

Christmas Season

1967

Dear Alice and Family,

This morning I hurried up with my small chores, so that I could get started on my letter to you. It is just 9:30 A.M. I am using my little typing-machine, although it is not in good order; it doesn't space nor reverse without my special help, and it is too much out of date for repair, but anyway, it takes the strain from my arthritis fingers.

Yesterday I received a very pleasant surprise, five pieces of mail from the Murphys and Seibles, a letter from you, from Claire, Helen, Helen's daughter, Mary and from Arnold. I received a card from Harry Lucas and family a few days earlier.

I thank you much, for the nice, newsy letter and the generous money-gift. You are all so kind to me, and I remind the dear Lord very often because He is the one Who will repay.

Everything possible was done here at Bethany to make our Christmas a happy one.

The Choir sisters from the College went through our long halls singing the Christmas songs. They do that every year. Other groups of children and the seminarians also came and entertained us in our auditorium. The K.Cs put on a program for us and gave each sister a box of candy.

I am glad that you all are able to visit with Sister Clarine often, and I am sure that she enjoys it. It pleases me, too, when you tell me that Arnold has been over for dinner. It certainly is nice of him to teach Bridge to Tom and Philip. I think they will master that game quickly for they have good minds. I am glad to know that they are also getting along nicely with the school work. Tell Tom that I am glad that he has a paper route. That too, helps with his general education.

Will you tell Philip that I received his letters and the nice picture of his dog. I am glad that he is getting it trained to be obedient. Also, that I am glad that it is Eleanor that had the baby this time, because in all the other letters it was Cecilia who was having the babies. I had begun to think that the world would soon be over populated with Cecilia's babies. I am having a good laugh right now over all the dear babies announced by Philip. I am sure that Philip won't mind that I am having the good laugh, It's good for my system. Tell him to keep on writing to ^{me} even though I do not answer all. I notice that he does some printing and that is good, too.

And now I wish a Very Happy New Year to you, Alice, to Maurice, to Tom to Philip and to all our dear ones

Ever gratefully in Christ

Sister Eliza

P.S. I am glad to hear that you are all well and happy. I am glad to hear that you are all well and happy. I am glad to hear that you are all well and happy.