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St. Thomas Seminary
Bloomfield, Connecticut

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Your Excellency;

First of all I would like to begin by introducing myself; my name is Edward Donelan. I am a student here at St. Thomas Seminary in the first year of college. I have just finished a two year prep and refresher course at this seminary which was needed to gain the necessary credits to enter college, and to get back to studies after spending almost three years in the service. My home is in Fitchburg, Mass. in the Springfield Diocese.

I have always been interested in the priesthood, but due to various circumstances have been unable to do anything about it up to this time.

There is nothing I would like better than to spend my priesthood working among the American Indians, and that is precisely why I am writing to you now. I have talked this over with my confessor and was advised to write to places where this type of work was being done. According to the Catholic Directory this type of work is carried on in your Diocese.

I am willing to accept whatever God wants, but as far as I am able to discover it all turns to missionary work among the Indians.

Is there any possibility of your needing men for this type of work, or do you foresee any for the future? I would appreciate your contacting me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Edward F. Donelan