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TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

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Dear Victor:

I wanted you and Carolyn to see this copy of a letter from Bob Lax in which he gives his characteristic impressions of the Desert Fathers Book. I hope you can read the photostat which is not very clear. The letter is in Lax's own brand of English and I have had to insert a couple of words he left out. I know you will enjoy it. Mark Van Doren also wrote praising the beauty of the book. Other comments have not reached me.

Did you hear about Brother Giles going to Rome? This is amazing. He is to work in the house of the Abbot General for five years. This will keep him pretty busy and it will not be all beer and skittles I can assure you. But I think he will have a chance to get around a bit and see a few places, and that will be wonderful.

I have been sending back the library books gradually and think I have most of them back by now. One arrived today however, the Gellhorn, on War. Thank you, Carolyn.

Do you by any chance have:

- ✓ Zernov- Three Russian Prophets
- ° " Church of the Eastern Christians
- ° Nicholson - Mystics of Islam

And did you ever get Jung's Secret of the Golden Flower?

The novitiate is a madhouse as they are tearing up a concrete floor in order to put in a drain for some new showers. So I think I will have to hide out in the woods for a while.

When are you and Carolyn coming over again? The weather in October ought to be quite nice-- what we have had up until yesterday has hardly been decent.

Here is another offprint you might like-- it is from Cross Currents. Do they take that in the library? It is very worth while.

As ever, with all best wishes, and hoping you are both very well

Faithfully yours in Christ

*Jm Louis*