

URGENT MEMO:

Dear Friend:

I am sending you this urgent message because St. Joseph's Indian School is facing a critical situation.

We are running out of funds and space to take in more abused and neglected Indian children.

Over 200 Indian boys and girls, many of whom never knew their parents -- or had a decent home to live in...

...have had to be turned away this year!

It is a real tragedy to have to turn down any of these first Americans -- because he or she has already experienced more than enough of life's cruelties!

Plans must be undertaken immediately so this doesn't happen again.

I must turn to you for help because although St. Joseph's Indian School has been a haven for Sioux children since 1927, we are now facing a serious shortage of funds.

Many of our children have been abused or neglected because one or both parents have abandoned them -- or beaten them -- or just could not take care of them any longer.

Sometimes the children are referred to St. Joseph's by case workers because they have no real home.

In fact, for most cases, these youngsters have never known a permanent home life.

Our school must depend entirely on gifts from friends like you because we receive no state or federal funds.

Unemployment often runs 60% or better on most of the reservations...and these Indian people are living in miserable and abject poverty.

Without an education, no Indian child would have a chance to break out of the poverty and misery their families live in -- or be able to find their way in the white man's world.

To be honest...it really breaks my heart to have to turn down any Indian child who wants to come here...because I have seen what kind of life they have been living.

We've been helping Indian children for over 50 years here at St. Joseph's by providing them with...

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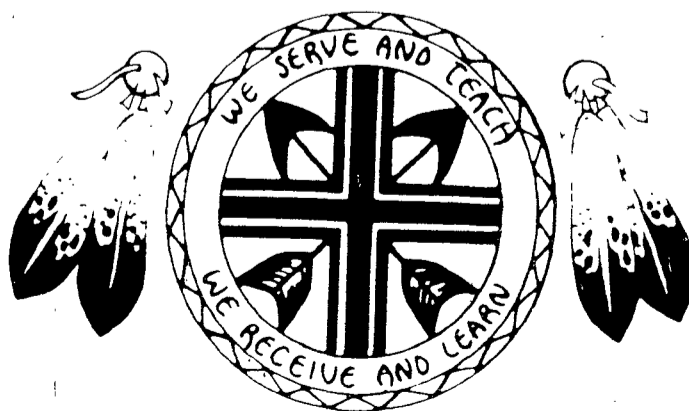


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