MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Aug. 1, 1923.

Rt. Rev. Manuel Ferrando, Box F. Mountain Lakes, N. J.

My dear Bishop:

Just a few lines to let you know that I received your letter of July 25th. I am so sorry that my letter, acknowledging the receipt of the \$800 was delayed and that you were worried about it. You will already have my letter of last week.

I am hoping to have word from our Board very soon, authorizing me to make necessary repairs to the rectory in Ponce. I have advised them that it would be best to have the rectory work finished before you come.

I am enclosing a letter just received from Ramon. I have answered it, simply stating that I am glad to have his letter and trust that some day the Lora will rule to have him back in the work with us; that I would talk with you about him at the first opportunity. I advised him, for the present, to remain faithful to the Church of Jesus, making no compromise with another, and to pray that God will rule matters according to His Holy will. His letter seems to me to indicate a desire to return to the Church in Porto Rico, and I trust that some day it may be found possible to use him again.

I hope that your anxiety about **xx Edith's college education has been allayed before this. Give our warmest regards to Mrs. Ferrando and Edith, and with all best wishes, believe me,

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

CBC/MAW*

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