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Right Rev. John W. Shaw,

San Antonio, Texas.

Right Rev. and Dear Bishop:

It is my painful duty to inform your lordship in regard to the Spanish and Mexican refugee priests who have come here from San Antonio.

So far as I know of the many who have come here, not one has given satisfaction. Instead of helping us carry our pastoral cross, they have proven a detriment to our parishes, and they have no sacerdotal spirit whatever.

I think it time that they reform, or at least refrain from their bitter criticisms of our bishops and priests, and show a little gratitude to our country which has afforded them a secure and pleasant refuge. I do not say this because I have heard others say it, but because I know it from bitter experience. I hope you will look at this matter as I mean it.

Wishing your lordship all the blessings of the season, I am,

Yours truly in Xto.

Rev. J. P. Moog
Purish priest of
San Miguel