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Dear Paul:

Greetings and peace to you!

On behalf of the Provincial Council, the Province and the entire Marianist Family, I want to thank you for your many years of devoted service in preserving the history of the Society of Mary. You first began this ministry in 1973 as Archivist for the former St. Louis Province. In 2002, you carried forward as Archivist of the Marianist Archives Southwest at the inception of the Marianist Province of the United States.

For 35 years you have safeguarded, organized and treasured the history of the Society of Mary, providing documents, photos and electronic information to all who asked. Your gift to the Society has been to enhance the understanding of our history and to foster a love of our past. As Aristotle said, "If you would understand anything, observe its beginning and its development."

Since 1947, you have been a respected professor and administrator of the Academic Library at St. Mary's University, gifting many students with an appreciation of the written word and the value of preserving it. We thank you for your invaluable work at St. Mary's these 61 years.

Paul, I pray for our Lord and Mary our beloved Mother, and certainly our Marianist founders and martyrs, to bring you countless graces and blessings, now and in the future.

In fraternal gratitude and peace,

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