

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

Aug. 4th '45

My dear Mr. Pitassi,

I had a letter from Father Michael on today's mail in regard to the change in the make-up of our last window. He tells me to make any change that I might like and that it has his blessing. He does not insist on Monte Cassino but from his talk he would like to have it there. I am on your side and upon further thought do not like the idea or think that it will fit, especially after seeing the windows now in place. We could get by with it but I do not think that such a design would be in keeping with our entire schema.

However to make the change is another matter and entirely depends on you. We can not omit the last window and substitute another in the same place. The new window would have to be number VII, the one following St. Boniface. Number eight would be St. Bernard, then number nine would have to remain intact and in its place to balance St. Scholastica across the Church. This is St. Gertrude. Then number X would be St. Anselm and number XI Bishop Haid. To clear the idea:

VI St. Boniface, already in place
VII St. Robert of Molesme
VIII St. Bernard
IX St. Gertrude
X St. Anselm
XI Bishop Haid

What work you have already done on these windows and whether it is too late to make such a change, depends on you. Your color scheme will have to be taken into consideration and your advance work on the windows and your color plans.

One or two other minor changes will have to be effective also. If we make a window to St. Robert, we shall have to take him out of the window to St. Bernard where his name appears as a satellite saint. I imagine that that can be easily done.

On a separate piece of paper inclosed is the new plan if you care to substitute it for the original idea. If you can suggest anything better I would like to hear from you about it.

Of course the donors would remain the same on each window.

Cordially yours,

Father Leo

P.S. Please let me know your decision.

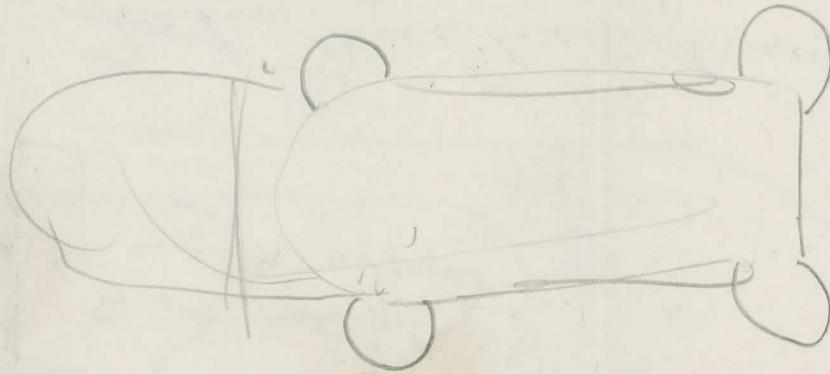
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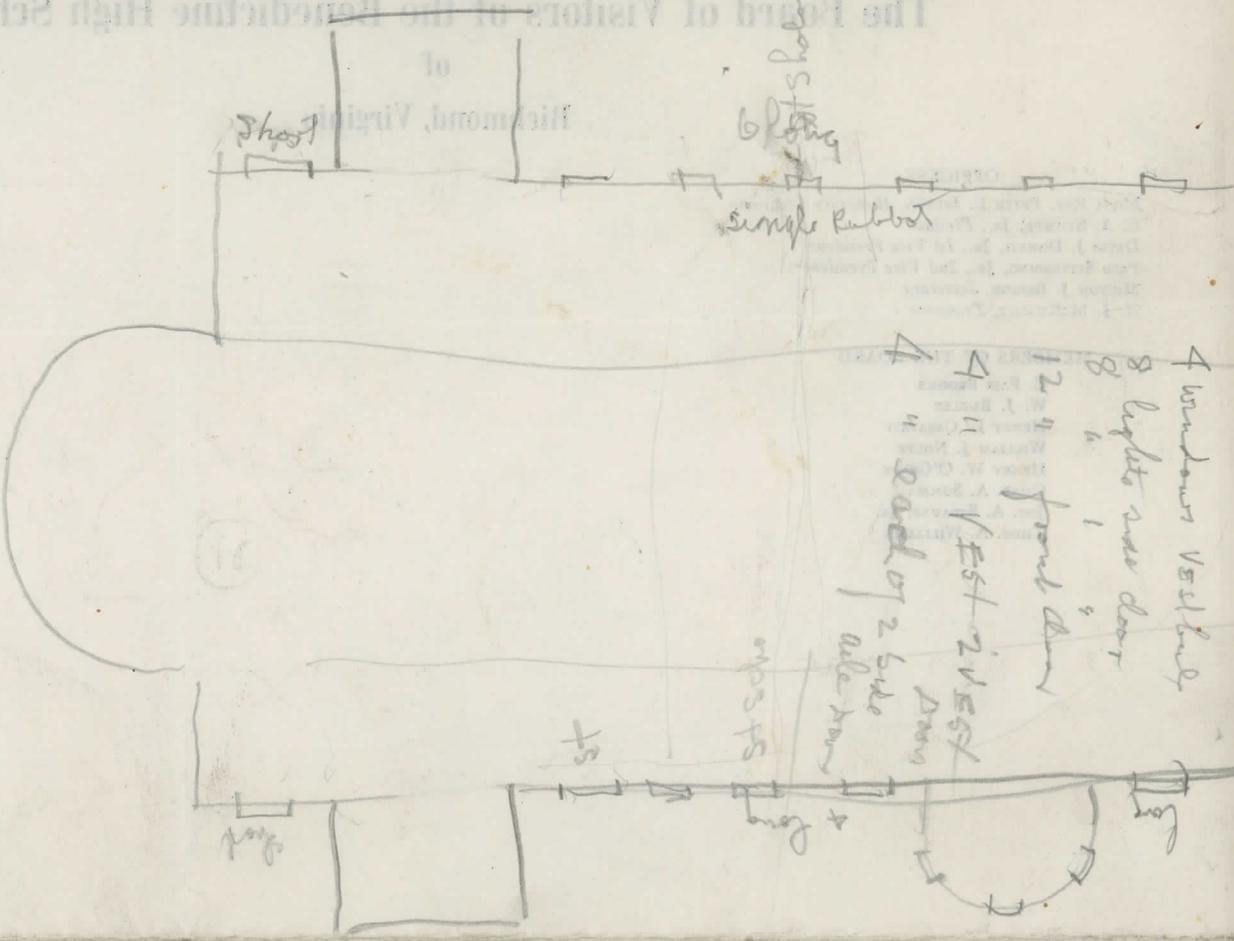
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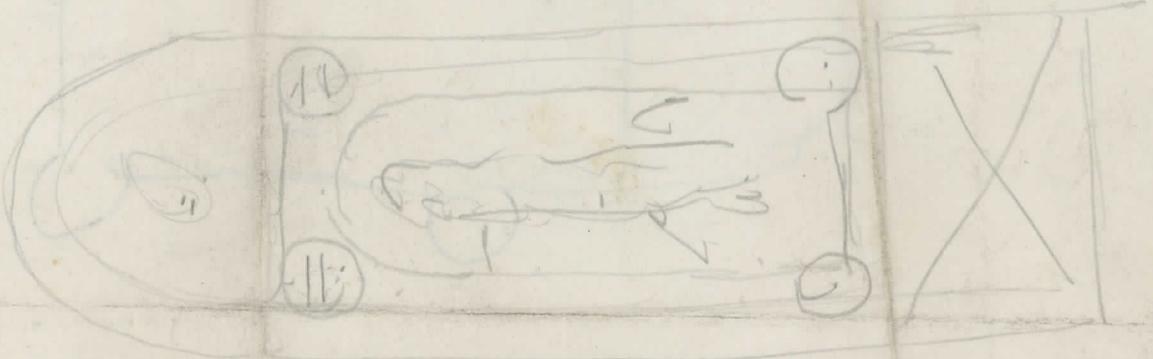
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