

January 25, 1990

Dear Father Charles,

Thank you for your letter of January 14th.

I have studied and discussed the document with others. I enclose several articles that seem to address some of the issues and the reactions to the document that the document raises. It does not refer as far as I can see to Centering Prayer since Centering Prayer emerges out of the Christian tradition as such and is not a baptized discipline from the east.

Certainly the document does not censor Christian meditation which in several places it highly recommends. Since the document is highly nuanced, it has been misinterpreted in the press to a great extent giving rise to the very questions that you present.

I hope the enclosed information will be helpful to you in advising Bishop Remi.

I am glad to hear you had a chance to visit Father Bede in India. He is one of the great spiritual luminaries of our time.

With all best wishes and in union of prayer,

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Keating". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas Keating