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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

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Dear Dr Thompson:

Thanks for your interesting letter. Yes, I believe I know the life of Dom Urban Guillet to which you refer. It is undoubtedly the same that we have here. Incidentally a book called "Priest in the Wilderness"-- a life of Fr Badin which you may have seen, came out recently. It is published in Milwaukee by Bruce and Co. It has some material on Fr Urban and of course much about Kentucky.

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The Southern Books Competition interests me. I am just sending you a couple of copies of ~~an~~ booklet we have put out. I wonder if we could enter this in the 1957 competition, even though it was printed for us in New York by the Margridge press. The designing was done mainly by my friend Ed Rice. Will you let me know what we would have to do to enter the book?

Together with the booklet I am enclosing some poetry worksheets and proofs which may interest you. These are from the book The Strange Islands which New Direction is currently printing. This includes the Tower of Babel, of which however there is to be a separate limited edition. It will be done in Germany- in German and also in English, with woodcuts by Gerhardt Marcks. I think it is progressing fairly well. But I am out of touch with all this since I have stopped writing for the time being and Father Abbot has very much cut down on all correspondence.

If Victor Hammer later on finishes printing my "Christmas Sermons of Bl. Gueric" that might conceivably be an entry in the books competition. I leave that up to his judgement.

With every best wish and all blessings,
in Christ our Lord,

J. Louis