

Everything was terribly dear. When we eventually got to where they were boarding the plane, it was also near closing time as they say. This time we had a bit of a struggle as the seats were not very good but later we were accommodated in a long four-seater - very like what we got at Shannon. By that time the children were cross but they got to sleep and stretched out full length on the seats. They slept until we got to Caracas and fortunately both were quite rested when we arrived so Carlos walked with us through the airport. There we got through Customs without a box even been opened. They asked me what was in the big box. I said 'clothes' and they left me through. A couple who are friends were waiting for us and had a mini-bus so we had no trouble loading up all which arrived in perfect shape. The drive was about the same distance from Shannon to home and we arrived at their home where we have stayed until today. We will not move to the Maryknoll Fathers house.

I also arrived to find out that in El Salvador many people who were travelling for the Conference there which I was invited to found themselves with problems of visas and could not get in. They were still holding it but not on the scale it was planned. Evidently I took the decision not to travel because it really would not be worth while so we will be able to go to Argentina somewhat earlier. The 7th December we hope which is in about two weeks.

We were of course very sad at leaving. The holiday was great and we want to thank Granda very much. No doubt at Curraghmore things are much quieter now. However please God it won't be too long when we can spend another time at home with you all.

Any letters that arrive you can open them. We had some letters which we will be sending now from Venezuela. All the best then. We will be writing again in the next few days. God bless and fondest greetings from

your son
PAT
Fatima
Carlos y Amy
Rice