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Via Email

Dear LAOH National Board,

Greetings from Nebraska where summer has given us temperatures in the 90's and 100's. Yet, the heat doesn't stop our missionary efforts. I wanted to thank you for the great hospitality you have shown me during the convention. I truly enjoyed it. Also, with humble gratitude I have processed your two checks, #2476 for a donation of \$22,000 and #2477 for \$8,000 in mass stipends, in our mission office.

The challenge of COVID and shut-downs has made raising money difficult, so I want you and all your members to know that I really appreciate the hundreds of hours of effort that went into making this help to the missions possible. As I mentioned at the convention, we have been greatly surprised by the generosity of many in these difficult times. I truly believe that in hardships, we are reminded of the need to be more fraternal with others who suffer more than we have. And, this spirit has shined brightly during the last two years.

There is still much work to be done in cooperating with the Lord in the building up of the Kingdom of truth and justice, love and peace. Willing workers are scarce, but we are encouraged by having hard working partners in mission like yourselves.

I look forward to the National Convention in Orlando in 2024. I will put a reminder on my calendar. Hopefully, I can bring another Columban missionary, one of our newer vocations who is fresh in the missions, who can tell you his story.

In addition, I wish to thank the LAOH for allowing me to meet Steeler great, Rocky Bleier. As I told him, I am a Cowboys fan but I respect the player. Thank you all for making that possible.

Friendship, unity and Christian charity forever!

Yours gratefully,

Fr. Gerald Christopher Saenz, SSC
U.S. Region Director

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