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Dear Father Merton,

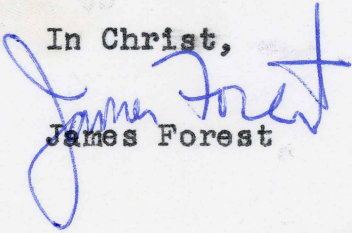
I am at a loss for words, I'm afraid, as eight days ago we went to press and, as you no doubt know by this time - your poem was printed in full on the fourth page. We certainly apologize for this and you will not be waiting long for a letter from Dorothy in this regard. We will send our apologies to your original target - Lawrence Ferlinghetti - right away. And I certainly hope that it has been approved by the censors of the Order as we don't want this complicated any further. - for your sake!

About the book you are sending: If it hasn't already been sent by the brother you asked please don't do it. The title I gave was incorrect and what I was, and am, trying to get was not Thoughts in Solitude, which we have in the Dell edition, but the one that was given a smallprinting - the Solitary Life. And, as mentioned in the last letter, I will be very happy to pay for it as I know there is considerable difference between the cost of the Dell book and this other edition.

Your letter has stimulated us all to reread the Mass in time of War.

Pax Christi vobiscum.

In Christ,


James Forest

P.S. Would you mind saying a prayer for me. Going on retreat at Spence for two weeks - seeking a vocation - and would appreciate it very much.