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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI  
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

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Dear Cliff:

Your note of March 18 reached me and I was very sorry to hear that your health had given out on you. Don't be upset about it, or take it too hard. It is probably a blessing in disguise. People who work very hard with their nerves (artists always do) seldom know when to stop, and their system just has to stop for them. It is probably perfectly natural and right: if you can't take care of yourself, your system will stop automatically and make you rest. The only trouble is that if you regard it as a defeat, and worry about it, the rest will not do you as much good as it might. So therefore take the right attitude, don't feel guilty about being sick or reproach yourself for not being made of iron: but enjoy your vacation and forget about the TV station. If you can get in the mood to do a little spontaneous creative work, it might help much also. But the best thing would be to forget completely about business and all such things.

Don't worry about what comes next, it will be taken care of.

You see, you don't have to act as if you were alone in running your life. God is big enough to take care of you if only you will let him. Have a little faith in His wisdom and love for you: and to have faith you don't have to "see". It is better if you don't see, the faith is then more perfect.

Later on if you get back to Louisville, why not come out and take a weekend at the monastery sometime? I may or may not be able to see you, but that is not the important thing. It would do you good to be here in the silence and listen to the chant and what not. This is the nicest time of year around here anyway.

Of course I will keep you in my prayers.

God bless you-

All best wishes, in Christ

*for Louis*

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