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Dear Maria,

I am very glad to have received your <sup>letter</sup> of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. for which many thanks. I think I can well understand how busy you are and, while sympathising with you, feel very much obliged to you for having spared some of your leisure time to write to me such a delightful letter.

As you may not have realised, your letters are a real proof of the great interest you take in the African students and their problems. I deeply appreciate it and hope that it will increase to an even higher degree as time passes. I can jolly well see your great anxiety and desire for the establishment in this country, of a Federation affiliated to Pax Romana. I assure you that we share that anxiety and desire with you. I hope and wish that this desire becomes a reality in the immediate future. But, as you pointed out in your letter, the fact that the universities are new and very much isolated added to the lack of established groups of graduates poses a great and heavy problem. Nevertheless, far from being discouraged by this, I feel confident that we shall soon find ways and means of overcoming all these obstacles, thus achieving our desired objective, namely, the creation of a federation affiliated to Pax Romana.

On the other hand, I quite agree with you on the need of—  
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Knowing and maintaining contact with other Catholic groups so that making a joint effort, we may together better study the role of university people in this country. There has been contact of some kind between St. Ferdinand and St. Augustine societies. Notwithstanding, it is astonishing how little we know about other groups in Africa. We hope that through the help of Pax Romana we shall be enabled not only to know them but also to get to work together as members of the same Mystical Body of Christ.

In a meeting held <sup>between</sup> the leaders of the St. Ferdinand and St. Augustine societies it was planned that the two societies would call a joint meeting sometime this year. Therefore, your suggestion for the same thing has ~~acted~~ served as a reminder while your recommended ~~basic points~~ for the meeting are most appropriate. The aim of the meeting was exactly the same as you suggested. I have already sent your suggested basic points for the meeting

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to the leaders of our society because, unfortunately, my engineering work which will last the whole year makes it impossible for me to attend the meeting. I am sure that these points will be of great assistance to them. Thank you ever so much for this service which I am sure will be highly appreciated by all the Catholic Students.

You asked me to send you a name of a Catholic University woman and it is with pleasure that I give you the name of Miss. Secunda Mary Wanjiro, of Makerere University College, P.O.

Box 262, Kampala, Uganda. She is a member of the St. Augustine Society to which, I think, you are already acquainted. Unfortunately, there are very few African Women who teach University standard. The names of the leaders of St Augustine, if I may give you, are Messrs:-

1. Samuel Kamau - President.
2. ~~Zachary~~ Zachary Okongo - Secretary
3. Henry Agoya - Treasurer.

They all use the same Address as Miss Secunda.

You also wished to have the names of the leaders of my Group, St. Ferdinands Society, and I am glad to send you the names of Messrs:

1. Fredrick Rutakyamiwa - President
2. Francis Kibuka - Secretary
3. John Kiireini Kirika - Treasurer.

All three are in the Engineering School, P.O. Box 1337, Kampala, Uganda. I have already told them what you told me - that the Portuguese leaders would like to correspond with them. They all say that they will be very pleased to correspond and so exchange ideas with your leaders.

Wishing you every possible success in your work as well as our Lord's Protection and Blessing, I remain,

Yours very sincerely in Jesus Christ,

Charles Kibe Karanja.

