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Dear Paracletes:

It is a great joy to announce to you that God continues to inundate our Apostolate with the grace of development and progress. As good husbandmen of God's grace we must continue to use these benefactions wisely, plowing our own souls deeply and seeding first in them the priestly grace which in God's time we hope to transplant into the souls of our fellow-priests. Thus shall our monasteries become nurseries by means of which the Holy Spirit will glorify the Adorable Trinity by the chosen created glory of God-holy priests.

Here are some of the signs of our material progress with which we must keep spiritual pace. The truly beautiful chapel and dormitories at the Novitiate are near completion. His Excellency Bishop Joyce of Burlington has invited us to make a foundation in Vermont. His Excellency our own Archbishop approves. The Puerto Rican mission should be a reality this year.

At this moment changes are in order in view of the new foundations. Here are some that are in process at this moment. Father Felix and Brother Paul to the Vermont foundation. Father Harry Kenny and Father Joseph McNamara will carry on at St. Mary's, Two Inlets (the Post Office address is Park Rapids). Under the inspiring leadership of His Excellency Bishop Schenk, Fathers Urban and Swanson are launched in the building of better accommodations at Our Lady of the Snow Retreat. Father Ed Connolly who heads the Mission Band is returning to the Canyon of the Blessed Sacrament with Father McKinnirey. To carry on this important development of the work a special house for the Mission Band is in the works. Father Joseph Hill will be Father Servant at the Holy Spirit Retreat House, Canton, where the gracious Bishop Walsh, the good Franciscan nuns, and the Canton clergy have made our padres feel very much at home. Father Joseph Moylan, our tireless Assistant General will continue to go and come as Liaison officer and good will apostle in our expansion program. Father Ambrose (Father Pius' other ego) has, by the way, fifteen thousand nuns backing up the line for us as we carry on for God and Our Lady.

Let us make this May the best ever in our individual lives. The priest who is a real Paraclete must be totally Mary's, and let us never forget that to serve God is any creature's greatest privilege.

Humbly yours in Spiritu,
FATHER GERALD S.P.

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