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My dear John,

Many thanks for the tome which I hope to be able to take away with me at the end of next week and to give some attention to.

I agree with what you write about the Pope's letter to me. I have no particular desire to make it public. The Apostolic Delegate was here recently and we discussed the matter of women's ordination. It seemed to me that he had not given much care to the deeper questions behind this matter, such as the Christian approach to sexuality and the doctrine of the Spirit etc. All this is a new world for our Roman friends.

Yours ever,

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