

Dear Florence,

Words, I am sure, are incapable of expressing the loss you and your family - and the people of Jackson, will experience upon the death of Tom. It has been a frequent thought of mine, since I heard about him, how manly a Christian he was. His example will long be remembered.

I was thinking of the days he used to sing ^{for} high Mass and Fr. Zukowski, with my mother pouring away at the Organ. And then his and your generosity when we were building our seminary in Minnesota. But the image I probably always will keep is that of a steady hard working man, quietly and unassumingly Christian. There was something unusual about him in that you felt a better person just meeting and speaking to him. And I am sure the many who did advise and love him also feel blessed because of their knowing him.

Jackson has produced some extraordinary men and women - and Tom, one of the most memorable.

Florence, remember me to your good family. I am grateful for the privilege to say the Masses for Tom. And I want to thank you too for the news clipping. I will keep you in my prayers, hoping all goes well in Dallas.

It will be great when the day comes for me to return to the U.S.A. Being a foreigner is much harder than I ever realized. The people are kind, which makes it somewhat easier.

My best,

John Lynch, S.J.