January 9, 1966

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Again, we have celebrated the birth of the Infant Jesus. May you receive many graces and blessings during this New Year.

Thank you for your Christmas card and greetings. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas as we did. We had the traditional celebration beginning with Christmas Eve and Midnight Mass this year. I had the privilege of receiving...
Holy Communion again at one of the morning Masses. As usual, the day passed very quickly. So did the entire vacation. But I accomplished many things and also took some time out.

On Monday, the 27th, we were invited for dinner and supper at the Academy. Sister Vincent and I first went to the Our Lady of Angels to visit our old and sick Sisters from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., then went to the Academy.

Wednesday, 29th, we went downtown to the theater to see "My Fair Lady." It was very good.

New Year's Day we went to the Convent to sing a traditional New Year's song while they were at dinner.

In the evening, we went to Our Lady of the Angels to sing for our Sisters and also the lay people.

The last Thursday of the year we had Mass at eleven o'clock. Some were late when we wanted to. We have been back in the routine since January 5. Classes began at eleven o'clock.
We really had a white Christmas. The day before it rained hard all day and getting up for Midnight Mass it was still raining. After Mass there was snowflakes and in the morning the ground was white. How is your health? I hope you are escaping the cold and flu germs and not working too hard. Thank you very much for the book, "The Life of Dylan Thomas." I greatly appreciate that library article it most interesting (the one in the Harrow news) I may be useful to quote from some time. Best wishes and prayers for a happy and blessed New Year from the Book Hooker.

Always,
Sister M. Anna, O.S.F.
J.M. J.T. January 25, 1966

Dear Mr. Raymond:

This is examination week. The instructors are busy marking and correcting exams, and the students are taking them. The second semester begins Tuesday, February 1st, as it is a short semester break.

I check the Oxford History of English Literature and we already have volume three. In all, we have vol. 2, Pt. I and II, vol. 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 and 12.

Thank you so much for the volumes sent last week! "Seasons of Celebration" by Marton, "Patriotic Papers,"

U.S.A. The Golden Eagle by Robert Murphy and the Ten Drum by Gorton Green. All are very interesting.

I hope you are well recovered from your severe cold. It seems those who get colds or the flu have relapsed to take care of yourself and take some rest.

I presume you are having weather similar to our winter cold and snow. We had a fresh covering this morning when we got up.

Greetings from "The Book House!"

Always your, SISTER M. AUREA, O.S.F.
J. M. J. F.

OUR LADY OF ANGELS RETIREMENT HOME
1201 WYOMING AVENUE
JOLIET, ILLINOIS

February 7, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Raymond,

This really should be a "double-header" to assure you that both the gracious Christmas Greetings and the "few more stamps" reached me, and now the February 3rd card with the precious Foreign Stamps which are admired - you must have "Foreign" friends who keep the stamps coming in. You may be sure we THANK YOU!

Now I can tell you that our latest ambition is to procure a Magazine Rack for our library here. The Flagpole project will long be remembered. We are looking forward to the Flag Raising ceremony. The weather is still too wintry, and besides one of our lay residents is in contact with a Washington man who will obtain a FLAG that has once flown over the White House. Isn't that history-making for O.L.A.!

Our stamp dealer is interested in getting our Foreign stamps. Thus far we were not too well satisfied with their appraisals. This new dealer offers $4.00 a pound mixed, and with about a ¼ inch paper still on from the envelope or package. We have gathered ours from the four winds and put them in these light weight transparent bags. They tip scale to just about 9 pounds.

Then we have our U.S. Commemoratives; precanceled; perforins, and some that we consider rare, so we hope to make a good initial start on our new Project - the Magazine Rack.

Thank you so much for your continued interest; it is encouraging.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
February 22, 1966

Dear Mr. Raymond,

There is still time to write this letter which has been waiting to be written for you.

Your letter, note, etc., have been received and need only to say, been enjoyed by the "Book-Hookers." Also the book "The Old Glory" by Robert Lowell and T. S. Eliot's "To Criticize the Critic." The English people are up and take notice when...
 Anything is by T.S. Eliot.

The various letters contained some quite interesting enclosures. The incident at Lake Forest was quite an affair but really handled well. The family is a restless one on the college and community campuses. I wonder what the future holds.

November 13, 1965, while we were her host. According to the girls, there will be (2) warnings, a great miracle which will be seen practically in all parts of the world and if we do not dependance then a direct punishment from God. The message from God is quite the same as at Fatima. A Mr. Nolan at Fatima said the speaker and showed slides. He spent eight days at this town in Spain. It makes one do some thinking.
I have been quite occupied with a questionnaire from the Office of Education. An extra question is added which needs statistics in the various subjects of the entire collection which had never been kept. Therefore I have been giving quite some time accumulating these figures. I am not finished yet, but am getting closer to the end. Other work must keep moving also. May you have a happy and profitable Lent.

Greetings from each of us.

Yours in St. Francis,
Sister M. Anne,' O.S.F.
April 6, 1966

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Joyous Easter Blessings!

May Our risen Saviour give you many grace which He wanted by His passion, death and glorious resurrection.

We are on retreat this week. It began Saturday evening and will end Holy Saturday morning.

Our retreat master is Father Clarke, S.J. and is very good. The days are going to it's fast.

Thank you very much for "The Hundred Years of the Nation" which came a week or more ago. Very good commemorative volume for a periodical existing for the length of time.
I suppose you have read that the National Catholic Education Association is holding its convention in Chicago Easter week. Many of the faculty are attending on Tuesday. We are going up in a bus.

Of course, Wednesday classes resume again. Not many more weeks until the end of the year again.

The article you sent on Catholic Education surely is something. Anything could develop from what it suggests.

We hope you are well and not working too hard. Greetings for Easter from one of the "Bible Booklets." You are remembered in our prayers.

Yours in the name Christ,

Sister M. Annes, O.S.F.
April 21, 1966.

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Each day passes and I have not answered you yet. We do not have the "Poetry and Prose of William Blake," edited by David Erdman.

The books you sent have arrived: "The Comedies," by Graham Benson, 2 copies of "Proverbs" by George Renters and Mont Blanc by Roger Freiron. Ronkg I must admit, I have not examined them yet. I really am "swamped" with work and activity.

Last week was certainly a full week. We met in Chicago on Tuesday, opening of classes on Wednesday, went to the University of Illinois on Friday. On Sunday, the John Public Library held Library Open Day at our college so I was involved. Besides, the books we have been ordering have been coming in by the carton. The catalog room is bulging. I am trying to get some classified to make room for those coming in.

Another day has passed and this is not finished yet. Greetings from each of the Book Hookers and until we hear or see you.

Yours in St. Francis,

Sister M. Annea, O.S.F.
May 31, 1966

Mr. John L. Raymond
Deerpath Inn
Lake Forest, Illinois

Dear Mr. Raymond,

You are probably wondering whether "unemployment" set in with the "United Stamp Workers at OLA". I can assure you it is far from such a condition. At least a dozen cartons crossed our threshold in the past few weeks. The production line is proud of the results, especially of the last BIG SALE. It brought in checks amounting to $196.00.

The Flagpole project is a thing of the past. "OLD GLORY" flies according to directions -- half-mast for three days honoring our beloved Bishop McNamara, then a half day on Memorial day. If weather permits, it flutters on high regularly.

We have started on our Magazine project, but we interrupted it for Mother's Day to present a One Hundred Dollar Bill to Rev. Mother Borromeo for the new Foundation in South America. It was a "Red Letter" day for the stamp workers, because it was such a surprise and it pleased Rev. Mother very much.

We will soon have another supply ready to be appraised. Not quite as large as the last one, but 300,000 Commemorative stamps in packs of 100 each should call for a good-looking check, and then we have Foreign stamps, perforated stamps and precancelled, these all count in the deal.

Our Retreat will be on from June 15 to 22, so there will be no stamps during those days, and then the day for the Jubilarians. And we will be seen in our new style of veil by that time.

Yours gratefully, prayerfully,

Blessings from all!

Mother M. Immaculata, O.S.F.
MARTIN D. McNAMARA, D.D.
FIRST BISHOP OF JOLIET

Born May 12, 1898

Died May 23, 1966
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or the sword?

For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8, 35, 38, 39)

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.
Mr. John L. Raymond
Deerpath Inn
Lake Forest, Illinois
June 5, 1966

Dear Mr. Raymond,

Thank you so much for the books which arrived recently:

"Poetry and Prose of William Blake"
"Love and Death in the American Novel" by Leslie Fiedler
"Flower Arrangement by Nina Powell"

These are most welcome additions, particularly for the English instructor.

Graduation was on May 28th, and so this school term is over.

It seems we are always busy.
with something. Since school closed, we have been occupied with preparing ourselves for the change of veil and headwear. So!!! do you think you will know me when we meet?

Tuesday, I am going to Champaign for about two weeks, the first week to classify and catalog books, the second to visit relations. I hope you are not working too hard. I presume this is a long time without seeing from much of the Book Nookers (Ballyhoo point).

Yours in St. Francis,

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

How kind of you to send me the copies of Montreal! They are a good advertisement for the city. Thank you so much.

We are in the midst of the annual retreat. The house is full, and people are going around with sanctimonious faces. I hope the Holy Spirit is busy internally.

If you should happen to stop in, you would see a new tribe of Sisters, for we have our new veils and collars, and they look different. It is a much cooler arrangement, and after we became accustomed to it, we shall like it, I'm sure.

How have you been? I hope all is O.K. with you? Your
plans for vacation made?

Do have a nice vacation and a good rest.

Since I am now on the retired from classroom teaching list, my vacation will be spent here. Regards from the Book-Hoister.

By the way, the excavation for the new library is going on. Pray that all goes well. Regards.

Sister M. Aniceta