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Dear Mr. Holmes,

It gives me great pleasure to respond to your letter of July 12, 2012 and to thank you for the copy of Mr. Patrick Madrid's new book, *Envoy for Christ: 25 Years as a Catholic Apologist*. I share your pleasure with this new work, and I am very happy to endorse the book. The Church has been blessed with the fine scholarly work of Mr. Patrick Madrid, and his books deserve a place on every Catholic person's bookshelf.

The New Evangelization requires a new apologetics to announce the Gospel message with confidence and cogency. For a quarter of a century Patrick Madrid has been an outstanding Apostle of the New Evangelization. He is a man of deep faith, who opens himself daily to the power of conversion and transformation in the Lord.

It was almost twenty five years ago that Patrick Madrid came to visit me in my first Diocese as a Bishop in the United States Virgin Islands. His clear exposition of the Catholic Faith and the powerful witness of our doctrines and traditions made a huge impact on Catholics and non-Catholics alike. I have followed his trajectory with admiration and gratitude. Hopefully his memoirs will inspire others to follow the same path with the same energy and zeal.

Asking our Lord to bless Patrick and all those who are associated with his powerful apostolate of evangelization, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Boston