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Mr. HEINZ HODL  
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Coordination of Austrian Episcopal Conference  
For Development and Mission Works  
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Dear Mr. HODL:

The Lord blessed us today through your letter of March 17 and the encouraging message of solidarity from our brother bishops in the Austrian Bishops Conference.

In the exercise of our prophetic role to teach the Gospel of Life, we know we are also called to be martyrs for the same Lord and His teachings. Indeed, the face of God is mercy and this teaching is becoming harder and harder to proclaim in a creeping culture of death. We will not be silenced and we will not relent.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we share with you the humble merits of our sacrifices during this reign of terror in our country. Kindly convey to our brothers in the Austrian Bishops Conference our profound gratitude and assurances of fraternal affection.

Sincerely yours,

+SOCRATES B. VILLEGAS  
Archbishop of Lingayen Dagupan  
President, Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines