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It was always a delight to visit with Brother Patrick either at the Abbey or on his trips to Louisville. He was always, as far as I was concerned, a great friend, a model monk, and an important part of the landscape of literary and intellectual life among American Catholics and a wider interfaith community. I would just mention a couple of special items that come to mind in reminiscing about him: (1) Many years ago (I think it was at the time Bellarmine hosted theologian Karl Rahner), we had taken the guest to Gethsemani to address the monks. While we were there, Fr. Eugene Zoeller from our theology department approached the abbot and asked if Brother Patrick could come up to Louisville when our next guest speaker was appearing the following month.

“Gene,” the abbot said, “I thought you knew how this thing worked. Of course Patrick will be there. He will find out a few days before the talk that his allergies are acting up and that he has to come into Louisville to see his allergist. And of course while he’s there, he would find his way to Bellarmine.” (2) Brother Patrick liked to tell his friends that the abbot (I don’t know which one) had told him that when he died, he would go down in history as the monk who had written the most blurbs for academic books in the history of monasticism!



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