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Mrs. Jo Joyce

Dear Jo:

Thank you for the information you gave me last Monday just as I was preparing to leave for a retreat. Consequently, I'm sorry my response has taken so long.

My article in the *Sooner Catholic* had already been completed at the time you brought the information to me. I'm sure you have seen it by now and I hope it will be beneficial to you.

I appreciate the invitation to dinner on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, however, that date has been reserved for months for a priests meeting at Saint Gregory's Abbey so I must decline.

At this time I am not disallowing participation of parishes in the Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee, nor have I ever recommended the OSC. Rather, I have asked all parties to prescind from angry and divisive activities. May we, as brothers and sisters united in Christ, live the fullness of our Catholic faith.

Again, I thank you for your concern and I ask Almighty God to bless all of us most abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

+ *Eusebius J. Beltran*

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