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Dear Victor:

Many thanks for your note and for Lexi's good letter which I return herewith. Yes, I knew that Maritain was coming and I am delighted that he will be able to. I hope nothing gets in the way, as I look forward very much to being with him for a little while.

As to you, yes, by all means let us plan on something in September. The first Saturday is bad for me. The 10th, 17th and 24th are all right, and maybe the 17th would be the best. However, any of those three will do. Just drop me a line when, and I will expect to meet you at the usual time.

Have we ever spoken of Thomas Mann? I do not recall. I have never really been able to get into him, but I see that I must quite probably read Dr Faustus. Do you know it? It is apparently a horrifying indictment of modern art and culture and probably a hair-raising book to read. I wonder if Carolyn could get it for me. If you want to look at it before she sends it on, fine. Or perhaps you would prefer to look it over in German.

Does she perhaps have in the library any poems of Miguel Hernandez? A modern Spanish poet who died in one of Franco's jails. I am very impressed by him. Not to be confused with Memendez,-- a Peruvian.

With all best wishes always and blessings
in Christ,

Tom.

As for my wasteland life, well a hermit is one who lives in the wasteland as an outsider but my cultural desolation is not total. There are books.