

THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XII

2 Via Boncompagni
Rome, Italy

July 8, 1949

Dear General Marshall:

Very many thanks for your letter of June 22 concerning Mr. Joe Abbate, who is desirous of receiving the Papal Blessing. I have much pleasure in enclosing an official certificate, issued at my request by the Holy See, conveying the Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to Mr. Abbate. If I can be of any further service to you in any way, permit me to say that you will always be doing me a favor in letting me know. Should Mr. Abbate come to Rome in the course of his visit, I hope he may have time to look in on me, as I would be so glad to meet him and to be of any possible assistance. Should he desire to be received in audience by His Holiness, I shall be glad to make the necessary arrangements.

I hope this finds you and Mrs. Marshall well and that it may not be too long before I have the honor and good fortune of seeing you both again. May I say that I am ever mindful of your great kindness to me when I had the honor of accompanying you and Mrs. Marshall to call on His Holiness at Castel Gandolfo.

With many respectful greetings and every good wish to you and Mrs. Marshall, I beg to remain

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

Franklin C. Gowen

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Special Assistant to
the Honorable Myron C. Taylor

Enclosure:

Certificate of Apostolic Blessing

The Honorable
George C. Marshall,
General of the Army,
Department of the Army,
The Pentagon,
Washington, D. C.

ABBATE, JOE

(GOWEN, FRANKLIN C.

(Pres. Rep. to Pope Pius)