

“YOU ARE CREATORS OF PEACE”

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What we have heard talk about for so long has happened.

By means of this letter, I wish to express my gratitude and the sorrow I feel over your departure.

I am not a member of the Army of Mary but I had the opportunity to meet several Sons of Mary.

You have been faithful and fervent priests, exemplary missionaries. So very often you were asked to replace priests in different parishes of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. You were always pleased to do so. In your homilies, you have given us messages of love and serenity. We had food for the whole week. In the world, you are the salt and the light. And even now, you are still creators of peace in spite of this difficult period.

Every Mass, every prayer, impelled us even to take a fraternal step with you. We felt the conviction, that love for God and Mary. What a wonderful example!

Before closing, I would like to share with you my concerns:

- Have you not worked for ten years in our diocese, that is to say, in our parishes, our schools and in the community?
- Have you not always followed all the teachings of the Catholic Church?
- Is your belief in the authenticity of the mystical experience you are living a reason for you to be rejected?
- Is it not an experience, mystical knowledge, that is very pure?
- Have you not accomplished God's will in an admirable way?
- Is the Church not in need of a great work of spiritual renewal?

And I finish with this last question: Is it out of pride, because of calumny or incomprehension that you are not recognized?

I deplore the fact that my questions remain without an answer.

Dear Sons of Mary, thank you for the enriching contribution you have shared with us. I will keep you in my prayers.

May Mary guide you and give you the strength to pursue your mystery, helping you to calm and to live through this difficult period.

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