

MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

P. O. BOX 1115

SAN JUAN, P. R.

Dec. 1, 1932.

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

My dear Bishop:

I am enclosing copies of correspondence relating to Mr. Valentine and the recent attempt on the part of his daughter Marjorie to secure a key to the locks to the two porches leading into our property from the Marueno road. As Marjorie told Father Villafane during her interview with him, the real object which the Valentines have in view is getting him out of Quebrada Limon. They seem to hold him responsible for Mr. Valentine's requested resignation and so they are determined to get him out.

Father Villafane magnanimously offered to relieve me of the embarrassment of the situation by moving somewhere else and allowing me to put someone in his place but I realize if they were successful in this step they would attempt something else, and in any case I must uphold the priests of the Church in their work else they would not be able to work. They must have the backing of the Bishop, especially when the Bishop considers that the priest is in the right.

I hope and trust that nothing further will develop in connection with the affair. I am trying to forestall anything by having Mr. Poventud talk with Parra Capo and have him advise Mr. Valentine to keep quiet and not make trouble.

I received on this mail the two forms of ratification passed by the Board of Trustees of the Church of Jesus and have sent them immediately to Fonce. I believe that one of them surely will suffice and that the whole matter will soon be arranged and the property duly transferred and registered. The court action for admision title to the forty-three acres is supposed to be taken tomorrow, Dec. 2nd so I am greatly in hopes that before the end of the year the entire transfer will have been made and everything cleared up.

Now, my dear Bishop, I want to say only one thing in connection with Mr. Valentine's trouble making. I feel that his present object is, and will be, to try to make trouble between you and me so I beg of you to pay no attention to any statements he may try to furnish in anything which might lead to a misunderstanding between you and me. I can truthfully say that I know of nothing in any correspondence or conversation which

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could lead to such a thing but you know the possibilities of exaggeration and of taking statements out of their own context. I fear that Mr. Valentine is very bitter against Villafane and I am perfectly certain that he will expect me to believe him rather than Father Villafane and will probably be bitter against me when he finds that such is not the case. In anything that you may hear from him or through him please bear in mind his bitterness of spirit and do not hold him entirely responsible as I fear he may say things which he would not say under more normal conditions. Above all trust me to have been loyal to you throughout.

With warm regards and all best wishes to you and all the members of your family, and with many thanks for getting the action from the Board of Trustees, believe me ever,

Very sincerely and affectionately yours,

*Charles B. Weiss*

CBC/I

P. S.

Would you mind commenting to me upon Mr. Valentine's alleged rights given to his family by you to use the roads of the property at will.

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