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Dear Rev. Msgr. Ted,

In the Jubilee year of the Great Mercy of the Father, we are challenged to express our mercy as we receive mercy upon mercy. With the joy of the Gospel, and the joy of the personal encounter with the Merciful Lord Jesus Christ, we are invited to have greater outreach to those who are on the peripheries of our Societies, and beyond our “*comfort zones.*”

I want to thank you, Rev. Msgr. Ted Bertagni, for being mindful of our Diocese of Lubbock and sending Father Bernard Olszewski to visit me and the Diocese of Lubbock, inviting me to share our Diocesan Charism as a Missionary Diocese in the United States of America.

As the second bishop for the Diocese of Lubbock, I let my Claretian (CMF) Missionary charism carry over into the apostolic activities in this Diocese. As missionary Son of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and following the footsteps of our Founder, St. Anthony Mary Claret, the Diocese of Lubbock is also a Missionary Diocese that is in great need of resources and Evangelization situated, within the “*Bible Belt*” of Texas. These conditions and response need to be Missionary in character, and as Disciples of the Lord. Thus our outreach has this missionary dimension.

I want to express my gratitude for Father Bernard Olszewski paying me a visit and asking to share my CMF Charism. May we all continue with this missionary zeal for the salvation souls.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Plácido Rodríguez, cmf.

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