

Unto the Imperial Council of his Imperial Majesty Alastair, Archduke of Canberry, King of the Southlands, Defender of the Faith, and Lord of Lyneham and such other territories as call him ruler.

From: Frederick, Acting Archbishop of Canberry, under the Light

Imperial Counselours and your most Radiant Majesty:

As per the request that was brought to us I have dispatched a priest for Orden's Vale and an additional dozen with him for such other locations as may require clerical succor.

However I write to having taken the time to educate myself regarding the extent of the need and have come to realize that it is sufficient to take my breath away.

It appears that despite robust slave taking by the accursed Aragoni from Region 7 during the flight from the Old South kingdoms, several millions of souls remained at the time of the settlement. Apparently lacking other things to bide their time in the winters since that has now increased and a rough census of the folk shows them to be about 9 millions total including bairns in their mothers' arms, with no less than 2 millions additional now pregnant.

Their own original priesthood, that of the Lady of Chaos, was decimated, virtually eliminated before they settled in their new holdings, not to mention the disaster having shattered their bonds to her.

It is imperative that adequate priests of the Light be distributed among the people that Glor'diadel will be uplifted and the faith of the folk in a deity that cares about them restored.

But we are challenged. If I were to empty every one of the larger parishes of one their priests, and strip the seminaries of every student of at least the third year, giving them brevet ordination, we would still look at a terrible dearth of available clergy.

Your Majesty, as protector of the Faith the decision is yours as to how to proceed, particularly during this time. However, I have drafted a letter to the Patriarch requesting more clergy from the Holy See - but I must caution you - that will still not be enough.

Using some priests as circuit priests among smaller villages would somewhat relieve the pressure, but by my calculation we need to find no less than 14,000 additional clergy within the next 10 years, and I have no idea where they are to come from.

With your majesty's permission, I would like to both present myself and my credentials and take meeting with you, at your earliest convenience.

We must act, for the glory of the Light.



Frederick, Acting Archbishop