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Dearest Katharine,

Twice this morning I checked my mailbox, but found no letter, so I am going to write anyway, although it is much easier to write after reading a letter from you.

Katharine, you are constantly in my mind and prayers and many other sisters are praying that you will persevere in your heroic suffering with patient submission to God's holy will as did Papa and Mamma and all the others.

Keep yourself united to Jesus, Mary and Joseph and you will receive the grace to persevere unto the end. Our fervent prayer is that God will call you quickly to Himself. As He has been so merciful and generous to all the other members of our family, so will He be to you.

Because of your special devotion to the Sacred Heart your name is imprinted there never to be effaced. Eternal love, happiness and glory awaits you, and remember that the sufferings of this life are not to be compared to the joys of Eternity, as St. Paul tells us and he knows because God revealed to him secrets so great that they could not be put into human words.

One of our sisters told me that some time before she entered the convent, her nine year old brother lay dying with pneumonia. His mother was weeping silently beside his bed. All of a sudden the dying boy raised himself up and said, "Mamma, you would not cry if you could see what I see; everything is so lovely." He lay back and died. His mother was consoled and resigned.

I am comforted to know that Alice and Helen are taking good care of you and others too, besides, your good Landlady. Our dear Lord will bless them, for He has said, "Whatever you do for another I shall consider it as done to Myself."

On this page I want to add a few lines to Alice, so with deepest love and fervent prayer I comment you, soul and body, to our Loving Father, Who is with you and to Whom all things are Possible.

Sister Elise

Dear Alice,

I presume that you have received the Air-mail letter I mailed Tuesday, so I shall only write a note now, while I await some news about Katharine. Perhaps a letter will come on the afternoon mail, but I shall not wait for I want to get this on its way.

I hope, dear Alice and Helen, that God will give you extra strength and patience during these days of sorrow.

My grateful love to you and all our dear ones.

Ever yours in the Sacred Heart.

Sister Elise

P.S. Alice, I am addressing this letter to your house, because I think it best, since you told me Katharine cannot read without her glasses.