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Reverend Robert L. Stern, Church of St. Brigid, 119 Avenue "B", New York, N. Y. 10009

Dear Father Stern:-

I write to confirm your appointment as Director of the Spanish Speaking Apostolate, which will be effective August 4th, for a period of three years.

As you share with me the priesthood of Our Saviour, so also you share with me the responsibility of the pastoral care of the People of God in this Archdiocese. A greater pastoral concern is the spiritual welfare of our Spanish speaking brothers. Your office will be primarily pastoral to realize the zeal and sincerity of the Spanish speaking people that they may take their rightful place in the community of the People of God.

I look forward to the day shortly to come when they will assumetheir positions of leadership within the Archdiocese, and will be a source of many vocations for the service of the Church.

I am grateful for your willingness to take on this responsibility and I pray God's blessing on this important pastoral apostolate.

With kind regards, I am

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Terence Cardinal Cooke Archbishop of New York