

Dear Community of San Miguel:

6 months ago I began my service in your parish as a Deacon. I have truly blessed with a community like yours. Little by little you became part of my family and I thank God for this treasure that I will always carry in my heart.

Due to the current situation we are experiencing with the pandemic, the President Rector of Saint Mary Seminary has made the decision to continue the semester via online classes. As a result, my Provincial Father, Alejandro Bazán, has made the decision to call us to Mexico City now because we are uncertain that we may not have permission later to leave the USA due to the virus. Therefore, with this letter, I say goodbye to you:

It is not easy to say goodbye to people that I carry in my heart. Your smiles, your love, and your joy will be what I take with me as my treasure. I know that it is not the most appropriate way of doing things, but, in turn, I must be obedient to our Diocesan authorities. They are trying to look out for the good of each one of us.

Now I can say thank you for everything, for your welcome to this boy who learning to spread his wings and fly high. However, this boy's mission is also to guide you closer to God. I thank you for every moment shared with you, it was a great learning experience. One never stops learning from children, youth, adults and our elderly. My experience with you has been very positive and reaffirming of my priestly call and vocation.

You will always be in my prayers. And please, do not ever stop praying for vocations to the priesthood because we need saints and good priests. Open your hearts to God who is rich in mercy. Pray that Mary Most Holy cover us under her mantle so that in these trying times we may see each other as brothers and sisters who truly help one another.

Thank you for everything especially and especially to our parish priest Father Mark who always did his best to make me feel part of this beautiful family. And you succeeded in that Father Mark. And for this, I thank you.

Sincerely

Your friend and brother

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