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MOST HOLY FATHER, 8-8-2025

AS A FAITHFUL PRIEST, I THANK GOD FOR YOU AS "PETER" EVERY DAY AT THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO "CLEAN HOUSE" WHILE GUIDING OUR CHURCH WISELY. I, TOO, GOT MY BOOTS MUDDIED IN PANAMA. (1958 -68)

I AM A 96 YEAR OLD VINCENTIAN PRIEST AND FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS RESIDING AT SAINT CATHERINE'S INFIRMARY (WHEELCHAIR BOUND) NEXT TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE (NOW A MINOR BASILICA) IN GERMANTOWN, PA. YOU MAY KNOW IT WELL.

PLEASE ACCEPT THESE CARTOONS. AS A HANDICAPPED, I HAVE DRAWN OVER 5,000 AS MY HOME MISSION. THEY ARE NOW IN 6 COUNTRIES.

I ASK YOUR APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND THAT OF PADRE PIO ON MY EYES THAT ARE FAILING ME.

GOD BLESS +YOU WHILE INVOKING OUR BLESSED LADY'S INTERCESSION FOR YOUR SAFETY.

MOST SINCERELY AND OBEDIENTLY YOURS,

Father Al Pehrsson, C.M.

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From the Vatican, 12 November 2025

Father Pehrsson,

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has received your letter and gift, and he has asked me to thank you. He appreciates the sentiments which prompted you to share your work with him.

The Holy Father will remember you in his prayers. As a pledge of strength and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, he sends his blessing.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

✠ Edgar Peña Parra
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