

Father Harold B. Mountain



8/01/17 – Date of birth

5/30/42 – Ordained

6/01/42 – St. Joseph’s, Good Thunder, MN (MOUNTAIN000008)

6/06/43 – Associate, St. Mary’s, Madelia, MN and St. Thomas Pro Cathedral (MOUNTAIN000138); Precious Blood, LaMoille, MN and Saints Peter and Paul, Hart, MN

1946 – Spiritual Director for the Newman Center, Winona, MN

9/01/47 – Administrator, St. Bernard, Stewartville, MN and Sacred Heart, Hayfield, MN (MOUNTAIN000136-37)

6/18/48 – Pastor, St. Bernard’s, Stewartville, MN and Sacred Heart, Hayfield, MN (MOUNTAIN000134)

6/15/50 – Diocesan Director, Blessed Sacrament (MOUNTAIN000008)

12/14/51 – Appointed Pastor of St. Mary’s in Minnieska and St. Paul’s in Minnesota City (MOUNTAIN000131)

1/30/52 – Pastor, Christ the King, Medford and Corpus Christi, Deerfield (MOUNTAIN000129)

7/28/59 Letter to Bp. Fitzgerald from Robert Jennings at Church of St. Augustine. He received a call from Hugh Plunkett, Jr. the previous night to bring him up to date on Fr. Mountain’s case. Wanted to pass the information along in case some “eager reporter” was looking for comments or statements. The State is presenting a Petition to the Court in Owatonna today to dismiss the appeal which was filed at the time of the trial. (MOUNTAIN000122)

- Undated Letter from Mountain to Bishop Fitzgerald. Mountain is working at Christ the King in Medford. Mountain received an anonymous letter with false accusations in it. Mountain called the Sheriff and John Smith, an attorney, and they contacted Dr. Floresch. (MOUNTAIN000105)
- 9/11/63? Letter from Mountain to Bishop stating that he hopes and prays he will show to his brother the mercy and kindness that he extended to Mountain and to many other priests in the diocese during his years as Bishop. Mountain states he has wept often this past month for his own offenses and his brothers. (MOUNTAIN000107)
- 3/7/?? Fr. Mountain is being dismissed from St. Mary's Hospital and returning to Medford with instructions to rest. Will be back on duty 3/27. (MOUNTAIN000096)
- 3/9/67 Letter from Bishop of Winona to Mountain. Bishop is happy to hear Mountain has returned home for rest and recuperation from his recent illness. (MOUNTAIN000094-95)
- 8/5/68 – Pastor, St. Casimir's, Wells, MN (MOUNTAIN000091-92)
- 4/30/1977 Letter from Bishop of Winona to Mountain discussing communications with Archbishop Jadot. Bishop is sending Jadot a letter which includes copies of letters from Mountain. Bishop assigns Mountain to St. Clair effective July 14, 1977, and states, "I do not intend to withdraw unless your negative reaction becomes divisive and scandalous to the point that I would not in conscience be able to give you any pastoral assignment whatsoever in the diocese of Winona." (MOUNTAIN000073)
- 7/14/77 – Pastor, Immaculate Conception, St. Clair, MN (MOUNTAIN000073)
- 5/30/89 – Retired (MOUNTAIN000030; 53)
- June/1991 Mountain exchanges letters with John Broadwater, Finance Director for the Diocese of Winona inquiring about insurance benefits from the Christian Brothers. (MOUNTAIN000033; 36; 39-41 50)
- 1/31/94 Letter to Mountain from Bishop Vlazny. Fr. Mountain was investigated for failing to fully disclose the financial condition of Immaculate Conception Church. He used \$17,000 of the parish's funds to purchase a car for his use without the proxy of the bishop. (MOUNTAIN000025)
- 11/12/06 – Deceased (MOUNTAIN000008)

- 3/31/11 Notes from Louise Blissenbach regarding a survivor who reported being abused by Fr. Mountain at the end of 2nd grade or the fall of 3rd grade. He was playing outside with a girl and gave her a ring from a machine. A Sister saw it and gave it to Fr. Mountain who wanted to speak with the survivor. In that meeting, Fr. Mountain pulled the boys pants down and fondled his genitals. The boy told his mother, but she stated that Fr. Mountain was a womanizer in town and not interested in little boys. At some point, someone indicated to the survivor that Fr. Mountain was a homosexual. (MOUNTAIN000001)
- 4/12/11 Emails between Survivor and Louise Blissenbach re: "Catholic School Incident" and what he wants the Church to do. Blissenbach forwarded the Survivor's email to Fr. Steffes inquiring as to what they should do next for him. (MOUNTAIN000002)