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Dear Ralph,

Thanks for your note and the two pictures which I return. The "orthodox" Magi remind me, of course, of the Boy Bishops, children playing the rôle of the bishop on "Holy Innocents" Day, Dec. 28, who carried on their "office" for a week, and also of "Beffana" (Epiphany) in modern Rome, when children preach in S. Maria Ara Coeli. With all that the "King-Bishops" of your postal card should probably be combined.

Thank you for reminding me of my *dies ater* on May 3, which I shall probably spend on the highway to Dumbarton Oaks, driving alone and lacking the chatter of Michael [Cherniavsky]. It is, by now, a drive of barely four hours after the big tunnel under the Port of Baltimore has been finished and you no longer have to drive through the slums of Baltimore. I did it a few weeks ago when I had to give a lecture at Johns Hopkins for your former colleague [Adolph] Katzenellenbogen, and then went down to D.O. to listen to a very good paper which Ihor [Ševčenko] delivered, and then was quite astonished how quickly I got home from Washington.

I am glad that you are relatively little involved in the departmental plots at Minnesota. You get those frictions practically everywhere (Princeton Univ. History Dept. is a great exception) and the best thing to do is to keep away as much as you can. I am glad to hear that your book will be out in June. Don't bother about it that it comes "too late" for the May event which means so little to me. So far as my 70th birthday is concerned, don't plan too far ahead. Besides, your very nice plan of "Collected Papers" would put a not inconsiderable load upon my shoulders, because most papers are in need of revision and additions. But it could be done, though you should not forget that this volume too would not be quite inexpensive for the donors. You will have to approach Arthur Lehmann in Carmel for a good sum I assume, and only hope for you, him and me that by that time he will still be alive.

To your list of American Journals which might review your book, I would add the *Journal of the History of Ideas*, the *Catholic Historical Review*, and also the *New York Times* even though the latter may not review it—but if it does, it would mean 500 copies or more sold. In Germany you should send it to *Historische Zeitschrift*, *Historisches Jahrbuch*, *Deutsches Archiv*, *Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte*, and *Archiv für Liturgiewissenschaft* (at Maria Laach, via Andernach/Rhine). France, Belgium, and England you would know—but do not forget the ecclesiastical Journals.

Whether I shall be here middle of June is not so certain. I have a reservation on the *Liberté* for June 30th, but if I really should go, I would have to be before that in Ohio. My sister has been operated on once more, and the outlooks are not too good and the domestic situation is very complicated anyhow. I just was there two weeks ago, before she underwent the operation, and found it all very serious.

I shall be in Cambridge for the Mediaeval Academy at the end of this week, and then comes Dumbarton Oaks. From Michael I receive quite amusing letters, and John Phelan wrote and told me that he planned to visit you and Norah. Give her all my best, and my best wishes to you.

Love
EKa. [Signed]