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Dear John:

Good to hear from you, and happy to be of some small service to you. Your good article and your vita (quel impressive!) I sent to the editor of the Homiletic and Pastoral Review. (copy of letter enclosed). That is a journal almost exclusively for priests, and has a very sound theological orientation. Sign Magazine has an increasingly liberal thrust, and I believe they would find that your article in its final applications smacks of traditional Christian belief, and thus "anathema sit." This is not criticism of your article but rather of their editorial policy.

The editor should be replying in a few days, and if negative, I'll send the article to Priest magazine. But "negative", what am I saying! It's just that I am in the deep rut of receiving negatives to my own manuscripts.

Looking forward to seeing you in September and hearing of your numerous and varied adventures.

P.S. My comments about the Sign editorial policy does not mean that the editors have rejected traditional Christian beliefs, but only that they have a shuddering horror of that worst of all possible fates, being labelled "conservative." A label in which I revel.

In Christ, Bob C. ,