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Dear Victor.

It is Easter morning & your Road from which has been veiled during Lent (according to our rule) is once again unveiled, & is once again a splendid & substantial presence. So naturally I think of you, especially as the fine catalogue of your "retrospective" reached me, with extra copies, the other day. Really your whole & unified work is a most satisfying achievement - much more than most men can claim. You have certainly no need for regrets!

As to solitude: I have had a quite "solitary" Holy Week, only coming to the monastery for the most important offices, & never has Easter meant so much as been so clear. One must be solitary in order to recover contact with the same & ancient traditions. All my woes & regrets are to be traced to efforts to be "in contact" with the world & its movements (& I include "movements" within the Church!). So be thankful for your extraordinary solitude, for it is a most precious gift.

All blessings to you & Carolyn, in the Lord.

Tom.