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To the Family and dear loved ones of Fr. Alex Gaitán, CMF,

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, it is with a heavy heart that I offer my sincere condolences as you mourn the passing of our beloved Fr. Alex Gaitán, CMF.

Fr. Gaitan had a heart of pure gold and was dedicated to helping anyone who knew him. He faithfully served his religion and migrants from all walks of life with compassion and hope. His deep commitment to immigration ministry and his mission of serving all immigrants in Newark, New Jersey is a testament to his wonderful character and a life fulfilled with purpose and motivated by a powerful love that will be cherished forever.

Our Fr. Alex Gaitan leaves behind an everlasting legacy of compassion and service that will continue to live on in the hearts of all who know him. He was extraordinary and deeply respected in his community and beyond. I join his family, the Office of Social Concerns, and every migrant he's touched throughout his life to thank him for all he's done to strive for a peaceful world and the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Please know that Fr. Gaitan's tireless spirit of valor will live on through the countless lives he has touched. May you find comfort in each other and in the many memories he and you shared together. Wishing you all comfort and peace during this very difficult time.

With deepest sympathy,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mikie Sherrill".

Mikie Sherrill
Governor