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Dear Mr. Skenandore:

We are grateful that Loretta Metoxen hand delivered the reaction to our letter of June 17th relative to the improvements at Sacred Heart Center.

At a meeting of the Board of Consultors for the Diocese of Green Bay on June 7th, as you know, I was authorized to request the sum of \$1,170,000 outright for the facility. The Board of Consultors, however, also authorized me to negotiate that figure to as low as \$1,000,000. From what I learn from Miss Metoxen, there is the possibility of future negotiations regarding that figure or some type of payment toward that amount, something I believe could most efficiently be discussed at a joint meeting of Tribal representatives and our Diocesan Board of Consultors.

Although the next Board of Consultors meeting is scheduled for September 13th, I would be willing to call an emergency meeting for the afternoon of August 23rd or August 31st. If you would give me some idea of the availability of Tribal representatives for such a meeting on either of those dates I would approach our Board for their presence at our office here.


In addition, may I assure the Oneida Business Committee that the Diocese faces a cash flow problem in virtue of the fact that it is centralizing all of its activities, offices, etc., on the grounds of the former St. Joseph Home for Children on the East side of Green Bay. This new facility will provide all of the space that we need for programs that we formerly would have directed toward Sacred Heart Center. Consequently, as I emphasized with Miss Metoxen, very shortly we will have very little if any use at all for Sacred Heart Center for any of our affairs. The Keenager Corporation is not a diocesan agency, but a separate activity, and were the Tribe to purchase the building it would need to negotiate directly with that Corporation about the future presence of the Keenager Program at Sacred Heart Center.

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I trust we can hear from you very quickly by telephone so that we might arrange for that special meeting to further negotiate your interest in the Center and our interest also of disposing of the Center to the Oneida Tribe.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Aloysius J. Wycislo
Apostolic Administrator

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Joint commission proposed for Oneida jurisdiction

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by Pat O'Donahue
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A joint commission to deal with jurisdictional matters regarding the Oneida Indian Tribe has been proposed for adoption by Brown and Outagamie counties next month.

A resolution to establish the "Brown-Outagamie-Oneida Jurisdiction Commission" will be on the agenda of the Brown County Finance Committee Sept. 7, and if accepted by that committee will come before the Brown County Board for approval Sept. 21. Asked about the proposed action, County Corporation Counsel Ken Bukowski said the idea for the commission was not precipitated

by any one factor, "but there have been a whole lot of issues" regarding the Oneidas and their relationship to area governmental bodies.

The counties want to "establish a seven member commission to direct and give guidance to that litigation" which involves the Oneida Indian Tribe, its members or agencies, in jurisdictional matters, Bukowski said. He added that he, Green Bay City Attorney James Simmonds, and Richard Hamilton from Outagamie County are now consulting with Indian law experts and, with the idea of eventually hiring someone to represent the counties, may have a recommendation for the proposed commission and the two county

boards by the end of September.

One of the purposes of the commission, Bukowski said, will be to try to get a resolution of all current issues pending between the tribe, its members and agencies, and the governmental bodies.

The commission will attempt to determine "is there is a reservation, and if so, what are its boundaries? And if there is a reservation, and its boundaries can be determined, what effect does that have on the tribe and its relationship with other governmental bodies and their responsibilities and jurisdiction," Bukowski said. According to a proposed contract between

the two counties, to be executed if both county boards approve the enabling resolution, jurisdictional problems involve the issue of whether there has been diminution or establishment of the original (Treaty of 18 boundaries of the Oneida reservation. The contract also suggests that one method of resolving these questions is to litigate through the court systems the question of Oneida jurisdiction vis-a-vis jurisdiction municipalities, including towns, cities, villages and counties.

The proposed commission would be an agency for focusing on such litigation as legal representative of both Brown and Outagamie counties.

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