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ABBHEY OF GETHSEMANI
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

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Dear Victor

Many thanks for the proof. I think it will do very well in the book. It is very simple and austere. Are the lines in the hand holding the crown too heavy? This strikes one a bit. But the woodcut is I think very fitting and good, and I am glad it turned out well, after your misgivings about it.

How many copies can you spare me? I forget how many I asked for last time, and do not know what measure to place upon my greed. Will six be too many? I now forget whether I have promised that many to people already. I half promised to give one to St Mary's College Notre Dame and then drew back and said no they had better buy one. I don't think I am a good salesman. But we'll see. If it worked with them I may do it to all those to whom I first promised one, and then enter 1962 with an air of executive abandon.

I wish you again all the best of the season's graces. Good health and joy to you in the New Year, and blessings especially to Carolyn. I will let you know if I hear that J. is coming.

Very cordially as ever, in Christ

Jm Louis