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Very Reverend  
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Very Reverend and Dear Father Provincial:

Have been watching the mails for the Ordo for I knew you wouldn't forget us. It arrived yesterday, and now feel a little more like a Dominican in at least knowing I can follow the feasts etc. Apropos of being a Dominican recently at a luncheon in Holland ran into Dom Carney, Joe Reardon, Cel Rooney and Charlie Carroll. We all sat together and exchanged news of the province. All were highly pleased with the appointment of Fred Foley. I particularly have the highest personal regard for Fred and his work at P.C.

Father Provincial, I was wondering if I couldn't help out on the Mass obligations of the province... find myself saying three to four Masses each Sunday and many times two on an ordinary week day. Offer Mass each day possible for peace and my men but many times have free intentions. I would be happy to be of any assistance you saw fit. Also have changed the name of the cobbler on the bonds sent to Providence College each month. In this regard I correspond with Fr. Foley and Fr. Dore at the college.

Recently had a brief visit to Brussels and once again called on the Dominicans. Fr. Van Wildenberg, the provincial was asking for you. They had no ordos and had only a brief monthly sketch to work from at a time. I assured them I would receive one from my provincial soon, as I said above I have now and am grateful. The Belgians have many fathers imprisoned and with us all await the end of this war. Father Provincial, could you give us any news of our brethren in Manila. I would appreciate very much any news of my close friend, Fr. Alfred Norton, O.P. now of St. Albert's province.

Thanking for your letters and asking a remembrance to the brethren of the province,

I remain,

Obediently yours

*J. S. Duffy, O.P.*