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THE COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE

ST. PAUL 5, MINNESOTA

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Dear Alice,

This is the first time I have put 1960 on a letter, so you see you have my first letter of this year.

I feel sure that you had a nice trip to Los Angeles and a happy visit with Sister Clarine, and also enjoyed the Rose Bowl game in Pasadena. A picture appeared in our St. Paul paper showing the vast throng assembled for the game and I said to myself, "Alice and Maurice are in that crowd," but (strange) I couldn't locate you.

Yesterday I received a long letter from Alice O'Neil telling me that Ted's mother died a few days before Christmas and that her daughter had a new baby which she brought home the day before Christmas. The daughter, the husband and the baby stayed with Alice for ten days. They are a very loving united family too, just like the Seibels and their families.

My Uncle Joe (86 years old) also sent me a letter last week. He lives by himself right across the street from his married daughter. Uncle Joe has a son who is a priest of the Franciscan Order, a daughter who is a nun teaching in a college in Joilet, Illinois and a granddaughter of the same order, all Franciscans.

Sunday afternoon I attended a Wake of one of our elderly sisters who died at Bethany. About two weeks ago another sister died who was 90 years old. She had taught for many years in the public schools before she entered, and after she entered our Community she taught over fifty years in our parochial schools.

With my Christmas money I was permitted to buy the materials for Sacred Heart Badges and will be making them up soon. In case that you want some for the family or for others let me know.

I am enclosing a couple of the Green scapulars in case you want them for some of your relatives or neighbors. Just now I am doing some embroidery work in which I am much interested, because it is for our sale, the proceeds to be used for our new library building.

The snow is quite deep here and the squirrels are having a hard time getting food. The sister in charge of the cooking gave me some hard popcorn balls to give to them. It is amusing to see a squirrel take a whole ball in its mouth and run up a tree for safety in eating it.

Our Superior and the Dean of Students have gone East on business and will be away for about ten days. Their business will take them to New York, Chicago and several other places. Before leaving our Superior announced that two of our sisters from the College would go to Europe for several months on a Butler Grant. They will visit many places in Europe.

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Wednesday, January 13th

I just finished my morning chores here at Cecilian Hall and now will add a few more lines to my letter, although I have no special news.

The weather today is cloudy and ~~drily~~ dry. If it freezes the traveling will be difficult. I hardly lift my feet from the ground I am so fearful of slipping as it is. One of our sisters fell and broke her wrist yesterday morning.

I suppose that Maurice is as busy as ever with his own work and church work. I thank God, that all my nieces have such wonderful husbands, men, who are such good family men and such a good influence among the people whom they contact. Of course I donot overlook the fact that those wonderful husbands have wonderful wives.

I hope that Helen, Clara, Cecelia and their families are well and that the Head Chef of the Franklin Hospital also is well and enjoying his good work, in giving food to the hungry and drink to the thirsty.

It is about time for me to go for my mid-morning glass of milk, so with a hearty God bless you all, I say, Good Bye.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Sister Elise

P.S. My special Love To Tommy
and Philip.