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Canon Nicholas Zaniel (2)[318]

San Angelo

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Very Reverend Canon,

The constant pressures weighing on me have not allowed me to reply to your humble letter. I am doing so now since I can tell you that Brother James did not leave anything particular behind that I could send you because we are not accustomed to save any special items which might be sent to others. We are not accustomed to be revered by a special memory. I can reaffirm that Brother James was a true servant of God and died in great admiration, as he was in the estimation of all who knew him a man of a truly holy life. Let that be your consolation. I recommend myself much to his prayers, and I have the good fortune to say once more I am with full esteem,

Your unworthy, obligated servant,

Paul of the Cross

318. Nicholas Zaniel is the brother of deceased Brother James. He is seeking some special "memento" of his brother, but Paul answers that they did not preserve anything of the departed.