

SAINT BENEDICT'S CHURCH  
304 N. SHEPPARD STREET  
RICHMOND 21, VA.



Oct. 17th, 1945

My dear Mr. Pitassi,

Thanks so much for your letter and for all the details and answers to my questions. I shall be happy to have all our windows during the coming month. They can all be set I hope before Christmas. As to the check for them, I shall be glad to send it to you at any time that you ask for it, now or after the New Year.

The price which you ask for the transom windows is very high compared to the aisle windows. \$350 for a transom window is half that of an aisle window, and the transom window is not half as large as an aisle window. Measured by the eye it is about one third. I think that the price should be nearer \$300 than \$350. \$115 for each baptistery window is all right. My donations will cover these windows and their installation all right, but the transom windows are too much. You told me to ask \$350 for each of these windows and that I did; but that leaves me no money to cover other costs.

Now about the Baptistery windows. I don't like your proposal for medallions and symbols in these windows. The higher windows are all right for symbols and medallions because that is the schema that has been followed out. The baptistery windows should be panelled minatures of the aisle windows. They are plenty large enough for a border and a panel just like the aisle windows. In the panels I would like to have at the left Adam and Eve being cast out of Paradise by the Angel with the flaming sword, to symbolize Original Sin, and the Fall of man. In the middle window, Christ being baptized by St. John the Baptist, to signify the Sacrament of Baptism for the removal of original sin, and in the third window to the right the resurrected Christ to signify the eternal life of grace given by the Sacrament. This schema can be worked in the panels of these windows.

For the right transom window I want Mary Magdalen washing the feet of Jesus with her tears and for the left transom window The Prodigal Son prostrate before his father upon his return home.

I think that covers everything for the present. What shall we do about the small stuff? The sacristy windows and some panel glass in the door at the entrance to the Church? Also the peep windows in stained glass on each side of the entrance?

I shall look forward to your visit to Richmond when the windows are set. I don't know what our photographic adventure will be but will send you a picture if we get one.

Cordially,

Father Leo Frierson, O.S.B.