

MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

P. O. BOX 1115.

SAN JUAN, P. R.

Jan. 31, 1925.

Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,
Box 776,
Ponce, P. R.

Dear Bishop:

Your letter of Jan. 20th was received the morning I left for Mayaguez, and I did not communicate with you because, in your first paragraph, you said: "I have decided that, unless I hear from you to the contrary, to give him supplemental ordination as Deacon next Sunday." I took it from this that my silence on the subject would give consent. Later on in the letter, you asked me to wire you in case I could be present, so that you could make ready a room for me. *I thought not wiring would mean I could not be there.*

I am very sorry indeed that it was impossible for me to be present, and hope that you will thoroughly understand that I heartily approve of your action and that Ramon, himself, will excuse me and will accept my congratulations, sent him through you.

Dr. Gray writes that he is having some trouble in securing an appropriation for Ramon's salary, but that he is going to do his best at the next meeting of the Department of Missions. I hope he will be successful, but, if not, you and I will have to do the best we can to provide for him.

Fr. Locke told me that you were willing to take the risk with himself and me, in promising Mr. Junghans that a loan of \$1000, which he is making to Holy Trinity Church for the purchase and repair of the building of St. Mary the Virgin, at Canas, in Ponce, would be returned to him at a definite time. I had an interview with Mr. Junghans and he offered the money, without interest, till July 1st, but stated that he would need the money at that time. I, therefore, promised him that the money would be returned to him on or before July 1st. My hope is that the money may be repaid to him in the following manner:

Rent allowance.....	\$400.
Appropriation by Convocation from Diocesan Missions fund.....	200.
American Church Building Fund Commission, to whom application has been made.....	200.
Possible contributions in Ponce, or to be obtained from loans by you, Mr. Locke and myself.....	200.,
making a total of \$1000.	

I am very glad that Dr. Rodriguez, of the Sanidad, was able to keep his engagement and that his entertainment was so successful.

In view of the fact that Fr. Saylor will not be able to take up residence at Quebrada Limon until he returns from the States in the fall and it seems best for Mr. Edmonds to wait until then to come down, it seems to me that it would be just as well for you

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not to take a house at the present time and to remain where you are until you go north for the summer.

I want to see you soon about several matters of importance, but not particularly pressing, and may be able to arrange to spend the night one day next week, probably the fourth, if Mr. Beer and his family come over here via Guanica. I will let you know about my visit as soon as I hear from Mr. Beer, whether he is coming to San Juan, direct, or via Guanica.

I saw Miss Foster at the boat and said good-bye to her, thanking her for all she had done for us. Had a talk with Miss Lovett about it before Miss Foster came over.

With warm regards and all good wishes, ^{to all the family} believe me,

Very sincerely and affectionately yours,

Chas B. Colver.

CBC/MAW*