

Regarding letter of May 22nd, 1959 - by way of explanation:

Dr. Keaney and the writer had talked of making a retreat at Our Lady of Gethsemani. I am sure that Father Louis would have taken the correct channels to obtain permission to chat with me.

Cliff Shaw

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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY



May 22, 1959

Dear Cliff:

Thanks for your letter. I am glad to hear that things are going better with you. It would certainly be a good idea for you and Dr Keany to come out here.

If you intend to come the weekend of June 7th, drop ~~an~~ note to Fr Hilary, the guestmaster, and say you are coming, otherwise he might not have a good room for you. It is always wise to make arrangements in advance when coming on a weekend. I am not telling him myself since your plans are not definite in your letter. I hope they will become so, and then no doubt I will be able to have at least a brief chat with you. You can mention the fact to Fr Hilary when you come, and he will get in touch with me.

There is no news of the book of Selected Poems and I doubt whether much is going to be done about them soon, but the publisher is coming down some time and I will know more about it before I see you. Don't count on anything. I have not written any new verse, and do not expect to be doing anything like that for a while, as I want to take whatever free time I have just to think and sit around. That may sound disedifying, but I assure you it is most important. There should be a lot more of it.

I am glad of the good news, and will keep up the ~~prayers~~ prayers. God bless you.

Faithfully in Christ

J. M. Louis

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