

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

It has been a long time since I have written you a letter. I have been involved in many things that have come into my life that I did not expect. One of my brother priests, Fr. Pedro, had a long surgery at the UW Hospital to remove a benign tumor from his brain. I had to assume his duties during his convalescence, but now he is doing great thanks to God and the many prayers people have offered for his recovery.

I am working on the meeting that Bishop Morlino will hold in our rectory with some families in order to get to know each other, as well as provide an opportunity to express to him your feelings and your opinions in a loving way. I want this meeting to take place before the end of March.

In regard to our Catholic School, I am confident that we can keep it operating for the next year if we implement the new plan that Mr. Hood and Julie Fulton have prepared with so much passion. We have a new budget to send out that has been done in accordance with the new School plan.

However, I have to ask you something from the bottom of my heart. I know how generous you are and what a wonderful heart you have in order to keep the School operating for many, many years. In the past weeks our collections have been dropping. Even if they reach the sum of around \$5000, it is going to be insufficient to guarantee that both the School and the Parish will be financially sound. I don't want to put more pressure on your life than what you have already. But if you see that you can increase your weekly contribution without hurting the well-being and needs of your family, or you can make a special donation to support our school or Parish, I would appreciate that so much. I know that some people are not happy with me or with my English pronunciation and for this reason they have stopped giving us their weekly contribution, and I am so sorry for that. I have offered apologizes every time people have told me something I have done wrong and I am not ashamed to do it as many times as necessary. I know that God has sent me to Platteville for some unknown reason and this is more than enough for me to be extremely happy among you. There are some other people unhappy with the changes we have made, but be sure that we have done what we believe is best for our congregation and for you to reach the Kingdom of Heaven.

I am not asking for money for me! I am not asking for money for my Society. I am asking for money for you and your children because our Catholic School is a place where our students receive a full education based on Christianity. If we do not increase our income, then it is going to be hard to keep it operating even with the new School plan.

I pray for you every day. I trust in God my Savior. I love all of you.

Fr. Faustino