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Brother Francis, MICM
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Dear Brother Francis,

Gratia, misericordia, pax a Deo Patre et Christo Iesu Domino nostro!

I would like to humbly submit my request for acceptance into The Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, that I may test my vocation to follow the Lord more closely through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience and by living the total Consecration to Jesus through Mary as a spiritual son of St. Louis de Montfort.

I believe Jesus is calling me to live a poverty which testifies to the truth that God is man's only real treasure; a chastity which represents a dedication to God with an undivided heart; and an obedience which, in imitation of Christ Himself; whose food was to accomplish the Father's will, exhibits a dependence which is filial and not servile and which is imbued with a sense of responsibility and motivated by mutual trust which is a reflection of the loving harmony between the three Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity.

Therefore, with your permission Brother Francis, I would like to proceed to the next level of my discernment process.

I am, Yours in Christ Respectfully,

Paul Anthony Melanson
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