

ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH

304 N. SHEPPARD STREET

RICHMOND, VA.

July 28th, 1945

My dear Mr. Pitassi,

I have been away for the month of July and have just returned last evening. Upon my arrival I find that the second four windows have not only arrived but have been already installed in St. Benedict's in the planned order.

I think that they are very beautiful and the people and donors are raving over them. The color contrast is outstanding and very effective. In spite of what Father Michael might think they do enhance and enrich our Church. Now for three points:

First, I shall send you the check for \$1400. on Monday as soon as I can get to the bank. I left instructions with Father Rembert for the \$1700. but did not know at the time that you would be ready for payment on any of the last five. He had no authority from me at the time of my departure to make any further payments.

Second, In one of the small memorial windows in the baptistery there is one with the memorial to Mr. Purcell. Since this donation Mrs. Purcell has also just died Please make the memorial to Mr. and Mrs.

Third, Since you had trouble getting your boxes, would you

like me to ship back to you the six boxes that I have saved from the shipment of the first six windows? Or would it be worth it?

And lastly about Monte Cassino. The more I think of it the more I would like to change the design. I have an idea of making window number eight the figure of St. Robert of Citeaux with four other abbots of the Cluny chain from which sprang St. Bernard, and then make St. Bernard number ~~nine~~^{ten} and push the others down one place with the final elimination of the Destruction of Monte Cassino. Bishop Haid would be the last. I do not know how it would effect your color scheme but, if such a new arrangement were made, St. Robert would be number eight, St. Gertrude, nine, opposite to St. Scholastica, then St. Bernard ^{ten} and finally Bishop Haid.

I could make this decision without consulting Father Michael but Monte Cassino is his pet idea and I am sure that he will insist on it. I will tell him that I do not want it that way and see what his reaction will be. Will write to him now.

Kepp up the good work,

Father Leo Frerison 02/13