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Reverend Father,

In reply to your esteemed letter, I have the honor to tell you that this sacred Retreat is entirely at your disposal. At any time you are welcome to come because you are its patron. I am only sorry that we have no mattresses or sheets. We do not use them. As for mattresses, they are permitted by our Rule only for the sick. With the heavy expenses for the church we have not been able to provide them as yet. So, we would be pleased to provide for you as best we can. You will be given the best cell there is, etc. I am writing in haste and recommend myself to your devout prayers. With profound respect, I kiss your sacred hands and from my heart greet you on the part of all.

Your humble, obligated servant,

Paul of the Cross