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Tuesday Sept 12, 1967

Dear Alice and Family

By consulting my notebook, I find that it is your turn to receive a letter from me. My notebook is more reliable than my memory.

I suppose by this time your boys are back in school. I do hope that they and Maurice and you have had a good vacation. Maurice, I am sure, is making a success of his new job. He is a man of good sense and ability and can cope with big things, like Sir Thomas More, a "Man for all Times."

I just finished reading a late book on St. Thomas More

The new wing of Bethany is finished and furnished and the 28 newly retired sisters are comfortably settled in this "Vestibule of Heaven".

During the past month three of our elderly sisters departed this life laden with good works of enduring worth.

Last week eight young women entered as postulants for our congregation. Usually the number is larger, but this being a season of uncertainty and turmoil we must be content and thankful for those who come.

There is no reason for worry though because the Providence of God takes care of everything in due time.

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Wednesday - Sept. 13th

It is exactly 9:00 A.M. and a rainy morning, but it is a gentle rain, and soothing to the nerves, so I am going to sit right by the open window and add a few lines to my letter. Then I am going to the Superior's office and get a ballot for voting. We certainly are doing a lot of voting on community affairs. We vote on the style of new habitate are to wear, we vote on the delegates for the General Chapter which is to be held next month, We vote on the counselors for each convent etc. There's never a dull moment.

These days I am praying fervently for our Holy

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Father, Pope Paul, and the
Synod of Bishops, which
is to convene in Rome on
Sept. 29th. May God grant that
through their efforts, inspired
by the Holy Spirit, purified,
more sanctified, and simplified,
the Church will emerge strong
and healthy, for its service
to God and mankind.

I pray daily for our
President Johnson, for the
burdens of the world is
upon him, but he is
a good Christian man and
God will support him.
The Providence of God is
so wonderful and can
bring about relief and
solve our problems in
the most unexpected ways;
therefore we should
not worry, but redo.

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I did a little ironing this morning and that is about the last of my chores so I shall now continue my letter.

Now that everything is back on regular schedule, the junior sisters from the Provincial House (which is also on this campus) come over here to Bethany and serve the elderly sisters at table for the morning and evening meals. At dinner we have cafeteria style and serve candles. We have three hospital floors for the sick and the crippled and their meals are served by the nurses and aids.

Last Sunday a movie was put on for us which depicted the first sisters

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entering Bethany, arriving
by ambulance, cars, etc.
from St. Joseph's and St. Mary's
Hospitals. That was about
12 years ago, and many of
that riders have departed
this life. Sister Anna Marie,
who was with that first
group is still here and
doing wonderful work
with retarded children.
She has been a wheel-chair
patient for about 40 yrs.

As I look out my
window I can see the
trees putting on their
autumn colors, and yet
it seems but a few
weeks ago that those trees
were budding. Time passes
quickly.

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"Well, Alice, I think I have written quite a long letter and had better stop before I tire you with my rambling. But I find this writing to my loved ones quite relaxing, real therapy. I ask you to quit tell for me. The "Monitor" paper keeps me in touch with all the familiar places that are associated with you all. I enjoy reading it and then I pass it on to other sisters.

I wish love
to each and all.
I am your devoted
Sister Eliza

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I use this lined
tablet paper, because it
keeps me on the
"straight and narrow path"