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Mr. Gene Cameron
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Dear Mr. Cameron,

Bishop Harrington received your letter inquiring about Brother Francis' community. He asked that I reply.

Brother Francis does have a community of several brothers and several sisters. This community has no official recognition within the Church.

It would seem permissible to support them financially even though their situation in the Church is not completely regular.

I am not sure which community you refer to when discussing the third order, given the fact that there are four separate communities who call themselves the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Consequently, I cannot adequately answer this question.

Brother Francis and his community, though not officially regularized in the Church, are indeed very much Catholic.

I do hope this letter is of some assistance to you. Along with the above I send blessings and warm good wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Rev.) Lawrence A. Deery
Vicar for Canonical Affairs

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