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THE COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE

ST. PAUL 1, MINNESOTA

Thursday, May 14, 1959

Dear Katharine,

Just ten minutes ago I picked up your letter from my mail box and decided to answer it now, I mean I'll get a start on my letter.

I am much interested in that XRay that you had taken, so be sure to let me know the results. It certainly is wonderful of Alice and the others to take such good care of you. I do not worry at all because I know they are so attentive to you.

It was nice that you could go shopping; that is a real diversion and an enjoyable one. New things give a lift to the spirit.

I am glad to know that Cecelia is staying with Alice and is so happy. I say special prayers for her daily.

Cecilia's husband is truly a wonderful man, so good and thoughtful toward his wife and children. The home-life must be ideal. Patrick's parents too must be wonderful to have such a good son. May the Lord continue to bless them.

The enclosed letter is from Sister Bernell Uncle Lyman's daughter, who is now missioned in Spokane, Washington. I thank God that He has called Uncle Lyman to his reward. Uncle Lyman and Uncle Joe were always very good to all of us and they were good to their families. I have already written to Sister Bernelle and to Uncle Joe.

You certainly get good use from your telephone and can keep in touch with Harry and all our relatives. It is a real joy for you.

Friday, May 15th

The sun is out again and everyone is happy. We have several severe storms lately but no damage has been done on our campus. I think it is the holy water and blessed candles with prayer that protected us.

One of our elderly sisters died during the past week. She was 87 years old and had spent 70 of those years in the convent. Most of her religious life was spent in St. Agatha's Conservatory, where I spent 23 years. Sister Octavia was a real mother to everyone and looked out for everyone's welfare. I attended her wake and as I looked at her in the coffin where she looked so peaceful, I thought, "There is a real saint, for she truly loved God and her neighbor.

About an hour ago I gave my sleeping room an extra cleaning. I had been given a new vacuum cleaner (a small one) for this building, so to try it out I used it on my bed mattress first. It works fine. Then I brought it over here and marked it so that it should not go astray.

The new girl who works in this building is doing very good work and we are all pleased with her. She certainly works steadily. All the employees have a coffee-break at ten A.M. We furnish the coffee and doughnuts, which is served to them in our new building cafeteria. They seem to appreciate it.

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Saturday, May 16th

Tomorrow will be Pentecost Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Spirit. I have a special devotion to the Holy Spirit of God.

The yard men cut the campus grass yesterday and the odor of the fresh cut grass was like the odor of new-mowen hay, which reminds me of the country, which I love. Cecelia and Patrick with their family are fortunate to have their home in a place where they can grow things and have a few animals. It is of great educational value for the children and wholesome for everyone. There are no joys like the joys of a country-home life.

It is a comfort to know that Clara and Cecelia live so near together and can be of help to one another. Clara has a comfortable home too. I hope that Arnold gets away from the City occasionally to visit them.

According to a letter from our cousin, Elizabeth, she and her brother, John will go out to the home farm for several weeks soon. John usually helps Charles with his harvesting every year.

Uncle 'Mike's oldest son, whose name is John, also was very sick recently and returned to his religious duties. He had been careless about them for a long time. I wish you would keep him in your prayers. He must be nearly 90 years old.



Monday, May 18th

Yesterday, Sunday, was a perfect day and I walked for about an hour on the campus grounds. Today it is going to be hot and moist according to the paper, 90°

We had a very wholesome, enjoyable movie here in our class room. Grace Kelly was the star actress, the one who married Prince Ranier of Monaca.

Our new girl, Helen, brought me a bouquet of Lillies of the Valley this morning and I placed them before the statue of the Blessed Mother that we have here in this hall.

I heard it rumered that the plumbers' strike was over and I am glad for it was holding up all the work around here.

One of the sisters gave me those leaflets that I am inclosing. I have more like them, so if you want more let me know.

In bringing this letter to a close I include kind wishes for Jane and for your Landlord and Landlady. With love to you and all our nieces, and their families, and a hearty God bless all,

I am lovingly,

Sister Elise