

July 17, 1928

Rev. Leonard Azcona,
CITY.

Dear Father Azcona:

In replay to your letter of July 12, let me say that I am very much grieved to see you make the request you have made about the school. It would be undignifying to your position as pastor for you to be relieved of the responsibility of the school, which I consider the real pastoral work of the priest, or of paying the debts of the parish. You must not be unmindful of the fact that more money has been given to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, this City, by people not members of the congregation than to all of the churches combined in Kansas City.

You asked to be relieved also of paying the interest on the small debt in comparison to the amount that has been expended for your church and you promised that you can pay the principal. I regret that I cannot comply with your request to be relieved of the burden of the school or of the obligation of paying the interest on your loan, and as you say it is utterly impossible for you to continue on with this work, I will relieve you of the charge of the parish and will do so by the first of September and I will make such arrangements for the conducting of the school and for taking care of the spiritual welfare of the people as I possibly can.

May I ask you not to make any announcement that you are departing from the parish by the first of September until such a time as I maybe able to inform you who will take up the work after Sept. 1st.

I want to thank you and your Fathers for what you have done in the Diocese and in any way I can be of service to you I want you to feel at liberty to call on me.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

T. F. Lillis

Bishop of Kansas City Diocese.