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Dear Fr. Merton:

Thank you for the PPCE. Please send us ten copies, so that poeple who should know the material can have their own. And for the review. It's terrific! I hope DD will like it; can't imagine her not liking it, but then... she's a woman and one never knows. What is said in the review, and in Fr. Lepp's passages has all been said before, but it is so cogently stated, especially in the context of WW II, even Americans should be able to understand.

I'm writing for permission to print the Clement of Alexandria item. For which thanks again. Beautiful. What's this poem you mention about the Ladies' Jail? I know nothing of this. Can you send another copy?

I liked Dorothy's Cuba articles very much too. Nobody else, left, right or whatever, has looked at the tragic situation in Cuba the way Dorothy has. She sees the human things and doesn't get absorbed in distracting political nonsense, but she does it from a politically sophisticated background. She's a wonder, and still a mystery to me.

Best wishes from us all, and may Advent and Christmas shower us all with strength.

In Christ,

Tom Cornell

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