



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

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Deacon Robert J. Hesse, Ph.D.
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Dear Deacon Bob,

Thanks for the letter and for the book *Open Mind, Open Heart* by Father Thomas Keating. Although I have not yet had the time to read the book, I hope to do so when an opportunity arises as it may prove fruitful for my time at the October Synod on the Word of God in Rome.

I appreciate as well the information regarding Snowmass Trappist Monastery in Colorado. The monastery seems very conducive for a contemplative retreat (especially since Colorado has an incredible depth of beauty in landscape and the outdoors). Retreats are important as they are able to foster a deepening of prayer and spiritual nourishment.

With my prayerful best wishes and in gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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