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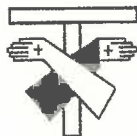
May the Lord Grant You His Peace,

I am writing you to congratulate you on your 100th birthday. You are now the dean of the Order, and your long years of service to the little ones of the Lord fills us with a sense of gratitude and awe.

Your first days with our Order were guided by a friar whom the Church has now recognized as a saint, St. Maximilian Kolbe. Friars have told me how you still remember his gentle guidance offered to you and the other young students in Niepokalanów.

Your road to the priesthood was not easy. The persecution of the Church and the Polish people found you exiled to Siberia, from where you made your way to Beirut where you were ordained, and then on to East Africa where you served the Polish refugees, and especially the children.

In this, you certainly listened to the admonition of Jesus to serve the little ones who had no one to care for them. You guided so many orphans to Canada where they were able to resettle and start new



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lives. By now, they themselves are quite elderly, and you are able to see their third and even their fourth generation. It is almost as if you

are a Patriarch of a vast number of old and young who see in you a sign of God's love and care.

You continued to serve the Polish immigrants in Montreal, with your assistance at the Father Justin Rosary Hour, and your service in Chicopee.

Your ministry included your authorship of five books and so many talks for the Father Justin radio program.

God has truly blessed you and He has truly blessed us. We thank God and you for your many years of kind and gentle fraternity to our brotherhood. We thank God and you for your many years of priestly ministry.

Know that you are in my thoughts and my prayers.

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