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All Souls
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Dear Fr. Thomas Merton:

Jim Forest showed me the letters concerning PEACE IN THE POST-CHRISTIAN ERA. I knew that Fairfield County Sane was mimeographing copies, so through Jim I made known your wishes to them. Honey Knopp, fire-ball radical Jewish Quakeress in Westport, tells me that the mimeographing will be finished soon. I hope so because I will need a copy for an article I'm trying to write on the non-violent revolution.

Apparaently, about one month ago, you sent TEN POEMS OF ALFONSO CORTES, and an essay, VIRGINITY AND HUMANISM IN THE FATHERS. The mail is opened at one desk, and then letters demanding more than casual reply and articles submitted for publishing are put on my desk. The Merton package was immediately snapped up by one person, then another, until it was only by accident that I learned of its existence yesterday. I have been managing the paper for about ten weeks. I like thr poems very much. After they are published wherever else they have gone, may we then put one or two in the CW? Dorothy will be back in about a week, so I'll wait till then to confer about VIRGINITY for the November issue.

I was shocked to learn of the restrictions put on your writing about Peace. I know what an impression you have made on people who have been untouched by either the Catholic vision or the peace concern, middle class Fairfield County liberals. For the past three years I have taught public junior high in Fairfield County, been very active in left-liberal circles (the witness), and in New London County, with Polaris Action, New England CNVA from its beginning. Your contribution was singular. It is enought that we keep on circulating already published articles. There is more to be said, but Lord knows, there areo others who should be saying it.

Jim and Jean are in fine shape. Jean looks wonderful, seven or eight months "gone," happy, sharp-minded, in very good health. Jim is getting fat. He's very good to her. Their marriage appears to be doing them a lot of good, so let's keep praying for them. I don't think Jim is really happy with his work, and his outside activities, what with the present configuartions on the Peace front in NY, are not altogether satisfying.

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