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OUR LADY OF GETHSEMANI
TRAPPIST, KENTUCKY

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Dear Victor-

Needless to say I feel immensely indebted to both of you for the beautiful work you did on the prayer. The quantity question is of no importance, I was in fact quite delighted at the little extra touch added by the crosses in red. These only make everything all the more perfect. I am very happy about the job. The electrotpe will take care of the rest.

Perhaps you do not know that some time ago Father Abbot had decided that it would be best if ~~z~~ I undertook to write no prefaces, as so many requests come in which have to be refused, and if we accept one, then the others have reason to feel offended. In addition, I am really writing nothing at all for a year or so, and this too is in accordance with the command of my superiors who feel that too much has been published and that some time should be allowed to pass in which unpublished manuscripts can be printed and so forth. I asked Father Abbot about making an exception in this case, but he felt it would not do. However he did say that he would be glad to let me provide some texts from the Desert Fathers, after a year and this would include a little piece about them of course. This is something I can be thinking about all along, in my reading. So if you will excuse me for the moment, I will beg off the Cassiodorus project and concentrate instead on the Desert Fathers-- I think in particular of a little selection from a very interesting and little known monk called Evagrius who was in fact very important. How about a book of "Sayings of Evagrius"? Besides, I know very little really about Cassiodorus.

Again, I am deeply grateful for the prayer, and I beg Our Lord Himself to reward your kindness. God bless you both-- Devotedly in Christ

J. M. Louis