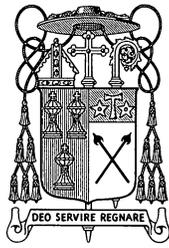


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Hector P. Garcia, M. D.
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Dear Doctor Garcia:

Thank you for sending over to me a copy of the letter which you received last April from Vicente N. Carranza. It is both cruel and spiteful and has so much legalistic earmarks that one does not have to go far for its source.

Please be assured of my personal appreciation of all you have done over the years to better the lot of our Mexican-American people, especially in the areas of education. A few of us happen to know the leg work you have put in on this. There are some that do not know and there are others who do not care to find out that some of us fought in the Courts of San Antonio back in the forties, with that wonderful man named Mr. Perales, who battled for the rights of our people to purchase property, without let or hindrance, in certain sections of the city. Nor do they know of the hours we spent, after a hard day's work, when we would return to downtown San Antonio and there, meet with the laborers in an effort to organize them in unions to better their working conditions. Today we are being told that the Church never did anything for the Mexican-Americans.

In our own quiet way, Dr. Garcia, you and I will keep on doing what we can, in spite of criticisms.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas J. Drury".

+Most Rev. Thomas J. Drury
Bishop of Corpus Christi