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Dear Friend:

I was delighted to receive your kind letter of September 10 concerning the Ecumenical Council. Please accept my heartfelt thanks.

How well I recall our spirited discussion about the urgent need of a more comprehensive and better understanding between the Roman Catholic Church and Protestants. Rest assured that since then much progress has been made and many obstacles have been removed.

I find your two suggestions remarkable, indeed; but, since they do not pertain to the questions of my particular Commission, I have forwarded them to the Central Commission which, I hope, will present them to His Holiness, Pope John XXIII.

I am deeply touched by your fervent promise to pray much during this very important Council.

At present, I have no new details concerning the Roman Catholic Church in Poland. Perhaps, Cardinal Wyszynski's arrival will bring some reliable information. For the moment, the Communistic pressures continue.

I shall pray for you, dear Friend. May God's blessing be with you.

Sincerely yours in Christ

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