

Feast of St. James

His Excellency
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Most Reverend and dear Bishop:

Feast day greetings! Your Excellency cannot know how happy I am over your generous offer to entrust an island to us. Of course if I can secure the blessing of my Archbishop I shall fly down to canvass the whole project with Your Excellency, and I do not think this approbation will be difficult to obtain because His Excellency Archbishop Byrne would not have invited us here unless he had a truly apostolic and Catholic heart. Indeed is this not demonstrated by the fact that we have sheltered here priests from all over the country? Also I think it is more than a coincidence that His Excellency should be so thoroughly acquainted with the location of the prospective new foundation.

Though the primal and inner purpose of the Servants of the Paraclete is the care of priests I am aware of the extreme spiritual poverty of South and Central America in regard to priestly servicing and am not without hope that God may deign to reward these Spanish speaking peoples for their devotion to the Third Person of the Adorable Trinity by sending to their succor, in His good time, priests and brothers, Servants of the Paraclete.

Father Dominic arrived safely and we like him very much. Fittingly on this feast of St. James he is going to begin a Spanish class to teach the Servants and those of our guest priests who may desire a language that will open for us vistas of apostolic work. The fields are brown to the harvest. I will write Your Excellency again after I have consulted my ecclesiastical superior. I have the honor to be, dear Bishop,

Cordially in Spiritu Christi,

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Father Servant