

Dear Daddy @ all at Home!

I tried to call you by telephone on Saturday but it was impossible to get through. I hope my letters arrive and that you are all having a good Summer.

The year really is going very quickly. We have been busy here with the First Communion over the last 2 weeks and soon the holidays will begin for the kids. A neighbor of ours died a week ago from a kidney infection. He was 46 years of age and really I never thought that kidney problems could be that serious.

The last few days I have been recovering from the meeting we had which was very intensive and meant I had to go a bit from one place to another. Many of our old friends here who had exiled from Argentina are now returning to that country but they are finding it very difficult to get work. I hope myself to stay here in Venezuela for the time at least. There is plenty to be done here. At the moment we are preparing a National Mission in order to prepare for the Pope's visit which will be next January. The Pope will spend only

two days in the County ~~but~~ as he will later travel on to Rep. J. There will indeed be great excitement when he comes.

There is a big clamp-down here now on thieves and the police are checking up everything like everything else - the big fellows will get away as usual and a lot of innocent people are rounded up and held for a few days.

It finally started raining over a week ago and people were in a bad way for water.

People are afraid now it will rain too much.

Well I'll finish this letter. During the week I hope to write much more. Meanwhile

All the best to everyone. We are following Sean Kelly & the Columbians in the Tour of France for London Park.