January 23, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond,

This is exam week so faculty are busy making tests and correcting them, while the students are studying (cramming, maybe) and taking tests. I have one test to give yet on Friday.

The months have passed so quickly that it hardly seems...
possible that the semester is at an end. I am glad though, because one of my courses needed much preparation on my part.

How do you like this sub-zero weather? It seems we are all getting a share of it. We continue to get a little more snow. The Interlodge has more snow than I can give, so you better take it up to read.

Greetings and best wishes from each of the "Book Hackers!"

As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Aurea, O.P.F.
March 21, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond,

What I should really say is, "Dear Doctor of Literature and Arts." That would be more just and I would not doubt but that some day you will get an honorary degree.

I'm sorry there was no occasion to greet you the Saturday you came in to enjoy the play, not that you expected me to do it, but I should have wanted to say "Welcome," if nothing more.

The clipping you enclosed with your note I shared with out Sister Janet, intimately connected with the work at OLA; with her I also shared the menus. But I did not show them to Sr. Evangela as I should have done. That I realized last Sunday afternoon when I paid my "pop" visit there. Whenever the spirit moves you to enclose a few either to her or anyone of us, please do it again. (By way of comment she simply said, "Ours would look good too were they put on paper!")

You might like to do a little Catholic Action. More are available of the enclosed. Our Sr. Rose Agnes sent for copies and passed them along to the students.

Good wishes and greetings and our sincere thanks always!

Cordially,

Sr. M. Chrysanthha, O.F.T.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Thank you for your letter of March 12 in which you made comments on our recent production of MOOR BORN.

The letter was placed on the CSF PLAYERS bulletin board, and you can be assured that it was a focus of attention. Encouraging notes always spurs the students to do even better in their future attempts.

Thank you so much for attending. We want to include you among our favorite patrons.

Prayerfully in St. Genesius,
patron of actors,

Sister M. LaVerne, O.S.F.

Director of CSF PLAYERS
March 31, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond,

"Mea culpa" for not writing before this. Though I have been negligent in writing, I have enjoyable memories of both your visits. I was happy to receive your letter and notes. The "Illustrated London Times" also arrived and made its rounds. Now that we have the miniature Herodotus, the article was of special interest.

In your letter of March 23rd, you inquired if we have the Chicago Historical Society - a chronicle by Paul Angle. We do not have it.

The Reader's Encyclopedia of American literature on T. Moe Bode. I feel attracted my attention, but I finally decided to wait yet. Now, I amm glad I did wait since your copy is coming to the library.

Friday, March 22nd, a group of our went by private bus to hear the lecture of Father Francis Keagy at McCormick Place. It was excellent. There surely was a large attendance.
There was a library meeting at Rosary College on March 23rd, which Sister Dorothy Clare and I attended.

There have been many activities during this month and a number of deadlines to meet. In regard to the latter especially, I am glad the month is at an end. The important one was the Kellogg Foundation report which was completed the past week and sent out. I hope everything is satisfactory.

We have classes to Thursday, then the students go on retreat. Then, practically all of us go in retreat. Below Sunday evening until Easter Sunday morning.

The "Book-keepers" and others have been interested in your books and letters and are very grateful to you. Best wishes from each of them, especially the B. H. S. and may you have a holy and joyful Easter.

As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Anselm, O. S. F.
St. Francis

Mid-Might -

dear Mr. Raymond -

I just got in from our evening conference,
found Sister Veronica's note about your call -

The train we must take is the Black Hawk - it arrives apparently at 10:45 Sun. night - The pass is not good on the Zephyr - [handwritten part unclear]
Trains leave Aurora at 3:38 Sun. afternoon, but the Zephyr, according to the schedule, arrives a bit ahead— at 10:20. This is the Burlington Depot, of course. It is wonderful of you to think of us like this, Mr. Raymond— only trust me we won't be imposing on your sister's room—I have no idea of the distance from Depot to St. Thomas—I think our Hall Assigned to Downing, or Dolley, or something akin to that, they sent a note a week ago from the Committee in Charge.
We hope we will have some glorious weather up there!
May this little note find you in the peak of health, ready for a glorious Easter Day.
Our Retreat Master is Fr. Cayle, Redemptorist (from Oklahoma, he told us) quite good.—we had "laundry" today! Feel better! God bless your dogs and ways! In Him, No Specials. Sister M. Beatrice in house—will send our early a.m.
Thursday Afternoon
April 18, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond,

How wonderful it is to hear from you! Our friends proved to be lovely women, true guardian angels, masquerading under the name "Miss F." I have enjoyed talking to them and very much appreciate their hospitality. However, I have not heard from you in a long time, and I am wondering how you are.

Your sisters and you have contributed to the well-being of the school. The sisters, especially, have been a great support to the faculty and students. They are always ready to lend a helping hand.

Our trip to the English countryside was wonderful. The scenery was breathtaking, and the weather was perfect—sunny and warm. Everything seemed to be in perfect order. The English countryside was a real eye-opener. We were not prepared for the size and beauty of the towns. A quick visit to the University of St. Francis and the beautiful library was a special treat. Especially, I enjoyed the stained glass windows in the main hall.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to the Whitbread Brewery. It was fascinating to see how beer is made. The tour guide explained the process in detail. We also visited the college's art gallery, which was impressive.

Overall, the trip was a great experience. I hope to visit the area again soon. Until then, I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]
Married, father of four small children, he has been teaching for the Christian Brothers for some years. He now has his Master's in Guidance and Counselling, and is seriously thinking of making a change because he does need to make more money than he does now, or can ever hope for from the present salary he has. He has already made a fine contribution to the education of others.

He has a good deal to offer. Mr. Raymond, oddly enough, Mr. Mahoney, like Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Mahoney, he is at the Maloney School. He was interviewed by me at a recent Counsellors' Meeting. He asked me to pass on a word to you. I have spoken to him about your case, and I think you would find him quite impressed. You know, Bob, you would like him at once—unreservedly. He is a fine young man, now 35 (he was thought of as a priest then at home).

He asked me to pass on a word to you. But I come to you to help me get the right man for you. Perhaps you do not care, but in a word for him in your name of Christian Charity? Every bit of help I can do. Bob, he has done much public speaking. In your case, perhaps, you are a real "merry-go-round". He is a fine young man, and intelligent, and dedicated, and a friend. If you would know this gentleman, you will find him a real "father".

His brother, Father Eddy, is head librarian at Thomas More. I have spoken to him, on your behalf. I think you are a real "fairy godfather". You are a real "fairy godfather". Have you read those quotation marks?

When things are a bit more settled I will send you my news, so much to leave your curiosity. And love you, Mr. Raymond. Sister M. Bernard.

Sister M. Clare.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Since I don't know exactly how chatty I might become as I move along, I thought best to take a longish sheet. You know by now that I'm one of these casual correspondents who does her thinking while pounding the keys—and she's not a perfectionist at either.

Greetings for this great Feast! And may he bring us all sorts of blessings—spiritual and temporal. I've placed a number of projects under St. Joseph's paternal care—among them my old stamps (of which I'm trying to dispose, just in case you hear of anyone who wants some particular old stamp; our building projects—and for me that includes a library as well as the auditorium, which is first on our building agenda; also a children's center, an expansion of our campus, a residence hall that would include what is commonly termed "student union building"). That's no small order, but God in His omnipotence can do anything. What we lack is faith; I'm realizing that more every day. Then, there's all this historical research—St. Joseph is one among others who has a job helping along with this too...ad finitum. I'm including all your intentions today too, Mr. Raymond!

Can you imagine that I've already talked away half a page—thus is woman! I did also want to tell you that the INSTITUTIONAL MAGAZINE I shared with Sr. Dora first, then told Sr. Miriam Edward, our Director of Nursing, etc., about it; now I'm holding it because I want to make the right move. The article on RETIREMENT is excellent. (Sr. Dora told me that last year she was fortunate enough to receive such a magazine indirectly which had come through to another sister as a gift copy.) One of our institutions as such should subscribe. It's highly professional! Then the Parisian REALITIE I've enjoyed; been selfish enough to hold on to it for a while because I liked a few of the articles; you'll be surprised that I enjoyed the ones on art—especially the one on the famous windows. The artists will eventually get it—yesterday I met Sr. Veronica and Alexander in the act of arranging a traveling exhibit of art—rather unusual—seems to involve the concepts of electronics! Everyone of the pieces is in black (grey) and white.

I haven't had long enough to talk with Sr. Aniceta about the posters you sent Sr. Aniceta. Last evening I was absorbed (and almost a week previously) with our chapter's meeting of LAMBEA, a national literary honor society. She, on her part, is and has been busy with her closing out sale. (I'll try to pick up an announcement of it and will include it with this longish note.)

The Spanish stamps are welcome; I'm keeping a highly selective collection of mint (Vatican and US commemoratives), and of mint and used stamps (also commemoratives) from anywhere that are religious, especially Marian stamps. Don't you think that's a good idea?

Were the BOOK HOOKERS aware of my writing, they'd all send greetings—so I'll send them along; they'd not forgive me if I did otherwise. Good wishes—and prayers—for you're among ardent admirers and benefactors of CSS.

Cardially, Sr. M. Chrysanthou
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1. Purchase one article.
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The Month of May - Open daily from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
— Come and Get It —
O JESUS, we beg of you through MARY to bless all whom we LOVE.
May 19, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond,

We were happy to see you again and enjoyed chatting with you. We are sorry the various activities interrupted and one's visit with you.

Thank you so much for the many and lovely books you sent on ahead, as well as the items you brought with you. The envelopes also arrived with the various items which

United with Jesus and Mary
Who offered all thanks
in prayer

For your very kind remembrance

I confide you to their care
It was interesting to look over. I was not aware that Tuckey had such extensive businesses as to put out a garden catalog.

Tomorrow is my last class for this term. Exams begin Wednesday, but mine is Tuesday of next week. Maybe I shall have some time to look over the books you sent. I hope.

Best wishes and prayers as always.

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annunciata O.S.F.
June 2, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Please accept my apologies for not getting arrangements started before this in your generous invitation to Sister Dora and the "Book Hookers" to dine at the Deerpath Inn.

After an absence from campus, I received your letter of May 30, and got started on arrangements. We have Rev. Mother's permission. The day is Wednesday, June 5. I hope this is convenient for you. You can expect five of us: Sisters Dora, Aurea, Beatrice, Seraphim (our driver) and me. You're truly: Thank you so much.

Anticipating Wednesday,

Yours truly,

[Signature: L.M. Elura]
Dear Mr. Raymond,

The summer session has begun the second half and August 21 will be here before we realize it. It is going too fast for me for the reason that I still have much to do on the annual report. But I hope to get it finished on time as in the past.

Yesterday, we had Community Day and the Departure Ceremonies at the Cathedral for the four Sisters who are going to South America. Bishop Lane of Maryknoll officiated. He is a missionary himself in his sermon, he brought out some practical points obtained from his own experiences. The ceremony was very impressive.

In the morning, Sister Chrysanthi gave an excellent paper on the missionary work of our community.
from the beginning to the present
time. As you know, she has been
doing research on the history of
our community. Sister did an
excellent job of selection and presentation.

Sister Edward and I spent the
week of June 8th to 15th at Champaign.
I visited relatives and the 12th and
13th we attended a library meeting
at the University of Illinois. It
was an enjoyable week. We saw
all the new buildings that have
been erected since we left that we
studied there, and what a change!
We saw their new assembly building
like a mushroom - but the interior
exceeds anything you could imagine
from seeing it stereoptically.
Your work like ours seems to
increase during the summer.
I hope by now it has lessened.
The cool weather was most welcome.

Since our visit there, I can
visualize somewhat how you spend
your time and the work that
keeps you busy.

Best wishes from each of the
Book Hookers. Sister Bertrum is
enjoying Harvard according to a note.

Yours in St. Francis,

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

This has long since been due. I must really apologize but I have been doing a pressure job which I had to finish for last Saturday's Community Day! Now I'm trying to catch up on the "musts" that have been waiting and really demanding attention. You were and are on that list. I was grateful to have Sister Aurea tell me this morning that she was writing I You will forgive, won't you, please both the delay and my enclosing my note in her envelope.

When I returned from that hurried research trip to Allegany I wanted to write and torment you for having had the sisters out when I was not around--oh, I had intended to say all sorts of mean things about being neglected! And then when you topped off the matter by sending me the Deluxe edition of INSTITUTIONAL MAGAZINE (that title isn't exactly right), I wanted again to write--this time to ask whether you thought I had gone into MAINTENANCE DIRECTORSHIP! Sister Dora said she was most grateful to get the copy; sat right down and enjoyed, studied it that very evening. Of course, you do know we are the losers and OLA the gainers with her new appointment! I should also add that she was delighted with your acting as host--she told me all about the little surprises you added to the regular meal.

This is evening after a full day here at digging, organizing, checking and re-checking. I spent last week writing and organizing, too, but for a definite purpose--a prepared talk to our sisters to give them a little of the historical apostolic spirit that lies within our framework. This was done because we had a Solemn Ceremony later in the day at the Cathedral for our four pioneers who will leave for Brazil to answer the plea of the Holy See!

Summer school is in full session; everyone is working at top speed; our schedule is somewhat lightened this summer, however, because we use a buffetera and cafeteria method at noon, with the meal staggered over a little more than an hour. Everyone likes it much better than heretofore.

(Isn't that right margin a dreadful sight? It's coming about because I pound so heavily that I decided to spare the roller--but I used a sheet/than the top one--again, please forgive.)

I shan't go on, though I might relax a bit by talking, which is always refreshing. But time speeds along and I must return to our own living quarters. Thank God with us for the cool weather, for the wonderful Pope who is now in our Beloved Late Pope John's chair; and please, with us, ask God that He help us find a few ways and means of putting up our many needed buildings. Of that later. I have one project afoot, which needs prayerful help.

Greetings! Don't overwork. A stroll or a ride might be a good change--or, even a letter.

Sincerely, Dr. Chrysanthos
In appreciation of a wonderful day in Lake Forest.

We enjoyed every minute of the delicious dinner, seeing Deepth's many interesting spots, and that guided sightseeing tour through the town!

Many thanks from us all.

Sister M. Euliera
Sister M. Anee
Sister M. Seraphim
Sister M. Beatrice
Sister M. Owen
August 18, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Just back a few days from Milwaukee where seven of us attended a workshop for Sister Formation with an emphasis on the curriculum of higher education from August 5 to 14th. It was excellent and we had outstanding speakers, one from Belgium, one from South America and another from Italy, besides some papers by Sisters. The theme was "New Perspectives." It emphasized the technical civilization and its effect on our world today, especially the sociological changes. From this it developed the effects on religious life and the Church and the need to adapt to...
work effectively for the Church. I can give you details when I see you.

Incidentally, we passed near Lake Forest high going and coming back, but I was not the driver, nor did time permit a detour. Anyway, there was some familiar, once our safe there in June which me enjoyed so much.

Your letter and the books arrived during my absence. Right now I am sitting glancing through the books you have sent (and arousing my interest in reading them), and I hope to read at least some of the letters. The mind of Thomas is a monastic work, but I don't like some of the art pictures. The Book of Hours and others are browsing through the books. We have a copy of the Crown of Glory by Hatch, but I have not checked if it is a memorial edition. You can send it and we'll be glad to add it to the collection.
I forgot to tell you that when I was in Milwaukee I saw the Marquette Memorial Library and the Public Library. Oh, how I wish I had one section of what they have. I also saw the Museum and a group of us were even in a Jewish synagogue and were given explanations of everything and had our questions answered. We also had the opportunity to see Mount Mary College. No, I did not miss any lectures.

I see from your letter that you had a busy summer with plenty to do. Didn’t you take any vacation at all? “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” So... beware.

Best wishes and thanks from each of the “Book Hookers.” We hope to see you sometime.

As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Queen, O.S.F.
Sunday, 10:40 a.m.

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The posters arrived and they are really a beautiful splash of color. I gave them to the Sister in charge of Spanish, and she was delighted. Thank you so much for thinking of us.
You well, I know, think of it again when your friends visit "la belle France!" Am I presuming? I hope not. I know your generosity so well.

Thank you again. Greetings from all Bob, Hookees.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Auieta
St. Joseph
Model of Workmen
Patron of the Dying
Glory of Home Life
Protector of Holy Church
pray for us
September 8, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond,

It is time for a sense note to keep you informed until the telephone comes out.

I received your two letters recently and which each of you "Book-Keepers" enjoyed reading. The clipping also gave me some new material.

The miniature books are very interesting, as one sister said, "they are the first paperbacks.

That is a lovely background for the miniature bookcase. I am sure it is very attractive, am anxious to see it.

We are having a College Workshop starting next Thursday, Sept. 12 to Saturday, Sept. 14. It is just for C.B.F. faculty.

Resident students arrive Sunday and Monday. Classes begin on Monday and we will be in "swing".

In the library, we have been busy since August 1st. All kinds of work preparing for the opening of school: ordering, new books, cleaning in new books, cleaning, shifting books, repairing or getting things repaired, correspondence typing, etc.

The have a student helping us since August 1st. The systems are not finished. But we have accomplished much.

The Library now possesses a Varifot Photocopy machine, so have also
been trying it out. Some very good, some not so good, but I am learning and experimenting.

Notice the date, September 8th.

The new Postulant arrived this afternoon, twenty-two, I think. They are now visiting with their relatives.

Many years ago on this day, (name) it does not seem that long for me, yet many things have happened.

Well, one thinks you will need a reading glass for this. I hope it is legible.

Best wishes and prayers from each of the Book Hookers.

As always,
Your in St. Francis,

Sister M. Aueda, O.S.T.
Lord
Make me
An Instrument
of
Thy Peace
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Here comes the Interlude with the news which will bring you up to date on many things.

Today was Alumni Homecoming and Sister Beatrice received special honors. There was a wonderful attendance. Sister Beatrice will have to give you the details when you visit us. This is Knowledge of the College Week, so this might be an opportune time for you. (I don't mean that you need to learn about the College, but for you to join in.)

As you know, but may have forgotten, October 4th was St. Francis and the day was celebrated as we Franciscans do plus a long weekend.

October 5th Sister Elvera and myself went to a profitable meeting at the Kalb.

Next Saturday, Oct. 19th, Sister Elvera,
Dorothy Clare and myself will attend
the Illinois Unit of Catholic
Library Association at
LaSalle Hotel in Chicago.
There will be a few
changes to show you
in the library when
you come.
Also, we have received
a rare book which
you will be most
interested in—also
many, many books.
Thank you so much
for all you have given
With prayers and
good wishes until we
see you.

As always,
Your in St. Francis,
Sister M. Avera O.S.F.

Best regards from each of
the Book Hookers.

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Dear Mr. Raymond,

The poetry volumes arrived as also the Harmonic Verse of Edward Lear. Your three letters were read and enjoyed by each of the "Book-Hookers" (also the clippings included.) Thank you so much.

You are privileged to receive a glossy print of the Antebellum as well as the Library.

The clippings on the various subjects were interesting. At the synagogue we visited they were going to get a new scroll and said they burn the old ones as stated in the article.

I just called Our Lady of the Angels to inquire how Sister Herminal is. These last two days she has been in a semi-coma, Sister said, and it is just a matter of time. She do not know if she is ready to go. She is quiet and peaceful, apparently is no pain. Sister said. I thought you would like to know.

As always,

Your in St. Francis,

Sister M. Angel, O.S.F.

October 29, 1963
Mr. John L. Raymond  
255 E. Illinois Street  
Lake Forest, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond:

Your "Air Mail" card of November 21st reached me promptly. And today your message with the assurance of a Requiem High Mass for our Venerable Sister M. Hermina came.

We do appreciate this kindness and the many, many other instances when you brought cheer to her at the Motherhouse and also here at Our Lady of Angels. We regret that at your last visit to the College you hesitated to come to Our Lady of Angels.

It was edifying to see her in her last illness; she was a quiet sufferer and most gracious for every little turn that was done to keep her comfortable. Her mind remained clear even when she could no longer converse. We understood her signs. It seemed a special blessing that she could receive Holy Communion almost daily, even to the day before her death.

We have lost a favorite in our Infirmary, but we feel her prayerful influence will be powerful from her "new home." I am sure good Mr. Raymond is high on the list of those for whom she will intercede.

Enclosed is a little reminder of Sister M. Hermina. We sent copies of these to the Sisters on all our Missions, and also to relatives and friends. I think you will be glad to be included.

We hope your visits to St. Francis will continue, even though the two close friends: Sister Carmel and Sister Hermina have gone to their eternal reward. Sister Elvira and Sister Aurea are especially grateful for your continued contributions to the "Raymond" Section of valuable books and other articles that give atmosphere and added impetus for the higher and better things in life.

May your have an enjoyable Thanksgiving Day. I am taking for granted you will be back in work-a-day world before this message is delivered to your door.

Yours sincerely, gratefully,

[Signature]

Mother M. Immaculate O.P.
SISTER M. HERMINA, O.S.F.

November 17, 1963

To everyone she was "Little Sister Hermina," and when she finally "took to bed," everyone at OLA was shaken. It was unthinkable that Sister Hermina should be willing to stay in bed! But 93 years were beginning to weigh too heavily on her little shoulders. Now Sister Hermina was sick; Sister Hermina was tired; but Sister Hermina was still "Fine and dandy!" when her Sisters came to see her.

She had only one wish. Mother Borromeo had asked her, "Is there anything you want, Sister Hermina?" Sister was forming her words with difficulty then, but there was no hesitancy in her answer. She wanted "Sister Edith." That was the 19th of October, and the next morning when Sister Edith walked into the room, Little Sister Hermina knew the reason for her night ride from Mansfield. "Because she loves me and I love her too!" It was as simple as that for Sister Hermina, but Sister Edith was blinded with tears. She knew she was saying a last goodbye to Sister Hermina.

But days wore on, and life lingered. Sometimes she would rally to the sound of Sister Peter's voice. But she could no longer say her traditional "Many thanks!" and though the worn beads remained in her hand, she could no longer make her promise, "I say a rosary for you!"

It was evident that she was approaching the end. The Sisters who came to see her during the day hesitated to leave -- death seemed so close. But the hours went on. She was not struggling; she was simply waiting -- quietly, and it would seem, consciously. She answered Sister William -- her Number Two -- and patted her cheek in a final gesture of appreciation.

When she finally slipped into unconsciousness, no one ever knew for sure. Saturday night after Office she formed the word "Fine!" for the last time, and after that she simply waited -- through Saturday midnight and into the early hours of Sunday morning. Then as Sister Jacinta watched, there came a subtle change.

It was 3:15 when, in Mother Immaculate's words, "Sister Hermina closed her own eyes!"

And as she crossed the bridge of Time, Little Sister Hermina must have whispered to the Sisters who knelt at her side in the chill of the November morning, "Many thanks for coming!"

GOD GRANT HER REST ETERNAL!
Nov. 29, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond:

"Thank you" and response to your recent letter. Just when I was about to write I was informed that you would be out your vacation, and since then so much has happened.

Our dear Sister Herminda went quietly to her eternal reward on November 17, and was buried on the 19th. I thought you would be interested in the enclosed notice, the type of which is sent to all our missionaries from the Motherhouse on the death of a sister. I saw Sister Herminda last on Nov. 18. She looked very much like herself, the petite, sweet nun she always was. I contacted Mother Immaculate, who was in charge of notifying relatives and friends, as to whether you had been notified and she said she had put in a call to Deepath and was told you were on your vacation. The enclosed folder will tell you more.
about Sister Bernadette last moments.

Sister Edith, you will recall, lived at the Convent some thirty years, practically the entire time Sister Bernadette was there. Sister Edith is now stationed in Mansfield, Ohio.

And wasn't J.F.K.'s assassination a shock? the whip's of which are still a mystery. We did not have classes on Monday. So we had an opportunity to watch TV on Sunday and Monday—part of the time. The ceremonies were magnificent! weren't they? Kennedy was an outstanding president, a man of great courage and high ideals. One who lived his ideals. Judging from the many fine eulogies the people recognized and admired his courage and integrity.

Lyndon Johnson is perhaps better prepared than some others who would like the job, and I think he will make a good president.
He listened to his speech to Congress and were impressed. It looks as though he will get them to pass the civil rights bill and other bills that Kennedy worked so hard to put across.

Thank you so much, Mr. Raymond, for the Poetry books and all other gifts to C.S.T. I made good use of the JRR collection with my class. It won't be long now when it will be time to think about second semester work. I will be teaching adolescent literature (teen age lit.) then.

We have all welcomed the Thanksgiving holiday break. At present there is a meeting of community superintendents at the college — never a dull moment. I sincerely hope that you too got the much desired change and relaxation from your vacation.

Every best wish from all the "Book Hookers." May the dear Lord grant you whatever you need and desire.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
December 22, 1963

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Here at last after many qualms of conscience
I am writing to acknowledge and answer
your cards, letters, articles, books and all
which have been received during the
past month. We can see you enjoyed
your vacation. You took the opportunity
to see special places of art and libraries.

We were able to see the beautiful building as seen on the cards
and more beautiful inside. The postal
cards of art pictures, lovely squares, give
some idea of how the art there
is in the Art Institute.

We 'Book Hazards' and others enjoyed
your various and interesting reports
and comments on these highlights
of your vacation days. But all good
things come to an end

Then the letter arrived from Lake
Forest which meant you were back
on duty. I do not know how soon
you learned of Sister Verna's
death. Sister Calina, the superior
at Our Lady of the Angels, called the
Director (Park) Inn to inform you
but never tell you had already gone
on your vacation. I understand
Mother Immaculata wrote to you
at the time of her death.
There have been successive deaths this past month. Of course, President Kennedy's name is the first one on the list; a tragedy we will remember for a long time. Perhaps you saw in the paper that Dr. Eichenschmid died. He had asked for a private funeral so the paper was the first we knew, but his secretary called after the funeral.

Then a week ago Wednesday one of our College Freshmen was killed instantly in a car accident. It surely was a shock to everyone. The closing of the year has been a sad one. While writing this letter I have also been watching the TV with the closing of national mourning with the Candlelight ceremony.

The news of America series arrived some one or two weeks ago. I was looking through them and they are very interesting. I wish I had the time to forget everything and read.

I checked out the book for the particular edition illustrated by Edmund H. Shepard, that is of "The Wind in the Willows."

Your letter of December 15th has answered my curiosity, but we won't have too long to wait now. The goal you have set for yourself is high. Nevertheless, we are most grateful for all the books you have given. Many, many thanks.

It sounds as if we shall see you soon.

Oh yes, the Intermediate is late. I thought we would receive a glossy print but did not.

Best wishes and greetings from each of the "Book Hookers" for a happy and blessed Christmas.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Aurea, O.S.F.
May Christmas bring you happiness
and may peace
and joy be yours in the New Year

Sister Mary Edura, O.F.
“Do not keep anything about you back for yourselves, so that he may have you altogether as his own who puts himself altogether at your disposal.”
—St. Francis of Assisi

PEACE AND HAPPINESS

A Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Christmas! May the Divine Infant give you many graces and blessings.

I shall remember you specially at Midnight Mass and Holy Communion.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Sister M. .

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God became Man
for the world's love.
Alleluia!

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As a member of the P.F. Club, I must add my small word of good wishes to those already
ten: God bless you always and all that you do.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Aniceta

Joyeux Noël et Bonne et Heureuse Année

Department of Art
College of St. Francis
Joliet, Illinois
Dear Mr. Raymond -

I am picturing you scurrying around in a dignified way, pulling the Inn in Christmas trimmings, planning for various functions. And of course as one of Lake Forest's dynamic Catholics you will be anticipating the Church services in all their wonderful richness. But perhaps for you, as for us, the
Christmas will also carry a strong undercurrent of sadness, a la Kennedy, know that you are in our prayers. Mr. Raymond — and especially in my Christmas Masses!

A blessed Holy Christmastide and New Year 1964!
(May it prove better than 1963!)

Gratefully,
Sister M. Beatrice
Dear Mr. Raymond,

A Christmas prayer

to Mary,
Mother of
Our Lord above—
To ask that she
will bless you
And watch over you
with love.

Echoes from Our Lady of Angels, wishing you a Christmas filled with God's best Gifts. May these blessings last throughout the coming year. Keep well! Don't catch cold! Prayerfully,

Mother M. Immaculata, D.S.F.
GLORY TO GOD
Our gift to you--
A Christmas Novena of Holy Masses
for your intentions.

--and may

the peace of Christ
reign in your hearts

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