

Via Coeli

MONASTERY OF THE SERVANTS OF THE PARACLETE

OFFICE OF THE SERVANT GENERAL

Jemez Springs, New Mexico

July 4, 1956

Reverend and dear Fathers:

I wish at this time when we have so many reasons to thank God to address to you the following words of information, instruction, counsel and commendation.

Today as we celebrate the independence of our great nation through the gracious and Christlike understanding and wise counsel of our ecclesiastical superior and co-founder His Excellency Archbishop Byrne we have been enabled to give final profession to Father Patrick Halligan of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and whom we have nominated to be Master of Novices in our Community and on the same occasion we had the happiness of professing Father Agnellus of the Sacred Heart whom you all know and love. Father Agnellus' profession is final because he is transferring by canonical rescript from solemn vows in the Franciscan Order. These professions bring to a total of 24 the number of professed Paracletes and 5 Oblates which surely in the brief years of our existence is a consoling indication of God's merciful designs in our regard. We have besides 6 priests and 3 seminarians in the novitiate and a saintly priest on retreat prior to entering the novitiate, and at least one other expected. We have in our retreat houses very close to 100 guests and as of this date, July 4, we have some 10 or 11 Paracletes here and there in the country helping Bishops who are hard pressed for cover. Father Edwin Connolly and Father John Mathias McCarthy have the Villa Madre de Dios community functioning smoothly and efficiently in helping the needs of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Here in the Canyon Father Guy Rossi and the Regina Mundi house threatens to surpass the Motherhouse and Voluntas Dei and Father Pat Mulcahy is a small but vigorous planting. Father Felix is doing an outstanding job with the parish in our administration at Two Inlets. I am especially happy over his development of the Eucharistic consciousness of his people. Father Urban with Father Swanson's able assistance has Our Lady of the Snows Retreat at Nevis, Minnesota, developing rapidly. We are grateful to Bishop Schenk for this splendid development. Finally here at the Motherhouse the increased number of final professions makes it possible for us to fill out the offices of the General Administration which at the present moment are: Fr. Francis J. Morrell, Consultor and Vicar General; Fr. Joseph Moylan, Consultor and Treasurer General; Fr. Edward Woeber, Consultor and Secretary General; Fr. John D. Lee, Consultor, thus bringing back to the General Administration Father Woeber and adding the experience of one of our oldest Paracletes who is taking care of a difficult assignment-the parish of St. Genevieve at Las Cruces, New Mexico. We wish by the selection of Father Lee to indicate how valuable in the Congregation are the spiritual contributions of those Paracletes who under holy obedience are deprived of the consolations of community life.

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In conclusion let me beg you, dear Paracletes, to love the Divine Spirit and learn to live in simple childlike docility to the Spirit Who gives to our souls the dignity of a temple of the living God. He will lead you deeper and deeper into the Sacred Heart and there, and there alone, will you find the warmth of Divine Caritas without which priestly hearts soon find themselves fighting the chill of worldliness and earthly frustration. We are at the beginning of an era of great expansion. The spiritual structure of our individual souls will measure how great a temple to the living God our Congregation will bring into being. I bless you in the Name of the Triune God and ask your prayers that my personal unworthiness may not thwart the achievement of God's glory in you.

F. Gould of the Holy Spirit

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P.S. A financial drive for a building fund for adequate facilities here in the Canyon is developing. Pray if it is God's will that it will prosper.

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