Peace of Christ!

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Good Father,

In spite of the above date, this is no "April Fool's" joke! ... The past several weeks have been very full for me and I am brought to question whether you are still praying for me ... and if so, how?????? - To come to the point, I am getting further and further away from the solitude I so much crave our Carmel in Savannah Georgia is having a very hard time of it - actually, almost on the pint of suppression. They have appealed for help and through our Order, our Carmel was asked to send two of our Nuns there - one to fill the office of Prioress - the other to assist wherever most needed. To make a long process short, I have been selected as the one to go as Prioress - our Chapter has already approved of this - also our Archbishop and the papers are all in Savannah now awaitng the approval of The Sav, Carmel's chapter - then it will be forwarded to Bishop Mc Donough and he will make the petition to Rome. I just don't know how long that will take but somehow I feel it may be all settled within the next few weeks. This is one chapter of the last months ... I can'Tgo into further detail now but you need not be convinced how much I do need your prayers and all the support you can give me. I will try to tell you more about all this later on if we have time or if (most wonderfully) we could have a visit together before I leave. The second and more immediate need is to tell you that our Carmels are having a national meeting this coming June in St. Louis and whether I am still in Louisville or in Savannah I will be there! I am really thrilled over this and feel it is a great grace. I am enclosing a program which I know will greatly in terest you - you'll note that I am to be one of the panelists - I am thrilled over this too but also a bit "scared" ... my topic -O! how glorious! will be "Solitude and Silence." - It is only to take five minutes and so I have to prepare a very careful paper - I am trying to do this now along with millions of other things - but I am working on it when I can what I wonder is if you would be able to help me out - I would be glad for any suggestions you might want to give me - also, I'll be hap py to send you this paper"in process"so you can take out or put in or suggest what will be most to the point. However, I dan't want to go ahead with sending you all this if you will not be permitted to answer and it will need to be a more-or less quick response as the whole paper must be all the way complete and in Father Thomas's (O.C.D.) hands by the first part of May. Could you drop me a little note now and let me know if you can help me out on this? I have no objection to your telling Rev. Father what it is all about but I do ask both you and he to keep all this confidential - I just don't know how much the meeting is being circulated outside of Carmel and the Savannah business is a complete secret now - not even our other Carmels know any of this now. That is why Fr. Thomas listed my paper as he did although I am not the Mistress here but he could not divulge at this point what is going on between Louisville and Savannah. Do keep all these things in your heart and Masses and prayers. Perhaps what seems to be so contrary to my desires will turn out to be the means God is using to bring it about ... who knows? At any rate, I feel no anxiety in carefully following in the path He is so surely marking out for me right now. My prayers always, Father - hope all is fine with you. Sixter Chagela of the Eucharist Old

P.S. Sul taking the Regina (Wilekeek) with me