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THE COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE

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Dear Alice, Maurice, Tommy and Philip,

It was a very happy surprise to find in my mailbox this morning the scroll bearing the Apostolic Blessing of our Most Holy Father and the medals with the enclosed letter. Now I have my passport to Heaven and a quick entrance because of that Plenary Indulgence.

Maurice, you certainly thought of a gift that pleases me much and how happy I am to know that Katharine received that Blessing before her death, and I am sure the Rosary delighted her too. It was wonderfully kind of you, Maurice, but you and Alice and the others are always doing kind things. Thank you a thousand times.

Alice, again I want to tell you how much I appreciate your long letter giving me all the details about Katharine. I can see that every thing was done for her soul and body and that she had a peaceful departure from this life.

Right here I want to ask you, Alice, to thank Maurice's sister-in-law, Viola, for the kind help and relief that she gave to Katharine. I was happy to know that she was relieved of her pain toward the end. It comforted me much to know that those three priests of St. Agnes' Parish were so good to her and that Father Heenan anointed her and offered the Holy Sacrafice of the Mass for her. Nothing was left undone to aid and comfort her.

Through the kindness of my Superior there was offered a Requiem High Mass in our Chapel for the repose of the soul of Katharine ,and all the Summer school sisters were there joining their prayers with the Holy Sacrifice. It fills me with gratitude to God for the many ways in which He blesses us through others. It is truly a blessed thing to be a member of a religious community where love, sympathy and prayer abound.

I have sent word of Katharine's death to our relatives in Wisconsin and I know they will pray for her. My Uncle Joe is still living and he is 86 years old. He is the last one of my father's family, there were nine boys and one girl in his family.

At present my health is good, but I am getting on in years and am beginning to feel my age, but no one need ever worry about me, because I am well cared for spiritually and temporally and am very contented in my vocation and instead of the "hundredfold" I have received a "thousandfold". God has been exceptionally good to me and I appreciate it.

I presume by this time you have received the letter I mailed you on July 2nd. I also mailed one to Harry and I answered the Landlady's letter.

I do hope that all of you who have been doing double duty will take time to relax and enjoy the vacation with the dear children. Next week I plan on writing to Helen Clara, Cecelia and Arnold. Again thanking you, Maurice, Alice, and everyone, I am

Ever devotedly yours in Christ

Sister Elise