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Dear Mom and Dad,

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I wanted to write and tell you how much I enjoyed visiting with you even though it wasn't very long. Sorry if I was in an argumentative mood but I have been tired from my job. I feel really rested now after having stayed with you for those two days. The people I work for aren't as easy as it may seem. It's hard work for too little pay. I found out that I will be off a few days next week. I work on Christmas and the Tuesday after it, but after that I'm off for a few days, I think. I'll have to check the schedule again. How long will Pat and Becky be here? I know I'll get to see them although I don't know how long it will be for.

You don't seem to realize how important it is not to tell anyone at all about Carolyn. Word gets around and if it ever happened, all that Jim has worked for would go down the drain. We have something here that exists nowhere else. Jim has given everything that he has in order to make this apostolic community work. He is the most selfless person I have ever known. So I hope your own insecurities or ego-needs don't let the word out not to even the least person because this seems to threaten you so. It's hard to understand the relationship but I have seen the work here and know what it is about. It is so minor compared to the hours of time Jim works with people and with letters and other stuff.

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As for myself, I still love art and music and the people here do too but you wouldn't give a starving man a picture or a dying man a violin. The most important thing to me is working for brotherhood and justice. I have the highest hopes of all and know there will come a day when peace and love and truth reign this world. Somehow I get the feeling you don't think it will come. There will be many trials but the end result is what will count.

I love you very much but even Jesus said, "And ye shall forsake your father and mother." I know this is the right way to live and wish you could come too.

Love, Annie

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