

c/o Pax Romana, 14 rue St-Michel, FRIBOURG, Switzerland

15 February 1960

Dear Mary Louise,

Since writing to you in December, I have been thinking and praying a lot in order to clear up a certain hesitation that perhaps God wanted me to do something else on leaving Pax Romana, and not lay missionary work. I have talked the matter over with my spiritual director and also last week when your letter arrived. He says my way seems confused, and he advises me to write later on to you, when my doubts have cleared up and when I can be sure that it is not my Irish impulsiveness which is pushing me to take a decision without due thought. I hope you understand, even if I have explained badly, and that you will say a prayer I shall overcome my present state of indecision, and that I may see clearly what to do. I shall write to you when I can, but don't be surprised if it is a few months. You will hear one way or the other.

Of all the Pax Romana meetings I have attended, those in Manila were the most extraordinary and the most moving. Not so much because the meetings were a success, as because of the outstanding Asian delegations. Such courage, idealism, competence, and profound religious conviction. It was like going back to school to learn the meaning of generosity and love. We were blessed with about twenty wonderful chaplains. None of us from Fribourg can look back on Manila without tears in our eyes. I shall send you a copy of the Pax Romana Journal 1/1960 in which you will affine the real articles by the meetings. I hope we convey a little of the atmosphere... I met one of the Grall members in Cairo. I think she is called Simone. We stared at one another for several minutes, before light dawned! We had met in Holland.

Wishing you a safe and speedy journey back to Europe, and God's blessing in the New Year (somewhat belatedly!),

Very sincerely, bridaine O'Meara

