Dearest Bob, brother and friend:

Your brother priests — Ed Cleary in heaven and David Orique in Providence College send you heartfelt love and support as well as warm congratulations and gratitude for your service to the Church, especially the Church in Latin America.

Along with Ed, you are one of the great scholars of the region and have made important academic contributions to the understanding of Latin American Catholicism.

I'm grateful to Ed for introducing us. If you recall, the three of us celebrated New Years together in Chile!

I'm grateful to God for your inspiring example of commitment and sacrifice.

Peace and prayers, David