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Brother Patrick's last letter to me was on January 3, 2017, thanking me for a box of sugar-free wafers, which he received on Christmas 2016. He was always thoughtful and gracious in his letters and always appreciative of gifts sent to him or library reference research that he requested. In this last letter, written on a big card with the photograph of a bird perched on a tree, he expressed appreciation for Brother Christian's photographic cards of birds and their environment, which he said was around the monastery infirmary grounds. He also liked the Biblical text in the card: "Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" (John 14:27). "This card," he wrote, "is my way of thanking so many friends and neighbors for their generosity over the years, from Shakespeare at Stratford which I still remember at this age on planet earth." I have often remembered riding with Brother Patrick in Jonathan Montaldo's car on our drive from Louisville, KY to attend the Sixth General Meeting of the ITMS, held at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, Ontario in June 1999. As Waterloo is 33 miles away from Stratford, we were able to enjoy watching *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Tempest* before and after the conference. We drove back to Louisville on June 14, 1999, Brother Patrick's 74th birthday. During his funeral on February 28, 2019, I said silently, Shalom, dear Brother Patrick.



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