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Dear Dr.Heller,

Thank you very much for the parcel containing the Pontificale Romanum. I am very grateful to you for your efforts. I am also very sorry that I have not yet written to His Excellency, Archbishop Thuc to thank him for the precious souvenir- his biretta. I will keep it as a remembrance of him.

I have read his autobiography in the French edition of Einsicht. I found it very inspiring and very sad. It reminded me very much of my own struggles as a missionary in South Korea. Of course, there is no comparison to the great personal suffering and tragedy of his family. I am looking forward to meeting Archbishop Thuc and yourself.

As you may well know, there is much criticism of the bishops. Every possible thing is thrown up to discredit them in the eyes of the people. Palmar de Troya keeps coming up all the time until we are tired of such evil will. The greatest attackers are the priests and fanatic followers of Lefebvre. We would like to be silent and patient, but our silence and patience are interpreted as approval of the calumnies.

However, we place ourselves in the hands of God and His will. We are consoled by the knowledge that Our Lord assured us that if evil men crucified Him, they will also crucify His disciples. This is our joy and our glory. It is also the greatest assurance that we stand on the side of truth in these days of constant confusion.

I am eager to begin printing parts of Archbishop Thuc's autobiography in THE SERAPH. Many people have asked me to write something about Archbishop Thuc so that the people will know more about him. His name is certainly becoming very well known in this country. Unfortunately, enemies use it as a symbol of rejection.

A certain Rev. Byman who lives in Mexico was criticizing you in a Spanish bulletin. His entire article was ridiculous and betrayed crass ignorance. He showed his ignorance by giving an etymological explanation of your name 'Heller'. He said: " Heller - Hell= infierno; del infierno". He then tells his readers that you are a symbol of HELL. Poor man, if he understood high school German, he would immediately know that your name means "bright, clear". But, this is the kind of "scholarship" we must contend with from these dumkopfs.

Since the autobiography of Archbishop Thuc is copyrighted, I would like permission to use it as a reprint in THE SERAPH.

Assuring you of my sincere regards and prayers, I wish to remain

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,


+Louis Vezellis, ofm