

Letter Writing

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Religious letter writing can be one of the most effective channels of grace. A single letter which we write can change another person's life. St. Ignatius, he would sometimes rewrite a letter seven times to make sure he was saying exactly what he thought the soul to whom he was writing needed.

Not all people have the same freedom to write letters. Not everyone has the same facility. But everyone who believes in Christ and writes letters should be aware of the power of the written word to bring souls closer to the Savior and literally work miracles of grace in people's lives. It does not really matter how much or how many letters are written and surely it does not matter on how long they are. What is important is that what we write will breathe the spirit of piety. That we write about the things of God. But I'm not used to it. Start getting used to it. And that our correspondence is consciously intended to bring those to whom we write closer to Jesus Christ. Otherwise as St. Ignatius stated, don't write the letter. You're wasting your time and your wasting the time of the person to whom you are writing. One short comment. Make sure that your letter close with a conclusion, like, sincerely yours in Christ; sincerely in our Lord, or simply in our Lady, or in the love of the Sacred Heart, and I close my letter that way also to my Jewish friends, why not?

Christ our Lord told us that, if we profess Him before men on earth He will profess us before His heavenly father. This is both a privilege and a challenge.

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