Thank You

GOD

Bless You
January 17, 1960

Dear Mr. Raymond,

This is belated but nevertheless a heartfelt "Thank You" for the generous gift of books, spices given on your delightful visit here during the holidays. The spirit was braved through the books, and the two beautiful boxes of candy were enjoyed New Year's evening. The candy was delicious.

Thank you for the book, "The Literary Ankle of Lincoln". It has already been read in class.

When the third note enclosing the board book list arrived, I felt I must hide my face. I submitted the list to the "Book, Workmen". The choice is between "Henry James" autobiography and "Anatomy of Criticism by northage Foree". Perhaps, you, or a member also, ought to make the final decision.

Now, "beautifl smile," start this work on the 20th.

Best wishes and prayers during this year of 1960 and a big thank you for your kind letter. God bless you. Very truly yours,

Sister M. Rosary, O.S.F.
February 28, 1960

Dear Mr. Raymond,

This is the last Sunday before Lent so it is a reminder to get all correspondence. The Interlude helps you up to date on the College news.

The big affair, the Cantata Dinner, apparently was as successful as the preceding ones. We went out to the Armory late in the afternoon to see the decorations. They were beautiful.
Now, the students are excited about the Mardi Gras. I am sure they will have a good time.

Do you remember when you were here, Sister Veronica had a cold. Two days later she was taken to the Infirmary and in those days ever since. I saw her today and she says she is pretty good, but cannot walk (much) I think. I have seen her very sometimes.

She always inquired about you. Kind regards from the Book Hookers.

May you have a profitable and holy Lent. As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annecy, O.F.T.
April 24, 1968

Dear Mrs. Raymond,

Joyful Greetings for the Easter Season! The ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter were very impressive, but it surely was a rainy Easter Day.

The Easter bunny (through Mr. J.H.R.) surely sent a big surprise package! The picture of the English department will be delighted and of course, the library as much. As soon as they are stamped and recorded, they will be
put out for browsing.

This afternoon we had the dedication of St. Albert Hall, the science building. The ceremony was simple yet placed emphasis on its importance.

The National Catholic Education Association held its meeting in Chicago. The business was transacted on Tuesday and Wednesday, so quite a number took advantage of the opportunity. Classes resumed only on Thursday.

Only several weeks now and then will be the end of this school year.

Kind regards from Sister Hermine. She is still in bed in the Infirmary. I visited her this afternoon. She inquired about you.

Greetings from each of thee.

Sister M. Amore, O.S.F.
May 18, 1960

Dear Mr. Raymond,

A bit ago I finished correcting my first final examination and handing in the corresponding grades. That means there is a little interval for recuperating and recreating. So here I am to say "Thank you" for that very nice collection of "specials" for the members of the English Department who belong to the Hookers' Club.

Especially happy was I to find ANATOMY OF CRITICISM by Northrup Frye. He did a splendid job on the book. It was one that I had on my "must" list for the new budget which opens again in July. It's one of those all-embracing views of criticism without which one can hardly survive intellectually. And then, of course, there were the two books of Eliot, one of my favorites. As students and sisters alike say, "You'd manage to justify the inclusion of Eliot into a course, no matter what it's title." And I think they are about right as I do hold him to be one of the great poets and critics of our day. He'll make for collectors' items shortly, if he hasn't already done so. THE ACHIEVEMENT by F O Matthiessen was really my introduction to TS in the forty's. It's the volume you sent with its excellent chapter added since his (Matthiessen's) death to bring the work up to date. This revision of yours is almost like an entirely new study and hence most valuable.

If you've missed the reviews in THE NEW WORLD, you must know that I have also missed writing them. But during this semester the piling up on my desk was a little worse than usual, and, much to my own regret (for I liked doing them) I wrote Miss Ryan and asked her to hold me excused except for the books on poetry. Presently, I'm doing research on the history of our own community, an interesting but onerous task! Please include it in your prayers.

And speaking of the community, brings me to our mutual and dear friend, Sister Hermina who is still confined to the infirmary, getting tinier every time I visit, though as alert and as sweet and gracious. She seems feeble; does not seem to be gaining strength, not surprising, of course, for if you ever saw her tiny portions on her tray, you'd wonder that she still subsists at all--birdlike bites is what they are, hardly more. But her smile is there and her sparkling eye too which means that she is holding on. Whenever I bring up Lloyd, she wants me to give him "regards," that's her word. And once when I said we had 'nt heard from you for a while, she suggested my writing because you might be sick. She has a large-beaded black rosary on which she counts her Aves--you're in it, I know. She continues to make its rounds again and again and again daily--she wouldn't know how many she tells me.

But, oh, I have chatted too much--now must stop, but first, "God bless and keep you."
J.M. J.F.  May 25, 1960

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Here it is the night of Baccalaureate and Honors Day. These two ceremonies were combined in the one day this year.
Tomorrow is Graduation Day, which is in the afternoon, since we cannot see the Cathedral in the morning on account of the Holy Day.

The selection of "The Mercian St. Francis of Assisi" has now been dropped. To combine the affairs of three days into two, some things had to be dropped. The Interlude will give you college news. This book, Wagner's "The Masters of Faith and the Three Volumes of History of Italian Literature by Francesco De Sanctis," were most gratefully received.

Now that the scholastic year is at an end, some will be preparing to go away for study and others, for teaching.
during the Summer Session here.

I presume you have been very busy there as you also are affected by the affairs before the close of school.

The campus is beautiful right now, so fresh and green. You are welcome to enjoy some of it when you can.

As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Quanar, O.S.F.

J.T. Murphy Co.

PHILADELPHIA 20
August 14, 1960

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Today, we are getting back to normal after two days of celebration — our reception and profession ceremonies on August 12th.
and 13th.

The summer session was enjoyed by the students with regret that it passed too quickly. We were kept busy in the library and accomplished much work.

Graduation was in July, 19th.

The following days were well filled for me. On August 1st, Sister Claudia and I made a flying trip, (en rather a speedy one), to Allegany, New York, for the closing of the Centennial of the Allegany Franciscan Sisters. They are close to St. Bonaventure University where we spent a part of the day. Then Friday, August 5th, 1925, I went on my visit home. I presume I will settle down for awhile now. The College Sisters are in
and out on visits, workshops, conventions and the like; one day here the next day gone. Nearly all the Mission Sisters have left and practically all by Tuesday.

How has your summer been? I hope you have not been kept too busy to enjoy the summer days.

Our campus has been beautiful and so green. We hope you can arrange to enjoy some time here.

Best wishes from the "Book Nookers."

As always, Sister M. Aurea, O.S.F.
O St. Francis
we beg of you
through Jesus and Mary
to bless all whom we love
September 6, 1960

Dear Mr. Raymond,

We have had no sight, no sound, no line so we have wondered if you have been overcome by your work and with the heat. If so, St. Francis campus does have some breezes at times.

On, are you dreaming the opening of school, too?

Only one week left of the vacation. The students arrive Monday, September 12, and classes begin with orientation on Wednesday.

Toward the end of the summer session I received some sale lists and received...
some very good
book bargains in
the subjects of
biography, religion,
religious history,
fiction and the like.

Very favorable
counts have
been given on the
two-volume set of
Italian literature
which was completed
during the summer
and put on display.
Your contribution,
remember?

Wish me well for
the new school year.
Best wishes from Sister
Hermine and kindest
regards from the "Book
Hogans."

Sister M. Aquinas, O.S.F.
O St. Francis
we beg of you
through Jesus and Mary
to bless all whom we love
October 11, 1960

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Your letter was most, most welcome. Now we know you are still among the living. Seriously, we were wondering if something had happened to you.

On the morning of St. Francis Day, I remarked that I was going to write to you which began a discussion about you and if anything had happened. Well, thank God your letter has arrived.
Periodical! Book Collector is very interesting. In fact, my first attempt at writing this letter ended in reading it through.

The title on the enclosed slip looks very interesting.

Of the Oxford History of English literature, we have all but vol. 3. Volume 7 is on its way from an Oxford list. Vol. 1 has not been published nor is it.

The section in the art department and should over Japanese prints.

I could write much more but you would have to wait longer.

Kindest regards from the Book Hooker.

Johnti Chapter has made the B. H. curious.

Until we see you.

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Aimee, O.P.T.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Instead of feeling myself - a regular book-hooker without qualms - I've felt like something of a celebrity these last few days with fan mail to the right and left of me. These letters range all the way from one decorated completely with green shamrocks and signed by an "Emmet Garrity" to one from what must be a guileless and naive individual seeking tutoring or a course by correspondence no less. And then there is your delightful and breezy note with its good wishes which I appreciate very much, Mr. Raymond. It is so typical of your taking time to do the kind act and promote the cause of CSF. That's loyalty!

I haven't time to talk politics, much as I should like—for there is much of it in the air. Some of my girls wept with joy when they saw Kennedy himself the other evening and were permitted to shake his hand!!

I've passed your kind note along to the club members—we usually share whatever we get. That, of course, is not news. Good wishes always!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

M. Chrysantho, OSF
December 1, 1960

Dear Mr. Raymond,

You may be sure we enjoyed your visit with us again even though the funeral, appointments and the like prevented one and then another from spending as much time with you as she would have wanted.

It would give you great pleasure to see the picture books through the books you so generously brought with you on your visit here. Their interest and beauty attract practically everyone to the table. The picture in the English Department were so pleased over the additions in their field.

The picture of the Art Department were elated over the volume of Japanese Prints. And, of course, we in the library are happy for all of them. We really did not do justice in our comments to you about the books! Only later, I saw...
the program of Pygmalion which you had brought along.

I checked on the Japanese book, Tokaido's prints with the poetry. I recalled it immediately when I saw it although at the time I was thinking of a larger sized book. It was so close to where we were standing it could have "bitten me." It is a lovely little book with both the picture and the poetry.

Sister Herminea felt badly that she was not able to see you. She brightened up at the word "Floyd" and her eyes grew as wide. She thinks as much of you. We will have to see if anything can be done next time you come.

Best wishes from all the "Book Hookers" and you know they are book, true to the name, that's on account of the good bait.

May the preparation of Advent give you a happy and blessed Christmas. As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annunci, O.S.F.
December 12, 1966

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The two packages of books arrived and rather surprised me at first. With so many books, I had somewhat forgotten about them even though you had mentioned you were sending them. It seemed a little like Christmas already with the books neatly wrapped in tissue paper. The books are now in the Community room for the Sisters to browse through and possibly for booking.

We had our Christmas
Concert on December 4th.

Between the pre-Christmas activities and the Christmas spirit, the instructors need to hold the students down to study. Just this week and vacation began Friday.

May your Advent preparation be followed by a joyful and blessed Christmas.

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annal, O.S.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE

PEACE
JOY
CONTENTMENT IN THE LORD

Thank you and God bless you for your gifts and recent visits. Come again. Always welcome.

S. M. & Lucia
Thank you and God bless you.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Thank you for the good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. And thank you, too, for Yogi's photograph. The cards are real nice. I shall put them on the bulletin board in my classroom. And the little "calendars" will be very serviceable, I know.

Thank you and God bless you.

I hope you had a happy Christmas with a little leisure to enjoy the day. Or, is the holiday season one of those rush seasons? At any rate, Best wishes for the coming year, with many blessings for you.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Aniceta
O SHEPHERDS
Whom do you see

We see
the new-born Infant
We pray that you may have
A joyful Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year

A Novena of Masses will be offered
for the intentions
of our friends and benefactors

Sister M. Elvira
College of St. Francis
Joliet, Illinois

Many thanks for all those wonderful gift books
to St. F. "hoofed" Waiting for Christ, Knit - Cot, I like it.
Dr. I am also reading Evelyn Waugh's biography of Ronald
Knott - very good.
Merry Christmas!
A HALLOWED DAY HAS DAWNED UPON US

COME YOU PEOPLES AND ADORE THE LORD

FOR THIS DAY A GREAT LIGHT HAS DESCENDED UPON EARTH
May the light that is Christ shining upon your Christmas and brighten all the coming year.

The Sisters of St. Francis
Of Mary Immaculate
Joliet, Illinois

Mother M. Barromes, O.T.F.
A Novena of Masses will be offered during the Christmas Season for our friends and benefactors.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate
To wish you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness.

Sister M. Vermina, O.S.B.
I will be looking forward to seeing you soon, God bless you!

S. M. H.
Dear Mr. Raymond —

Christmas Peace
and Joy to you
And many Blessings
the whole year through —

In essence this is the Franciscan blessing too — "Nam et Bonsum!"
And it comes from the heart, Mr. Raymond.

I know Sister Elvira has certainly sent you a college card so I hope she did this lone shepherd symbol of myself looking to hearken for help!

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy..."

LUKE 2:10
I do want you to know again that I personally, all of us together, are grateful beyond words to express for your continued kindness to us in the world of books, especially English books! May God bless you as only He can, Mr. Raymond, and flood your soul with His peace, love, and grace! I hope your 1961 is truly memorable and happy one.

I had an appointment to go out of town the day you were here. I went down to the parlor. You had fled to the dining room after dinner. I saw you making the outdoor Way of the Cross, and could not wait for your return indoors.

So - next time! Keep well, happy, and always ful. Come what may. In the Christ Child;
Sister M. Beatrice
J. Raymond gives

Chaucer facsimile

A facsimile of the 'Kelmscott Chaucer,' the outstanding typographic achievement of all time next to the 'Gutenberg Bible,' has been donated to the CSF library by Mr. John L. Raymond.

Beautiful edition

The 'Kelmscott Chaucer' is considered the most beautiful edition of the complete works of the first great English poet.

The edition given by Mr. Raymond is a faithful reproduction containing the original Chaucer text and all eighty-seven woodcuts by Sir Edward Burne-Jones. The book also contains an introduction by John Winterich and a glossary of Chaucerian words.

Among other recent gifts from Mr. Raymond are a limited edition of the works of Edgar Allen Poe in two volumes and a limited edition of 'Vanity Fair' by William Makepeace Thackery, illustrated by the author.

More donations

'The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table' by Oliver Wendell Holmes, 'The Year 1958 — The Pictorial News Annual,' 'World Topics Year Book 1959,' and 'The Living Past of America' were also donated by Mr. Raymond. The last named book is a pictorial treasury of American historic houses and villages that have been preserved and restored, from Plymouth Rock to Roosevelt's Hyde Park.

Mr. Raymond has been a continuous benefactor to the library and has given approximately 1,000 books. Among these are many first editions and limited editions, some of which are collector's items.

A special room in the library has been devoted to his donations.
ACI members give a designated number of days each year for personal solicitation of funds.

The ACI program has valuable features. First, it is a concerted, planned method of acquainting leaders of industry with the job the private colleges perform and their plans for the future.

Second, it enables corporations to get a clear view of the educational needs of their locality so that funds can be judiciously allocated.

Third, the call an executive gets from an ACI representative saves him and college administrators time, and presents to him a more complete picture of fund requirements than each college could give him individually.

The number of annual donors and gifts to ACI has increased each year. In 1952, ACI received $10,280 from 11 donors; in 1959, $597,771 from 387 donors. Contributions to ACI from 1952 to December 1959 inclusive total $2,672,645.

As a new member of ACI in 1959, St. Francis received $3,448.51, or 25% of what it would have received had it been a charter member. The percentage received by CSF will increase each year—50% for this year, 75% next year and a full share in 1962.

A new venture of ACI is now being organized. It is a cooperative fund-raising project in which alumni representatives from each of the 24 member colleges will solicit better support from fellow alumni.

Helen Gahan Lynn will represent CSF on the state-wide joint Alumni Board of 24 persons. CSF campaign representatives in four test areas are Annette Jacobsen Malaker, Rockford; Ruth Blough Call, Peoria; Betty Schmitt Sickley, Ottawa-LaSalle-Peru; and Mary Doyle McCauley, Sterling-Rock Falls.

Associated Colleges of Illinois

ONE OF THE FIRST activities of the lay advisory board was the procuring of CSF membership in the Associated Colleges of Illinois—a voluntary, cooperative effort to solicit funds, chiefly from industry, for the 24 college members.

It has been said of independent colleges that "America needs their emphasis on excellence, their independence of approach and their tradition of educating free and responsible individuals who can assume positions of leadership."

Financial aid from business and industry is essential. This need results from increased costs due to inflation and increased enrollments, now estimated at 3.16 million. This figure is expected to double by 1967 and triple by 1975.