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Boniface, Apostle of Germany – We, here in the motherhouse, went directly to the chapel and intoned the Te Deum Laudamus! All the sisters in all our houses should also do so on hearing this wonderful news. It is our sacred duty to thank God for his wondrous graces. We can best show our gratitude in living this Holy Rule, trying to do everything as perfectly as possible, striving, as Our Blessed Lady warns: to do whatever He tells us.

On this solemn occasion, let me offer my deepest gratitude to all the sisters who persevered during all this time of suffering, standing faithfully with me at the foot of the cross, who were not deceived either by scorn or derision from without, nor by infidelity and desertion from within, but remained loyal to the Generalate in complete affection and devotion. God bless them with a double blessing, so that they can further his honor and the salvation of souls, according to the direction of our Holy Rule, which we will have printed as soon as possible, and then distributed to the sisters.

With Simeon I can cry out with deep consolation, “Now, O Lord, you have kept your promise! You may let your servant go in peace!” Give praise, honor and thanksgiving to the triune God, and to Mary, the most blessed Mother of our Order.

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