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San Angelo

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J.C.P.

Dear Sir,

As next Friday will be the Feast of Saint Eustace and there will be a large gathering of people at this Retreat, which I did not think about yesterday morning, so as not to find myself in the midst of so many people, where I would have to consent out of necessity to many conferences with the country people, I thought it better to leave for Calvi on Pentecost Monday. Therefore, in order to arrive there in good time that evening, I am asking your goodness to allow the servant to come here with the horses by the evening of Pentecost. Since a subdeacon, who cannot ride a horse, is coming with me as companion, if a donkey is available, he could use that. I will go along with your charity and prudence.

I am including a letter to Father John Baptist. It will be soon enough to send it on Wednesday at an early hour so that the good Father will have time to give opportune instructions for the building and for the religious family. If he can bring a donkey with him, it ought to be docile and gentle so that he is not in any danger, especially because our Father is not very strong. With boldness I ask out of charity that he would take Friday's letters to the postman in Vetralla as usual, for I am not going further to Soriano. Out of love for God, pardon my boldness and your inconvenience. I wish you once more a happy journey and return, and with all my respect and esteem I affirm I am,

Your unworthy, obligated servant,

Paul of the Cross