

MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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SAN JUAN, P. R.

November 3, 1926.

The Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando,
Mountain Lakes, N. J.

My dear Bishop:

I am wondering what the National Council is doing about the Bishops' Crusade among the Spanish speaking people in the United States which they have asked you to conduct. I don't want to say anything to discourage that work, which if faithfully carried out by the Council would probably be of very great importance, but I am going to express my feelings confidentially to you. Unless the Council has made very definite arrangements with the Committee on Evangelism for this special work among the Spanish speaking people I am of the opinion that it would be a great deal more valuable to spend ^{your} time preaching in Porto Rico. I am very sure that we are in great need of your services here and regret very much that there is the possibility that you may not be able to be with us. I will have, of course, to leave the matter to your discretion as to how much preparation they are making for your part in the Campaign or Crusade, but I want you to know that I am only acquiescing in their request to use you up there and that we are most anxious to have you here in Porto Rico. Would you please let me know frankly, therefore, what the outlook for the Crusade among the Spanish speaking people seems to be ~~and~~ and if it is of no great importance in your estimation I will request them to give it up in order that we may have you here.

I have mentioned the matter to practically all our clergy in Porto Rico and without exception the desire has been to have you in the Mission to conduct a course of preaching, so if you come down to be with us we can arrange a regular itinerary for you to cover all the Missions and carry out a preaching mission in each place.

If you come down you may choose the location in which you wish to live. The rent allowance is available for you and you could live in San Juan or Ponce or wherever seemed most convenient for you. Things are going along fairly nicely but we need your ability as a preacher to help out in many of the places.

I would simply make the definite request that you come down at your convenience this month or next if I were not afraid of up-setting the plans which may have been made for the Crusade among the Spanish speaking people, but I am depending upon you to let me know what progress has been made in that line so that I may know just how to act in the premises.

We have received the Prayer Books and Sunday School lesson material and are very much pleased with both. I think it is going to be a great thing, especially for our Sunday schools, to have the material. It is well worth while waiting for and I am glad Porto Rico was able to contribute so largely to the accomplishment.

I notice that no use has been made so far of your Discretionary Fund of \$200.00 for this year. The total amount is still on hand. Would you mind if I make a suggestion in regard to it? Both Hermenegildo and Victor are receiving very small salaries and have no means of augmenting it. Ramon receives the same amount of salary but he is still helping Mr. Edmunds and receives a slight remuneration for that so he is better off than the others financially. Would it not be possible for you to do something for Hermenegildo and Victor out of your Discretionary Fund? I hope very much that in 1928 your and my combined efforts may secure more salary for these men.

I am to have Confirmation at Magueyes on November 14th in the afternoon. How is Eduardo doing in his classes? I hope that he has gotten over the trip and that he feels at home in Gladstone. Please give him my regards when you see him.

With warm regards and all best wishes to Mrs. Ferrando and Edith, in which Mrs. Colmore joins me, believe me

Very sincerely and affectionately yours,

Chas B. Colmore.

P.S. You may get the \$200. of your discretionary fund by applying to Mr Wood as the Treasurer in New York. C.B.C.

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