



Barreiro, 16th July 1955

Dear George:

I apologise for my long delay in replying to you. When your letter arrived I was out the country and since then I have been overworked. In spite of this, I haven't forgotten you and I have prayed for you all this time. I must also tell you that since Easter the university women of my Federation have offered their time of study (that is the hardest of the year) to God in intention of the African students.

In Portugal not only University students but also some graduated are inclined to help the African Students as much as they can.

I am greatly interested in making possible the interchange of relations between African and Europeans because I think all of them will have a benefit on the intercourse. Each country has its own cultural patrimony and then from the intercourse all of us will grow richer as everyone has something to give and something to receive. If you want, you may send me a list of the leaders of your group for corresponding with the leaders of my Federation. I thank you very much for it..

I am sorry that for your having failed your exams but I think that the success isn't the essential in christian life. If you work and study by love of God we will be appreciated by your love and not by the classifications we obtain at the University. Isn't it?

I have trying to know anything concerning the scholarships for a Cathòlic University. I can only give you the adress of a priest who perhaps must help you: Fr. John W. Seatman, S.J., 11, rue des Récollets, Louvain, Belgium.

Life at the University is a very hard task with its own difficulties but we must over take those difficulties and not let us fall in dispair. I should like very much to know that in the next schollar year you would have been rewarded by your persistence.

I appreciated greatly the account you has given of the situation of the African students at the Univ. Mak. College. I hope that I will be able to draw the principal conclusions of the topics treated by you and with the information I have received from African students of other regions to prepare a repport about the wholly situation of African students. This is, as I think you must know one of the recommendations adopted in the last I.A. of Pax Romana. By means of this repport, the D.C. and the I.A. of 1955 will be in situation of tackling seriously the African problem.

In order to stablish a program for the helping of the African students it is necessary that you informe us concretly of your fundamental necessities.

As in the next I.A. I am in charge of the "Entraide" Commission I should like very much to stress the African necessities and to stimulate the possibilities of help of all the Federations in the world. For that, it is fundamental that you write to me until the end of this month about the following questions:

- 1) What do you expect from Pax Romana, from its orientation, from its publications and from its meetings (Tret each subject separatly)
- 2) What are the points of your work about which you think that Pax Romana can help you both through the G.S. and all the other Federations.