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I have been fascinated by your speeches and speeches about you in connection with the Pan American Union. Your attitude toward the sacredness and importance of teaching is my own also...and this mutual interest goes even so far as to preferring rural teaching...For although, in the U.S., I am certain educational conditions differ from those in Latin America, still I believe from my own experience in attending both a rural and a city school that the rural school needs real teachers badly. Even though you had written nothing else than your Prayer of a Teacher you would have deserved fame and much credit.

Do you think you would have the time and inclination to answer a few of the problems of information or interpretation that I may run into during this study? Where in the U.S. can I obtain copies of your works? Since most of the material about you is in Latin American periodicals I shall probably have some difficulty in obtaining research material on you. Anything that you can suggest would, therefore, be of great value and would be deeply appreciated. You wouldn't, by any chance, happen to keep a "scrap-book" in which you put all articles about you or your work as they appear in periodicals? And if you did, would you be likely to care to entrust it to an ambitious and eager young nun for a short time? Honest...I'd be careful...And I don't think anything more drastic than being prayed over frequently would happen to it. I do so want to make it a thesis of some value because I do know your work has a message...I would like to help spread it.

Why did you take Gabriela Mistral for your pen name? If you cannot answer or give information I shall understand. I am sure you must be very busy with many important things; and I also understand it is not always feasible for well-known public figures to give out personal information. However, I shall "keep my fingers crossed" and shall be anxiously watching every mail delivery in hopes of hearing from you.

Sincerely in Saint Joseph,

*Lester M. Agallie, S.S.J.*

*After August 12 my address  
will be*

*Barbours Hall Jr. Military School  
Nagaweth, Michigan.*

**[Carta] 1949 ago. 3, Nazareth, Michigan, [EE.UU.] [a] Gabriela [Mistral], Santa Bárbara, California, [EE.UU.] [manuscrito] Sister M. Agnella.**

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