



Bishop's House

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Dear Dr.Heller,

Please forgive me for this late reply to your letter of October 10, 1983. The time goes by so quickly!

I did not write to you earlier because I expected to hear from you first when you returned from your vacation. Yes, I received the money which you sent and wish to thank you most sincerely.

It is my practice to send a note of thanks to anyone who sends something for the Seminary. There is only one lady to whom I have not yet sent a letter because I was not able to read her address. I know how people like to receive just a small note to know that their alms has been received.

These days have been very busy because of the added responsibilities. The question of the Archbishop and those in France who are eager to use him for their material advantage is a big burden. I am sure that you can imagine the problems we are having.....

I have wanted to go to Europe for the main purpose of arranging all of the Archbishop's affairs. As yet, I have not had an opportunity to get away. I already know that Madam Norrant will not be happy when she finds out that her Golden Goose will no longer lay golden eggs (or French francs). This matter has served to distract me from many other more important duties. Nevertheless, you know what we are dealing with, Dr.Heller, and it is necessary that the Archbishop stay with us. He is very happy and contented here - which is very important.

I am hoping that I will be able to go to Europe in early December. I have not fixed a definite date. Perhaps you have some suggestions as to what would be a good time?

I do not think it is possible for the Archbishop to go to Europe because the journey would be too tiring for him. We already have the experience of his trip to Mexico which was most tiring for him. Also, it is not possible for us to leave him alone. It is very embarrassing to learn of the people whom he has either ordained or consecrated in France. Frankly, I am tempted to wonder if Mon.Norrant was not running some kind of "Consecration Business"

I hope that this letter finds you and your dear family in good health. Also, I wish you would give my best regards to Dr.Hiller and his family.

Sending you my blessing and prayers,

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P.S. Francis sends you his greetings!!