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DEAR DOMINIC:

YOUR PHONE CALL, YOUR LETTER WERE LIKE RAYS OF SUNSHINE IN MY LIFE. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS OF REMEMBERING ME. ACTUALLY I SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR THE SCANDAL I HAVE CAUSED BY LEAVING THE SALESIANS. I AM NOT PROUD OF IT AND I FEEL GUILTY FOR DISAPPOINTING MY FRIENDS, BUT I BELIEVE IN THE GREAT MERCY OF GOD. HIS MERCY IS INFINITE, GREATER THAN OUR POSSIBILITY TO OFFEND HIM.

I HAVE ALWAYS ADMIRERD YOU FOR YOUR INTELLIGENCE AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE A MUSICAL GENIUS WITH PERFECT MUSICAL EAR I REMEMBER YOU WERE SUFFERING PHYSICALLY (LIKE I DID) AT FLAT SINGING.

NEWTON WAS A GREAT PLACE BUT WE HAVE MADE MANY MISTAKES. LOOK HOW MANY LEFT THE SALESIANS. WE WERE SATISFIED WITH EXTERIOR COMFORMITY INSTEAD OF INTELLECTUAL AND INTERIOR CONVICTION OF THE PRINCIPLES. WE WERE SOMETIMES "GOOD" SALESIANS BUT "BAD" CHRISTIANS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND FORGIVENESS. YOU ARE A GOOD MAN AND I AM GLAD THAT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIFE YOU WERE SUCCESSFUL. I HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM YOU AND FROM MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS IN NEWTON. BEST WISHES OF HAPPINES AND JOY TO YOU AND TO YOUR WANDERFUL WIFE.

GRATEFLLY

JOE HERZOG