Monday, January 12, 1970

Dear Sister Anna:

Today is a dull day, let down after theello fo Matty yesterday evening — see enclosed. The St. Paul items are from my sister & I thought you might find them interesting.

If I'm able, I hope to stop in Thursday at 6pm for a visit, but will telephone before.

Good wishes for the new year to all BHS — Cordially,

John R.
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January 17-1970

Dear Sister Aurea:

The train was on time and I was home by 11:30. The afternoon and evening at CSF (and QUA) was very pleasant and refreshing. Tell all the “BFFs” that I am grateful (and spoiled!) for their time.

The cartoons are from the latest New Yorkers and I am sure they will touch the “funny-bones” of all other friends. Thank our generous drivers for the joint to OLA and the train station—both are good drivers—no speeding—which I detest & fear.
Just today the Christmas number of the Illustrated London News arrived. It comes by surface mail which is slow — but the postage for these heavy coated paper magazines is very high. It shall be sent over shortly.

Again to all — a "Happy New Year".

All good things —

Most cordially,

John Raymond
January 27-1970

Dear Sister A:—Thank you for the copy of the inaugural bid programs—excellent engraving. You may have a copy of the New Yorker for Jan. 24 but I’ve clipped the story "Guests on a Winter Night" by Isaac B. Singer so

Mr. B. He now knows his very distinctive style.

On Sunday eve, last, I attended the Byzantine Rite Mass at the Cathedral in Chicago—the last of the unity week. It was a rewarding experience—wonderful homily by one of the Eastern Rite Monks from C. A few words by Bishop Mandas speaking for the Cardinal. In spite of
Miserable weather, there was a good attendance.

I'm happy that your library service is being used for your big day.

Best wishes to all the Bookkeepers.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

[Name]
March 10-1970

Dear Sister Durras,

Thank you for the files with all the data on the Inaugural of the new President. I know that it was done with great elegance, trust the CSFers to "read" with dignity.

In another envelope I'm sending the Churchill Memorial Book from the College in Fulton, Missouri. It's interesting. Also the Current issue
Arizona Highways

with the Brophy article on San Xavier del Bac and the lead article by Brother Lawrence O.F.M. The color work is quite outstanding. Pass it onto Book-Bookers - etc.

The drawings of the tidal Thames by Geoffrey Fletcher might interest your art people. It was a gift to me from one of "the girls" who travels widely.

The Critical Article
on Isaac Singer is from The New Yorker while you probably have the magazine I'm sure you do not clip it. To me, the first book The Manow is far the better of the two. All good wishes to The Book Hookers —

More shortly re a book or two — Most Cordially —

John R.
March 19, 1970

Late—

Dear Dr. Aurea: A Happy St. Joseph's Day—It is a gray, damp, rainy one here. This evening, thank you for your letter. Do you have any of the books of F. H. Lucas (he of Cambridge University)? I was just
Given a copy of his *The Greatest Problem - Other Essays*, I wonder why so many Englishmen of letters and the sciences are so anti-religious. Especially, the Church of England, in which so many were trained. I'm looking forward to the latest liturgical...
Curtain down. We have certain ideas from the theatre. This last few will allow us to feel at home in the town to the city farewell to your.
Dear The Cod— Also once
thought of as the hub of the universe—
Good old Unitarians.
You are sure to have a wonderful trip and, I hope, an exciting one.

How to go? Train—bus—air?
All good wishes to the book.

Hooker—cordially—John R.
A Happy Easter season and a relaxing (+ rewarding) jaunt south. The enclosed is for you and Peter Julian to use for some special treat - like New Orleans coffee and French Pastry - or - you two decide. Until after Easter.

Cordially always -

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
April 2nd.

John Raymond
Thursday P.M.

Dear Sister A.:

Just to show you that C.S.F. in mind—here are some interesting folders I got today at the main library. They needed some biographical data on the artist. So I went to the Art Room+ did a bit of research—with the help of a Cooperative Librarian.

I took a short tour of the place (beautiful architecture).
I gathered the enclosed stamps. The sun finally came out and it is quite a pleasant afternoon.
Time has a way of passing away and I've been here over a week—It does not seem so.

More shortly—

Best always—

John R.
THE ARTS AND SCIENCE CENTER
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
This is the home of THE SCIENCE MUSEUM. The building also houses: SAINT PAUL ART CENTER, CRAWFORD LIVINGSTON THEATRE, SAINT PAUL CIVIC OPERA, SAINT PAUL COUNCIL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, SAINT PAUL PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY and SCHUBERT CLUB.

A note from a postcard:

Post Card

A new money modern building needs landscaping to improve its outward appearance near the capital building.

Arts and Science Fund
RICE PARK
St. Paul, Minnesota
This pool and fountain is located in the heart of the downtown area.

St. Marie's Gopher Tex Co., Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

The large library fills the 4th part of this square - had quick turn thru it this week.
April 6–1970

Dear Sister Aurora:

Thank you for the Easter greeting card from Boston. I feel sure that the jaunt was worth the time and effort. Since my last note I have flown to the funeral of my oldest sister (in Eau Claire, Wisconsin) which was held on Monday after Palm Sunday. She had an early death and her funeral was very well handled. Sister Joseph attended from the school (St. Mary, Alton) and students from the school. After the Mass music, after the Mass we were served a breakfast in the Church hall by ladies of the Alter Guild, one of my nieces is an active member. Later I drove to St. Paul with
My youngest sister (whom you hate 
and her husband, a good day + 
met) had a few nights’ rest was welcomed + I flew 
back from the Minneapolis Air Show to 
Oaklawn – a jet flight that took only 
1 hour. Do, life and its trials 
must go on. A few books have been 
"Gathering" – Note an enclosed list in 
Check our Catalog. 

All kind wishes of the 
Easter season – 

Most cordially yours,

John Raymond.
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April 15 - 1970

Dear Sister Curie:

Thank you for your message of sympathy. And please let all the Book-Hookers know how much I (and my family) appreciate their thoughts. Your Boston jaunt must have been a delightful leap back into history. And you surely made good...
Use of your time. A few books are filling up & I hope to tote them over shortly — will let you know what day.

Thank you again —

Cordially,

John Raymond
May 20, 1970

Dear Susan Andrews:

I'm sorry the President has been sent on the way to NSF. Thank you for letting me read it. In some ways "Sticky" is a dumbo!
The May, June "Critic" is really "far out" if it seems to me the stuff lack taste. The cover surely lacks taste. This is a little vacation — flying to St. Paul's first— a plan only on a relaxing jaunt. No flight.
Plan. My last visit to Juliet was a very pleasant one—thanks to you and the other "bookers." I was especially pleased to have had the visit at O.T.A. Cards to follow—most cordially—
May 22, 1970

Dear Sister June:

A visit here (Arts Science Center) this am. to see current display & can declare that just as good (or better) are often on display at C.S.F.

Then to their Chapel of Church of St. Louis for a "visit" to the Church & Chapel are very well cared for. The St. Louis is calm & restful.

This date is the 27th Anniversary of the Sorensen Wedding. After taking them to lunch at The Coachman, a smart restaurant -- flowers & wine -- et al. It has been a gloomy day thus far. How
V need a bit of packing up.

My sister gave me an autographed copy of _The Old Country_ by Hohlom Sheicham — Crown, New York, 1946. This is an asterisk! (Auto-

graphed by one of the translators). At the moment I'm enjoying the reading and it will pop back to C.S.F. shortly.

All good wishes to the book —

Most Cordially,

John R.
May 25, 1970

Dear Mr. A:—

To Mary ye—

Tuesday at Benidic. Church—good music & a homily by a visiting priest from Africa (white father).

A visit to the art institute at Minneapolis.

This morning (up early!) I'm going to visit the Book-Hookers at Jerome—called them yesterday pm. to see if they would fr.

Do it is all settled & I'll have the full afternoon then back—all by way of the Greyhound. lines buses.

More later—

Best, John R.
May 28- 1970

Dear Sister Anne:

Still another damp, cool & gloomy looking day.

Our plans of yesterday (to Hastings on the Mississippi) had to be cancelled - so we went to the Spring flower show in Como Park - see postal cards.

My lunch to Osnica was pleasant & worth the bus ride. I had shown the day before so I was met at the fare depot by Sister Aniceta & a brother of the Grociers who was our driver. Lunch was ready at the apartment - the four of us did it justice. The Sisters' apartment is just right for 2 people - it is light & tastefully furnished - a living room, kitchen/dinette (all in one unit)
Plain Small Apartment & Bath. It is very modern & close to the monastery.

After lunch we had a tour of the monastery. Complex - beautifully arranged & well kept up. The chapels are exceptionally fine. The windows in the large church depict the history of the order.

Then the Brother took us on a long tour of the area. All around Miller Lake, to the Indian Reservation. Their little church, very neat & modern, built by Indians! On way back to the monastery we stopped & picked two large bouquet - will trilliums & marsh marigolds (also known as cow-slip).

Dixie Joan stayed in the car as she is suffering from an strained leg ligament. The boys were out in force & it is really a beautiful region.

We had an early supper at a little
Restaurant in Ontario (the others are my guest) so then they drove me to the bus depot for my return there.

The Chemistry lab is being remodeled (supervised by Sister Joan) and will be ready for the New School Year.

Their library is well stocked and has ample reading spaces, also a large study hall where the students can spread out more.

By now I suppose you are amidst planning for Summer School.

All good wishes to the Bookkeepers.

Most cordially yours,

John Raymond
June 14, 1970

Dear Sister Dorea:— The Car as from the Retreat were appreciated. It must be a beautiful spot. "Back in the harness" is not fun—but must be. Civilization by Kenneth Clark is in hand—a truly beautiful book—very well illustrated—Herbert Row, 1970. Printed in England—at the moment. This book Hooker is reading it. By now I'm
June Summer School must have started. I send wishes to all at C.S.F. Cordially, John Raymond.
November 9-1970

Dear Dietrich Anna:-

Your recent letter (sent to the inn) has been before pointing an accusing finger at me! As you can see I have a new address as of the first of October. I have "retired" to have left the inn forever. After a frustrated summer I was happy to leave and am taking a long rest. I do not miss the inn.

Here I am with bag and baggage, first, beastly room but this apartment is quite nice. A small entry hall large living room (with a sleeper couch) walk-in closet, dinette and small kitchen. It
is located right downtown in
Waukegan—third floor—near bus
stops—the N.W. depot a few blocks
away—the wonderful new public
library—just one block west. So it
places there in a busy area. My
parish is the Immaculate Conception—very
beautiful in a grand classical manner—
but like many of our parishes it is in
need of money.

Getting settled has
been a tiresome job (but I think I
have it) (little by little) just about
licked.

This building houses the
Tennessee Theatre as well as a number
of stores & shops (first floor); it is
owned by a trust (family)—old but
knew one
very well kept up. If I knew one
of the owners I was able to get in
They never advertise but take in those who "pass inspection." There is a waiting list. One has to carry 3 keys—to enter his vestibule, to open mail box, to enter his apartment. The building is not new, but well cared for. There is no maid service, but daily janitor service—trash pickup, etc.

Do you see I'm becoming quite a householder.

The more I hear of the "union" of C.S.F. & Lewis, the less I like the idea. Frankly after all these years of hard work & great effort to create a splendid "going concern" (as is C.S.F.),

to throw it away for such seems very wrong. Area, for area, department for
+ department - Lewis is as far behind C.S.F. that it is sad. Someone in the 0 S.F. of M. I bought a pig in a poke and are throwing away a hundred years of great accomplishment. The Camel has his nose (up to his ears, one should say) in the tent + from the carpet, bagging pirates from Lewis will take over. C.S.F. will go down the drain! It is a rainy + gloomy morning & the forgoing is not very Cheering. So forget my tax letter writing - Shall reform from - Best to all. Book which -

Most Cordially yours,

John R.
Dear Sister Aurea:

Do you expect the Book School from the Minnetonka Seminary Home for the holidays? Let me know where they are to be located (if not at St. P. M.). The library gift was a real thriller. Congratulations.

Joyous Christmas
AND A
Happy New Year,

And lots of books!

Most Cordially,

John Raymond
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