

MOST REV. MONS. ANIBAL NIETO
BISHOP OF SAN JACINTO DE YAGHACHI
EQUADOR

Most Rev. Mons. and dear brother in the Teresian Carmel

It would have been the deepest joy for me to be present at such a very significant moment of your life, as your induction as the first Bishop of the new diocese of SAN JACINTO DE YAGUACHI.

It is one of those occasions on which, as Superior General of the Order, I feel very honoured. In this case, it is on seeing a Discalced Carmelite brother of mine the object of particular esteem and confidence to the Pope.

Being totally impossible for me to come to these lands, I asked my General Councillor for Latin America and the Carribean, Fr. Marcos Juchem, to leave aside what he was doing to represent me and transmit these simple words of greeting and appreciation.

Dear Mons. Aníbal: to tell the truth, I must reveal to you that in a moment so important and grave in your life I possess nothing to give you and nothing to say to you. I cannot offer you the help of some Teresian Carmelite friars to assist you in the work of organization and consolidation of the new diocese. Neither can I offer you fraternal counsel, which would be rather audacious on my part seeing that you already possess a sound and very useful experience, accumulated in your years as Auxiliary Bishop of Guayaquil.

I certainly assure you of my prayer, together with the prayer of the Teresian Carmel, as well as the close support, not just spiritual, of our brothers and sisters of the Carmelite Family in Equador.

From Mount Carmel, Israel, where I am at this time, I send a fraternal embrace and ask our Mother and Queen to obtain abundant blessings for you from the Lord.

Father Brother Savério Cannistrá.