

SAINT BENEDICT'S CHURCH  
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My dear Mr. Pitassi,

Your letter came this morning but before answering any questions I want to tell you that Father Michael spent four days with us and left this morning. When I told him that four more windows were in and asked if he had seen them he said "No"; but the first question he asked me was "Do you like them?" Naturally I told him we were extremely pleased and everybody who looked at them admired them. We walk over to the Church and he stood for a few moments looking at them and then said, "They are beautiful. The finest thing Pitassi has ever done."

Now to business. The transportation man will call for the empty crates today after promising to come for the past week. I am shipping five. One of them is torn to pieces.

In regard to the order of the windows your proposed change is all right with me. We can put St. Gertrude in no. 10 and Bishop Haid in no. 11. The only reason that we wanted St. Gertrude in no. 9 was to balance St. Scholastica across the Church in no. 3. Remember? She should have come in no. 2 instead of St. Gregory but Father Michael made me shift her to no. 3 to balance St. Gertrude in no. 9.

If we shove St. Gertrude in no. 10 then the balance will be thrown off, but in looking over the Church and studying the windows I do not think that that will make much difference. The figures are such that the balance will not mean much anyway. Any figure will balance another the way you have portrayed them.

Use your own judgement. I think that your new order will be all right.

Father Michael called my attention to the windows in the sacristy of the Church. He said that they too ought to be stained glass and we forgot to measure for them. Perhaps at some future time we can take care of that. He said that the sacristy windows ought to contain cheap glass leaded but just coss diamonds or something. He said that you would know.

I can't find out whether Robert wore a black or white habit. I would prefer him in black but you can put him in white if the contrast would make a better effect on the group as a whole.

Best to you,

*Father Leo*  
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