

Hello friends! Congratulations to the Franciscan brothers on your feast day!

Today, when I resume life in an ordinary way with my studies in this last academic year of Canon Law; I thank God for the wonderful gift he gave me from having met you. I am convinced that it is God in his goodness and mercy who has given me these new friendships, what I have learned from English, the new places visited, in short, each and every one of the beautiful things experienced and of course, especially being part of this great ECS Summer 2019 family belonging to Sacred Heart, whom I thank for everything they have done for us.

I can tell you that my heart has widened, since you have entered each of you and entered to stay, so that you have my prayer for you. Given the immensity of the gift received, it would be best to be able to correspond with immensity of gratitude, but how can one pay for goodness? But only goodness itself, or what can be offered to a Love that is given? But only the same Love. You have given us with immeasurable generosity, and I can only say "Thank you very much!", but I assure you that this simple phrase and which we sometimes get used to saying or listening to, is not as it seems, because like a strand of hair of a human being contains all its genetic load, in the same way this phrase "Thank you!", it contains deeply what I feel for what you have done for me.

How not to be grateful? How to forget so much kindness? I can't forget. There have been so many beautiful and good things received in the months of July and August that many of us witnessed, and others in which we were little, such as that concern of Kiki and Kelly for me, when I had difficulties with the trip back, and I had to sleep one night at the airport because the flight was delayed 9 hours and thank God I did not have to repeat, because Kelly paid a Hotel for me and even made me enjoy a delicious pizza and soda, when due to bad weather the flights were canceled a second time. There when I needed it most, I felt the Providence of God acting through Kelly, to whom I say in public, thank you with all my heart for what you have done for me. I say it here, because I know that what she did for me, she would have done for any of us if necessary.

Since I arrived, until the last day, I did not feel like a student more than one summer course, I felt really welcome, I felt as a family, either with the parents and siblings of the Sacred Heart Community, for which I especially appreciate to Fr. Yvon and Br. Duane; in the same way by the teachers, to the point of sharing with some members of their families and so I take this opportunity to thank Vicki and her husband, Kelly and her family. Really, it was a wonderful day and I felt at home, very happy. I have enjoyed and won a lot this summer. I'll never forget. Patience and desire because I learned are worthy of thanks, in addition, that closeness of each of the teachers, for this I am deeply grateful, Kelsi, Vicki, Dominic and Kiki. Thanks also to Ricardo who was always available to move us from one place to another; the list to be thankful for is big, because I also thank those who do the hidden and silent work and make this time of Grace possible, like Laura Keller in the secretariat providing everything, or Jean Carlo smiling at the reception, the kitchen and cleaning staff, in Finally, to each and every one. Thanks to all my classmates of English Course this Summer. Thank you very much and may God bless you. Count on my prayers. May the Virgin keep you.

With love and fraternal affection,

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