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Dear Fr. Bob,

I am honored to be included in the celebration of your vast contributions to Latin American/North American Church Concerns and to the social ministry of the Catholic Church. I remember well our first meeting in Santiago de Chile, when Steve and I were living and working there, and am grateful for the many years of collaboration and friendship that ensued.

Among your vast contributions that I could mention here, I write now to thank you for a very specific contribution of yours: as General Editor of the University of Scranton/University of Chicago Press Series, "Peace, Justice, Human Rights, and Freedom on Latin America, in Honor of Archbishop Óscar Romero, Martyr and Prophet." I am profoundly grateful that you published in 2011, as part of this excellent series, the bilingual version of *The Surprising Adventures of Balthazar*, by Claudio Orrego Vicuña. With my co-translator, Alejandra Mendez, we celebrated the publication at the University of Notre Dame, including the author's son, Claudio Orrego Larraín. The panel discussion and ongoing conversations about this beautiful allegory of suffering and hope behind bars reverberate to this day. Thanks to you, the wisdom of one of Chile's most brilliant servants is shared across languages, borders, and generations.

Muchas gracias, Padre.

Un abrazo fuerte,

Chris

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