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Cambridge, Mass.

April 18, 1962.

Dear Thomas:

Many thanks for your letter of the 14th.

I am writing today to Pauden about the crucifixes, and in the meanwhile have made a few inquiries here among foundrymen. If Pauden will send me a finished casting, and leave to reproduce it, I find that we can get bronze copies cast for about \$3.⁰⁰ each, and silver ones for about \$5.70 each, if 20 are ordered. These figures are based ^{on} a good many guesses, but will give you a notion of the scale of prices. Pauden, if he allows me to do this at all, will want to be paid for his part in the work, and there will be some cleaning + polishing on the castings, and of course the wooden crosses. Your guess is as good as mine on these last items.

About the chalice, we reprinted the photograph you liked because we had the plate already, and because we liked this design better than the more recent ones that Miss Wilson furnished, but we are making better chalices than that. Harold Schaeffer has made a chalice from a design based on the medieval Polish POZNAŃ chalice, which I think is perfect — and I think I ought to know, for I have designed hundreds of bad chalices. We published photos of the Poznań 2 or 3 years ago, in Good Work.

I do hope you will find time to do a piece on the Shakers, to be illustrated by your photos. I hoped, last fall, to get Christopher Dawson interested in the Shakers sufficiently to make a short tour with me through some of the "families" in Western Massachusetts, and N.Y.

But she has been ill a lot, & neither of us could find the time, & the project fell through.

Have you seen John Biggers' book of drawings called *ANSANSE*, the result of a Trip through the back woods of Ghana, where he went to make the acquaintance of his ancestors? He is not a Catholic but he is well aware of the cultural problem, and had pleasant relationships with Catholic Africans. I have written to him.

C.A.A.

Fr. Bede Griffiths is coming to our 1963 Convention in Santa Fe. I had no idea that he would, but thought we might as well ask him. I do hope that you'll be able to follow his example. Do you think that Fr. Chavez, who lives in one of the pueblos, would be a good man to tell us about the contact of cultures in our South West, from the Christian point of view? I have never met him, or read him, but he sounds like the right man for what I mean. If we can manage things properly, this convention might do some real good in raising the whole subject of culture contacts and the spreading of the Word.

I wish I could help with the affiliation with Pax, but I already seem to have ~~too~~ taken on more work than I can possibly accomplish. But there ^{might} be some small way in which we could help out, if you should let us know.

I will let you know what Pauline answers about the canonicity.

Gratefully, Graham.

P.S. I haven't mentioned the revised Goy + Magoy. I'll send you a typescript when I get it together.

G.C.