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Dear Sister Bernadette

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About the passage in the New Man to which you refer: I do not have a copy of the book at hand and have not checked it, but what I mean about the relation of sin and mental illness is this. I do not mean that actual sin usually leads to mental illness. I was simply lumping together all these evils as consequences of man's fallen condition. So we speak too of illness, death, etc being part of man's fallen state. Mental illness too. Neurosis and psychosis would not have been possible in paradise.

I am trying to remember which one of those girls was Berte, now Mrs McCandless. Was she one of the Bryn Mawr ones, or one of the Vassar ones? Anyway I am glad she has come into the Church. More and more of my friends out of the distant past seem to be drifting in. Thank God for it. Say hello to Berte from me, and I will keep you both in my prayers and Marilyn also.

Cordially yours in Christ,