

Jan. 11, 1936.

Rev. Father Franchinotti,  
Holy Rosary Church,  
CITY.

Dear Father:

When I wrote you a few days ago stating that the priest that had been helping you for some months should not return to Kansas City and that his faculties had ceased, I did want to say more than I said in that letter, that is, I feel that you are doing all that you possibly can. No complaint is ever made against you by your people because of anything that you may be doing or because of your management of the parish, but there is a constant complaint coming from the Italian people that there should be more English in the church and I believe myself that we must have an English priest working with you if we hope to keep the young people.

The priests who have been assisting you that are from outside the City are not able to talk English and this complaint is made.

You at your leisure can talk this matter over in much detail with Monsignor Keuenhof and I think we can come to some adjustment where the children and the growing up congregation can have English, — naturally they are going to talk English and eventually there will be no other language here in Kansas City but the English, so we must provide for the future.

I was glad to see you looking so well and with every good wish for the New Year, I remain,  
Sincerely your friend in Christ,  
Thomas F. Lillis  
Bishop of Kansas City.