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Dear Brother,

When the cycle of the years is fulfilled, the great moments of inspiration return, and those who know how to make use of them are the creators of eras.

For many centuries the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre has struggled to survive. Through wars, destruction, spiritual desolation, it has managed through the enthusiasm, the faith and the inspiration of certain of its members to continue its mission. If we would remember Modestus, the humble monk who restored the Holy Sepulchre, saved the archives, rebuilt the Christian Community after the Persian invasion, we would know that our greatest works of reconstruction have been inspired by the faith and courage of single individuals.

The humble devotion which your letters to our Brotherhood reveal and the enthusiasm with which you have tackled ~~the~~ problems of reconstruction make you, for us, the American Modestus of the Brotherhood of the Holy Sepulchre. We thank you for the work you are doing as Secretary to the Committee of our fifteen hundredth anniversary drive, and pray that the blessings of the Lord may be with you, and His Inspiration.

TIMOTHEUS, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM

The answer of the Patriarch Timothy to the letter of Morton Smith.