January 12, 1964

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Well, it seemed like Christmas all over again when the package of books arrived—very interesting titles. The edition of "A Christmas Carol" is a beautiful one, very attractive illustrations. "The Civil War Christmas Album" is interesting as are the "Thames" books. Each book speaks up to me and I get interested in reading "The Farmer and His Tales," "The Life with Mather Supper."

"A Christmas Carol" is the best novel book.

By the way, I found in my calendar which I shall put on my desk, since we other "Book Tasters" asked for it. We are back at work since Monday and getting close to final exams and getting ready to get in as much as possible. Again, thank you for your visit, the books, the articles, etc.

As always,
Sister M. Anna, O.P.
March 1, 1964

Dear Mr. Raymond,

This is in answer to your request and also the letter than is long overdue.

First of all, thank you so much for the memorial edition of Life magazine. Also, we were very happy to receive the two volumes of the Oxford History of English Literature. That is an excellent series.

To answer your question, I checked and we do not have Audubon's America, edited by D. C. Pratt.

The chippings of the St. John's University art are interesting. It may be good art, but I cannot say that I like it.

Best wishes and prayers from each of the Book Hookers.

As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Avera, O.S.F.

(For your correspondent)
April 1, 1964

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Your note arrived during Holy Week, during which practically all of us were in solitude making our annual retreat. This was very appropriate time.

I am taking care of your request now; I am enclosing the extra note, The Tall Song of U.S. by Suman in already in your collection.
So it will not be a reprint.

Our Easter vacation started March 20th and classes resumed Tuesday. One day after Easter made it seem short.

Well, we really had winter weather Easter Day so that it seemed more like Christmas.

This will be short but I don't know how sweet. Anyway, there will be less delay. I hope there will be more later.

Best wishes and prayers as always. You're in St. Francis.

Sister M. Aurea, O.S.F.
At this joyous Easter Time
Belated Easter Greetings from each of the "Book Hookers" to you! May the joy and the grace of the risen Saviour be yours in a special way during this Easter season. We received and appreciate your very Franscecan Easter Greeting.

With Springtime gladness in the air
And flowers blooming everywhere,
May Easter joys, all bright and new,
Bring every happiness to you!

Each of the "Book Hookers"
By Sister M. Aenea, O.S.F.
Thank you and God bless you.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Nobady, mais personne, excepte notre Président du B.T. Club, would know of my interest in Réalités. And such an interesting issue is the copy you send me. You know with all the talk about ecumenism, and all the changes in church discipline and practices, and wander where it is all going to end. I realize it is all for the best, and is long overdue, but it is hard for some of us to accept everything. Take, for example, the ideas of Bishop Ulenberg, and of Hans Küng, the theologian who is featured in Réalités. Did you have the opportunity of hearing either or both of them? They were in Chicago three past months, as you know. Well, any how, to come back to Réalités. Thank you so much for thinking of and little department. This small, but we are
growing and getting better each year.

I am planning a visit North quite soon. I want to avoid the summer heat. My oldest sister and her family live in Brainerd, but we have friends in St. Paul and Minneapolis; so we want to visit. How have you been? Did you have a busy season these past months?

Take it easy. Regards from the RH Club.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Department of Art
College of St. Francis
Joliet, Illinois

Sister M. Ancella
Dear Mr. Raymond,

What pleasure your National Geographic gave me! I spent all Friday night paining through it. Shaw I wish you could experience the pleasure of seeing the old Stratford for yourself — fact you would be one American tourist who could enjoy it to the hilt, "pulling it on the tongue," as Yeats would say.

My Shakespeare course comes to a close this week, with the final exam next Friday. It is always a joy to teach "Kathie" but spirits are beginning to wane as the end draws near.
In the Eng. Literature class, I must give a glimpse of the Modern Drama by way of summation, a sort of appetizer for those who long for shade. Course lines have broken down these last years, and different teachers are teaching on what used to be my territory; thus, I can't be certain what all the class brings in this background. I've been reading criticism of the Theatre of the Absurd, Beckett, Jonas, Bellow, etc. The latter's death has closed another fertile career. Have you read Beckett's Waiting for Godot? An effort to show the lack of true communication today, disguised by cliches. I think this group has something I say by cliches. I think this group has something I say.

C. J. F. Campus wears its new green with a lovely flourish this Red Sunday. May the Holy Spirit flourish and flood you with His peace and other graces! Always, sometimes.

Sister M. Beatrice
May 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Raymond,

The easiest way to write to you is to take the opportunity while I am on desk duty.

Your letter and the note were received and, as always, we are pleased to hear from you.

The books, "Johnson's Dictionary" and "The Modern Almanac" have also arrived. The Dictionary can be an interesting study of words and changes in meaning. The Almanac title sounds unattractive but it is quite the contrary to open up at any page. The two little miniatures also came and they are as beautiful as others in the collection. These, as well as the other books, have come in very good condition. You always were them well wrapped.
The last classes are on Wednesday with exams beginning on Thursday. Nearly everyone, if not all, is awaiting the end.

The past weeks have been strenuous ones, at least for some of us. The North Central is going to re-examine our College this summer. There have been data and reports to work on, etc., etc. So you can see what is ahead of us as well as what we have already done.

We are fearful of the library in particular. We need prayers and myself especially.

You inquired if we had "The Age of Fighting Sail" by Forster and "Journey into Summer" by E.F. Teale. We do not have either of the two books.

We have had some beautiful spring days, but today feels as if summer is on its way.

Best wishes and prayers from each of the Book Nookers.

As always,

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Anne, O.S.F.

P.S. The drill is tearing up the library steps so you can imagine the noise.
June 7, 1964.

Dear Mr. Raymond,

When I came home last Thursday I found your letter on my desk (with the address and telephone number of your sister). I am sorry that I missed the chance of becoming acquainted with her, for I feel sure she must be both charming and entertaining, like her brother. May I take a rain check on that for another occasion? It was kind of you to send the information. Thank you.

You speak of the liturgical changes in
the Divine Service. It is awkward for the communicant to say 'Amen,' and then prepare to receive. What I did one morning on receiving earned more than one laugh. Father said, "Corpus Christi," and I very bravely answered "Des Kristi." I haven't lived it down yet. But that is the fun of community living.

Three times a week we have Mass with the priest facing the congregation. We go up to the altar two by two and stand to receive. I didn't like it at first, but they say you can get used to hanging, so I suppose, and so, now I don't mind it at all. So one little change follows another, and in the end, well, we're reformed. The future will tell. Now, I am being facetious, as you see. So I had better say goodbye. Try not to work too hard this summer, with all the tourists. Kindest regards from all the Hookers. Sincerely, Sister M. Anceta, O.S.F.
June 28th

Dear Mr. Raymond,

This is high time to give you the highlights.
The North Central Examenation is June 29, 30 and July 1st.

Of course, we do not know what to expect. Time will tell.

And prayers will help.

I was at Champaign the first two weeks of June. Yes, in spite of the work — [illegible]
needed a break from the pressures. There was a retreat from June 15th to 22nd, Jubilee Day. Now since Thursday, the summer session is in “full swing.”

Thank you very much for the Oxford History of Modern Writers — very good as all of them. Best wishes from each of the “Book Hookers.”

You’re on St. Francis,

Sister M. Annal, O.F.T.
Tuesday, July 7, 1964

Dear Mr. Raymond,

It was nice to see your characteristic handwriting again, and to receive your message. I hope your sister and her husband were not too worn out with the tour. I presume you refer to Sister M. Emerand who met us in Albert Hall.

On July 18, Sister Joan and myself and our architect will visit Lake Forest College to see their new library. We both are on the committee. If would be nice, if we had time, to visit you and hear your cheery voice again. But I am
not sure of the time, since we plan to stop on our way back from Milwaukee, and we may be late. However, best wishes to you and your sister and Sam! Glad you had a quiet holiday.

Sincerely yours,

Sister M. Aniceta

P.S. On second thought we plan to be in Lake Forest on Tuesday, July 14, instead of Saturday, July 18. So, we may be seeing you then. Regards.

S. M. A.
Dear Mr. Raymond,

It is most kind of you to invite us to luncheon at the Inn for Tuesday, July 14th. In the meantime I have received word from the librarian of Lake Forest College that she will not be available on that date, and she suggests July 21st. We shall leave here at 9:00 a.m., and arrive at the College presumably around 10:30. An hour or two there will be all we need, I believe. May we take a rain check for luncheon on that date, instead of July 14th? You are very kind to ask us, and Sister and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I shall phone from S. C.

Sincerely

Sister M. Vincenta
HAMILTON-WHITTEN RESIDENCE HALLS
Illinois State Normal University
Normal, Illinois
Dear Mr. Raymond,

Am attending a Books Idea- tion Clinic here, and staying at Whitton Hall (see over). It's a beautiful building, meals good too. The campus is large and has many new buildings. Wish we could move some of them to Joliet.

Visited the Library this morning very nice rooms. One of the sessions this afternoon dealt "Developing a Taste in Books" for the Cultural in Books, excellent! Am learning much. Best wishes.

Mr. John L. Raymond
255 East Illinois Rd.
Deerpath Inn
Lake Forest
Illinois
Dear Mr. Raymond,

God bless your kind heart for the awesome magazine called *Apollo*, commemorating "Willy". It is surely a lovely thing. How some people do live! The pictures of those beautiful furnishings, paintings, silvers took my eye as much as the Elizabethan articles.

For you, so interested in miniature books, the article on miniature paintings probably was most interesting. I haven’t finished all the articles yet but I loaned it to Sister Chihangtha for a few days — eventually it will reach the Library!

I was very near you yesterday, Mr. Raymond, and would have stopped off at Deerpath Inn had it not been so late.
Perhaps you are on vacation right now.

There are two libraries we should see—new ones. My brother Joe (Schiller) paid Lake Forest College is completing theirs, and I heard St. Catherine's up north has a new one. If we can get a car and a date we may be up around the end of the month—around the end of the month—no place today—no peace and quiet for letter writing. One information office is a wild place today—no peace and quiet for letter writing. One registration, etc. I'm not sorry my two hours of duty are almost up. It takes a lot of work to ready a plant like this—summer school and retreat always hold us up well now.

With this goes my sincere prayer.

With this goes my sincere prayer for our good friend John. May your days be filled with God's grace and peace.

Sister M. Beatrice
J. M. J. F.

Wilcof & Taylor Sts.

Juliet, Illinois

September 6, 1964

Dear Mr. Raymond,

This is the last Sunday before the arrival of the students. I have reminded myself that this is the most opportune time to write.

I was very glad when the summer session ended. The month of August has passed very quickly. There was the retreat from August 5th to 12th with Reception and Profession on 12th and 13th. By August 15th nearly all the Sisters had left for their missions.

The College faculty have been going and returning at various times, so only last
weeks we were finally together.
Library work never ends so there's always plenty to do whenever we go there. A third librarian has been added to the staff. This will certainly lighten the work and also be able to accomplish more as well as improve the efficiency of the library for those using it.

Last week we had what we call "no hell" days as it is somewhat like a vacation week not following a regular schedule. Thursday evening began a workshop for our College faculty so we may say vacation ended Thursday.

I hope you are not working too hard and the summer not too uncomfortably warm.

Kind regards from each of the Book-Hookers.

With prayers and as always, yours in St. Francis.

Sister M. Anns, O.S.F.
October 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Here's everything in one envelope, the school and campus news and the personal news.

First of all, thank you for all these: the Contractual with the interesting article on the private presses. We are familiar with some of them, thanks to you who made me acquainted with them. The book, "John Keats and the Making of a Poet," by Allen Ward, must happily received especially by Sister Beatrice. She that recommended for it, but you mentioned it one of your previous letters as I withheld the order. Now, I received your note of much more ago. You, we will welcome a second copy of The Spire by William Golding.

The rush of the first weeks of school is becoming a little. Moreover, having a third librarian helps very much. Even though there are three of us we have been kept busy that we have been wondering how the two of us accomplished what we did.

Perhaps you noticed from the interlude some of the changes that have happened at St. Francis. Parker has been converted as faculty office space so I don't know where
you will hang your hat" when you come. I have been
thinking of it. One thought is
that perhaps, the library could
be your first stopping place
to deposit your things in
your room.

Today is Guest Day. Now
on duty, writing this letter.

The prospective student's
parents are coming
and going. Our students
were guided so I have some time
to write.

Yesterday, the four of us
librarians attended the library
meeting of the Illinois Unit
of the Catholic Library Association.

Mrs. Annie Duff, author of "Peasant
of Kings," which you gave me
the luncheon speech.

How do you like this
literary almanac? The second
one will be after the writing
Protestant and proper.

As ever,

Siste

ARCHIVES ANTIQUA
J.M. J.F.  Nov. 23, 1964

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Thank you for the noted articles and periodicals which you have been sending. We "book hoarders" appreciate them. We are now having Forty Hour Devotion and you may be sure you are included in our prayers.
Thanksgiving vacation starts Wednesday noon and ends next Monday noon. It is most welcome. The work has been moving at a fast pace so we need a little break.

Friday some of us are going to Milwaukee to a meeting of the Franciscan Educational Conference.

Also during the vacation the superiors are coming together here for a meeting.

How do you like the liturgical changes? I saw a Mass in English on TV last evening and it seemed as "jazzy" and hodge-podge as "Montagues and Capulets" and told me when he spoke here.

Yesterday, we also watched some memorial programs in honor of President Kennedy.
The tributes were beautiful and they surely brought out President Kennedy's greatness. I wonder if one will ever find another like him. I hope you are keeping well and not working too hard.

As always,
Sister M. Annam, O.S.F.
For You At Thanksgiving
Dear Mr. Raymond,

May all
the special blessings
Of this happy time
of year
Bring you joy—
and realization
That His Love
is always near.

Best wishes and prayers
and may God continue
to bless you.
from each of the "Book Nest" pet.
Sister M. Aurora, O.S.F.
Mary was the Mother mild
Jesus Christ, the little Child.

Dear Mr. Raymond -

May the blessings
of Christmas
be with you today
and always

You will be prayed for
in all our Christmas
Masses. Only God Himself
can reward you for your
goodness to us, Mr. Raymond.
After Mr. Joyce, whom we
buried this morning, you are
one of our 3 top golf fathers!
May God keep your "nicker" ailed
and active many a year yet!

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
May you continue to be a Christ-bearer this Christmas Day and every day in 1965.

The President and Faculty of the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois

A gift to you is a Novena of Masses this Christmas Season.
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

The Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate
Joliet, Illinois
A Blessed Christmas
Dear Mr. Raymond,

May Joy and Peace be yours throughout the New Year.

All the Book Venders around here in our busy line want to be remembered to you. They join me in good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Sincerely,

Sister M. Aniceta
Dear Mr. Raymond —

Holy Mary, Mother, mild,

Infant Jesus, Holy Child.

Give you joys that never cease,

Bring you happiness and peace.

Thank you for your greetings; the card is unique. I must save it.

Do visit us at O. L. A. — always welcome!

Prayerfully,

Mother M. Immaculate
O.P.T.
May the wish of St. Francis for Peace and Happiness bring you a joyous Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Best wishes for a Blessed Christmas.

Sister M. Anns, O.S.F.
Christmas Greetings
Hope you are keeping well. "Long time to see."

Have been using some of the Raymond collection for my "History of the Book" course, and glad to use the miniature after Christmas.

The best of Christmas greetings, and be with you!

Sister Mary Edna

Christmas Greetings
and best wishes
for the New Year

THE MADONNA AND CHILD
WITH ST. JOHN
Botticelli
A Novena of Masses is being offered during this Christmas Season for the Alumnae, Friends, and Relatives of the College of St. Francis