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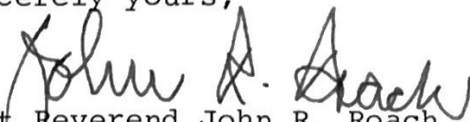
Dear Mr. Norris,

Pat Gorman made an excellent presentation to the Bishops of Minnesota at the Minnesota Catholic Conference meeting in New Ulm on June 18. He had with him Mr. and Mrs. George Rauenhorst and also a young man who is one of the farmers in the Pine City experiment. All of them contributed greatly to the discussion.

The Bishops of Minnesota as the Minnesota Catholic Conference are very much interested and very much pleased with the initiative taken by Control Data in an issue about which we have great concern. It is also our feeling that the optimism being shown by Control Data is exactly what we have been looking for in our own efforts to try to raise the visibility of the worthwhileness of the family farm.

Each bishop will have to return to his own diocese to consult with his finance committees about the particular commitment of each diocese to the program. However, as a body, we are committed and would like to seek membership in the consortium which will sponsor and invest in Rural Venture Incorporated. I have asked the bishops to inform me by August 1 as to the amount of dollar participation of the individual dioceses. We have suggested approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000 from each diocese which would come to between \$60,000 - \$90,000. My own guess is that most of us will go toward the \$15,000 figure, but I cannot give you a firm figure as to the amount of our dollar involvement until shortly after August 1. I did want to get this letter off to you however, to let you know of our interest and of our enthusiasm for the project.

Sincerely yours,

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Most Reverend John R. Roach, D. D.
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