

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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"One Divinity, Co-Eternal
Equal in Glory and Majesty"

November 4, 2014

Ancient Arts
333 West 7th Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear Mark,

I would like to take this opportunity thank you for the beautiful work your company did recently in repairing our stained glass window of the baptism of Christ which was vandalized.

The craftsmanship in being able to make the window look like new is truly remarkable and truly a gift. By relocating this window to its new location has greatly enhanced the entrance to the Church and the people are very pleased with the results and enjoy seeing a part of our parish history restored to its former beauty.

We are most grateful in what you did for our parish. God forbid any of our other windows are vandalized, but you can be sure you will be the first one that we will contact.

Please know that we would be honored to recommend your company should the need arise.

Sincerely,

Deacon Dennis Carlson

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Rev. Lourenco Avila
1231 E. St. Andrews Ct.
Ontario, California 91761-7022
Telephone: (909) 947-2987

April 23, 1999

To whom it may concern:

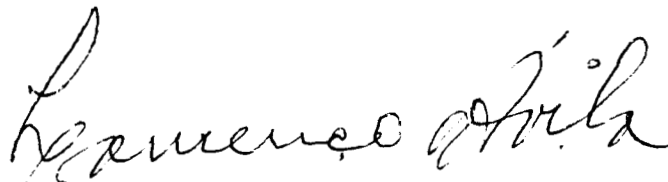
I have been a priest in the diocese of San Bernardino since 1978, when it was founded, having served in Lake Elsinore, until September 1, 1980 when the task of founding St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's parish, in Ontario, was entrusted to me.

We built a new church in 1990. Mark Schoem made all the arrangements and built 17 stained glass windows for our new church, starting in 1990 and continuing during four years, as we gathered the necessary funds.

Mark did an outstanding job fulfilling every detail, as planned. He was thorough in living up his word in our contract regarding quality, price, timing, installation, etc. I have nothing but praise for Mark's congeniality, honesty and professionalism. Based on our relationship of quite a few years I would not hesitate to recommend Mark for any job he feels capable of doing. My confidence in him goes that far.

Even though I have been retired since July 1, 1999, I live close to our church and would be glad to show Mark's work to anyone who would like to see it.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lourenco Avila". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Respectfully".

Rev. Msgr. Lourenco Avila



Mary Star of the Sea Parish

RECTORY: 870 WEST EIGHTH STREET
SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA 90731
(310) 833-3541

April 19, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

At the request of Mr. Mark Schoem, this letter is being written on his behalf as he pursues future work in his field.

Mary Star of the Sea Parish employed the talented services of Mr. Schoem on four separate occasions in the restoration of the stained glass windows in our church. The church was erected in 1956 and the windows were fabricated by Harry Clarks of Dublin, Ireland. The studio in Dublin is renowned for the intricacy of design and the original colors used in each stained glass window. This created quite a challenge for Mr. Schoem when we asked him to replace broken or missing parts of our many windows.

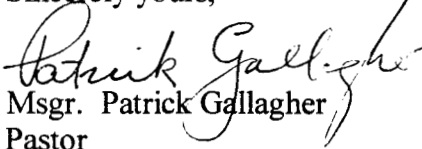
On three different occasions, one of our largest windows (at street level) was vandalized in a very destructive manner. Mr. Schoem solved the problem of future damage by installing a protective glazing on the outside of the window, enclosing it in an aluminum frame matching the frame holding the stained glass. The completed work gave a very aesthetic appearance from the outside.

Mr. Schoem worked on our windows between the years of 1991 and 1994. In 1995, we commissioned Ancient Arts to design and fabricate etched glass panels for doors leading from the vestibule of the church into a small chapel.

We have always been extremely pleased with Mark Schoem's creations and talents. It is with the utmost confidence that we are able to recommend his gifted abilities for any project which may be offered to him.

If you should require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the parish at the above number.

Sincerely yours,


Msgr. Patrick Gallagher
Pastor



**SAINT MARIA GORETTI
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

25 July 2000 -

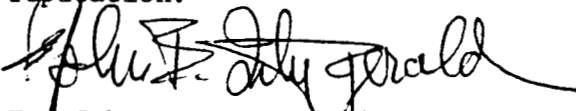
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Recommendation -
Ancient Arts Studios
San Pedro, Calif.

I am happy to recommend Mr. Mark Schoem and his San Pedro studios of ANCIENT ARTS Stained and Beveled Glass, as a careful artist doing excellent and thorough work, completely in the traditions of the ancient masters of this beautiful and educational art form.

Mr. Schoem delicately removed fourteen 30 yr. old medium sized windows from a closed military chapel, and, after cleaning and repairing all the glass and its leading, installed the entire set into this Church, in 1998 and 1999, with all necessary artistic modifications. Mr. Schoem always supervised all the craftsmen he employed, to complete this commission.

From all sides the parishioners and parish visitors have had nothing but praise and congratulations for Ancient Arts Studios, and my wisdom in engaging him. Mr. Mark Schoem was a delight to work with, and I do hope for him much more business and a constantly expanding professional reputation.


Fr. John B. Fitzgerald
Pastor Emeritus

St. Bernadette Church

3825 DON FELIPE DRIVE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90008
293-4877

April 20, 1999

To Whom It May Concern:

Mark Schoem restored our two great stained glass windows that were badly damaged in the Earthquake. We were very pleased with his thorough work. We would recommend him highly to anyone desiring work of this nature.

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Gorman
Pastor
St. Bernadette Church

PJG/cc

Our Lady of Angels' Church
Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles

April 26, 1999

Diocese of Fresno
Fresno, California

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of recommendation is for Ancient Arts of San Pedro, California. The Parish of Our Lady of Angels has had numerous restorations done by Mark of Ancient Arts. We have found that Mark has helped us preserve and restore our stained glass windows to almost like new. Our Church windows were first produced for us over 60 years ago. With the passage of time and with some neglect, they were in very bad shape. Ancient Arts has always been prompt and forthcoming with the restoration for us. He has informed us of any difficulties with the utmost understanding for our financial situation. We are an inner city parish with a long history that goes back to 1905. Mark's sensitivity to our needs and to our Parish were the reasons that we chose Ancient Arts to help us in our restoration. You will be pleased with the expertise and care that Ancient Arts provides.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.



Very Reverend Kenneth Del Priore, V.F.
Pastor

SACRED HEART CHURCH

1215 South Hamilton Boulevard
POMONA, CALIFORNIA 91766

July 7, 1987

Dear Mark,

Now that phase I, of our stained glass project has been completed, I wish to express my sincere satisfaction and appreciation for your work. It reflects true originality.

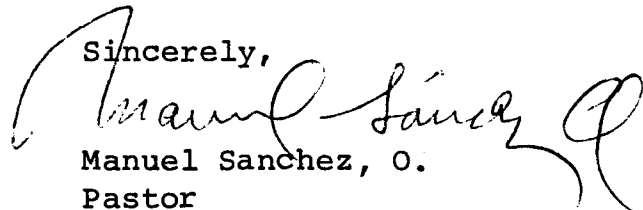
The first windows are beautiful. I have heard many favorable and enthusiastic comments from my parishioners, and I am sure that what you have done, will be a great source of inspiration for many years and generations to come.

The sensitivity with which you reasearched the subject matter was particularly helpful. This effort on your part has it's reward, not only in the authenticity of the product, but perhaps more importantly in the communication of the message intended through this form of art.

It's good to know that such a conscientious attitude is still found among those who are creative artisans.

We commend you, and look forward to completion of the next phase of our parochial endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manuel Sanchez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Manuel Sanchez, O.
Pastor