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Dear Katherine,

That nice, newsy letter that I received this morning should get a prompt reply, so I am at it now, here in my room where the temperature registers 82" The weatherman says it will be cooler tonight. The letter that you mailed on July 17th also was received.

It relieves me to know that you are recovering from your cold, and also that the ladies living in your building are so kind to you. I am glad that your Landlady likes her Sacred Heart badge; it will bring a blessing upon her. Katherine, you have always had such a friendly disposition that it seems easy for you to make friends. And, besides, you are always ready to help others. I am glad that the ladies on your floor will be able to use that large refrigerator along with you. It was wonderful of Pat and Cecilia to give it to you and also of Harry and Arnold and the others to install it for you. Ours is a wonderful family helping one another out whenever needed. A true family spirit that makes for happiness.

A few days ago I received a letter from Frank saying that he had an attack of ptomain poisoning. He had several meals on can salmon. I wish Al and Clara would drive out there oftener and cook a good meal for him. I hope, Katherine, that you write to him once in a while, for he must be very lonesome. Don't let him down.

I haven't had a letter from Marguerite lately, but I suppose she is busy. Neither have I had a card from our friend, Jane since she returned home. I am glad that you finally had your visit with her.

I don't know how Jane could get the impression that I had charge of anything here at the College. My only charge or duty is to prefect in one of the buildings ~~xxx~~ for a certain number of hours each day and that is enough for a person of my age. So please tell Jane that she is all wrong on that point.

You mentioned in your letter that some sisters from St. Joseph's Hospital called on you; were they from St. Paul? Our Hospital here is named St. Joseph's

I was glad to get Cecelia's address; when I get around to it I shall write to her. She seems farther away from the City than the rest and should get a little more attention. I am giving her a special remembrance in my prayers since I know of the big event that is to happen in September.

With the big family car I presume Johnny takes his beloved family out on week-end trips. I suppose Alice's and Maurice's vacation is coming to an end soon. I am glad that they all have vacations.

Our Austin still lingers; may God help him to keep patient. It seems strange to me that our Mary has not as yet obtained his release from this Vale of tears. Frank told me in his last letter that the Chaplain is going to write me all the details about his visit to Austin. I'll give you the information when I get it.

Last Saturday we had a picnic here on our campus for all the nuns attending Summer school. We all enjoyed it and the day was perfect for the event.

Last evening we all joined in a procession in honor of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and good St. Anne. We recited the Rosary until we arrived at the Statue of the Blessed Mother, which is located on the campus; then we stood around and sang hymns; from there we resumed saying the Rosary until we arrived at the statue of St. Joseph which is in another part of the campus. There we sang more hymns. I say, "We", but I do not sing.

It is beginning to cloud up and I do hope that it will rain for we need it badly just now. The grass looks quite withered.

I still can get in a short nap this afternoon if I stop writing now, and having run out of thoughts I shall put the period right here.

With much love I say, God bless you all.

Sister Elise