

August 16, 1963

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Alberto Uribe Urdaneta
Bishop of Cali
Gobierno Eclesiastico
Diocese of Cali
COLOMBIA

Your Excellency:

The Reverend Luis Eugene de Francisco, a priest of the Diocese of Cali, has been working in this Diocese since July 11, 1963, when you gave permission for him to remain here.

It became necessary on January 8, 1963 to request Father to leave this Diocese and return to his own country of Colombia. This was caused by complaints from parishoners in three separate parishes, due to Father de Francisco's association with their children

In early August 1963, Father was placed under arrest by the civil police of the City of San Diego for violation of the State Penal Code. At that time, arrangements were made between this Chancery and the civil authorities of San Diego in which, if Father left the United States with the promise never to return, the charges against Father would be set aside by the Civil Law. This agreement was carried through.

On the 16th day of August, Father crossed the International Boundary Line of the United States and Mexico and entered into Tijuana, Baja, California. Father was directed to return directly to the Diocese of Cali.

In accordance with the Code of Canon Law, I now inform Your Excellency of these incidents.

Fraternally yours,

The Most Reverend Charles F. Buddy,
Bishop of San Diego.

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