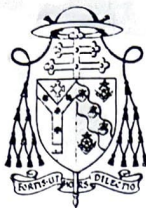


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Dear Armando,

It was a joy to me to meet you and your colleagues when you visited Archbishop's House, Birmingham, recently.

I was glad to talk with you and to hear of the good work that Mary's Ministries are doing here in Birmingham. Thank you for giving me details of the courses that you have been running, the measure to which they have been attended and the plans that you are formulating on review of your current activities.

If I may be permitted to highlight one particular point, it would be the need to do all possible to attract and involve young people in your work. There is great willingness in youngsters today to learn about the things of the spirit, although they are not always immediately at ease with the more formal aspects of the life of the Church. I am sure the example of dedicated young people, such as yourselves, could provide an important breakthrough for many.

I was glad to hear that your ministry and house can continue here in Birmingham and I would be grateful if you would keep me in touch with the plans and achievements of the coming months.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

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