

April 5, 2016

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Your Excellency,

If you will permit me to write in concert with Dr. Martin, I wish as well to thank you sincerely for the reply of March 22 to him.

Also, to add a word explaining our motivations for writing, in the hope it will clarify, or at least underscore, our filial reverence for you, and our *bona fide* respect for all the sacred Clergy with whom you share authority of Ministry.

In our humble estimation, open, honest, sincere exchanges between between fathers and sons, friends or superiors, can allow for serener reflection, help preserve bonds of fellowship, enhance mutual trust and respect, make for surer confidence in anticipated decisions of revered authorities, and – our keenest motivation – strengthen our communion with Your Excellency.

Indeed, we believe chapter iii of his Rule to be a foundation stone with which St. Benedict and his brethren rebuilt Rome and many of its roads to heaven. Gladly and confidently do we pilgrimage, following you, on the one that leads through Allentown.

Be assured of our humble prayers especially in the Eastertide, and please bless us.

Yours faithfully in The Risen Christ,



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