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Your Excellency,

Hearty greetings from Kottar. How are you?

I am sorry that I am very late in acknowledging and answering your letter, dated December 26, 1995, about Fr. A.M.Hilary of my diocese. I could not meet Fr. Hilary immediately to get his explanations.

I am very sorry at the whole episode. It must have caused you quite a bit of embarrassment and anxiety. [redacted] must have got very much upset at this unpleasant event.

I regret for the whole episode, especially for the mental agony it has caused to [redacted]

I called Fr. Hilary for his explanation. But he does not even remember such an incident and tells me that he does not know a person in St. Patricks with the name [redacted]. He speaks of gross exaggeration of a farewell gesture of hugging. But I told him that I take the letter of the Bishop and that of [redacted] seriously, because of similar complaints in the past and I warned him severely not indulge in such activities any more. I hope and pray that Fr. Hilary will take my warning seriously and will behave properly in the future.

May I thank your Excellency for having brought this incident to my attention. Once again I am sorry for this unpleasant episode and for the embarrassment and anxiety it caused to you and to [redacted]. Kindly inform [redacted] about my regret for what has happened and I will keep her in my prayers.

Wishing Your Excellency all the best,

ALFO-FOLEP HZ [redacted] remain

Devotedly Yours in Christ

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