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Señorita Gabriela Mistral
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Dear Señorita Gabriela Mistral:

The Church Peace Union plans to publish in 1951 a symposium on the subject: "Religious Faith and World Culture". We are asking a group of world leaders to contribute to the volume, among them Jacques Maritain, Albert Schweitzer, David Lilienthal, Arnold Toynbee, and Lewis Mumford. We hope that you may be willing to join these distinguished thinkers and write an introductory poem on the general theme of the proposed book's subject.

The enclosed prospectus outlines the purpose and scope of the book. We are especially eager to have you write an introductory poem because you speak for Latin America. More important, however, is our conviction that, even while you speak for Latin America, the spirit you embody in your rich poetry is universal.

We hope you will honor us by undertaking to write this poem. We should like to have the manuscript by January 15, 1951. The honorarium we can offer is modest, namely, \$100. We realize that this is only a small token of our appreciation. There is no way in which we could pay you for such an introductory poem.

Perhaps I should explain that The Church Peace Union was founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1914. It is an interfaith organization that works for the establishment of enduring peace. It works through religious bodies and agencies and cooperates with numerous national and international organizations impelled by similar ideals.

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