



Missionary District of Porto Rico

At Rev. Manuel Ferrando

Bishop Suffragan

Mountain Lakes, N. J.  
August 3, 1932

Rev. Rev. C. B. Colmore, D. D.,  
Box 1115, San Juan, P. R.

My dear Bishop -

Your of recent date notifying me of the final arrangements with Mr. Valentine, was duly received, and I have been waiting for your next - as you said - with Mr. Valentine's release. Yours did not come, but instead, one from Mr. Valentine saying that Parra Casas' advised him not to sign the release, because it might show that in the arrangement with you something was lacking. Of course that is a very foolish reason, as, legally speaking, everything is lacking, from beginning to end.

Naturally, I would not contest anything that you do, and will not consider legality or illegality, but I will insist that some one has to give me a release.

I hope you succeeded in finding the copy of the deed of Veitia's property. There must be some mistake, because Da Pena was never the owner. He had the property rented with promise of buying, but left the property, and, according to Veitia, without paying the rent. If I am not mistaken, the owner before Veitia was Tricoche, who according to the people there, "first made the poor and afterwards furnished the hospital."

The arrangements that you have made in the Mission at Guabada Limón as well as in Ponce seem to me to constitute the wisest and most forward movement that has ever been made in the district. I heartily pray for God's blessing upon it and His help in carrying the best for the work to accomplishment. I wish I might be able to



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help financially and hope that all necessary funds will be provided.

Mrs. Ferrando and I are very sorry to hear of Mrs. Colmore's ill health, and that she is not with you. We hope you have encouraging news from her - and if in any way we can be of the slightest assistance, please let us know.

With greetings from all to you both and the family.

As ever faithfully yours.

+ Manuel Ferrando  
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Aug. 16, 1932.

Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,  
63 Briarcliff Road,  
Mountain Lakes, N. J.

Dear Bishop:

I have decided after a conference with Fathers Villafañe, Reus, Cortes and Maldonado to move Father Primitivo Maldonado from El Mato back to Magueyes and to have him assist Father Villafañe somewhat in the work at El Mato. Father Cortes will assist in the work at Pastillo so I think we will have all the work thoroughly taken care of. All are very willing to co-operate and there is a very nice spirit manifested on all sides. I really believe that a new era is dawning for work on the southern part of the island. The clergy of that district have a regular conference each month and it is thoroughly appreciated by all of them.

Inasmuch as Primitivo is moving back to Magueyes it will be much simpler for him to send his children to school in Ponce so I am suggesting to him that he be willing to reduce the amount received from your discretionary fund by fifty percent.

Victor Rivera at Quebrada Ceiba has his oldest child, a boy, ready for highschool and I have declined to allow him to move his family to Ponce on the ground that it is very bad for the work when the families are not present at the mission. He wants to send his boy either to Ponce or to San German but finds it pretty expensive to do it on his salary. I have told him therefore that I would consult you about the possibility of his receiving half of the amount you are now allowing Primitivo from your discretionary fund which, during twelve months would amount to \$50.00. He thinks that if he can receive this amount he would be able to finance the remainder. The year's schooling at San German would cost him about \$160.00 and at Ponce somewhat more. If you are willing that I should make this arrangement beginning with September of this year would you kindly so advise me and I will do the best I can with Primitivo and Victor.

Last Saturday I concluded all arrangements with Mr. Valentine and took over the management of the farm from him, giving him a receipt for all horses, cattle and equipment then on the place. He has moved everything of his from the place and has no reason to go back to the farm for anything as far as I know.

Cruz Torres has been employed as mayordomo at wages of \$6.00 per week. He will be in charge of the material affairs of the farm under the direct supervision of Father Villafañe to whom he will make daily report. All matters of policy or arbitration between the mayordomo and the medianeros or laborers will be determined by an advisory committee composed of Valois Pagan, Emilio Verne and one other whose name I do not remember at this moment. This advisory committee will advise with Father Villafañe and me on any matters of importance. In this way I think Father Villafañe will be relieved of the onus of any decisions regarding the material matters which arise among any of the people. I very much hope that from now on the farm will pay its own expenses and that being relieved of the burden of heavy salaries will be able to provide something for the development of the church's work both at Quebrada Limon and in the remainder of the district.

I cannot seem to hear from Parra Toro returning the paper releasing you from the power of attorney but I will secure it sooner or later. I am ready at any time to execute to you a release although of course whereas the power granted Mr. Valentine one-third of your properties you are now granting to Mr. Valentine's successor, that is the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society the whole thing. I do not know if I made it clear before that in making the arrangement with Mr. Valentine I had the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society named as his successor in the claim which he was supposed to hold against you.

Mr. Horton will proceed with the transfer of the properties just as soon as we receive the necessary papers from you.

With warm regards and all best wishes to all of you, believe me ever,

Very sincerely and affectionately yours,