Dear Mr. Raymond,

I've decided to say "thank you," immediately lest I might forget or procrastinate unduly. You see, I have been intending to write for a long while now—to say how grateful I am that you included The Shaping Spirit in one of your recent precious book jackets. But now that you are planning a visit, I'll save my reasons for my special gratitude until then.

(Do let us know of your coming this, so we are here. Incidentally Oct. 10 is bad—alumnae homecoming— and Oct. 17 Dr. B, Beatrice and I shall be away.)
The most Martian stamps are

lonely. I'm trying to get all the
Martian year stamps that were
issued. I have those from Italy,
too, but these are even more beau-
tiful. I have one from Ireland —
one denomination — may be that is all Ireland issued.

God bless your thoughtfulness, too,
about the dish stamp file.

I am teaching again — so stamps
are really recreation! Sincerely,

Mrs. H. Chrysanth
Oct. 14, 1954

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Really, you are a prince! If
the sisters had not al
ready agreed that I
am thoroughly spoil
I would say, "I'm
afraid you're spoiling
me." God bless
you again and again
and again! The
stamps are precarious.

The little file box is
an ornament as well
as a utility. Thank
you very much. (I'm
writing under artificial
light and just noticed
the ink turned black
because I drew it from
the wrong bottle. I think
you will excuse, please.)

Thank you for
calling Debiick to my
attention. One of these
hours I'll get to the
library if the sky clears and the campus dries. The yard is surrounded with a good many puddles after the dawn pour; though, thank God, we have had nothing like Chicago. Yet, fortunately, are on the 3d hill — the highest point. Yet, one dreads the over-dose of rain. Please God, it will soon clear! You see, the excavation for our faculty wing is being delayed too. Of that by now healed, didn’t you?

The shall look for your mate telling us. When we may expect your greetings from all the Beach sliders! Sincerely,
October 29, 1954

Mr. John L. Raymond  
712 North Dearborn Street  
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Since your visit, which we enjoyed very much, we have examined more thoroughly the gift book, The Mystery of Hamlet, by Percy McKaye, which you brought at the time, and find it more fascinating each time and realize it is a real treasure. It is a beautiful book.

In regard to the book, Le Livre de la Vierge, ed. by Bertrand Guegan, as on the enclosed slip which you had given us, the book is already in your collection.

Sister La Verne has very kindly given these tickets to you for her play which will be given in the near future. We hope you will be able to arrange to attend the performance.

Just a little while ago, I met Sister Hermina who gave me a knowing smile. I told her I was writing to you, and she asked to give you kind regards.

Also, the best of wishes and prayers from each of the "Book-Hookers".

Sincerely yours in Mary,

Sister M. Annal, O.S.F.
You are all beautiful. O MARY—
You are the glory, you are the joy.
You are the honor of our people.

The Motherhouse, Joliet
November 25, 1954

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Thanksgiving holidays—days set aside to give special thanks for all our blessings. And among these, faithful friends are not the least by far. Know, then, that I am grateful for your friendship.

It was thoughtful of you to write me about your change of address, and change of work as well. You will be successful in that work, of course. Having been in it before, you will have all the advantages of a fresh beginning, with none of the drawbacks of inexperience. And your "new home" is beautiful. May you be very happy in it.

I am sorry to hear that Maymie is not good. I will keep on praying for her. As for you, you are a "standing intention" not only on my Rosary list, but in my other prayers as well. May God's blessing rest on all that you do.

Sincerely in Our Lady,

Sister M. Hermina O.S.F.
Nov. 26, 1954

Dear Mr. Raymond,

You have our best wishes and the assurance of prayers that you will find your new abode and work to your liking. The news of this venture was a surprise yet not so much so since on the occasion of your last visit here you informed us of the unfavorable change that was taking place at Fields. I don't think you ever liked the job of buying. And we are glad for you that “Deerpath” came your way.
Little Christmas
1954

Dear Mr. Raymond,

First, y'all, hearty and prayerful good wishes for a blessed, peaceful, and truly happy Marian Year. May you realize an abundance of Christ's love and our Holy Mother's special protection.

And then—let me say thank you for your Christmas greetings and excuse...
myself for not having sent you a note or card. The fact is that I'm still in the convent infirmary and so still dependent on others. I hadn't your address and regularly forgot to ask for it when anyone came who knew it. But I did pray for you. Because I was too ill to examine your specials to me, I gave them to Dr. B. I believe — but I'm sure to get at them soon. Right now I'm at ease foreign and commemorative stamps. Have you (ensemble please!)? Greetings! Dr. MC.
CONSECRATION

TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O God, the Holy Spirit, infinite Love of the Father and the Son, through the most pure hands of Your Immaculate Spouse, Mary, I consecrate myself to You, this day and all the days of my life, as a sacrifice, O consuming Fire, being firmly resolved, now more than ever, to hear Your voice, to follow Your gracious inspirations, and to do in all things Your adorable Will. I promise to adore You more frequently, to love You more ardently, and to make You better known and loved by others.

Purest and holiest Heart of Mary, in whom Jesus lives through the Holy Spirit, implore for us from this same Holy Spirit, a union like Yours with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Immaculate Spouse of the Holy Spirit, pray for us!

Our Lady of Wisdom and Mother of Divine Grace, intercede for us!

O Mary conceived without sin, Pray for us who have recourse to You!

PRAYER

FOR EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lord Jesus, in these evil times, when Your Bride our holy Mother Church is beset with perils on every side, we beg You to obtain for us from Your Heavenly Father a greater outpouring of Your Holy Spirit in our struggle against the Prince of darkness.

Send forth Your Spirit of Wisdom and Love, O Jesus our King, that He may renew the face of the earth.

Grant that, by His Divine direction and under the patronage of our Immaculate Queen Your Mother, by whom all heresies are destroyed, Christian education may become and truly serve as the humble handmaid of the Magisterium of the Church, assisting her Bishops in teaching divine truths and kindling divine love in the minds and hearts of men.

Direct religious instruction in our schools and in all Catholic institutions of learning in America, O Spirit of Jesus, for the glory of God, for the sanctification of souls, and for the welfare of our country through the spread of true Christian culture. Make us and all Christian educators true bearers of Your Light and Life, Your Love and Peace and Holy Joy, in the spirit of our holy Father St. Francis.

Lord Jesus, by Your Holy Spirit and Your Immaculate Mother, may Your Kingdom come and Your Church be glorified!
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