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Dear

Home has a special meaning for all of us and on 26th of September I will be making my way home. I will be saying a final “goodbye” to Ecuador which has been my home for the past 32 years and has become part of my life. It is understandable that I should have “agri/dulce” (sweet and sour) feelings but decisions have to be taken and love of my diocese and health have been fundamental factors in the decisión I have taken. You will keep me in your prayers.

ARCHBISHOP VISITS THE PARISH

Oracio-misión-formación (prayer, misión and education) have been the three pillars of my work in the parish during the past two years and it was good to hear that the Archbishop wants these three elements to be the basis of every parish in the diocese. So be it. They are elements necessary in every parish to respond to modern challenges.

His sermón was not too long despite my hand !!!



RENEWING MY DRIVING LICENCE

Quite a saga! First, I could not get an appointment for renewal till the licence had expired (policy); then I was mistakenly directed to a city some two hours drive from my parish; thirdly I was sent to three different offices before getting the correct one (they did not realize that I was over 70); then a practical test in a feild which I failed because I had not told the policeman who came into the car that he had to put on his safety belt. He only later passed me because “I could drive”. Then across the city to another office where a computer chose 20 questions from a list of 350 – and some were weird – all correct there; then an audition test (a bit poor there); action reaction test (good there); visual test (O.K). My test lasted two days but finally I could walk out of the off with my prized licence.



If you can identify these signs, a post as an Ecuadorean Traffic warden is guaranteed. Uniform available tomorrow.

A PROMISE FULFILLED

It is now six years since the Missionary Consuelo and myself went to the parish of Fr. Martin Kelly (from Motherwell) to give a course on catechetics. He has an extensive parish of agricultural lands where all kinds of fruit grow. It is an eight hour journey and we left after the Sunday 7 p.m. mass. A couple of days away from the cement city was like being in heaven We collected bags and bags of different fruits.



God bless, Fr. Colin