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Dear Mr. Paquette,

Thank you for your letter of 12th September concerning your great uncle, His Excellency Bishop Joseph Bonhomme, OMI.

According to our records, the Bishop, then The Right Reverend Monseigneur Joseph Cyprien Bonhomme, was appointed an Officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) on 1st January 1938, for his services whilst Vicar Apostolic of the Roman Catholic Church in Basutoland.

Your great uncle received his award from the Acting Resident Commissioner of Basutoland on 9th June 1938 at Maseru.

The above is all the information we have in our records, but from your letter it appears that his work played an enormously important part in the development of the country.

With best wishes.

*Yours sincerely,
Rachel Wells*

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