

TRAPPIST MONASTERY

LANTAO ISLAND

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Dear Friend,

May the Lord's great peace and love be with you!

At the direction of Archbishop Jean Jadot at the time he was Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, I and a number of other monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, undertook to experience and evaluate a number of the various activities that were attracting many Catholics seeking a greater enlivenment. In my work with the Secretariat for Non-Christians and as founder of the North American Board for East-West Dialogue I had made evaluations in regard to the offerings of Eastern religious masters. But the Archbishop was interested also in other non-religious offerings.

Among those which I explored was the "Forum" which is now offered by Landmark Education Corporation. I found it a very profitable experience for myself and for those who experienced it with me. While it is not religiously oriented, the full human enlivenment which it brings about leads to the person becoming more lively in the practice of his or her particular faith. It is a purely natural or human program but can be used by the faithful Christian in service of living a more lively Christian life. I have therefore without hesitation encouraged persons to take advantage of this excellent course.

If I can be of further service, do not hesitate to call upon me.

God bless you in every way.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JM Basil Pennington". The initials "JM" are written in a large, stylized cursive font, followed by the full name "Basil Pennington" in a similar cursive script.

M. Basil Pennington, OCSO