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Rules for  
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M. Friedman, Esq.,

Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Penna.

Sir:

The question of providing suitable facilities for the religious instruction of children in the several Indian schools in accordance with the tenets of each church has been a fruitful source of trouble throughout the Service except at a few places, one of which notably is yours. The Carlisle plan of religious instruction in a Government school seems to have provoked little, if any opposition from any religious association.

It is proposed to apply a similar set of rules vigorously to all the schools of the Service, but before issuing such a circular your views on such modifications or changes as in your opinion would improve the plan now in operation at Carlisle, are requested.

The rules in force at your school as I understand are as follows:

1. Pupils must attend the respective Churches to which they belong or for which their parents or guardians express a preference.
2. No pupil can change Church membership without the knowledge of the Superintendent and consent of parents or guardians.

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3. Pupils belonging to no Church are urged to affiliate with some denomination- preference being left to the pupil.
4. Proselyting among pupils by pastores, employees or pupils is strictly forbidden.
5. It is urged and expected that method and promptness and a pervasive desire to co-operate with the discipline and aims of the school characterize the work of those to whom the spiritual interests of the pupils are entrusted.
6. Two hours on week days are allowed Church authorities for religious instruction, the hours decided upon being Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from six to seven o'clock.
7. Regular and compulsory attendance is demanded on the part of all pupils at the regular Sunday services conducted by the chaplain of the School.
8. Denominations, however, whose membership is sufficiently large to constitute a representative body, desiring their own religious services will have their religious sensibilities respected by being excused from this service, provided that the minister or the priest will conduct services in the school at the same hour at a hall designated by the Superintendent.
9. All pupils will have every facility in attending confession and Communion, by handing their names to their religious instructors, and these in turn handing the names to the matron or disciplinarian,- this as a precaution to account for the presence of the pupils.
10. Church and Mass attendance on Sunday at hours fixed by the respective pastors will be strictly insisted upon by the school authorities.
11. Truancy, tardiness or misconduct on the part of pupils attending church or Sunday School, either in town or at the School, must be promptly reported to the Superintendent.
12. For special services in town or at the school, special permission, granted at least a day in advance, must be secured.

It has always been the scope and aim of the School to inculcate the highest lessons of morality, and it realizes that in doing so the Churches are a most potent auxiliary, and as such the School will always zealously and heartily co-operate with them and employ every means to widen their influence and increase their efficiency.

Please give this matter early consideration and  
as promptly as possible answer.

Very respectfully,

*(Signed) J. H. Dortch,*  
Chief Education Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Subject:- UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Religious work among students. Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., August 13, 1909.



The Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have your Office letter marked "Education, J.H.D." dated August 12, 1909, concerning the question of providing suitable facilities for the religious instruction of students in Indian schools, and in which the rules of Carlisle are quoted for the purpose of drawing out any further suggestions which would tend, if applied to other schools, to bring about peace and contentment as between the school and the church.

I have looked over the rules which you have sent regarding the work at Carlisle, and have taken the liberty of altering them in some few particulars as you will see by a comparison with the enclosed list of rules which I herewith submit.

In getting out a circular on this subject, I would suggest that two things be taken into consideration; first, No set of rules, no matter how perfect nor complete, would satisfactorily solve this question unless the provisions thereof are

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carried out absolutely impartially and no concessions, special privileges, etc., are granted to any one church or pastor which cannot consistently be granted to all the churches and pastors. A rule of this kind is noted in the body of the Rules which I am submitting. Second, superintendents should be held personally responsible for carrying out the provisions of regulations of this kind emanating from your Office, and they should be charged not only with the need of co-operation, but of the danger of allowing their personal prejudices or church affiliations to bias them in any way.

By adhering carefully to the regulations and rules which are presented herewith there now obtains at the Carlisle school absolute peace and contentment on the part of the pupils and pastors and priests.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Rules governing the Catholic pupils of the Carlisle school for your information.

Very respectfully,

  
Superintendent.

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Rules Governing Religious Instruction.

1. Pupils must attend the respective Churches to which they belong or for which their parents or guardians express a preference.
2. No pupil can change Church membership without the knowledge of the Superintendent, and without gaining the written consent of parents or guardians, unless when pupils are more than eighteen years of age. In the latter case they are required to present their request for such change of membership in writing, after which the matter is referred to their pastor or to the priest and the consent of parents or guardians is not demanded.
3. Pupils belonging to no Church are urged to affiliate with some denomination - preference being left to the pupil.
4. Proselyting among pupils by pastors, employees or pupils is strictly forbidden.
5. It is urged and expected that method and promptness and a pervasive desire to cooperate with the discipline and aims of the school characterize the work of those to whom the spiritual interest of the pupils are entrusted.
6. One hour on week days is allowed Church authorities for religious instruction. Protestant pastors are granted from six to seven o'clock on each Thursday evening. Owing to the large number of Catholic pupils, groups of large boys, of small boys, and of all the girls are given instruction from six to seven o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening of each week respectively.
7. Regular and compulsory attendance is demanded on the part of all pupils at the regular Sunday services conducted by the pastors of the different Churches in the city.
8. Denominations, however, whose membership is sufficiently large to constitute a representative body, desiring their own religious services, will have their religious sensibilities respected by being excused from this service, provided that the minister or priest will conduct services in the school at the same hour at a hall designated by the Superintendent.
9. All pupils will have every facility extended them in attending confession and Communion, by handing their names to their religious instructors, and these in turn handing the names to the matron or disciplinarian, - this as a precaution to account for the presence of the pupils.

10. Church and Mass attendance on Sunday at hours fixed by the respective pastors will be strictly insisted upon by the school authorities, in all cases.

11. Truancy, tardiness, or misconduct on the part of pupils attending church or Sunday School, either in town or at the School, must be promptly reported to the Superintendent.

12. For special services in town or at the school, special permission, granted at least a day in advance, must be secured.

13. In order to carry out all these rules harmoniously, it is necessary at all times that no one pastor should be granted any privileges that can not be given to any other pastor and that no restrictions be placed on any one pastor or the pupils belonging to his church that would not be placed on any other pastor under the same conditions.

14. Provision should also be made for the very excellent work that is being done by the Young Women's and the Young Men's Christian Associations; that they should be granted every possible facility for carrying on the undenominational and union work they are doing and that there should be no interference from any Church or pastor tending toward restricting any pupil from becoming a member of and a worker with the other pupils belonging to such organizations.

15. It has always been the scope and aim of this School to inculcate the highest lessons of morality, and it realizes that in doing so the Churches are a most potent auxiliary, and as such the School will always zealously and heartily co-operate with them and employ every means to widen their influence and increase their efficiency.

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**Rules**  
Governing Catholic Pupils  
at the  
**U. S. Indian Industrial School**  
**Carlisle, Pa.**



Owing to the large number of Catholic Pupils attending the United States Indian Industrial School, Carlisle, Pa., and on account of the limited and inadequate seating capacity of St. Patrick's Church for the congregation and pupils, the appointment of a special Catholic Chaplain has become an imperative necessity. Accordingly, with the beginning of the year 1908, a specially designated priest will fill that position. The Superintendent of the School and the Rector of St. Patrick's Church mutually agree on the following plan of action, which will govern the School, the Chaplain and the Sisters in all their School work.

- I. The customary instructions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 6 o'clock to 6:50 p. m., will be continued as heretofore, Monday being devoted to the large boys; Tuesday to the small boys; Wednesday to all the girls.
- II. Attendance at these instructions is compulsory on the part of Pupils. All absentees will be reported by the Sisters in writing to the Matron or Disciplinarian of the girls' or boys' quarters.
- III. Additional time at the discretion of the Superintendent will be granted for special religious work, choir rehearsals, etc.
- IV. On all Sundays, weather permitting, pupils will attend their special mass at St. Patrick's Church, Carlisle, Pa., at 9:30 o'clock a. m. Promptness must be rigidly maintained in this rule.



- V. The Superintendent shall decide when pupils cannot come to town on Sundays. In that event, ample time will be taken by the school to notify St. Patrick's Rectory and St. Katharine's Hall that Chaplain and Sisters can report on time for mass at the School, which will be at 9 o'clock a. m.
- VI. Confessions will be heard every Sunday morning from 7 to 8 o'clock in St. Patrick's Church for Indian pupils exclusively. Pupils going to confession must give their names to the Sisters, who in turn will give written lists of these pupils to the Disciplinarian or Matron.
- VII. On days when mass is in town, Communion will be given at the parish church at the early mass, 8 o'clock a. m. Breakfast will be given at St. Katharine's Hall by the Sisters.
- VIII. On Sundays when it is thought unwise and unsafe to permit pupils to come to town, other arrangements for Communion can be agreed upon by the Superintendent and Chaplain.
- IX. The compulsory Sunday services are: Mass at 9 o'clock a. m., when at School. Mass at 9:30 when in town; Sermon and Benediction at 3:15 p. m. at School. The evening services will be held in a specially designated room at 7 o'clock. They will consist of devotions of the Sodality, League of the Sacred Heart—for adults. The evening devotions are not compulsory.
- X. The occasions when pupils will be allowed to attend evening services in town will be the evening after Christmas, when they will render their annual Christmas Carols; Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of the Forty Hours' Devotion, to advanced pupils only.
- XI. In the event of Pupils being seriously sick prompt information will be given to the Chaplain.
- XII. In case of death, the funeral obsequies will be held at the school and interment made in the school cemetery, at a time appointed by the Superintendent.
- XIII. During the Annual Retreat, ample opportunities and facilities will be allowed the pupils and the Chaplain to secure the best results during the week of its continuance. The closing exercise of the Retreat will always be held at the school.

- XIV. The Superintendent will furnish a conveyance for the Chaplain and Sisters at all the Sunday Services, unless otherwise arranged.
- XV. The Chaplain and Sisters pledge themselves to correspond sympathetically and work in full harmony with the rules of the school. They will do all in their power to maintain its order and keep alive its discipline, to inculcate respect for teachers and obedience to disciplinarians. They promise in nowise to interfere with the workings of the School. In short, it will be their constant and sacred endeavor to assist the school officials to elevate the school to the highest degree of educational efficiency, deserving distinction and national repute.

On behalf of the Catholic Instructors,

H. G. GANSS,  
Rector St. Patrick's Church, School Chaplain.  
A. W. BRANDT,  
Assistant.

The above rules are approved and will be strictly complied with by employees and pupils, and the religious rights of Catholic pupils respected by all. It will be the duty of the Disciplinarian to notify St. Patrick's Rectory and the Matrons in charge of the Small Boys' and of the Girls' Quarters, as called for in Rules V and VIII.

Father Ganss is hereby appointed School Chaplain for the Catholic pupils and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

September 1, 1908.

M. FRIEDMAN,  
Superintendent.

