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Dear Ruth:

I have your letter and the enclosure.

I haven't gotten over the shock of the sudden death of that wonderful American and a great friend of mine, Victor Emanuel. Enclosed, herewith, is a copy of the letter that I sent to his family at the office. I didn't know the home address of his nearest of kin.

I read the news clippings from the New York papers concerning his passing. None of them, however, interpreted his extraordinary virtues. He was a man who had great faith in and love for Almighty God and, as a result, he gave his heart's full measure of love and devotion to his country and fellow men. There are few like him in the world today. I am sure that God will be good to him.

I will never forget him where thoughts and remembrances count most for Sacred Scripture says it is a holy and wholesome thought to pay for the dead.

Whenever I thought of Victor Emanuel in the past I always recalled a little verse that I wrote many years ago:

It is my joy in life to find
At every turning of the road
The strong arm of a comrade friend
To help me onward with my load.
And since I have no gold to give,
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is, while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends.

Wishing you and all near and dear to you all the joys and blessings of the Advent and Christmas Seasons, I am

Devotedly yours,

Archbishop of Boston

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