

Jablonec n. N., 11. 2. 1997

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Dear Doctor Heller,

thank you very much for your Christmas letter. At the same time I appologize for my being late but I finished a cooperation with my business partner in our former company and therefore I had some problems. Nowadays I'm independent and I work as a law adviser. I would need three or four smaller companies as customers and then it would be O. K. Now I only have one and it is a little.

I had a certain problem with the reading of your hand-writing. It's my imperfection, of course. As you know my first obstacle is a little knowledge of English at all even when a text is written on a typewriter. But never mind. I hope I will control it sometimes.

We have some difficulties with our Father Špinler. His mental disorder is all the time bigger. For example he sent a young naive man from Slovakia to an eager Oravec's admirer in Jablonec for some information!? A danger is clear. Also he still meets modernists - priests even laymen - in the whole country and he often praises them! Father Šp. goes out all the time, even several days a week (!) for years but he has no converts. At the same time he doesn't care for us, for the faithful believers. Recently some people fell away but our Father is only laughing. There is no catechization, no education, no care from Father Šp. Namely Father wants no apostolat, he only has **his necessity to speak!**

Therefore it is clear why nothing doesn't work. I am convinced that already a reasonable priest can do a lot. But the question is where take him? However our situation isn't hopeless at all; from time to time somebody appears with an interest about the Faith. I have prepared him for several month (or years!), then he meets Father Šp. and Father will take him the Faith! It already happened maybe in fourteen cases so far... For this reason we must obtain at our Lord Jesus new eager priests and bishops. It's a decisive task for us now and we mustn't stop.

Mr. doctor, What about the broken leg of your wife? I hope your wife is well already. Mr. Lorek told me about problems with your transport to an office. Our situation in this thing is stil better a little. A public transport is wide here. But recently our government limits it very much and maybe ⁱⁿ several years a question of a public transport will be the same as in Germany this time maybe still worse.

I enclose a picture for "a little" Katharina and stamps (among others with the famous Emperor Charles IV.) because Mr. Lorek told me you or your son collect them.

In Christo et Maria

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the author of the letter, written in black ink.

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