August 4, 1967

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The summer session is now over for which I am grateful. I believe there are the sentiments of most if not all instructors. But it is the opposite of the Sister students who enjoy being here. The summer session is heavier than during the year. You can see the amount of work in six weeks as you do in eighteen weeks during the year.

I started a letter before but it was never completed. Now, I can manage my time. A retreat starts tomorrow, August 5th, but I made mine in June. This gives me the opportunity to write to you as I have wanted to do since you visited me. We were happy to have you come and I regret that I did not return before you left. The visitation for whom I was called happened to be a classmate's first year since I entered the Convent, then later
I met the sister of our pastor when I entered the convent.

Thank you very much for the books you mentioned bringing. But true to the name of "Book Hounds," they have been hounded so far, the two volumes of English Literature, "Oxford History of the United States," and "Ben and Me," by Robert Sherwood, found their way to the library. You may be sure that English Department is pleased. "Ben and Me" is delightful reading even for adults.

This is now August 6th. It is very quiet here now. Only a few are out of retreat.

Kindest regards from each of the "Book Hounds." You are in St. Francis.

Sister M. Annel, O.S.F.
August 23, 1957

Mr. John L. Raymond
255 East Illinois Road
Lake Forest, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Surprise! I am really answering your second note within the same week.

The books, Letters of James Joyce, Our Fair City, edited by Robert S. Allen and The Pundit and the Player, by Charles Norman, arrived last week. Very likely, I shall have a chance to read more of these books for an unusual reason. In Our Fair City, I wanted to see what was written of Chicago. The author of the article is not very complimentary. I want to read The Pundit and the Player through — a welcome addition to the Children's Literature collection.

No, we do not have All in Good Time by G. B. Stern.

Right now, I am a victim of crutches. It seems we are taking turns in breaking parts of our anatomy. Last Sunday evening, I stumbled going up the stairs, which resulted in a chip fracture of my big toe. So this confines me to my room most of the time. The crutches are very tiring. (Maybe not, if and when I get used to them.) God gives a portion of His cross to everyone.

Your cross right now is your hayfever. I hope your work is not so strenuous during this siege; also that it may not last too long. Your visit will be welcome; perhaps, by that time we will be able to show you the wing that is being renovated.
COLLEGE OF SAINT FRANCIS
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

One can really see the progress now in the Wilcox wing, especially the third and second floors. Special effort is being made to complete these two floors. We are being assured that these will be ready for September.

At present, men seem to be working in every part of the building — painters, telephone men, plasterers, roofers, etc. We meet one or the other in some part of the building.

With our new appointments for the year, The College faculty (fault of typewriter) has had some changes, among them being Sister De Padua. She is now at St. Francis de Sales in Chicago.

Kindeest regards from each of the "Book Hookers", also the "busy-fingered"ones.

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annela, O. S. F.
Sunday, Aug. 25, 1957

Dear Mr. Raymond,

I wonder if your kind invitation to visit you still holds good. Sister Elvira and I would like to visit you next Saturday, Aug. 31st, if that is convenient for you. Would you kindly let

[Signature]
me known?

Things have quieted down a bit now, and the school year is approaching — too fast, I would say.

Sincerely yours,

Sister M. Anicea.

If at all inconvenient, please do not hesitate to say so. S. M. A.
Sunday, p.m. 9-2

Dear Mr. Raymond,

How can I thank you for a wonderful day yesterday out at your farm. It was all I expected it to be, thanks to the attention of a very kind host. I only regret that perhaps we made your day a little more inconvenient, an account of your working hours. But we all
do want to thank you for your invitation and for the opportunity to see the Deerpath Inn. I am not surprised you like it as well as you do. We all liked the homey atmosphere, and the apparent friendliness of everybody, even Stormy. God bless you, Mr. Raymond, you have been kind to us in so many ways.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Anicita
Thank You
Dear Mr. Raymond,

I wanted to extend "Thank you" for the kind and gracious hospitality shown us last Saturday during our visit with you at Deerpath Inn. We enjoyed the day immensely. Deerpath has a quiet and cultured atmosphere, and your reception...
fit right into it.

We stopped at Barat College
before returning to Joliet. Had
a nice visit with Mother Burke
and some of the College.
They have their problems too. It does
not look as though their new
residence hall will be ready
for opening, even then they are
postponing the opening day.

Sisters Ancella and
Entelicia join me in a sequel. Thank
you and prayerful good wishes.
Saint Francis Convent
520 Plainfield Avenue
Joliet, Illinois

J.M.J.F.

My dear Friend,

September 5, 1957

The "kind greetings and small treat" arrived for the holiday which we call "Labor Day." Both brought me real joy. It is always a surprise to me to be remembered in such a pleasant way. I say the reward for opening the door to you at St. Boniface when you visited Sister Carmel has been very great, for you are a true and loyal friend.

My own loyalty takes this form: I pray for you every day; I even sprinkle holy water for you each evening. I hope God blesses you....

Sincerely and gratefully,

Sister M. Vermine, O. S. F.
Thank You
Sept. 15, 1957

Dear Mr. Raymond:

How fortunate I was to be the chosen one to accompany Sisters Annunciata and Elvira to Lake Forest. It was a delightful treat to be feasted so royally. To you and a hearty Thank You and God bless you!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Sister M. Euthalia
December 27, 1957

Dear Mr. Raymond,

It was a great pleasure to have you come during this Christmas season, and we enjoyed your visit so much.

A grateful thank you for the book ends—the real thing for books; also the books are much appreciated. I shall enjoy going through them after I complete some of my correspondence to members of my family.
Since you are written to them only after Christmas, they look forward to hearing from me.

Both Sistee Chareanaha and Beatrice expressed regret with their brief visit with you on account of prearranged appointments. On her return, Sister Chareanaha dashed to the Raymond Room to find it already locked and you gone. It seems even the vacation days are filled with many duties.

Best wishes for a successful and blessed New Year.
Always,
Yours in the Lord Jesus,
Sister M. Anns, O.S.F.