Denis & Leech for information, esp. about the hinterlands.

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Sunday, June 8, 1941

159th Day—206 days to follow

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of the Gulf Coast along the Llano,  
Grijalva, Pánuco, & Frontera.

June 27: my first chance to follow  
them on this job. — Left on the a.m.  
train for Bay St. Louis, & asked  
hospitality of the S.V.D. Fathers  
who are in charge of the Colored Sem-  
inary. They were wonderful.

First: asked them about a negro boy of  
Houston who wanted to join the  
order as a lay-brother, could not  
accept him, as he is Deaf.

Second: Told the Rectr, Fr. Gaspar,  
about meeting one of the Fathers at  
St Ann's in N.O. (stems his  
name was Weber) who told me  
of meeting some 4 or 5 Deaf in  
the backwoods of the Bay about  
Kilm. — Fr. Gaspar offered to drive  
me to look for them; I could never  
have found them, or even known  
how to get back there. — We left  
at 1:30 P.M. & got back at 5:45.  
After a very long drive, along  
the coast, thru Poss., Christian,  
over the ~~Jordan~~ River, we stopped  
Wolf

Monday, June 9, 1941

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160th Day—205 days to follow

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at we felt to call on the Posto  
Fr. Gorin, an old French Priest,  
quite a character, who has been  
there for years, who however could give  
no information. — Then drove north  
thru sandy territory, & pine woods,  
a most God-forsaken piece of land,  
with scarcely a habitation few  
& far between, on roads that were  
nuts, — looking for the home of  
Mrs. D. B. Moran, a good Catholic  
woman, who is a great help to  
the priest, & who knew where the  
Deaf live). All along the line we  
got wrong information, & as we'd  
stop at some lonely house, poor  
& dilapidated, to ask information  
all the children would flee. Finally  
after going some miles out of our  
way, over dried roads, dry however,  
we seemed to get our first intelligent  
information & had to retrace some  
miles. After turning in on the  
right side road leading to her  
home, happy that we finally got  
somewhere, we were disappointed  
in finding her not at home. Her

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Tuesday, June 10, 1941

161st Day—204 days to follow

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two girls, very friendly kids,  
offered to go with us to the  
home of the Deaf, some five miles  
further to the east into the woods.

After a bad side-road, we fin-  
ally emerged on the Pine Hill's  
Road, & along this for a short piece  
then into a side road & over a  
rise into the woods, in & out of  
trees, & drove up to a poor shack  
of some relatives of the Deaf. They  
came along to drive us right,  
& to see what was going on.

Finally we arrived at the poor  
dwelling, & were greeted by the usual  
"dumb" greeting that the Deaf give  
when they don't know you can sign;  
all grunts, wretchedness & silence —  
till I began signing. Then the "

"Sky opened up & the sun came out,  
& the 3 Deaf who were as lame,  
blamed their joy & happiness —  
the Cuevas family — an old woman  
lived here — old Past mother  
in her 80's, two children,  
son & daughter in their 60's, —

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162nd Day—203 days to follow

all Deaf - & one old sister  
who could talk. — They have  
known the signs, & have had  
no education, except for the 2  
children (?) who went to the Chur.  
chuba School for a year or so in  
the early 90's. — Can't spell & can't  
understand it, but the daughter  
seems best able to understand my  
signs. However we got along  
very nicely. No one ever made  
First Comm! — One of the 4 Deaf  
was not at home at the time.  
Home is nothing but boards, un-  
painted, but clean as a pin,  
& plenty of Holy Pictures & old  
calendars on the walls. — Learned  
that 2 other Deaf live some 4  
miles further into the woods, but  
it was getting late, so we had to  
turn back to the Seminary. It  
was some 15 or 17 miles from the  
Bay. — If it wasn't for Fr. Gaspar  
I don't know what I'd have done.  
Promised the Deaf to return.

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Thursday, June 12, 1941

163rd Day—202 days to follow

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## J U L Y .

July 4: attended Deaf Picnic at City Park, — an annual affair, given by the St. Ignatius Circle, for all the Deaf. — Picked up 2 prospective marriages.

July 6: Went to Baton Rouge — to the State Capitol, to get information from the Deptt. what has care of the Deaf in the State. — on 11<sup>th</sup> floor, met the Super of that Deptt., a Mr. Seake — very fine & promised to send me the names of all the Deaf of the State — some 1500 or so. May take time to get that, but if I do get it, it will have been worth waiting for.

July 13 or 14: Letter from Bp. of Galveston about an appointment.

July 17: Left, on the 9:40 p.m. S.P. for Houston — arrived in morning, & took the 8 o'clock train for Galveston.

July 18: Bp. Byrne waiting for

Friday, June 13, 1941

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164th Day—201 days to follow

me, & we had a good talk, still much interest in the work, & was pleased to get my report of the work started in May. Wants the work continued, & at regular monthly intervals at least, & not once or twice a year, as no good would come of so seldom a visit. — said:

- a) He would write to all the Pastors of Houston in Sept. ordering them to make announcements in Church about the Deaf & my work, & to try to find out the Catholic Deaf in their Parishes; & suggested
- b) not using St. Joseph's Church, as not sufficiently down-town, but rather the Annunciation Church as located better, (True). but the Pastor of Annunciation is a queer one, & never showed any interest when I approached him earlier in my work.) and some Hall ready under some Catholic auspices for social purposes;

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Saturday, June 14, 1941

165th Day—200 days to follow

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c) mentioned, on his own initiative some compensation for my work;  
 d) asked if I could come over every month; I said I was willing & could make the 3rd Sunday.   
But — my Superior seems to want me home as much as possible on Sundays to take late messes, then he asked: "are you given to this work entirely?" "Yes; still my Boss wants me home, forgetting I was not sent to help out on Sunday but for Deaf work". - I finally told the Bp. if he wanted the work in Houston continued, it would be up to him to write my Boss & ask him, as I would not ask; Bp. said he would. — I ~~wrote~~ told the Bp. if I could go over for a Sunday, I could kill three birds with one stone: 1) School at Austin on Sunday — as Sunday is the only day for the school; b) answer Deaf in San Antonio & c) answer Deaf of Houston.

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Sunday, June 15, 1941

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166th Day—199 days to follow

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Bp liked this idea very much but remarked that the School is now out of his jurisdiction since the formation of the new Parish in South Austin. — Went over to the Cathedral & met 3 fine priests, the Pastor being away. Fr. Mariano was just splendid when I told him about my work, started phoning the different Social Agencies & also individuals, trying to get information about the Deaf of Galveston; waste a half hour at that, but got meager results. Finally heard of 3 catholc Deaf men. Later on, he drove me to see one of these, & found out not one of the 3 have made First Comm., & how should they when nobody has ever been concerned about that, — They are all over 30 yrs old.

July 20: Back to Houston; left next morning for Austin to see Fr. Dwyer. Wires him of my coming, but <sup>he</sup> not at depot; so took cab to St. Ed's. Got in touch with him & he came over to St. Ed's from his Parish House.

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Monday, June 16, 1941

167th Day—198 days to follow

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Discussed things & laid plans;  
gave me a copy of the Sept's issue;

- a) must get an auxiliary; Fr. D. has auto's promised to bring the kids to & from church - will act as chaperons;
- b) necessary for me to come over one month - for now's the time to start the work. — Can I come over?
- c) must report to Archbp of San Antonio; & the Archbp should write to my superiors requesting my coming over monthly. — about  
what we talked about. — I saw  
or St. Ed's; something in the Superior,  
something in the Provincial's Room.  
Took meals with the Community.

One day, Fr. Duffy drove me out to the Negro School for the Deaf & Blind. Fine big institution, run by negroes & very efficiently — Mr. Martin & his wife. Gave em one of Higgins' Books & they were much pleased with it. — Only one person catches negro deaf kid. Invited me to come back & give the kids a talk.

Tuesday, June 17, 1941

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168th Day—197 days to follow

On to San Antonio - weather  
beastly hot + dry - takes all  
the energy out of you. Wanted to  
see the Debbop. but he was in  
the Hospital sick, + that's no time  
to talk business of any kind. So  
my trip to S.A. was fruitless.  
Stays over an extra week to help  
out. — Back to N.O. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>  
+ rather coolish (!)

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## AUGUST.

After Aug 15<sup>th</sup> weather was so  
terribly hot in N.O. I could hardly  
stand it.

Had to get ready for "Ephpheta"  
Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost, + had  
a time of it getting out my letters  
to the deaf of N.O. (as the girl  
(Freida) who did that work, was  
on vacation. So asked the nuns  
Dame Sisters to mimeograph them  
for me. — Sent out about 200 letters  
Aug. 21 - Sun: "Ephpheta Sunday".  
Greatly surprised when some 75

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Wednesday, June 18, 1941

169th Day—196 days to follow

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attended Mass, Com., & Breakfast.  
 Marie Rambin came in from  
 Stonewall, La. (south of Shreveport.)  
 and 3 from Dolcour, La. — Miss  
 Rambin asked me to come up  
 to Shreveport sometime to preach  
 to the Daug.

## SEPTEMBER

Went north to make Retreat,  
 visited Dept school in Milwaukee  
 but just had 15 min. talk w/  
 Fr. Neururer, (one of the 2 Ass't's  
 of Fr. Getl who was at the head  
 of the school) as he had to give  
 Benediction & I had not much  
 time. Just got acquainted &  
 swapped a few ideas about our  
 work.

Has also intended visiting  
 the 2 oral schools in  
 St. Louis while there, —  
 Gallaudet & Central — but  
 my schedule was cut short  
 owing to change in time.

Thursday, June 19, 1941

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170th Day—195 days to follow

No visit this month to the school at Belon Lunge; I was away & school opened after my first Sunday. — Besides wonder them to get organized first.

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## OCTOBER

Supposed to go to the B.R. School on the first Sunday, Oct. 2., but at the last minute had to rearrange schedule; Reason? my Rector forgot about my first Sunday at the School, & had as he thought too many fathers gone, so "needed" me for Sunday Mass, which necessitated me writing the School saying I could not come; and worse! putting the new Postor, Fr. Por Gillespie or St. Agnes in B.R. in a terrible hole, as he depends on me for a Mass on the first Sunday; had to hunt about for a priest, & just luckily got one.

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Friday, June 20, 1941

171st Day—194 days to follow

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Ocr. 9. Sunday: up to the school instead of last Sunday. Quite a few of the children did not come back to school, & so cut down my number of confessions, to the 50's whereas last year it was in the 70's. — Fr. Gillespie put on a Mass at 6:30, & so we don't use the Hall any more. Lots better! tho we need better arrangement:

1) children on side aisle seats, during Mass; & must wait after Mass till all people leave inside aisle is free before moving over for sermon; we lose plenty of time;

2) I do not preach orally, so one of the priests does the preaching & starts with many Communions which I help at, gave me only 7 or 8 minutes to talk to the children.

Luckily, I have Fr. Gillespie this year by Pastor of St. Agnes. (P. Dan Bland as Asst.) — more congenial man, more interested in the deaf, & seems somewhat

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wanting to learn the signs,  
+ so talk to the children, his  
pupit-mates. And that goes over ~~big~~.  
He also goes among the groups in  
the Hall while the Teachers are giving  
Catechism on the Sunday I'm not there.  
He's co-operating in every way!

Another Catholic Teacher at the  
School, Mr. Patric, deaf; but he  
didn't last long.

Some women of the Parish are  
going to buy Catechetical Books  
for the Teachers + children.

Forty Hours Devotion going on;  
I acted as Sub-deacon + said  
over Monday + Tuesday.

Sunday afternoon, we drove to  
St. Francisville, some 30 miles west  
to see the Pastor, Mr. Connell + to  
ask about Deaf units, but he did  
not know of any in the section.

Fr. Gillespie + I visited the School  
Monday or Tuesday + I introduced  
him to the Supr. Divine, who was  
friendly than usual.

Also made a call at the State  
Capitol to ask Mr. Ludden about

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Sunday, June 22, 1941

173rd Day—192 days to follow

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chart list of the Deaf of La., he promised to send me, not in,

N.B. Shortly after my return home in late Sept. I received 2 letters; one from Fr. Sauerberr, C.S.S.R. of Esopus, N.Y. & the other from Fr. Godfrey Rebilly, C.P. of Baltimore both working for the Deaf, & both asking me to let them come down here to give my Deaf a Mission some time. Wrote to both saying I was sorry, but I had already requisitioned Fr. Higgins for the next job. Wish I could have accommodated them, as they wanted to come down for our Eucharistic Congress.

Oct. 23: Not many deaf attended the Sunday service; but a visitor of Jefferson, Texas, Paul Meyer came with his wife, Mrs. I. L. Goldberg, since meeting them, I've been hearing frequently from them, esp. from Mrs. Goldberg.

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174th Day—191 days to follow

NOVEMBER.

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Nov. 6: Same trouble as last month: other factor of mine again "needed" me for Sunday Mass, & again I had to call off my regular visit to the B.R. School. — But luckier this month; for Fr. Gillespie wrote & advised me not to come this Sunday, as the school was having "Home-Coming Day" & a Big Football Game, & a Dance Saturday night.

Nov. 13: Sunday: Up to B.R. to take care of my deaf kids. All as usual, save that we had a bigger mix-up at Mass, & I had little time to preach. Fr. Beemer preached, & preached too long and then forgot to help me give our Communion, which gave me just a few minutes time to talk to the children; but we did make improvement, by having the deaf seated in the middle aisle. We'll get things adjusted soon.

Called up Mr. Fuspe about those names, & he apologized for "forgetting." Guess I'll get em all

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175th Day—190 days to follow

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some day; but I won't let him alone till I do get there.

Nov. 14 - Mon. Staid over in B.-R., and left as soon by Bus for Hammond, La. — Intended scouting that section; but realized after I got there the impracticality of it all, as all the O.P.'s of that section are new men, & could know the lay of the land yet, nor the people. Received nice treatment & hospitality from the new Postor, Fr. Burke, left for N.O. on evening train.

Nov. 16. Wed: MORGAN CITY, LA

I had intended going to Coteau, La. (find it on the map, if you can, as it's only a name of a section back off the highway between New Iberia & Lafayette, about way indicated) but the Postor, Fr. Albert Bacque, wired me he would not be at home,

changed to Lafayette to arrange for steady work in that pretty town of "Cajun Land"; but a difficulty: Two Churches took the Cathedral & St. Genevieve's; Msgr. Isenberg & Msgr. Turlings. — and I don't

Wednesday, June 25, 1941

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176th Day—189 days to follow

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know which to use as my Cut-off  
so's to make it easier for the day,  
and it's up to me to find out for myself.  
"I have" confessions first over at the  
Chinchuba School, & then caught the  
10:40 S.P. for Lafayette. —

Train had just pulled out, when on  
slapping my back pocket I realized  
I didn't have my wallet with <sup>my</sup> money;  
too late to get off & go home, as  
I would lose an entire day. So I  
figured I'd just have to do without dinner  
this day, & did so. But previous to  
that decision, I discovered about one  
dollar & eight cents in my pocket,  
but decided I might need that bit  
for something more absolutely necessary  
than dinner or room. — Had to think  
fast & decide something faster. — I  
wouldn't go all the way to Lafayette;  
but thought of going as far as New  
Iberia, getting off there, & taking the  
next train back. (My annual Pass  
would take care of my RR. fare)  
Finally decided to get off at Morgan  
City, some 80 miles from N.O., visit  
the Priest, & get the 4:08 p.m. back

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Thursday, June 26, 1941

177th Day—188 days to follow.

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to N.O. and that I did; and I got a wonderful reception from the household, & the Administrator Fr. Albert, (a former New Yorker). told him about my work, & of my intention of taking the 4:08 back to N.O., inserting in my talk my prediction. But when Georges Daigle who was about the factory as a helper of some kind, told me of 4 Deep that he knew in the neighborhood, & suggested my staying over till the next day when he'd arrange to drive me to see the four. Our the Postor was kind enough, & the housekeeper, Miss Dallou, willing enough, to have me stay over so stay I did, much to my joy & satisfaction & thankfulness to the Lord for letting things turn out so. After supper while Fr. Albert was busy, Daigle & I walked about the town, & saw a "street fair" going on. Stopped at a garage & secured a car & driver for the morning. Had a good sleep that night.

Mon. 17: Roused at 8 o'clock for the children and at 9:30 we were off to find the 4 Deep. Young man, Vigil

Friday, June 27, 1941

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178th Day—187 days to follow

Kreider, drove us. headed to-  
wards N.O., some 8 or 10 miles  
and up the west side of Bayou Boeuf;  
found a deaf man, on his way to cut  
sugar cane, along the road-side,  
Bouvillain, by name, but no signs;  
we stopped at a house, Acorn's, for  
information, & I blesser old lady Acorn  
suffering from a stroke; had to go  
back to the Highway, & gave a young  
lady, social worker, whose car was  
stalled, a lift; crossed the Highway,  
and a bit further down the side road,  
we came across 2 very old people,  
Deaf, Mr & Mrs. Beadle; met her  
in the kitchen peeling potatoes for the  
noon meal, & asked her how old she  
was, answers "85"; asked; where is  
your husband? — "In garden", our  
we went & saw the old fellow digging.  
I got his attention, & asking him "How  
old are you?" — He answers: "98".  
Really has ever gone to school, &  
hence didn't know the signs well,  
so we took over work, so I couldn't  
do anything for them then. We

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Saturday, June 28, 1941

179th Day—186 days to follow

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stopped at his son's house,  
 in his 60's, and when I told  
 him his father said he was 98 yrs  
 old, he replied: "Ah, he's a liar,  
 he's only 94." "Ah," sez I, "don't be  
 so fussy; after a fellow is in his  
 90's, let him say what he pleases".  
 I visited his sick wife, & we were  
 back to the Highway again some  
 6 or 8 (?) miles & along Bayou  
 L'ouise, or Bayou Ramos, I'm  
 not sure which name is correct,  
 and found a deaf woman, Miss  
 Sandry, about 40 yrs. old, & nearly  
 blind! She could not see the signs,  
 so I took her hand and tried spelling  
 to her in her hand, but she didn't get  
 it. Asked the family if they spelled in  
 her hand, & they said "No", they didn't know  
 how, so I gave them a "talking" for not  
 trying to communicate with the poor  
 creature; gave them alphabet cards  
 to learn, but I know they won't do  
 anything; too lazy, or too hard-headed  
 to try anything to help this unfortunate  
 one. They may even be clever but she's  
 "stein afflicted"? — Healed back to

Sunday, June 29, 1941

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180th Day—185 days to follow

Morgan City, with nothing done & only knowledge that there are 4 Deaf now in the world. For some time before dinner, so we drove across the high bridge over the wide Atchafalaya River & visited Berwick on the west bank. Inquired about any Deaf, but no one knew, of any or all. Wanted to leave, but Kreider was willing to drive me again on the round trip over.

Nov. 18: Scouting on the other side of the river, & along the Teche. Kreider drove me to Patterson first, some 7 miles or so further westward. Called on the Pastor, an elderly priest, by the name of Espitalier, who wasn't very hospitable, & didn't even seem interested at all; maybe even a bit pleased or being disturbed; knew of only one Deaf person who had no schooling, & was of no account; wouldn't know you're here. — Nothing to learn from this old crock. We drove onward to Jeanerette, some 30 miles, then Franklin where we first got into the wrong house; so went over to the church where the isn't was hearing children's confessions; he

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Monday, June 30, 1941

181st Day—184 days to follow.

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was still new & didn't know the people very well. Pastor was not at home, asked suggestion seeing the church, or the school; so went over to discover they were sisters of Mary, and when one said "Hello Fr. Heide", I felt at home. I do them the why of my visit, & they promised to try to ask about for me. Never got any report. — Our time was up, so we headed back to Morgan City. As we turned around, I asked Heide if he had enough gas, & looking on the gauge, he said: "Well, almost out. Says I, "Fellow, that's what we need to get back, & here's my last dollar for gas", to which he said 8 cents & we got 5 gallons, plenty to get back & some over. — Lucky I saved that dollar & didn't use it for dinner on the train! Now, I just had 12¢ in my pocket. Got to the factory by noon, & had a fine dinner. Rained cats & dogs all afternoon, & let-up a little about train-time, 4:08. — Not very glad things happened as they did. All came out well, & it

## Special Data

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gave me an opportunity that I could  
not have otherwise gotten of scouting  
that section. The Lord provides! And  
I met a bunch of nice people: Fr.  
Albert, of whom I was to see lots  
more in the ensuing years or the  
Hospital in B. R., Daigle & Kreider,  
and Miss Dalton & Geneva Guiscards.

Caught me a heavy cold!

Nov. 27: Fourth Sunday, weather being  
cold, the Deaf took that as an ex-  
cuse not to come, and only 30 of  
the Old Guard were on hand. - my  
cold taking the sop out of me, I  
should be writing to all the priests  
where I will stop during Advent,  
but don't do a thing.

Nov. 29: Feeling lots better, so wrote  
to some of the Padres: Coteau, Rayne  
Welsh, Lake Charles, Big Lake - & all  
answered.

Nov. 30: Wrote Fr. Bacque of Coteau of  
my coming, & left on the 10:40 S.P.  
Fr. Bacque met me at the depot in  
New Iberia, & drove to Coteau, a place  
not even on the map, not in the tele-  
graph book nor in telephone book. What  
was New Iberia, & they phone the message  
out to a parishioner 3 miles from the

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Rectory; parishioner waits until the good ~~fire~~ <sup>fire</sup> passes by & then gives him the message! — I wanted to scout his bailiwick & stay at his place - he's always been kind & accomodating - His place, Coteau, is some miles N.W. of New Iberia, & maybe a couple more off U.S. 90 - just church & Rectory & a few houses near. Parish is scattered about this sugar country, — Didn't stay at Coteau as his housekeeper was down sick, so stayed at New Iberia, & the wife, Langlois was kind enough to board me. — Fr. Neypoor, of Youngsville, a man-by-town, dropped in and I made arrangements to visit him & take dinner the next day.

## DECEMBER.

Dec. 1. - Thurs: Fr. Bacque called in the morning & we drove to Youngsville for dinner, a very nice dinner, after a cordial reception by Fr. Neypoor, & his pro-temp Asst. Fr. Dion, & the housekeeper, Miss Julia Reed. Fr. Neypoor has some deaf, & wants me to look after them. Last year

Tuesday, July 1, 1941

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182nd Day—183 days to follow

He had sent me the names of nearly a dozen deaf within his surroundings. — We settled on my coming to Youngsville on Dec. 13 & 14. He was to let all these know of my coming; but took sick in the mean-time, & so couldn't do all he intended.

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Dec. 2. Baugé called for me again, and we drove to Abbeville to make arrangements for preaching there on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, all nicely settled so drove back to New Iberia. Where I began sending out cards to the Deaf where I intended visiting. Must have mailed about 90. Back to New Iberia, & got the afternoon train for N.O.

Dec. 3. Sat. Caught morning train for Boston Longue for my monthly State School job. — Sunday, I preached the Christmas Story to the kids, & had more time today, as I coaxed Fr. Gillespie not to have sermon or my Mass for the Deaf in the future. So they just had Gospel & works announcements; I helped with Comm.

Dec. 5: Mon. Staid home & wrote some of my dues mail, & sent cards to the Deaf of the Lafayette Diocese.

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Wednesday, July 2, 1941

183rd Day—182 days to follow

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Dec. 6: Arrived New Iberia about 2:30 p.m. & was picked up by Fr. Daull of Abbeville, & drove there. Some of the Deaf came in early for a sign-chat & had me pretty well worn out before preaching, at 7:30, when some 11 were on hand, instead of the 20 I expected. No transportation! Heard all confessions after service.

Dec. 7: All eleven came for Mass & Communion. The assist. a young priest, by name of Laplleur is getting much interested in the Signs, or he is trying to interest a Deaf boy; I gave him a Book & went thru several pages with him.

Took noon-Bus for Lafayette. Saw Msgr. Isenberg & arranged to preach to the Deaf of Lafayette on the 12<sup>th</sup> in the Cathedral. Took Bus for New Iberia. Saw a ministerial Show that night with Msgr. Langlois; all negroes.

Dec. 8: Drove to Youngsville to see Fr. Neignon whom I found sick in bed, arranged to preach there on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Preached that evening at New Iberia at 7:30, with only 4 showing up. Clarence Gardner, one of my Deaf, came in with his father from Franklin.

Thursday, July 3, 1941

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184th Day—181 days to follow

nearly 30 miles. Poor fellow is getting thinner more every day, and seems the same with mobile laundry of New Iberia, Segura & the 2 Norton's didn't come; nor did Winnie Watkins of Franklin.

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Dec. 9: Left on afternoon train for N.O.

Dec. 10: Had attended going to Mandeville

to get a Baptism certificate for a girl I was to marry; but found out I didn't have to go, as the Sister of the Chinchuba School gave me the necessary documents. - Instinctively a couple before marriage.

Dec. 11: married Eldon Frank to Bertha at least at 2:30 p.m. & a nice crowd of deaf attendees. The "Morning Tribune" sent up a reporter & photographs.

Funny about Frank! When he came the first time, to arrange for his marriage, I asked him who the girl was, & he signs "B" on the cheek.

I don't know their signs for one another, & asked "Who is "B" on the cheek?" — He spells "Bertha". I asked "Bertha Who?" He looked

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Friday, July 4, 1941

185th Day—180 days to follow

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all puzzled; so I asked: "Her family name?" — Said he didn't know. Made him understand that was necessary, so he had to go three or 4 blocks to ask his Aunt what his girl's name was. — Now, that does sound stupid or stupid, but once you know how the Deaf get names it isn't quite so stupid, tho this boy is. Very probably, when she came to school, she was asked, "Your name?" and she ~~said~~ <sup>gave</sup>: Bent, & no sooner signed or given than some one gave her the "B" on the cheek. (She has queer, bulgy Cupid-cheeks.)

Dec. 12: After marriage & pictures were in the Tribune & the Item. There may be a picture where the photographter caught me from the right rear as I was making a sign, which in the picture looks as if I were thumbing my nose at the party. (Vide my Sarah Book.) — Teal for Lorraine on the 10:40 a.m. — Preacher at 7:30 in the Cathedral, & only 6

Saturday, July 5, 1941

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186th Day—179 days to follow

young folks showed up. Those from Beauv Bridge & Broussard didn't come. Heard Gladys Graham eloped - found notice of her marriage in "Modern Silents" - Texas - Deaf paper. (I think she married Clemon Scott - both Catholics.)

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Dec. 13: Called on the Bishop, Jeannard, + gave him a verbal account of my work. — He was well pleased, thanked me for taking care of his Deaf, + gave me a check for \$100<sup>00</sup> for my year's service. — Has a lump in my throat for several days; got some medicine from a Doctor in Lafayette. (Dupon) took it once + quit, it turns my stomach. — Lump dissolved.

The housekeeper, Miss. Orillion + her pal drove me to Youngsville, + got there for dinner. Found Fr. Neboer a bit better but not well yet. He has told the Deaf to come at 4 o'clock — a batine — and only one showed up, lady whom I never heard of, Mrs. Moturin, I was at first going to send her

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Sunday, July 6, 1941

187th Day—178 days to follow

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away, but didn't preach to her first as if she were a crowd. That evening, I had my first tour thru a sugar mill, & saw the cane go in the hoppers & followed it thru till it was bagged as sugar. Wonderful & educational! Cold, and my feet were frozen most of the time. Visit not so successful!

Dec. 14: Some one drove me & I called on the 2 David's, elderly deaf who has not come & could talk; then we drove back into the hinterland & visited 2 deaf fellows, & one nearly blind. Bilingual, but no education & little know of the signs. So couldn't do anything.

Dec. 15: Back to Isayette by auto, & having plenty of time, visited with the Holy Ghost Father at St. Paul's, had dinner with them, Fr. Mc Glade, Pastor. They drove me to the Bus depot to get Bus for Payne. — Very cold! So cold, that we did not gather in church for sermon, but in the Rectory, where 11 & some of their speaking relatives

Monday, July 7, 1941

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188th Day—177 days to follow

after dev. — Not one went to Confession till one started, & then several followed. "Hearst" them in the Office.

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Dec. 16: Welsh: Took afternoon train to Welsh, some 30 miles west. Some of the Deaf came in to see me before dinner, at 7:30, when some 10 had gathered. — my best allen donee, nearly 100%.

Dec. 17: All came for mass & Conf. in the morning about 7. — Before leaving Welsh, called on Dr. Arceneaux family. Drove me to Bus station, & there met some people who were about to drive to Lake Charles, & they asked me along with them, which I accepted.

Had written Fr. Robichaud to meet me at the Bus depot about 10:30, not there. Waited some 10 minutes or so, & then walked up to the church in Lake Charles, a couple of blocks away. Greeted nicely my Msgr. Vigliano who was surprised to see me pop in, as he had written not to come unless I was in the vicinity. A bit later, Fr. Robichaud ran up looking for me.

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Tuesday, July 8, 1941

189th Day—176 days to follow

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Decided to go out with him to Big Lake, as he is now President Pastor of that place, away out in the prairie of Cenomani Parish where the prairie meets the Guez. He just finished his house, very nice & commodious for one, all finished but not furnished; only a desk & a couple of chairs; one bed, the 2 bed rooms, & only a pitcher & a wash-basin — no water, no toilet, & of course no electricity, but only a Welsh-back lamp & 1 oil lamp, & an old stove of some kind to keep the place warm for it was awfully cold. — I was the very first guest he ever had,

On the way out — the shorter road of 14 miles — we stopped at Blanchards, only to discover that the bachelor Firmin, was out trapping, & we learned here that the 2 Roberts were likewise not at home; so there were but the 2 Blanchards left for service. — It ere took two over the rickety ferry over the river

Wednesday, July 9, 1941

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190th Day—175 days to follow

coastal Canal was not in operation  
so, Fr. R. after commanding  
a chauffeur for himself & wife  
day for Sweet Lake, his mission  
some 11 miles east, drove back &  
around the long way, & over that  
part of the Canal, where the ferry  
was going, some 15 miles more, to  
get to the church. — We ate at a  
neighboring house, & the good  
woman refused to be paid for  
it, saying she was so happy to  
have a resident priest that she'd  
be willing to cook for & feed him  
the rest of her days. — Isn't that  
faith wonderful! — It was aw-  
fully cold, & dark as pitch, & quiet  
as the grave! We sat up & talked  
till about 9:30, when some one  
knocked at the door, a trapper  
bringing in 2 wild ducks. After  
he left, we decided to go to bed,  
gave me his bed, a good one too,  
& he went over to the neighbor where  
he had commanded a night's  
lodging. I slept well in spite of  
the terribly cold room, cold as

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Thursday, July 10, 1941

191st Day—174 days to follow

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a refrigerator.

Dec. 18: Woke up in time, & had to shave; just had a bit of a mirror, & the water was ice-cold, in an ice-cold room! Wow!

I had mass about 8 o'clock for the 2 Deaf & a few other people. "I fear" the 2 confessions; & preached during the mass. — Had breakfast over at the neighbors, & after dinner at the same place, we drove back to Lake Charles, where I learned that the Msgr. had told the Deaf to meet me at 4 p.m., an hour before the close of their 40 Hours Devotion. That made me alter my plans: saw I could save a day by leaving on the 5:30 p.m. train for Houston, & on to San Antonio, so was OK with the Msgr. Only 2 Deaf came, so I talked to them about a half hour; got a quick lunch, & Fr. Robichaud drove me to the depot. — Travelling was very heavy; got off at Beaumont to send telegram to Houston, and found a young couple had run away.

Friday, July 11, 1941

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192nd Day—173 days to follow

my belongings & taken my  
self, without so much as by  
your leave". — Arrived Houston  
about 9:15, & took the 11:40 out for  
San Antonio.

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Dec. 19: arriving in the a.m. —  
as I had sent out no cards to  
the Deaf of San Antonio, I had to  
get in touch with the Oblates or  
St. Mary's Church to see if all  
would be OK to preach there.  
The Pastor, Fr. Arnold, was wonder-  
ful; the day, Wed., & the hour were  
all suitable. So my next move was  
to contact Hubert Hildebrand, my  
Catholic Deaf boy, & he and I sat  
down & addressed cards to the  
Deaf, Catholic & non-Catholic; but  
we could only cover a comparative  
few, as Hubert didn't know all  
the addresses, & I did not bring  
along my book of addresses of  
the Texas Deaf.

Dec. 20: In early afternoon I visited  
the newspaper office of the "San  
Antonio Light" & gave them

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Saturday, July 12, 1941

193rd Day—172 days to follow

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an article about my work  
and they wanted my mug,  
both of which appeared in the  
evening issues; article was good,  
picture horrible; I scarcely could  
recognize myself. — Later, saw  
the Editor of the "Express" and had  
an interview; very cordially re-  
ceived, but the article next morn-  
ing was shabby, & a mere  
notice. Guess they were mad  
because the "Sights" got the scoop.

Also called on the Editor of  
the Catholic paper, Mr. Mengu.

Dec. 21. About 10 Deaf showed up,  
and of these at most 2 were  
Catholic. Preacher in Church,  
& had the usual disturbance  
of some kind, this time, it was  
the choir-members; while I  
was preaching, the whole choir  
came out of the sacristy &  
marched single file down the  
side aisle, disturbing me  
no little, & distracting the  
Deaf, so that I had to stop

Sunday, July 13, 1941

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194th Day—171 days to follow

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signing till the Parade went by, & then the Deaf came back to me, & I continued. I used to get scared & awfully rattled in these days when some one got between me and my "Deaf audience", but I learned to stop & ~~speak~~ just like the Deaf, & when the disturbance is over to sign to them: "Now, we continue". — Fr. Harry Wade often did the service & met the Deaf afterwards. — The crowd was very pleasant, but just how much good was done is beyond my conception. These desultory blemishes twice a year can do no permanent good with a crowd that is Protestant & half-Protestant-Catholic. —

Fr. Arnold said I was always welcome & even chose my own time. Took night train for Austin Dec. 22: arriving in depot, saw some 20 Deaf children of the Austin School, going home

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Monday, July 14, 1941

195th Day—170 days to follow

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for Christmas. Asked for H. Broussard, & we had a talk together before train pulled out. Passenger agent promised to send me the list of their names when he has. — Got to N.O. Tuesday,

Dec. 23: But no rest yet; one job more at Gonzales, La. Some one met me at Bunaide, & drove me to L. I had to search around a bit, as Fr. Costel could not contact them sooner all showed up but Florence Bourgeois of St. Amant. — Several confessions.

Fr. Costel gave me  $10\ 00$   
Took bus for B.R. & caught the  
4:50 M.P. for home. Train over-loaded  
my traps got dry & sore, & was in  
for a good cold.

Dec. 27: Visited the archbishop to give him his written report of the Dec. work in the Diocese which he asked for last April. Made me wait 1 hr., so gave report to the Chancellor, & wrote note to archbp. next day explaining. He answered at once with a fine letter, & a check for  $\$16\ 00\ 00$ .

No meeting on 4th Sunday  
It was Christmas Day.

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Tuesday, July 15, 1941

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196th Day—169 days to follow

JANUARY: 1939:

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Jan. 1- New Year's Day: my  
Birth day: 49 years old today!

It was a fine fair day! — Peter gave me the 11:30 mass in spite of my heavy Day! and it started real early, as I was roused out of bed by the good ladies of St. Ignatius circle preparing for the Party today — wanted help. —

They had two firs trees, the money were sent up to our place; what to do? — Trouble was: (as I learned later) whatever stupid fellows brought the trees to our place, instead of letting me know about them, just threw them over the fence in St. Mary's School yard, & people who wanted a bon-fire for New Year Eve, seeing them lying there & thinking we had thrown them away, climbed over the fence, took 'em home, & had their bon-fire celebration; and we were shy of any this tree.

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Wednesday, July 16, 1941

197th Day—168 days to follow—

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So the women expected we'd  
get at least one bass tree;  
which I did after all the misses;  
just went in St. Mary's Church  
& pried one tree loose from its  
moorings, & brought it over to the  
Hall, — just some more last  
minute preparations, as usual!  
I didn't go to the Sugar-Bowl Game.  
The Deaf began gathering about 3  
o'clock, & the crowds grew so big  
we hadn't enough tables & benches  
ready; some 160 sat down to eat,  
many ate standing; & they kept  
a-coming, so that nearly 200 must  
have attended. — Lots of prizes!  
I got my usual speech by Mr.  
Guillard, & my Birth-day gift  
from the Deaf & the Ladies — as I  
call it "my salary" — \$10<sup>00</sup>, plus  
a Spiritual Bouquet; & made my  
response as usual. — Many from  
other parts of the State, & a few from  
other States, attendees. — All in  
all, it was a fine start for the  
new year. If they'd only come like  
that on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday!!

Thursday, July 17, 1941.

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198th Day—167 days to follow

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Jan. 7: Up to Baton Rouge to take care of my babies at the school, & had to pay my way, as my Neo-Pac. Pass hadn't arrived yet. — Fr. Gillespie met me at depot. Confessions — henceforth — are at 2 o'clock, & usually last till 3:45. Fr. G. is much interested in the kids and when I came out of Church, there he was in their midst finger spelling to them, much to their delight.

Jan. 8. Sunday: Mass at 6:30, & a good crowd. Preacher after Mass, henceforth, that will be the usual procedure. — Thought my sermon was rotten! — Phoned Mrs. Lowe (who has 3 deaf children and 1 of 7.) & learned she brought the 2 deaf down to the Chiricahua School in N.O.

Jan. 9: Found out the Rector didn't absolutely "need" me for the next Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, so struck out for El Paso, but heading for the

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Friday, July 18, 1941

199th Day—166 days to follow

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Deaf School in Santa Fe, N.M.  
Took the "Argonaut" or 11pm

Saw Eddie Trotter on same train  
& was going to sit up all night  
as he said he didn't have enough  
money to pay for a Pullman;  
so I paid his Pullman to Houston.

Jan. 10: Wanted to stop off at Houston  
& then down to Galveston to see  
Bp. Byrne. Luckily, I thought  
first, & figured he might be in  
Houston <sup>as he was</sup>, as he has offices here  
in one of the Office Buildings.  
Went up to St. Joseph's, & asked Fr.  
Connally, who phones the Chancery,  
& found out my hunch was cor-  
rect, as the Bp. was in Houston.  
So down I went to see him.

I wanted to know if he ever  
wrote to my Superior about his  
desire of having me visit the  
Texas Deaf monthly, as he had  
said he'd do away back in July.  
Said he forgot, but would take  
the matter up at once. Seems he  
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200th Day—165 days to follow

forgot all he intended doing about the dog situation, & of our conversation last July (quod vide: p. 170 sq.) — nothing further, except that I asked him for reference to a "Big Shot" in the Santa Fe offices in Galveston, about getting a Pass. — On my way back to St. Joseph's, I hearkened to a good inspiration to call at the S.P. offices & see Mr. Bill Stakeham, recently transferred from N.O. Bill wasn't in; so, acting on another sudden inspiration, I called at the office of Mr. Monroe, General Traffic manager of this Division, who thru Joe Lallonde of N.O. has been giving me my Annual Pass. Had to wait in the outer sanctum for nearly half hour, but it was well worth waiting all day. First time I had met Mr. Monroe, & found him quite a gentleman & very friendly. Thanked him for sending me the annual Pass thru his friend, Joe Lallonde, & told him

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201st Day—164 days to follow

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all about my work for the Deaf.  
 He listened very attentive, &  
 said he was glad I came in &  
 told him about my "wonderful" work.  
 Said Fallande had spoken to him  
 about me, but he had no idea  
 of such a big job going on.  
 Then it was he said: "Now, Fr. St.,  
 you're one fellow who SHOULD  
 get a Pass; whereas many another  
 should not receive a Passes, as I  
 remarked to my Minister, who is  
 Bishop of Houston - (Episcopal I  
 think) who gets a salary of 10,000<sup>or</sup>  
 a year, & yet expects a Pass."  
 Of course, I told him how much  
I appreciated that remark and his  
 sentiments. He asked further, if  
 I ever did deaf work or went  
 out on the Western Division of  
 the S.P., and in my replying  
 that I had done work out in  
 California, & expected to do work  
 regular in Arizona or the Deaf  
 School, he asked if I had the  
 annual Pass for the Pacific

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202nd Day—163 days to follow

Division, & replying no to him,  
he added: "I'll get it for you;  
you're doing a wonderful work."  
At that, I pretty near fell off the  
chair, or the unasked-for & prof-  
fered gift. — It was what I was  
remotely dreaming of but not  
daring even to name in mind!  
And here it was being offered me  
on a golden platter, unsolicited!  
I just hope I said: "Thanks"! He  
took down the No. of my T & N.O.  
Pass & said I'd bear from him.

I couldn't get back to St. Joseph's  
fast enough to spill out my  
good fortune to someone.

Jan. 11: Took morning S.P. to Gal-  
veston, & saw Fr. Chataignier, of  
the Cathedral, who put me in touch  
with a Mr. Driscoll, of the Santa  
Fe. — I wanted to take the 10:30  
no-noe. back to Houston, if possible,  
& just had  $\frac{3}{4}$  hr. from the time  
I arrived in Galveston. Taxi back  
to depot where the Santa Fe has  
its offices: saw Mr. Driscoll,

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Tuesday, July 22, 1941

203rd Day—162 days to follow

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gave me references, told him  
of my work, & asked the favor  
of a Trip-Pass: El Paso to Santa Fe.  
"Sure! and how do you want it  
routed — via Chicago, or any other  
way?" Ans he adds: "Any time  
you want a Pass on our Road,  
just write me, & I'll be glad to  
accommodate you & your work."  
More luck! — Handled me a  
Trip-Pass: "El Paso to Santa Fe &  
Return." — Just had time to say  
thanks & good-bye, — hurry down,  
buy my ticket (no Mo-Pac. Pass)  
& run for the train for Houston.

Jan. 12: Got the S.P. morning train  
heading generally for El Paso & Santa  
Fe. But nearing San Antonio, my  
right side began bothering me; so  
judged it prudent to stop off there —  
just "in case". The Padres were  
surprised when I popped in on them.

Started to figure out a schedule  
for the next few days — & decided to  
scout around Cuero & Victoria, &

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204th Day—161 days to follow

see the Priests there about some Deaf children. Intended to go down by train, but the Doctor, Fr. Neubauer, suggested some one driving me down. No objections!

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Jan. 13: Frs. Tony Liebl & Wade did the driving. Stopped at Cuero first & saw Fr. Janssen about his Deaf, but not much satisfaction here. Took dinner at Victoria with our old friend, Fr. Etchemberg & we talked over the few deaf children of his Parish.— Drove to Beeville & saw Fr. Stocker — just 2 deaf there, an elderly couple.— Back to San Antonio by 7 p.m. — Tired. — Slept well.

Jan. 14: Saturday: Decided to make my first visit to the School at Austin. Wrote Fr. Dugay. He wasn't home, but 2 men of his Parish met me at the depot, & drove me to the House. Surprised to see me, but glad I came. — Just fixing up the house he bought, to do as House & Church. Had our meals at St. Ed's.

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Thursday, July 24, 1941

205th Day—160 days to follow

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after a siesta, Fr. Duffy & I drove to the school & visited the Sept' Mr. Scott in his apartments at the school. nice visit, & friendly; but he warns me NOT TO SIGN to the "non-signers"!!!?? - met some of the Catholic children to whom I was a curiosity; a priest who could sign!! Visited several homes of the parish, & met some other Deaf - all non-Catholics. — Sleeps at the Parish Rectory - God knows how we do that!

Jan. 15: Sunday: I had the 8 Mass and some 20 Deaf attended; met some of the Deaf children before Mass & they told me in the choppers words of one, Maurice LeBlanc, "Mr. Scott says we mustn't even see the signs"; so I said: "all of you who must NOT even see the signs, you go to sleep while I preach in the signs"; I preached during Mass in the little Church at (now) 303 W. Johnson, in the signs, & the 2 priests & the people were impressed with the sign-preacher; and the children

Friday, July 25, 1941

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206th Day—159 days to follow

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were happy. — I was watching during my signing to see how many of the kids, who were not to see the signs, were sleeping; but all were intent as if they knew the signs full well — which I'm sure they did. — Such stuff! No signing! And that to the Deaf, whose natural language is to SIGN. I asked them afterwards, "who sleeps during my sign-sign?" and they just laughed!!!, a meaning laugh. — Several adult deaf attendees — all Protestants, but all hoped I would come again.

Took afternoon Bus for San Antonio as the old Neo-Pac. was very late. At supper, Fr. Wehner, Rector, suggested a trip somewhere on the morrow. I suggested Laredo, as I wanted to scout there. So Laredo it would be.

JUN. 16: LAREDO: TEXAS:

The Rectr. (Wehner) Power & Cullen and I started off about 8 a.m.

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Saturday, July 26, 1941

207th Day—158 days to follow

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and arrived about noon, after  
 an enjoyable trip of some  
 150 miles thru the ranch country  
 + small towns, with vegetation  
 lower + lower, I finally caught but  
 scrubby oak, mesquite + pear-cactus.  
 Had dinner at the Plaza Hotel + then  
 drove a few blocks to St. Augustin's  
 + met the O.M.I. fathers, almost all  
 Spaniards. Glad I came + offered  
 to assist me finding the Deaf—  
 esp. Fr. Maratibel, who while my  
 pals took a trip across the border,  
 over which I had been often beat,  
 in San Antonio, drove me over to  
 see some of the Deaf, to "Rendom's  
 Tailor Shop", where I met nearly  
 2 doz. deaf who work in the shop—  
 were greatly surprised + happy  
 at seeing a Priest who could  
 sign; Rendom gave me names  
 of the other Deaf in Laredo, +  
 want me to come back, which  
 I promised I would. — Mrs.  
 Rendom has tears in her eyes

Sunday, July 27, 1941

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208th Day—157 days to follow

when I promised) I'd come again  
to preach to them, maybe in  
a three day mission. Hope I can  
make it in Lent, or shortly after,  
before it gets too hot in Laredo!

One of Lendoris sons, a fine big  
shopping fellow thought I was  
deaf too & was spelling away at  
me, & I thought he was deaf  
also; till he began speaking Spanish  
to the Padre. We both had a  
good laugh when we discovered  
our mutual mistake. He talks  
English too, & signs like a mute,  
& he ought to be a Big Help to me.  
He said there was about a dozen  
Deaf in Laredo, all Mexican.  
Padres were glad I came & invited  
me back to do something  
for these Deaf, who are just not  
taken care of. — Decided to write  
to Bp. Garriga of Corpus Christi  
and tell him of this find,  
(and heard from him about  
(August 13<sup>th</sup>)

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1939.

Monday, July 28, 1941

209th Day—156 days to follow

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Returned to San Jose same evening  
and I feel as if the journey  
was more than worth while.

Jan. 17: Tues: Left for Houston, &  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> left Houston for Port  
Auburn, Texas: wanted to see the  
postors of both churches, but neither  
were at home. So! — Spent the  
day & night at Bob Lane's house  
friends of mine (See Sister's  
husband).

Jan. 20: Fri. They drove me back  
to Beaumont, where I took the  
morning train to N.O. after I  
had visited a Protestant family  
who use to board a deaf boy,  
\* Corbin, Murphy Bouque.

Jan. 22: Sunday: Some 30 or  
40 Deaf showed up for service  
at 4 p.m. Some "old Guard."

N.B. Been going to the Doctor  
for char having right side;  
thought it might be appendix,  
but no, — It cut down my  
work!

\* → N.B.

Tuesday, July 29, 1941

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210th Day—155 days to follow

## FEBRUARY.

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Feb. 4-5: Baton Rouge - some 40 or more boys showed up, plus the usual amount of girls. — Some of the pupils missing; 3 from N.O. Trouble at the school, + they either quit or were quitted; Cause again, I hear is the Sup'r Devine. What the underlying matter may be is more than I can say, or care to know. — I often know plenty "dope" but dare not spill it or push it, for fear of getting one's movements into trouble, or fire.

The week of the 5<sup>th</sup>, I've been all over the city on sick calls & visits to the Deaf. (FEB.: cont'd.)

N.B.: JAN. 21: on my arrival <sup>222</sup>

home, the Brethren told me of a letter, attached to the Bulletin Board, with news that Bishop Byrne of Galveston had written to the Pres. asking for me to come over to Texas at least once a month, & that on a Sunday. — From

1939.

Wednesday May 20, 1941

211th Day—154 days to follow

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which I gathered that everybody  
 was now settled, & the Bishop's  
 request was granted as asked, —  
 Seems, from what the Brother said,  
 the Prov. told my Rector, (Fitzgerald,)  
 to see his way to accommodate the  
 Bishop's request. — I did not see  
 the letter, but asked the Rector  
 about it at breakfast Sunday  
 morning, Jan. 22., & he candidly  
 said: "oh yes, the Bishop asked  
 for you to come over over "one"  
Sunday"; to which I replied:  
 "that was not the Bishop's idea;  
 but rather he wants me to come  
 over "one Sunday" of every month,"  
 after breakfast I went to the  
 Rector's room to get more in-  
 formation about the letter, &  
 to see it with my own eyes,  
 but, after passing around a bit,  
 & not locating it, he merely said,  
 "Oh, I must have torn it up." —  
 and there I was completely at  
 his whim again of thinking I

1939. Thursday

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212th Day—153 days to follow

must be gone for a mass on Sunday — when I was devoted to deaf work. — Trouble was: he never knew how to manage, & did not want late masses himself. — I always thought that such letters, esp from Prov., were to be kept in the archives, & not tossed up. — Thwarted in the work again! — However, just as present this action wrecks me no ill, as the field needs a bit more turning up & testing. — Can't judge altogether, but burning wood the Bp. wanted, & what the Prov. very probably suggested — what can I judge but a thwart? which has been happening now for years!

Jan: 25: Letter from Bp. Byrne about this very matter, & the Good Bp. thinks now all is settled satisfactorily. — again, Rector said he needs me for Sundays in Lent, as so many would be gone. Fact was: I was not really needed, —

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1939.

Special Data

SANTA FE : NEW MEXICO:

Been wanting to visit the  
deaf school in Santa Fe ever since  
my wife - Goose chose out to see  
Bishop Shuler in January 1938,  
and did actually start out some  
time ago, but not feeling so well,  
stopped off at San Antonio for  
prudence sake. — Saw an open-  
ing during the Carnival season  
+ asked the Doctor to let me  
off Sunday Feb 19, & this time  
it came easy. — Of course, that  
meant I'd miss Carnival which  
a N.O. man doesn't like to miss,  
but as these 2 weeks were the only  
time open to me, I had just to  
forget about Carnival + Mardi Gras.

Had to do a lot of "Time-  
Table" figuring, as Santa Fe is  
very difficult to get to from this  
direction. My best bet was to  
go to El Paso, + then get the only  
train up to Albuquerque on  
the Santa Fe R.R. which leaves about  
10 p.m. — A difficulty arose with  
my Pass which I'm not allowed

1939

August 1, 1939

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213th Day—152 days to follow

To use west of Houston on the "Sunset", if I took the "express" I would have the entire day laying over in El Paso. So down I go to the S.P. office & asked a permit to use the "Sunset", only to discover if I took a standard Pullman all the way, I could use the "Sunset" without any special permit — (my money used to be scarce, & I used to take tourist when I could). The sunset got to El Paso 7:30 p.m., so I'd just have a little over 2 hours wait.

Feb. 13: Left on the sunset at 10:40 in the morning, arrived El Paso Tuesday evening 7:20; even after I got to El Paso, I wasn't fully sure how to get to Santa Fe. The night train of the S.F.R.R. has only one Pullman & it was crowded — all lower taken, & almost all upper. On account of my Poss, I had to take an upper anyway. — Not bad as that. — Had a good sleep & arrived in Albuquerque

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Saturday, August 2, 1941

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214th Day—151 days to follow

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Feb. 15: Wed. morning —

(N.B.: Feb. 14, Valentine Day, & we had stopped) at the town of Valentine, <sup>TEX.</sup> which the crew never even thought of —) — If I used my Pass from Albuquerque to Early (the stop for Santa Fe - as the Santa Fe does not run into Santa Fe) I would have had to wait till about 2:30 p.m. — because they were the good crack trains I could not take on my Pass. — So luckily I found out there would be a Bus for Santa Fe in 10 min. & I could use my Clergy Book on it — fare being only \$1.05. — & the Bus arrived before either morning trains. So off I was on the Bus in 10 minutes. — only few passengers. Glad I took the Bus; got a better view of the country, & passed thru some small towns. It was cold, and I was mighty glad I decided — after a debate & toss-up with myself — to wear my heavy suit which I've seldom worn since 1933, plus my overcoat. —

1939. ~~Sunday, August 3, 1939~~

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215th Day—150 days to follow

Didn't get to see much of Albuquerque, save on our route north thru the city. — ~~most~~ quite American, but with lots of the old Spanish visible & some Indian.

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As we gradually rolled out of town, going north, to the east could be seen a range of mountains with peaks rising of some 6000 ft—the Sandia Mts (where recently one of the rich New Mexico boys was lost & later found dead) from the distance they don't look so formidable & dangerous as that, but just like all mts; get among them & you'll see they ain't all straight lines. — Noticed, after a while, on all the shoulders to the north, were white patches, & couldn't figure out if they were man-made patches or snow; but realized afterwards it was snow from a recent snow-storm. — Bumped thru the town of Bernalillo & also down with the Rio Grande River along side, it off on the other side of the river were the old Indian

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Monday, August 10, 1939

216th Day—149 days to follow

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pueblos of San Felipe and Santa Anna. This section esp. to the west one sees flat-topped elevations, or mesas, peculiar to this part of the country, & carved out by erosion, some rising hundreds of feet above the plain. In some places, the Indians have built their houses on top of these mesas for defense - almost inaccessible.

After Algodones, we headed a little eastward, & began to reach more rising ground till finally we felt ourselves reaching into higher altitudes from the laboring of the engine of the Bus, and low traces of snow on the ground about us, & more & more till we reached a high plateau, where all was snow, with the Rockies in the distance, the high range of the "Sangre de Cristo" mts all snow-covered. From the distance of, say, 20 miles, we were still climbing, the range of mts & the white clouds seem merged into one, so that one couldn't make out if the

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Tuesday, August 5, 1939.

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217th Day—148 days to follow

whiteness in the distance were snow-capped mts, or clouds. Finally we trudged into Santa Fe, past the Indian School, past the school for the Deaf, past the State Capitol — past exactly where I wanted to go. — No taxi near the Bus Depot. Asked directions, & struck out on foot thru snow & slush & ice, for Father Krote's residence at St. Mary's Convent on Garfield St. — Got two directions, & finally landed at the Convent, a queer sort of building — an old hotel peculiarly built & arranged, bought by the Abbess for some Mexican nuns. A 3 story affair, with the nuns occupying the 2 lower floors — Chapel on ground floor, & Fr. Krote & Renters on the 3rd flight.

Must have gotten in contact with Fr. Krote previously, don't remember. He received me royally — mass at 9 o'clock & breakfast. My room was across a sort of sun-

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1939 Wednesday August 6, 1941

218th Day—147 days to follow

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Parlor, across from his quarters  
Spent almost all the rest of  
the morning talking about Deaf  
work.—He is out in Santa Fe  
for his health, from Pittsburgh, where  
he worked for the Deaf some 15  
years. acts as Chaplain of the  
Convent & takes care of the deaf  
children of the State School,  
the kids come for Mass or the  
Sisters Chapel, & he & the sisters  
to whom he taught the signs,  
give the children religious in-  
struction. — I wanted to visit  
the school, but he thought I bet-  
ter not, as he said the Super-  
visor was a bigoted person, & we  
had better get well enough alone.  
So I did not visit the school  
nor see the children. However  
we walked over to the school in  
the afternoon, & saw the In-  
stitution from the Highway.  
A fine layout, many sepa-  
rate buildings, & all in Pueblo-  
style. I've since wondered

1939. ~~Thursday, August 7, 1941~~

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219th Day—146 days to follow

why he didn't want to visit  
the school with me — as I  
never found the Supt so bad, or all.

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On returning, I gave him  
a copy of Higgins' sign-book, &  
Higgins' rendition of the Catechism  
in deaf-idiom (no signs.) to give  
to the Sisters, which he was glad to  
get. After lunch, we walked thru  
the town — as auto-riding would  
wont while with the smallness of  
the town, & the narrowness and  
tortuousness of the streets. Visited  
the Bank, Post office, old Gov-  
ernor's Palace. Went into the  
Cathedral, & visited the Chancery  
office. The ~~Archbishop~~, Gerken,  
was not at home. Picked our  
way thru slush & ice past the  
Bishop's Residence, an old affair,  
& gardens, & over to the Christian  
Brothers School — along an old  
alley ice-covered, past the old  
Church of San Miguel, the  
oldest Mission Church in America.  
Our back to the Convent. —

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Friday August 8, 1939

220th Day—145 days to follow

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Swopped Dec-mute Information into the night.

Santa Fe - an "antique" town, built in pueblo style - adobe - well established before Pilgrims landed - still clinging to Spanish culture. Lots of history to it - other than church history too.

Formerly a military Post, Fort Marcy. Still building in adobe streets quaint & narrow & people by descendants of the Spanish, Mexicans; Indians walking the streets dressed in their ancient fashion, as unconcerned as if the white man had never come.

Santa Fe retains the flavor of the past - built around the "Plaza" which is flanked on one side by the long low one-story Palace of the Governors - 1610+ which was the scene of much strife - now a Museum. Author of "Ben Hur" a former Governor, & wrote the book here.

The Cathedral built of stone is not in harmony with the

S A N T E F E

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Saturday, August 9, 1939

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221st Day—144 days to follow

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architectural style of the town.  
To the north & east rise the  
range & peaks of the Sangre  
de Cristo Mts., some 13,000 ft high  
all snow-covered now, & remain so  
till about June.

Feb. 16 After mass, I strolled about  
town by myself & visited the museum  
unusually interesting. After dinner  
Fr. Kloba intended taking me up in  
the Mts. to visit an Indian Pueblo  
carved out by the mns., but as a  
snow-storm was coming down from  
the Mts., so heavy that the Mts. could  
not be seen, we decided to take the  
highway along a lower ledge of  
the Mts., & head north for the  
pueblo of San Juan, some 25 miles  
away. A fine road, climbing &  
winding along the shoulder of the  
Mts., all white with snow now  
& patches with the green of cedars &  
pinon trees. In spite of the snow  
storm, the road was swept clear,  
Finally made the ascent, & then ran  
along a more level stretch.

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Sunday, August 10, 1941

222nd Day—143 days to follow

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Passing on our left several Indian pueblos, esp. Tesuque, and Santa Clara & Santa Ildefonso, while on our right we passed the town where the "Penitents" hold forth on Good Friday; finally off the Highway, & arrived at the Indian pueblo of San Juan, my first visit to an Indian Pueblo. — Church & Rectory to our left, & an old church across from the Rectory with the Pueblo & the Square in the rear — all Indian, adobe, one-story affairs, with the corral for the animals on the edges. — It was very cold, & no one to be seen, save a couple of fat, squatly kids & a bairn of dogs. — Many told above doors and of eyes were watching us. — Not allowed to take pictures; Indians may smash the cameras. — We called on the old French Priest, & had a nice chat of an hour or so. — Then headed back for Santa Fe. — After supper, I took the 7 o'clock bus for Albuquerque, arriving

~~Monday~~ August 11 1941

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223rd Day—142 days to follow

about 9 p.m. & had to wait till  
12:01 a.m. for my train to pull  
out for El Paso. — Terribly cold & the  
wind was roaring from the north  
down the tracks. Too soon to go to  
bed, so took a walk for an hour,  
and was glad to get back to my  
Pullman & to bed. It was cold!!

Feb. 17: Awoke at Ed Pass in the morning  
& said Mass at the Cathedral.

Was surprised when Fr. Guirbure,  
formerly of Alexandria & N.O.,  
opened the door for me. Pistocci  
all during mass, as the Cathedral  
was being renovated & the workers  
were about. Something heavy fell  
and I nearly leapt off the altar;  
just said hello to the other Padres,  
as all were leaving for another  
church for Mass for the deceased  
Pope, Pius XI. — Alone; so said  
my office & about 11 o'clock  
headed for the depot. Thought at  
first I'd have to wait till 9 o'clock  
before pulling out, but found out  
that the T & P. has a slow train

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224th Day—141 days to follow

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out at 1 p.m., which would get me into Ft. Worth the next morning, Saturday, and seeing a chance of getting to the school of Austin by Sat. afternoon, I took it, & got a chance to use my T.P. Pass on the entire system this yr. Was lucky enough to get a train at night fall. Th T.P. uses the S.P. tracks as far as Sierra Blanca, then swings a bit north.

Feb. 18: arrive Ft. Worth in morning  
my first time in that city.—  
If I use my Mo-Pac. Pass, I could get out of Ft. Worth till near midnight & so get in Austin early the next morning;  
But the "Katy" has a train out for Austin (& San Antonio) about 9 a.m. — So far my way on that,  
& arrive Austin about 2:30 p.m., having wired Fr. Dugger I was coming, but no one to meet me.  
However some good sport drove me to Fr. Dugger's, but no one was home. Didn't want to sit

AUSTIN

1939 Wednesday, August 13, 1941

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225th Day—140 days to follow.

on the porch till he'd come along, so went back to the depot, & phoned to St. Ed's, but no one would answer. What to do? — Besides, the man who drove me to Fr. Duffy's thought the Padre was out of town. — Now what? Decided: if the no Pac. Train, which was late, would come before Fr. Duffy showed up, I'd take the train for San Antonio — which I did, — thus forever leaving me open to criticism. Just what happened I don't know, but after all I took a chance on a "wire", & had not amongs accepting or the school. Since Fr. D. may have expected me if he got my wire. — Arrived San Antonio, phoned the reception house, & the Rector came to get me.

Feb. 21. Left S.A. on the afternoon S.P. and spent the night at St. Joseph's Houston. Had a very fine telegram from the new Pastor of St. Joseph's, Fr. Joseph Sullivan, giving me welcome, tho I did not get to see him.

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Wednesday, August 14, 1939

226th Day—139 days to follow



ALEXANDRIA.

Feb. 22: Left Houston on the morning S.P. train got off at Lake Charles about 11:50; took dinner with Msgr. Vigliano, & caught the 2:15 for Alexandria, arriving at 4 p.m. — Wanted to see the Chancellor about work for the Deaf, while the Bishop, Desnoes, was in Rome. — Some time ago, I wrote from a deaf person in Shreveport, asking me to come up there sometime & give them the word of God. But, as the Bp. was not favorable to the work some years back, I thought I'd explain to the Chancellor to see if I could get permission to work in the Diocese. But could not locate the Chancellor anywhere, calling 3 times at the Bishop's House, but not there. — So no success! Spent over night at the Cathedral Rectory. Fr. Prevost drove me over to Pineville to see my brother-in-law at the Government Hospital.

Feb. 23: Left for N.O. in the forenoon.  
LENT BEGAN FEB. 22.

1939

Friday August 15 1941

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227th Day—138 days to follow

Feb. 26: Sunday: A few more than usual at service this afternoon or 4.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

## M A R C H

- Mar. 5: At the school taking care of my kids. — Took sick — got the "flu" about the 7th of March and was "down" for 3 solid weeks. Weak as a kitten. — about 25<sup>th</sup> had my first good day and the next day was the 4th Sunday & time to preach again to the N.O. Deas. Spent all Sunday up till preaching time getting something together. — A goodly crowd showed up too. Some story Deas. Prot. from Hossoville Tenn. attended. — (Last week, when I saw I was improving fast, began to figure out my tent schedule in the Sojourn to Dixie. Wrote to the Pastors of Soke,

1934 Saturday, August 16 19 AM

228th Day—137 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Charles, Big Lake, Welsh,  
Peyne, Laramie, New Ulm,  
Yonkers & Abberville, & Gonzales  
in our Diocese. All answer,  
but Welsh, Peyne, & Laramie.)

So after my return on Sunday,  
I wrote to the places that answer,  
saying I'd be coming soon.

Mar. 28: Left for Lake Charles,  
arriving about 5:30 p.m.

Nice welcome as usual. Only  
4 of the Deaf showed up at 7:30  
I preached in the factory about  
35 min. only one confession.  
Had a long session with them  
afterwards. Geneva Calderosa  
gave me names of a few more  
deaf. I had to chase them home.  
Mother Riglio gave me 10<sup>00</sup>.

Mar. 29: Fr. Robichaud called  
for me in the afternoon, & we drove  
out to his bailiwick of Big  
Lake. — Stopped at Blanchard's  
first, & told them to come to  
Church in the morning at 7.

LAKE CHARLES

BIG LAKE

1939, Sunday, August 17, 1939 MAR (23)

229th Day—136 days to follow

Clear
Foggy
Cloudy
Snow

Crossed the intra-coastal Canal almost, & arrived at his house, which is in much better shape than on my last visit tho far from fully furnished. After supper at ~~Browns~~ <sup>Browns</sup>, we drove to Roberts & Tolz the 2 day about noon in the morning, spending almost an hour & a half with them. Have good work-out signing with them.

Mar. 30: Had a good sleep, & got going about 6 o'clock; shaved first, & very primitive; cold water. The 5 deaf were on time; Confessions first, mass & Comm. & proceeded after mass. — In the afternoon, went over to the Public School for our lunch, or a sort of Bazaar, & saw the 2 day Roberts again, & another day had from Iowa, Paul Le Bleu, who was very shy of me. — Then drove east & south over a new steel road, thru the marshes of Cameron parish — nothing but marsh, or prairie as they call it.

1939

Monday, August 18, 1939 MAR

230th Day—135 days to follow

Cloudy
Rainy
Snowy
Cloudy
Showy

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on all sides as far as the eye could see — water & water fowl till we reached the town of CREOLE in quite contrast from the surrounding country; Creole is on an "island" — that's what the French call any higher ground that pokes up above the prairie land — & so vegetation was larger & more abundant. — The Postor, Fr. Bishop, was off on a sick call, so we waited till he came back. Found him a very nice gentleman. Returned to Big Lake about 6 p.m. after supper at Mrs. Brassards, the neighbor, (we had 2 teal ducks between us, which Fr. Bishop has sent previous to our visit to him.) we drove over to Savoie's & met a very fine couple & several "School mamas" who live there; Misses Guidry, Melanson & Rose LaCoste.

Mar. 31: Left Big Lake about 10 a.m. called on Lake Charles Racing & then caught the 11:50 to New Orleans.

1939. ~~Tuesday, August 19, 1941~~

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231st Day—134 days to follow

## APRIL

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

April 1. "April Fools Day": up

to Batán Louge:

April 2. Sunday: Not much time to preach to the kids, as they were not arranged so well — or acc't of the long reading of the Possess. Fr. Gillespie drove me down to Gonzales in the afternoon to see Fr. Gaulopp, who is now Pastor, about his Deaf. He had written, in answer to my letter, not to come during Holy Week, because he is still new, & doesn't know the run of things, nor the people, as yet. So we talked things over, & all's well. Being a new man, I was wondering how he would take this deaf work, & found, to my delight, he is more than willing to follow in the way of Fr. Costel who was very zealous & interested and always helpful — even to using his car to fetch the deaf.

1939. Wednesday, August 20, 1941 APR

232nd Day—133 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

NEW IBERIA.

Back to N.O. on the 4:50 p.m.  
April 3: Mon: Took the 10:40

S.P. for New Iberia — crossing over  
the bridge, noticed the River is  
very high, tho' not dangerous —  
Things are getting green. — Got  
a cab up to the Mrsgr.'s, who ex-  
plained why he was not meeting us,  
Preacher at 7:30, all the Deaf  
showed up except Miss Laundry  
who was not in town, & the 2  
old muttons. All went to Con-  
fession, & had to improvise a con-  
fessional behind a pillar at the  
pulpit. Couldn't locate the switch  
for the lights, so maneuvered the  
best I could. — These days I met  
& preached to the Deaf in church,  
from the pulpit. — Later on, prayin'  
in the Rectory.

April 4: Phoned Fr. Donell of Atk.  
ville before dinner; he came to  
get me about 1:30. On the  
way to Abbeville, we stopped  
at Deleware & saw the Pastor  
& asked about any deaf.

1939. Thursday, August 24, 1944

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233rd Day—132 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rainy
Snowy

The Deaf at Abbeville had me guessing towards evening if they would show up or not, as they usually called on me before services, and today none such: — However, at the time appointed, some 13 were on hand; delayed some 10 minutes in church, as the Choir was still practicing, which, while it would not bother the deaf, might disturb me no little! — Two new deaf showed up: Misses Hernandez & Giles Frederick — fresh from the School "Heard" confession in the Sacristy.

\* Some sad cases here: A couple, Jules Faulk & wife, & Jean Faulk & wife: all deaf; & one of the men is also blind & wife partly; in other family, wife is deaf & blind, & was partly blind. While I speak; the one who can see signs on the back of the blind party. Pitiful! And I must go & meet the blind, & lead them to the priection for confession, & then lead them back where some one takes them to the pews.

1939 Friday August 22, 1941

234th Day—131 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

I can still remember the very  
first time I handled this sit-  
uation! never feels so "down" in my  
life, feels as if I had gotten a good  
beating. Sale is pitiful! —  
The 2 deaf girls from Worcester  
Trabous — came this time; the  
2 from Koplar did not come.

Had a talk with the Ass't,  
Fr. LaFleur, whose room mine  
adjoins, before going to bed. He  
is still interested in the Deaf &  
the signs, but hasn't been able  
to do much since the last visit.  
It's hard for a priest with all his  
work to keep up the signs. —

April 5: Wed: Said Mass at the Our  
Lady Convent, walking the  
one long block there & back, said  
too long after breakfast, & missed  
the deaf who waited for me after  
Mass & Com. — Left on Bus or  
train for Lafayette, waiting there  
to catch the 2:05 for New Iberia.  
At New Iberia, I attended its  
"Tenebris" services which were very

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235th Day—130 days to follow

well conducted by the 3 priests  
+ Brothers (Christian) but not  
so well attended. — Next morning,  
July. Thursday, attended mass and  
procession. Left on the 2:40 for  
N.O.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

April 8: Sat. Quite a few deaf came  
for Confession for Easter.

April 9: Easter Sunday + Easter week,  
I wrote a lot of letters; and still  
corresponding about the Shreveport job.  
Also wrote Bishop Gucke of Tucson  
& just hope he'll answer my letter —  
(which he did) — May 3) — Had sent  
a Sign Book to Mr. Monroe of the  
S.P. just as a compliment & to give  
him some idea, & got a fine reply.

Had "dagus" printed for Higgins'  
retreat which he'll give to my Deaf.

April 17. Spent the entire week home  
but making personal visits to  
all the Deaf of the City & across  
the River from Algiers to Westwego.  
I made about 100 calls or houses,  
about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of that number by auto,

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Sunday, August 24, 1941

236th Day—129 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

hoving secured some good soul  
 to drive me about for a day  
 & a half; and the other half on  
 foot the rest of the week in 3  
 days & a half, and was so dog-  
 tired at the end of the week.  
 Took the few calls, (downtown)  
 mostly by auto, & was driven  
 around by Margaret Donegan;  
 we made 35 calls.

April 18: No auto today, so Rooper  
 is up-town, ending or visiting  
 Dolorosa Church for supper. I  
 always drop in to see the Postos  
 when in the neighborhood, & they  
 are always fine to me; Fr. Joe  
 at Hotel Dolorosa always insists  
 I stay for supper. — Feet tired  
 & legs ached; & about midnight  
 I thought I had red-hot needles in  
 the calf of my legs & could hardly  
 sleep.

April 19: In forenoon, by street-car  
 & foot, near the upper city limits;  
 home for dinner; at 1:30 p.m.  
 Mrs. Gene Zimmerman drove

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237th Day—128 days to follow

me around to 16 places.  
Spent a lot of late-evening  
time at the Diermans', whose daughter  
is one of my dog protégées. Feel  
more tired & stiff. — Mrs. D. gave  
Mrs. Z. a beautiful bouquet of  
roses plucked from their nice garden.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

April 20: "Heard" the dog kids con-  
fessions over at old St. Joseph's  
Convent; & then set out on foot  
downtown, & made 23 calls.

April 21: on foot again, down &  
back of town — about 12 calls.

April 25: Higgins arrived on the  
evening train for Dog Retreat.

April 26: RETREAT FOR DEAF.

opened at 7:45 p.m. with some 91  
showing up. — Higgins ran every-  
thing; I just superintended, & on  
piano; & took Benediction. During  
service, stood in rear of church &  
caught the signing lots better than  
on his last retreat; so signed a  
bit slower, & spelled more.

April 27: Attendance 75 & 80.  
usually feel off the 2nd evening.

1939

Tuesday August 26, 1939

238th Day—127 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

April 28: About the same as second night. — Both of us "hear" confessions of Mr Ben-N.B. This forenoon, Fr. Tracy, of St. Leo's Church, & in charge of the "Regional Eccllesiastical Convention," now going on in New Orleans, called on Higgins to ask him to give a talk at one of the sessions. Tracy had asked me first but with such an expert as Higgins in town & to be had for the asking, I'd have my gall to accept. — Higgins accepted without more ado.

April 29: Fr. Higgins and I went to Sacred Heart School where the Convention was holding forth, for 11 a.m. Goody crowd mostly Sisters & priests, with the Bishops of the archdiocese & the abbots on the stage — the archbishop having had the mass come in during Higgins talk of 10 minutes duration, the

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239th Day—126 days to follow

Time expressly allotted to him,  
I'll never forget the scene!

F<sup>r</sup>. Tracy took Fr. H. on the stage,  
introduced him first & allotted  
the 10 minute. Our Deignis non-  
chalantly holds forth; "Esteems  
an audience according to your  
Dignity" (instead) of the usual;  
"Was Dr., Pr. Rev. Msgr. & Very Rev.  
Msgr. Rev. Father & Brother &  
Sister, & friends") "I was just  
asked yesterday to come & give  
this 10 min. talk, & so I didn't  
have time to sit up all night &  
looked up people's dignity and  
titles". — or which, the stage  
looked solemn, but good boy  
genial Bishop Toolen of Mobile  
let out a guffaw — the only one  
who enjoyed Dan's introduction  
& remark. Then Dan proceeded  
to tell em all about Deaf work,  
& slammed Bishops, Priests, nuns,  
parents for knowing nothing about  
the Deaf.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

1939 Thursday, August 28, 1941

240th Day—125 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

and for their neglect. Stopped  
in the midst of his talk when  
the 10 minutes were up, kissed the  
Archbishop's ring & walked off  
the stage. — I do think that Fr  
Tracy was mad, & has never  
quite been able to forgive H.

In the afternoon, he went back  
& held forth lots longer. I took  
care of the Deep Confessions till  
his return.

April 30: Sun: He has mass at  
a Convent, while I went down  
to the Box for Deep confessions.  
He relieved me, while I said the  
7 o'clock mass in St. Mary's;  
He preached orally and signed  
at the same time during mass.  
About 80 Deep attendants heard  
Communion, Mass, & Blessings.  
What was glorious!

N.B.: I always manage to have the  
Deep retreat end on the 4th Sunday  
of April; I get out of a talk  
that way!!!

1939. Friday, August 29, 1941

(25)

241st Day—124 days to follow

M A Y.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

\* May 3. Pat Donegan drove Higgins & me around to call on the sick dogs or different ends of the city. — Finally word from the Bishop of Tucson; so am preparing to go out there & expect to be away about 3 weeks. Also word from the Pullman Co., to which I applied for a Pullman Pass, saying: while they knew the R.R.'s gone passes, & while they realized the great work I was doing, nevertheless they did not want to start a precedent. I was "hoping" & not "expecting" that Pass.

May 5: My pal, Emile Bobet, Sr. drove Higgins & myself to P.R. where Dan will give the lecture.

\* May 2: Some country peoples called today, bringing a pretty young dog girl, about 22, wanting me to inspect her for First Com.

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242nd Day—123 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

But poor, pretty creature has now been sent to school, and had always been kept hidden in the backwoods about Reserve, La., by ignorant parents, & so now can't speak, can't sign, can't read nor write; and with all this, she was so shy & bashful that nothing could be gotten out of her or done with her. Tried talking, but no go; tried signs, but no go. At which impasse, I called for Fr. Higgins, & even he could get no answers with her. I gave her one of those big Catechisms (con estampas) and arranged for her to come back soon. — Alida Monier, from Raceland, La. — Girl seems alright, looks good, & by no means simply goofy or "off". — But the poor kid never had a break; maybe her parents were ashamed of their daughter, & maybe pure stupidity, not knowing what to do with her or for her. —

Sunday, August 21, 1941

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243rd Day—122 days to follow

May 5-6-7: Retreat or Days

Clear	1
Foggy	
Rain	
Snow	

School: — Fr. Gillespie arranged these days with the Super, and just merely referred to the Archbishops order last year, & no more was said. No fussing like last year. — Some of the children made First Comm. or the end of the Retreat. Higgins is after Fr. Gillespie to learn the signs, & promised to give Fr. G.'s children a retreat if he'd promise. So it looks like Fr. G. will be persuaded. (For a while, yes; but be quiet.)

May 7: At the beginning of May, I got a letter from the Chancellor of the Queen. Aug. Diocese, Fr. Willard Kinney, in answer to my letter to the Bishop written after Easter, telling me to come out to Queen and arrange for work on the State School for the Deaf. — That looked like success after 1½ yrs. negotiating and wondering. — Has arranged my trip for Queen with the Doctor, Fitzgerald, several days before our

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Special Data

Our Triennial Changes came —  
changes coming sooner than we  
had expected — ↓ got two Sundays  
off. — Left N.O. on May 7, Sun-  
day night at 11 p.m. intending  
to stop off a day or so at San  
Antonio. Took Tourist Pullman  
& saved half. — Arrived S.A. in  
the afternoon of the 8<sup>th</sup>, and  
drove to the Mexican House. All  
are excited over the "changes"; they  
losing Nebner who goes out to  
Whittier, & getting Foster.

May 9: Over to St. Gerard's & visited  
2 of the school rooms, esp the 3rd  
& 4<sup>th</sup> grades, to thank the kiddies  
for their gift of 10<sup>00</sup> for my best  
work, engineered after Sister f  
Praher, Sister Philippa (Marion  
O'Connor of N.O.)

May 10: Could only get a Stan-  
dard Pullman on the afternoon  
train for Tucson, & had the  
usual enjoyable trip out.

May 11: Arrived Tucson about  
5:30 p.m., after again seeing  
new country along the southern

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244th Day—121 days to follow

route of the S.P. from El Paso  
then Douglas to Tucson.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Very interesting, more mountains  
but some amount of desert. The  
old pinon's & the Santa Catalina  
mts., & the Tucson range, all looked  
good to see again, flanking the  
city east, west. ~~the~~ — It was  
HOT, blazing hot, yet a coolish  
breeze blowing, & no sweating —  
air is so dry. — Fr. Kinney  
met me at the depot, with word  
that the Bishop was not at home,  
but had left the day before for  
his "ad limine" or Rome.

### T U S C O N:

met Fr. Hughes, ass't at the  
Cathedral, & Msgr. Giacomini.  
My room was hot at night,  
but finally summered down  
& became cooler with the cool  
night air rustling in.

Sept 12: Said Mass (daily) in  
the Bishop's Chapel off the

1939

Tuesday September 21, 1939.

245th Day—120 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

the Chancellor, a Mexican man, — 3 of whom keep house for the Bishop — serves my mass.

Some time during the day, we drove over to Sts Peter & Paul Convent (Srs. of Charity — Mother Seton's) & met the Community.

Chancellor told them the why & wherefore of my visit, but or just no one "bit" or lessening of the Sign language. (Their Community has the Deaf school in Pittsburgh & the school is oralist.)

Found out that 3 young nuns, Sisters Suzanne, James Ward, & Ann Augusta have been going over to a little church near the Deaf school every Sunday to teach catechism to the Deaf children. — maybe 2 years. — & teaching by speech. On my asking if they were making any progress teaching that way, & if they were sure the children understood what they were saying, they one &

Wednesday, September 3, 1941

(25)

246th Day—119 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

all answered honestly that they did not know, & had no means of finding out.

Whereupon I told them if they'd take up the signs, which could be learned fairly fast, they would soon find out if they were doing any good. — They soon saw my point & decided to take up the signs. I brought 3 of Higgins' Sign Books with his revision of the Baltimore Catechism (in script only) & gave one each one, & arranged to come over next day & begin lessons.

May 13: Sat. Starting teaching the Sisters the signs after dinner, and put in 3 hours work — all three are quite adept & learn fast, & will do fine. — Met the 5:30 train, Calif. bound, & had 20 minute visit with "Par" Nunnsay (vide p. 86) who was saying she was passing thru.

1939 Thursday, September 4, 1939

247th Day—118 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

May 14. Sunday: Hor 4 to & Mass in the Cathedral & Fr. Don Hughes preached. — After dinner, Chan allor suggested a ride up the "Sabino Canyon" in the Santa Catalina Mts., which rise to about 9150 ft. — Ride into the mts & up the canyon very pretty. Scenery with native plants, esp. the Saguaro Cactus, very intriguing. The first time one sees it, and standing all over on top of the sides of the mts. like giant sentinels, with their arms akimbo as if were guarding some secret of nature or treasury. A little wet stream, with little dams or rock crossing places down the canyon, & flanked with cottonwoods, sycamore, & willow, & the quiet pools reflect the jagged lines of the canyon walls & the stately Saguaros. Drove as far as the road went, then turned back & visited the various picnic parks laid

Friday, September 5, 1931, 1939, (25)

248th Day—117 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

out in this canyon. Just 15 miles further east is the Great Saguaro National Park, one of the best stands of this giant cactus. It lies in the Pinenon area of the Tanoan Verde section. — On the way home, far to the north, we could see "The Oasis" of Mr. Reids place & drove there, but a sign was out, "No Visitors on Sunday". — Had to be at the Sisters for sign lessons at 3:30 and taught some 3 hours more, covering a lot of ground. — Some good lady drove me home to the Bishops. — Early in the Day:

About 9 o'clock, the Sisters called for me in their auto & drove over to the little Mexican church of Santa Margarita, or which the Deaf children attend mass. The Franciscan Padre in charge said mass, & after that I preached to some 40 or 50 children in the sign language (some of them

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249th Day—116 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

number were blind & not deaf.) The deaf were so surprised at getting particular attention & a sermon in the only language they could understand. Few remembered me from 2 years ago till I gave them my sign, but so glad when I told them I was planning to visit them several times each year, & that the Sisters were learning the signs. —

After supper, Fr. Hughes took me to a base-ball game. Park pretty, band-box.

May 15: Couldn't teach today, as the Sisters has no time off.

May 16: Fr. Kinney drove me out to see the old Mission of "Loving del Bac", founded 1692 by Kino, S. J. — Remains today of adobe, & stones on the desert floor clean & white amidst the hogans of the Papago Indians. The Franciscan Padres still minister to those Indians all around. The mission

~~Sunday, September 7, 1939~~ 1939, (26)

250th Day—115 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

rises from a slightly elevated position & can easily be seen from all parts of the surrounding valley. Was impressed by its beauty, solidity & symmetry. Two plain towers are on either side of a highly ornate gabled entrance, & above the broken arch of the gable the noble dome may be seen between the towers. In front of the church is a walled atrium in which the Indians were gathered. Atrium later became a burial ground. Church built of burnt brick, & no wood. Walls are solid masonry about 6 ft thick. Inside is very cool, compared to the outside. One of the Padres, a fine, young healthy-looking man took us about 1 1/2 miles, visited the monastery & noticed again the great coolness of the interior.

After school, I put in a couple more hours teaching the sisters. — Met a Fr. Richard

1939

Monday, September 8, 1941

251st Day—114 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Powers, of Wilcox Aug. who was a great lover of St. Alphonsus' works than from any other ascetical books. He put me to shame in this regard. I was almost afraid of the man, he seemed so holy & such a good priest. He asked for some of Alphonsus' works & I promised to send him some (which I did on my return home & got a great letter of thanks, & some books he had bought but said he didn't now need, as Alphonsus was hung.)

May 17: The Bishops brother, Sam, drove me over to the Deaf School to see Mr. Horowitz, the Super, but he was not in. I again I went over to the school. Fr. Kinney driving me, in the afternoon, but the Super thought it better to come after supper as a better time to see the children & easier to get em together. So

1939

Tuesday, September 9, 1941

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252nd Day—113 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

about 7:30 all the school gathered in the Hall and after an introduction by Mr. Morrow, I gave my a sign talk for about 15 min. — Folks about the "need of reverence" in our lives. Got by alright, & the super liked the talk & thanked me and invited me back every time. He drove me back to the Bishop's. Don't remember HOW I got in, as the usgr. pad-locks the gate leading out on Stone St., and one has usually to go across the side street & enter the garage door if that is open.

#### May 18: Ascension & Tuesday:

Again I took the 8 mass, & the usgr. now Gospel & psalms in Spanish. — About 9:30 went over to the Sisters & we had a session from 10 to 12, ate dinner at the Sisters, & then we continued our lessons & finished the book by 4:30 p.m.

1939

Wednesday, September 10, 1941

253rd Day—112 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

It was an awful long pull  
 and the heat was terrific.  
 Noticed one of the Sisters getting  
 tired, but just had to finish.  
 Covered whole book, except the  
 Combination Signs & Prayers.  
 and did not realize how tired  
 I was till I got back to the  
 Bistops when the Chancellor  
 before supper remarked I looked  
 so tired. I was fagged out.  
 The Msgr. & Fr. Hughes ate  
 supper with us, together with  
Fr. Green, Pastor of St. Peter &  
Paul, who was celebrating his  
7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Priesthood,  
and his 2 Assistants, Frs.  
Howard & Gordon. — It used  
 to be tired. — after supper  
 when all left, Fr. Hughes &  
 I staid home, & worked together  
 over some "scheme" of his for  
 converts. I don't know if I  
 were much of a help?

1939. Thursday, September 11, 1941

(26)

254th Day—111 days to follow

May 19: Took morning train  
for a run out to Los Angeles,  
for a three-day rest. Spent  
with Fr. Jim Martin in West  
Los Angeles.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

May 20: On my way back to N.C.  
stretched my legs at Tucson, &  
noticed several Deaf boarding  
the train. School was over.  
Again stretched my legs at  
Houston, and met all my  
Deaf children of the Texas School  
who were heading for points in  
Texas further east. All伸展  
me, & I had a good work-out  
much to the astonishment of  
the Coach passengers.

May 21: Arrived New Orleans on May 27:  
Sat. morning 7:30. By 11 o'clock  
I had acquired a severe attack  
of lumbago.

May 28: Sunday: Raining  
for nearly 2 weeks; my  
gathering of deaf was small.

1939. Friday, September 12, 1941 1939

255th Day—110 days to follow



Some 12 or 14. It was  
the last meeting of the season.

May 29: noon; Alida Monier  
came for her first instruction;  
(vide p. 251 - May 2.) — But what  
could I do? As the poor girl  
doesn't know a thing about  
anything at all, nor even the  
lights, I got the happy idea  
of taking her over to the Sisters  
and the Sisters, as association  
with her own sex might help  
throw her out of her shyness,  
Sister Teacusa took her in  
tow & promised to help as much  
as she could. — But as present  
little can be done! If she  
wishes only stay in N.O., but  
they take her back to the  
Country & its' weeks before she  
returns again.

1939. Saturday, September 13, 1941 (26)

256th Day—109 days to follow

## J U N E

Clear
Cloudy
Rainy
Snow

June 5: Left for Bolin Range.

Last year, Mr. Sudarke of the La. Rehabilitation Dep't or the Capitol promised me the names of all the Blacks of school-age in the state. Twice during the year, I approached him on this head, & twice he gave his regrets for forgetting. So I determined I'd get them myself now, & take a copy myself.

June 6: Called on the gentleman or his office, & he said he would send all the data to me at St. Agnes today; a Mr. Hendrix

June 7 brought them up about 10 a.m.—2 big bundles; one I used; the other I could take with me.

The first was a summary, & the other part of the original census. I started typing at once till 12—from 3 to 6—from 7 to 10.

June 8. Started in again at 8 a.m. & finished about 11 a.m. Wow! what a job! Some 20 pages

1939 Sunday, September 14, 1941 1939

257th Day—108 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

of ordinary typew<sup>g</sup> paper.  
Some 500 whites + 177 negroes

all of the 1935 State Census,  
now to discover who is  
Colored & who not ???

June 15: Some time ago I got  
a letter from a deaf girl, Lucy  
Palazzo of Dolcour. She  
some 20 or 30 miles down on  
our side of the river, asking  
me to perform her marriage  
ceremony on June 25. So  
went down to make arrangements  
with her family & esp  
with her Pastor, Fr. Kochler,  
S.V.D. at Pointe-a-la-Hoche.  
Got Mrs. Joe Butler to drive  
me down at 9:30 a.m. &  
arrived at Pointe-a-la-Hoche  
at 11:30. Road was chuckey &  
wash-boardy for the last 25  
miles. Took dinner with the  
two S.V.D.s & settled all O.K.  
Left about 1:30, & stopped at  
Dolcour & arranged all with

LUCY PALAZZO.  
WEDDING

1939 Monday, September 15 1939

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258th Day—107 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

the girl & her family.

June 18: Two deaf come in  
to arrange for marriage on  
July 5<sup>th</sup>; girl not catholic  
(she seems well disposed). Boy  
from Lafayette: Began the  
6 instructions of this girl  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> (see June 21, p. 273)

June 20: Pickering for an  
annual Poss on the L+N.

June 25 <sup>SUNDAY</sup> ~~Bertrandville Wedding~~  
Auto called for me Sunday  
morning about 7:15. Picked  
up an organist & a singer,  
and then headed down the river.  
It was very close early this a.m.  
& held promise of a "Scrocher".  
However the ride down, with  
the river on one side and  
open fields on the other proved  
fairly enjoyable. Arrived Palermo  
about 9 o'clock, & "heard" the com.  
fessing of the couple; then  
drove 2 miles further to the  
Bertrandville church, very nice  
but small.—

1939 Tuesday, September 16, 1941 1939

259th Day—106 days to follow



narrow & long, with seating capacity of a hundred some.

The Church was hot, standing as it does out in the open with nary a tree within 100 feet to shade it. Everything was arranged; but I looked about just to be sure—all OK.

Wester, I was soaking wet before the Bride came & a little late as usual. The party did the usual slow march up the aisle. Sanctuary was so small I halted the Party at the Comm. rail. —Made an announcement first about the unusual ceremony of a sign-language wedding ceremony. All the people were gaping, craning their necks to see. Things went well, save my fingers got tangled several times, & I didn't follow all of Higgins' first instruction. The marriage promises etc went smoother.

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Wednesday, September 17, 1941

(27)

260th Day—105 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

after the Gospel, I made 2 other announcements & said a few words about the manager. This was my very first attempt at talking in Spanish in 8 years since I lost my voice; and luckily the church was small & compact, my voice was foggy & weak & I felt the strain & effort. Throat was dry & gave me a couple of twitches afterwards. — I won't do that again, — not for a long while. Preaching is so different from ordinary talking.

Moss & drenthe was all over with by 11:30 & I was a total wreck, & ruined the Padre's nice clean alb with my sweating & running of the color of my habit. Don't know when I was ever soaked so thru & thru. Chased everybody, boys, men, & women, out of the Sociedad and changed my "linies" or I had an extra change with me, luckily. My habit was so wet, I wouldn't put it in my valise, & hung it on a tree at Dolcour, where they live.

WEDDING

1939

Thursday, September 18, 1939

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

261st Day—104 days to follow

and for the wedding reception & gathering of the French & Italian clans, who were all over the place, eating, & drinking beer, mostly. — I ate with the Bride & Groom etc., & had a dinner earlier than most, during which I was again sweating bullets. After that, I squatted & hardly moved from under a shadey pecan-tree, where it was about as cool as it could be in such torrid weather. — About 2 o'clock I made a break to go. The pants were so topsy over the ceremony, and thanked me profusely! Dad gave me \$10 ~~as~~ saying the Pastor told him to pay me ~~me~~ against my wishes. — Same party drove me back to 2030, where I was mighty glad to be, so's to be able to peel off & try to swim down. — After the Pastor, & he & we split the \$10 ~~as~~ with the Pastor, Fr. Koeller, for running his ~~etc.~~. — Had a big sandwich down about 5:30 p.m. which brought

1939. Friday, September 19, 1941

(223)

262nd Day—103 days to follow

the thermometer down 20 points.

It has been 95.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

June 27: Had to go to Josephine to give instruction to a deaf boy—Everett Thibodeau — in preparation for his marriage to Miss Norfleet (see Mon.-cat.) (see June 18—p. 269)

Called at his house with one of the Ass't's of the Cathedral, & ran into a waiting mother who is so against her boy marrying this Protestant girl! Can't altogether blame her, if that is the sole reason, which I doubt. — Just the natural selfishness of a mother who doesn't realize her child is doing what she herself did years ago: left father & mother & went off for herself. — So I discounted a lot of her complaining. Then she talked nothing but French, to which my sons are not tuned, & the daughter told & interpret to me. — made the boy come over to the Cathedral Rectory after supper, & I gave him a good instruction & a talk on his behavior to his mother. — Hope it did good.

1939

Saturday, September 20, 1941 1939.

263rd Day—102 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Wsgn. Rosenberg was now at home  
but I got nice treatment from  
the ass'ts & the women,  
June 28. Back to New Orleans.

## JULY. 1939.

July 4: This year, I did not go  
to the Desy Picnic or City Park  
— too hot, & I was loaded with  
prickly heat. — Mrs. Boppe told  
them, innocently, that I was  
now in town; so that soon my  
side with the Deaf who always  
want me to show up. — I later  
heard they had their usual scrap.

July 8: Sent out about 125  
AUG letters to the New Orleans Deaf  
and about 168 postal cards  
to those outside N.O. for  
Epipheta Sunday: July 13<sup>th</sup>  
Had a devil of a time getting  
a new sermon for that occasion  
my train was all dried up  
from the terrific heat. On

AUGUST

Sunday, September 21, 1939, (225)

264th Day—101 days to follow

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup>, the whole thing  
down to me.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

July 12: Confessions from 4-5:15  
AVG steady. — After supper, about  
20 or so came along. Fair at  
8:45 p.m.

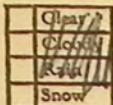
July 13: EPHYPHETA SUNDAY:

AVG had to give out Comm. at 5:30  
Mass — Confessions, 10 or 12, after-  
wards. — I had the 7 o'clock Mass,  
and was soaking wet even before  
starting it. — Some 60 adults &  
about a dozen children attended.  
Preacher after Mass, & had my  
out by 7:50. Breakfast in  
auditorium, as the old Hall  
was being used by the Sisters  
of Notre Dame as living quarters  
while their new home was being  
built. — I did not attend the  
breakfast, as I had the 8 mass.  
Both "Catholic Action" & the  
Item carried an article.

1939

Monday, September 22, 1941

265th Day—100 days to follow



Wrote to Tucson, & heard from  
the Bishop & the Sisters. —

Wrote also to Austin, Laredo &  
San Antonio & Houston. Heard  
from none so far.

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## SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 24: Began my 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
services again. — Very warm!  
Only 35 or 40 showed up.  
Preached "Stories of Its Life".  
Sept 30: Left for B.R.

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## OCTOBER

- Oct. 1 - Sun: Has about 60 couples.  
on Saturday: gave our cards  
for their names & addresses;  
31 girls; 30 boys. — Our sons  
30 were at the 9:30 mass  
with Connie in charge of them!  
Baptized Patrice's baby at  
10 o'clock: Patrice teaches  
photography at the Dog School.

1939

Tuesday September 23, 1941

(27)

266th Day—99 days to follow

Mrs. Converse & Mr. Rebek  
were good parents. ! ? !

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Took the 12:15 p.m. Bus for N.O.  
as I had promised a deaf couple  
of N.O. to baptize their baby of 4.

TUCSON: About Sept. 23 received first answer from the Chancellor of Tucson telling me to come out, & take up the work regularly for the Deaf at the State School. — "Regularly" will mean at most: 3 times a year — best I can do — in October — January — May; after each vacation, & before going home for the long vacation. — As things are now, I "could" go out once a month, on the 2nd Sunday, but no; as the Deaf of N.O. would yell about my being away so much, & not giving them enough attention, even tho' only a half dozen or so come regular to Confession.

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Wednesday September 24, 1934 1934

N.B.

267th Day—98 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Another thing; my situation has been altered considerably since our change; Fr. Fitzgerald hampered the work terribly; but the new Pastor, Peintjes was either told by the Prov. to whom I was often complained, or he seized upon the situation at once, & never once hampered the work.—

Got a letter from the Sisters of Tucson, saying they are awaiting my coming again, for I must not be angry with them, as they did little or nothing with the signs since May; too much summer-school teaching. Besides, I know few what work they are doing.

Oct. 3: Left on "argument" — got "Tourist" only as far as San Antonio; took coach to Del Rio; Standard lower to El Paso; and coach again to Tucson. I must have been

1939. Thursday, September 25, 1941

(279)

268th Day—97 days to follow

short on money to go thru  
all that for just a few  
dollars more. A wanted to save?  
But never again!

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Oct. 5: Arrived Tucson about 5:30 p.  
and the Chancellor met me, with  
the news that I just missed the  
Bishop by a day, again; he left  
for Cardinal Mundelein's funeral.  
That's the second straight time  
(I've missed) the Bp. & by one day.  
Was really sorry as I wanted  
to see him this time; even tho'  
there was a secret pleasure down  
this up my spine over the fact:  
I'm not quite as tame around  
the Purple, & always feel freer.  
Fr. Hughes asked me: "How I do it?"  
Days are still hot, tho' it's cooling  
off somewhat. Tries to rain!

Oct. 6: Chancellor drove me over to  
see the "Catechist Sisters" of New Orleans  
& then over to Sisters at St. Peter &  
Paul's. — Gave the 3 sisters & good  
work out in the signs, which

1939

Friday, September 26, 1941

1939

TUESDAYS



269th Day—96 days to follow

they has almost forgotten, save one, Sr. James Marie.

Called on Fr. Sarbiniowski's sisters family, the O'Langlins.

Oct. 7. - Sat. Tho the Srs. had their monthly retreat, the superior was sensible enough to let the 3 of a few hours, so we spent that time with the signs.

Oct. 8. Sunday: I was scheduled to say mass over at the Academy within a half dozen blocks of the cathedral; walked over, & the sisters were surprised at my coming; they thought some other priest was to say mass for them & their auto has gone to get him; but it came back without him; so then I began my mass. Chancellor forgot to inform them of my coming.— That put me back a good long hour; and I had to "hot-foot" back to the Bistops, or the Srs. of Sts P. & P. is were to pick me up at 8:45. — I was to talk

1939

Saturday, September 27, 1941

(28)

270th Day—95 days to follow

To the Deaf children from 9 to  
 9:45 instead of their usual  
 catechism. The Super allows the  
 Sisters to use 3 of the class-rooms  
 before noon for teaching Catechism.  
 Waited till 9:15, and yet no Sisters;  
 then they showed saying their auto  
 wouldn't run, & has to get towed  
 by another car, which in its  
 turn stalled also; finally they  
 landed at a Filling Station, &  
 the fellow there could fix their  
 auto, advised me to get over  
 to the School & teach the kids.  
 But none of the Padres being  
 about, I had no way of getting  
 over to the School. A fine quondam!  
 Phoned the School to tell the  
 Super the difficulty, but he was  
 not in. And just as I was  
 again phoning to the School,  
 in walk 2 of the Sisters, some  
 good Samaritan, a Protestant lady,  
 picked them up, & drove us all

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

1939 Sunday, September 28, 1941 1939

271st Day—94 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

over to the School. The kids  
were waiting anxiously. I  
gathered them all in one room  
& talked to them about 10 min.  
then all went over to Santa Mar-  
garita Church for Mass. — I  
missed seeing the Super. —  
I preached after the Mass, and  
had plenty disturbance, as the  
Mexicans were walking about the  
Church, & the kids were coming  
right in front of me between my  
and my audience, staring them,  
gawking, till one of the Sisters  
got up and yanked them away.  
Some of the grown-ups went very  
well, and some others were having  
some sort of meeting in one  
of the Societies. — What a time!  
I held forth about 20 minutes.  
All over, one good Protestant  
lady who brought us over, also  
picked us up again, & dropped  
me off at the Bishop's. — In  
the afternoon, had another brief  
session with the Srs. till 5 pm.

1939: Monday, September 29, 1939

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272nd Day—93 days to follow

I then took supper at the Conv. The Chancellor said the Bishop wants me to come out wherever I can, & that the Bishop would take care of my expenses.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Oct. 14: Arrived in San Antonio Sat. afternoon 3:10, and Mary Bullinger met me at the depot & then drove me up to Austin, I having written her asking her to do that for me. Arrived about 6 p.m. & Mary & I had supper at a Hotel; then she drove me to Fr. Duggys. Slept at St. Ed's, after a session with some of the Faculty in the room of the President.

Oct. 15: Took 8 o'clock mass at Fr. Duggys, & preached to the kids after mass. Wanted to gather all their names & addresses but it took too long. Met their football coach, Catholic, who was in charge. (But he didn't last long — seems like when I see a set-up like that, it doesn't last)

1939 Tuesday September 30, 1941 1939

273rd Day—92 days to follow.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

New Super or the School  
Mr. Wright. — N.B. The

Deaf of Texas have been stirring  
up trouble for the former Super,  
Mr. Scott, — took it before the  
State Legislature, & after a long  
set of accusations, true or not  
I don't know, the Super was  
superceded by Mr. Wright.  
Looks like he may be "slight"  
(Didn't mean that as a Pm.)

Both Fr. Dwyer & the children  
were so glad when I told em  
I would come over here & speak  
regularly at the 3rd Sunday of  
each month. — Breakfast at  
St. Ed's. & then visited with the  
President, Fr. Haggerty; and  
as Fr. Dwyer had to go to New  
Brunswick, I phoned Leo Lesky,  
a former Kansas City C.S.S.R.  
priest who with whose family I  
got acquainted, & he drove me  
to the Depot, \* or the depo.  
as we were sitting waiting in  
\* (after a visit with the family, as train was  
late...)

1939

Special Data

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his car, he called my attention to 2 negro girls, sitting in a car next to ours, & signing away. So I walked over & talked with them for a while, & they were so flabbergasted! — As the train was backing into the depot, I met Mr. Martin, the negro super of the school. He asked me over to the school some time to give the children a talk; which I promised I'd do. (made a feeble effort once or twice, but never got over: mostly from lack of time, & not being able to get anyone to drive me there.) — Mary Buttner met me at the depot in Santone & drove me to our Mexican House. Had supper there, & then went over to St. Gerards Bazaar. No luck!

Oct. 16: Had intended going straight down to Laredo from Austin, but figured I'd have Monday just as well, if not even better! — Took the 8:45 a.m. No-Pac. for Laredo, after a tiresome, slow & rickety ride, — uninteresting, with nothing

(LAREDO)

1939.

Special Data

1939

ZARFDO.

but desert, mesquite & cactus to be seen, except for the modern irrigated section.) arrived 1:15 p.m. It was actually drizzling, & somewhat cooler in Laredo!??! Such a pleasant contrast to my other visits to this hot town! — No one to meet me; so I took a light lunch in the depot lunch room, (operated by 2 Catholics who live next to Sutton.) What a perfect stranger insisted on paying for. — Got the bus which took me within a block or so of St. Augustine's. This is a Mexican church, (formerly the Bishop's former See was moved to Corpus Christi,) with Spanish Oblates in charge. — Walked the 2 blocks in the fine drizzle, & on arriving at the Rectory saw a sign in Spanish: "Don't ring the Bell till 3 o'clock." — & here it was just about 2 o'clock! At last, I gave the Bell a push, & waited; but no one showing up,

1939 Wednesday, October 11, 1941

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274th Day—91 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

I walked several blocks back  
to Rendons Tailor Shop —  
(my chief day route) where I met  
several of the Deos; asked them what  
had been arranged, & he said:  
"nothing". (These early days, I  
let it to others, priests & the Deos,  
to arrange for me; but soon learned  
the only way is to make your own  
arrangements to tell em what you're  
going to do!) — Left my bags  
there, & walked a couple of blocks  
to a "Woolworth Store"; invested  
in some filing cards, pencils; &  
back to Rendons. Told him to  
spread the news that I was in  
town, & would speak to the Deos  
at 7:30 p.m., but "Where?", I  
didn't know. — Back to the  
factory at 3, & one of the Padres  
met me at the door, & seemed  
surprised to see me. Asking if  
my letter to Fr. Arribalzaga had  
come, said: "yes, but as Arribalzaga  
had been changed to Austin, they

1939

Thursday, October 2, 1939

275th Day—90 days to follow

	Clear
	Cloudy
	Rain
	Snow

had sent it on to him, of course, that accounted for no answer from him, & for the surprise of the Padre, & for the fact that nothing had been arranged.— Things all explained & set aright. — Decided I should meet & preach in one of the High-School Rooms, because we could never meet in church, because they have some services practically every evening all year around. — As much as I don't like preaching in places other than the Church, I saw the situation & accepted it. — At 7:30, no Deaf showed up so I made the rounds outside the square of buildings and about 7:45, saw the crowd of deaf waiting outside in front of the Church: Some 8 adults & a few children who could speak but knew the signs. — Waited a bit longer

A R E D O.

1939: Friday, October 13, 1941

(289)

276th Day—89 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

for Stragglers, & in the mean time gave each a card (& pencil) on which I had type some questions, such as: Name? Address? Place of Birth & Date? Baptism? Confession? Confirmation? Communion? Married? By Priest? Some had a hard time answering; ~~some~~ a few couldn't read; most didn't know what Confession was; scarcely one had made First Communion. — Wowie! And all adults in the 30's, 40's & over.

Introduced myself, told 'em about myself, how I got interested in the Deaf, my plans, & how I wanted to visit & help them. Then preached on "Salvation." Didn't even follow my paper. They were very attentive, & seemed to have signs very similar, even tho they didn't know most religious signs, & so I spelled plenty. — After the sermon, one of the young girls present,

1939 Saturday, October 1939

277th Day—88 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

daughter of Jose Person, shows me an article she wrote for some paper, advertising my visit & sermon, which I thought very good & sensible of her: (she is a speaking person)

I promised to visit them over a month, on the 3rd Monday, as that was my only chance, (for Sunday was the only day for the school), I all were glad & promised to attend regular. This was the FIRST SERMON & first attention they ever got.

A very good beginning! (and they have since been my best crowd in Texas.)

Oct. 17: Couldn't get out of town before 3:30 Train (unless by bus), so I called up James Mathews, a cousin of the McDowells of Houston who asked me to get in touch with him. He is at the Customs Dept at the River. Took dinner with

1939. Sunday, October 5, 1941 (29)

278th Day—87 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

him & his bachelors party, a young Hollander with a strong Dutch accent in English. A queer pair, patching together, but a splendid pair! — We drove around, but nothing to see in Laredo, & I didn't care to go across the Border. — Left 3:30 & arrived Santurz about 8:30, & met by Mary Bellino (who wanted to be my chauffeur from now on.)

Oct. 18: Went down to St. Mary's in the afternoon to see if anything has been arranged, & again found out that quite "nothing" was done. Fr. Collins, just appointed Superior & Postor of St. Mary's but not yet arrived, so couldn't arrange definitely, and as I heard nothing from my Dog Promoter, Hubert H. deBrandt, decided we needed more organization & cooperation first.

1939 Monday, October 6, 1941 1939

279th Day—86 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

So no sermon. Took mid-night train for Houston.

Oct. 19: Said mass at St. Joseph's, and finally met the new Pastor, Fr. Joseph Sullivan, whom I found to be very much interested in my work & wanted me to continue working from St. Joe's. Again, nothing had been arranged. — so no sermon.

Just congratulate this Texas situation; looks like the Devil doesn't want me to distract the Deaf over here — for I can't seem to get started or get anybody to do anything. What is it?

Oct. 20: Took the slow morning train to New Orleans. —

At Lake Charles, I found out I can now use my Pass on the "Sunset" — the fast train. Good!

1939, Tuesday, October 7/1941

(293)

280th Day—85 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Oct. 22: Sun: Preacher to the N.O. Deaf at 4, & with the same meagre 30 or 40 faithful learned that Mrs. Mossarini, one of my deaf, had died in my absence. — She was well prepared as I used to visit her and bring Com. Many a night, about 11 or 12, I'd be called to see her ~~sick~~ during a heart attack, brought on mostly thru foolish ignorant care of the family and I used had to do anything, but wait for the Doctor to do his part; then she'd come out of it fine. — R.I.P.

Oct. 24: Called to the Charity Hosp. to see Mrs. John Farrell, one of my deaf. — & now quite blind. Has an awful time communicating with her, as she couldn't hear, nor see, nor get the spelling in her hand. But somehow or other, I

1939 Wednesday, October 6, 1941 1939

281st Day—84 days to follow —

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

got her to understand who I was; took her hands and let her feel my Roman Collar, and then spelled my name & gave my sign on her arm.

Oct. 27: GULF COAST: (see p. 166)

Thought of my old Deop on the Gulf Coast, & got Mrs. Dennis Donegan, with a friend of hers, to drive me over there to hunt her up again. Called in at the S.V.D Seminary at Bay St. Louis to get directions from the Father, Fr. Gaspar. He didn't quite remember; same as I. — I just had a general idea where to turn off the Coast High way, after a little distance thru Pox Christian, but we missed it by only one block; then righting ourselves, we headed back along the turtle-back macadam road, thru the pines, over the wooden loose-planked, rattle bridge of the back Bay, & another one over the ~~Fedor~~ River, thru the (Wolf River E)

Thursday, October 9, 1941

(295)

282nd Day—83 days to follow

town (?) of De Lisle till we  
came to the Pine Hill Rd.—  
east & west; then we continued north  
where the road was now sand &  
sand, but no so bad in dry weather.  
On we went, I just remembering  
something about a small church  
as a cross-road, & thought the  
house we were looking for (that  
of Mrs. D. B. Moran) was just a  
bit past said church. Kept on  
the look-out, but recognized no  
land-marks, so on we went on  
north, stopping for information  
whenever we'd see a farm-house,  
which was not too frequent, but  
getting very little. We turned  
back at the church, & finally met  
a yahoo who lead us to where  
Mr. Moran & other men were  
"thrashing" \* pecan-trees. From  
him we got correct directions to  
his home — his wife being a sort  
of general superintendent of Religion  
in these parts — good catholic people.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

1939 ~~Wednesday~~, October 10, 1941. 1939,

283rd Day—82 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

GULFOAT

who try to gather those of the  
Faith & get em to church.  
We should have turned in at a  
side road to our left before get-  
ting to the Church-as-the-cross  
roads. — Luckily Mrs. Moran  
was at home; after recognition,  
she & her sister-in-law dressed  
& came along with us, or we  
should never have found either  
set of deaf. — Found the place  
& ~~that~~ two ~~of the four~~ were at home,  
as the old folks had died during  
the interval of my last visit. —  
Saw the 2 younger ones, 65 &  
68 years old; neither ever had  
received Communion, & knew the  
signs only meagerly; both were  
at Chinchuba School only for one  
year or so. — I had a hard work-  
out with them, tested their own  
religion from the many pictures  
on the bedroom wall; not much  
knowledge except to point to  
heaven & tell their friends, & look  
pious; not bad however!

1939, October [redacted] (29)

284th Day—81 days to follow

Gave em some medals, & promised to come back again. Often we drove some 4 miles further into the woods, along a worming trail — no road — in & out of the pine trees, thru nests of all kinds. We could never have found the house without Mrs. Moran, and even she several times was in doubt which fork of the trail we should take. — Arriving at the poor shack we found a house full of people; old grandma, two strapping, buxom young girls, a couple of children, and the deaf woman, Lillian Moran — her husband not at home, — All were rather shy, & if it hadn't been for Mrs. D. J. Moran who understood their French, I should have been lost with them. As it was, I was lost with the deaf woman, as she had no recognized signs, never having had any schooling,

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

1939 Sunday, October ~~12~~ 1941 1939

285th Day—80 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

I see where I'm going to have a very sweet time if I ever begin to try to teach these folk religion & get them ready for First Com.! I promised to come back.— On the way back, & just as we got on the Pine Hill Rd we had a flat tire. Just lucky for us, we stopped in front of a house where relatives of Mrs. D.B. Moran lived. So she got one of the boys to fix the tire. — Took Mrs. D.B. back home, & then back we went. Distance must be some 17 miles from the Bay, plus the 4 into the woods.

Oct. 30: Sent out about 20 letters to the Catholic Deaf of San Jose & Houston, informing them I CAN visit them now once a month & urging them to attend.

1939 Monday, October 13, 1941 (255)

286th Day—79 days to follow

## NOVEMBER.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Nov. 1: Has ~~previously~~ gotten a letter from Fr. Gillespie of B.R. saying the Deaf kids were all going to see the L.S.U.-vs.TENN Foot-ball game Sunday afternoon; so figured it no use for me to go to B.R. & wired him I'd be up next Sunday.

Nov. 6: Left for Plaquemine, La. to hunt up the Deaf, & to suite for a coming visit to preach to them. — Fr. Robin, the Pastor met me at the depot, and I got a scolding from the house-holds members: Mrs. Robin, Zoe & Cecile, for staying away so long, which is now almost 2 years. It's about time I started working for the Deaf of my home-town! — Robin & I talked late. — Had good sleep.

1939

Tuesday, October 1, 1939

1939

287th Day—78 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Nov. 7: Fr. Champagne, the  
Ass't, drove us about town in  
the a.m. to see the Deaf, &  
met most of them, & told them  
of my future plans. In the  
afternoon, a school-boy drove  
me some 9 miles down the  
outer side of Bayon Plaquevin  
to look for the Acosta's. We  
stopped at "Popp's Store" for  
information & discovered the  
family had moved to Plaque  
mille proper. So back we went  
to find em — & did. — The  
Deaf surely give me a time  
finding them, & even after I'd  
got them, never knew where &  
when they were. — Weather  
dry & roads dusty — sugar-  
cane grinding going on, &  
all mills are busy.

1939. Wednesday, October 15, 1939

(30)

288th Day—77 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Nov. 8: Fr. Robin drove me some 17 miles down this side of the Bayou, along (Bayou) River (to find the Corline's & Simoncay doct). Very dusty! Got information at Jack Miller's & Joffrin's Stores & finally found the Corline place where the road runs up on the River Bank. Corline had waded across (Bayou) River, so missed him; but found Mrs. Simoncay at home. — Guess there'll be no chance, or very small, of their coming for sermon, unless some sacrificing soul would bring them in and then after sermon bring them back — at night. — But where can I find such a Hero? —

Left on afternoon T.P. for Alexandria, arriving about 7pm.

1939

Thursday, October 16, 1941

289th Day—76 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Luckily, I wrote ahead for lodgings, as 2 other priests came in later for lodgings.

Nov. 9: Walked to the Chancery office to see Fr. Howard, the Chancellor, & the Bishop, but neither were home. — Wanted to see the Chancellor first & talk things over with him before tackling affairs with the Bp., esp. since getting those letters from Liverpool asking me to come & speak to the Deaf there. About 2 years ago, the Bp. couldn't quite see the possibility of my going about the Diocese to round up the Deaf. — In afternoon, went over to the Government Hospital in Pinville to see my Brother-in-law.

Friday, October 17, 1941

(303)

290th Day—75 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Nov. 10: phoned Fr. Howard  
in the morning, but found  
he would not be in till noon,  
and as my train left for N.O. at  
10:45, I missed him again.

Nov. 11: Left for Balin Range  
to take care of the kids at the  
Deaf school — about 65 of em.  
and some 30, pre-communion kids,  
attended the late mass.

Nov. 15: Left on No-Pac. 8:55 a.m.  
for Houston. Wanted to call  
on the Bp. at Galveston, but at  
St. Joseph's, I learned he wasn't  
home. — Wrote cards to  
the Deaf of San Antonio,  
Laredo & Houston; & those of  
the Lafayette Diocese telling  
them about of time of my  
coming semi-annual visit.

Nov. 18: Left Houston on a.m. train  
for San Antonio. Has written

1939

Saturday, October 18, 1941

291st Day—74 days to follow

	Clear
	Cloudy
	Rain
	Snow

Mary B. to meet me & drive me up to Austin, but she couldn't do it, nor feeling well, so I took 5:45 p.m. Bus, & arrived about 7:50. — Weather was bad, drizzling. I walked from the Highway & the road was sloppy & gooey with the wet "dobe" mud, and I was slipping all over the road, & seemed with every step to pick up more mud. It was quite a mess when I arrived at the Rectory. shoes all mud, cuffs of pants splattered. After cleaning off the mud & waiting a half-hour, Fr. Dugay & I drove up to Ft. Ed's where, after some time, I finally got a room to sleep over night.

Nov. 19: my mess of 9 instead of 8. Signed the "Our Father & Hail Mary" with the kiss before the Congregation, & other preachers in signs. About 20

Sunday, October 19, 1941

(305)

292nd Day—73 days to follow

kids come, chaperoned by  
2 ladies; the foot-base  
coach was not present. Gave  
each one a card to file out for  
next month. Left a Sign Book  
for the Coach, & 2 for Mr. Wright.  
the new Supr. - Weather grew  
cooler as it cleared. - Took  
afternoon no-Pee. for Santone,  
one hr. late. Stars or Mexican  
house.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Nov. 20 <sup>mon.</sup> Left at 8:45 a.m. for  
Tando. Met a Catholic man  
on train, by name of Boyle,  
whom I found very interesting;  
belongs to Labor Organization  
& gave me lots of information.

I had a fine gathering in the  
evening in the High-School Room;  
12 showed up, together with some  
6 or 8 speaking members of their  
families. - Asked the Sisters  
to write out on the Board,  
"Our Father," "Hail Mary" & "Come  
Holy Ghost."

1939

Monday, October 20, 1941

293rd Day—72 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Explained these first, and preached after words. The poor creatures know so little about Religion; must start from the beginning. They know the "Our Father" while they learn at the school, but with Protestant ending. — The kids present were awfully distracting — and they soon so much to laugh over. — Preached & signed some  $\frac{3}{4}$  hr. & was fairly well truckered out when I got back to the factory. This sign-business can be very exhausting. — Caught me a bit of a cold, but worked it off quickly by keeping body warmer, & some aspirins.

Nov. 21: Left on the 3:30 p.m. for San Antonio. Bro. Lawrence met me at the Depot.

Nov. 22: Was to preach this eve

Tuesday, October 21, 1941

(307)

294th Day—71 days to follow

at 7:30, but did nothing  
of the sort. — Reason? —

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Had left all the Santine & Houston  
cards for the Deos to be mailed  
Saturday by a friend. — She phone  
me Wed. morning, regretfully,  
that some one of the family had  
removed the cards, when dusting,  
& not seeing them where she put  
them, she figures they had been  
mailed. And discovered only  
on Wednesday the mistake. Too  
late to mail now for S.A. Deo! —  
So, no meeting — no seminar!  
However I got the cards for the  
Houston Deos & mailed em  
as once. But after dropping  
them in the mail box, I only  
then realized that the next day  
Thursday was to be "Roosevelt's  
New Thanksgiving Day" (which  
some was named: "Franksgiving  
Day"). & maybe "no mail".

1939 Wednesday, October 22, 1941

295th Day—70 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Some one cheered me with a suggestion, there may be a delivery because some cities of Texas were not observing the new fashion; was a bit dis. appointed over it all, yet had a secret feeling I'd like to get out of work too, — spent to St. Marys in the afternoon to meet the new Pastor, Fr. Collins far more or same, but saw Fr. Kohler, & talked to him about my future at St. Marys.

Nov. 23: "Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Day". — During this change of the Day, some places kept the new Day others would not, but stuck to the old. So I missed Thanksgiving giving Day almost always, as the time I'd be in was celebrating next week, or had celebrated the week before. — Sept

Thursday, October 23, 1941

(309)

296th Day—69 days to follow

San Antonio for Horsin at  
midnight.

	Clear
	Cloudy
	Rain
	Snow

Nov. 24: Fri. Mass at St. Joseph.  
Was hoping all day that the  
Deaf got my cards on time,  
tho that was much to expect.  
They could have gotten the cards  
Friday morning but that is  
not sufficient time, as they may  
have had other arrangements.  
About 7:15 had the church all  
lighted up, & waited outside,  
about 7:30, 2 Deaf showed up:  
Inez Jamail & John Rankin,  
& that was all. - Waited till  
8 o'clock, & then passed to these  
two. — After all was over, Mr.  
& Mrs. Joe Human came to  
see me. I had sent their 14 yr.  
old daughter, Sybil, deaf, a card  
tho they are not Catholic, the girl  
used to go to the Orangetta School  
in N.O., but now is at Austin.

1939. Friday, October 24, 1941

297th Day—68 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Nov. 26: Sunday: About 40 adult Deaf came for services. — Found out that my Father died a few days previous. R.I.P. — Had seen her before I left for Texas.

Nov. 28: Tuesday: Said Mass at 5:30, & got the 8:55 for Gonzales, & got off at Burnside. Had written the Postor saying it's be up his way to take care of his Deaf on this day. Wrote before I left N.O., but no one to meet me. Waited 5 minutes, then walked over a block to the road leading to Gonzales, 7 miles away. Saw a car bearing down on me & recognized Fr. Ganchopp's car. Slowed him down. Car stopped, & a gentleman got out & talked as if he knew me. Said my telegram had come after Fr. G. has left the Rectory, & as he was Postmaster, he has

Saturday, October 25, 1941

(3/11)

298th Day—67 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

seen my cards to the Deog —  
(also knew I had sent the  
Telegram + that Fr. G. had not  
seen it.), so he figured he'd come  
to pick me up. — What could be  
sweeter? — So off we sped to  
Gonzales, + crossed back to the  
towee, when, pow! down went  
a tire (which meant delay); and  
getting out his "spare" found that  
flat too. — He tried to get a car  
from some people about 100 yds  
away, but their car wouldn't go.  
So we waited till a lady drove  
up, + gave her the "spare" to take  
to Gonzales to be fixed. The  
wrecker finally came, + off we  
were — about one hour late.  
Met Fr. G. about a block from  
the church + explaining our delay.  
All the Deog were patiently waiting  
at the church. Glad to see me +  
longer when I told them what the  
delay was. I was to preach at 11  
and it was after 12 now. — Took

1939

Sunday, October 26, 1941

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

299th Day—66 days to follow

dinner first, and then process  
in church on the epistle side  
aisle as the light was coming in  
from that side. I must stand in  
the light for this gang as 2 of them  
are partly blind & have to get at  
just certain angles to see at  
all. — Must sign & spell slow.  
Took care of their confessions, &  
some from all over here, as the  
lads maneuvered the prie-dieu to  
get the right light & glass. I  
must lead the 3 of them (as the  
3rd is blind) in & out of the  
Confessional. — Three of the  
deaf did not show up: the 2  
Gauthreaux, because their mother  
was very sick. — Fr. Gauthroff  
was worrying about the confessing  
of these deaf when they come to him.  
Said: "They don't write their sins  
correctly!" and I reminded him,  
that they were very blind; that  
the Deaf don't have to write their  
sins; so take them as is, & leave  
the rest to God. Said he never  
thought of that, but felt relieved.

Monday, October 27, 1941

(3,3)

300th Day—65 days to follow

Got the 2:45 Bus for B.-R.  
and the 4:50 Train for N.O.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Nov. 30: PLAQUEMINE: my first  
work here in my home-town.

On way to Rectory, stopped at the  
"City Cafe" to insure the coming  
of one of my Deaf who worked there.  
Proprietor said he'd make him come.  
About 6:45, five or six deaf came  
but not the Deaf who live  
some 17 miles down near Bayou  
Sorrel; however the Carlise boy  
came from the other side of the bayou  
that same distance, - as this was  
my first work with this crowd,  
I gave em lots of preliminaries  
about myself & the work for the  
Deaf. Then preached for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr. &  
with them over an hour. - Gave all  
the usual cards to fill out. Pro-  
mised to come oftener, as when they  
were all gone & said they'd attend.  
Preacher in the Parlor of the Rectory  
& it worked out fine.

1939. Tuesday, October 28, 1941

301st Day—64 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

## DECEMBER

Dec. 1: Back to N.O. on afternoon train.

Dec. 2: Up to Baton Rouge again and heard confessions from 2 to 3:30. All showed up.

Dec. 3: Has sufficient time to talk to the children today, & give them an abbreviated story of Christmas. And as they won't be back at school till Jan. 7, I told them I would not see them till the first Sun day of February. — I am going over to Queen's the 2nd Sunday of January, & have that all settled, otherwise I should have come up to B.R. for the 1st Sunday, as Fr. Gillespie suggested. — Wally missed the 4:50 train which was "on time" for a change. We were driving around & had five miles to come,

Wednesday, October 29, 1941

(3/15)

302nd Day—63 days to follow

Dec. 4: Left for my trek  
thru the Lafayette Diocese.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Sent cards to all the Deys first —  
also to all the Pastors, almost all  
of whom answered. —

Arrived here Siberia & no one  
to meet me from Aboeville, tho'  
I had wired. Waited a decent  
while, & then walked up to the  
msgr's, who looked quite surprised  
seeing me & wondered if I were  
to preach this evening or New St.  
G'd. him my predicament &  
he immediately figures helping  
me out. Phoned Aboeville, but  
no answer. Then asked one of  
the Assistants to drive me there,  
which he glosly did. — Arrived  
Aboeville, learned Fr. Danee had  
gone to Blaumont & had com-  
pletely forgotten about me —  
He returned shortly after my ar-  
rival & wondered how I got  
to Aboeville. Expressed his  
regrets for "forgetting"!!!

1937

Thursday, October 30, 1941

303rd Day—62 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

About 7 o'clock, the deej began to arrive, till the Parlor was filled, some 16 of them. 20 or 22 showed up. — Marvelous! Preached at 7:30 & took care of their confessions.

Dec. 5: Had mess for them. & about all showed up for Comm.

Took noon bus for Lafayette & had an hour to wait before getting the train for New Stra. Don't know why I doubted back. — Had to wait till services were over in Church before I could preach to the deej, as that, it was hardly worth while, as only 2 of the 7 came. One was in R.O.; but the others? There is the perpetual wonder & worry of this job! how many will show up? — Weather was good, too. — I preached to the 2: Gardner from Franklin & Fitch, & "heard" their confessions. Gardner's Dad gave me a dollar & the deaf boy asked me to send

DEC

Friday, October 31, 1941

(3,17)

304th Day—61 days to follow

him a sign-book, as I was forgetting his signs. (I send it.)

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

- Dec. 6: Left on afternoon train for Lafayette: again doubling back. — Could not preach in the Cathedral, as the choir were having practice, so preached in the small music room in the basement below the sacristy. Not far at all, tho small; nice & comfortable. — Agreeably surprised at seeing some 10 present. — All young folk, which pleased me immensely, as these young folk are the ones just leaving the State school, & are acquainted with me. — Makes it all more friendly. Two of the boys brought their Protestant wives. Bienville came from St. Martinville.
- Dec. 7: Took post train home.

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DEC.

Dec. 11: RAYNE: Chori practice in Church, so we met over in one of the School rooms, with a dozen or more, together with 6 or 8 speaking people. Heard confessions in the cloak room. About 6 did not come, & from Rayne Wd. nor did the boy from St. Leo.

Dec. 12: WELSH: Fr. Daigle told me of some deg marriages recently. - To my great surprise, 10 or 12 showed up, & four couples of whom were of the recent married; three of the brides I had never before seen, & had been looking them nearly 3 years. All but 2 went to Confession, & most of them turned for Mass & Comm.

Dec. 13: LAKE CHARLES: Fr. Daigle drove me to Lake Charles. Had me a little accident at Welsh; just took 2 pairs of socks with me; washed a

Saturday, November 1, 1941

(319)

305th Day—60 days to follow

pair, just stem on the gas  
heater, & before I could get  
em off in time, big round holes  
were burned in em, so had to  
buy some more in Lake Charles,  
and it hurt to have to buy  
them with thines so worn.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Practiced to 4 Deaf, one a Prot.  
about 7:45, in the house. One  
confession. The good usgr.  
Vigliers gave me 10<sup>00</sup>, — Right  
after the sermon Fr. Robichaud  
arrived & we drove out to Big  
Lake. His house is more  
furnished than at last visit.

Dec. 14: Four of the 5 Deaf came  
at 7:45 — Heard confessions — mass  
& practiced. It was cold; so cold  
my feet were near frozen, &  
had to warm my fingers before  
practicing. — Fr. R. drove me to  
Lake Charles to get the 2 p.m.  
Mass-Pac. for Kinder, to change  
or transfer for Houston.

1939. Sunday, November 2, 1941

306th Day—59 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Dec. 15: Took morning S.R. for Galveston to see Mr. Discott for a Santa Fe Trip. Poss - found him just as nice & accommodating as the first time I met him. - Got the Poss at once; returned to Houston on the fore-noon McRoc.

Dec. 16: Morning train for San Antonio; then 5:45 p.m. Bus for Austin. Staid at St. Ed's.

Dec. 17: Sunday: my mess or Gollock - some 30 children of mess, scattered among the speaking people. - Preacher again during mass - just in signs, & not speaking or same time, I havent as yet learned, nor this speaking & signing or yet all the children handed in this card, answering question now pretty well. McRoc. was 2 hrs. late, so went to hospital to see a Protestant Deaf girl,

Monday, November 3, 1941

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307th Day—58 days to follow

who had shot herself. Expected to see the new Super at the School, but unable to get him over the phone to make an appointment. — Took the "Katy" to San Antonio, & far to pay my way.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Dec. 18: Laredo. — Ten of the 12 day showers up. — again has the Sisters write on board: "Our Father," "Hail Mary" & "Opposite Cues." — Gave each a set of the Prayers-in-signs, which Fr. Higgins got out recently under separate cover. — But they won't learn any more than the "Our Father".

Dec. 19: Back to San Antonio.

Dec. 20: In morning, hunted a deaf boy, Joe Guillot, of Plaza-nova, who was over here for a while, but failed to find him. Visited Fr. Marquay, & got acquainted, finally, with Fr. Collins, Pastor.

1939. Tuesday, November 4, 1941

308th Day—57 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Gathered the Deaf in one of the Assembly Rooms in the School building down-stairs, with some 6 showing up, two of whom were Protestants. — Two were new: Joaquin Rivas, oldest of the Rivas brothers, of whom 2 live in Laredo, and Davis Christopolelli. — They told me that a Lutheran Minister had been coming to San Antonio monthly. — Since I started this work, & esp since I advertised it in the papers, the Protestants have been more alert & zealous (?) — Left on midnight train for Houston.

Dec. 21: It has been all day about the attendance tonight. — and it must have been a bunch! Only 2 showed up: Old lady Bland, who doesn't know the signs well, & Mrs. Norton, with her speaking husband.

DEC Wednesday, November 5, 1941

(323)

309th Day—56 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

As Mrs. Blond can't understand signs, I thought it wasn't worth preaching to her tho, I should have — Mrs. Norton was disgusted too, & promised to help me next time to see all the Deaf.

Dec. 22: Took fast S.P. for N.O.; I was very tired, & with a feeling of something always working against me: — I often thought it may be partly, because I'm not good enough at signing!?! — Tired: — having preached some 16 or 17 times since Nov. 18.

Sometimes I think that Satan doesn't want me to work for the Deaf. — tho, I do, think the good Lord is going to be quite easy on the Deaf! \*

{ Finished transcribing this or comes —  
{ morrow. July 27, 1947) began July 12

1939

Thursday, November 6, 1941

324

310th Day—55 days to follow

RH41
Gibson
RH41
RH41

\* (from page 26:) Fr. Karcher has a tear attack — same kind as I got in March 1947.) -- He's been going ever since, but not with deaf work.

1939

Friday, November 7, 1941

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311th Day—54 days to follow

P. 48-49. Deaf school in N.O.  
Change of method:

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Saturday, November 8, 1941

312th Day—53 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

from page 323.

Satan's work ag. the Deaf.

Father Higgins once told me that Father Galvin, C.S.S.R., of the Eastern Province, who worked for the Deaf said that he was convinced there was diabolical influence working against the Deaf work, in one form or other. — and I've often thought that was surely true, when I'd see everything conspiring against me, esp. in my early days of pioneering:

Sunday, November 9, 1941

377

313th Day—52 days to follow

weather; plans; failure  
of those who were supposed to  
help, or arrange previously;  
lack of interest and understanding  
in higher-ups; bickering  
among well-meaning —  
cooperators.

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

328)

Monday, November 10, 1941

314th Day—51 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

Tuesday, November 11, 1941

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315th Day—50 days to follow

	Clear
	Cloudy
	Rain
	Snow

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Wednesday, November 12, 1941

316th Day—49 days to follow

	Clear
	Cloudy
	Rain
	Snow

Thursday, November 13, 1941

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317th Day—48 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

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354th Day—11 days to follow

Clear
Cloudy
Rain
Snow

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Cloudy
Rain
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	Clear
	Cloudy
	Rain
	Snow

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	Cloudy
	Rain
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