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Dear Co-Redemptorist,

28 years ago I professed my vows as a Redemptorist. I think of the Redemptorists who have influenced me along the way and continue to be an inspiration today. One that comes to mind is Bro. Patrick Concidine, C.Ss.R. We lived in the same community – St. Michael's in Chicago – where I was pastor. Each week, I'd see him outside after all of the Sunday Masses greeting the people from the parish as well as those out for their morning stroll through Old Town. He enjoyed many friendships and I could see that people knew he was a Redemptorist by his great witness to the joy of religious life. **I hope that you have been in able to experience the joy of friendship with a Redemptorist!**

I've shared this simple lesson with our seminarians while I was formation director. It is important to be present to people, let them know God loves them and show that joy in our own faces. I am grateful to have a confrere like Bro. Patrick. He taught me to be available as much as possible and to have a smiling disposition. Bro. Patrick continues to be a joyful Redemptorist as he lives at St. Clement Health Care Center. He shows that God is good and continues to leave an impression on me.

Thank you for being an active member of the Co-Redemptorist Association; you are an inspiration for future generations of Redemptorists by your prayers and financial gifts. This past May, I asked you to send notes of encouragement for our seminarians on their summer assignments, over 250 were sent – including some multiple-page letters! **Your simple words, your heartfelt advice, and your generous support go far to influence the future of Redemptorist ministries. Will you please continue that support with a gift today?**

November is a time to remember all the faithful, both living and dead, who have spread their faith and inspiration to us. I thank you for keeping the Redemptorist seminarians in your daily prayers, and I will remember you in my prayers.

In our Redeemer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fr John Schmidt, C.Ss.R.' The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Director, Co-Redemptorist Association

P.S. Your monthly Co-Redemptorist letter is now available via email! To sign up, visit www.coredemptorists.org, or include your email address on the enclosed coupon along with your gift.

P.P.S. Seminarians – Mario Gonzalez, Peter Le, Hoai Phoung To and Son Tran – spent part of their summer living and working in community in Biloxi, MS. Read about their experiences at the link above.