

MURPHY Joseph

1908 - 1975

Confidential Report:

Name: Joseph Leo Murphy Age: 42  
Dates: Birth May 1<sup>st</sup> 1908 First Vows: SEPT 8-1930 Ordinations: JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> 1936  
General estimate of your own health: Good  Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor \_\_\_\_\_  
Does poor health hinder you in your ministry? Generally No Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ Rarely \_\_\_\_\_  
Chronic Ailments: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Will and Testament:

Have you made a will which is valid according to civil law? I.e. if your will was made at the Novitiate before you were 21, did you revalidate it? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No   
Have you sent a copy of your will to the Provincial House? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  Uncertain \_\_\_\_\_

Preferences:

Besides your present duties is there any special type of work in which you are more particularly interested? E.g. Preaching missions \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching \_\_\_\_\_ Social Work \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth work \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) Parish Work

Superiors (now in office) DIRECTOR

Date app. to 1st term JUNE 6<sup>th</sup> 1948 House Oblate Mission House  
or  
Date app. to 2nd term \_\_\_\_\_ District San Fernando - Calif.

Obediences (List obediences since ordination)

	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Position:</u> (pastor, ass't, other)	<u>Date appointed:</u> (approximate)
1.	<u>Prince Rupert Br. Columbia</u>	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	<u>1936 - Sept</u>
2.	<u>Lejac Br. Columbia</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>1938</u>
3.	<u>O.L.B. San Antonio, Texas</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>1939 - Sept.</u>
4.	<u>St. Louis Cathedral - New Orleans</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>1940</u>
5.	<u>Mission House - San Fernando</u>	<u>MISSIONARY</u>	<u>1943 - June</u>
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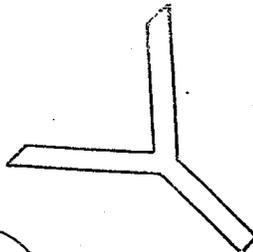
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June 30, 1953

Rev. Joseph Murphy, O. M. I.  
Oblate Mission House  
San Fernando, California



My dear Joe:

Was very happy on my return two days ago, to find your kind letter of June 19th, with the expression of your willingness to remain and continue on the mission Band on the West Coast for another year.

Certainly, I am most grateful to you for this kindness which eases my burden, as I have so many other letters on my desk, requesting a change.

Had a wonderful trip and feel refreshed to tackle the pile of work now on the desk. I do plan to make a business call on the West Coast before the summer is over.

With every personal regard and sincere good wish to you and all the Fathers, I am,

Fraternally and faithfully yours in M. I.,

Father Nicholas, O. M. I.,  
Provincial

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## OBLATE MISSION HOUSE

15151 MISSION BOULEVARD  
SAN FERNANDO MISSION  
SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA

June 19th., '53.

Very Rev. N. Tanascovic, OMI,  
1900 McCullough Ave.,  
San Antonio, 12, Texas.

Dear Father Provincial,

If you recall on your last visit here that you told me to write to you in June to tell you how I felt as to the situation here. We have just finished retreat here and I have given the matter serious thought during these days. I am perfectly happy and content in the work, as you know, and I feel that I can go on here for another year. My previous feeling was, that I thought I was too long in the area, but the solution to that was new work which we have been doing and which we have lined up for next lent. I leave it up to you. All I want you to know is that I am perfectly content to stay on here. You have been very kind and considerate of me in listening to my woes, and I want you to know that I appreciate your sympathetic understanding of the situation.

As you will see from our report, we have had an excellent season. For the first six months, January to June, we have sent in four thousand dollars to the Provincial House; this with roughly over two thousand for expenses, and we have a balance of over sixteen hundred. We have a fine community with fitting in very nicely and doing good work. He and Brother will stay at the rectory and and myself move to Wilmington where is prepared to keep us. I will not bother you any more as I can well realize the state of mind you are in, just returning from Rome, and so many things coming up.

Once again many, many thanks  
for your kindness and understanding,

Sincerely in Mary,

*Joseph L. Murphy O.M.I.*

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November 24, 1952

My dear Joe:

Just received your letter this morning, and you do not know how much I appreciated your kindness and the cooperation you offer me.

It will help me out of a difficult situation, if you can carry on longer, but of course, I would not want to hurt your health in any way. Nevertheless, if, as you suggest, you can continue until June, it will be a great help, until I can get all the replacements lined up.

I believe that I must relieve \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as possible. So he will be the first to be changed from the Mission Band, and I plan to replace him with \_\_\_\_\_ After Eddie gets started a little bit here, I will send him to replace \_\_\_\_\_ who is lined up for another work. That will give you a while to break \_\_\_\_\_ in on the Coast, before changing you. Thus our continuity of work will go on, and the transfers will be made smoothly without interrupting our programs.

You do not know, then, how much you have helped me out in the situation that had me worried for a while.

I do expect to go to California before too long, and will see you. So, thanks a million, again, Joe, and be assured of my deep appreciation for this help.

With every sincere regard and personal good wish to yourself, to your Fathers and to good little Brother (and do not forget me to \_\_\_\_\_, I am, always,

Gratefully and devotedly in M. I.,

Father Nicholas, O. M. I.,  
Provincial

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## OBLATE MISSION HOUSE

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Nov. 21st., '52.

Very Rev. N. Tanascovic, OMI, Provincial,  
1900 McCullough Ave.,  
San Antonio, 12, Texas.

Dear Father Provincial,

I apologize for the delay in answering you, but I have been away for the week, and this is my **first opportunity** to do so.

I am in complete sympathy with the unfortunate situation you are in as regards the mission band, and mentioned so in my first letter. You asked me to be frank, and so I shall, and also brief. Consequently, in preference to preaching in Texas, it would be better for me to stay on here, and I offer to do so, say until next June, both to help you out, and relieve an apparently awkward situation which has developed. Briefly then it is this. I would not wish to preach missions in Texas; To relieve a situation, then I am willing to carry on here for awhile. In all sincerity, I feel like a very poor religious indeed, with all this expression of one's will. However, I feel that you do understand conditions. The rest is in your hands now, and whatever decision you come to, with God's help I hope to accept.

With thanks for your kind consideration and thoughtfulness,

Sincerely in Christ

*Joseph L. Mocco*

November 14, 1952

My dear Joe:

I brought up your request to the Provincial Council this week, to be relieved at least for a year from your duties as a missionary. It happened at the same time that we have \_\_\_\_\_, preaching missions over here, whom the Doctors advise to have a change of work. I was wondering if it would meet your wishes to be transferred to the <sup>AVA</sup> Mission Band in Texas?

Please be frank and tell me if that would be agreeable or not.

I would write more to you now, but I am just snowed under with work after the council meeting and the Chapter this week. But be assured that you and your fathers are in my thoughts, and that I want to do whatever I can to help each one.

I will have a difficult time and problem in replacing, at the same time, both yourself and \_\_\_\_\_ and I suppose you know there is also something in the cards for \_\_\_\_\_. That creates a tremendous problem for me to reorganize practically all our English-speaking Mission Band at one time. So, if just a transfer from the West coast to the Mission preaching over here would satisfy you, it would help me tremendously. However, be frank, because I do want to help you all I can.

With my very best wishes and sincerest regards, I am,

Fraternally and faithfully yours in M. I. .

Father Nicholas, O. M. I. ,  
Provincial

Rev. Joseph Murphy, O. M. I.  
Oblate Mission House  
San Fernando, California

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October 2, 1952

My dear Joe:

Received your letter a few days ago, and am sorry to be a little late answering it, as we had the Council meeting this week.

While I will regret very much changing you, however, of course you can only be the judge if it is necessary to do so. However, if possible, I would like if you could carry on for a few more weeks, as you will recall in my circular letter of the holding of Chapters, I mentioned that the Book of Regulations, requested Provincials not to make any changes until after all the elections were over. So I will appreciate very much if you will carry on a while yet, and let me know about the end of this month, how you feel definitely in the matter.

I imagine that it must be quite annoying for you and the Fathers to have all that building going on near your Mission House. We have everything set now to go ahead on the building of the Rectory-Mission House, and all we need is the final word of the Archbishop.

Keep well, and remember me to all the Fathers and Brother. Also include \_\_\_\_\_ who was so good to me during my visit. With every best wish and kindest personal regard, as always,

Fraternally and faithfully in Mary Imm.,

Father Nicholas, O. M. I.,  
Provincial

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Sept. 27th., '52.

Very Rev. N. Tanascovic, OMI, Provincial,  
1900 McCullough Ave.,  
San Antonio, 2, Texas.

Dear Father Provincial,

This letter I am about to write, has been given long and serious deliberation. Counsel, also has been sought on it. All of the elements and angles involved have been considered, most important of which, was, the probability of placing upon the shoulders of the Provincial, another burden. It is then, with great reluctance that I write.

Briefly and simply it is this; I am, after mature deliberation, petitioning for a change of work. The time has come when I feel that it is necessary for me to get away from the mission work for at least a year or two, and then I'll gladly go back to the preaching again. Only too well do I realize that this is very likely to create a probelm for you, but please believe me when I say that I feel that I just cannot go on any longer.

With all good wishes,

Respectfully,

*Fr. Joseph L. Murphy S.M.*

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February 16, 1952

My dear Joe:

A little note to acknowledge your very nice letter of February 11th, as I leave this morning to make a visitation of St. Alphonsus parish. (I will give you a scoop: [ is the new pastor there. ])

Thanks very much for your kind remembrance. You are too good to me. But it does take care of my many expenses in traveling.

I did propose to go West in a few weeks, but at your suggestion, will try to leave it until after Easter. Then, too, it is always best to go West, when it gets warm in Texas.

Do not work too hard during Lent. Remember me to your Fathers and Brother and with every best wish to yourself, as always.

Fraternally and devotedly in M. I.,

Father Nicholas, O.M.I.  
Provincial

Rev. Joseph Murphy, O.M.I.  
Oblate Mission House  
San Fernando, California

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## ASSIGNMENTS

- 1) Prince Rupert Br. Columbia Ass. Sept. 1936.
- 2) L<sup>id</sup> of Lake College, San Antonio, Texas " 1939
- 3) St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, La. ASS. " 1940
- 4) Mission House San Fernando, Calif. Preacher. 1945
- 5) Sacc. Heart Brawley, Calif. Pastor. " 1955
- 6) Mission House, Oakland California. " 1956
- 7) Mission House San Fernando " 1957
- 8) Mission House Oakland California " 1963
- 9) St. Rose Crockett Calif. ASS. " 1969 ?

