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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

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Dear Mrs Hammer-

Under separate cover I am returning the booklet on Japanese Buddhism, for which many thanks. I found it interesting and a good general picture. If you ever manage to get those books on Zen, I will be eager to borrow them. Meanwhile, I think I will try the Library of Congress. Maybe the introduction to Zen that I mentioned was published by the Philosophical Library and not Pantheon.

In returning the booklet I also enclose an Italian magazine containing some unpublished material of mine, in Italian. It is the text of two talks given here at Gethsemani to a group of priests of the Louisville Archdiocese, in 1954.

What a wonderful April we are having-- or it seems so to me. With so much rain, everything is fresh and green and I have never enjoyed the spring here so much. We have our fire tower on the hill, now, and it commands a wonderful view of the valley of the Rolling Fork River.

Please give my best regards and those of Brother Giles, to Victor. We will always be delightedly looking forward to news about the Christmas Sermons. I have a man here who can translate the Cassiodorus, if you just give us the references to the passages you want done. I think it sounds like a fascinating little project.

If you want a fascinating picture book for the library I suggest an album or whatever you call it on Hindemith-- "Paul Hindemith, Zeugnis in Bildern" published by Schott, at Mainz.

Please give my kind regards also to Dr Thompson and his good family. With all blessings

Devotedly in Our Lord

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