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Dear Ms. Gilpin:

My presumptuousness maybe is surpassed only by my verbosity.
I hasten to apologize for both right off.

The movie and dinner with you on Friday was full of deep meaning for me. I came to visit in Santa Fe last February full of sadness, fear, and bitterness. When one deals in human anguish day after day, those emotions can so easily be the end product of even a real dedication.

After three days going again and again through your exhibit at the museum, I came away a wiser, older and more peaceful person. Your work, your art, gave me an understanding of the oneness of the human fabric which I needed and could not find.

The thought never crossed my mind that I would, one day, be able to thank you for showing me the engulfing waves of soft tenderness in every tragedy, the dangers of destroying our humanity by traducing human nature.

A restless wind, stilled for a moment to see its reflection in the clouds which give it definition and some measure of glory and peace, is twice blessed when it can say.....

Thank You.

Roy

Father Barton.