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Dear Katherine,

It has been raining steadily for several hours,which is wonderful for our campus,but not so wonderful for people living in lower regions,or for the five hundred sisters who are attending Summer school here and have to go from one building to another. Most of them have rain capes though or umbrellas. I certainly am fortunate to have the rain cape that Mary sent me about two years ago.

Today,the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin, is a special day for us.It is on this day each year that we renew our vows all together;daily I renew my privately. Also today is the First Friday of the month and we are having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day,ending with Holy Hour at five o'clock and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Tomorrow we are to have a movie in our Auditorium,Julius Caesar, a classical picture,and I plan to attend. I always like a good movie.

Your letters,Katherine,written on June 19th and June 25th were most welcome. It pleased me much to know of the many kindnesses tendered you by Harry and family and also by Arnold and the others. It was thoughtful of Helen and John to invite you for a ride in their new car.

I can just imagine Helen and her Johnny with their happy youngsters going for a joy ride in their new spacious car. I think John is an A number One man of commom sense,good judgment and management. Those dear children in years to come will have happy memories of their childhood days and of their devoted parents.

Yesterday I received a nice letter from Frank.He has been keeping me informed of Austin's condition,which is not so good just now.I understand that all arrangements made by Mary in his regard will be carried out by Clara and himself. We could not wish for anything better for our dearAustin than that God will soon take him to the Eternal Home.

Tuberculosis seems to be a more lingering illness than cancer, and even though a patient gets very low he often rallies again. I am under the impression that Austin receives very good care in that State Sanatorium and the priest in Napa has assured Frank that his spiritual needs will be attended to.. We need not worry about Austin, but we should redouble our prayers for him.

Katherine, I am enclosing a few more Green Scapulars for your disposal. They came to me unexpectedly and have been blessed. A leaflet is to be given with each scapular.

Because our thoughts have been so somber these days, I am going to repeat a little anecdote that was told me lately. This is it:

The Kindergarten teacher was giving a Catechism instruction to her small youngsters. She told them about Jesus and then taught them the ejaculation, "Jésus, mercy".

The following day to test their memory she asked, "Who can tell me something about Jesus?" One small hand was raised.

Sister said, "Well, Jackie, what do you remember?" Lisped Jackie, "I 'member His last name, it's Jes us Mur phy."

I think all the Murphys will enjoy this so you had better take this letter along when you visit them. I inserted this story in my letter to Frank.

I hope that our friend, Jane has been to visit you by this time. Please remember me to her.

Since I must get in a little nap before Holy Hour I shall bring this letter to a close. I started this letter this morning and will bring it to a close now. The rain has stopped and the day is pleasant and cool.

With love to all and praying that our Heavenly Father will continue to bless you, I am

Lovingly,

Sister Elise

P.S. I shall write to Marguerite on Monday.

I expect a letter from her today or