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Dear Doctor Donnelly,

On behalf of His Eminence Cardinal Stella, and in my own name, I would like to extend a welcome to all of the participants in the upcoming *Science in Seminaries* gathering to be held in Tuscon, Arizona from 28 January to 1 February 2016.

The project which you are undertaking, with the help of the Templeton Foundation, to encourage scientific literacy in Roman Catholic theologates is of profound importance in the effort to form priests who are able to enter into dialogue with the contemporary society of the twenty-first century. I was pleased to hear that so many of the seminaries which were contacted have chosen to participate in *Science in Seminaries*, and I am happy to encourage even more to do so.

Due to commitments here in Rome, it is not possible to attend the gathering in Tuscon. Nonetheless, I would like to assure you of my support for your project, and Cardinal Stella's as well, and I look forward to hearing of your future progress.

Grateful for your collaboration, I assure you of my prayers and best wishes, and I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Jorge Carlos Patrón Wong
Archbishop, Bishop Emeritus of Papantla
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