January 4, 1974

Dear Sister [Name]: Your nice card with its cheerful message reached me yesterday. Thank you. It is always pleasant to have word from you.

The enclosed clippings I've sent to send to you and the Mozart program will interest all of you at CST. I was asked to attend, but I was a bit fearful — the drive over plus concert time plus drive back seemed a bit too much. I had to decline but at the present time. I am glad I did as I notice that the committee is to be repeated on Jan. 20th. And I might like to go some of the CSTATT. My friends told me that it was a most interesting experience. Just think how Latin is being used now!! Last year I did hear this group of musicians and enjoyed
The music. They are not professional musicians in the strict sense, but are dedicated and some very fine in their various fields of music.

We have a bright sun out today & he is a welcomed visitor. Our streets & roads are quite clear but the sidewalks are sloppy underfoot.

Thank you for the offer of books from there but at the moment I have my table loaded & am "playing into them" with great pleasure — if not zeal.

A happy and healthful new year to you and my other friends at C. E. T. is my big wish —

Most cordially,

[Signature]
January 11-1974

Dear Sister Anne:

Start the New Year with Smiles! Does Joliet have Snow up to the eyebrows? Here we have it to spare! The bright Sun of early morning has gone and Winter is again in charge. Your new hobby, photography, is fascinating and at your
mentioned expensive. But just one
good picture out did a Seven Run.of
the Mill Fort is a Reward.

Recently I met the photo graph depart ment
head of the Waukegan News-Sun. He
is a dedicated worker—one should
say artist. Good photos take a lot of
patience—which I lack.

Good wishes to my friends.

Cordially—John L.
January 22, 1974.

Dear Sister Arena:

What seems to be wrong with Mother Nature? With three days of fog, mist, rain—it's depressing! I just looked out the window, and the misty rain has turned to snow.

Thank you for the copy of Franceline with the flower-decked note paper. There is a lot of social as well as academic activity at C.S.F. And—a Black Student Union?! How many Blacks are enrolled? I'm sure there are many changes there—it seems there are many more lay people on the staff than I remember.

The large number of books stolen is a shock. Thievery has increased lately in every field and has reached an alarming stage. I do not know what the answer is, nor what is to be done to curb such dishonest practice. It sort of makes me ill. I hope your new food...
Service is a success. When I lived in Lake Forest (at the Deepth Inn) both L. Forest College and Barat have food problems - College Students are great belly aches (if you'll pardon the expression) when it comes to food & menus. At one time we had the food manager from L. F. College living at the Inn. He ran up a large bill for unpaid rent + when we tried to collect from the headquarter office (Kansas City, I think) we were informed that he was no longer in their employ & we never got paid of course, by then, the young man was-off to new pastures or, rather, new fields to plunder.

Yes - I'm feeling much stronger & have been getting about more. Saturday I was at our new museum for a couple hours. Moved books & hung some pictures. After Mass on Sunday I rested & then went to a late afternoon dinner in rural Lake Bluff. Yesterday (in spite of the mean weather) to visit a friend in Lake Forest Hospital. Today I'm taking things at a slow pace - it is not walking weather anyway.
Late pm. I'm going to the library to read periodicals—there is a wide choice.

Last night I finished reading *The Four Gospels, an introduction* by Bruce W. Carter, C. M. It has maps & is written so a layman is able to follow the work.

Best wishes to my friend.

Most sincerely,

John L.

P.S. *My* own copy, not a U.P. H. volume. With it I read the *Jerusalem Bible*—wonderful but too bulky—it is now available in two units—O.T. & N.T. John
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February 20, 1974  

Dear Sister Aurea: — Your next note on stationery with the Joliet Public Library picture I have enjoyed. How busy they keep your faculty? The news of the departure of Mr. K. was a surprise. He is getting into a colder part of the country than Illinois. I had expected he would have stayed at least ten years. It is just a sad situation that there is not a member of your order to fill the job. On Feb. 27 and 28 th., I'll have you in my intentions during the visit of the N.C.A. "Anoipers are sniffing that sounds like I was speaking of police dogs." The last few Sunday days have been wonderful for walking and I have been making use of them.  

This afternoon I posted a
British magazine to you - parcel post - or whatever they call it now - also there were a couple New's clippings enclosed.

Today I received a notice from the New York office of the British Magazine - The North that "due to various printing labor and other economic difficulties in England, pea shipments have been and probably will be irregular." As now we know, that poor little Island is hard pressed, but they seem to grit their teeth and struggle on. I wonder how they would handle a mess like our Watergate? It smells too high - and so does Dick Nixon!!

Heaven - and so does Dick Nixon!!

Good wishes to all the friends at

C.S.F.

Most Cordially yours -

John L.
February 22 - 1974

(The Real Washington's birthday!!)

Dear Dr. B : - Just a note to
Ded our latest bulletin just off
the press. Black, the artist who
Sketched the Haines House, is a
local. The original, in black & white
is a larger picture.

In the spring we hope to have the landscaping improved. There are many fine trees on the property. The Park District have been very cooperative and are a great help in many ways.

Keep well.

Best always,

John L.
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