

Hermitage
R.R.1, Site 22
Black Creek, B.C.
VOR 100, Canada
Jan 16, 1985

Dear Basil,

After being a pilgrim hermit for sometime I am back in the almost absolute solitude of my hermitage. It has been cared for by friends. In fact, each year I have spent some time here, but now I am back for good. A letter from Fr. Winandy after Christmas from Malmedy Belgium wishes me "to spend many years still in that place, happy and full of faith, hope and charity as a true hermit can do." Father's hermitage in Belgium is being restored, "...or, better, rebuilt almost entirely, for it was in a very bad condition".

Bishop de Roo has been most kind and welcomed me back to the diocese.

We were interested in Harry John. His wife and Dr. Gallagher must have been driven into a corner to feel obliged to have him summoned before a court of justice.

I am always interested in your work and your amazing output. You are helping many people, especially your centering prayer. It has been of real assistance to me.

Enclosed is a copy from the Victoria newspaper. I like to think of the hermitage as more than an experiment. My hermitage shown there is now 20 years old and still solid, only instead of being at headquarters it is here on the banks of the Oyster River in Black Creek, about eight miles north. The bookbinding equipment from Lafayette and originally from Pecos and before that from the Valley is still here and being used.

I always recall that wonderful visit I had with you at St. Joseph's in March, 1965 on my way to the hermitage at Courtenay (Headquarters). Your knowledge of canon law helped me a lot and your charity was very warm.

In gratitude and in union of prayers,

Sincerely in Christ,