New Year, 1962

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Am I late — too late — to wish you blessings in abundance for 1962 — and to assure you of a daily memento?

I was sorry to learn we were away the cold day you visited and brought along more treasures! It would have been more gracious and more pleasant,
too, had I been able to thank you person
ally. Writing must always be something of a makeshift but please know how very much we all do relish what you share in books and conversation whenever you come. It is gratifying to have been adopted by you. Often, I think we are orphans with extravagant tastes— as you view these book bookers, whose club you
have honored with your membership. We like the first editions, the rare books, the numbered editions. We prize the uniquely engraved ones, the artistically illustrated ones, the miniature series, the Maecenas collection, the newly added "Boys' Beggars"
Opera—the classics, too numerous to name. I haven't had time to browse through our latest games yet, for I'm still recovering from that two-day loss while in Chicago. And today classes resumed! That tells its own story—but I did say to be, 13 how very, very much more time.
we had thought men and women and how grateful we ought to be.

Today before opening, we went to OLA for the opening Mass. The priest you wish, we must let you visit there. It's elegant in classic good taste. You'll like it.

Sad wishes always and my personal thanks always, too!

Sincerely, Sr. Chrysanthi.
January 3, 1962

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The days have passed so quickly, and we have not yet written to tell you how much we enjoyed you and your friend's visit. Also, I want to thank you for the books you so thoughtfully gave us. Some are still set by the "Book Brokers." Later

Alejandro was delighted with The American Muse received for her.

This is exam time so you know what both students and faculty are doing-hard on both sides.

The second semester begins Monday and with a new start.

Plans are made to move the old and sick Sister over to the Retirement Home at...
the end of this week. That is going to make a big change around here as well as for them.

No doubt you are having the same cold weather and snow as we are and plenty of it.

Best wishes and prayers from each of the "Brook-Heckers" for the year 1962.

As always, "Yours in St. Francis,"

[Signature]

Department of Art
College of St. Francis
Aurora, Illinois
May God

Comfort You

in Your

Illness
May He who watches over us
And knows each need somehow
Look down on you,
renew your strength,
And be your comfort now.

I'm very sorry to learn of your
broken arm and wrist. With you
I thank God it wasn't the right
one and promise to pray for a
speedy and complete recovery.
(Can you turn page with the
right? We get that recreational
track) Dr. M. Chrysantho

We are certainly with you, Mr.
Raymond, in spirit, sympathy, prayers.
Now you have membership in the
League of the Handicapped, a limited
mentality instead of time. Such is "Many be the
Sorrows" as the old Irish woman would say,
"if it can't help you readin', man!"
Nice to have such a useful citizen!
Do keep us informed! Too bad that the
bacon and waffles are too far away!
autograph the cast! S.M. Beatrixe
I love a broken leg, just like
the ones in Color before me every day -
our cast resembles an Egyptian hieroglyph
plaque -
HEALTH of the SICK
Dear Mr. Raymond,

So sorry to hear through Sister Aurea that you are laid up with a broken wrist and arm. I hope and pray you will make a speedy recovery, if such is possible when it comes to mending bones.

Sister Hermina is at the Retirement Home, but still misses the "OLD" place. I will tell her and others to pray for you.

To Mr. Raymond
Your good friend

This message is like a visitor who just drops in to say "I pray and wish that Mary Intercedes with God today To send Good Health and Blessings Abundantly on your way."

Greetings from St. Francis
Mother M. Immaculate O.P.T.
Get Well Soon
May the power of the Rosary lead to your quick recovery!

Sister M. Hermina, O.S.F.
Dear Lloyd,

I am so sorry for you because you broke your arm and wrist. You are remembered in all my rosaries and prayers. God bless you.

Sister M. Teresina
PRAYER TO THE
SACRED HEART

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, filled with Infinite Love; broken by our ingratitude and pierced by our sins; yet loving us still; accept the consecration we make to Thee of all that we are and all that we have. Take every faculty of our souls and bodies, only day by day draw us nearer and nearer to Thy Sacred Heart; and there as we shall hear the lesson, teach us Thy Holy Way —

I Will Bless Every Place Where A Picture Of My Heart Shall Be Exposed And Honored.

I'm thankful to the Lord
For many things, it's true
But high up on my list
I'm thanking Him for you.

May the Infant Jesus love and bless you for remembering me.

Sister M. Hermínia
A BLESSED
EASTER
Dear Mr. Raymond,

I am very delinquent as a book keeper; therefore I should have thanked you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the picture of St. Philomena's Church. I am still hoping that something will happen to give our little saint a chance to vindicate herself. What do you think? The books are done.

May the blessings of His Love be near At Easter Time and all the year.

S.N. Ancista

SAINT JOHN 15:4
chateau will be very
helpful reading for
some of our classes.
Thank you and God
bless you always. I
hope you are feeling
fine.

RUST CRAFT

Kinders regards.

Sister M. Aniceta
A Special Easter Prayer for You
Dear Mrs. Raymond,

A special Easter prayer for you:
May Mary smile on all you do,
And may Her loving Son impart
The choicest blessings of His Heart.

Greetings for a Joyous and Blessed Easter season. May Our...
Miss Savon give you many graces and blessings.

The Book Nook Club was happy to receive your lovely Easter card.

Our Holy Week was spent solemnly and profitably. We had retreat again this year. Much of the College Spirit was made is. Our retreat master was a Carmelite from Washington, D.C.

Vacation passed very quickly. Classes started today. Wednesday. Best wishes and prayers until we hear or see you.

As always,

Yours in S. Francisc,

Sister M. Amans, O.S.F.
March 16, 1962.

Dear Mr. Raymond,

I had good intentions of writing to you soon after the card was sent, and your letter has been in my hands a number of times. When I see how the time has passed, and particularly when the three books arrived yesterday, I am really embarrassed. I am very grateful for the books and hope you will forgive my negligence.

I am well on the Book Hooked! were happy to hear from you, but very sorry to hear that you broke your arm and wrist. You seemed optimistic about it. I presume that you
were glad to be out of the hospital and grateful that it was not worse. We hope and pray that your arm is much improved.

As to the Corporation Edition (1950) of the World Geographic Atlas, I checked and we do not have it.

I saw Sister Veronica last Sunday to exchange a few words, as they were watching TV. I told her of your accident and she said, "Tell him I pray for him."

We have a long weekend with a free day on Monday. It was requested because of the long period of the semester without a break. Keelhow to say, both faculty and students are happy for the break.

Winter surely is clinging to hold on - a little snow every few days.

Best wishes and prayers from each of the "Room Network."

As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annunciata, O.S.F.

Dear Mrs. Raymond,

Sister Vermina and all her companions from the infirmary have been at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home since January 26 — that was moving day. The accompanying "pictorial memoir" will give you some of the highlights. The pictures were taken by several of our sisters, and for amateurs, we think they did a good job. On your visit to Joliet, you will have to try to see our lovely new home and Sister Vermina.

All of us here are extremely sorry to know that you have had such a serious injury. Mother Immaculata told us when the bandage you had broken your wrist and...
Dear Sister Hermine, we have been praying for you. She wrote the card yesterday. I visited her and asked what she would like to write on the card. I wrote it on a sheet of paper for her, and told her I would be back after she had written the card. I was so pleased to see how fast she had it finished. I know she has not written a word since she signed the Christmas card, but she surely has not forgotten how. She is just precious! She is feeling very well for her age, is up and around in her room, and goes to chapel for Mass every day. For the present, the infirmary nurses are taken to the chapel balcony in wheel chairs. There are no pipes, no fountains, and no peace. That has to be studied with, before anything is done there.

Our prayers that you will have a successful recovery from the week.

Sister M. Edith, O.S.F.
COLLEGE OF ST. FRANCIS
WILCOX AND TAYLOR STREETS
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

March 25, 1962

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Your letter and the box with its contents arrived "special delivery." That was very kind of you.

We are most grateful for the books, both large and small, and enjoying them. Sister Annunciata appreciated the first chance on the French Chateaux books. Already, the other French instructor has asked to use them on receive for an assignment.

We are also happy for the privately printed World Geographical Atlas, Martin's "Treatise of Gilbert, Green's Treasury of Gilbert, and Sullivan and Chamber's Biographical Dictionary."
Last evening, I was reading the miniature periodicals as well as the books. They are delightful little books of children's stories and attractive front. There are quite an addition to the miniature book collection.

Did you notice I am answering your much prompt letter now before other things come in between.

One of the things that took time in the fact was an application with statement to be announced from the Kellogg Foundation. And what do you think!!! Saturday, June 6th, I received a check of $10,000 to be spent on books to increase better teacher preparation. Isn't that wonderful to think that the College of St. Francis was one of the colleges selected. This isn't for public release just yet, but I know you will rejoice with me, "who have been so loyal and a real booster" for the College.
We have a three-year plan to spend the money so we can have time to what the best.

Best wishes from each of the "Bird Hneakers" until we see you.

Oh, I almost forgot to mention that Sister Charles was happy and grateful for the desk tray for her office.

Pray that our money and the money, well.

As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

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

Here I am with an internal of time which I can use to good advantage by having a little chat with you.

Thank you again for the books you so generously brought with you at the time of your delightful visit after Easter, also for the two baskets that arrived last weekend. Santa Fe had made a request for The Man of the Season by Booth so it went into immediate use.

This is our last week of classes, then exams next week and finally graduation May 29th. It hardly seems possible the school year is about ended. But this warm weather we are having makes it seem as if summer weather is here.
The following will be of interest to you, I am sure. Perhaps, when you and Mr. Esschenhold met and spent some time together you interested him in your miniature collection. Recently, Mr. Esschenhold sent Sister Joan a copy of his miniature book which made "The Civil War in Miniature through the works of Participants" by Otto Esschenhold. It is by the Black Cat Press, Chicago, Illinois, c. 1962. It is 2 3/8 x 2 in. in size bound in dark blue leather. You will like it very much. I now have it in my possession so I presume it will share the miniature bookcase.

"Best wishes and prayers from each of the "Book Hookers" who need prayers for inspiration in making thees and then correcting them."

As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annal, O.S.F.
July 4, 1962

deal Mr. Raymond,

The calendar is beautiful, and I love it. Long after the year is over, I can still use the lovely pictures. Oh, the memories that these pictures recall. Although it's a good many years now since I was in France, many points
Of interest are very vivid to my mind, and these lovely pictures add intensity to the memories.

God bless you for thinking of me, and of all the other BHs.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Aniceta
Wilcox & Taylor Streets
Joliet, Illinois
July 5, 1962

Dear Mr. Raymond,

You had more initiative than I had, for before the summer session began, I wanted to bring you up on the activities here. There were many happenings, but since you will be coming we can tell you.

There was a retreat from June 15th to 22nd. We made Holy Week a retreat during Holy Week as everyone was preparing for the summer session. It is a relief that I am not teaching this summer.

Your letter was most welcome, the books will be gratefully received, but you will let me meet, most welcome.

Already the week has been filled with activities. I shall mention briefly now...
June 25th, there were several workshops; the next day classes began; several lectures were given; July 1st was the dedication of Our Lady of the Angels Retirement Home. This coming weekend is Community Day. The details can be supplied when you visit here.

Yes, I am sure those in the summer session are busy. At least, I know we are in the library. The first week the new library help kept me going to get items initiated. Already, we have accomplished much.

Best wishes from each of the “Book Hookers.” Until we see you, we are

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Anna, O.S.F., et al.
LIBRARY
College of St. Francis
JOLIET, ILL.

Presented by
The Kellogg Foundation
J. M. J. F.

July 24, 1962

Dear Mr. Raymond,

It is about time I write to you, otherwise, the summer session will be over. Will this coming Thursday, there is just one week yet. It is passing very quickly.

The packages of books came some time ago, and I almost
and we put one in each book from Kellogg grant. What a feeling to order and not count the cost.

The beginning of July is passed and we Mr. Raymond on the campus yet. He must be very busy and cannot get time off. We hope to see him some time in the near future.

Best wishes from each of the "Book Hookers".

As always, Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annunci O.S.F.
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PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

August 12, 1962

Joliet, Illinois
J. M. J. F.  
September 9, 1962

Dear Mr. Raymond,

"Tempest fugit" and soon the new school year will begin. The students will arrive on the 16th and 17th. Classes begin on the 19th.

There have been some changes at the College. We will tell you about them when
you come for the
promised visit.
The last week in
August we had a sort
of vacation week. There
were no halls and we
did not follow any
regular routine. Each
one got up when she
wished and did what
she wanted. Most was
at eleven o'clock and
meals were served
within a limited time.
Fifty of us would have
played hooky in the
kitchen. Really, I enjoyed
it very much; also the
other sisters. I went
somewhere each day
except Saturday. I was
in Chicago two different
days.
Last Wednesday we
spent the day at "Kill
Rae's Kabin". I really
killed care for the day
as the hoochies and we got
out boring and the books
come in - most of them.
from the Kellogg grant. We also received about fifteen boxes of books from the Me Fairland's library. Perhaps you remember "Packy" Me Fairland, the sportsman. Mrs. Me Fairland died last April and the children are going to sell the house - I hope you are well. Have you been gone on your vacation? Until we hear otherwise you, we are as always, the "Book-Hookers".

Yours in St. Francis,
Sister M. Agnes, O.S.F.
Oct. 17, 1962

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Greetings and good wishes!

Ever since I received word of my change the end of July, I wanted to write to you to tell you about it, and to tell you not to set up your "surprise display" in the little parlor next to the presidents office on your next visit here. The other day when Sister Ausea showed me your letter to her, I realized that more than two months had passed since I vacated office on August 15. To tell you the truth, the change is quite a relief and yet I miss it all too.

As present I am working on a report of the last few years, and it is keeping me quite busy. The future I leave to the Good Lord.

We will be looking forward to your next "visit" here, Mr. Raymond. Did you had better wait in the lobby or better still in St. Francis parlor the room on opposite side of customary one. We hope your friend, Mr. Fitzgerald will
drive you out. We so much
prefer to come by car than by bus and we
will be glad to accompany you to
D.A. if possible.

I am sure you have "St. vin" completely packed.

I would agree with you that the
Joseph Dalton Ferrar would be well
placed with the Damien collection at
Notre Dame. Of course we will be glad
to see them and read them.

I manage a little more time for
reading now and have just finished
a very interesting collection of some
stories, vol. one "Readers Digest" "condensed
books." It contains "The Story of the Jew,"
"A Condensation of Underground" by Machinlay
Kantor, "Island in the Sun" by Alec Waugh
"Brother of Evelyn Waugh," and "An Episode of" "Arabian," "by Rumer Godden—all very
good. There are two other stories in the
book, not so good.

Also I am trying to read everything
I can get a hold of off the Ecumenical
Council. What courage it took for Pope
John to call it! I wonder how it
will turn out. Many prayers are
needed.

Sincerely,
Edward Elmer
THANK YOU
AND
BLESSED BE

God
dear Mr. Raymond,

it seems that every year Santa
Claws takes on a different individuality.
this year he was impersonated for
us than no less a personage than
the President of the BH Club. The shoe-
bags are a wonderful asset to our Christ-
mas sale. And they are lovely to look
at, too. God bless you for thinking of
our little corner.

I hope you had a restful trip up
in the Northern states. Excuse me.

Sister M. Ancicita
Next Day 1962

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Just like the Book I have received to me attached all my words. Just imagine a "femme" speechless. We get the universe box check full of lovely things. God love and bless you all your days.

Sincerely in Saint Francis

[Signature]

[Department of Art]
[College of St. Francis]
Joliet, Illinois
December 3, 1962

Dear Mr. Raymond,

We, Back-Nookman appreciated very much your cards, notes and pictures sent at various times while on your vacation. All indicated how much you enjoyed yourself there and which you deserved.

St. John's Abbey is a beautiful place and with beautiful surroundings. I was not sure that I like the Abbey Church, judging from the pictures. Perhaps, if I really see it, I might change my mind.

When I received your last letter
I was surprised to find you back at the graveyard already. I thought you would have a month's vacation after the strenuous summer. Anyway, we do not have the novel "Mosti D'Urban" by Prouse, but I read a review of it in "Worship" magazine written by Thomas Merton. One of the sisters asked me to buy it but haven't yet.

We shall be delighted to hear of your vacation experiences. People you met, etc. when you went again. Again, thank you for the books you brought and your enjoyable visit at that time. Kindly remember us to Mr. Fitzgerald.

"Beast Heart" Sister M. Agnes, O.S.F.
A NOVENA OF MASSES
WILL BE OFFERED FOR OUR ALUMNAE,
FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS
BY THE
TRAPPISTS OF GETHSEMANI ABBEY, KENTUCKY
FROM DECEMBER 23 TO 31
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Christmas!

I shall remember you in prayer especially at Midnight Mass.

Thank you for the books "Morte D'Urban" and "Ye Jests and Jelips; I hope to read "Morte D'Urban" during Christmas vacation.

I have read some of the excerpts in "Jests and Jelips, quite original, aren't they. I'm expect to see you as you wrote. See you soon until then,

Sister M. Anne, O.F.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Recentings.  A letter during Advent is not the usual thing, but I just came across the Dutton Letters, which you so kindly sent me, and hankered to return them. They have made the rounds among the Book Lookers and we all enjoyed reading them. Thank you so much for sending them. Now they give a good reason for writing during Advent.

Your shred from Minnesota told us you enjoyed your vacation, and we were happy with you. Hope it gave you all the relaxation you anticipated.

Before with the. I finished the report. I was walking out! I probably still not have copies until a few weeks ahead.

At Remota a few other theatre, and I regently had the pleasure of seeing the "Tresorison of Versailles" Art Exhibit at the Chicago Art Institute. It included large paintings in immense ornate golden frames of Fablgian Louis XIV, XV, XVI, XVIII and their families. Marie Antoinette, etc. There were ornate candelabra and lighting fixtures, period furniture, an outlay of whole rooms.
College of Saint Francis
Joliet, Illinois

Marble-top tables and cupboards with fancy metal trim, etc. One wonders how they manage to ship such large, heavy and ornate pieces. It was worth seeing. I think you would enjoy seeing it.

All here are now looking forward to the Christmas vacation. Our all-college Christmas party is scheduled for a week from this evening. And the girls will leave the following day.

I had a little visit with Sister Kermon last Monday. She was sitting up in her room, the nurse tells me she is really 94. She says to tell you she is still around and says "Hello!" Regards from all the DRAWERS too.

Advance Season's Greetings.
Every best wish and a God bless you for all your interest in C.S.F.

Yours cordially,
Sister Mary Elaine
Christmas
GREETINGS

WOVEN BOOKMARK
December 19, '62

Dear Mr. Raymond,

With every best wish for Christmas and the New Year! Hope you get off of duty fast. Christmas day we have our annual faculty Christmas dinner this evening, and the all-school Christmas party follows it. Traditionally the Sophomores are in charge. They prepare

May the grace of the Christ Child be yours at Christmas and all through the New Year.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Eliza
Christmas Greetings
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

And all the joys
of a

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let me join the book-brokers to send special prayerful greetings — in gratitude!

Sr. M. Chrysanthi
May the joy of Christmas abide with you throughout the New Year

Sister M. Hermina O.S.F.
Dear Mr. Raymond—

What unique greeting can I send to you, in the picture card setting that is the Deepreach Inn? But its tree is not the true Christmas tree, and that you already carry in your good heart, Christ-bearer and a naughty distracted world.

May your heart sing with the angels and your soul be flooded with the true peace and grace of Our Eucharistic Lord! In Him,

One of the Book-Hookers—

S. B. Beatrice.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

And all the joys of a

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
This DAY shall shine upon us: for our sakes a CHILD is born

INTROIT - SECOND MASS AT CHRISTMAS
Our gift to you---

A Christmas Novena of Holy Masses
for your intentions.

May the Lord give you His Peace
this Christmas time—and always.

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