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VOLUME I

Early Letters, a Notebook of pious notes, a Notebook of early Homilies and a Notebook of spiritual Reflections.

Letters to the Casey brothers and sisters and their families.

Retreat Notes and some Reflections concerning the "Mystical City of God"

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Brother Leo Wollenweber
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1896, August 23rd

The following is a faithful transcription of the hand written original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap. (Bernard F. Casey)

West Superior, Wis.

Aug. 23rd, 1896

Very Rev. Bonaventure Frey

Detroit, Mich.


Dear Rev. Father:-

I received your welcome letter of the 20th a few days ago. I would ask now what I should do with regards to books, clothes, etc, as also when your scholastic year begins. I suppose you were informed about my bill of \$525.00 at St. Francis'. What should I do about that before I go to join you? - supposing I could not pay cash.

Hoping to hear from you again soon I am, very Rev. Father!

Yours sincerely

Bernard F. Casey


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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Small Book of the Rule and Testament of St. Francis with writing of Fr. Solanus Casey on three pages:

Pg. 1. 1897

ad u. Fr. S. Casey

Pg. 2. I labor for Eternity, not \$100 per day or \$1000.00 a month.

Pg. 3. Memorable Days (these entries c. 1901)

Jan. 13th 1897 - dark indeed

Jan 14th 1897 Invested (after a day of anxiety) Deo Gratias.

July 21st 1898 1st Profession.

July 21st 1901 Solemn Profession

(following entries c. 1904)

July 25th 1902 Minors - Archb. Katzer.

Dec. 8th 1903 S. Deac. B. Messmer

Mar. 20th 1904 Deacon "

July 24th Presbiter "

S. D. and Deacon in S.F. Seminary

1st Holy Mass July 31st 1904


(later entries)

M. & E. Ordained in St. Paul 9/6/1911

P. & M. Jubileum " Seattle 6/10/1913

32 yrs. later First Mass of Nephew in Seattle J. McC. S.J.

Religious G. Jubilee Jan. 14 '47


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The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original notes by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap. (his Notebook No. 9)

FATHER SOLANUS, NOTEBOOK No. 9

Pg. 1 "You are afraid to suffer here & unwilling to go hence; what shall I do with you?"
Our Lord to a sick bishop

"If I must die once, why not now?" St. Austin

"Can one do better than humble that and overcome it which God has given us to master, & which a loving Providence has ordained should be humbled?" i.e. the flesh

8/98

Pg. 2 "The devil" says St. Gregory, "is a lion & a pismire both together; a lion to those who are to him but as pismires; and a pismire to such as behave themselves to him as lion."
- i.e. to the courageous in temptations.

St. Paulinus of Nola from bishop - to voluntary slave etc. - a rich royal Roman (+431) - Example of Unbounded Charity - having lived in virginity with his holy wife, etc.

verichte deine leibliche Liebeswerk für den
Nachsten als dientest du Christo Selber;
und nehme dasselbe von Anderen an als ein Knecht.

Pg. 3 "Pray for my Inten."
"Du hasst Recht!!!"
M. Absent in N.Y.
Position in choir.

"It is good not to eat flesh and not to drink wine, or anything whereby thy brother is offended, or scandalized, or made weak." Roman XIV 21

"My friend, I myself have renounced the world and my inheritance in order to save my soul; do you think I could advise your son to a contrary course? Why I should think myself deserving of damnation if I did."

St. Paul of the Cross to the father of
St. Alfons M. de Legouri A.D. 1724

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Pg. 4 "Trouble not yourself about the future, a skillful workman does not abuse his tools and the cycle thinks not of the material ahead"

"The world studies to show itself learned & virtuous - What does Christ?"

Pg. 5 He who stiffneckedly persists in his opinion, says St. John Climeceus, even when he's in the right, will be fired on by satan.

Beware of "die Genuss, Hab= & Ehrsucht," as the tripple enemy of the soul.

"Love Him who is the first cause of so many beautiful creations" - To St. Augustine considering the beauties of the fields.

Means of Increasing Desires of Perfection

1. Meditation: 2. Renewal frequently of resolve to strive for Love of God - to be grateful to Jesus, i.e. to resolve on becoming perfect, as the just beginning; 3rd. Never dwell in thought on the good we have done but on the contrary (while remembering our sins past) look to the good yet to be accomplished. Scaramelli P. 70

3/20/97

Pg. 6 "As for desiring to do things which may deserve glory, though it is what magnanimity desires, yet the magnanimus man desires it not for the glory that arises therefrom but only that he may deserve the glory without possessing it. On the contrary he has raised himself so high above the opinion of the world, that finding nothing estimable but virtue & looking with the same eye on the praise and scorn of men, he does nothing for love of the one or through fear of the other. He makes no account of worldly honors; his flight is higher. - it is for love of God and virtue that he is moved to perform great actions; all other motives have no influence on him. Virtue is so excellent a thing that men cannot eather reward or recompense it sufficiently. God alone can do this."

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Pg. 6 "In the story of man's history, etc."
incepti quasi in spiritu coram SS. Sacramento.

Pg. 7 MEANS FOR ACQUIRING THE LOVE OF GOD

- I. "Detachment of oneself from earthly affections".
Singleness of purpose!
- II. "Meditation on the Passion of Jesus Christ."
- III. "Uniformity of will with the Divine Will"
- IV. "Mental Prayer-meditation & contemplation"
- V. "Prayer - "Ask & it shall be given to you"
(Matt. VII -7)

"Perfectio," ait S. Bonaventura, "principaliter consistit in charitate, et illa potissimum perfecta est, quando omnis excluditur cupiditas, quae est venenum charitatis. Cupiditatem autem omnino foras mittit qui omnia re et voluntate relinquit. Hinc sicut radix omnium malorum est cupiditas, sic radix et principium perfectionis est altissima paupertas."

TO PRESERVE GOD'S PRESENCE

- I. Raise your heart to Him by frequent ejaculations
- II. Make a good intention at the beginning of each work & frequently during its execution.
- III. Ar

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9/27

"Trust not in your own example or presence to keep others - nor to the gravity of your manners. It is the grace of God will keep them, whether you are present or not"

novitiate

The bee and the ungrateful lie told out of unreasonable fear. "O God come to my assistance" etc.

Dream about journey to monastery.

Stille Nacht Dec. 24th '96

Temptation & Succor 1/13/'97 + Excelsus 4/4/'97
Summit

With regards to Prasch

"God or pleasure at Weeks Ave 1891

Ut per gratiam Dei incepti, ita per eius misericordiam tantum continuam 7/24/1900

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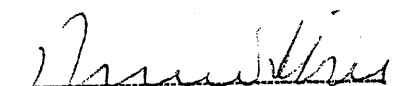
Trap-door of Death & Queen of Rosary 5/31/90

Church-door opened '91 & carelessness

Wakened to say rosary '92

To please Jesus & Mary - on st.-cars

Easter sunday what gratitude requires '97


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IN DIEM VIVAM
in Novitiate

"If you desire to love crosses, learn first to forego unnecessary pleasures." - reasonable & natural!

"Willingly to serv God must be happiness" 5/23/97

"In omnibus rebus amor Domini" Pent. '97

Quid me ipso: quid non, Deo adiuvente?" 6/11/97

Dryness a humiliation & punishment '97

Pg. 10

"False humility trouble & the sadness we feel at sight of our sins are among the most subtle of the devil's snares," Humility & sorrow which comes from God, consoles and pacifies the soul.

St. Teresa

"One of the best means to continue in the practice of those good purposes we make in prayer is that we recollect the reason which had influenced us to form them; because that which ocasioned the 1st thought will afterwards help us to conserve & practice it."

St. Austin

"O Lord, if Thou art pleased to bestow thy gifts upon me be thou the guardian thereof thyself, for I have a diffidence in myself and I am a great robber who may prove bankrupt to Thee."

St. Francis

"God chose a life of suffering.
- The Way the Truth & the Life."

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Pg. 11 "It is by thy order O Lord that all irregularity of mind should carry its punishment along with it!"

St. Austin.

"Before speaking we should communicate our thoughts to God, tell Him what we would say and what reasons we desire to make use of in our discourse, which having done we may venture to speak, and believe by so doing we put God's will in execution, having consulted Him beforehand."

St. Ephrem (+379)

"What does well that for which it was made will be favored."

"Pater Noster" - "Noster i.e. totius Ecclesiae"

"To live consistent with the discipline requires what, in regards to pleasures?"

Pg. 12 Bl. Didacus - Conformity 1801
 Bl. Angelus of Acrius - Indifference for Vanities. 29/P
 St. Pacificus - Zeal in purification of my heart
 St. Aegedius - Simplicity of Heart
 St. Bonaventure - Humility 1274
 St. Seraphim Ab Asculo - Obedience
 St. Antonius a Padua - Love of a hidden life. 1231
 Bl. Crispin of Viterbo - Love for the B.V. Mary May 23
 St. Thomas Aquinas - Zeal for Study.
 Bl. Bernard a Corleone - Nächstenliebe
 St. Laurentius a Brundusium - Love of Poverty. 7/7 1619
 St. Peter of Alcantara - Joy in Meditation 19/9
 St. Jos. Cupertino - Andachtim Gebete
St. Fidelis a Sigmarigna - Philosophia. b 24/4

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Pg. 12 "If you desire to serve God alone why should you grow sad & complain when He requires a tooth, a finger or a limb? 12/10/98"

Wandering around in hospital be ashamed O Rel.!

Sitting - during bell for Elevation!

Pg. 13 Hum. through blunder in vestments for PP. Magister & Marcus.

How the citizens of Neapolis came to choose St. Anthony of Padua their Patron.

"The food which is taken on the royal table of the Cross is very difficult of digestion to the animal stomach."

S. Paul of the Cross.

"Origo omnium fontium et fluviorum mare est virtutum autem et scientiarum origo ~~et~~ est Dominus Jesus Christus."

S. Bernard

"Holy Hour" June 8th - 9th '99
- sacrifice the evening before - verschlaf
& P. Definitor's V.

June 21 '99 Uncharitable thoughts dispelled by offering same for conversion of sinners & for subject of same temptations.

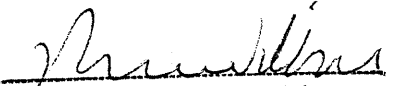
The novena with a promise & the letter written on the Feast & received in the octave of the ~~Nativity~~ Assumption B.V.M.

(A.D. 1900)

Pg. 14 "He that once sins, like him that slides on ice Goes swiftly down the slippery ways of vice. The conscience checks him, yet those rubs gone o'er, He slides as smoothly, and looks back no more."

"Like a wayward child when about to be washed, corrupt nature complains against reason."

"If you may not practice the devotions you propose, then do more fervently what are permitted."


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Pg. 14. "If a fault of any one disturbs you, know that it is more a weakness for him than is for you, & that he suffers more from it. Perhap, however, it is but "a mote in thy brother's eye" which on account of" the beam in thy own," appears so great. At all events have the charity to pray the Lord to deliver thy brother and if the latter be the case, & it will prove a double blessing.

Pg. 15 Promises of Our Lord Jesus Christ made to Blessed Margret Mary in behalf of those devoted to His. S. Heart.

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1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
 2. I will establish peace in their families.
 3. I will console them in all their difficulties.
 4. I will be their assured refuge in life and more especially at death.
 5. I will pour out abundant benedictions on all their undertakings.
 6. Sinners will find in My Heart a boundless ocean of mercy.
 7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
 8. Fervent souls shall advance rapidly to great perfection.
 9. I will bless the house in which the image of my Heart shall be exposed and honored.
- Pg. 16.
10. I will give to priests the power of touching the hardest hearts.
 11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names inscribed in My Heart and they shall never be effaced from It.
 12. I promise thee that those who receive communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months, shall not die under my displeasure.

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Pg. 16 "Beware of congratulating thyself on the blessing wrought through thy medium"

4/12/98

Traits of Saintly Characters

1. Eagerness for the Glory of God
2. Touchiness about the interests of Jesus.
3. Anxiety for the salvation of souls.

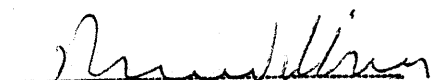
Pg. 17 Words of Chrysostom on occasion

of

His first Exile A. D. 403

"Violent storms encompass me on all sides; yet I am without fear, because I stand upon a rock. Though the seas roar and the waves rise high, they cannot sink the vessel of Jesus. I fear not death, which is my gain; nor banishment for the whole earth is the Lord's: nor the loss of goods, for I came naked into the world, and must leave it in the same condition. I despise all the terrors of the world, and trample upon its smiles & favor. Nor do I desire to live unless for your service. Christ is with me: whom shall I fear? Though waves rise against me, though the sea, though the fury of princes threaten me, all these are to me more contemptible than a spider's web. I always say: O Lord, may thy will be done: not what this or that creature wills, but what it shall please Thee to appoint, that shall I do and suffer with joy. This is my strong tower; this is my unshaken rock: this is my staff that can never fail. If God be pleased that it be done, let it be so. Wheresoever his will is that I be, I return Him thanks."

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Pg. 18 "He that is infinitely powerful & glorious in Himself, stands not in need of man for anything; but in as much as man labors to sanctify himself & overcome, in so much does it seem that he is made an instrument for God's glory. (& his own happiness)

St. Alphonso's idea of souls in a relaxed religious Order - better off in worldly gayeties.

The example of St. Giacinta Mariscoti (canonized 1807) i.e. she joined Franciscans at Viterbo - was very vain but by sickness etc., gradually became St. G. (All for Jesus 44)

Pg. 19 "Be not content with giving, but also lend to him that is in need, according to the precept of the Scriptures. I do not know a more contemptible object than money if it be not employed to assist our neighbor. Can the insipid pleasure of heaping up crowns be compared with the satisfaction of conferring happiness and the felicity of attaining heaven?"

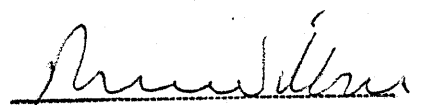
Card. Ganganelli (Clem. XIV)

(King) St. Casimir (about 1490) at the of twenty five foretold the hour of his death & chose to die a virgin (of a lingering illness) rather than to live in health which the doctors held out to him in the married state.

Him it behooves to ascend by degrees & to bear up patiently the cross of his own weaknesses, who would stand soberly and firmly on the "peake of Christian Perfection against the applause, alike, and the persecutions of men, against his own self conceit and the storms of satan which his position must needs call forth.

Dream 9/17/'99

Patience, therefore with your own faults!


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Pg. 19 Three Degrees of Tallent; Physical, Intel-
 lectual, Rational or (6/99)

That no grace is given to men but as a fruit of prayer, is the teaching of many fathers & doctors of the Church, e.g. SS. Basil, Augustine, Jerome, Ambrose, Bernard, etc.

"die Liebe zu Gott mit Verachtung der Selbstsucht gründete die himlische Stadt; und die Selbstliebe mit Verachtung Gottes gründete die irdische."

Pg. 20 Feast of Purification 1900 A.D.
 God Present.

"If Directors are not men of prayer," says S. Teresa, Their learning will avail little; for many go astray by wishing to have the Spirit of God in their minds without trying to possess it in their hearts.

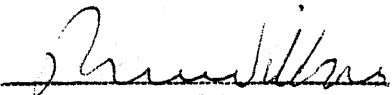
"Forsake all and thou shalt find all; relinquish desire & thou shalt find rest."
Imitation Book III-32

"Quaerite legendo et invenietis meditando; pulsate orando et aperietur vobis contem- plando"

S. Bernard

"The poor stretch forth the hand; but God receives what is offered."

St. Peter Chrysologus
 (+450 aged 35 C & E.D.)



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"Reason, as the mistress of the little kingdom within each one of us, should call the will to frequent account, and the other faculties of the soul & senses of the body - as the stuart & other servants are called, that the master may know how his business stands, i.e. his profits & losses - & to see that each one of his house hold receives enough and nothing superfluous or extravagant.
S. Chrysostum

8/31/1900

Indignant remark & consolation when on Sunday after, I acknowledged my fault.

Consider the contrast between the biographies of the two saintly friends Athanatius & Basilius (who never saw each other on Earth) the former the champion of the Second Person of the Bl. Trinity; the latter that of the Holy Ghost.

-- Fortitude in different colors, etc.

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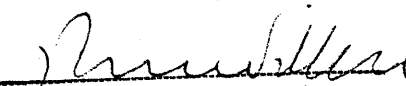
Letter of Aug. 15th 1900 & circumstances. Novena Dec. 8th 1900 object & letter rec'd. Liberality before Christmas (A.D. 1900) & consoling surprise.

Dignatas Eius qui Frater vocatur, quid oporteat esse. B.V.M. Desponsatis. 1/ /1900

Patroc. S. Joseph. Beware of silent criticism - (with L.u.g. about fr. Caj.)

Rosary in bed & bells not heard Dec. 31-
Jan. 1, 1902

A.D. 1902 Examination, etc. & quotation from V. Testam. Good-friday night - answer aloud - "no progress in virtue without mortification."


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Pg. 21 "Humiliation (fear of sore eyes etc)
thanksgiving for same, June 12 & con-
solation - on 13th 1902 - Maurice -
after 17 yrs. speaks of returning to
study.

1903

April 19th Singular dream & beautiful
about Wm. N. his zeal even for others
to go to confession.

Patroc S. Joseph (1903) Why observe so
attentively what is not allowed to have
- e.g. parvulos servos?

1903 May 15th Ipse mundus vanus est et
vanitatis - praeteriens. Taedea nos Domie
etiam eiusdem!

June 21 Today, for the 1st time in 7 years
I heard about Rebecca. R.I.P.
O queer world & uncertain! Deo gratias.

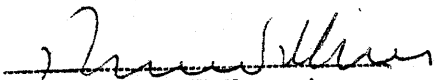
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1903

6/30 Papal Delegate Fr. Falconio O.M.
7/1 Election of Rev. P. Hieronimus Discr'te
beautiful & edifying! Deo Gratias
1st time U. 8 votes: C. 11; H. 11
2nd time U. 2 votes: C. 8; H. 18

July 20th Today---Death of His Holyn'ss Leo XIII
4:15 A.M. & Most Rev. F. Katzer 4:00 P.M.
-- Tomorrow go to Holy Cross "I miss."

Pope Pius X elected Aug. 5th the 7th ballot.
Crowned Aug. 9th in presence of 70,000.


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Pg. 22 Nov. 29 1st of Advent (N. Yr.)
Penance the primary end of the Minor Friar
- therefore a vocation to same implies
first of all - penance - and whatever is
of pain or death must be received at least
with resignation - better with gratitude.
- what does well that for which it was in-
tended will be valued - otherwise neglected.
If the Creator desires or requires penance,
what better can the creature do? Deo Gratias!

Retreat Dec. 1903
Think of death every night after going to bed.

Pg. 23 Retr. Before Ordination

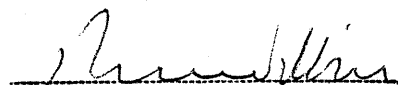
"The lion-king of the forest excepting himself.
The chaste man, king of this world & master of
himself."

St. Romoald's Vocation, by a 40 days penance
for a murder by his Father in a duel.

Feb. 1
St. Brigid bn. in (Ulster) Fochard 453 AD.
Her prayer for deformity is heard until
she receives her snow-white veil when her
former beauty returns.

Pg. 24 Communion for sick & children,
Emmanual for Feb. 1907

Address of Br. Francis
Commissariat of Holy Land
Mt. St. Sepulchre
Washington, D.C.


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Pg. 24 Edw'd Corrigan
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N.Y. City.

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128 W. 31st Street

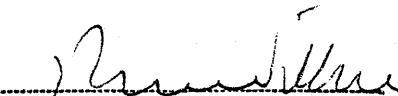
Pg. 25 "The Catholic Church promises a great deal,
but to my experience she gives ten times
more, and if you put on the balance the
most successful life outside the Church,
and the most unsuccessful & disaterous
life within her fold a thousand times
rather choose the latter."

"She is the priceless pearl for which the
greatest sacrifice is not too great."

Rev. Rob. H. Benson (convert)
Son of late Dr. Benson Archb.
of Canterbury.

St. Bernardin's Exclamation

"What shall I say, O Mary, that is worthy
of thee! Thou art the gate of heaven,
the glory of mankind, the sovereign of
angels, the terror of deamons, the refuge
of sinners, the mirror of purity, the
source of grace, the treasury of celestial
gifts, the consoler of the poor, the joy of
the humble, the suport of the elect, the
guide of travelers.---the hope & the glory
of Christians, the seal & mark of true
Catholic. Amen.


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FATHER SOLANUS, NOTEBOOK No. 9Pg. 26 PIUS X TO DELEGATION OF CLERGY AND LAITY
FROM DIOCESES OF ITALY

"You have thanked me for the little good I have been able to do during the 5 years of my pontificate. My program, my star, my banner has always been the same; To restore all things in Christ, that is to strive that all men, were that possible, but especially all Christians, should live according to the profession of their faith in the holy law of Jesus Christ. This is my continuous desire, my continual recommendation, this is my daily sermon if I may say so. And this restoration of all things in Christ we must seek first of all in ourselves. We must try to live the very life of Jesus Christ, in holiness and warmth of faith, in keeping from us, aught that is displeasing to the Heart of Our Redeemer.

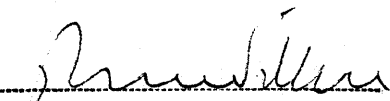
Pg. 27 FAVORS OF OUR LADY AND BLESSINGS

Dec. 8th 1895 Vow of Chastity and at once Decision in vocation to Detroit Deo Gratias.

Dec. 8th 1908 Encouraging meeting of Altar - after Novena for Mother Mary's Int - Immediately good boys asked to become servers!

Nov. 1909 Anxious and fearful for Altar-boys made a little novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and before I believed it - or thought how it came - every one showed new zeal.

Nov. 21st '10 (Presentation)
When write about Altar-boys outings, have them repair carelessness last Saturday, and ingratitude when with them you passed so many churches without making a visit to Jesus, before, during or after first auto-outing.


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Pg. 27 Nov. 25th '10, (40 Anniversary)
Birth Day Present and surprise after
long drought a gentle though copious Rain
& after, beautiful Thanksgiving-day,
Deo Gratias.

Pg. 28 "We ought to will as He wills, but that
is not all - we must will it when, where
and how He sees best." "To act otherwise
is to be like a sick man who attempts to
dictate to his physician and prescribe
his own remedies"-absurd
(Chief sufferings p. 51)

Nov. 21st 1916
Today gave Rev. Fr. Walsh 25¢ and dinner.
Same is twice "ex Jesuite", seeking a
bishop. Resigned to his "misfortune" of
failure against every effort where others
succeed with less determination he pre-
dicts with strongest conviction that
having prayed from early child-hood for
"Confidence in God" he will, in God's
own time be Pope of Rome

June 29th
"Most important quality for a real mis-
sionary Humility - self-forgetfulness -
all for Jesus."

June 16th 1918
Today appointed and permitted to be
"Director of League" (after trying at least,
to direct it for about ten years. Deo Gratias!)

Aug. 16th '18.
Effected to be little conscious of beauty or
success of sermon yesterday.

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Pg. 28 Dec. 8th M. C. and sermon at 7 o'cl.
- Deacon at Silver Jubilee of Sodality
in Yonkers - Neglected little Office of
Mary Imm.!

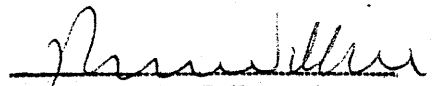
Pg. 29 1918
Dec. 12th Refused 5¢ - 2¢ to unfortunate.

March 31st 1919
Only the narrow and straight way
surely leads to Sacred Heart
Chapel - follow Jesus. He went the
straight and narrow and sure way.
"Is there a narrow way to S.H.C. Mother?"

Pg. 30)
Pg. 31)
Pg. 32 (All blank
Pg. 33)
Pg. 34)

Pg. 35 Alms
Deteronomy XV, ii, "therefore I command thee
to open thy hand to thy needy & poor br.
that liveth with thee in the land."

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Fr. Robert's Lenten Sermons

1908

God the Creator

1. "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God Psalm XIII, 1
2. I am the Way -T.-L. John XIV, 6.
3. He was wounded for our iniquities. He was bruised for our sins. The chastisement of our peace was laid upon Him and by His wounds we are healed. And you when you were dead in your sins, He hath quickened, blotting out the handwriting of the decree which was against us, fastening to the Cross.
4. "Whose sins you shall forgive They are forgiven them." John XXI
5. "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John VI, 55.

Pg. 39

Oct. 17, 1900 (ab imo pectore suspirans)
Admirans amabilitatem et pulcharetudinem
humilitatis quaerensque eius laudem in
dictibus sanctorum et non invenire potui
mihi in mentem venit, dum gemui,
"Mitis sum et humilis corde" - Discite a me.


F. Virginitatis III Sund in Oct.
Albitas regionum Joan. IV, 35.
Humilitas et instrumentum metere etiam.

Resolutions Retr. 1903

- I. Will abstain from eating before receiving coffee soup or tea, resp.
- II. Will make an end of eating at 1 S.

1 W. 37 St. 460 W. 44th

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This Notebook contains some Newspaper Clippings, Latin Notes plus Homilies etc. written in English as follows:

- Pg. 1. (Clipping pasted over Latin notes)
Our Sunday Visitor, February 4, 1917
Article: Irene West Tells How She Converted a Friend
- Pg. 2. Irene West article continued.
(pasted over Latin notes.)
- Pg. 3. Irene West article concluded.
Also a poem: "The Prodigal Girl"
(pasted over Latin notes.)
- Pg. 4. Article entitled, "Hebrew Scholar Says
It is The World's Greatest Asset."
(pasted over Latin notes.)
- Pg. 5. Article continued from page 4.
(pasted over Latin notes.)
- Pg. 6. Latin Notes, perhaps from an earlier
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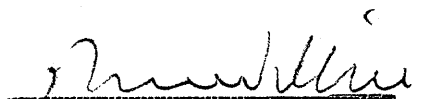
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Pg. 6 Talis vero visio (vel apelatio) beatifica, omni naturae creatae est omnino indebita - et supra.
 3 ex Patrum suffragio e.g. Fulgentius "Una est in utroque (angelo et homine) gratia operata, in hoc ut surgeret, in illo ne caderet." Angelorum lapsus et demonum existentia, de fide est (iuxta conc. Lat IV.) Luc. 10, 13 "Videbam satanam sicut fulgur de coelo cadentem."
Comunio sententia est eos peccato superbiae cecidisse.
Angeli in hominum custodium deputantur. - de Fide
Ex Hebr. I, 14 Nonne ...? et Math XVIII 10 Videte ne contemnatis unum ex his pusillis; dico enim vobis quia angeli eorum in coelis semper vident faciem Patris mei qui in coelis est.
Singuli fideles habent angelum custodem - certum est.
 " homines habent angelum", sententia comunis est.
Infestatio demonica potest esse (1 tentatio
) 2 circumsessio
) 3 obsessio
) 4 possessio
 (Obsessio (qua demon inhabitat hominem)¹ possibilis
) est. - 2 non contra divinam sapientiam, etc 3 viguit
 (olim et 4 nunc aliquando obtinet.
 Ad 1. Possunt generatim spiritus agere in corpus.
 ergo satan qui peritus est in naturalibus saltem his medianthus mediate potest in corpora hom. agere.
 Ad 2 Morbus etc saepe plus nocent quam obsessio
 S. Bonav. ait talis² permissio potest esse sive ad ostensionem Dei gloriam, sive peccati punitonem, sive peccatoris correctionem - nostram eruditionem.
 Ad 3 Saepissime loquuntur Evangelistae de demonum eiectionibus loquentium eg Mat IV, 24; 8, 31 etc
 Ad 4 Ordo existat in Ecclesia exorcistatus, ergo --
Magia (naturalis seu alba) est facultas mira faciendi
) artificialis) ope sive artis - naturae-demonis
 (Nigra)
 Hoc crimem¹ facile possibile est, 2 vix potest esse ars,
 3 de factis talibus non est (semper) dubtandum.
De causa horum phaenomenorum (Mgnitismi spiritism
 masiae etc recte concludenda est - saltem persaepe -

Pg. 7 Missing

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- Pg. 9. Latin Notes as above on page 6.
(such notes occur again on pages 25 to 30.)
- Pg. 10. (Clipping pasted over Latin notes.)
Article entitled, "Prominent Minister and Editor
Becomes A Catholic, and Explains Reason Why."
- Pg. 11. Article on conversion of Minister continued.
(pasted over Latin notes.)
- Pg. 12. Article on conversion of Minister concluded.
(pasted over Latin notes.)



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Pg. 9 Christus se subiecit defectibus humanis generalibus; non vero particularibus cundum humanitatem (conc. calced.) Unum eundemque Christum...in duabus naturis inconfuse, immutabiliter, indivise, inseparabiliter agnoscendum....(docemus.)

Natura est essentia sen illa essentialis perfectio qua unumquodque in certa specie et entium ordine constituitur. Subiectum vero seu is qui habet naturam, et per naturam constitutus esse intelligitur hic unus in certo rerum ordine dicitur hypostasis seu persona verbo, quid? quis? Iuxta Boethium est naturae rationalis individua substantia persona.

Unde perfectus Deus perfectus et homo in unitate personae unius est Christus nec tamen quia duas diximus in Filio esse naturas, duas causabimus in eo esse personas, ne Trinitati, quod absit, accedere videatur quaternitas. Deus enim Verbum non accepit personam hominis sed naturam et in aeternam personam divinitatis, temporalem accepit substantiam carnis (Conc. XI Tolet. A.675)

S. Agatho (Denz. 79)... "quia neque verbum in carnis naturam conversum est neque caro in Verbi naturam transformata est; permansit enim utrumque quod naturaliter erat: differantiam quippe adunatarum in eo naturarum sola contemplatione discernimus ex quibus inconfuse inseparabiliter incommutabiliter est compositus unus enim ex utrisque et per unum utraque, quia simul sunt et altitudo deitatis et humilitas carnis.....Verbum operante quod Verbi est, et carne exequente quod carnis est; quorum unum coruscet miraculis, aliud succumbit iniuriis. Unde,... Natura humana seorsium in Christo non existat, quia hypostatice unita est Deo Verbo....ergo nec persona nisi verba unita.

1914, February 8

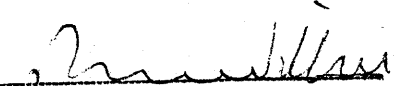
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Pg. 13

Feb. 8, 1914 Holy Trinity & St. Anthony's Septuagesima. And receiving it. They murmured against the householder (Luke VIII-5)

Bel. Bro. One of the most immediate and necessary consequences of sin is discontentment. Therefore, it is that we are all more or less inclined to be discontented, more or less inclined to complain because we are all more or less given to sin or inclined to sin. And the more we are inclined to sin, or the more we give way to it at least, the more do we become discontented and inclined to murmur. History proves this from the time of Adam till the present day and will prove it till time and men are no more. Adam and Eve were contented and happy. They were at peace with themselves; at peace with all nature, at peace with the Creator, till they sinned. But, alas! they did not realize their privileges of innocence, their privilege of exemption from passion and death; their privilege of fidelity to Almighty God. They disobeyed Him. They sinned against Him. At once their peace was gone - peace of conscience, peace of nature, peace with God. They were unhappy. They had offended God. All nature feared them and was against them. They were discontented. They wandered away from the gardens and from the gates of Paradise. Their children inherited their sin and their posterity have followed them not only in sinning but also in the consequences thereof as well. They have been discontented, unhappy without peace or rest often murmuring in a sinful and blasphemous manner against the divine Householder - against God Himself. But this can be said not only of individuals, but of society in general, of nations, of generations. Sin causes discontentment. Not only because society is made up of individuals and nations and generations in like manner but there are sins of society and national sins which bring their special curse to society or to the nation, e.g. our own national s. education without religion - its fruit another national sin - divorce, the curse of the age! --


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Sexagesima 1914 at St. Anthony's
"Now the Parable is This: The Seed is The
Word of God." (Luke VIII 11.)

What beautiful lessons does not Jesus teach us at all times. From the simplest, commonest natural things He brings us at once to the most sublime dogmas of Faith and religion. It is clear from His parables wherever we find them that He beholds things as they really are, as they were intended to be, as they ought to be -- all things pointing and tending to the one prize worthy of every effort, the glory of God, the salvation of souls, the Kingdom of Heaven. The parable today is certainly no exception. On the contrary, it is a most beautiful proof of this His wonderful divine wisdom. More than this: He makes of it a most earnest admonition, a solemn warning. "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Will any one ask what the warning may be? Oh dear Christians, these last words contain the warning. The parable itself contains the warning. The warning is manifest in the explanation that Jesus deigns to give. "The seed is the word of God," sown in the hearts of men that they may co-operate with it and bring forth fruit in works of faith. That they may believe in God and live according to Christian Charity - loving God and doing good to men. According as a man receives this divine seed and according to his zeal in cherishing it, so may he be compared or is compared with the wayside, or the rock that has no soil, no moisture, no protection against the devil that "goeth around like a roaring lion" and like birds of prey seeking whom he may devour. In short, the admonition and the warning here sounded is this: Save your souls. Escape eternal hell, "where the worm" (of despair) "dieth not and the fire is not extinguished save your souls. Gain heaven where "neither eye hath seen nor ear hath heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive what thing God hath pretared for those that love Him. Amen

Pg. 15

"He that is not with me is against me" Luke XI 15 Dom III
The Son of God came down from Heaven in order to show us the way to Heaven - to peace and happiness. He assumed our human nature becoming one with that we might participate in His divine nature and be one with Him; He makes

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everything possible that the soul can desire. He offers Himself to us and all in His Almighty power on one condition that we accept His offer; that we show a good will and hearken to His word and follow Him. The holy gospel just read reecoos again and again and emphasises this holy doctrine: - Emphasizes the fact that if we want to find peace and save our souls we have no alternative but to espouse the cause of Jesus Christ - whenever and wherever and however we may. - He that is not with me is against me and he that gathereth not with me scattereth." -- "Yea blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it," Self-understood on the contrary, unfortunate..they who hear not the word of God and keep it not.

We hear much these days about the power of the press and of the importance of good reading. Indeed it is impossible that any of us fully understand or realize either of these - either the power of the press for good or for evil; or the importance of good reading to counteract the evil press and bad reading. The devil surely does understand both pretty well. He realizes the power of the press for he has many agents in this world with the press at their command, whose hearts are corrupted—whose souls are sadly in his power. But--- Therefore the admonition of P. Pius X of Bl. M. "You may establish schools and build churches; all will be in vain unless you have a strong active Cath. press - aggressive as well as defensive." Therefore also the zeal of the clergy to procure good literature and therefore again the duty of every one of us to support the Cath. press, to procure and to read and spread good reading - our duty to be with Jesus Christ in this regard and not against Him, to gather with Him and not to scatter; our duty and privilege to cherish the written word of God and not disregarding it. Amen.

Pages 16 through 24 are blank pages.

Pages 25 through 30 - Latin notes.
(Seems to be in Fr. Solanus Casey's handwriting.)

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- Pg. 25
- 1 Actus humanus (moralis liber) - voluntate deliverata
 - 2 Actus internus specialius actus dicitur - exturnus, actio. Talis actus (hum.) supponit a) cognitio, b) volitio c) libertas.
 - 3 Voluntarium est id "cuius principium est in ipso operante" - singulis circumstantiis scitis, "quae ad operationem concurrunt. - potest esse - (Perfectum (v. simpliciter (v. directum
a) vel b) vel c) vel
(imperfectum (secundum quid (indirectum seu in causa
 - 4 (v. positivum(v. expressum (actuale-virtuale-
d) e) f)habituale-inter-
(negativum (Tacitum (pretativum.
Voluntarium indirectum, seu in causa, (qui est causa causae est causa causati) non est semper
 - 5 imputabile ad peccatum. - nisi scil. I agens (male)
a) saltem in confuso praeviderit effectum malum,
b) ut potuerit causam non ponere; c) ut teneatur vel non ponere vel positam causam tolerere.
II Licet ponere causam vel bonam vel indifferentem ex qua duplex effectus sequitur bonus et mal. -
 - 6 III si tamen bonus seque immediate sequitur ac malus, et IV ratio adsit proportionate gravis pro causa pon, Resolv 4 Si causa, remote et leviter influat in-malum etiam si bonus (effectus) non praeponderet idem malum, non est obligatio causam auferendi. Hinc non tenetur quis abstinere, a colloquio utili et honesto propter motus carnales inde exurgentes.
 - 7 Ignorantia - carentia scientiae - multiplex est
(positiva (Iuris (vincibilis 3(simpliciter
scil. 1)-negativa 2)) talis
(facti (invincibilis (crassa-supina
(affectata,
 - 8 (antecedens.
4) 5 Concomitans, e.g.hostem occidens pro
(consequens. ferem.
 - 9 Concupiscentia (hic) est "Motus appetitivae virtutis sensibilis qui est ex imaginatione boni vel mali."

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10 Concupiscentia antecedens minuit (meritum vel) non
tamen tollit voluntarium, sed potius auget.

11 Metus est trepidatio mentis ob periculum instans
vel futurum, sibi aut proxime coniunctis

<u>Potest</u>	(gravis	(absolute	(intrinsicus	(iuste	} incussus
<u>esse</u>	(levis	(relative	(ab extrinseco	vel	
				(iniuste	

12 Actus ex metu positus est semper voluntarius licet-
regulariter sit et involuntarius secundum quid
Actus ex metu ab intrinseco vel causa naturali est validus
"(e.g. votum) ex metu a causa extrinseca et libera
incusso non valet - ob praesentiam iniustitiae.

Metus (gravis) non excusat per se a peccato si quis in
contemptum religionis agit. e.g. offerre idolo.

Vis (violantia) est coactio, a causa extrinseca et libera
repugnante voluntate violati seu patientis.

13 Mulier (vel alii) omnimodo resistens non peccat.

14 Essentia moralitatis primario consistit in relatione
actus humani ad legem aeternam - Dei voluntatem
qui iubet ordinem naturalem sub poena conservari
secundario autem consistit in habitudine actus
humani ad rectam rationem.

Ens morale est solum quod substat regulae morum.

15 Actus potest esse indifferens in specie non in individuo
hac saltem (quoad ulteriorem) probilior est sententia

Per se actus externus nullam meritum addat interno

16 Fontes moralitatis (obiectum actus, 2 eius circumstantia
3. (finis agentis) sunt ea principia a quibus actus
humani speciem vel modificationem moralem sumunt.

"Bonum ex integra causa, malum ex quocumque defectu."

Obiectum est id, circa quod, actus versatur - immediate

17 circumstantiae - quis, quid, ubi, quibus, auxiliis
cur quomodo quando?

18 Finis est id, cuius gratia aliquid fit (operis
(operantis

L intermedius, ultimus 2) positiv. vel n. 3 primarius vel 2nd

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- Pg. 27
- 19 Finis leviter malus, totum actum corumpit si
- 20 An possit actus a iusto positus esse indiferens quoad vitam aeternam valde disputatur.
- 21 Conscientia - iudicium de honestate vel inhonestate actus hic et nunc ponendi - potest esse. 1. Recta (vera) - erronea; 2. Certa-dubia 3. Scrupulosa-laxa; 4. Probabilis - improbabilis Erronea c. dicitur invincibiliter vel vincibil. - prout.
- 22 Qui inculpabiliter putat se ad mentiendum teneri - e.g. ob periculum grave proximi - tenetur ex caritate mentire (si vis) - nihil sciens de restrictionem. M. Consc. certa iudicat sine formidine errandi.
- 24 Agens cum practico dubio de gravitate peccati, peccat ea peccati specie de qua dubitat. Cauter-iata (conscientia) nihil facit ex gravissimo ex gravissimo peccato - eo quod habitualiter peccat graviter (diu)
- 28 Cum scrupuloso ne rederet confessarius (saepe) rationes.
- 34 Probabilismus non licite applicari potest ubi sermo. est de fine necessario obtinendo; e.g. forma sacram.
- 35 Probabilem opinionem sequi potest, quoties de solo licito vel illicito sermo est. - si solide probabilis sit talis opinio. - quia scil. lex. incerta nullam inducit obligationem; et qui lex contra quam vera et solida probilitas pugnet est lex incerta; ergo libertatem hic sequi potest.
- 37 Iam S. Gregor. Naz. inquit, ".....si res dubia est vincant humanitas et facilitas."
- 38 Bartholomaeus Medina (1577) probabilismum in systema scietifice redacta scholis proposuit.
- 39 Probitas hius systematis patet 1 ex ipsius explicatione. 2. ex consecrariis eodem relecto, pro confessariis, pro poenitentibus, pro doctrina.
- 41 Col. "Circa vitam tuam esto austerus - alienam, benignus. ita S. Chrys. hoc sensu licitum est probabiliorismum seq.

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- 43 Principium VII "In dubio pars tutior est sequenda"
restringendum est a casus practicis dubii vel
ad eos in quibus finis necessario est obtinendus
- 44 An dubiam impletionem obligationis ponens tenetur iterare impletionem contravertitur, saltem vero probabiliter non tenetur.
- 52 Lex "quaedam rationis ordinatio ad bonum commune et ab eo promulgata qui habet curam communitatis"
- 53 Debet lex esse; 1) possibilis 2) honesta, 3) utilis, 4) iusta 5) promulgata.
Potest esse 4) moralis-poenalis-mixta 5) affirmativ. negativa sen praeceptiva-prohibitiva. 6) irritans, permittens. 7) favorabilis-odiosa 8) Scripta-usu servata
- Legislator est superior, cui sive independens ac supreme sive usbordinata potestas inest leges ferendi pro communitate in quam habet iurisdictionem.
- 54 In Ecclesia potest Papa, Concilium generale Episcopus et concilia particularia leges condere.
- 55 Confirmatio decretorum conc. provincilium duplex est comunis, scil, qua promulgari eadem licet. et specifica, qua, Papa certe sciente, decreta confirmat ita ut talia decreta habent auctoritatem apostolicam.
- 56 Obiectum legis est quidquid praeceptibile vel prohibibile
- 57 Actus heroici videntur non cadere sub lege humana, excepta tamen praevia acceptatione.
Lex civilis non potest mere /actus internos praecipere
Confessarius hos tamen potest.
- 58 Subiectum legis humanae-rationis habitualiter competes.
Perpetuo amentes et parvuli rationi incapaci possunt carnes sumere diebus indiscriminatim.
- 59 Parvuli nondum septem annorum probabiliter non subieciuntur legibus eccl. eti ratione iam utentur.
- 60 Perigrini, excluso scandalo etc., probabiliter non

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Pg. 29 tenentur legibus loci in quo versantur - nec a quo.

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67. Nunquam licet directe apponere causam impediendam ab obligatio - imo ne indirecte quidem causam proxime impediendam
Ad partem obligationis (divisibilis) tenetur qui totam non potest implere.
Interpretatio legis potest esse, vel a) authentica vel b) usualis vel c) doctrinalis - d) stricta vel e) lata. etc.
68. Epikēia est (non interpretatio) exceptio casus ob circumstantias, ex quibus certo vel saltem probabiliter iudicatur legislatorem noluisse illum casum sub lege comprehendere.
69. Dispensatio 4^o subreptitia obtinet relaxationem legis tacendo aliquid manifestandum. - E contra, obreptatio -- aliquid falsum asserendo.
71. Superior habens facultatem generalem dispensandi cum aliis, potest cum semetipso dispens.-

Pg. 30 Systema morale definitur "complexus principiorum,
No. 203 quorum ope ex dubio speculativo de obligatione legis deveniri possit ad conscientiam practice probabilem.

- 213 (Probabilitas .. Lex dubia non obligat .. "Nulus
)ligatur per praeceptum aliquod nisi mediante
(scientia illius praecepti."
- 247 (De) principiis - directis & reflexis
Duo tantum directa. scil. 1 "Lex dubia non obligat"
2 "Lex incerta nequit inducere certam obligation."
- 324 Tristis de bono peracto non praecepto non accedit
veniale tamdiu ~~si~~ retineatur voluntas implendi
obligationem susceptam e.g. sacerdotii.

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Pg. 31 He that Eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood
Abideth in Me and I in him." (Jn. VI 57)
 As a reflection of the unity of God - a necessary feature of the Creator, all things created tend to become one. All things tend to unity. The Earth with the sun, moon & stars and the innumerable bodies of the material heavens, are goverened in this tendency to unity by a power that men call, "Laws of Gravity." Natural instinct bring the irrational animal kingdom together, while men and angels - all creatures of good will are drawn by love and by the law of charity to unity among themselves and to union with God. Hence the word universe, applied in fullest and proper sense to all creations; for "universe litterally means, "turned or tending to one, and we know that each individual in all creation and all creation together turns to one thing, - the glory of God. Each individual in its way and all together as one, reflect the divine Unity of the ever adorable Trinity. "The heavens show forth, the glory of God and the firmament declareth the work of His hands," sings the Psalmist, and the three young men in the firey furnace at Babylon? "O all ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt Him Him above all forever! "But dear Christians, if all things tend to unity, or to union which is practically the same thing, if all things tend to unity or union why emphsise the axion. "Love Tends To Union"?

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abideth in Me and I in him." (Jn. VI 57)
 -- "Love tends to union" and, "in union there is strength." These are two common axioms: yet how beautiful they are! What a depth in their meaning! We all desire to be near those we love. Separation from friends for a loving heart means sacrifice indeed. The thought of separation has---(no more written on this page.)

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Pg. 33 As a reflection of the Unity of God - a necessary attribute of the Creator, all things tend to unity. By the laws of gravity "or by natural instinct, by love or by the laws of Christian Charity - each and all from the lowest to the highest tend to form one creation: each contributing to the perfection of the whole and no one independent of its neighbor creature. The material creation supporting the intellectual, and spiritual and these united, bound together by love and drawn by charity to an ineffable unity or union with God. Hence the expressive word, universe which word, univers, litterally means turning or tending to one," and in its fullest sense is applied to all creation.

Pg. 34 "There was a marriage at Cana - and the Mother of Jesus was there." Jn. II-1
The holy Gospel of Today brings us at once to subject - really beautiful and sublime of "Christian Marriage: a subject that the Church has ever proclaimed holy - typical of the love of Christ for His Church - fundamentally necessary for every kind of true progress and human prosperity. Not that everyone must marry who wishes to have peace in this world & gain Heaven in the next, for that would be contrary to the counsels of Jesus Christ and His Church; But that marriage be held as it ought to be and is as something sacred, something of divine institution, to be prepared for with purity and holiness of heart and embraced in a Christian manner. That those who do embrace it, do so

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determined to bear the burdens of the holy state they enter; remembering that their dutys and privileges are one and the same and must be taken as such if peace is to reign in the individual soul, in the family, in human society. How is it that there are so many unhappy unions in the holy state of matrimony? How is it that where peace should abide and conjugal love should reign (to the edification of the earth and the delight of Heaven) that there is so much discontent, so much suspicion, so much hatred even and quarreling? How is it the divorces in our own country alone are running away into the hundreds of thousands? - one single divorce is a blot of scandal in a community? Why is it? Is it not because of the levity with which so many of our young people prepare for and enter marriage? They worship at the shrine of amusement and pleasure while preparing, dreaming of nothing else; casting away the thought of duty and obligation which indeed is so grave and so manifold --- They trust to material advantages and to natural attractions in creatures, forgetting the Creator of all beauty and joy and holy pleasure; and how can they but be disapointed? But alas, the worst of it is not for themselves but for innocent parties, for poor children that grow up practically without a father or a mother and in cases of mixed marriages without definite religion. But the marriages are not all so discouraging. Thank God there are many still who do prepare for this holy state and embrace it as God-fearing people cught to do. Many marriages in the Church where the parties begin their new state at the steps of God's altar . with the blessing of the Church and of God upon them, with Jesus in their hearts. Such marriages are an edification to the parties themselves, a delight to friends, a joy to the angels and surely as such weddings the Mother of Jesus is undoubtedly there also. For whene Jesus is in our hearts, Mary will be not far away. -- +



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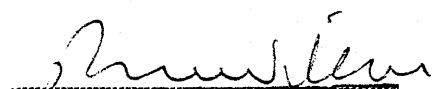
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"Many Are Called but few are chosen." (Matt. XXII)
This holy gospel just read to you is a lesson of instruction indeed for every one of us. St. Gregory the Great tells us that the actions of Jesus even as His words are so many commands for those who wish to be His disciples. And here we see Him not only forgiving His enemies, not only condescending to speak to them, but by His earnest admonitions of them even though they are plotting to kill Him, He proves His words indeed, "I am come not to destroy but to save sinners." More than this, however, He brings forth a parable that every one can understand, a parable from which not only one but several dogmatic truths shine forth; a parable that must strike the pharisees as at once a condemnation of their attitude of pride, etc. and an invitation to better dispositions; a parable in fine that each and every one of us should take to heart, for the conclusion that Jesus Himself draws for us is this, "Many are called but few are chosen."

What He emphasizes especially in this parable, is the fact - the dogmatic truth, I. God wills all men to be saved and, II. the same Almighty God will save no one without cooperation. "The kingdom of heaven is likened to a king who made a marriage for his son. And he sent His servants to call them ..." It is well to remember here the custom that still obtains in Eastern countries, that with every royal invitation to a wedding, there is always a nuptial garment for the guest invited. Hence, the insult to the king by the guest without the wedding garment. Now dear Br. we are all invited to the wedding that Almighty God has prepared. We have our nuptial garment received from God's own hand in baptism. - the nuptial garment of sanctifying grace. If by mortal sin we have lost it, we must hasten by penance to get it back. - indeed, God's messengers are continually urging us onward not only to preserve our wedding-garment and come to the marriage but to increase the original beauty of the same by growing more and more in sanctifying grace - receiving the sacraments frequently, uniting ourselves with Jesus in daily Communion, etc.,



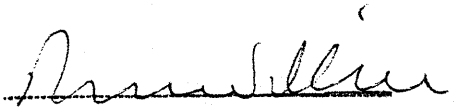
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so that when the time comes to depart this life we may go - each one in his turn not into exterior darkness -- but even more as a spouse than as a simple guest of Jesus. Our salvation is in our own hands. Almighty God has done His part - the Lord of lords and King of K's. He will never fail to do His part. One thing we must remember - we must keep our wedding garment. To do this we must cooperate with the grace of God - use the means of grace given us. . . . Then we may be confident not only of escaping ... but ... the unspeakable joys where neither eye hath seen . . .


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For Poor Souls - Nov. 3, 1916 - Rewritten

"(Bl. are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.)"
Matt. V-7Bl. is he that understandeth concerning the needy and
the poor (Ps. XL-1)

Love never wearies hearing of the object of its affections. And we as children of the one Church that loves the Poor Souls in Purgatory and pleads for them as her most dear children, should never tire hearing of these same our suffering brothers and sisters. As members of the League we should never tire praying for them. True, it was only yesterday we heard a sermon in their behalf, but one sermon should satisfy the zeal of one one. We must foster devotion to the poor souls. We must show them compassion. We must exercise mercy toward them. Then only can it be said of us in the truest sense, "Bl. is he that understandeth concerning ---poor." For indeed of all our friends, Dr. Br., the souls in P. are the most N. & P. But---in order to do this properly, i.e. foster devotion to the poor souls - show them compassion and mercy, we must go into details especially in regards to their condition at once and their dispositions. For indeed this alone - their condition and their dispositions - if only understood is enough to move any one but a reprobate to earnest compassion. What then is their condition? What are their dispositions? The condition of the Souls in Purg. is one at once of unspeakable pain and of absolute helplessness. If it were possible for us to realize the awful terrors of the pains of hell then we might favor quite an accurate idea of what the poor souls in purgatory suffer: for spiritual writers agree that the fires of purgatory are quite the same, as long as they last, as the fires of hell itself. One difference there is, however, that makes a contrast indeed between the sufferings in the two places --Eternal despair on the one hand and on the other an assured certainty of ..and eternal glory with God. But what shall we say of the dispositions of the souls in Purg. What can we say, worthy of their real dignity - of their holiness. For they are saints indeed, every one of them - some of them just about to be crowned in Heaven. Their dispositions are entirely supernatural. Their humility is next to that of the angels of God. Their faith has become a realization not only of God's justice and holiness but also of His ineffable goodness, power, majesty and love. Their hope -



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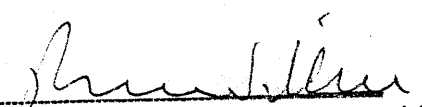
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"And His Name was called Jesus." Luke II, 22

When the Son of God became man, born on Christmas morning there was joy in Heaven and ~~as well~~ as on earth. There was joy among the angels; joy in the hearts of the simple shepherds; joy in the East where for centuries the Magi had waited and watched for the "star" that was to rise out of Jacob, now unmistakably risen in the West. In short there was joy wherever good will prevailed, wherever faith, wherever charity reigned. But above all joy, as the very source of happiness, there was peace at the Crib in the Stable at Bethlehem, peace and joy that surpasseth all understanding - peace and joy in the hearts of Jesus Mary and Joseph. The divine Prince of Peace had come the Eternal "Angel" of the great council and glory to God was proclaimed in the highest and on earth, "Peace to men of good will." But -- we ought to rejoice also not only on Christmas morning but today as well when the Gloria resounds 1st in the New Yr. The Son of God, that Prince of Peace, etc. etc. -- was born for us too if we will. He came not for one generation only or for one nation only but for all generations till the end of time, for every one who would believe in in His name. He was to be a Saviour indeed. Therefore, the eternal decree "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save his people from their sins." Jesus therefore must mean Saviour "and of His kingdom there shall be no end." The gospel for this feast gives us the record of that event, that naming of the Saviour, "and-- his name -- Jesus." Today He not only receives His name but in receiving it He undergoes the painful baptism of the Old Law. He is circumcised, He suffers for His people shedding His blood the first time for them, He shows Himself a Saviour. In fact, He takes here, as it were His first step in establishing His kingdom on earth. "And - His name was called Jesus." The question now is, "Who is going to belong to this kingdom of the Saviour's? Who is going to proffit by His coming, by His sufferings and sacrifices? The Jews naturally thought it to be self understood that the Messiah would come to free them at least if not themselves exclusively. The nations and tribes outside the chosen people, hardly hoped He would be for them, if indeed they believed in Him at all. Whom, then, did He come to save? St. John answers this question in the first chapter of his Holy Gospel. In the beginning --- "All- were made by Him -- that believe in His Name. Do we believe in His name?--? or are we only Christians in name?"

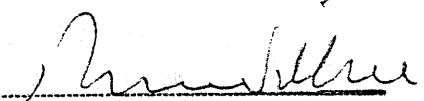

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"I am come to cast fire --- it be kindled -- in the Sacred Heart" (Fulfillment of "The Desires of the Sacred Heart")

We are directed to begin the New Year by praying for the "fulfillment of the desires of the Sacred Heart. Could we pray for a more appropriate object? Could we think of a more comprehensive or more salutary intention? This indeed is an intention salutary alike for the individual soul, for society in general, for every phase of science. "The fulfillment of the desires of the Sacred Heart." What are these desires of the Sacred Heart? How do we know them? We may know the desires of any one's heart in various ways. There are two ways especially, however, whereby we may be certain as to what the heart of any one is and what it desires. 1st, the words that come from the heart tell unmistakably what these desires are & for from the fullness of the heart ... speak. 2nd, the sacrifices made to realize such desires prove them plainer than words. We know the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus too, both by His words, always from His heart, and by the sacrifices He has made. Indeed His words and His sacrifices prove each other and together with His works proclaim the desires of His adorable Heart. The glory of His heavenly Father, the salvation of souls: the glory of His heavenly Father, the redemption of mankind from the slavery of Hell: the desires of His Sacred Heart, the happiness of mankind, the glory of His heavenly Father. To relate all His words would be out of the question as it would be impossible to detail all His sacrifices, aye as impossible as it would be to relate all His works and St. John concludes the holy Gospel itself in these words, "But there are also many other things that Jesus did which if they were written every one the world itself I think would not be able to contain the books that should be written." A few details, however, we may mention both in regard to the words and sacrifices of Jesus whereby the desires of His Sacred Heart are manifest. We have been taught from childhood that as God He became man, that in a way He gave up His Heavenly glory to become one of our own number: that as man He was born in a desolate stable because there was no place for them in the inn," that He lived in poverty for 30 years


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cont. suffering heat and cold: hunger and fatigue: that then His real and awful sacrifices began indeed: that while He taught His Apostles for 3 years with infinite patience He suffered every manner of insult and calumny, every pain of body, every possible anguish of soul. Dispair of course, He could not suffer, but who will doubt that His "Agony in the Garden" was more awful than any despair ever endured by mere creature? Ah -- His agony

Pg. 39 Febr. 1st Fr. On this Rock I build My -- the gates of H. shall not prevail against it." Matt XVI 18 (Triumph of the Church) next page
There is nothing permanent under the sun. ~~Y&Z~~ all is change. The flowers of the field, the bubbles of the swelling tide, the gushes of the mountain torrent are seen and vanish away. Men and nations have their time and pass away: their treaties too and their promises are made and forgotten. There is one thing, however, that does not pass away. The words of the Lord remain forever, and His promises are eternally infallible, eternally un-failing - in fulfillment. Why then should it be necessary to pray for the triumph of God's Church? When Jesus promises that the gates of H. shall not prevail, shall we be intimidated by the prowlings of Satan? Is God's assurance not enough for us? Do we not know for sure that His Church must triumph? "On this rock I will build my Ch. and the gates of H. --- against it." Is this not plain enough? Besides, as the Holy Ghost assures, "God is not like man that He should lie or as the sons of men that He should deceive." Has He said then and will He not do? Has he promised and will He not fulfill? "Moreover, we have assurance of divine guidance, of divine presence. "I will send you another paraclete who will abide with you forever" ... "who will teach you all truth and bring to your mind whatsoever I will have said to you" and again, "Behold I am with you all days even to the consumation of the world" What then shall we fear? "If God is with us" as St. Paul asks -- "If God is with us, who shall be against us?"

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cont. Yet dear Br. we are urged to pray for the triumph of the Church as though her triumph depended on our prayers. So it does in a manner depend on our prayers - to a very great extent. Almighty God has so provided, has placed it in our hands to effect the triumph of the Church or leave it to others. My Dear Br. it is easy to know that the Church will triumph. My Dear Br. it is easy to know that God has kept His promises to His Church. It is easy to know that Jesus has been always with her. It is easy to know that she has triumphed over error of every form and color for 1900 years. If St. Augustin could point to the Church of his time as a standing miracle of the fifth century, how much more may we not point to her today as the miracle of the twentieth century?

Pg. 40 On This Rock I will build my Ch. & -- not prevail against it." "There is nothing new under the sun," the inspired writer tells us. Yet nothing is permanent - all is change. The flowers of the field bloom and fade. The bubbles of the swelling tide are seen and brake. The gushes of the mountain torrent rush on to the ocean never again to return. Men and nations too have their seasons and pass away. Promises are forgotten; treaties disregarded. There is one thing, however, that does not change, "the Word of the Lord remaineth forever" and His promises are eternally infallible - eternally unailing in fulfillment. For, "God is not like man that He should lie, nor as the sons of men that He should deceive." Has He said then and will He not do? Has He promised and will He not fulfill?" Why then should it be necessary to pray for God's Church? When Jesus assures us that the gates of Hell shall not prevail," shall we be intimidated by Satan? Is God;s assurance not enough for us? Do we not know for sure that the Church must triumph? "On this rock I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not -- it." I will send you another paraclete who will remain with you forever "Behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world." Why then be anxious about the triumph



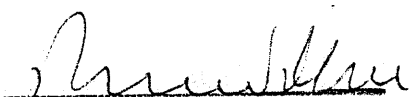
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(cont'd.) of God's Church? "If God is with us" we may exclaim with St. Paul, "who shall be against us?" My dear brethern; it is easy to know that God keeps His promises. It is easy to know that Jesus has been and is still with His Church. It is easy to know that His Church has triumphed & triumphed over error of every shape and color and form; that She has stood the test of 1900 years - simply of existence but of a forward march till she stands Today a wonder even in the eyes of her persecutors. If St. Augustine could point to the Church of his time as a standing miracle of the 5th century, how much more manifestly is she not a standing miracle of the 20th century? It is easy to know too that not only Judas Iscariot and the pharisees and P. Pilot and the Grt. Ceasars did what they could - did the devil's worst against the Church even as against Himself, but that Judases & Pilots and ceasars have been never wanting to persecute to betray, to crucify the Church of Christ - the authority of the Living God -

Pg. 41 so much so that the history of the Church from the beginning has been the story repeated over and over again has been the story at once of the crucifixion and the Resurrection. Yet, dear Br: we are asked and urged to pray for the triumph of the Church of God. Why? Because the enemies of the Church, the enemies of God - of truth & justice are as determined today to crush religion as they were 1900 years ago.

Pg. 42 May 1, 1917 Behold the Handmade of the the Lord.
Be it done...word." Luke I, 37
We must try this evening to join our May devotions with the devotion to the Sacred Heart. This, as every Catholic understands should not be difficult. It is related of Geo. Washington that though he was not a Catholic during his life, yet he always had a great veneration for the Blessed Virgin. On a certain occasion a renowned educator from a Catholic country was visiting him and admiring a beautiful painting of the Madonna in his bedroom remarked, "why Mr. Washington, I did not know that you were a Catholic?" Washington's reply was simple, but earnest


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and thoroughly Catholic. "I cannot love the Son," he replied "without honoring the Mother." Indeed we cannot love Jesus as we ought to do - cannot be devoted to His Sacred Heart without devotion to Mary. As St. Charles Boromeo says, Mary was bequeathed to us for our mother by the Sacred Heart in agony on the cross and we cannot love her but by His grace. And in similar manner we may say Jesus was given to us through Mary and only through Mary can we go to Jesus..Only through her and with her can we arrive at true devotion to the Sacred Heart of her divine Son - where the love of God is everything to the soul and --- the soul is everything to God. Besides, -- if God is so infinitely great, and good and powerful and loving that even in Heaven no creature can as much as begin to comprehend His qualities, how can we ever in this world begin to realize such greatness, such power, such love, such holiness?---But as in nature the unclouded brilliancy of the sun which forbids theyeye to gaze boldly at it - and any one who would insist on doing so would soon be left in darkness, so in the order of grace, there is nothing in nature or in visible creation - however sublime it may be - but what is simply a shadow, a counterpart of the supernatural. Surely the effects of the sun itself, e.g. directly upon us is enough to convince us of the sun's importance - of its necessity to our existence. But besites this there is no object in nature but what, as far as we(know), receives its beauty from the sun. The violet, the rose, the lily as well as the moon and the countless stars have their light from the sun. Indeed the sun may well be called

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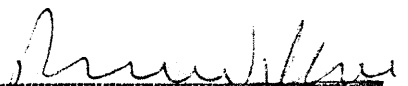
"Material Lord of the visible creation." For it enlivens and beautifies everything it touches. It calls forth the little flowers and clothes the forest and field and river and mountain, clouds and rainbow. It reflects itself on all nature and in a manner makes everything to speak of the Creator, so that the Psalmist exclaims as in ecstasy "O, all ye works of the Lord bless the Lord. Praise and exalt Him above all forever!" and as if conscious of this praise a mountain traveler of our own day exclaims

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in like manner, "O God what the glory of Heaven must be "When its feeble reflection on mountain and lea, enrobes the dull clay with such beauty sublime - Eternity's breath on the ashes of time!" Ah, eternity's breath on the ashes of time," is all material beauty - all material grandeur, greatness! But, dear br., if this is the case - if the sun and all that is visible is but a shadow, then we may ask "What must be the reality?" If the sun the material lord of the visible heavens is so dazzling in himself and so wonderful in his effects and reflections, what must be the glory of the Divine Creator & His goodness & power & love? If the stars are beautiful as they reflect the light of the sun at such immeasurable distances what will be the beauty of the saints who for all eternity and not at a distance - will reflect the divine image of God! Will love God and one another with the purity and ardor of the Holy Ghost Himself! Is it a wonder that St. Paul, having been ravished to the 3rd heaven, is it any wonder that he should cry out, "--eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard nor hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive what things God has prepared for them that love Him!" Is it any wonder that St. Francis of Assisi should go into ecstasy at first sound of an angel's instrument and assure us that he would have expired of pure joy had the angle drawn his bow a second stroke! But dear Br. if such is the indescribable happiness of Heaven in general, if the glory of the saints is so indescribable - what shall we begin to say of the Immaculate Queen of Heaven? What may we say of her glory, of her love of God, of her influence in Heaven? If she outshone all the saints and angels in the first instant of her conception as the rising moon outshines the stars who can begin to imagine her present glory? And yet her humility! "Behold the handmaid of the Lord!" If humility increases with real sanctity as its roots descend with the growth of a tree, what must Mary's humility now be? Before the Incarnation, her most ardent prayer was for the coming of the Messiah. She longed to see and to serve the Virgin who was to be His Mother. ---And behold the messenger of Almighty God awaits her consent to be herself the Tabernacle of the Most High! "Be it done to me --" With the words conceived in her heart, she is She remains -
the Virgin Mother of God.

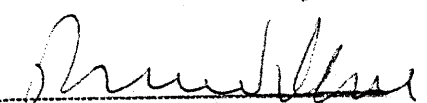


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Pg. 44 June 1st 1917 First Friday Early First Communion
 "Suffer the Little Children to come to me and forbid
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It is the ardent desire of the Church and of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Himself that frequently and with great zeal we be reminded of the untold treasures of Holy Communion. The general intention for this month, "Early 1st Communion" is a phase of this subject which, in the interest of the Sacred Heart and of the little children we will briefly consider this evening. "Suffer the little children What a beautiful expression and how tender! What an authoritative ring to these words of our Divine Master! They contain at once a command, an appeal, an exhortation. "Suffer the little Nor can we be surprised that Jesus speaks with such spirit in this connection - in connection with the very lambs of His flock. The greatest characters of every nation and of every age - men and women alike - have been friends of the children, have loved them, have protected them, have espoused the cause of the little children and shall Jesus be less loving, less affectionate? Their very weakness appeals to every noble heart. Their innocence, their candor, their simplicity, their disposition to love and to forgive inspires sympathy and parental solicitude wherever a spark of humanity is left. But more than this; every one knows that the future of society depends on the children of Today. If the saying is true that "the boy is father to the man," then we likewise say that "the little children are the parents of youth." If child-hood be sanctified as Jesus would sanctify it, youth can not but be holy. If youth is holy man-hood will surely be noble - and vice versa. As the lily or the rose unprotected in the bud will bloom forth - if it blooms at all - will bloom forth blighted in every petal, so with men and women whose child-hood has been neglected, whose youth has been spoiled. "As the sprig is bent so shall it grow." And we may add here, as believers in eternal reward and punishment - "as the tree is inclined so shall it fall." Man was created not simply and solely for society. He was created for Heaven as well. "God made me..." If I fail in this

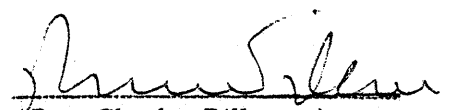


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Pg. 44 object of my existence, Hell is the only alternative.
 (cont'd.) In other words, man was made to fill up the places of glory left vacant by the perfidy of angels that fell from Heaven; created and bound in conscience under pain of eternal damnation to co-

Pg. 45 operate with God's grace in attaining this object. Not only therefore does the future of human society depend on the children, but Heaven itself will not be complete without them. "For such is the kingdom of Heaven." Hence the momentuous importance of caring for the children. Hence the momentuous importance of cooperating with Almighty God in His work of bring them into existence, of keeping them safe in child-hood - guarding them physically and morally from evil influences, training their minds, their hearts, their little consciences to adhere to the good to avoid evil - in short, to perfect the image of God in their souls - to know and to love God and thus be happy in time and for all eternity. O, brethren, what privileges are the duties of Christian parents and teachers! The more we think of it the more sublime appears their vocation. But what obligations too dear Br. and what responsibilities! - to bring the little children to Jesus; to suffer them to come to Him - which means in a few years to sanctify youth and in a generation to fill the world with virtuous men and women and the Church of God with saints. "For better is one that feareth the Lord than a thousand ungodly children. But how shall we do all this? Jesus answers this question Himself. "Suffer the little children to come to me -- if you would have grateful children - sons and daughters that fear the Lord and love His laws and His representatives bring them to me when they are little. For without me you can do nothing." These last words can never be emphasised enough." If Jesus assures his apostles that without Him they can do nothing - even as the branch without the vine - if the Apostles or we can do nothing without Jesus toward saving our own souls, then I ask you what can we expect to do for others without Jesus? The answer is evident, "without me you can do nothing." But the Apostle St. Paul assures us that with Jesus everything is possible. "I can do all things in Him that strengtheneth me." For 4000 years men waited for the Messiah and wept, as deeper and deeper they sank into sin and despair. Jesus alone brought


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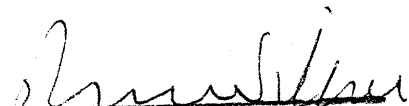
salvation. His one condition is, "Come to me -- and I will refresh you." The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
"Not as your fathers did eat manna in the desert and are dead; he that eateth this bread shall live for ever." The eternal desire of Jesus to be one with us - little children, He expresses as He is about to institute the Sacrament of love. "With desire I have desired to eat this ---. And speaking of Holy Communion, Leo XIII --- "with desire He desireth this singular mode of union with men." To bring men to Jesus in any great numbers we must begin with them as little children -- Then remember the purpose of Holy Communion. It is a preservative against mortal sin and a medicine - daily faults.

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"Behold the Heart that has loved Men so much!"
If in regard to men the saying is true that "familiarity begets contempt" it can never truly be said in regard to Almighty God. On the contrary, the more we learn to know of His divine Majesty, the more we are drawn to reverence Him, to love Him, to adore Him. The more thoroughly we understand any of His works, the more we must admire the wisdom of the Creator till with St. Paul (Rom. XI) we exclaim in utter astonishment "O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are His judgments and how unsearchable His ways!"

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5th Sunday of P. Epiph. Nov. 11, '17 10 1/4 A.M.
And the servants said to him, wilt thou that we go and gather it up? And he said no:" Matt. 13
If we but reflect for a moment on the mission that Jesus came among men to fulfill, we may be sure that His words were always earnest and solemn. Though His smile was ravishingly sweet He never laughed. The parables which He brought forth, as e.g. the one in Today's lesson, breathe themselves a decided solemn earnestness: This especially when we go a little further on in the same XIII chapter of St. Matt. where He deigns to explain this parable to His disciples, concluding with these words, "Even as cockle therefore is gathered up and burnt with fire: so shall it be at the end of the world. The Son of man shall


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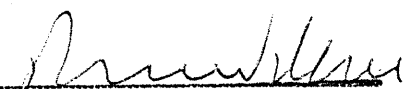
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send His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all scandals, and them that work iniquity. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Then shall the just shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. - He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." But alas, dear Br. in our daily wrestling for an existence, aye even as Sunday after Sunday we arise here at the reading of the holy Gospel or sit down to listen to the word of God, we little realize what is in truth the gravity of our situation. We little realize the spiritual dangers that surround us. We little realize the pernicious presence of the cockle that flourishes on every side, the cockle of scandal in so many ways: the cockle of bad example, the cockle irreligion, of schism, of heresy, of implied and open atheism: The cockle of indifferentism and lukewarmness in God's service of those who profess to be Catholics and are but withered branches. The general craze among all classes for pleasure and amusement - very often sinful in itself - craze for the dance hall, the moving picture, the gambling hall, the ball room. Then the sources of scandal of which our Holy Father Pope Benedict XV complains of in his encyclical to the warring nations (1) lack of mutual love among men, (2) disregard for authority, (3) unjust quarrels among the different classes, (4) material prosperity becoming the absorbing object of (see below *)

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(8th Sunday P. Pentecost, 1917 10 1/4 M.C.
"Give an account of Thy Stewardship." Luke XV 2
One lamentable source of evil among men is the fact that people think so little about the "one thing necessary. More truly now than in the days of the Prophet Jerim. might his words of lamentation be applied to human society. "With desolation is all the world made desolate, because there is no one that considereth in the heart.)

* Human endeavor as though there were nothing higher and better to be gained." Indeed we little realize the gravity of our situation because it is impossible for us to appreciate the almost infinite -


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the eternal value of our immortal souls - and the possibility - aye the danger of our being lost for ever. Futhermore, as Leo XIII laments, "Our lot has been cast in an age that is bitterly opposed to justice and truth." And besides all these external dangers, there is a war going on within our own hearts as determined and as uncompromising as the world conflict now raging on the fields of Europe - a war between right and wrong - between the virtues of the soul and passions of our corrupted nature. As st. Paul expresses it, the spirit warreth against the flesh and the flesh warreth against the spirit. What are we to do? "And the servants said to Him, "wilt thou that we go and gather it up? and he said no, lest perhaps in gathering up the cockle you root up the wheat also together with it." Suffer both to grow untill the harvest and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, gather up first the cockle and bind it into bundles to burn; but the wheat gather ye into my barn." What are we to do then? We can not expect to root out every vestage of cockle, either from our own hearts or from society in general. As long as human society lasts there will be

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Bad example. Jesus Himself assures us, "It is necessary that scandals come," nevertheless, woe to that man by whom scandal cometh. What are we to do? Ah, dear Br. one thing is certain: for many reasons and in many ways we shall have to have patience. We shall have to wait till the time of the harvest which usually comes before people expect it. We shall have to wait till the day of particular judgement at least when the cockle of sin and of passion shall have been purged away and our souls tried in tribulation and sanctified in the Blood of Jesus Christ. In the mean time, however, dear Br. we must try with God's grace to realize more and more, the obstacles in the way of our salvation on the one hand and on the other our unspeakable privileges. No man can afford to be idle while waiting for harvest - the great Judgement day.



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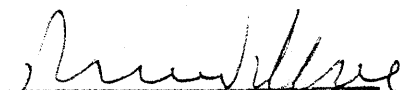
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Pg. 49 Our divine Lord Himself admonishes us to be on our
 Cont. guard continually. "Watch ye and pray that ye enter not into temptation." And St. Peter, "Brethern, be sober and watch; for your adversary the D. as a roaring lion goeth about seeking whom he may devour." In other words, according to today's parable, if we wish to be the wheat of God and not the cockle of satan or gathered in with -- we must fight against our own evil inclinations; we must beware of dangerous company, of dangerous amusement. We must cultivate the Christian virtues -- we must heed the invitation, the command of the Church - eye of Jesus Christ Himself, to receive Him -- Come to me all ye that labor and are heavily burdened and ---you, ---bearing in mind that as the purpose of the cockle is to choke out the wheat and to corrupt the golden grain that grows in spite of it, so the cockle of vice, of bad example, of passion in our hearts will always try to choke us out from being worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us not sleep therefore, in God's service but be grateful and vigilant that in the time of the harvest - in the day of Judgement we may be gathered into the Heaven of eternal glory. Amen.

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Pg. 95 "The elevation to the Chair of Peter places a man upon the greatest height of earthly greatness, but with this greatness there goes, too, the burden of its high and heavy duties, together with immeasurable responsibility before God, before the world and before the people. Amid the profound upheavals and vast changes in the political, social, and industrial life of the present, there must be an added sense of the heavy burden that goes with the triple crown." -- 164

No diocesan synod in Mantua for two hundred years till Bishop Sarto convened one in 1888. Votes for Pius X in conclave were 5-10-20-24-27-35-50
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Pg 95 "It is not the tiara you are giving me but death"
Cont. Leo XIII

"Mother of the poor, and of old-time holiness."
epit. of Leo XIII' Mother.

Pg 96 Ex. "Life of Pius X"

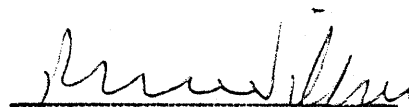
Leo XIII 1878 "I must address the s. college.
I fear they are about to commit a grave mistake.
People think I am a learned man --- wisdom"

(Resp. of a fellow Cardinal)

"As to your learning, we, not you can best judge
of that. As to your qualifications for the pon-
tifical office, God knows what they are. Leave
it all to Him."

"The social problem is not a question of charity
or of donations but a question of right, and of
right, and of fundamental Christian justice."
Leo XIII

"It must be carefully observed -- only the Church
of Jesus Christ has been able to preserve and
surely will preserve to the sonsummation of time
her form of government."- idem.



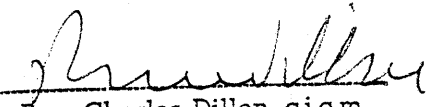
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Pg. 96 In 1884 the Italian Government took away the
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 - the most wonderful organization in the world)
 Leo XIII to atone for this crime and to defray
 the mighty expenses of that institute donated
 500,000 lire (\$100,000) to the same & in 1886
 made a similar donation. In 1888 he gave Car-
 dinal Lavigieri of Africa \$60,000 of the gifts
 he received on his sacerdotal jubilee.

"Let those of the clergy who are occupied with
 the instruction of the multitude, treat plainly
 this topic of the duties of citizens; so that
 all may understand and feel the necessity of
 conscientiousness in political life, and of
 self-restraint & integrity; for that cannot
 be lawful in public, which is unlawful in
 private affairs." Leo XIII

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The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original notes by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap. (his Notebook No. 3)

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Pg. 1. "And the Lord said to me: Thou has seen well for I will watch over my word to perform it." (Jer. I 12).

P.S. 144 The Lord is just in all his ways: and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

19) He will do the will of them that fear him and he will hear their prayer and save them.

Ps. 80 ... 12) My people heard not my voice: and Israel hearkened not to me. So I let them go according to the desires of their heart: they shall walk in their own inventions. If my people had heard me: if Israel had walked in my ways:- I should soon have humbled their enemies and laid my hand on them that troubled them."

Pg. 2. Arise, be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Is. LX-1

How beautiful are thy tabernacles, O Jacob, and thy tents, O Israel! Num. XX 17

I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him but not near. A star shall rise out of Jacob and a scepter shall spring up from Israel: and shall strike the chiefs of Moab"

"Israel is a scattered flock ..." (17) Jer. L-17

I will bring Israel again to his habitation: and he shall feed on Carmel and Bason and his soul shall be satisfied in Mount Ephraim and Galaad In those days, and at that time, sayeth the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none: and the sin of Juda and there shall none be found ... " (Jer. L-20)

Pg. 3. Blessed Virgin Mother of Wisdom

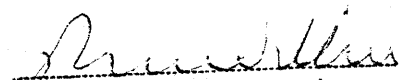
Eccl. 24. I am the Mother of fair love, and of fear (-of Reverence) and of knowledge and of holy hope. Eccl'us XXIV 24

25. In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue.

26. Come over to me all ye that desire me and be filled with my fruits.

27. For my spirit is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb.

28. My memory is unto everlasting generations.


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- Pg. 3. (con't) I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not near.
A Star shall rise out of Jacob and a sceptre shall spring up from Israel and shall strike the chiefs of Moab. (Numb. XXIV 17)
- How beautiful are thy tabernacles O Jacob, and thy tents O Israel! As woody valleys, as watered gardens near the rivers, as tabernacles which the Lord hath pitched, as cedars by the waterside."
- "She is easily seen by them that love her and found by them that seek her." (Wis. VII 3-14)

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Pg. 5. Mary Loves Us - Desires our Love

"Great is the concourse of people desiring to see and to hear the Queen of Heaven," wrote the Martyr St. Ignatius to St. John, and St. Denis the Aeropagite was most happy to be presented to her by the same Evangelist.

"O my most amiable Lady!" exclaimed Bl. Alphonsus Rodriguez once in prayer to Mary, - I love thee more than myself; but alas! thou dost not love me as I love thee." "Not so, my Alphonsus," she answered, "I love thee more than it is possible for thee to love me. Nay, my love so far surpasses thine as Heaven is above Earth."

"Be astonished O ye heavens! at this," she cries out with Jerem; "they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters and have digged to themselves cisterns broken cisterns that can hold no water." Jerem. (II 12-13)

"I am called by all, the Mother of Mercy, and truly the mercy of my son hath made me merciful, and he is miserable who will not when he can, approach mercy." (Rev. to St. Brigit lib. II).

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Pg. 7. For what participation hath justice with injustice? Or what fellowship hath light with darkness? II Cor. VI 14.

"Hail shall overturn the hope of falsehood; and waters shall overflow its protection. And your league with death shall be abolished and your covenant with hell shall not stand. Isaias XXVIII 17.

First Mass or Holy Orders

"A faithful man shall be much praised". Prov. XXVIII 20

"And he that is the keeper of his Master shall be glorified. Prov. XXVII 18


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Pg. 8. Patience - True Glory

"The learning of a man is known by patience, and his glory is to pass over wrongs." Prov. XIX-11.

And the Lord said to Abram "Go forth out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and out of thy Father's house, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee and magnify thy name, and thou shalt be blessed ... and in thee shall all the kindred of the earth be blessed." Gen. XII.

Pg. 9. RESIGNATION - VOCATION

I have learned in whatsoever state I am, to be content therewith."
(Phil. IV 11)


(Ps. 120-1 Levavi oculos meos) "I have lifted up my eyes to the mountains, from whence help shall come to me."

"To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness," Ps. CXI 4.

"Come ye to him and be enlightened: and your faces shall not be confounded." Ps XXXIII 6.

"For that which is at present momentary and light of our tribulation (.. II Cor. IV 17) worketh for us above measure exceedingly an eternal weight of glory."

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Pg. 11. GRATITUDE - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall be always in my mouth." Ps. 33, 1.

My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready: I will sing, and will give praise with my glory." I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people and I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great above the heavens and thy truth even unto the clouds. (Ps. 104)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel (Luk 1)

Ps. 115 What shall I render to the Lord for all the things that he hath rendered to me? Ps. 115-12

(because)


114-3 "The sorrows of death have compassed me and the perils of hell have found me. I met with sorrow, trouble & sorrow and I called upon the name of the Lord I was humbled and he delivered me.

Ps. 89) O Lord, thou has been our refuge from generation to generation.

2 Before the mountains were made or the earth and the world was formed; from eternity to eternity thou art God.

4 For a thousand years in Thy sight are as yesterday, which is past.

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Pg. 13. Talent of itself, Nothing. Be not Jealous

And therefore have I raised thee that I may show my power in thee,
and my name may be spoken of throughout all the earth.
(Exod. IX 16) - Vide p. 25.

"If I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels, and have not
charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling symbol."
I Cor. 1.

"The foolish things of the world hath God chosen, that he may
confound the wise; and the weak things strong and the base
things of the world, and the things that are contemptible, hath
God chosen, and the things that are not that he might bring to
naught things that are. I Cor I 27-8.

Blessed is the man that shall continue in wisdom, and that shall
meditate in His justice, and in his mind shall think of the All-
seeing Eye of God." (Ecc'i XIV 22).

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Pg. 15. APPRECIATION -"O JERUSALEM!"

Rivers of Babylon Ps. 136

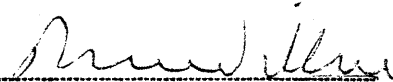
"Upon the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept: when we re-
membered Sion."

How shall we sing the song of the Lord in a strange land?

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand be forgotten.
Let my tongue cleave to my jaws if I do not remember thee - If
I make not Jerusalem the beginning of my joys. Ps. 136.

Pg. 16. INTERCESSION

The Eyes of the Lord are upon the just, and his ears unto their
prayers.


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A Kingdom (is transferred) is translated from one people to another, because of injustices and wrongs and injuries, and divers decits." (Eccl. 10-8)

Hear ye O house of David, thus sayeth the Lord. Judge ye judgment in the morning and deliver him that is oppressed by the violence out of the hand of the oppressor: lest my indignation go forth like a fire, and be kindled, and there be none to quench it because of the evil of your ways." Jer. 21 12.

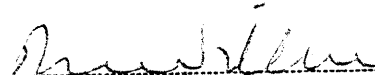
He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemmeth the just, both are abominable before God." Pv. XVII 15.

"Thus saith the Lord: Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, and let not the strong man glory in his strength; and let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this: that he understandeth and knoweth me, for I am the Lord that exerciseth mercy and judgment and justice in the earth."

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Pg. 19. HOLY EUCHARIST

- 48 I am the bread of life.
 49 Your fathers did eat manna in the desert and are dead.
 50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven; that if any man eat of it he may not die.
 51 I am the LIVING bread which came down from heaven.
 52 If any man eat of this bread he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John VI.
 53 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying: how can this man give us his flesh to eat?
 54 Then Jesus said to them: Amen, amen I say unto you; Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, you shall not have life in you.
 55 He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life; and I will raise him up on the last day.
 56 For my flesh is meat indeed and my blood is drink indeed.


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Pg. 20. "O Lord, the hope of Israel: all that forsake thee shall be confounded because they have forsaken the Lord, the vein of living waters. Jer. XVII-13

"The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, and in them that hope in His mercy." Ps 146 - 11

Pg. 21. PURITY PRAISED

"O how beautiful is the chaste generation with glory: the memory thereof is immortal: because it is known both with God and with men. When it is present they imitate it and they desire it when it hath withdrawn itself, and it triumpheth crowned forever, winning the reward of undefiled conflicts. (Wis. I -1-2)


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Pg. 23. MISERABLE END OF THE WICKED

Wis V 1 - IV 20. They shall come with fear at the thought of their sins, and their iniquities shall stand against them to convict them. (IV 20).

1. Then shall the just stand with great constancy against those that have afflicted them and taken away their labors.
2. These seeing it, shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the suddenness of their salvation.
3. Saying within themselves, repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit: These are they, whom we had sometime in derision.

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"Learn of me ... meek and humble of heart (Matt. XI 29)
 "But in all these works let the important warning of the Apostle be carefully remembered: "Neither he that planteth is anything, nor he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."
 (I Cor. III 7)

PIUS X

"Do we think that God is moved by any natural or acquired excellence of ours to use our assistance for the increase of His glory? By no means: for it-written: 'The foolish things of the world hath God chosen that He may confound the wise; and the weak things of the world hath God chosen that He may confound the strong and the base things of the world, and the things that are contemptible hath God chosen, and the things that are not, that He might bring to naught things that are'".
 (I Cor. I. 27-8)

"One thing alone joins man with God, makes him pleasing and a not unworthy minister of His mercy; holiness of life and conduct. If this, which is indeed the supereminent knowledge of Jesus Christ, be lacking in a priest, all things are lacking."

Pg. 26. HUMILITY (con't)PIUS X.

"Every proud man is an abomination to the Lord." Prov. XVI.

"The Lord God hath sworn by His own soul, saith the Lord, the God of hosts; I detest the pride of Jacob." Amos, VI.

"Amen I say to you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall not enter into it. (Mark X. 15)

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Pg. 28. THE LEVIATHAN (Job XXXX 25 and Isa. XXVII 1)

Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, like --- His breath kindleth coals, and a flame cometh forth out of his mouth, (Job. 41-12)

- 18) For he shall esteem iron as straw and brass as rotten wood.
- 22) He shall make the deep sea to boil as a pot ---- A path shall shine after him, he shall esteem the deep as growing old.

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Pg. 29. ECCLISIASTES II

- 4) I made me great works, I built me houses, and planted vineyards.
 - 5) I made gardens, and orchards, and set them with trees of all kinds.
 - 8) I heaped together for myself silver and gold, and the wealth of kings and provinces: I made me singing men and singing women, and the delights of the sons of men, cups and vessels to serve and to pour out wine:
 - 9) And I surpassed in riches all that were before me in Jerusalem: My wisdom also remained with me.
 - 10) And whatsoever my eyes desired I refused them not: and I withheld not my heart from enjoying every pleasure and delighting itself in the things which I had prepared -----
 - 11) And when I turned myself to all the works which my hands had wrought, and to the labors wherein I had labored in vain, I saw in all things vanity and vexation of mind, and that nothing is lasting under the sun."
 - 25) Who shall so feast and abound in delights as I?
- CONCLUDES -
- 26) God hath given to a man that is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he hath given vexation and superfluous care..."

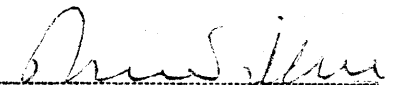
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Pg. 31. CHILDREN God Loves

And they brought to him young children that he might touch them. And the disciples rebuked them that brought them. Whom when Jesus saw, he was much displeased, and saith to them: Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." Amen I say to you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall not enter into it." Mark X 13....

Rejoice not in ungodly children if they be multiplied: neither be delighted in them, if the fear of God be not with them ---- For better is one that feareth God than a thousand ungodly children." Ecc'us XVI

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Pg. 33. FRANCISCAN NOTES

St. Francis Bn. 1182: Started I Order in 1206,
II O. in 1212, III in 1221.

Capuchin Reform started by Fr. Matteo di Bassi of the
Marches Province in 1525 3 "Observe the Rule to
the L."

In 1528 (July 3rd) conceded.

St. Fr. Solanus at Rioxa on Holy Thursday goes out
alone to meet invading army of Indian Savages of
various tribes ---- 9000 of them asked to be baptized.

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Pg. 35. LITTLE FLOWER - ST. THERESE

Born Jan. 2, 1873 - Died Sept. 30th 1897.

"On that day (Confirmation) I rec'd the gift of
fortitude in suffering - a gift I needed sorely, for
the martyrdom of my soul was about to begin."


".....He does not come down from Heaven each day in
order to remain in a golden ciborium, but to find
another Heaven - the Heaven of our souls in which He
takes such delight."

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FATHER SOLANUS, NOTEBOOK No. 3.Pg. 41. 1929 Immaculate Conception - Retreat 4 Days

- I. Miserere mei Deus Cor mundum crea in me. Spiritu principali confirmo me.
- II. Deus Dominator -- Princeps pacis -- His slave of necessity - love or justice. What privilege! Fr. Barrolorme Dec. 1300 son of rich man who planned and planned to have him wed at 24 he flees the world & its danger. Becomes lay-brother-Priest - Serves 20 yrs. poor lepers; At Mass his hand pain fearfully. Next day they are black with leprosy. He goes to Altar and sings "Te Deum"
- III. Death " I positively must die. When? Where? How?!?!"
- IV. Malice of Sin - Calvary Before the time - "Calvary after the time." The Crib before, the Altar after - Aye in Shadow of †
- V. Reparation - Where and Now or - & Then. Reparation of love here-or-of Justice there.
- VI. Chastity - Sacrifice - of the a) Will, b) Imagination - the heart
- VII. Happiness of Religious - a) Impossible i.e. its dryness of necessity, but nevertheless possible. c) Not only its possibility, but its superiority, its excelency-supremacy.
- IX. Diviciae Meae Christus - St. Louis of Tombs.

Pg. 42. X. Mary after Jesus Our salvation What does Jesus owe Mary? What does Mary owe Jesus? What do I owe Mary - and Jesus???


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Pg. 43. RETREAT Nov. 14-18. Fr. Daniel 1933

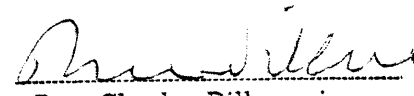
Conferences

- I. "Be (ye) Renewed in Spirit."
- II. "I am the Way, the Truth - Life."
- III. I beseech you - Walk worthy of your vocation wherein you are called.
- IV. "Create in me O Lord a clean new heart.
- V. & VI. "Create in me O Lord a clean new heart.

"No such thing in Order as 'blind Obedience'." The (perfect) religious, in as much as he is perfect, always does his own will. Rather, by embracing the Divine will his own will is lost sight of and God's will as ex.

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FATHER SOLANUS, NOTEBOOK No. 3.Pg. 1a. MARY SORROWFUL "Behold Thy Mother"

As the very nature of our holy faith prompts us to welcome back the songs of Christmas and Easter and to rejoice with Jesus and Mary in the glorious truths these songs and feasts proclaim, so christian gratitude requires that we remember too the days of their affliction and that we sympathize with Jesus and Mary in the unspeakable sorrows which they endured nay, embraced for us. In other words the same holy faith - the same charity - that prompts us to rejoice with those who rejoice, requires us also to weep with those who weep. But dear Br. if this is true in general, how much more in regard to our greatest benefactors? How much more are we not bound by every title - by every motive natural as well as supernatural, to remember the sorrows of Mary and to sympathize with her whose very position on Calvary - aye at the foot of the cross, whose very silence there calls out in eloquence next to divine. "O all ye that pass by the way attend and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow." And lest everything else might fail to impress this duty on our minds and memories, the dying words of Jesus Himself thunders forth the admonition to each and every one of us while time lasts - exhorting, nay commanding us, "Behold thy Mother!"

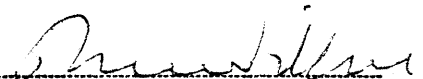
Pg. 2a. To think of telling you anything new on this theme, the sorrows of Mary, anything not considered before in a church whose very title should inspire sympathy and hope in the world-weary pilgrims, to say anything new on this subject as old as the church, would be rather out of question. We shall therefore, while simply fulfilling this filial duty of recalling to mind the sorrows of our Bl. Mother - we shall ask the questions and try to answer. 1st. What was the source of Mary Sorrows and 2nd Why her position at the Foot of the Cross? (2nd v. Jerem. XVII 13) infra p.20.


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Retreat Aug. 18'19. Fr. Capistran

- Pg. 1b. 1st. Con 18th. P.M. Retreat -
Special exercises and Effort to imitate - follow Jesus into
Garden.
- 19th.
"Save thy soul" Object of retreat - 5 A.M.
2nd. Obedience
"My meat is to do the will of Him -
3rd. Obedience
 (a) better than sacrifice
 (b) Shortest surest way of victory over our 3 enemies.
 Disobedience, still the monster that turns Paradise
 (Religious state -- S. Bernard) into hell. e.g.
 I. first Parents
 II. Soul
 III. Almost any restless dissatisfied Religious
- 4th. Death -
 certain; & Uncertain? e.g. Br. Seraphim, Sol., Pius,
 Albert Joseph etc.
- 20th.
1st. Confession (i.e. 4:50 A.M.
2nd. Poverty in general, "If thou wilt be perfect go follow
 me.
3rd. Poverty
 (a) Vow of.
 (b) Virtue of. (10:45 A.M.
4th. P.M. Chastity ... of which really "Angel tongues alone,
 should speak - so delicate and so gentle.
 See Apoc XIV-4
5th. Judgement Day. 7:30
 (a) Immediately before.
 (b) during.
 (c) after


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Pg. 1b. Retreat (con't)

21st.

(at 4:55 A.M.)

"Behold this Heart that has loved men so much

9 A.M.

"And whosoever shall follow this rule, peace on them and mercy Gal. VI 16. Become a fool in the eyes of the world. "Francis if thou wilt appease my anger avert my justice from the nations see that the rule be observed."

10:45 A.M.

Mortification - Progress in Christian perfection.

Pg. 2b.

2:30 P.M.

"Keep the rule that the rule may keep you." "If thou wilt keep them and perform acceptable fedelity forever, they shall preserve thee". Eccl. XV 16.

7:30 P.M.

The God of infinite majesty, power, wisdom, goodness.

I. loves me.

II. is infinitely desirous of my love! - proofs thereof.

III. I will love Him.

22nd.

4:55

Remembrance of The Passion

9 A.M.

ZEAL for SOULS. "I am come to cast fire on the earth and what will I, but that it be kindled? (Luke XII 49)


Motives

(a) greatness of glory for immortal souls and to God.

(b) Terrors of hell from which souls are saved. One's own reward ... "if any of you err from the truth, and one convert him he who causeth a sinner to be converted from the error of his way, shall save his soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins."

St. Catherine of Sienna, "O wonder! O wonder (waking out of ecstasy - sight of Heaven)

How can I begin to describe the ineffab. the indescribable!?" St. Teresa after a vision of Heaven was ready to give her life a thousand times to save even one sinner for such glory.


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FATHER SOLANUS, NOTEBOOK No. 3.

Pg. 3b. Retreat (con't)

10:45

Means of Progress

Prayer - meditation, who prays well - better - best.

Spiritual reading

Good intention

Ejaculatory prayer

Silence - especially about others faults.

Holy Communion - sacramental and spiritual.*

2:30 P.M.

Venial Sin - its danger, perversity, next to mortal sin worst that can happen.

7:30

Fortitude

- (a) necessity
- (b) perpetual
- (c) Reward.

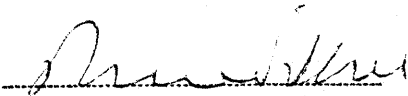
23rd. A.M.

Conclusion

Devotion to the Sacred Heart and to Our Bl. Mother Mary.

*St. Columba's only nourishment for seven years, Holy Communion till her death at 28. Pope Innocent VIII.

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1904, February 21st

The following is a faithful transcription of a typed copy of the original letter by the servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

CAPUCHIN MONASTERY

661 FOURTH STR.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Milwaukee, Wis.

Feb. 21st, 1904

Mrs. Ella Traynor
(Spokane?), Washington

My Dear Sister;

Father was here on the 10th and all are well at home, thanks be to God! He said that you seemed to be lonesome out there, being so far from church etc. Well Dear Ella, I only pray you to content yourself for the present and pray and hope-even as you know poor dear Mother did, at the River-bank & at Trimbelle. You must know that there were trials in those places and indeed patience & resignation exercised. Now after so many years Father speaks of great consolation. It is really enough to draw a tear of admiration and gratitude for God's merciful providence, if one only considers the past (of our dear Parents) and now beholds their present circumstances and prospects. May their sky continue to brighten as their end approaches.

For my part dear Sister I congratulate you on your present trials much rather than if you were "prospering" in riches even within a block of the Most Blessed Sacrament. I think you and yours are safer, especially in the long run. If you only make your acts of contrition, etc. properly you need not be so uneasy about so frequent oral confession - and then your spiritual Communion. I pray you also to have our "Mass-prayers" at Trimbelle imitated, and Oweny come to the same if possible-your neighbors, also even if they are not-Catholics, and do not neglect, in your rosaries to think at least sometimes of poor me. I received sub-deaconship Dec. 8th and will probably be ordained deacon-and priest before August. May the Holy Ghost direct my Superiors in their decisions in this regard & His holy Will in all things be done. I asked my Superior for material and permission to write to you and he gave me also this little picture for you.

With love to Br. Thomas (Traynor) and Owen and all & a caress for the Little Ones from your brother.


Fr. Solanus O.M. Cap.

Resignation +

P.S. Admonish Br. Oweny not to neglect the most salutary--almsgiving for poor and orphans.

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1912, April 17th

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SACRED HEART MONASTERY

YONKERS, NEW YORK

April 17th, 1912

Rev. Mother Lurana, S. A.,
Graymoor, N.Y.

Dear Sister Lurana:

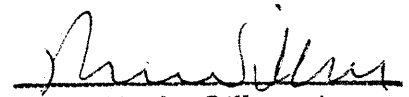
Please accept my sincere thanks for the little card you sent with Easter greetings. It is the first picture of my dear Patron I have ever received. Be sure also that I herewith return similar good wishes for yourself and for all at Graymoor. I take this occasion also Dear Sister, to assure you that I thanked Almighty God - and do thank Him for having inspired some one with such truly Franciscan sentiments as were manifest in your gentle protest to the plaintiff attorneys of that Graymoor Church property case. I am fully confident that there are too many upright lovers of justice even among our separated brothers and sisters who read the Lamp and paused at that letter ever to hold their peace while an act of such injustice were perpetrated as would be perpetrated should your community be ejected from Graymoor. In my opinion there is no sane man who has a spark of Christianity who will hesitate when he knows the facts and the present circumstances at and around Graymoor, to second these sentiments - and acknowledge your sentiments as really Christian. Continue Dear Sister in your determination never to quarrel, as our holy rule enjoins and be sure you will have more powerful patrons on your side than intrigue with irreligion and silver and gold can ever procure.

Sincerely and Fraternaly in Christ

Fr. Solanus, O.M. Cap.

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1917, December 4th

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....Church of....

THE SACRED HEART

Shonnard Place
Yonkers, N. Y.

December 4th, 1917

Sisters of the Atonement
Graymoore, N. Y.

Dear Sister Lurana, Superior:-

Rev. Father Superior who has been in with a severe cold for about two weeks wished me to convey our sympathy to the Sisters on account of the unreasonable and unjust eviction which the "killing letter of the law" has enabled unscrupulous men to score against them. - an eviction which we are confident the great majority of our separated brethern will condemn as done in their name and will regret. Needless to say we all hoped that things would never come to such a farce against common justice and charity. However, the victories of the world are short-lived- "man proposes but God disposes." We may be sure that Almighty God has not permitted things to take such a course without some good design of His own - to turn evil into good. At all events the words of our Divine Master, "Blessed are ye when they shall revile you and persecute you...unjustly for my sake....", should be a consolation to you and an encouragement. The sisters will hardly be able to do anything better than to pray earnestly for their persecutors, according to the same divine authority. "Do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you. Praying Almighty God to direct you and them - and us all according to His merciful will and inclosing a little donation from Rev. Father Superior to help you in your present need, I remain

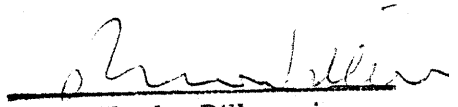
Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart

Fr. Solanus Casey O.M. Cap.

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(Refused by Catholic News, but printed in the Irish World.)

New York City

To the Editor, Catholic News: -

With the earnest appeal of the late Pope Pius X regarding an efficient Catholic Press, fresh in memory; and with the honest efforts of able publishers before our eyes; and in view of a secular press everywhere, that in general, makes nothing of confusing fact with fiction, ready at any time to cater to Passion and "Bitterly hostile to Justice and Truth", it is surely not without regret that one sees in pages labeled "Catholic", indications of dependence on sources of thought, positively atheistic -- not to say manifestations of docile servility to dictations of news Agencies, responsible for their existence to that one power, of all powers on earth internationally hated as the most prolific source of crime and injustice.

Your present correspondent hardly believes that you wish your, otherwise esteemed little weekly to be a Publication of any such pages. In fact he is confident that you are not conscious of its ever leaving the Press as such, -- and this, notwithstanding hisses which he tried to frown away at a recent mass meeting, mostly Catholic, when the Catholic News was mentioned. Nevertheless, he wishes for the general good to call your attention to the fact, that, occasionally at least, you do give out pages indicating such said independence.

As a proof of this contention he would ask you to review, just your own Editorial: "A SANE VIEW OF IRELAND", in your issue of August 5th; or again your Editorial of August 26th: "ASAD BLOW FOR IRELAND." Let us consider this latter, first.

From the very beginning, and throughout, a weakness, sadly common even among our honest Editors, manifests itself. You show, namely, what might be quite excusable in an ordinary reader, a regrettable one-sidedness of information. With the above-referred to Agencies you seem to espouse views of the situation in Ireland, which Britain would like very much to "believe personally" to be the only proper views. Please just glance it over, and ask yourself if such an article might not be expected rather in a London Daily, or in any of our Metropolitan Yellow Jackets -- every one of them heart and soul in sympathy, not with a crucified Nation or with Catholic Principle, but with Brazen Brutal Britain.


Now it is not the object of this correspondent to discuss the merits or the demerits of the treaty-proffered "Free State", or that of its promoters and founders -- one time acknowledged Champions of the Republic which now they seem to have given their lives to suppress. I will only say this just now, in favor of the same or against them; if Britain is in favor of the said "Free State" - and she seems to mightily so-then, honest, unselfish, lovers of Ireland, and of truth, and of justice, ought to be opposed to it. Why? Because as centuries of Britain-broken Treaties, and British hypocrisy make manifest - the English government or the people composing it cannot be honestly or unselfishly interested in Ireland. Consequently if your correspondent knew absolutely nothing of the claims or the aims of any

faction in Ireland - or of any party in Ireland -- for example just now, the legitimately established Republic and the said free-state, which later as its authors evidently hoped, was to sneak real British - fashioned into the place of the former, he would simply point to the history of British interest in Ireland and ask the one little question: "On which side of the dispute is British Favor?" In the present crisis, the thickest thug in the tombs prison to whatever side he might incline, would wonder that anyone might be so "thick" as honestly to ask such a question -- perhaps rather, so ill-informed.

The wail, therefore, that went up all over British quarters at the fall of unfortunate Collins, not in December, when by the weight of his own name on the London Pact, he lost his balance and tumbled from the heights of Patriotic confidence to the plain of England's "Hero Irishman", but eight months later, when pushing the interests of that pact - some of course say of Britain too - he fell from said plain, beyond all hope of British dictation, - that British Wail, I say -- would indicate satisfactorily to my way of reasoning, just about in how much the death of Collins, R.I.P., might, under existing circumstances, be rightly termed "A SAD BLOW FOR IRELAND".

Pardon me the rather long digression; but you will probably see thereby that there must be quite a little obtainable information about present Irish-British relationship other than, perhaps the majority of our, otherwise honest Editors seem to be concerned about. It is hoped, too, that the British views of the Irish situation - perhaps we ought to say the Northolif-Hearst and Co. music, so in harmony with the little Welsh "Wizard's" notes, and so cleverly and unsuspectingly danced to by so many Editors and even Clergy and other leaders in America, - are dangerously at variance with both fact and reason; And therefore, dangerously far from Pius X's ideal of an "efficient Catholic Press."

Now, as to your above mentioned "SANE VIEW OF IRELAND"; briefly, you start out quite as a thinker, on the authority of fair observation and honest conviction might be expected to do; and you rightly admonish "ordinary Readers" to beware of accepting "Newspaper Reports" above referred to as "Gospel Truths" But you do not tell us why such newspapers should be suspected; or why they dare not tell the truth - especially about Ireland - even if those immediately responsible were so disposed. Let me ask you: Is it not because the Power behind such newspapers is quite the same as that which through calumny and hypocrisy got our own Country to take such a regrettable share in what has resulted in the present degradation of Central Europe? Is it not because of their direct or indirect dependence for existence on that same power - that furthermore and immediately after the "truce" uniformed its most inhuman criminals (Higher intellectuals excepted,) and sent them from British penitentiaries equipped with every implement of modern savagery against poor little Ireland? Aye, Ireland unarmed except by her Faith in God! Unoffensive except for her surpassing determination to stand by the principles of righteous Freedom -- principles for which from 1914 to 1919 humanity was bled white! Great God! Is it to be all for nothing?

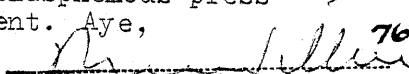

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And you hesitate not to commend as a sane view, in regard to Ireland, the dictum of one holding his title of honor and his commission from that same intriguing, hypocritical power? And look how you quote him! Nearly half a column! Let me cite just a line or two from your quotation, "... Therefore, my first word to you about Ireland is: Do not be too much disturbed by rumors about affairs in Ireland. "Ireland is on the way to Peace." Smooth words indeed! How soothing to anxious souls in America! Do you not suspect the polished parallel of the referred to Agencies and Newspapers.

Is the meaning of these words of Lord Shaw satisfactorily clear to you? They are not so to me. I would ask: Does your hero - if he be not a wily Briton - get his inspiration from the President of Ireland or from the Primer of England? Is it Cromwelian Peace he predicts, or is it the Peace for which Pearse and Comrades died in 1916 and since, down to MacSwiney and Brugha and Boland? Is it finally the peace for which DeValera and comrades are still holding out, which God only can give -- and is giving shortly - or what Shaw's King would be satisfied to call Peace? Do not forget that he tells you plainly that he is, "talking as an old Politician" - a British one, of course. Strange he did not know that his title assures us that he was both, before he was lorded. Ah Shaw! "Do not be too much disturbed -- lest it be once more officially probed and found that your government's welfare work in Ireland still "stinks" in the nostrils of civilization worse than it did eighteen months ago.

Now before quoting from an acknowledged adept at lingual smoothness and duplicity - "an old politician", before poor Shaw was born or thought of, and undoubtedly as active in 20th century politics as any of his titled juniors - let me assure you that your correspondent is not doing this in any spirit of vindictiveness or out of malice to any one. He wishes simply to save, not only The Catholic News, but as much as he can, the honest press in general from humiliation more serious than any honest criticism could be, and that must come unless something be done to arrest the above lamented inclination of positively favoring British views, and British Calumnies, and worst of all because more dangerous, British Colored Truths.

Who will doubt, at second thought and in the light of the present British-Begotten and British-fostered - and I must say British-waged War in Ireland that the above words of Lord Shaw are at least a weak parallel to those we find in the Third Chapter of Holy Writ? Here they follow: "And the Serpent said to the Woman: No, you shall not die the death, for God doth know that in what day soever you shall eat thereof, your eyes shall be opened and you shall be as Gods, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 111,4) That is just an example of colored truth and of dubious prediction. No one doubts that their eyes were opened. But alas for their vision! and alas for your vision and mine! Alas, too, for peace and Ireland unless the Lord deliver her from Shaw and his kind, and from the peace they would wish for the Ireland of the Saints! God help our civilization at all events, for its hopelessly darkened understanding. We sometimes wonder at the simplicity of our poor first Parents and at their docile blindness toward their seducer. Yet, with all our science and with all the manifestation of historic ages, we refuse to recognize -- nay even to suspect-behind the blasphemous press of to-day, the same power that animated the wretched serpent. Aye,


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positively nothing less than blasphemous in the "Great Press" of to-day, because "Bitterly hostile to justice and truth" and therefore hostile to God himself who is eternally both. (See encyc'l Leo XIII-1902)

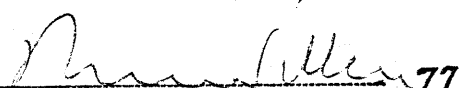
A civilized humanity, or as uncivilized, we act in general these days as though that power were nothing more than a childish myth. How? We sacrifice untold millions of our choicest youth and manhood for the principle of "Self-Determination" - nothing more or less in reality than a justification of the Catholic Dogma of "Free Will" - and the nations stand mute at the 74 days martyrdom of a MacSweeney protesting and the age-long crucifixion of his nation protesting in the name of that same awful sacrifice and in the name of eternal justice against nothing less than the astounding outrage of an international attempt to destroy that very fundamental principle" - that God-given faculty.

Does not such silence alone brand our so-called civilization as a sham and a farce? An outrage it is, pure and simple, on intelligence and decency. Does it not brand the professions of the allied nations for their war against and their degradation of Central Europe as manifest hypocrisy?

Let no nation, much less individuals deceive themselves: God will not be mocked forever! And the allied nations, and their civilization have been mocking the honest peoples of the earth, and surely not less the Eternal God of honest people. Who is to blame? Where is our ideal Catholic Press? Offensive and Defensive? God help us! Aye, God help us, and forgive us!

That individual leaders have been and are guilty of that criminal silence and that mockery, is as positively clear as the fact that nations are made up of individuals. They seem now, however, to be going further into crime. Instead of blushing for shame, personal as well as national, that no one has arisen like Daniel of old to convict the hypocrites, some of them are beginning to come out on the side of shame itself, on the side of the bull-dog and the lion -- the side of the arch-ravager of nations. They speculate with the coolness of game-cook gamblers on hair-splitting points of morality, thus wittingly or unwittingly-diverting attention from the real source of troubles in Ireland-the presence of British Soldiers, and of British corruption (See Dr. Ryan, E.G. in "America") Is not this clearly a case of the Scriptural, "Straining at a gnat, and swallowing a camel?" Shame on the "blind Guides"! Pardon me if your correspondent seem acrimonious, and may the Lord help us to see clearly! for Bitterness like falsity and Exaggeration is to no purpose in an honest cause.

But history, it seems here as well as elsewhere, must repeat itself, It was a Bishop that condemned St. Joan of Arc for witchery and that a little later, duressed as he was by the British (and at that, time supposed to be a Catholic), exposed her to unmentionable cruelties and finally burned her at the stake as a heretic. If reports be true there are one or two prelates in America who would do the like for a number of Irish Joans, even without British duress.


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May the Good God deliver us from scandals! But I would ask his Lordship from Buffalo and his Grace from Baltimore if "Eamon DeValera seems to have completely lost his reason", who is to blame, if not the despicable power his own Grace and his lordship seem to be now espousing and that DeValera has frustrated, escaped and withstood these four years -- so long and so bitter for poor Ireland, and for DeValera? What is to blame after British hypocrisy more than the above mentioned international silence? More than the already referred to leaders and guides? May God in his mercy overlook the crime of it all and pity such leaders and their responsibility. Your correspondent prays for them without exception.

But if Eamon DeValera, as it is honestly believed, has still his wits about him, is it not really next to a miracle of God's Providence? If he still has 30,000 patriot soldiers behind him, though practically without arms, is there not still hope for "Self Determination", and hope for Democracy?


At all events, if Almighty God is in favor of the principle of "self-determination" for men of free-will, then the majority in Ireland is behind the soul of the Republic still: and notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, and all criticisms to the contrary, and all powers to the contrary, if God is still for Principle and for the Republic of Ireland, the majority in Ireland are behind DeValera; and DeValera, appealing to the Sacred Heart, as when sentenced to be shot in 1916, will triumph in the end over every enemy, if need be even as the Maiden-Soldier Saint triumphed in the crown of a glorious Martyrdom!

Very sincerely yours, for an ideal Catholic Press-independent of atheistic, blasphemous wires, and for decently truthful reports or nothing, about the Irish Republican Army, so heroically struggling just now, against masked British Invasion of their country and against the referred to international outrage on human liberty, and on God of that liberty-the Divine Source and foundation of individual hope and of international confidence!

I remain

Homo Simplex, A.A.R.I.R.

/s/ (Fr. Solanus O.F.M. Cap.)


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The following is a faithful transcription of printed article, written by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey and printed in the "Irish World" C. 1922 (He signed his name on the newsprint copy)

DISTINGUISHED MISSIONARY PRIEST DISCUSSES IRISH AMERICAN SITUATION
(Editor's Headline)

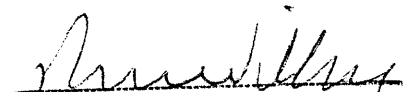
Editor, The Irish World:

Rather than find bitterness in the Irish World concerning the folder recently sent out purporting to be a "statement by Right Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, D.D. dealing with the visit to the United States of Hon. Eamon DeValera," a copy which I have been assured duly reached your office, I want to congratulate you on the dignified silence (or prudent oversight) which in this case especially becomes your long experience and your really responsible position.

I do not like to believe that said statement "is really and expression, carefully considered, of a Bishop whom in more than one way I have admired, and who undoubtedly loves Ireland and justice. Possibly, however, he has been beguiled and I deceive myself, as it seems now that I die deceive myself about 10 months ago when speaking about Cohalan's unfortunate break with DeValera, then recently made manifest, I asked you, "let us hope that his motives are not so unworthy." Perhaps a little time and honest criticism of the "statement will bring out other views and other expressions from Bishop Gallagher. For my part, I cannot think of going into details about it at this time, being as you know only a simple religious and therefore, not experienced in and not inclined to analyse such documents.

This much, however, I will say in its favor: If "differences arise between honest lovers of a common cause mostly because of misunderstandings," then, whatever the motive for publishing the personal correspondence as therein given between DeValera and his opponents, the author has wittingly or unwittingly taken a positive step in the direction of settling differences between Ireland, in her representative, and those in America who honestly oppose the same representative, De Valera.

Personally, at least, if I had never followed up the Irish question at all, as I certainly have been and am, I would be inclined to ask, on reading DeValera's message and the reply it occasioned - to say nothing of the two pages signed "J. D." --I would be more than inclined to ask: "Is this the Friendship that joins the F.O.I.F. and martyred Ireland? Does not DeValera's sentence after sentence show at once a disappointed confidence and a depressed hope as well as a determination forced almost to desperation?" --which determination opponents of Ireland seem to mistake for unbending pride: though even the bitterest of


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them have to acknowledge that her representative is , "doubtlessly conscientious." But I would ask further, as I ask now: "Is there anything in Judge Cohalan's reply that would manifest even a consent to co-operate with De Valera, or with Ireland herself in the person of her representative?" is there not, on the contrary, evidence of a decided prejudice and a preconceived determination to resist--not to say thwart cooperation on the part of the F.O.I.F.?

In other words, does not the judge, in said reply to DeValera speak for himself and his constituents as really more an American Protective Association than as the F.O.I.F. is defined --"an association of American citizens founded to assist the Irish people in securing freedom for the Irish people?" How, then, can anyone blame the representative of the Island of Saints and Sages for refusing, even "to discuss the question" of a compromise with such leaders of a society whose rank and file members would be justly indignant at the very insinuation, though in all truth they might be called real "A.P.A.'s" instead of Friends of Ireland? Their fear of danger from Ireland's alliance with England would be, or is, just about as reasonable as the fear of the original A.P.A. from an alliance of the Pope with the professed powers of Hell--just as affected, too.

As to DeValera's "Cuban blunder," well, DeValera's every utterance ever since, not to say his every action, including his tragic return to Ireland, seals that as an evident calumny.

Talk about "splitters," as long the objective is practically identical sounds to me like so much wind. The splitters--would-be or otherwise --in any great cause are those who for selfish motives swerve from first principles, even as the real greatness of any nation--republic or other--may be measured by the pervading spirit of national righteousness which, by the way, considering our governmental silence these many moons regarding British and allied outrages, etc, is not saying much for the "greatest republic."

Of course, if the F.O.I.F. is the fruit of any one's personal genius, and therefore liable to be claimed as personal property, nobody can blame such genius for frothing a little when a stranger refuses to acknowledge his right, but if, as quite a few of us believe, such societies are divinely providential then the more and the longer such a "genius" frothes the more ridiculous and the more pitiable--not to say contemptible he makes himself.


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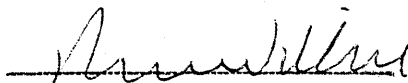
In conclusion, while I trust the above may offend no one, I would call attention in a very practical advice of a former president of the F.O.I.F., the dear Carmelite Father McGinnis, now General of his whole Order. "The moment a man or a machine or an organization or a clique gets bigger than the cause, get away from any or all of them because they have ceased to be of any good and have begun to do harm no matter what the past record of any or all of them be."

Coming from Rome where they were written January 1, 1920, these words have the ring of at least a foresight of what many an honest member of the F.O.I.F. has taken as a kind of personal matter of thought as is manifested from the multitudes of their brethren of the A.A.R.I.R.

May God bless the honest members of both with a sense of unselfish justice and consistency and unaffected charity. And may He bless every honest reader of the Irish World and Industrial Liberator!

(Here added in his own hand - Fr. Solanus.) F.S.C.

P.S. If it were not for your lack of space, I would suggest printing the personal correspondence above referred to so convinced I am that the real root of the would-be trouble is thereby shown.


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1924, January 25

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

January 25, 1924

Our Lady of Angels Monastery, Harlem, N.Y.
Very Rev. Pater Benno, O.M. Cap. Prov.
Calvary, Wisconsin


Very Rev. Dear Father Provincial:

You will have been naturally more or less anxious about Brother Pasqual, if we may still speak of him as such, instead of George Gordon. It would hardly be in place for me to take special interest in his case, but he seems to have a sort of confidence in me that, sorry to say he does not show to others who would be able to do more for him. I am sure a few minor details in this regard will not be unwelcome, and possibly will be of use - - -

I can not say just how, but I got the impression shortly before B. P. came here from Garrison and went to Hospital, that he was not very practical - or it was while he was in the hospital. Nevertheless I visited him twice during his stay there as a patient. I regretted that no one else (that I know of) visited him from here. More still I regretted the reception given him at his return to the Monastery. It seemed to me as an assurance that he was not welcome or wanted. I tried to excuse it. I do not know if I succeeded or not. I heard the words told him as he was starting upstairs: "You can stay here of course, but this is no hospital - -" About half an hour afterwards he came down, saying he was going to St. Vincent's Hospital to get a thorough examination. Not knowing the circumstances, and thinking that was the order of some one at St. Francis, I asked him no questions except if he would be back tonight. I believe he said he would go over to Pitt St. That was Sunday afternoon. Tuesday morning he came to the office - sine barba - doubting what to think of the manner of treatment here and at Pitt St. etc. Fr. Guardian was out when he came, whom he did not seem to want to see, and I told him he should by all means go over and see Father Definitior in East N.Y. and that I would try and phone over in the meantime.

Fr. Guardian came in before B. P. left and I told him he was there, and that I had determined him to go to Fr. Martin. Then I proposed - when Br. was gone - that I phone in his name and tell them something of the situation etc. I was simply forbidden to do so.

That was the last I heard about the case till two days ago when I received the enclosed letter. Fr. Paul was here last evening and talking about Br. I told them of this letter. This morning I said holy Mass up in the Assisium and afterwards returning I went of two blocks west to the Hotel Theresa and had a short talk with Br. He had been sleeping till I phoned up.


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He seemed quite himself; did not exactly complain against anyone, but seemed rather to wonder, what it all should come to. He told me he did not know what to think about it. He had been to a friend of his - a lawyer - yesterday and told him all about the case, to see if he could get something decided etc. I told him as much as that I had not been personally edified at what seemed to me his want of fervor or devotion to holy Communion while he was with us in Our Lady of Angels; and therefore I thought he ought to turn earnestly to Headquarters - meaning the Tabernacle - and make some promise to do better in this, or some other regard, if things adjusted themselves favorably to his peace.

Then he said something about making a retreat with the Jesuites. I told him that would, in my opinion, be the best thing he could do. I told him I would write you about him and he said he wished I would. I wanted to tell Father Guardian of my visit and of my proposition to write you all about the case, but I decided it as prudent to say nothing to him about it. Before I had a chance to do so, before deciding, he forbade me to correspond with "Br. P." and at culpa before dinner gave quite a little admonition, in a general way, bearing on this case, while we all knelt as novices.

Now Dear Father Provincial I do not wish to blame anyone or to excuse anyone else. "Brother Paschal" seems to me willing to be directed. He seems quite conscious that he did not receive entirely "a fair deal" with the superior above - - - Well, may our dear Lord God direct him and us all!

We received quite a large package of certificates yesterday, for the Seraphic Mass Association. They came in good time and shape. Fr. Guardian just told me that the cash received this month already is \$1002. 00. Thanks be to God! the reports of favors as through this source continue.


Fr. Adelhelm was down Today from Glencliff with chronicles and good reports. As far as I know all the brethren in this end of the Province are well. The student John Parsons in Yonkers seems quite improved.

Wishing you all blessings and asking for yours I beg to remain,

Sincerely in Corde Jesu

Filius Tuus Solanus

Laudetur Jesus Christus!


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1927, August 23

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

St. Bonaventure's Monastery

1740 Mt. Elliott Ave.

Detroit, Mich.

August 23, 1927

Miss Mable Courtney
Grace Hospital
City

My Dear Miss Courtney:

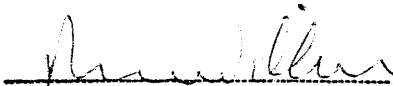
It has just struck 10:30 p.m. and I perhaps ought to be slumbering before this, but I want to do what I've been forced to put off thus far - write you a few works of encouragement, etc. I surely am pleased with words and reports of your now constant improvement. I would like to have called to see you today but it was raining and when I left the dentist I had just time to get home for dinner. ... I hope you will continue to improve till you are back "on the job" again. Of course it is possible that you may be a little lame in that knee of yours, though we will hope for the best and leave it all to the divine Lover of our Souls -

Yes leave everything to Him - offering ourselves to Him to suffer whatever His love may permit. When I think of your condition for the first week or two it looks to me almost like a miracle that you pulled through at all. Thank God for it all! I am sure your sufferings were not lost, and that more than yourself have profited by them spiritually. . . .

Now good night and God bless you: as well as all your nurses and friends.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Solanus Casey, O. . M. Cap.


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1928, May 28

1937, November

The following is a faithful transcription of
hand written messages written by the Servant
of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap. on
Seraphic Mass Association Cards.

Sister M. Cecilia

May 28, 1928

God Bless you Sr. Cecilia
Kiss your Cross day by day
Have peace!

Fr. Solanus, O.M.C.

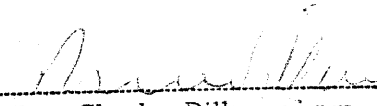
Our Divine Model
How little we are like Him!

Nov. 1937

V. Sister Mary Solania
- for God's special grace and guidance -
God, bless you Sister M. Solania
Be as blind to the faults of your
neighbor as possible trying to at-
tribute a good intension to their actions,
- at least.

Original in possession of:

Sr. M. Solania Manturuk, CSSF.
Felician Sisters
36650 Little Mack
Mt. Clemens, Mich. 48043


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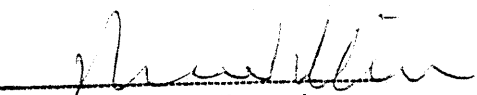
ALWAYS CHRISTMAS EVE - HOLY COMMUNION DAILY

With love and with Christmas blessings to all
Comes the Infant once more to free us from sorrow
Whose love and Whose power and Whose gentleness call
To each heart and each soul for a manger tomorrow.

Whose love and Whose power and Whose wonders proclaim
Him the Son of the Virgin as promised of yore.
O, may He estrange us from sin with its shame!
And reign in our hearts as His crib evermore!

B. Francis Solanus Casey, O.M. Cap.

(Only in Eternity will it be known what each communion received
or missed will have meant to our souls.)


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1935, January 29

The following is a faithful transcription of a handwritten postcard by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O. F. M. Cap. (from the photo copy)

ST. BONAVENTURE MONASTERY
1740 Mt. Elliott Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

January 29, 2935

Miss Gibson
Mercy Hall
103 Eliot St.
City

Dear Miss Gibson:

I am sending you Miss Bergta Habib. She seems to think she'd probably like to share your labors-----

Your crown to as I hope.


Sincerely yours

in the Sacred Heart,

Fr. Solanus Casey, O. M. Cap.

Original in possession of:

Mrs. Bergita Habib Nahas
20435 15 Mile Rd.
Mt. Clemens, Mi. 48043


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1935, March 27

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the
Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S MONASTERY
1780 Mt. Elliott Avenue
Detroit, Mich.

Mar 27 1935

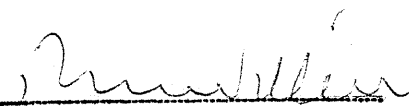
Mr. Wm Spring
Yonkers. New York.

My Dear Willie: - Many thanks for favor just read. I am glad to know
you are well and doing. Thank God for everything. I wish you would
convey best wishes and blessings to all my friends you chance to meet
in picturesque, beautiful Yonkers.

This has been the busiest place I been located in so far
Near 31 years now since I went to Yonkers - and Willie was one of Fr.
Stephan's boys.

----- God's blessings to all - - Fr. Solanus Casey O.M Cap.

Copy of card in possession of:
Mr. William Spring
18 River Glen
Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.


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1935, April 19th

The following is a faithful transcription of photo
copies of handwritten messages on Seraphic Mass
Association Cards by the Servant of God, Father
Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

Richard Werthman
5063 Baldwin Ave.
Apr. 19th, 1935

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

1948, October 7th

Mrs. E. J. Werthman

-- for speedy health-recovery -- -- -- -- --
God willing --

Special --

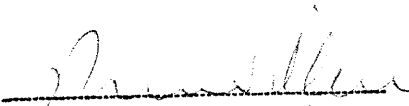
O Course we are glad to include you in our prayers.
Do not worry.

October 7th --- 1948

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

The original in possession of:

Mrs. Marie Werthman
8305 Riverland Drive, Apt. 3
Sterling Hts Mich. 48078


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1937, May 12

May 12, 1937

Mr. Charles H. Chisholm
19965 Roslyn Ave.,
City.

My Dear Mr. Chisholm:-


God bless you. I hope you are well.

I was rather disapointed in your decision to drop my
friend Garland from your employ.

I know that he liked the work and that he took an
interest in it such as few of your employes are wont
to take. He liked his employer and his associates.
I would have been disapointed had he failed to so,
because I know something of his ability.

Mr. Garland blames no one, though he was dazed at
first. He is too big a character to hold petty mis-
understandings, etc. He wants me to forget it as he
hopes to do himself. I know that he would object to
complaining to you and I am not coplaining. I am
doing this without his knowledge. I am confident that
you will not regret this my information, -- at least
if you will have just a little patience with my effort.

I have known Mr. Garland for about ten years and I can
honestly say that I doubt if I have ever met a person
more solicitous to do a favor or more practical in
suggesting remedies in time of difficulties. I need
not go far for examples to prove this. When your Mr.
Portius was in anxiety last March or early April about
a very threatening difficulty, Mr. Garland had a remedy
astonishingly happy in its marvelous results. Before
that, when Mr. Dory and wife seemed next to desperate,
and religiously paralyzed Garland brought them hither
and they seemed to take on new life and energy. The
story of Mr. J. Phillips' still in the hospital afords
another example of fraternal charity, - When
C.H. Chisholm was threatened with blood-poison Garland


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Mr. Charles H. Chisolm

could not wait to get over but phoned first and then came over to have me send the enrollment card. You know better than I what resulted.

But why all such details? I simply want to put you "wise" against poisonous intimations regarding Rae Garland, on the part of a certain prominent party" who had a big share in the robbing of Garland of his cemetery, the Mt. Vernon Memorial Park. This of course is coming too late to save Garland his employment, but if you find out the truth about him as I know it, and about said prominent party who has knocked him before, you'll realize something of what you've lost in dropping such a promising employee. But more than this, you will know what to do without hesitation if occasionally you have an opportunity to do him and me a favor.

Wishing you God's blessing, I beg to remain

Very Sincerely Yours in Christ

Francis Solanus Casey, O.M. Cap.



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The following is a faithful transcription of the typewritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

CAPUCHIN-FRANCISCAN APPRECIATION

Good after-noon my Brethren.

Holy Job tells us, "the life of man on earth is a warfare". He makes no exceptions. The Psalmist appeals to us all without exception: "Be ye converted to the Lord your God." and in another place "O Lord God of hosts convert us: and show thy face, and we shall be saved." (Ps. 79-20) A Christian poet whispers to us as a loving brother:

"Poor wanderers of a stormy day

"From wave to wave we're drive:

And fancy's flash and reason's ray serve but to light
the troubled way,

"There's nothing calm but Heaven.

Moore

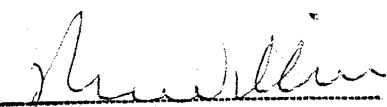
More encouraging than all--for those who realize their weakness--Jesus Christ, the long promised Messiah our Redeemer, assures us: "I am come to call sinners"

In the light of Christian reasoning, therefore, brightened by these and similar expressions, I presume to address this audience as my brothers and my sisters; and under present circumstances, on the subject of Capuchin-Franciscan Appreciation.

One of the outstanding prayers of all history, with consequent approval of Heaven, was the prayer of King Solomon for wisdom to discern between good and evil--for wisdom to judge justly.

"And the Lord said to Solomon: Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life or riches, nor for the lives of thy enemies, but hast asked for thyself wisdom to discern judgement, Behold I have done for thee according to thy words, and have given thee a wise and understanding heart, insomuch that there hath been no one like thee before thee...."

In the light of the enthusiasm on the part of our neighbors and friends--our contemporaries without distinction of creed or color--it is a privilege of our Capuchin Community, in whose name these few words are spoken, to express something of the appreciation that ought to overwhelm us--something of the gratitude that surely ought to fill our hearts. I refer, of


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.

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c. 1937, June

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course, to the generous activity on our behalf of, quite a number of our personal friends in arranging the affair, conducted on our behalf in the Naval Armory this evening at O'clock, and so enthusiastically seconded by the public in general on both sides of the Detroit River.

What I want to stress To-day is the importance these days of appreciation for favors--on our part; that we be grateful for such enthusiasm--grateful to God first for such friends' and then to the friends themselves; for in my humble conviction APPRECIATION with its synonym GRATITUDE IS as necessary for social order and harmony as are the laws of gravity for the physical order of inanimate beings.

ONCE more, therefore, let me thank you my brethren, one and all, in the name of our Capuchin Community. May mutual appreciation be the soul of our relationship in the future as this affair in the Armory seems to prove it has been in the past.

God Bless You All.

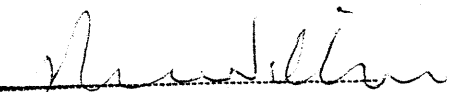

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The following is a faithful transcription of a Radio Speech
by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

Good Afternoon, My Brethren:

An opportunity was offered to me today to speak to you on the radio. The occasion is the benefit party which some of our friends have arranged for us this evening at the Naval Armory on East Jefferson Avenue. We have always known that many of you have been our friends, but since the preparations for this benefit party have been in progress, we are convinced of it. From all parts of the city men and women came to us asking how they might help. We Fathers are told that the City of Detroit wishes to show itself grateful for the help we have given during the days of the depression. We admit that we have tried to be of service to the poorest of the poor, but must add that it was our simple duty.

Saint Francis, our Holy Founder, impressed it upon his brethren that they must labor for their daily bread. And he added, "should the wages of our work be not given us, then shall we have recourse to the table of the Lord asking alms from door to door." Our lot has been cast among the simple lives of the poor and our object is to give them spiritual aid and, if possible, material help as well. When speaking of those days of the depression, we cannot forget that our work in relieving the misery of poverty was made possible only by the willing cooperation of such men as the bakers, who supplied the bread; the farmers who gave us vegetables, and our numerous friends who made donations from their fairly empty purses. It is to these generous souls we want to pay tribute today. May the all-bountiful God, who leaves no glass of water offered in His name pass unrewarded, recompense the generosity of our friends with true happiness -- the peace of the soul.


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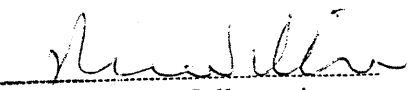
Our gratitude extends to them and to all those who are now helping to make this benefit party a success. We are deeply appreciative of all they have done for us, and, in return, assure you that you are remembered in all the prayers and good works of our numerous brethren.

It is our sincere hope that this harmony of interest and action may never be broken. Our community is at the service of those who may require it; and as long as we are among you here at Detroit we will have the needs of the poor at heart and will relieve their misery as best we can.

Once more, let me thank you my brethren, one and all, in the name of our Capuchin community. May mutual appreciation be the soul of our relationship in the future as this party in the Armory tonight seems to prove it has been in the past.

God Bless You All.

(Given by Father Solanus over Station CKLW in Detroit, Michigan)


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1937, May 18

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S MONASTERY
1740 Mt. Elliott Avenue
Detroit, Mich.

May 18, 1937

Dear Dorothy Bachor: _

God bless you.

You may think sometimes that it is hard to keep up courage. One phase of contentment - rather I will say a feature of the key to contented peace, - is this: To try to realize the contrast (rather than the difference) between Time and Eternity. At the longest time must be so short. But O! Who can fathom Eternity?!! Then be grateful for what we have -- Existence -- The True Faith

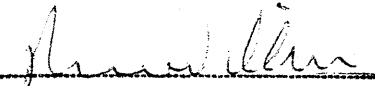
God made me to know Him - O what a bles'd aim!
To love Him and serve Him sure rests in the same.

It's Heaven begun - for the grateful on earth
To treasure aright?!?! ...Highest Heaven its worth.

Be sure, if the enemy of our souls is pleased at any thing in us it is ingratitude - of whatever kind. Why? ingratitude leads to so many brakes with God & neighbor.

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth....." Some day you will thank God for having been deaf. ...God bless you Dorothy B.

Fr. Solanus, O. .M. Cap.


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1939, February 13

The following is a faithful transcription of a photo copy
of a handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father
Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S MONASTERY
1740 MT. ELLIOTT AVENUE
DETROIT, MICH.

Feb. 13, 1939

Mr. Kelly, Sr. of
Kelly, Kelly Kelly Co.
2444 Nat. Bank Bld'g, City

Dear Mr. Kelly :-

God bless you and yours, I hope you are well. I hope
too that I may not be presuming too much in asking your-
self of whom I have only heard, to guide the bearer, honest
Edmund Walsh to employment, if you have anything in view.

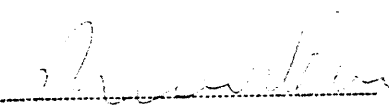
I would appreciate anything you might find convenient
to do for him.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Fr. solanus, O.M. Cap.

Original in possession of:

Mrs. Anna Gray
739 Harding
Detroit, Mich. 48214


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1939, June 10

The following is a faithful transcription
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on a Seraphic Mass Association card by the
Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.
Cap.

Frank Brancaleone

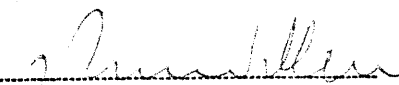
June 10, 1939

When the family all go to
Holy Communion the child
will be O.K. we hope

Fr. Solanus, O.M.Cap.

Original in the possession of:

Mrs. Rose McNulty
33682 Bloomfield
Livonia, MI. 48154


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1922, December 16

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

/POST CARD/

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Our Lady Queen of Angels
226 E. 113 St N.Y. City, N.Y.

December 16th 1922

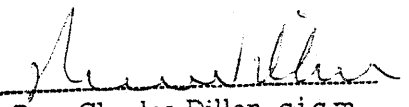
My Dear Brother and Sister Owen and Martha:

The returned letter herewith inclosed will partly explain my silence at your sorrows last August. But though silent, I have not been altogether unmindful of your bereavement. However we may confidently trust in God to manifest some day a merciful design - not only in your case of such sorrow but in every case where He has permitted suffering in order that little children may come to Him. How happy you ought to be in reality this holy season! to have your little Owen, not only an altar boy, but one of the great heavenly army of holy Innocents. In this thought, while in another sense I condole with you, I wish you a holy and a happy Blessed Christmastide!

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart,

Fr. Solanus, O.M. Cap.

Deo Gratias


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1933, September 20

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S MONASTERY
1740 Mt. Elliott Avenue
Detroit, Mich.

September 20th '33

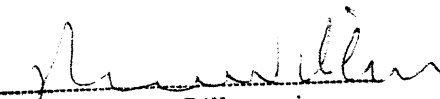
Owen J. B. and Martha Casey
1045 Cabrillo St.
San Francisco, Calif'a

My Dear Brother and Sister:-

I hope you are all well. It is about three years, perhaps four, since I read one of your letters to Fr. Maurice and forwarded to me. I enrolled you both in the Seraphic Mass Association at that time. I had everything ready to send you the certificate but mislaid address or something and never sent it. Please pardon my neglect. I was thankful to God, however, to learn afterwards that things brightened up and especially that O. J. stopped drinking. I was not surprised that such was the case: for we have reports almost every day of remarkable favors.

I have just read Martha's letter of the 14th in which she laments conditions again going ...??? I am again enrolling you and sending you certificate, etc. I hope it will help.....

I rather fear none of you are what you ought to be in regards to frequent and daily communion. Why do you not all take a lesson from John F.C's example. What a consolation for me, when I got the telegram (January 26 - 1929), to know that he had been receiving every day - and Tom at least every week! Thanks be to God! .. But what must it have been to them when they awoke in Eternity?!And O! ... "To-morrow is eternity" for each of us.

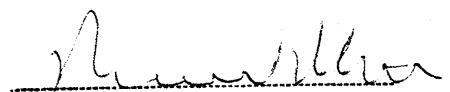

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"Without me you can do nothing" Jesus assures us. How then can anyone, believing in Jesus, hope to be temperate in anything without Jesus - how can we be gentle like Him and pure and patient? How be earnest for good: how successful on the battlefield of this short life? In other words, how gain Heaven & escape Hell without frequent Comunion? Dear Owen. . . Go to Jesus as often as you can -- why not every day? and plead with Him to teach us all "loving appreciation" of His invitation - His plea to each of us: "Come to me all ye that labor and are heav'y burdened. With such a standing plea we have no excuse for failing to be saints. Plead too for the grace to love your wife and children for God's sake. . . Alas how little that grace is prayed for! No wonder the divorce plague!

God bless you Owen. . . God bless you Martha. . .
God bless the children and all.

Fr. S.



Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1935, May 1

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

(to Mr. Owen Casey)

May 1

Fr. Solanus with H.J. Macey and Sister.
H.J. had left school, for some weeks blind.
Was brought to Monastery and enrolled in
Ser. Mass Assoc'n. reading on way
home (Jan 2 - '34): went back to school
next day.


---- Had been baptized with their father
and two younger - Dec. 24th.

Now received 1st Holy Communion.
Thanks be to God for this and many
similar favors reported.

Fr. Solanus O.M. Cap.

You see Dear Owen, I'm getting to look like
an old man. 20 years since you and I
met, have made quite a change; but O! ---
what will 20 yrs. more bring?
Let us get ready as J. T. got ready...
B. Fr. Sol.

(above written on back of a photo of two
children in First Communion dress with
Fr. Solanus and sent to his brother,
Owen Casey in Seattle, Wash. C. 1935)


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1939, July 10

The following is a faithful transcription of hand written messages written by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap. on Seraphic Mass Association Card and Certificate.

Owen B. Casey with associates
- for God's grace and guidance -

July 10, 1939

God bless you Brother Owen.

Fr. Solanus, O.M.Cap.

1951. June 18th

Mrs. Martha Casey
- for her special intention. God willing,
and for His holy guidance ---

Emergency special Membership

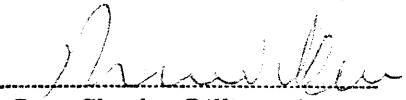
Of course we be glad to pray for same too.

Fr. Sol.

June 18th, 1951

God bless you Martha; you and yours.
Glory be to God that you all seem to be well.
Keep it up. Foster Confidence in divine Pro-
vidence. It will be "crying necessary" be-
fore many decades - of months - even of weeks.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.



Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1942, January 1

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

Jan 1, 1942

Mr. Owen B. J. Casey
756 - 9th Ave
San Francisco, California

St. Bonaventure Monastery
1740 Mt. Elliott Ave
Detroit, Mich.


My Dear Brother Owen and Family:

God bless you and yours. I was fixing up a certain cell yesterday when this card showed up. It reminded me of our visit some thirty months back when you served the high Mass and the sisters inside sang - and ... after breakfast, we had a conference with the prisoners of Jesus.

Quite some changes since those pleasant few days.... Many thanks Martha for your beautiful card, etc. I wanted to answer it again and again..... We have not heard from Fr. Edward since September nor from Guam - first taken by the Japs - since before the trouble.... I think it best to be, not over anxious about whats coming. One thing we may be sure of - God is watching all and in His own time and way will turn all to His glory and ours in as much as we shall persevered in His service. It seems to me it is once more "history repeating itself as against sins" "Thou shalt not comit adultery"..... Happy New Year.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

(Postcard of Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Detroit)


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1944, December 12

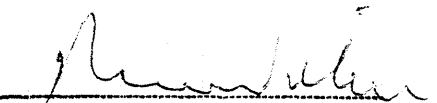
The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original message added to a Seraphic Mass Association Certificate by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

Owen-Martha Casey Family
has been enrolled in the Seraphic Mass Association
Specially

Dec. 12 - for December 25, 1944. A Blessed Christmas
Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

God bless you Owen and Martha and all the family. Many thanks Owen for your kind favor of last week from Los Angeles. Glad to know all are well down there. Thank God Fr. M. Joachim and myself are well too. I am hoping to go down to see him before long. I am confident that this experience of his will prove to have been a manifest blessing for him and for us all. Pray that it may.

Fr. Solanus.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1947, September 22

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

(POST CARD)

To Know God primary purpose of rationals.

Sept. 22nd. 1947.

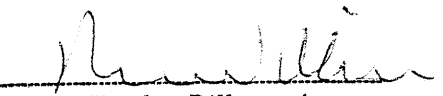
God bless you Martha and all you hold dear.

Many thanks for favor of the 16th. Thanks be God! I am glad to know Bernard M. is feeling more contented. I enjoyed his visit as I think he did. I had very little time to really give him but tried at least in a general way, to impress him with the conviction that what ever our faculties be, the one primary purpose of every rational creature is to know God and by keeping the commandments - really just rules of health for body and soul - save our poor souls and gain the crown Eternal.

With love to all - including your patients and God's blessing,

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

Bles'd be God!


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1948, September 15

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

/POST CARD/

Bles'd be God in His every design!
How ineffable His ways and His works!


September 15th '48 - Our Lady of Sorrows.

God bless you Martha Dear Sister - you and yours.

I found Sister Mary Rosella noted on August 9th: so have made out her certificate accordingly and am herewith inclosing. I hope it will be satisfactory - glad you called my attention. Please pardon oversight and consequent delay.

I can easily understand something of how you feel, hustling all day in the hospital, etc. It's a great work in itself and a wonderful opportunity to practice charity and of course mortification in so many ways, which brings one nearer to God and endears to the Sacred Heart. Naturally "social life" often suffers - and what is to be regretted in many cases - family life too. This latter is really important and in every way should be supplied as far as possible.Prayer in your and O.J.'s case, I trust has helped - and let us hope will help more than anything else under circumstances.

...Fr. Solanus.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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The following is a faithful transcription of
the handwritten original message on a Christmas
card by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey,
O.F.M. Cap.

1950, January 10

To My Dear Brother Owen B.J.
and to all your dear ones - our dear ones:

JOY, PEACE AND GRACE BE YOURS - Better late than never.

January 10th 1950. - instead of Dec. 25.

Many thanks for your charitable favor. I succeeded To-day in
getting Bernard's certificate off in the mail.

By air this ought to fly over it. Please tell Patrick our
dear Brother I am not forgetting his letter - the one I owe
for his several weeks back. - just now "snowed under."

Blessed be God in all His designs.

Sincerely your Brother,

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.



Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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The following is a faithful transcription
of the handwritten original by the Servant
of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

1950, October 11

POST CARD

Mrs. Martha - O.B.J. - Casey
516 Warren Ave.
Seattle 9, Washington.

Blessed be God in all His designs

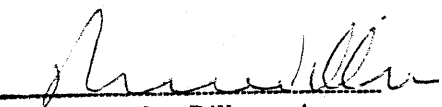
Oct. 11th 1950.

God bless you Martha -

Many thanks for your kind favor - duly
received and noted. I do hope you all keep well -
avoiding worry and too much ambition.Fr. E'd
was down a couple days at Christmas, seems to have
enjoyed visit. Am writing him Tonight - his Name
day is the 13th E'd.

Love and God's blessing to all - special
of course to Owen B. J. and B.M. and to Brother
Pat. and poor, dear Genevieve.

...Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.


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The following is a faithful transcription
of the handwritten original by the Servant
of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

1952, June 25


POST CARD

Mrs. Martha Owen Casey
516 Warren Ave.
Seattle, Wash.

God Bless you Martha - you and yours

Many thanks for your favor - aye for your many favors, -
that so seldom get time to acknowledge, Rev. Fr. Neil
McCluskey, S.J. had holy Mass her last Thursday and
stayed till about 2 p.m. ... We are expecting M.
Genevieve his dear Mother these days when she gets to
Mildred's in Chicago. M. and Dean are figuring on
bringing her down before joining Neil in N.Y. and going
overseas for coure in Louvain. Love and God's
grace to all, including each of your patients.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1952, October 8

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. FELIX FRIARY
Route 8
Huntington, Indiana

Blessed be God in all His designs.


October 8th 1952

God bless you and love Martha -- you and yours. Hope this - enrollment - speed the hoped-for improvement in Sister Mary Thomas' health. Thank God it hardly ever fail. Fr. - Rt. Rev Mons. - E'd stopped off last Friday at Fort Wayne (25 miles N.E.) and came down and I served his holy mass. He had been East since July. Thanks be to God he was quite successful in his mission efforts and looks well. I had word that Owen was to have an operation that day. We hope this finds him well back on his feet. How little we appreciate our incalculable privileges - blessings of our holy Faith.

Glory be to God.

....Sincerely yours in Christ
God forever bles'd.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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The following is a faithful transcription
of a handwritten postscript by the Servant
of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.
(added to his Brother Edward's letter)

1955, July 15

P.S.

7/15/55


God bless you Owen and Martha.

God bless you and yours these unsettled days - at once of
threatening forebodings and of God's outstanding mercies.

Rt. Rev. Monsignor Edward is about to leave for Ft. Wayne
here since yesterday P.M. He looks well and still seems
pushing as usual. I have started several times these later
months to write you but, God helps! I hardly know where -
15-19 hour days go to -- Fr. Ed. is going now to New York.

Praised be Jesus, Mary, Joseph.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1956, February 5

The following is a faithful transcription of the typed original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. BONAVENTURE MONASTERY
Capuchin Fathers
1740 Mt. Elliott Avenue
Detroit 7, Michigan

Feb. 5, 1956.

Blessed be God in all His designs.

God bless you sister Martha:

Glad to hear from you again, not withstanding the long silence on my part.


I have been here in Detroit doctoring for the last three weeks-not that I have been sick actually, I guess I was run down. I had an operation on a grout /growth/ under my left eye. The doctors say that is healing up nicely.

I started to write to you a number of times, and I had just about finished it, but I cannot put in this letter, because it is about 200 miles from here, at St. Felix, in Huntington. I had written the letter just before Owne's death. May his soul rest in peace.

I surely sympathize with you and yours, and all our dear one and friends, not withstanding the congratulations I offer all his friends for the admirable disposition. Thanks be to God for the grace granted to him and accompanied him in his long heroic struggle for life eternal.

Another beautiful death in the family, for which father and mother prayed for faithfully perseveringly; that all their children would be granted the grace of a happy death.

I am sure glad, that poor brother Pat, with the grace of God is keeping up. I pray and think of him every day. He is next to me in age. He must be 83 now.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1956, February 5

sister Martha
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Please God, I must reach Pat, with a letter soon. Though there so many urgently crying for help, that one heartily known which one to help first. This is almost continually. God's will be done, in all His blessed designs.

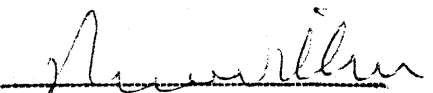
In conclusion let us exhort one another on every occasion to be gratefeful to God for the uncountable graces by which we are surrounded.

I am dictating this letter to one of my brothers, my dear brothers. Brother Gabriel.

With loving regards to Brother Patrick, Sisters M. Genevieve, Margaret and all our dear ones in the West. I remain

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Hearts
of Jesus and Mary,

Your Brother B. - Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1922, December 31

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

December 31st
1922

To My
Dear Brother Patrick
A
Merry Christmastide
God's Blessing for the New Year!

B. Fr. Solanus, O.M. Cap.

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

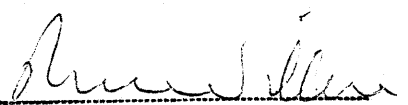
Our Lady Queen of Angels
226 E. 113 St. N.Y. City, N.Y.

December 31st
1922

My Dear Brother Patrick:

Just a line this busy eve to wish you God's Blessing for a Happy New Year.
Love, Best wishes, God's Grace To All.

Deo Gratias!


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1933, November 4

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

(to Mr. Patrick Casey)

Mr. P.H. Casey
McDamon's Post
Dease Lake
British Col.
Canada

November 4


God Bless You Dear Brother:

I hope you are keeping contented. I've been reading of the missions up that way lately and it sure is interesting. Niece Mary was in a few days ago. is well as are seemingly all in the west - and Fr. Maurice Ed. Sampson sends best regards.

Please pardon brevity - stolen time.

Sincerely in Sacred Heart your
Brother B.F.

Fr. Solanus O.M.C.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

The following is a faithful transcription of
the handwritten original message on a Christmas
card by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey,
O.F.M. Cap.

1942, December 17

DAILY COMMUNION

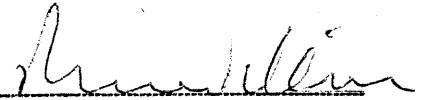
With love and with Christmas blessings to all
Comes the Infant once more to free us from sorrow
Whose love and Whose power and Whose gentleness call
To each heart and Each soul for a manger tomorrow.

Whose love and Whose Wisdom, Whose wonders proclaim
Him the Son of the Virgin as promised of your.
O may He estrange us from sin with its shame
And reign in our hearts as His crib ever more!

God bless you Brother Patrick
Glad to hear your busy.
I hope you keep up your frequent and daily communions.
Lord have mercy on John and Thom. It was a great
consolation to know that they had been practical in
this - John for 17 yrs was daily communicant.
Thanks be to God. Deo Gratias.

....your Bro. B.

Fr. Solanus


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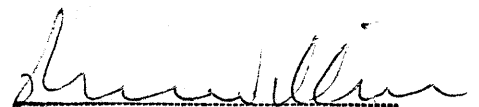
1945, December 8

The following is a faithful transcription
of a handwritten message added to a Seraphic
Mass Association Certificate by the Servant
of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

Patrick H. Casey - that he learn to forgive -
"Blessed are the peace-makers for they shall
be called the children of God."

Feast of the Immaculate Conception 1945
God bless you - My dear Brother Patrick.
Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

Requested by Rt. Rev. E'd. F. J. Casey -
- his Brother



Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

The following is a faithful transcription
of the handwritten original message added to a
Seraphic Mass Association Certificate by the
Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

1947, February 11

Mr. Patrick H. Casey - for speedy recovery, God willing -

-perpetual member


Feast of the Apparition of our Bl. Immaculate Mary. - Febr. 11th - 1947
God bless you Br. Pat. Offer all to Jesus - Who has suffered so much
for us all - for you and me.

My Jesus - Thy will be done. Forgive us our sins.

Deliver us from the flames of Hell. Have mercy on the souls in
Purgatory - Especially the most abandoned.

Don't worry Pat. Rather foster confidence in God's mercy by
thanking Him for every thin - even ahead of time - Please pray for me -

Your Poor Brother - B.F. - Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.C.
Sinner. -


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1950, March 20

The following is a faithful transcription of the typed original by the
Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

SAINT FELIX FRIARY
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA†

FEAST OF ST+ JOSEPH.
1950 A.D.
This Year, March 20th.

Mr. Patrick Casey . Seattle, Washington.

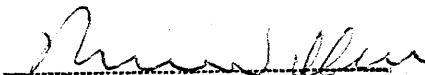
My Dear Brother Patrick; -

God bless you these unsettled days; you and yours. Many thanks for your kind favor of March 12th as also that of a few weeks back, as well as the letter you sent me before Christmas. I am really ashamed of myself not to have answered or acknowledged any of these before. I did start to do so a number of times.

In fact its been on my mind to write you ever since the beautiful death of poor, dear Father Maurice Joachim; who as you know passed from time into eternity on the fifth anniversary of our dear eldest Brother James, January 12th, a year ago, (1949) and by happy coincidence we buried him on the fifty second anniversary of my own receiving of the holy Habit. Glory be to God! I hardly thought of it at the time or realized the beauty or the delicacy of the connection in each case, especially my own - the one five years apart, the other, ten times five plus. The more I think it over the better I appreciate it. Deo Gratias.

I know you have quite some details of that death - that happy transition I hope - from Father Edward - Rt. Rev. Monsignor rather. But new details of anyone we've loved are always welcome and, since he and myself, of all the family and Clan were the only ones present, I feel I owe at least some such particulars. I probably ought to go into quite some more features of so interesting an event but I am a slow writer - only learning to type - and there are so many other things I ought to be doing.

Well to start with; we received a wire from Father Edward Wednesday morning, inside of an hour after M.J.'s passing: "Father Maurice Joachim died the morning at 6:20." Expecting further details and presuming that the funeral would be on Saturday and possibly in St. Paul or Prescott, Wis., I waited till next morning, although when I reached the very Rev. Father Provincial "long distance" at noon same day, in N.Y. he told me without hesitation to go to the Funeral. Of course, you remember Father M.J. had been with us almost ten years before that fearful carbuncle knocked him so completely out.



Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

Mr. Patrick Casey . Seattle, Washington

Father Guardian and Brother Cook brought me to Fort Wayne to catch the Golden Arrow Train on the Pennsylvania, which if on schedule would reach Chicago in time to catch the widely advertised Hiawatha on the "Milwaukee". It had snowed that morning however, and that meant a probable delay in the train service. Sure enough, the Conductor on taking our ticket as we left Fort Wayne lamented their being 25 minutes late, which meant that if they didn't lose any more time in 150 miles to Chicago, we'd make the said Hiawatha and thus reach St. Paul about 7 P.M. On leaving Huntington, however, we had said the Rosary for a favorable trip and safe return and, thanks be to God, I just forgot about worrying that day. The Milwaukee management kindly consented to wait till they got my ticket, though they advised against bothering about a "clerical permit". Mildred and Jean Conley were there and the O'Donnells: - had been trying in my absence to procure said clerical permit, but without success.

I forget if I took dinner on the train but I did take a small lunch, a glass of milk, I believe .25 cents, and was in good shape for a worthwhile supper - and a night's rest when we got to St. Paul. Then only, however, it was that I learned the particulars about the place, time etc. of the Funeral. Grandma Conley with Helen, and John, instead of whiffing me away, stressed that I get back on the train and they with me, went on to Minneapolis. There I should take another train an hour or so later, for Ortenville 200 miles further on; say Holy Mass next morning and thence, go with the Pastor, dear Father George Campbell, by auto the balance of the trip, 20 miles to Graceville. ... The train was not too warm even with an overcoat, so after about six hours or more of trying to sleep, watching the snow-touched landscape, etc, under a

(Unfinished draft)


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1951, December 23

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original message by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

(Message penned on the back of a printed copy of Christopher Notes - the "great movement" he refers to)

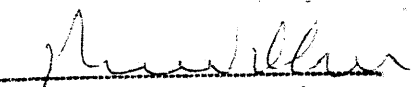
December 23rd 1951.

God bless you Dear Brother Pat.

I hope you're in this great movement. There 7 of us her and each gets a copy. 4:p.m. Br. Owen just phoned from Conley in Chicago. Coming to St. Felix to-night.

Best wishes for Blessed Christmas to all - with perseverance in God's holy grace to the end. -
God bless all.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. C.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1953, July 26

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. FELIX PRIARY
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

Feast of St. Anne
July 26th '53

Blessed be God
In all His designs!

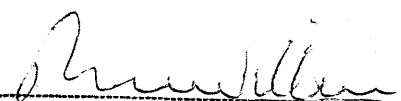
Mr. Patrick Casey
217 - No 1st Ave.
Seattle Wash'n

God bless you My Dear Brother Pat.

I hope this finds you improving on the report received recently from Mildred in Chicago. I offered my holy Mass for you today and have been including you and yours in all my prayers and holy Masses.

I am really ashamed of myself that I write so very seldom. Still, when I am confident that my dear ones are in the grace of God -- keeping up the "good fight" and at the same time when I know so many languishing under their load of temptations -- so often with little or no faith -- I just feel I must do something to encourage and, like-rescue them. There are so many whose faith seems to be chilled and benumbed by materialism and forgetfulness of our primary purpose as rational creatures, viz; gratefully to recognize our greatest Benefactor - our God and Saviour.

I wrote a boyfriend of ours several months ago - Chris Adam - with whom we played and associated in our early boyhood, together with his little sisters, Lottie and Hattie; - poor youngsters! poorly instructed and left orphans at one of the most dangerous periods in life, just blooming into youth. I sent him badges of the Sacred Heart. He, too in his 80s wrote back appreciatively, in a way but seemed content with hardly any reference other than to material existence. "Lottie never married... Hattie did... and has three grown-up children..." He wrote also of his own family and grandchildren. Sorry I can't put my hand on his letter now.



Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1953, July 26

Mr. Patrick Casey

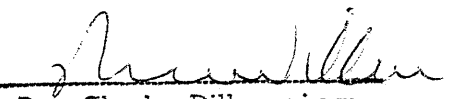
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I am trying to get time to, kinda wake them up to renewed appreciation of the only science that in the end amounts to more than the snap of one's finger, Religion; The Science of our happy dependence on Almighty God and our neighbor. What a real vestibule to Heaven this world would be if everyone would just be convinced and try to live according to that simple definition! Fr. E'd was here with us a whole week in May. A letter from him in White Plains Y. He seems to keep well most of the time. Deo Gr. God bless you again. Keep well.

Sincerely - Your Brother (B.F.)

Fr. Solanus


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1929, August 3

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

(Helena Casey, daughter of John T. Casey)

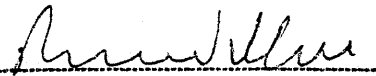
St. Bonaventure Monastery
1740 Mt. Elliott
Detroit, Mich.
August 3rd, 1929

Miss Helena Casey
Seattle Washington-God's Blessing.

My dear Niece Helena:-

It must seem to you a long time now that I have failed to write you. I hardly know how to explain this neglect. True I have been busy; but that should not have held me from acknowledging your cards about Christmas and especially from expressing sympathy with you and our other dear ones so tragically bereaved - January 25th. I wanted to write you a real letter and not sure of your address, I left other duties demand first attention. I have prayed for you, however, and mean to continue to do so. You surely realize by this time something of the necessity we all stand in of praying and of having prayers.... O! could your dear Father but come back now and tell you what it meant for him in the end. Now he realizes better than we possibly can how fortunate he was to have hearkened to the plea Jesus made to His people in Palestine and now to us: "Come to me all ye that labor and are heavily burdened and I will refresh you"..... On vacation, nearly forty years ago he was careful to get to daily Mass if possible. He would work often till ten minutes before Mass began and then run across the field and try to make the mile we lived from Church in time not to be too late. We usually went together and sometimes raced. Daily Communion in those days was never recommended to us as it has been these recent years. How I often regret that it was not. I feel now that we missed so much that would have so strengthened us against the dangers and temptations of youth - the dangers and temptations that even these seemed to engulf so many contemporaries and now perhaps more than ever before.....

O! if we could but peep into eternity occasionally during our earthly existance, as the soul does when it separates from the body, how different would be our "Appreciation.." ...I have not worried about our "John and Tom." I feel with Fr. Maurice that they were and are safe.....I think it must have been his daily Communion that by degrees and imperceptibly made him "see things so differently, especially death."


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius


1929, August 3

Miss Helena Casey

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When he visited me in Yonkers, N.Y. about a year before he married again and seemed so at home with the Capuchins, he remarked one day as we talked things over "...I find no attraction in women any more; but I feel I ought to have someone to be with my little Helena." Well, Jesus sent him that someone, though at the time you probably failed to recognize her as such a "God-send" - for your dear Father at first and immediately, and now more than ever for his Helena, with two others for mutual love and companionship. How beautiful and wonderful are God's ways. And O, how far he surpasses us in generosity! Thanks be to God!!! Praised Be Jesus.....

Fr. Solanus, O.M. Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1934, January 8

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original
by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

St. Bonaventure Monastery
1740 Mt. Elliott
Detroit, Michigan
Jan. 8, 1934
God bless you Helena 10:40 PM
...May He direct you for the
best.

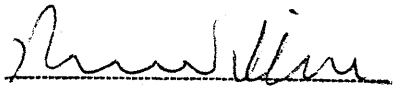
Miss Helena Casey
Los Angeles, California

My Dear Niece Helena:-

The New Year is still in its baby-hood: so I'll wish you all kinds of blessings before it passes as all others so far have gone. If ever I get up with my letters again I'll write to my dear ones more frequently. I hope.....I am glad you have found someone and that someone has found you whereby mutual congeniality seems promising.....That he is older than you is a secondary matter.... Even that he actually knows little about the True Religion might be secondary too, if only he or anyone else be desirous to learn - be willing to find out - and dispel doubts....It is so easy for the Church to vindicate her every Doctrine!!!...How your dear Father John was convinced of this! So much so that tho his death was tragic, it was never the less a holy death. I never worried about that....

Fr. Solanus.

P.S. Preparing for...Speed up your communions.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

c. 1945, October 4

The following is a faithful transcription of the typewritten autograph by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

(written perhaps to Edwin Wilhite)

On the face of a picture of himself, he has written:

How like autumn flowers, bleaches the freshness of youth;
and ideals change like raiments of the soul!

Fr. Solanus

On the back of the picture, he has typed:

Oct. 4th. Feast of St. Francis of Assissi

Bles'd be God in all and each of his designs!

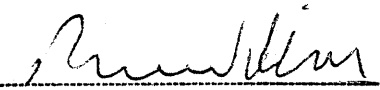
My Dear Nephew Edwin:

May God bless you and give you holy resignation and, of course the crown ineffable that must follow, if perfect. Even in this side of the grave astonishments come as for such Christian virtue.

A certain over-grown John Joseph M., a contemporary of your great-grand-father, a namesake and probably a relative, skipped school at 13 because ashamed to go to class with little boys; joined the British navy, went to the far East; later failed in an enterprise in London, joined the Hudson-Bay Co., joined an Indian tribe and became the famous "Chief Black Eagle of the North." Very charitable to the poor Indians whom, from the beginning he had learned to love, he was called to something greater.

Deep in the wilderness he came across a sort of little clearing and there in the crutch of a big tree met a weather-beaten statue of our Immaculate Mother.....Calling his braves together shortly thereafter he resigned, disposed of his vast estates, went to Rome and five Yrs. later was ordained a priest; returned to Ireland and after several years mission in London became the famous Father John of Cork....Who does not get a taste of the Cross one way or other and, if only with resignation: "The bigger the cross the greater the crown."

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1945, December 14

The following is a faithful transcription of message typed and written on a Christmas Card by the Servant of God Father Solanus Casey O.F.M. Cap.

(to Mrs. Helena Wilhite)

ALWAYS CHRISTMAS EVE

With love and with Christmas blessings to all
Comes the INFANT once more to free us from sorrow.
Whose love and Whose grace and Whose gentleness call
To each heart and each soul for a manger tomorrow.

Whose Birth and Whose power and Whose wonders proclaim
Him, the Son of the VIRGIN as promised of yore.
O! May He estrange us from sin with its shame! --
And reign in our hearts as His crib evermore.

Fr. Sol.

TO KNOW GOD -- MY WONDERFULLY PRIVILEGED PURPOSE.

God made me to know Him. O! What a blessed aim!
To love Him and serve Him sure rests in the same.
It's HEAVEN BEGUN for the GRATEFUL on earth
To treasure aright ! ? ! HIGHEST HEAVEN its worth.

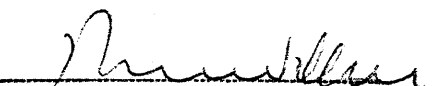
Fr. Sol.O.F.M.Cap.

The Grace of God be with
you - All and each -
and His peace which surpasseth.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

P.S. Would be glad to hear from little Casey M.
Tell him I said he is old enough now to think
the responsibility and the privilege of working
at his own Eternal salvation.

Fr. Sol.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1946, February 28

The following is a faithful transcription of the typed original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
225 JEROME STREET
BROOKLYN 7 N. Y.
February 28th, 1946

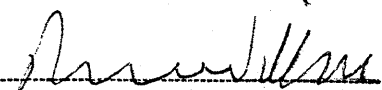
Mrs. E'd Helena Wilhite
1338 Redondo Blv'd
Los Angeles, California

My dear Niece Helena and Nephew Edward:

God bless you both and all you are interested in. I've had your letter of January 10th here before me on the desk ever since; hoping to get chance and time to send you a worth-while answer. Of course I've been hoping for brighter outlook and better word than what that letter would seem to intimate. Yesterday, however, I received an interesting letter from Martha to the effect that all are well in Seattle and down the Coast, with one or two exceptions and Helena's Husband, E'd Wilhite. From all reports he, your same Edward, has been suffering something similarly to what Father Maurice Joachim went through twenty years ago, when it seemed he was about done for. Yet think how remarkable is his stomach Today. Thanks be to God. I received a good letter from him last week. Both he and Father Edw'd are well. Thanks be to God and our Bl. Mother Mary.

Now I am going to give you briefly something from my "NOTES ON CASES THROUGH THE SERAPHIC MASS ASSOCIATION", that for several years I was making while in Detroit: Just one case in perhaps more than a thousand,-- a number of them not only fearful tumors but of most positive and threatening cancer.

May 25th, 1945. "Mrs. Catherine Nagle - 45 - mother of eight children, opened up for operation two weeks ago (May 9th) in Providence Hospital. Found to be so hopelessly full of cancer that the Drs, simply closed her up again as '...never to leave the hospital alive.' "Has been enrolled in Ser. Mass Association several times. Today her husband enrolls the Poor Souls specially (10); - whole family storming Heaven by daily Communion...." Mother comes home To-day; unable to take any nourishment...


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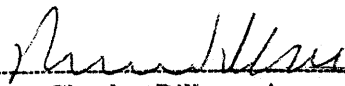
May 29th. "Mrs Nagle as above May 25th. Thanks be to God: fearful pains and swelling gone from abdomen, has good appetite and eating fine. Husband enrolls Poor Souls again in thanksgiving."

Sept. 14th, Brooklyn, N. Y. "Mrs. Nagle as noted above May 25 and 29th, here Today in perfect health....."

I hardly know what to do to keep the letters here from piling up. Otherwise I'd give you a number of the cases that we've had here at St. Michael's lately. I feel I must give you the second last note of the very few I have time and call to record.

Feb. 15, 1946. "...Catherine Mahon of Woodside, L. I. enrolled August 25th, 1945, having lost nearly half of her brain by operation on "brain-tumor" - doctors absolutely hopeless of her recovery. Two days later an enrollment was sent for the Poor Souls. From that day she began to come back to herself. For several weeks was unable to remember - even faces - consequently could not recognize anyone.... Now, thanks be to God, the brains seem to have grown back in place. She is figuring on coming to St. Michael's as soon as the weather permits. Again Deo Gratias.

But why worry? "To worry about anything" St. Therese, the Little Flower claims, "is to indicate a want of confidence in God." She very likely speaks of excessive worrying; and yet, why should we worry about anything - tumors? Cancers? Death? Why not rather turn to God, Whose solicitude for our individual welfare - temporarily as well as spiritually - puts all created solicitude out of the picture. Why not foster confidence in His divine Providence by humbly and in all child-like humility venture to remind Him - remind Him in the Person of our divine Brother Jesus - that we are His children - that we are, and at least want to be reckoned as amongst His "little ones"; and therefore, thank Him frequently for, not only the blessings of the past and present, but thank Him ahead of time for whatever He foresees is pleasing to Him that we suffer, and this not only in general but in each particular case - leaving everything absolutely in His divine disposal, including with all its circumstances, when, where, and how He may be pleased to dispose the event of our death.


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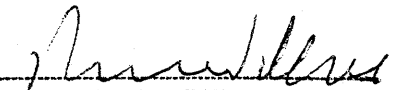
Mrs. E'd Helena Wilhite

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Try something like this and see if it don't bring you a big increase of peace and contentment. In my opinion there is hardly anything else that the enemy of our souls dreads more than confidence - humble confidence in God. The lives of the saints abound with examples of this virtue. Perhaps no where more beautifully than in the example of St. Joseph with Mary, God's living Tabernacle seeking an abode wherewith to give us Salvation. What an example of confidence it must have been to their thousand guardian angels - as Venerable Mary of Agreda was instructed to inform us, Mary had from the day of her Immaculate Conception. What an edification! And again what a surpassing reward that followed! What a HOLY NIGHT for them indeed! - a HOLY NIGHT, the positive dawn of humanity rescued.

There has been something else in my mind, however, that I wanted to bring to your consideration. How about proposing to adopt one or more little ones - of whom Jesus assures us: "What you have done for the least of my brethren, you have done to me", if E'd give the doctors a surprise and get well?

I find it always practical, especially in cases where all human scientific help is despaired of, to just turn to the divine author of all good - always solicitous to be asked for favors - and with all the confidence we can muster, propose something that we are assured is pleasing to Him if we be only spared --?, or be granted the booned favor. But, to even try to raise children for God and society is so manifestly pleasing to God - and this, whether they be procured by natural generation or by adoption (seemingly quite a matter of indifference to Him), that He has given a specially beautiful coloring to the love of those whose privilege it is to have become earnest faithful parents. So that quite appropriately the song of the Psalmist may be here also applied: "...O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are His judgements and how unsearchable His ways!" (Rom. XI)


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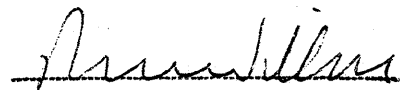
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Mrs. E'd Helena Wilhite
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I am herewith enclosing a letter of Fr. Edward's - rather a copy of Msgs' that will speak for itself. I wish to stress the verse I have underlined: "God condescends to use our powers, if we don't spoil His plans by ours." Because He is always planing wonders for the patient and the humble. Hence His own blessed words: "...Unless ye be converted and become as little children..." Now I'll have to say Good Night. I had hoped to reach you with this before Sunday but I rather fear I am too late for that now.

God bless you all again.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1946, April 6

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
225 JEROME STREET
BROOKLYN 7, N.Y.
April 6th, 1946

Mrs. Helena C. Wilhite
Los Angeles, California

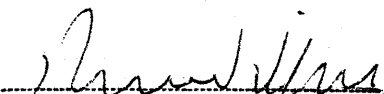
My Dear Niece Helena;-

God bless you and yours. Many thanks for your regards in sending me the telegram of your dear Edwin's passing - from time to eternity, from transitory struggling common to mortals, to the destiny, we trust where anxiety and struggling for existence gives place to confidence and union with every ideal ever dreamed of. If not this directly and fully, at least, please God, shortly to gain the crown and to hear the long hoped for greeting always awaiting the just and humble: "Come ye Blessed blessed of my Father possess to joys prepared for you..."

Now you are not only a orphan but a widow also. What does that mean? For you and for any one who have real faith and Christian hope it ought to mean "Another string broken that tends to bind our hearts to earth." It ought to mean that you you have now another faithful dear one as we confidently hope, a loving husband to pray for you beyond the grave together with your saintly Mother and Father and so many who have loved you and gone ahead. What a wonderful doctrine and consoling to think of our dear ones awaiting us with not only lited candles but greeting us at our arrival with music and hymns of heavenly sweetness....I've been thinking often of the really touch- family - reunion last summer in Seattle. But what about the great reunion awaiting the arrival of the just in Heaven!.....I am inclined rather to congratulate you therefore, on another friend praying for you and awaiting your arrival as we hope Ed is..

Fr. Solanus

Always planing for our very best -- "God condescends to use our powers If we don't spoil His plans by ours."


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1948, June 1

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ST. FELIX FRIARY
HUNTINGTON, IND.
June 1st, 1948

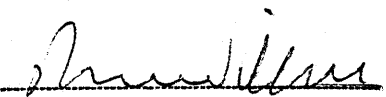
Mrs. Helena Casey Wilhite
324 19th Place
Manhattan Beach, California

My Dear Niece Helena:

God bless you and yours. I hope this finds you continuing in good health and hopes and that things are brightening their smiles in your direction. I am surely pleased to know of John and Marian doing better and sailing along more smoothly with their nice little family. Thanks be to God for the grace to do so. I started to write them away last winter - both of them - but was mostly in bed for a couple of months and that took quite a little pep out of me, so that for several long weeks I was able to do very little. I started to write Dorothy and Charles D'Amico too a number of times as well as yourself but I just do not know where the time flies to.

We are sending an enrollment card for deceased Thomas Patrick La Plante to his poor, bereaved parents as directed.

Now as to that primary problem of your own. I am not at all surprised that as time slips by and wounds of social bereavements heal, God's laws in common life as well as in the supernatural should seek to adjust their claims. I have no doubt but that our dear Lord and His blessed Virgin Mother has provided a remedy where-by to fully supply what He permitted for a time to be withdrawn from your social and family existence, - a sweet mother-love, a dear father-love, a devoted husband-love. Only just keep on praying for God's merciful guidance - for self and associates - and in His divine wisdom God will not fail you in His guidance for the best.


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Between the two outlooks in Seattle and Los Angeles, I am inclined to favor that in the former. This especially if the judge's daughters (are) old enough to take care of themselves and their father's house. In such cases there is nearly always the danger of jealousy. I hardly need tell you of examples in this phase of social wanderings: for as Moore rightly muses:

"Poor wanderers of a stormy day,
from wave to wave we're driven;
And fancy's flash and reason's ray
serve but to light the troubled ways;
There's nothing calm but Heaven."

As for the financial or business affairs referred to, I just do not like to dabble into them. I will pray that the good God guide things - that He dispose everyone concerned, more and more to consider the great profit conscientious administration of temporalities can be to souls that try to become imbued with the positive conviction that only lovers of justice can possess the Kingdom of Heaven and to be children of God we must be lovers of Peace. Disregard for the claims of justice -- under whatever pretext -- has always been a manifestation of - to say the very least, of shallow thinking. Rather I would say its a betrayal of a want of real thinking. In fact it seems to me that the all-outstanding character(istic) of atheism is nothing other than just disregard for justice and truth. Atheism, to every normally thinking mind a most blasphemous suggestion of the devil; the "omega" - climax - of intellectual and moral depravity at once; the hopeless conclusion and the desperate refuge of shallow thinking, of degenerate minds and of really damned fools, - their primary leader none other than Lucifer himself the outstanding prince of diabolical deceivers and -- by God's permission -- dictator in-chief in the kingdom of Hell.


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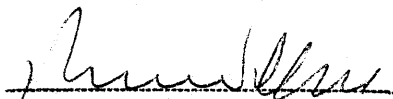
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Only just recently I received a communication as coming from our stigmatic Capuchin the famous Pater Pio, at San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. It is given as like a revelation to him from our dear Lord; and to my mind, in these days of so appalling advances of atheism as just about what is coming to this generation, so fearfully apostatizing from faith in God; which of course means from hope in the divine and from supernatural charity.

Here is how it starts out:

"With frightful roar of thunder I will come upon this sin-laden globe in a cold winter night. Scorching winds will precede this disturbance, and violent quakes will shake the earth. Flashes of lightening from fiery masses of clouds will set on fire and turn to ashes all that is in league with sin or is infected and corrupted by it, so that it must be destroyed.

Then the human race shall realize that there is an all-powerful will over it, which will bring to naught its empty plans of gain glory. The wrath of God at the hands of destroying angel will permanently cut down all the forces impregnated with deceitful and blasphemous sophisms which cannot nor never could be the teachings of My Gospel.When the angel of death shall begin to carry out his lethal mission with the avenging sword of justice, and when hell shall cast itself in uproar and rage upon the just, especially on my victim souls, to destroy them with its frightening terrors, then it is that your faith and confidence in me must be firm as a rock. I will protect you; I will give you a sign which will indicate the beginning of My judgements."


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"Men proposes; but God disposes" is an old proverb that has borne out truth of Scripture millions of times. And just these days of Atomic invention, it would seem that God might be permitting men without faith to be preparing the fearfully poisoned lightening fires with which He will arm His angels of wrath on an adulterous, defiant, atheistic generation.

Another few lines from above referred-to:

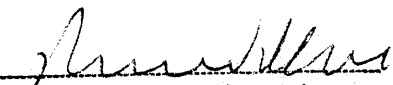
"In a cold winter night I will let thunder resound over the earth so that the very mountains will quiver. Quickly close your doors and windows; veil all vision to the outside world. Let not your eyes profane the most terrible of all happenings with curious glances; for thrice holy is the wrath of God which will purify the earth for you, my remaining faithful flock. Commit yourselves to the protection of My holy Mother; and be not dismayed...."

Thanks be to God for all things!

Fr. Solanus Praised be Jesus!

P.S. What I'd like to stress is the very insanity of trying to reckon on anything material these days as amounting to anything of importance aside from its use in promoting the glory of God and charity toward lifting humanity -- and the necessarily very short time such material things hold their evaluation, etc.

P.S. II Dear Helena I am sending your letter on to Fr. E'd..... Self understood you need not give - deliver the inclosed cards but if opportune - of course.


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1953, December 16

The following is a faithful transcription of the typed and printed message by the Servant of God Father Solanus Casey O.F.M.Cap.

ST. FELIX FRIARY
Huntington, Indiana

Dec. 16, 1953

Dear Helena, God bless you & Merry Christmas!

Thank you for your letter and the alms enclosed.
May God reward you for your charity!

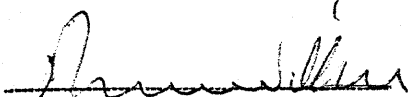
Be assured of our prayers for your intentions,
especially during Holy Mass each morning.

May the Lord give you His peace!

Gratefully yours,

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

Remembering you in my prayers and all your intentions.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1954, March 12

The following is a faithful transcription of a message to Helena Groth, written at the end of a copy of a letter dated October 4, 1915 by Mrs. Ella Traynor, by the Servant of God Fr. Solanus Casey O.F.M.Cap.


(to Helena Wilhite Groth)

Huntington, Ind.
March 12th, 1954

"What is religion anyway?" asked a little 8 year-old. "What is Religion re Echoed in the ears of several. "Ah!" came an Earnest answer, "Religion is not only a science; Its the science of all science. It is the science of our happy dependence (we being each our own first neighbor) on God and our neighbor."

God bless you Helena -
you and yours.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.


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1954, April 16

The following is a faithful transcription of an autograph on a photo by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F. M.Cap.

Below the picture of himself he has written:

Still only half converted - at it since Oct. 1870. In front of St. Felix Chapel.

- Fr. Solanus.

On the reverse side of the picture he has written:

April 16th Good Friday 1954

Rational mortal: - 2nd Q. Why did God make you?

God made me to know Him. O What a bles'd aim!

To love Him and serve Him sure rests in the same.

Its Heaven-begun for the grateful, on earth. -

To treasure a'right! ? Highest Heaven its worth.

There is nothing more rational in reason than to love God.

By stifling reason and gratitude sin begets atheism. Atheism?

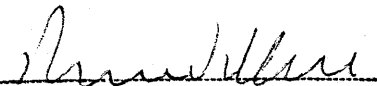
The unqualified climax at once of intellectual insanity, of moral degeneracy, of diabolical blasphemy.

Holy Saturday. God bless you Margaret - you and yours. I hope you keep well these days.....Ah! days, as it would seem when atheism - the voice of Anti Christ - is demanding and getting a hearing. Barabas still preferred?....

Bless'd be God in all-----

Fr. Solanus

(above was received from Helena Wilhite Groth)


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c. 1930, April

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SAINT BONAVENTURE'S MONASTERY

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

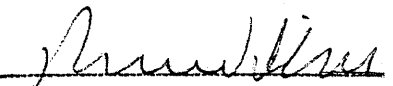
Mrs. Margaret T. LeDoux
985 St. Mary Ave.
San Leandro, California

My Dear Sister Margaret Therese;-

God bless you and all yours! I do hope you are keeping well. Best wishes from all in Detroit - Francis Molloy & family, who were here yesterday; Doonans, Sampsons, etc.; also from our niece Mary Casey, Jim's daughter and of course from Father Maurice - now Fr. Joachim, O.F.M. Cap., of Huntington, Indiana. His address St. Felix Monastery Route 8. Thanks be to God he seems well and hopeful of making profession in September.

No doubt it must seem to you at times that I forget all about my one-time little sisters and brothers. I know I seldom write and am tardy in answering them when they write to me; at least I feel somewhat guilty that way. Be that as it may, I hardly think there is a day passes but what I remember you all. I have here before me letters started to the above S.M.T. Jan. 24th, Feb. 24 and March 25. That of Feb. nearly finished; yet...? This ought to be a sort of indication that I at least sometimes do remember you. The fact of it is, I believe, that as time and distance separate me from the scenes and associations of my childhood and youth my recollections of both become sweeter and more reinviting -...! ...But...! The future holds a better part,...."

Surely we were fortunate children that the Good God gave us such sturdy, honest, virtuous parents. How can we ever be grateful enough? Thanks be to God! May their dear souls rest in the peace of the blessed! I often think of the wonderful designs of Divine Providence as revealed in the plans and strivings of these and similar "children of St. Patrick" - so often pioneers indeed. In the case of our own dear Parents, e.g.; how they were directed from city-life in Boston and Philadelphia away to "The River Bank". At that time Prescott must have been little more than a village; and judging what the Eagle Rock - four, miles down the river - must have been at that time from what it was 15 years later, when I stayed two weeks at Aunt Mary Ann's, one might get an idea of what a perfect hermitage in the wilderness might be.

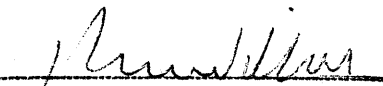

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Here it was smiling down on the "Father of Waters", that five of us were privileged to breath our first morning air and "sing our first baby music". No doubt little Bernard must have been proficient in that music; because it was during his term of baby-hood that Papa went blind with the ague - when for two weeks he had to be led by the hand, and his little namesake got a rupture from which he never completely recovered. Like in all other trials, however, the Good God had His designs herein also, and we can say with fullest conviction and in all gratitude To-day: "The Lord knows best." May He be in all His plans eternally praised! How we must have thrived there in real unworldliness and Innocence! Dangers of course were not wanting, to keep dear Father and Mother "on edge" and often, no doubt in anxiety. Wild beasts and rattle-snakes seem to been the most common cause of such anxiety, though two of our little cousins were drowned together just below our little retreat, in the River - otherwise so generous, so noble, so majestic.

Trimbelle too!!! How removed! How primitive! How picturisque! How rich in its varity and abundance of wild flowers and fruits and nuts and berries!!! - with beautiful patches of grove to our west, illimitable forests off to the East (down on the "bottoms" and across the Willow River of that county. They call it the Trimbelle. To the South, were vallies and rolling prairies down to Diamond Bluff five miles below on the Mississippi - a fair pasture field for cattle as well as deer and other wild animals. But it was also a fair race-track for our most dreaded enemy the prairie-fire, that nearly every year would darken the sky in its crackling rush toward us through abundance of wild grass, prairie-tea, hazel and other brush. On such occasions "Lamb's Road", running east & west on ridge about 30 rods to our south nearly always proved a great protection. If the gale were not too strong our dear neighbors would have time to come to our rescue, as they often did by lineing up along that road and preventing the the fire from crossing. It was just a private road to a twenty-acre field off to our S.E. from the Miller farm on our S.W. The public road, such as it was, ran just past our little log cabin - a one-story mansion about 12 x 30 feet. You may smile at this title I honor it with, especially when you learn that it had a single partition only below, "the bed-room" -- Father and Mother on the one side and the little girls, Ellie and Maryann and little Mattie on the other - and the loft above where little boys slept and in the morning sometimes played till they quarreled as little boys are wont to do. An ordinary man could walk straight down stairs, but there was one young J.B. Fahey - six foot two - who was careful not to bump his head on the cross-joices and, therefore, had to stoop a little.....The only door led in from the sunny end while a single window on each side let in the light.


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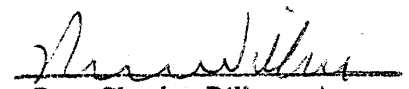
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Winters were often severe and snow-banks sometimes mounted as high as the top of the gabel roof: but poor, dear Father took care before the cold weather set in, to bank well wherever he might, so that we were fairly comortable no matter how the wind howled or the mercury sank.

You'll be wondering soon, more than before if I keep on in this strain, how it might be called a mansion. Well, every decent mansion has a chapel of some demensions.... Ours was at times all chapel, and at times something of a church. As long as we lived in that little abode - a "hovel" possibly outside but clean and neat as a palice within - we were wont to say our morning and night prayers together; and on Sundays at 10 a.m., Father woud read Mass Prayers. Of course when the weather permitted and the roads were anyway decent he would trudge away to church about six miles taking short cuts distant. Then Ellie or James or one of the others would lead the prayers. Sometimes they seemed pretty long. It was on such a Sunday that Papa and Jime had gone to church when we saw the black clous of smoke rising from the far side of some of the hills off to the South. The wind was pretty strong too and poor dear Mother seemed quite anxious - giving instructions what to do and getting ready for what must have looked probable, a burn out. Ellie scratched a little "hoe-mark" out in front of the house and sprinkled holy water in it about half way down to the barn. By this time the fire was crackling through the grass and brush this side of Lam's Road and the smoke rolled over our heads in thick, dark clouds. Then the barn took fire, some ten rods east of the house, and we all went down, carying some bed-clothes, to the lone tree that for a long time stood in the middle of the original four-acre field.

This, I think, must have been about the second summer we lived in Trimbelle. Because we had a new field, if I remember right, of about six acres and the great oaks over to the N. East, among which the prairie chickens at first played and danced were gone; And as we were huddled together under said lone tree (my own little face hidden in Mother's dress from the smoke) I heard Mother saying in accents of relief: "Thanks be to God! some of the neighbors have come and let the pig out". It was a big white one and had broken out of the pen itself where it had been a contented prisoner right near the barn. We saw it running for safety. Papa and James got home shortly after Noon and some of the neighbors came to sympathise with us. It seemed a fresh clear day but our barn was in ruins and the hills were black in every direction, except our fields and up to the N.W. where the fire did not cross the highway. In fact, I do not think it crossed

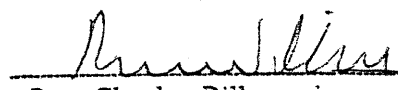

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said highway except to burn our barn..... Two slight vallies joined at the foot of the N.E. corner of the garden and formed quite a ravine running northward between the old and the new fields. This was joined by one or two others from the side in its course down to the "Big Ravine", a beautiful valley, that curved northward and then eastward among some of the most picturisque hills that I have ever seen -- off to loose itself in the bottoms of the Trimbelle. These hills and lowlands formed a great part of our pasture-lands where we boys, especially Maurice and I till he leaft for Stillwater to study, used to watch the cattle and study our catechism. Sometimes we'd roll rocks down the hill-sids - great amusement for boys! - or pick perries or fish and swim till the cattle would stray away and get into mischief and then we would have our own anxieties finding them. Sometimes we got our medicine for carelessness; more frequently, perhaps, we es

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1931 August 16

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ST. BONAVENTURE'S MONASTERY
1740 Mt. Elliott Avenue
Detroit, Mich.

Aug 16 1931

11 a.m.
St. Joachim

Rev. Fr. M. E. Joachim Casey, O.M. Cap.
Yonkers, N. Y.


My Dear Brother: -

Just a line while I have time to congratulate you and wish you every blessing. Mary Casey just phoned - is coming out this p.m. to have a little visit, before going back to-night to camp. Her mother Emma scalded herself recently rather badly and James Jr. had an operation on his leg.otherwise things seem about as usual on the Coast.

I wrote Fr. Edward a few days ago - have not had word from him in a long time. I know he has very little time for himself - what quite pleases him, I think. God bless you now and all my old friends in "City of fine Schools, Villas & Terraces"

..... in Corde SSm. ...

Fr Solanus, O. M. Cap.


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1938, December 15

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December 15th, 1938

Rev. M. E. Joachim Casey
Saint Anthony Monastery
Marathon, Wisconsin

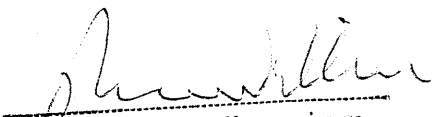
My Dear Brother, Father Joachim:--

God bless you and I hope you are well--trying at least to be contented. I started to write you on the beautiful Feast of our Blessed Mother, the Immaculate Conception; being as it was the 42nd anniversary of the happy day of my vocation to St. Bonaventure's. Thanks be to God and the same His Blessed Immaculate Mother. As often happens, however, I did not get far with my letter that day; so now, before the octave passes, I'll try once more. This I've wanted to do out of gratitude for such a vocation to such an order and, I might say, especially for the grace of learning so quickly to love the Order--notwithstanding my prejudice on coming hither as I did, half against my will.

I offered my rosary this morning out in the crisp, moon-light air for your intentions and your guidance. I am confident that though, like the rest of us--poor children of Eve--you have your difficulties, your temptations, your falls even, and your occasional little triumphs, our dear Lord will keep you from serious blunderings. In fact, not only this, but notwithstanding your very sad blunderings in the past--possibly worse than my own, possibly not so bad--I still hope and pray that in the few years left us, you may do something to make up for lost time; something to save your soul and gain the one victory, the one crown, the only triumph really worthy a rational creature's every effort. The "few years" did I say??? Who can tell? We hope so, of course, if it be God's holy will; but O! How uncertain! ... it may be tomorrow they'll say of you or of me or of each of us: "He is gone."

If either of us live ten years longer it will be passing the old-age mark for our clan. And after all, what's the difference if we only be ready? Nay, if it be tomorrow or fifty years hence, if we only save our immortal souls? What's the difference?

But dear Father Maurice Joachim: I hardly know what to say or to think of your proposition to write back to your old


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diocese, to a prelate you've possibly never met and who has possibly never heard of Father Joachim. Naturally you would hope to be received with open arms, --dreaming as you probably do, of some cozy little place just smiling across the Wisconsin hills at you. Ah dear Fr. Maurice Joachim! You may be sure, such would be only dreaming. Your age and your experience should rather exclude such dreams as belonging to the long ago. This we might think especially, considering your years of dreaming when and how you might get away from the world to a monastery. Think of it, dear Father Joachim

Nearly five and thirty years back, while still in the mail service, you wrote on the feast that since has become your own name-day: "...This is my plan' and I want you to let me know what you think of it.I'll try it out for a year or so and if it goes then I'll join yours or some other holy order. If it don't go, I'll be a lay-brother. And if that fails, then by George I'll get married and go out West and be as useful to God and man as I can, a secular I'll never be." You wrote that from Prairie Avenue, Chicago. I showed your letter to dear, old Father Bonaventure, ex-Provincial at the time, and Fr. Superior in Yonkers, where I was stationed (for 14 years following). May his dear soul rest in peace. He was pleased with your letter and said: "...He has good intentions. Tell him to go ahead.." The next letter I received from you, you were back in college after twenty years vacation. This time in Berlin--now Kitchener--Ontario. Your handwriting on the envelope presaged your sentiments within: "...I have found the peace again I looked for so long, and in this I feel amply repaid for the sacrifice it took to give up everything."

What a practical experience,--a grace to convince you that sacrifice willingly made for God's sake is always a small sacrifice for results sure to follow. Deo Gratias!

Dear Brother --Dear Father M. J. : You've long since wanted to be a real missionary. So has your brother whom you have led (according to age, three years in advance) wished to be indeed a missionary...When are we to start? Whither shall we turn to find a field wherein our zeal will be profitable to souls and appreciated? Shall we go to the ends of the earth, or shall we, convinced that Charity, rightly ordered, begins at home? Shall we begin right in our own hearts?

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As, dear Maurice; if, 'what we do for our own souls is 100% for the glory of God, then surely we don't need to go far for mission work. After all, we have just one soul--and only--that we must save. Should we in the end save everyone else in the whole world and not save our own soul, what would it profit us? (What wretchedly poor work! Interrupted again and again: I'd do it all over had I another day. Deo Gratias!

O Brother Dear! Why are we all so stupid? We are all alike in a way. We worry our heads and our hearts about many things like Martha and almost totally undervalue the invitation--most beautiful of all--"learn of me because I am meek and humble of heart." Mary the Penitent understood it and Jesus praised her for her appreciation.....It seems to me that, were we only to correspond to God's graces, continually being showered down on everyone of us, we would be able to pass from being great sinners one day to be great saints the next.

The following are a few lines from a letter received a day or two back. It is from a one-time leading religious and writer, who seemingly is having a purgatory of things these past few years. "... to the good God who must sorrow even more than I do over this situation, "I have indeed come to know that I am nothing, I have nothing and can do nothing, and all that remains is a tiny flicker of a weak will 'to want' to remain faithful and persevere, no matter what the cost."

I am enclosing a copy of the rhyme-letter you gave to Fr. ex-Provincial two years ago. It will do you good to read it over whenever you be inclined to play with "the blues." Friends of ours here offered to make a number of copies to send to anyone I might wish. Besides this, I cam across a description of dear, old Father's death, written shortly after he died. Wishing to get a copy of it before I'd send the original to the oldest of the Family, these friends made copies of it too, one of which I am herewith enclosing. Incidentally, Christmas Eve will be the tenth anniversary of the writer's funeral. R.I.P. I believe you had the Mass, with six of her brothers pall-bearers --two of whom you had the privilege, sad as it must have been, of laying to rest just a month later. R.I.P.

In Corde Jesu,
Fr. Solanus. Oremus Invicem
Deo Gratias


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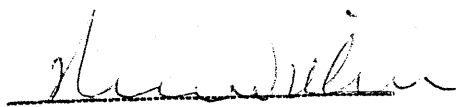
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P.S. Dec. 23rd. I hope this may contribute in some way to speed your ideal dispositions for a Merry Christmas in the dear Lord. Tomorrow will be the 42nd anniversary of my first entering in St. Bonaventures--had left Superior December 21st at 11 P.M.

Praised Be Jesus and Our
Blessed Mother Mary

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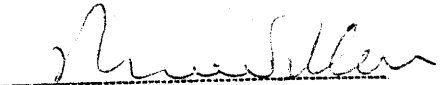
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(added to the bottom of a letter from Rev. Maurice Joachim Casey dated December 8, 1938)

NOTE:

The following letter from my eldest sister, Mrs. Eila (Casey) Traynor, who taught me my ABCs and next to dear Mother my prayers, describes dear Father's last struggles and beautiful death. The writer herself has since passed away, having been burried Christmas Eve 1928. May their dear souls rest in the peace of the saints!

Fr. (Bernard) F. Solanus Casey,
O.F.M.Cap.


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1941, July 24

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ST. Bonaventure's Monastery
1740 Mt. Elliott Ave.
Detroit, Michigan

July 24, 1941

Rev. M. Joachim Casey
Mount Hope
Baltimore, M'd.

My Dear Brother -- Father M. Joachim:

God bless you and yours. I've been trying to get in touch you for weeks. -- Am sending you herewith Jim's letter received last Monday.

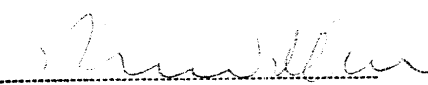
There is since I started this card just a dozen people came in waiting. I wanted to tell you about the jubilee we had out in Royal Oak. There was surely a grand crowd . . . about fifty priests -- bishops and sisters. (3 Capuchins)

God bless you again and - - - - -

Oremus pro invicem

In Cord Jesu

Fr. Solanus


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Detroit, Mich.

June 8th 1944

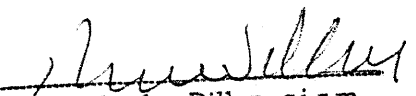
Rev. M. E. Joachim Casey
Mt. Hope, Baltimore, Maryland.

My Dear Brother Maurice, Father Joachim:--

God bless you and yours--
including my poor self I hope. I received your welcome letter
yesterday and, while there is a silent note therein of dis-
satisfaction, that I can hardly be surprized at or blame you
for, yet I am more than pleased and I thank God for what, in my
opinion, must please Heaven better than any success you ever
had--or could have without it--on missions, parishes or catechism
teachings. Thank God for your tone of patient resignation, at
once a great promoter and a fruit of Christian humility. God
himself has provide in your present trying circumstances, a mill
in His wisdom and in His mercy for your refinement in these virtues
that pleas Him most. It seems to me a most hopeful indication if,
notwithstanding your blunders as well as your successes for three
and thirty years in the holy Priesthood--in the brunt of the warfare,
therefore--and especially under your present trying circumstances,
you can still sigh: "Non nobis Domine! non nobis...". Its God and
His holy grace more than anything else that we ought thak. Blessed
be His Holy Name!

About a year ago, on occasion of his 60th anniversary as
a priest the renowned Pastor of Ironton, Ohio--outstanding lecturer
and writer--Father Cotter, told of his saintly and venerated sister
then recently deceased, that when he had come into her presence after
just hearing all kinds of laudations on occasion of his jubilee ten
years before, she earnestly and honestly exclaimed: "O James! How
we ought to thank God that for these fifty years He has never per-
mitted you to/any real scandal."

So dear Brother, Fr. Joachim: let us be grateful to God for
everything--the knocks we get as well as the consolations. ... and
do not blame the Father Chaplain too severely if he seem unduly
exactng, etc. Of all positions he has one that in my opinion must

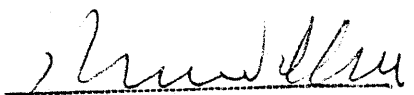

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at times be on his nerves. Who can doubt that at times, now and then at least, he must be up against delicate cases? Rather continue to pray for him and for all connected with the institution. They all have their difficulties and there is none without their defects. Who is to blame? God could have founded His Church and left/under the supervision of angels, that have no human faults and weaknesses. But who can doubt that as it stands today, consisting of and under the supervision of poor sinners--successors to ignorant fishermen--that it is more of a "standing miracle" than in any other way thinkable? Could not the same thing be said of practically every charitable institution? It seems to me that our task--our privilege--ought to be just to help along in some trifling way. In a way, the big things are really not so important. There is always some one ready to take care of such--even if, like Judas, they make a botch of it. But what a privilege to take care of trifles that only our guardian-angels enjoy and God himself can divinely appreciate! --sweeping, pulling weeds, picking potato-bugs, etc. etc.

How trifling! or suffering little mortifications, offering little ejaculatory prayers, dropping a word of sympathy, etc. all trifles. But "trifles make perfection and perfection is never a trifle. Perfection is divine. In God's sight--who can doubt--the world itself is made up of trifles If we were but a tenth as appreciative as we ought to be, how happy we would be simply in our creation and the faculties we're endowed with and the divine promises eternal reward!

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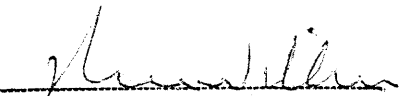
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Mt. Hope Baltimore, Baltimore.

My Dear Brother, Father Joachim:--

God bless you and yours-- my poor self I hope included. I received your letter yesterday and, while there is a silent note therein of dissatisfaction that I can hardly be surprized at or blame you for, yet I am more than pleased and I thank God for the wonderful progress you've made in what must, in my opinion, please Heaven better than all your success on the Rocky-Mountain Missions or at catechism in parishes or hospitals, etc. In other words, your profiting by the outstanding opportunity God himself, in His wisdom and mercy has been providing for you in the mill of humiliation.--"No humiliation, no humility; no humility, no real virtue." (S. Bernard). It's God and His holy grace more than anything else we ought thank that you, after three and thirty years in the Holy Priesthood, in the brunt of the "warfare, therefore, you can still cling to your motto: "NON NOBIS DOMINE NON NOBIS!" This we may say especially under your present circumstances to say--and to act what we proclaim to God: "Not to us O Lord! not to us, but to Thy Name be the glory given!"

About a year ago, on occasion of his 60th anniversary to the Priesthood, the renowned Pastor of Ironton, Ohio--outstanding writer and lecturer --Father Cotter, told of his saintly and venerated sister, then recently deceased, that when he had come into her presence after just hearing all kinds of laudations on occasion of his Jubilee ten years before, she exclaimed earnestly and honestly: "O James! How we ought thank God that for these fifty years He has never permitted you to give any real scandal!"

So, dear Brother Maurice, Fr. Joachim: do not blame poor Father Chaplain if he seems unduly exacting, etc. If he were not a conscientious priest he would hardly be in such an extremely trying position. For who can doubt that at least now


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Quite the same might be said of any charitable institution. So keep up your prayers and patience and resignation for God's blessed sake; and be sure He is watching all and will never be outdone in generosity. Nor will He ever fail in what He assures: "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Who has not sadly experienced the opposite: "He that exalteth himself shall be humbled"? How can we ever thank the merciful God that we still have a chance to humble ourselves and to merit!

Fraternally in Corde Jesu,

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.


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1945, October 2

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
225 Jerome Street
Brooklyn 7, N. Y.

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels
October 2, 1945

My Dear Brother -- Fr. M. Joachim:

God bless you and yours. I meant to write you a letter to-day a number of times and now its 11 P.M. Well, how can we thank the Good God for all His patience with us and all the graces lavished upon each?! Thirty-two yrs back Oct. 2 -- we Fr. E'd, Jim (R. I. P.) and I awoke in the "Bad-Lands of N. D." Jim's keen eye espied a kyote scrambling up one of the peculiar formations to which he called our attention - - - - How short it now seems! What changes since! But looking forward, what changes are ahead in half 32 years! ? Let us bless and adore the Providence that has kept us and have all in His hands who keep tally on the hairs of our heads. . . . and the sighes and the breaths we take--and notwithstanding our blunders and stupidity still plans on for our best. Only this P. M. I received, Via Detroit, Mich, my own letter to Fr. E'd, back from the Philippines. He ought to know what's in it by tomorrow. I forget. Mail-marked five months tomorrow. I just readdressed it and added a 3rd Air Stamp.

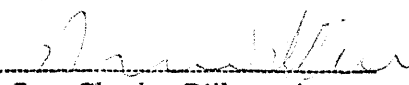
I am praying the dear, Good God to guide you whither you'll find it more congenial than you resigned yourself to the past few years. Nevertheless dear Fr. M. Joachim, its good for us.

October 7, 1945

Dear Fr. M. J:

I just found this as I left it several days ago. I meant to reach you by this Sunday and here it is 9:30 P. M. --- just got back half an hour back from old people's Home in Staten IslandGod's blessing to yourself and Fr. Edw'd -- Rt. Rev. to all

Fr. Solanus, O. F. M. C.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1946, April 2

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
225 JEROME STREET
BROOKLYN 7, N. Y.

April 2, 1946

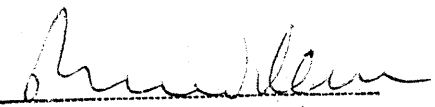
Dear Fr. M. E. Joachim:

God bless you and yours.

Glad to hear of your continued health-improvement.
Deo gratias. Also of what I am sure you must have en-
joyed, a few days visit to LaCross and again to old
Prescott and St. Mary's "Bigrifer" I suppose. How
wonderful the ways of the Dear Good God!

When we think of the blessings of the past --
since we went berrying and picking hops and nuts and
digging jinsang, etc. . . . still further back, when
the "old field" was all we had open and the prairie-
chickens, etc used to stage a picture like that of the
first Paradise in the morning sun as they shook the dew
from the great oaks, up to the East.....!! You and I
are all left now who can go back to our first Spring
in old Trimbelle . . . Deo gratias!

I have never seen a picture -- in Bible-history
or elsewhere so nearly like an erthly paradise as I
remember that scenery to be -- with deer in twos,
threes and more, stopping on the hill-side or vallies to
gaze at what we might be doing. No doubt what heighten-
ed to the appreciation of those days was our innocence
(from sin) -- and how the hawks themselves every fall
were wont -- as we would play on the grass stoping
at time to watch them -- to circle around and around
again and again in their upward fight and right over
our log-palace and plot of green. They seemed to me
as they circled to the clouds to invite us to strive
with them to get up to Heaven. They were surely an
inspiration and I've often thought in later years that
God in His goodness and wisdom very likely gave those
simple birds a pleasure of some kind in giving us play-
ing youngsters such an entertainment. . . .


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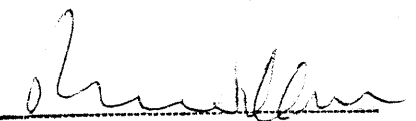
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I was going to say, when we think of past blessings and merciful providence -- notwithstanding our sins -- whereby God has blessed us, why should we not foster confidence by thanking Him for the future also.

Conclusion: Simply I hope you get a kind of "kick out of this. I never intended as much, but O! what God must have ahead of us if we only leave all to His planning!

Fr. Sol.



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POSTCARD

"O all ye works of the Lord! Bless the Lord . . . forever."

Nov. 26th.

Dear Fr. M. Joachim,

God bless you and yours.

Have just written Fr. J. O'Donnell -- also answered our poor sister-in-law. Thank God she and Florence too seem to be trying bravely to keep up -- following close (at least) to the straight narrow path -- the chalk-line to happiness.

Try and drop a card to poor Fr. O'Donnell. In his case, as I just wrote him, like everybody else's, it is the enemy of our souls that is always trying to minimize and to hide the surpassing advantages by which everyone of us are surrounded. God help us!

Love to E'd and all. -- Oremus pro invicem.

Fr. Solanus, sinner

Laudetur Jesus Christus!



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(re: Fr. Maurice Joachim Casey)

(fragment)

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NOTE. The above "End of the road...." following the peaceful death of our dear Rev. Brother, is the announcement of the same happy event to near relatives and friends who would be naturally more or less acquainted with the ups and downs that poor dear Father Maurice was known to have gone through, and the more than ordinary disappointments, humiliations, ambitions and sometimes triumphs of his over 81 years. Even among such near and dear ones, however,--though the ideal seems to be common in the "Island of Saints"--comparatively few ever knew of the fact that our dear Parents had mutually dreamed of the privilege of being parent to a Priest in their family, which ideal would seem to have buoyed their hopes from the earliest years wherein they recognized holy matrimony as a state of life in which to serve God and help Him to save souls. Furthermore; when the writer was in his seventh year and there were three brothers among the five dear-ones ahead of him, it just seemed self-understood as though planned before his birth that Maurice was to be the Priest. Not only was this the case in our immediate family and relatives, but our neighboring children often spoke of it and seemed to revere him as so fortunately destined and chosen. So much was this true that some one even at that time and perhaps earlier, began to wonder if possibly there couldn't be two priests in a family--hardly hesitating that he would be the other himself.

However, promising and all as was his childhood and early youth to harmonize with such happy plannings, the old proverb

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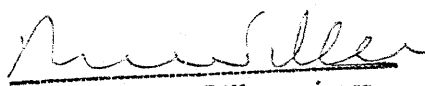
REV. MAURICE E. JOACHIM CASEY

BORN NOV. 10, 1867; ORDAINED JUNE 9TH 1911; DIED JAN. 12TH. 1949.

THANKS BE TO GOD:

HIS 81 years OF "WARFARE AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF OUR SOULS, THE UNBELIEVING WORLD, THE FLESH AND THE DEVIL - COMMON TO MANKIND - WERE CROWNED BY SEVERAL MONTHS OF A PEACEFUL APPROACH TO A HAPPY DEATH. FOR THIS WE HAD PRAYED AND THIS WE DO CONFIDENTLY HOPE HIS DEATH WAS viz, A HAPPY TRANSITION TO THE HEAVEN-PROMISED ABODE WHERE GRATITUDE RIPPENS INTO PERFECT LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR: AND WHERE ACCORDING TO ST. PAUL: "...EYE HATH NOT SEEN, EAR HATH NOT HEARD NOR HATH IT ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN TO COCEIVE WHAT THINGS GOD HATH PREPARE FOR THEM THAT LOVE HIM."

(above note seems to be crossed out)


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Rev. Edward F. Casey
Batangas Batangas
Philippine Islands


My Dear Brother Edward:-

God bless you . I hope you are well - you and yours. Though it is just striking 11 p.m. I want to at least start you a few words before retiring after this busy day, and in a way even for me eventful day. For yourself of course, and for every one whose privilege it has been to be in immediate touch with the Eucharistic Congress out there in the Philippines it has been no doubt more than eventful. However, we here get the announcements over the radio about 8 a.m. in Detroit and heard the Holy Father's own voice and benediction. His conclusion with benediction seemed to be really: ".in Nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti". I hope you may send us details worth while. The press here - even the Catholic part of it has been very tame so far about this great event. I hope to learn that it surpassed in solemnity and impressiveness even the grandeur, etc, of the Congress in Ireland, of which Cardinal Hayes is said to have remarked: "It surpassed the insurpassible".

Having barely missed going to that great event I almost dreamed of my going this one in '37. Had it been closer to the time of your jubilee I would possibly have been sent. I have not been anxious, however, to undertake such an expensive and extraordinary trip, - unless of course some additional duty should waft me thither. That I was sent to help Father Maurice to celebrate, seemed quite appropriate at the time. Now it seems to have been fortunate. In fact I believe quite a few blessings came as a consequence to myself & more. I have a letter from a certain ascetic invalid, Mary Kerrman of St. Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth New Jersey, I want to inclose... well, just as a sample.

Asking for details about the great Congress, I hope you may not think of taking as a criterion the example of the present writer. I am sure you expected some report about our visit in New York last June. As a matter of fact I started more than once to give you a short summary of my ten-day diversion, on that occasion. Hoping that it may not be without interest, I'll try just briefly to give you an idea about the whole affair even though belated.

Father M. Joachim seems to have spoken to Rev. Father Provincial about it some months before, and the latter told me it would be alright..... I started off Wednesday evening June 3rd. The evening and night were ideal in sun-set and moon-light, we crossed the Niagara about 13 miles above the Falls but even at that the waters seemed to be swirling on to as if rushing to a tragedy. Though I slept very little I was not tired when the dawn revealed we were descending the Mohawk Valley stopping only once or twice


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before reaching Albany. Then down the Hudson to Garrison just across from Westpoint Military Academy. Walking to the Monastery about a mile below, I said holy Mass close to 9 a.m. Deo Gratias! I found things so inviting afterwords that I decided to rest there a day. The grounds are spacious to say the least and I might say almost dangerously grand. Originally there were, I believe over 400 acres. They soled quit a piece of it including the Sugar-loaf Mountain - one of the most beautiful along the Hudson, to help defray building of the new Monastery.

After vespers I went for a hyke. Only half determined to climb the Mt., and feeling more like myself in the holy habit I just went as I was. However, the air was so salubrious as I ascended and the breezes and shade so inviting that I pushed on and up through under brush and across paths and roads till I found none of these any more. Finally, after quite a climb through almost trackless brush, mostly not dense, I reached the rather uninviting top and climbed a gentle evergreen to look out over the canopy (canopy) of sumit foliage. The scenry was grand, as far as it went, but in remembrance of the beautiful views, decade age so familiar to us, from Mt. Saint Helen and before that from the gentler hills of old Trimbelle, I soon found it monotonous and disappointing in hoped-for views. So I climbed down after a little and started down the face of old Sugar-loaf. I think it was a totally unexplored route; but aided by a strong emergency staff, and dreamings of similar climbings - though on smaller scales - 60 or more years ago, I made the descent with some narrow escapes and a few harmless bumps on rear fenders. Deo Gratias. It was close to supper-time when I got back to the monastery, and I need not tell you I had an appetite. We had recreation that evening which ... very happy and its a long time since I slept sounder than that night.

Next day, finding he had some extra business in New York, Fr. Guardian brought me down by auto. We crossed over between Sugar-loaf and the now famous Mt. of Atonement and went down over the High-lands. It was quite a descent indeed. After we had gone down so many hills that I was beginning to think we were coming close to normally level ground we suddenly curved past a sign: "Hill". I had to smile as we dashed past it and over the top, the driver seemingly knowing every inch and bump ahead till again and again we continued to make inclines. At about 11 a.m. we passed through picturesque old Yonkers and still down with few little ups. Via the Western Driveway past the Washington Bridge (over the Hudson), and over Canal Street past "Office of the Irish World" we reached Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery just before the noon Angelus and dinner greeting.


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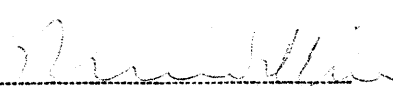
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Only after dinner that day was I informed that Fr. Sol. was supposed to give the sermon of the jubilee solemnity. Luckily my next neighbor at table had asked me a week or so before: "Did you get an invitation to preach the jubilee sermon?", and remembering my surprise the morning before the Golden Jubilee in Seattle, by the announcement in church that "Father Bernard will give the sermon", I did not mind the task, having thought things over what to say. In fact I felt it quit a privilege even to get back again into the old pulpit that I had not seen for near fifteen years, and to address old friends & new.

Well the jubilee passed, as do all things temporal, and seemingly everyone was satisfied as to its impressiveness, etc. Just one in all concerned was not exactly satisfied that I knew, but neither did he complain. Rather he thanked God that it went as well as it did and hoped he might do better another time. Besides friends from Yonkers and Harlem and Brooklyn, etc., two of our cousins - nuns from Waltham, Mass., were at the Solemn Mass that day. The following days the Rev. brothers visited the brethren and friends together in East New York, Harlem, Yonkers, Hoboken, N.J., etc. We went also to see Thomas Ford of the Irish World. He is the only survivor of the sons of the great founder that old beacon-light of culture - of patriotism at once and of religion. I knew them all in former years together with their still surviving sister. He seemed pleased at our call. Friday noon I went to Albany and thence by bus to some friends in Watervleit just across from Troy. They took me back to Albany for the night "Wolverine" and that reached Detroit about 7 a.m. Saturday, Deo Grat!

Of course I need not inform you of the Provincial Chapter and the many changes that followed. One of these was that Fr. M.E.J. was transferred to Marathon, Wis. After stoping here a few days on the way thither, and a few weeks in the new - St. Anthony Monastery - he seems to have quite enjoyed a week or so vacation. This he spent mostly visiting old friends, and scenes of long ago -- in the majority of cases of course, not the same as painted on memory's canvas. Well, if they only reminded him of ups and downs of our innocent days, congratulations. In a way I think I would like to have been with him; Though as a rule it suffices me to think back and consider the lonesome changes that were taking place in old Trimbelle even before we left, and that I know to have taken place since, both there and about the Mt. St. Helen Home - the little green garden of the Saint Croix Valley. It suffices me, I wanted to say, to think of these changes by the hand of time and after the dear Angel of death, to lift my longings of heart and soul from such days "and dreamings never more to be", and to focus them again and again on ideals that are not "wrecked on the shores of the real", and neither, sleep like a dream in a grave".


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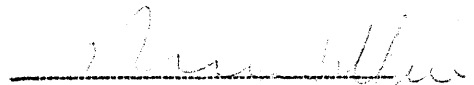
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Reb. Edward F. Casey

Well Dear Edward; you are no doubt surprized at the length of this letter. I hope it is grave enough not to scandalize. I hardly need say I finished it Sunday night after starting as the clock struck 11. I probably had not finished and it would have gone as so many others, and I behaved myself a little better, physically, and not been sent...a cell recuperating. Just a little cold Thank God. I'm posted for the 5 o'clock Mass tomorrow (1st Sunday of Lent) So I'll just say

Good Night and God Bless You and yours.

Fr. Solanus.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1938, December 12th

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December 12th.

Dear Father Edward:-

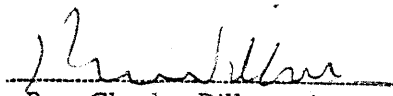
God bless you and yours. But I learn from a clipping that Mrs. Doonan sent me recently that I may address you hereafter as Rt. Rev. Msgr. In that case and since I've been informed of the dignity otherwise I want to say God bless you again; and in as much as it probably is for the glory of His holy Name and that of our Blessed Mother Mary, Let me say also, Congratulations! About this, however, more another time.

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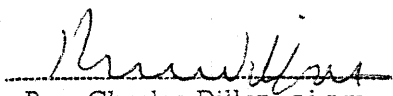

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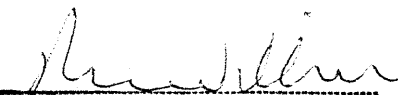
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INDEED QUITE: - " A MASTER-PIECE!"

NOTE: With a tinge of fraternal humor, the following letter -- at once poetic, yet decidedly earnest--will be found a relief for any color of the "blues" (in season). A missionary in the Philippines, Rev. Edward Casey, writes an elder brother, Rev. Maurice Casey, at the time in Yonkers, N. Y. The latter, having resumed studying after twenty years vacation continued with the younger and was ordained just a year before him. Then after eighteen years of pastoral and missionary work joined the Capuchin Order as Fr. Joachim. The "K" - "C" used as an example, is at the same time familiar to the brothers as an equivalent of Casey.

- Fr. Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

(Father Solanus wrote this prologue to the rhyme-letter of Msgr. Edward Casey as a little explanation. Father Solanus had copies made by some of his friends, as he did at other times with certain interesting, inspirational letters which he found useful to give to people when it might benefit their state of mind. A copy of this rhyme-letter was for a long time in the Monastery Office in Detroit for people to read while waiting for Fr. Solanus. Appears on #1009 of Msgr. Edw. Casey's letters)



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NOTE: This rhyme-letter from a missionary in the Philippines, Edw'd F. Casey to his Brother Maurice Joachim in Yonkers, N. Y. has been referred to as a cure for the blues; - - at once humorous and poetic, ascetic and practical. In a way, reckoned-on as: "To be the Priest of the Family" before he was born, the latter had given promise from early childhood of every requirement for such an ideal setup. He was talented at once and modest. He loved his catechism and his prayers and everything pertaining to service of God and neighbor. Even the neighboring children were in on his secret without his seeming to know it.

Alas! however, as dear Father was wont to repeat, the proverb: "Man proposes-God disposes." Poor, dear Maurice's health failed and he came home from the Seminary a family disappointment and worse than that in his own words: "a misfit, a personal failure - - a sadly misfit and personal failure." Ah! It was about that time that silver began to tell its story in Mother's hair and Father's sighs would bring a gentle Soliloquy: "If I had to start life over again, I'd be a priest." Winters and summers slipped away. Years and decacs rolled by. Never to be discouraged under such circumstances would surely be more than human. But this was by no means the first knock he had met, and God, if "those whom God loves He tries," it was far from being the last he was to wether. It did not take too long to adjust himself to what seemed next best. He would promote vocations in others at least and in this way possibly influence someone to take his place at the Altar, in the confessional, on the missions.

Second of ten brothers in a family of 16, he had started afore-said E'd. F. to the Seminary and after twenty years vacation had served at the First Mass of another younger brother whom also he had helped.


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Rev. E. F. J. Casey,
Agricultural College
Lagune, Phillipine Islands

My dear Brother, Father Edward:

God bless you and yours. I hope you are well and that the silence you maintain is only an indication that your time, like my own, flies, whither I hardly know; so that it seems almost continually blaming me for doing nothing and getting nowhere. There are so many letters, e. g. I ought to write and still so few I get off, as I would like to do personally, and as is often expected.

Thanks be to God, however, my health has been good; so that, as a rule 18 hours a day hardly seems to weigh me down at all. Again, "Deo Gratias." We've had hardly any colds in the Monastery this year and very little sickness otherwise. I just hope that we may some day learn to appreciate His graces and be grateful to God. Thanks be to God, we have good word from Father Joachim, as the enclosed copy of his letter will convince you. According to it, you will see that he is figuring on saying Holy Mass again before long. God grant it may come to that soon -- "Deo Volente."

I am not sure if I told you before of my dismay at same poor, dear Fr. M. J. 's defection, as it has seemed now close to two years, viz., since his unrest began to show itself threatening. You wrote him at the time yourself, earnest, practical lines of advice. I tried to do so too. Well, months went on before the real break came. What was in his mind, and how it was there, is not easy to say. He had been suffering for quite some time from a fearful carbuncle on the back of his neck - whether a cause or an effect of something else - enough to set many a man crazy.

At all events, while the local doctor found nothing positively wrong with his mind, there seemed to be little or nothing to be done for him or with him in the Monastery. They sent him, therefore, to the hospital in Fond du Lac, Wis., or some other, where his case was believed to be hardening of the brain-arteries or something of that nature.

Not knowing him as he ought to be, the authorities of said hospital or hospitals, seemingly made little of his case and let him go for himself. He 'phoned me from Chicago asking to speak



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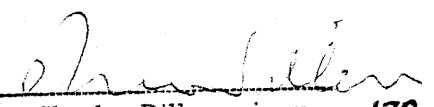
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to Father Provincial, and, I believe, that was Monday of Holy Week last year. I positively failed to recognize his voice. Next day, our dear friend, Father Coughlin, called me from Royal Oak, whither Father M. J. had come and said Holy Mass. Again, his voice was so strange that even when the two of them assured me it was he who was talking, I could not recognize anything like his own voice. Father Provincial sent me out to see what might be done for him, etc.,

We had dinner together with Father Coughlin and household; after which the three of us had a confidential conference for half an hour or so. -- Fr. C. God bless him, was as practical and as earnest as if he were broadcasting to millions. On his appeal to do so, Mr. M. J. came home to the Monastery and apologized to Father Provincial for any scandal caused; upon which followed a conference that was not too tame or too promising amicable, anyhow. (?)

With his letter of "exit, etc.," he took an air-plane to Chicago, on his way, as we all presumed, back to Saint Paul, or, as I thought, possibly to the Coast before returning to his diocese. However, he seemed so little his real self that my heart was heavy. All I could do was just hope and pray on, as I am sure, poor saintly Mother must have felt and done five and fifty years before, when he broke down at the Seminary and came home, etc., You can figure, therefore, on my surprise, when a few days later I received a wire from the very Rev. Rector of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland, that Father M. J. had come thither and was not well. He had said Holy Mass once or twice with some difficulty, -- I learned by 'phone that night, and had gone to New York. About a year before that, I had started to read the fourth book of the Mystical City of God. -- "THE CORONATION," -- and, as yet, I was only about half through. You have an idea, I am sure, of how little time I get to read outside the Monastery office. Well, instead of speeding up my efforts to finish the book, I decided to start over again and to read it with due reverence from the beginning. Without a word about it to anyone, I felt that our Blessed Mother would know what I was doing and why. . . . I could hardly help being anxious. I try not to be. Rather, on the contrary, am trying to foster confidence in the wisdom and goodness of God and the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary. "Deo Gratias."

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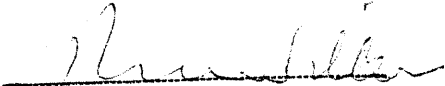
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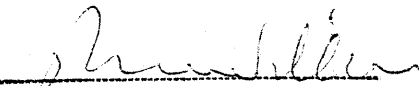

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1946, March 28

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH and
CAPUCHIN MONASTERY
225 Jerome Street
Brooklyn, N. Y.
March 28th, 1946

Rt. Rev. Edward F. Casey
St. Paul, Minnesota

My Dear Brother Edward:

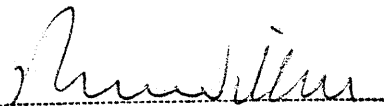
God bless you and all. Thanks be to the Good God for all things. His ways like all His works are so deep, so divine.

I just read your interesting communication, which for some time I have been more or less expecting - possibly with a tinge of a gentle ear-pull at your not having recently heard / Br'klin. Thank God again for yourself and Fr. Maurice J's good health and for whatever His great plans may materialize for us in the near and distant future - always planning for our best - "... if we only don't spoil His plans by ours".

Well, I am sure you will be pleased to know that I did finally wake up and take at least some steps toward your seeing Bishop Molloy. I had a very nice little visit with his auxeliary last Friday, Bishop Carney. He seems to be quite a modest, friendly, young Prelate and showed a decided interest in your work for religious schools in the Philippines. I had heard before that it is not too easy to see His Excellency Bishop Molloy and therefore, it did not surprise me when / intimated something to that effect.

However, he seemed promising and pleased when I suggested that with his coaching us just a little that difficulty could probably be minimized. This especially since he had assured me that he himself is there in the Chancery practically every day.

Your coming in May or June therefore would probably be oppor-tune. For that matter he did not make any suggestions when we should come, except that he said he would be away the week of April 11th, since he is expected in Milwaukee for the Consecration of a new Bishop. I did not ask him but I understand its to be Msgr. Meyers - new Bishop of Superior.


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Yes, my coming hither to St. Michael's has been a decided relief to me from the continued drain and strain of difficulties brought to the office for twenty years at St. Bonaventure's in Detroit. I do have perhaps as long hours but its a change. Here its correspondence takes most of my time. There, I simply had to leave most of that to others; and while I meet with pathetic cases to solve or try to aleviate the strain and tension is by no means so pressing.

In brief conclusion of this page, I wish you would make a special memento for a couple of problems I have been working on without the progress I'd be encouraged to see.

"Better late than never", Answered Joe Ferbush working on the roof of the "new granery" down on the Burkhardt farm when I called him to supper, lamenting tardiness. So, while to have thanked you in the beginning for your charitable interest and faith in the Seraphic Mass Association together with the welfare of our dear ones in estrangement from the ways of peace.... I'll do so now; while, this time at least, I shall prepare certificates accordingly, etc.

Hoping that you may, without too much trouble supply my skipping and slipping in the course of the above and with best regards and God's blessing to Father Maurice Joachim, Father Klein, and Father Harrington and all our friends you may chance to meet, I hope to remain, of service to you and your good work etc,

In Corde Jesu,


Frater Tester Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

P.S. Dear Monsignor E'd. I thought it over and have made out the inclosed card....I figure the pcor fellow "got his foot in it (very likely) without realizing its danger. If you think it advisable to send it to him or should you prefer me to do so, you could return it and give me M M's Ad.

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Fr. Sol. ut supra.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1946, July 4

The following is a faithful transcription of the typed original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. FELIX FRIARY
HUNTINGTON, IND.

My Dear Brother Edward- Rt. Rev. Msgr.

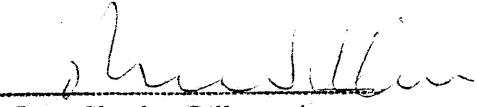
God bless you and yours.

I sure hope you are well. I wrote a card to Fr. M. E. Joachim this morning and it's been on my mind all day that I should send you also a few lines. You can guess about the time if I say that just a year about this time you and I were passing through beautifully picturesque little Sta. Barbara, as nearing Los Angeles. Thanks be to God--and our dear ones adown the Coast,- was it not quite a privilege, all in all? Some day, D. v., I'll tell you of the rest of my trip after I and poor, dear Owen left you on the bus for Mt. Angeles. Suffice now to say that I arrived in Seattle that p.m. at 6:30 in Spokane, Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. in St. Paul Thurs. 10:30 p.m. on schedule; in Chicago about 6:30 p.m. Friday: Detroit Sat. at 4:30 p.m. Convent Mass next a.m.; New York and Brooklyn Monday a.m. and p.m. respectively. From Los Angeles Only missed two holy Masses, Deo gratias.

Well, you burried the mortal remains of poor dear Gus-Austin rather, since he prefered and as I told him, so much more like the real name of the great doctor of the Church. I would like to have details of his last days. He wrote me quite a touching letter from the hospital apparently after his first operation, seemingly quite cool and philosophical about what might come--and certainly with beautiful faith.

He evidently knew that he had cancer. Just a few of his words: "I have observed that very seldom is cancer cured... at least by surgery. "I am relying on the Sacred Heart to come to my rescue." ... "I was privileged to receive our Lord at 6 a.m. the morning they opened me; and again on the 2nd day (1st Friday), Thanks and praise to the Sacred Heart."

How beautifully condescending that the Merciful Sacred H't actually did come to his rescue on His own blessed Feast! He had written me a number of times to pray for Pat., even before he was sick. I am sure he was praying for his--their reconsiliation, etc. and how beautifully did it not come about! How grateful we ought to be that we can confidently hope that we have another, another of our original sixteen--with dear Father and Mother--waving us from beyond the grave to follow their footsteps in keeping the faith, in praying for one another as among the INTERESTS OF THE SACRED HEART and striving manfully against the world, the flesh and the devil for the one great prize of the final BEATIFIC VISION. Mary Ann was the first to cross the border into eternity and saintly little Martha


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a week later--innocent children--and the others following after, judging from their patience in their final struggles and the seemingly brightness of their faith in God, give great hope that so far every one of them have made the Great Grade, have saved their souls--the one thing necessary--and with so many of our dear ones of kin and neighbors are praying for us and asking our prayers. Ah! What else is this than just a little side-view of the great Communion of the Saints? Thanks and praises and Glory be to God!

I just felt I'd have to bring the note I meant to start, on evening of the 4th to an end. I hope it has not bored you.

The inclosed letter from Miss Ryan in New York will give an idea of what my hopes were--still are--of converting our wayward family and clan to seraphic love of God and our Bl. Mother Mary, by having them read and pray the wonderful, all-outstanding "Autobiography of God's eternally chosen Queen of the Universe", the "Mystical City of God".

Praised be Jesus Christ and the same--our own dear, blessed Mother Mary!


Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.
sinner

P. S.

Dear Edward: I think Miss Ryan would appreciate a line from you, of appreciation and of encouragement. Better a verse. She had been quite a successful business-lady before the War. I think it was in 1942 that quite an unexpected order came from Washington to "scrap" all prints and cuts not in actual use unless redeemed, etc. The redemption-fee on the Mystical City of God prints was quite an item; \$500.00 I believe; and with a bishop in whose jurisdiction these prints were stored forbidding the rescue, it certainly looked dark for them.

However, Miss R. who seems to be specially devoted to the Holy Ghost ... came spontanously to the rescue delighted that she was able to do so and thanking God that the prelate's prohibition had come too late. Her business, as predicted by the publisher at the time has tribled since. She is probably in her fortys now. Hoping to go more exclusively into the business of saving souls, she is now figuring on disposing of her property and material affairs. So make a memento for her holy guidance now and then at least.... Love to all in the west and to dear Fr. M. E. J. when you get back to St. Paul.

Fr. Sol, ut supra.


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1946, July 11

The following is a faithful transcription of a typed note by the Servant of God, Fr. Solanus Casey, O. F. M. Cap. (added to the end of a copy of the letter of Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward Casey to his brother Owen, dated April 30, 1940.)

"O all ye works of the Lord! Bless the Lord . . ."

NOTE. July 11th 1946.

The above was written by the present Rt. Rev. Msgr. E'd F. Casey to his youngest brother, whom he had preceeded by birth about fifteen months, Father M. J., about whom the writer is concerned, is their second eldest brother -- now the eldest living. Owen was the youngest of ten brothers with three sister among his nine brothers ahead of him and three more immediately following. These three are still living -- now grandmas.

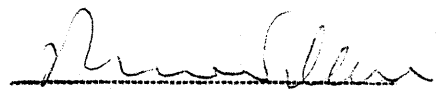
The writer briefly touches on dear Mother's beautiful death. May she rest with saints in Heaven. Thanks be to God for the great grace He provided her, for the ten-day fearful, yet glorious struggle, that preceeded her wonderful victory in a Happy Death

Fr. Sol. O. M. Cap

P. S. The writer of the above, Rt. Rev. Edw'd, was rescued from the Jap. Prison Los Bonos. with two bishops, 150 priest and one hundred twenty-five nuns among over 2000 prisoners. Very early the morning of February 23rd, 1943 the day on which the desperate Japps would seem to have been planing a whole-sale massacre of them; they were rescued by the MacArthur Forces. Father Maurice was nicely able and went to the First Holy Mass Celebration of our Jesuite Nephew, John McCluskey the following June 24th and has been saying holy ever since. Thanks be to God.

"O the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God! How incomprehensible are His judgements and how unsearchable His ways !"

Fr. Solanus, O. F. M. Cap.


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1947, January 7

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CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FATHERS
SAINT FELIX PRIARY
Huntington, Indiana
January 7th 1947

My Dear Rt,Rev Brother Edward: God bless you again

Hoping that my tardiness in answering your letters
early in December may not scandalize, I am trying
these few days to makd up for lost time - three
in-a-row. I hoped to get one of those "Begone S."
I know I had a couple of them in Brooklyn, but
whether or not they put them in or if I can find
them now among other things I am not certain.

Till shortly before Christmas I was continually
getting behind in my correspondence; though others
helped me now and then. Now, thank God Fr.Michael,
one of my former altar boys from Pitt Street N.Y.
and now one of our missionaries helps me when not
away. However, I am going to try and get a copy
of that booklet for you. I must have one somewhere

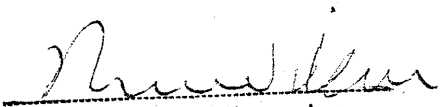
I am trying to get this off Air-special so
as if possible to overtake the one I mailed you
yesterday without name of comment regular mail.

As to that \$20. check, of Dec. 10th: not knowing
what you might want me to do with it, I am enroling
the Poor Holy Souls for your intion. - at
least till further instructed, - i.e. \$10. of it.

Fratemally in Corde Jesu,

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.
Sinner.

P.S. Remind me again of the booklet please.
It is out of print, otherwise, too bad. Fr. S.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1947, May 12.

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Capuchin Franciscan
Fathers

St. Felix Friary
Huntington, Indiana

May 12, 1947.

Rt. Rev. Edward J. R. Casey.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

My Dear Brother Edward: -God bless you and yours.

I hope this finds you in the best of health and hopes. Thanks be to God we are quite well down here in St. Felix. After a cold and wet spring--even black frost on the 8th the weather has turned quite ideal. Deo Gr.

I was certainly pleased to receive a very bright letter from Fr. M. Joachim last week, about the best in a long time. It really looks like his old self once more. Thanks be to God "a billion."

I wrote him several weeks ago that I had already permission to go on a trip to Chicago and St. Paul, etc. at my choice and leaving the arrangements to yourself and him. I believe he said he sent you a copy of said letter. Well, We expect V. Rev. Fr. Provincial down from Detroit shortly--just back from Guam and several other islands in the Pacific, and I anticipate no difficulty in obtaining permission to go also to Superior as M. J. proposes. I would be glad to have any suggestions that might heighten interests relative to the proposition.

I'll probably get a week or so off for the trip. So I'll be more or less depending on your arrangements for a program, etc.

I have not heard just lately from any one in the farther west. Please God it's indicative of smoothe sailing out that way. Thanks be to God and our Bl. Mother Mary and all the Communion of Saints.

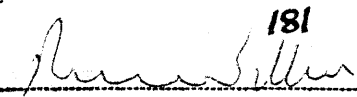
. Sincerely Your Brother B. In the
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

P. S. I believe I owe you a couple letters since January.

The trouble is--too often--I put letters aside till I can answer them properly and the 1st thing I know they're snowed under and often forgotten. Please pardon.

Fr. Solanus, sinner


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1947, May 14.

The following is a faithful transcription of the typed original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

P. S. II. May 14th.

Rev. Fr. Guardian, after a little consultation just noted--tentatively--that I could start June 1st or 2nd. Of course I think that would be rather early, unless there were a purpose for it. If we had a mission to do somewhere before the anniversary or possibly preferably after, we could arrange accordingly.

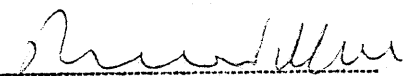
They are having a meeting in Saint Bonaventure's these three or four days, of the Definitorium and I understand that right thereafter Father Provincial after many thousand miles travel is figuring on coming down here for a rest.-- a sort of private retreat for himself I presume.

There is a possibility that I be sent back there to Detroit or elsewhere, though I hardly think it at all probable. I have not the least worry about whether I remain here or be transferred. It is after all, essentially quite the same. It is such a surpassing privilege to know definitely that one is doing God's holy will by keeping the rule and obeying. Sorry to say, if we can use the word, it is so little possible for any of us to appreciate such privileges.

Indeed, just herein seems to me to be humanity's great weakness, WANT OF APPRECIATION. But again how fortunate for us that God's mercy is above all His works--and His patience is essentially one with His mercy.

Blessed and praised be His Holy Name!

Fr. Solanus, ut supra.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1949, May 30

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original
by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

St. Felix Friary
Route 8
Huntington, Indiana
5 / 30 / 49

Bles'd be God in all things

My Dear Brother Edw'd:

God bless you and yours. Pardon my tardiness in complying
with demands of -- correspondence.

Thanks be to God I've had some really practical exercises
recently that befit a capuchin novitiate.....Four weeks ago we
drove over to Milwaukee for a celebration in honor of Fr.
Stephen Eckert, whose Dominicad (Dominican brother) Br. Michael
you must have.....From Notre Dame....Afterwards they ambulanced
me to St. Michael's Hospital - thence after two days to St.
Felix - St. Joseph Hospital Ft. Wayne for two long weeks (16
days) and now again back to the Novitiate....Deo Gratias.

They seem to think they had pretty critical patient.....
I can genuflect again....and can eat - "no foolin."

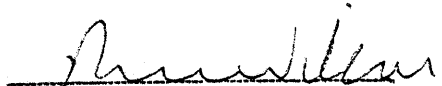
Now to catch up a little with letters, etc....God help us...

I surely sympathize with you and your practical associate..
..Best wishes to all.....including down to the personnel of
St. Joseph Hospital where I met such really fraternal and sister-
like encouragement!....I always bring away with me newly awakened
memories from St. Thomas.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

God bless Fr. Cashman...and all the great work:


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1950, Feb. 18

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St. Felix Friary
Route 8
Huntington, Indiana

Blessed be God.
In all His designs.

Febr. 18th 1950.
9:45 a.m.

Dear Father Edward:

God bless you and yours--Aye and--including this poor plodder. I surely hope you keep well. Thanks be to God we are well down here. We've had a very mild Winter, hardly any snow to speak of and practically no colds. All this, notwithstanding quite a lot of rain and early in the week a visitation of sleet and freezing rain that in quite a few places shrubs and trees were loaded down to breaking down.

The inclosed telegram came the night before last and Grace phoned yesterday morning giving more particulars and asking that I let you know about the situation.

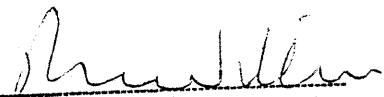
Bernard, Sr. had been out on some official business in Eureka, was quite occupied Thursday evening so that he neglected some kind of a natural call to which he was not as promptly obedient as Grandmother Nature often has to insist on. So he had to go to the hospital for treatment. Grace did not seem to think it very serious comparatively. We hope of course that it was not serious. However, they are right--we do right rather--to pray that nothing serious come of such experiences. Otherwise every one seems to be holding their own on the Coast. How can we ever be thankful as we ought to be! Glory be to God.

Inclosed is also a letter from poor, dear Brother Pat. He too seems well and, glad to see, still retains a coloring of favorable humor.

I should have had this off yesterday morning, as I told Grace I would and by all means meant to do. ...Please pardon.

Best wishes, best wishes and God's choicest blessings to all you may see. All in St. Paul and vicinity.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.
Praised be Jesus.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1951, January 22

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ST. FELIX FRIARY
Route 8
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

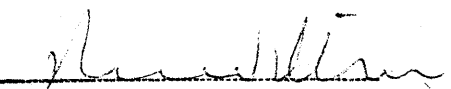
Blessed be God in
all His designs!

January 22, 1951

God bless you Dear Father Edward and guide you in His privileged service.

I just read the photo you sent me of our dear Father M. E. Joachim's tomb-marker and, sitting here with my two feet on another chair and using it as a writing desk.
Deo gratias.

I've not said holy Mass since last Thursday. The skin-burns I wrote you about last week (if it got off), started the eczema activity again — after I'd had a Dr. Stan Casey treat the former. He sent me to a skin-specialist in Ft. Wayne, Dr. McNairy, who stresses with treatment, "feet up." I would have offered holy Mass yesterday but Fr. Guardian thought better keep to Dr.'s orders. So that will probably mean a week or so before I'm on my feet again properly. Thanks be to God it gives me comparatively little pain or itch; so that time does not hang so painfully as it might otherwise.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1951, January 22


Father Edward

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As for above-said "marker", I think we should be grateful indeed that the good God enabled us to procure such a creditable "memorial." Extremely brief of course, but even so, who knows how many a vocation its simple reading may be destined to awaken, to encourage, to anchor. Ah! "Its simple reading" ? -- and the prayers and sighs there offered for vocations and, as we may surely hope, reinforced and reeched in Purgatory or and indeed even in Heaven - Fr. M. E. J. still active...

Comparatively very few ever tried to fathom the meaning of those twenty years of humiliation to Fr. Maurice. And still fewer I think ever knew of the, at-least-dozen-yrs disappointment and humiliations where- by the merciful Divine Wisdom deigned to chisel and to emery him down to such calmly perfect acceptance of God's holy designs - as manifested both in the Mt. Hope San. and especially as you were privileged to see him, during rosary, slumber into Eternity; -- the "change", the transition -- "Tuis enim fidelibus Domine Vita Mutatur non toliture."Oremus pro invicem...

Fr. Solanus, ofm cap.
L.J.C. et V.M.



Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1951, December 26

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

(To) Rt. Rev. Mgr. Edw'd F. J. Casey
St. Thomas College.
St. Paul 1,
Minnesota

Blessed by God. In all His designs . . . - -
Dec. 26 - God bless you Father E'd -
Rt. Rev Msg. rather. I meant to reach
you before the beautiful Feast Xmas
as indeed was on my mind in
regards to quite some others.
Br. Owen is about to start back for
the West - been here Monday night.
He seems to hold his own, Deo Gr.
- back to Chicago first.
Thanks be to God We've all
been well here at the St. Felix
lately. with few exceptions.
Now O.B.J. (Owen) comes along and
is about to seal his
letter. So suggests that
I just put it in with
his. . . . I did hope to have you
call on your return or your
return from your missions
in New York. Thank God
for the success.
A Blessed Christmas Season
and God protection for
the New Year and there after
- hereafter. . . . Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

c. 1952 May and June

The following is a faithful transcription of a typed and handwritten original by the Servant of God, Fr. Solanus Casey, O. F. M. Cap.

Part of a letter to:

Msgr. Edward Casey
Part I is lost

ST. FELIX FRIARY
Route 8
Huntington, Indiana

II

P. S. ?

Perhaps rather a new start for above May 2nd. It was not without surprise that I found the foregoing card in the machine when I went with this to start my "Te Deum, (afterwards inserting the "10:15 P. M., etc.) Incidentally, I was probably more surprised than disappointed at not going to Milwaukee. Thank the Lord, I was able to smile at the profference of both. The Vice-Postulator of the cause, V. Rev. Nerius, O. M. Cap. probably found the time too short before starting off for Europe and Rome to hold another conference. There is to be a General Chapter in Rome - starting with a triduum of prayer to the Holy Ghost on the 18th for God's holy Grace and guidance. Of course we'd all like to see Fr. Clement of Milwaukee retained, D. v. - excepting Fr. Clement himself who has already sent some of baggage back ahead of him to U. S. . . . He is known to be rather of a retiring disposition - from responsibilities.


June 3rd

Bles'd, praised, Adored be the Sacred Heart of Jesus and next in all things to the Immaculate Heart of Mary our Bl. Mother. Many thanks for your interesting letter last week. I got a message of yesterday to Jimmy Ryan. I hope it may in some way break the ice for what we hope the holy Ghost may deign to prompt you to do. Jimmy must be now about 80. He was next to Kate . . . I received a very interesting letter from Br. Pat yesterday. . . Quite busy and hopeful. Thank be to God. Mildred Conley phoned a few minutes ago from Chicago quite some details about Neil and Genevieve's going to Europe.

Now I'll try to get this of -- about time for the pickup.

Sincerely your Brother Fr. Solanus,
O. F. M. Cap.

Bles'd be God!


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1953, February 7

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O. F. M. Cap.

Feast SS. Fabian and Sebastian (Jan. 20) Blessed be God in all His designs --- in every thing!

My Dear Brother, Father Edward:

God Bless us all - - - Yourself and myself and all our friends and honest enemies if such there be. More than six weeks ago, having read your letter I started to respond at once . . . God help us! I just got started and here we have Sexagesima. Thanks be to God! though we've had quite a little grippe-weather the last three months, we so far, have had but one case of that epidemic.

Up in Detroit since Wednesday, I just returned . . finding 3 full sets of the Mystical City of God in our Cell (% Wallace Bedolfe who was here over night about a week ago) Miss Doris Panyard of 1705 Peck Street Muskegan, Michigan just phoned me that he requested four sets -- one for himself. Deo gratias! -- a promising 23 yr. oldster who was baptised as was his elder Br. Bob and Sister Barbara. No doubt Grace has told you about them


Fr. Solanus, O. F. M. Cap.

2/7/53

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(On reverse side-picture card of St. Felix Friary.
On bottom Fr. Solanus wrote the following:)

Air View. St. Felix Friary --- Victory Noll overlooking the Wabash in distant rear--- left. Headq's of the Missionary Catechists. We think this snapped by a local Minister who is said to have a hobby in such.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1953, Apr. 23

The following is a faithful transcription of the typed original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

April 23rd 1953

St. Felix Friary
Huntington, Indiana

Blessed be God in
all His designs

My dear Brother Edward. Rt. Rev. Monsignore: God bless you these days of grace. I started Monday with the intention of writing you a letter as I hoped would be worthwhile. I have not been able to finish it and my answer to your proposition about the Gregorian Masses ought to be already on the way thither. In a way I regret I'll have to be a disappointment in this really generous proposition. You will understand from the fact that as members of the Order we have as a rule only the disposal of two holy Mass intentions per month. Otherwise all intentions for holy Masses are life (left) to the disposal and appointment of the local Superior. I have enrolled poor, dear Grace, however, a number of times in the Seraphic Mass Association, which in my conviction, means, each time an immense benefit.

In fact, judging from the reports of favors as received there therefrom, it is not easy to find a comparason. Deo gratias!

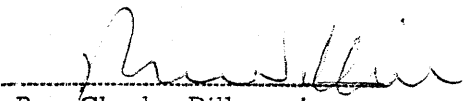
Some how I did not receive word of Grace's death till after my High-Mass on Sunday April 12. Some one phoned about it while I was on the Altar saying they would call later and that was the end of it. Brother Porter was not particular about the name of the caller but Thomas Brady wired that evening. Luckily someone had sent in a request for a special holy Mass for Fr. Sol's Intent., and the following day I had a regular Missam propriam. I was happy to offer them both for poor, dear, Grace Agatha R. I. P.

After all, how can we ever be grateful as we ought to be, for another so hopeful and beautiful death added to the happy list so far without exception. Glory and thanks be to God! Re- quiescant I.P. It would just seem that dear Mother and Father are keeping up their happy old night-prayers for--"and for a happy death and a favorable judgement." I hope we all--still left behind in this exile--keep up on our part too that beautiful so beautiful feature of Communion of Saints. God bless you again Father --

Dear Brother E'd

Laudetur Jesus Christus:

Fr. Solanus.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1953, August 13

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. FELIX FRIARY
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

August 13th
1953

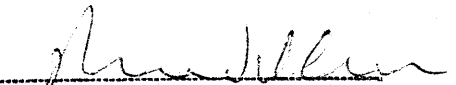
Blessed be God!
In all His designs.

God bless you Dear Brother, Father Edward!

I want to reach you with this as soon as possible so that it be convenient for you to profit by a little proposition - up my sleeve since your interesting letter from White Plains, in reference to your being plans to be in the Green Bay Diocese during August. You probably remember me telling you about Mr. Philip O'Brien of Chicago - just now on his summer-farm fifteen miles out of Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin. I called his amiable Wife Eleanor last nite - a little like Mrs. Tom Tobin of fifty years ago. ...They were expecting you to call on them earlier in the Summer before they left Chicago. Now they will be expecting you to get in touch with them and to stay with them at least a few days before the Month slips by. Their telephone - please don't disappoint us, them & - is: 15 R.34. Waseda Farm Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin. "Be sure and have him reverse charges. We will see to his coming."

P.M.

Well, I did miss this a.m.'s pick-up, but I hope to reach you soon enough to make it convenient for you/ see them in the near future. In a way I am confident that it will be close at least to as good as a "parish appointment,"


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1953, August 13

Brother, Father Edward.

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I shall try to reach them with a letter ahead of you. Barbara Bedolfe phoned, and Wallace himself wrote about his first confession and Holy Communion two weeks ago. Deo Gr! I believe it was on August 2nd.

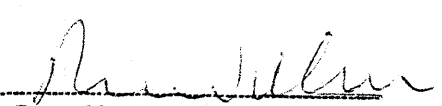
Vigil August 14th ---

Blessed be God in
her glorious Assumption!

Oremus Pro Invicem

..... Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

Note: The above is a typewritten note by Fr. Solanus. Added in his own hand is, "Vigil...invicem" preceding signature. Also in his own hand added in the left margin is, "John & Conrad Green left Schwartzwald Baden. 1882 Green Bay".


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1954, March 25

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten Original
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ST. FELIX FRIARY
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA
March 25 - 1954
Feast of The Anninciation

Blessed be God in all His designs.

My Dear Brother - Rt. Rev. Edw'd F. J. - Greetings -

Congratulations on your practical Write in the "Priest."
Too bad you could'nt have it in a hundred publications.

Miss Beatrice McCahill was over from Chicago, 7612 N. Ashland.
She promised a \$100 for your Seminary some time ago if she got a
certain favor. Here with you'll find same. Delighted to give
the surprise. I am trying to get it off To-Day.

God help us! I hardly seem to be getting anything done - any-
yet so much to be done. I am often at my wits' end what to do first.
.... God bless us all.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.


Glory be to God!

March 30th

God bless you Fr. Ed.

I hope this finds you well. I've not been too well now for a
good week. But thank God I've been able to say holy Mass. We hope
to see the Crisi in the Mercy Hall Hospital case, Detroit very soon.
---- Her Enemies have hesitated at nothing to put over their lies.
---- Glory be to God!

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1956, August 28

The following is a faithful transcription of the typewritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

St. Bonaventure Monastery

(seal)

Capuchin Fathers
1740 Mt. Elliott Avenue
Detroit 7, Michigan

August 28th '56 St. Augustine. Bles'd be God in all His designs.

Rt. Rev. Edward J. F. Casey. Saint Mary's Hospital, Duluth, Minn.

God bless you My Dear Rt. Rev. Brother Edward. God bless you and yours these unsettled days - at once - days of threatening forebodings and of manifestations of God's Wisdom and Power & merciful Goodness without end or limit; the former on the part of irreligion and worldly-inclined humanity. And God help us! Who can presume to claim exemption from that stupid inclination? Hence too, our natural tendency to listen to even vain forebodings and to fear for ourselves personally as well as for crazy - because sinful - humanity in general? Incidentally, it was about twelve years ago that a certain (Jewish) Rabbi Rosenwasser came the Office here in the St. Bonaventure Monastery, lamenting the prevalence of atheism - most especially he stressed; " ... among the rising Jewish generation". Fr. S. politely invited him into an instruction room. Then, without a word on a piece of tissue-paper - the Rev. Rabbi's index (Unfinished Draft)


The following message was added by Father Solanus at the top of a mimeographed copy of letter #736 from Msgr. Edward Casey of April 14, 1953.

NOTE: This informal. . .came a few days after the happy death of our dear Sister, Mrs. Grace Brady, last Easter Friday, 4/10/53. Her real struggling had started sometime before, her dear husband's death, which occurred more than a year earlier. Hers - stomach cancer.

Blessed be God in all His designs.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

P.S. The verses were written while he was still in college and as yet she was still dreaming of going to the convent. She left three sons, a daughter and about ten grand children.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1957, March 14

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ST. BONAVENTURE MONASTERY
Capuchin Fathers
1740 MT. ELLIOTT AVENUE.
DETROIT 7, MICHIGAN

Blessed be God in all His designs!

March 14, 1957

God bless you my Dear Rt. Rev. Brother Edw'd.

Thanks be to God! In receiving no news yesterday--from Margaret and Frank, we were confirmed in our confidence and in God that He would surprise the doctors in regard to her threatening carcinoma operation. I hope that all her friends may--grateful to God offer a few holy communions in earnest thanksgiving.

How wonder--in all His designs with all who confide in Him. How fortunate! -- How humbly grateful we ought to be!

Deo Gratias! A Million!

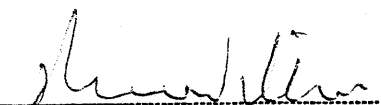
(other side typed as follows)

Thanks be to God, though comparatively unnoted and quiet God granted us the gracious privilege to celebrate a happy diamond jubilee in the Order and in the holy habit of Saint Frances.

This took place Monday, January 14, at solemn high Mass. I would hardly know how it could have been more beautiful, under the simple circumstances. ...I had come to the holy novitiate Christmas Eve. and six months ahead of the seven other students who joined me the following July. They are all gone on to Heaven now, we hope, with their senior of all, Father Damasus, in his 90th year. Had he waited five months longer he and I would have had golden jubilee together. He was patient and joyful to the last. May he be privileged to await in the peace of the saints, the inconceivable glory of the Gen. Ressurrection. Pl. pardon the digresxion: To-day Deo Gratias, it is sixty years and sixty days I was invested.

It was probably my fault that the clddbfzgiön (celebration)

(unfinished)


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

c. 1957, March

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(added by hand to a letter written by niece, Clemence Carbis)

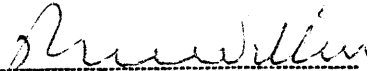
Feast of St. Joseph.
God bless you Dear Fr. Ed'wd.
It is nearly time for office - Matins - Lauds -
I want to answer the above Tonight if I can
I perhaps should have told the secret before
— of having prayers heard in "hopeless cases."
..... Any how I think a few little notes near by
will be interestingly Encouring - over.

I had to cross proposed P.S. off.
— can only hope to do something
better than just a P.S.
Another letter from same
niece Clement informs of
the operation — — —

Let us continue praying
and trusting and thanking —
God first of course and then all else
Since the novices are gone
I've been having - so far - the
privilege of serving Fr. Rudolph's Mass
every morning.
I really enjoy it but — but —
One hardly knows how to get
around.

Fr. Solanus ofm cap.

Blessed be God!


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius 196

1938, July 18

The following is a faithful transcription of the type written original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

VILLA AND FEAST OF ST. VINCENT - BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

July 18, 1938

Mr. James M. Casey
124 Warren Ave.
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Brother James:


God bless you and all yours--and sure including my poor self in every blessing I can get or give. Thanks be to God for the Faith and for all His blessings.

I had Fr. Edward with me at the Monastary nearly 2 months to June 18th. Back from the Philippines, as you know, he was doing real missionary work for religion in the "Far East" something over the 12 months he was here. He seemed to enjoy his stay at St. Bonaventure's. I certainly did. Shortly after leaving Detroit and back to his headquarters in St. Paul, he received information from his Bishop in the Philippines that he is expected back there in September. It is possible that he may not be able to get this way again before his voyage westward.

Musing together over the celebration of his Jubilee, and the triple vacation it occasioned us, we agreed that it were theme enough for a little treatise of some kind, whereby to praise the wonderful ways of God's providence, and at the same time, offer an expression of appreciation to the many dear ones--old and new--and for the gratitude we all experienced at so many manifestations of kindness at their hands.

Details of preparations for that celebration, at least the more remote, will hardly be necessary or expected here. As the Senior of the family--since dear Ella passed away--you know those details; having watched the career of each of us longer and perhaps with more interest than anyone else breathing today. Something the same might be said also to poor, dear Brother Pat, and, for that matter, though of course with shorter scope of vision back to earlier spring-time of life, to each of the others--Guss and Owen, and the one-time three little sisters--now we might say Grandmas--Margaret, Grace and Mayme.

I am not certain if I ever wrote you of Fr. Maurice Joachim's Jubilee in New York. It was suppose to take place just a year ahead of Fr. Edward's. Anyhow, they sent me thither to help


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

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him celebrate and, Thank God, we had a very pleasant celebration of about a week or ten days. Thanks be to God. It was about 12 years since my 20 year sojourn in the Empire State, and Fr. M. J. had, in about 7 years, made quite some friends in the same three stations where I had been located ahead of him. A number of our cousins from Boston and elsewhere, including two nuns, attended the solemn Mass as the climax of the celebration, which, Thank God, "went off without a hitch." The following days we visited our different houses in the East, and besides some friends in N. J.

Shortly after that celebration the Fathers of our Province held a chapter or convention, for election of new superiors and other affairs of the Province. Such chapters, as a rule, are held every 3 years, and everyone is supposed to be ready for a change, if such come. Fortunately, it seemed to me, and providentially, Fr. M. Joachim on this occasion was transferred to one of our largest monasteries, i. e., that of St. Anthony at Marathon, Wisconsin.

Before going thither, however, he got permission to take a week or so vacation to visit old friends and places--notably, in Prescott where we two were born, and "Big River," where we first went to Holy Mass, and to catechism classes, viz., in dear old St. Mary's. Thanks be to God! What colorful memories the mention of these places must awaken in you! They do in me at least and sure you were six when I was born. What a world of experience that meant in advance of the baby!...At all events, Fr. Maurice wrote me shortly after his arrival at St. Antos, of the coming Diamond Jubilee in Prescott, where we were born and baptized, etc., and of a probably invitation that we should attend. Up to this, we had hardly dreamed of Fr. Edward's coming back from the Islands for his Jubilee the following June. Only several months later when the excitement of the Eucharistic Congress at Manila was over, did we learn of his coming. In fact, it was only when he was nearing our shores, in May, that I learned of his actual coming. Not long afterwards, the Pastor of St. Joseph's, in Prescott, not only invited us to the said Jubilee, but about as much as appointed me to give the Jubilee sermon; informing me at the same time that Fr. Edward was to be the Celebrant. Of course I thanked him for the privilege, because, while I never long to go back to any old place from which Divine Providence has seen good to remove me, yet I must acknowledge that I have a natural inclination that way--like the Israelites in the desert naturally yearned (many of them) to go back to Egypt. No doubt, we are all naturally that way

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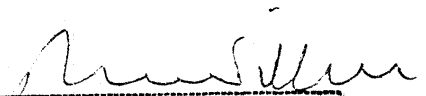
inclined. Probably you remember when, at the Golden Wedding in 1913 we were all musing over scenes and events on the River Bank and in old Trimbelle someone remarked: "Wouldn't it be nice if we could go back there again!", dear Mother, gently sighing as if revisioning the trials of those days, outweighing the beauties and pleasures--half whispered an exclamation: "Thanks be to God, I'm glad it's over!"

Many a time since I've thought: How beautiful was that little exclamation, how really Christian! For my part, I usually console myself and overcome such "hunger of the heart for days and dreamings never more to be," by thinking of the lonesome changes that were already taking place before we left those scenes of our childhood--scenes of the "burned hills", of the "Big Ravine," of the prairie-fires, etc; and of the "little Poplars", so bright, so beautiful in Spring, and during the day, yet so lonely in the evening; where you, on your way home on a certain evening, (must have been almost night), met a lynx, as you concluded afterwards it must have been, and before you were really scared, must have bluffed it, when, taking it for me, you called out: "Is that you Barney?" Of course, neither of us answered, except, on its part, which was perhaps the best answer we could give under the circumstances, when it leaped into the ticket and let Jimmy Casey pass. It is not hard to reckon the amount of grass that grew, or that didn't grow, under his feet till Jimmy was over the hill and home over big and little hollows. You must have been about 13 at the time. Pardon for such a digression. I'll never get started. Than too, and this belongs to the same digression, I think of how short in comparison with eternal rewards are the pleasures, as well as the trials of this "exile."

After all, what do they either or all amount to, except inasmuch as they buoy us up till the Merciful Father calls us Home, or wean us from inordinate love of the world, and of ourselves--from deceptions so common this side of Heaven. "I walked in the world with the worldly", writes Fr. Ryan in his "Son of the Mystic", indicating something of the vanity of figuring on real peace of soul except in God's service and fostering confidence in Him: "I walked in the world with the worldly, I craved what the world never gave. And I said: In the world each ideal that shines like a star on life's wave is wrecked on the shores of the real and sleeps like a dream in a grave."

Quite in the same spirit too, Moor beautifully tunes in:

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"Poor wanderers of a stormy day, from wave to wave we're driven;
And fancy's flash and reason's ray serve but to light the troubled
way;--


There's nothing calm but Heaven."

Well to get started at last: I left St. Bonaventure's Monastery, Detroit, August 11th, planning to catch the first train to Chicago, thence to Marathon, Wis. same day, where I'd meet Fr. Maurice and go with him next day to St. Paul where Fr. Edward was expecting us. I was in time for the train o.k. but fortunately failed to catch it. The Dear Lord had planned otherwise: though at the time it did seem to me as the result of nothing less than stupidity on my part. It was only three weeks later, having been to Marathon for the first time, I realized that missing the train that morning saved me twice 65 miles on starting out. Altogether it saved me about 300 miles and, as if all prearranged, enabled me to make happy and unexpected connections which I would hardly have found possible to make otherwise. Thanks be to God!

Instead of to Marathon, I went to Milwaukee, after a very pleasant little repast in Chicago with an old friend, John Gorman and family, who met me at the depot and insisted on us going to a nearby hotel and having dinner. I had not felt particularly hungry at all--in fact I'd not thought of eating --but found that close to 12 hours on a cup of coffee and a small slice of bread had provided quite a vacancy when we sat down to a well spread table. How mindful of my need was the Good God to inspire my friend so charitably! We had a real friendly recreation that night in the first monastery (S. Francis) I had visited 40 years before, on my way to the privileged Noviciate.

After Holy Mass next morning I got in touch by long distance telephone with Fr. Maurice--Joachim rather--and had an understanding with him to join me at New Lisbon (Wis.) on the west-bound Hiawatha. That gave me till 2 P.M. to visit our different houses in Milwaukee and meet all the Brethern, instead of hurrying away on the Omaha at 10 A. M. At about 4 o'clock we made our second stop at said New L. where Fr. M. J. had arrived by bus from Marathon 65 miles to the north. At Milwaukee a friendly looking priest had boarded the train immediately ahead of me. He had been out to the Mother-house near St. Francis Seminary and, as I learned later, was bringing a whole staff of teaching nuns to take charge of his school some place in Minnesota--about 20 of them it seemed to me. Besides this there were several other religious.

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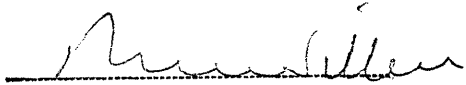
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Till we were pulling out of New Lisbon I had felt in doubt as to whether or no they'd been taking me for a venerable rabbi, or for something else more or less ideal. The coach was well filled, and the beard I carried--had carried more than 40 years --made me no doubt, at least a little conspicuous. Well, if there had been any misgivings in that direction, Fr. M. Joachim positively settled it with one happy exclamation. As we entered through the vestibule, each with a grip, he stopped as in astonishment and in a clear voice that everyone seemed expecting from one of the gray-beards, called out: "Glory be to God! Look at all the sisters." Crossing the Mississippi (at LaCrosse), shortly after, said friendly looking priest was calling attention to beauties down the River when I called to him in a half whisper: "Father; Look upstream." With that, he seemed to forget the scenery altogether and, coming up to our front seat offered me his hand, asking: "Are you not Fr. Maurice Casey?" "Why!" I answered, as Fr. M. J.'s hand raised to meet his, "This is Father Maurice." All attention seemed on the two of them. They had studied together 30 years before and had not met since ordination.

Before we knew it, we were speeding up the Minnesota side on through Redwing, where in 1880 Father Solanus saw railroad cars the first time, and Hastings, where Mother worked as a girl, till across and around the beautiful widening in the River, we watched the great red sun dip to the hills while we glided toward St. Paul and into the Union Depot. Here we met Fr. Edward--first time since his return from the Philippines. We phoned to your boy-friend of 60 years ago, Mike Costello, and my bed-fellow 10 years later when I was a "roust-a-bout" and he a boiler-maker in the Stillwater Penitentiary. Our dormitory, however, was outside the walls, so we had a "pull" of some kind. Mike is now a sergeant on the St. Paul Police Force.

Your Mildred had arranged with her friends, the Conley family, to give us (as indeed they did together with herself) an ideally pleasant little reception. She had a decidedly-choice little surprise "up her sleeve," when, after supper, she brought you to us from Seattle on the "long distance", and we all talked with yourself and Pat, and Emma and Guss--on my part the first time since the Golden Wedding twenty-five years before. We found ideal quarters in the College of St. Thomas, where Fr. Edward had been Rector before his resignation prior to going to Australia and the Philippines.

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We made some calls next day after Holy Mass and Breakfast --Fr. M. J. and I serving each other in turn at the Convent-- and about 2 P.M. left via Sault Ste. Marie to reach Superior about 5:30 -6 o'clock. To our pleasant surprise, whom did we meet at the depot but our old friend Ed Sampson, and his wife, waiting to convey us to the Parish House on 12th and John Sts. She had phoned me a day or two before I left Detroit that they were starting off on their vacation and possibly would see us in Superior.

The celebration next day, Feast of the Assumption, was a happy one. Fr. M. Joachim and I having offered our Holy Masses earlier, were ready as deacon and sub-deacon, to assist Fr. Edward at the Solemnity proper. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Reverman attended in state, and Fr. Weber (now Rt. Rev. Msgr.) gave the sermon. The latter is now Vicar General and looks very well. Thanks be to God, everything went off smoothly, both at the Jubilee Mass itself, and at the receptions. The first of these took place immediately after the solemnity in church, when quite a procession of friends came to the school-hall to greet the Celebrant and his Reverend Brothers. The other consisted of a gathering of about fifty or more friends for dinner, and a program in a hotel down on Tower Ave. Besides a goodly number of Fr. Edward's class-mates from Sacred Heart School, a number of our cousins and other relatives and old friends from Burkhardt, Detroit, etc. attended.

We made quite a number of visits--taking altogether--that evening, next day and Tuesday. These visits, though not exactly canonical had more or less the nature of missionary work. Monday A. M. Fr. Joachim and I served each other's Masses in St. Joseph's Convent, down near the East end. What a change in 50 years! They wondered when I told them that I used to carry them on the trolley-cars as they went daily back and forth to school--only two or three in the whole community. Now they must number about thirty in that Convent, as seemed to me. One of them present remembered those pioneer days. To another, now an invalid seemingly just waiting to take off for Heaven I had the privilege of giving Holy Communion. Deo Gratias.

That P. M. we went to bless a little ten year old granddaughter of Teacher Aggie Murphy Oteir in the "Steel Plant", and some others. I was surprised at the seemingly little change in her appearance in twenty-six years, when she attended Fr. M. Joachim's first Holy Mass.

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Thence we crossed over St. Louis River to Duluth where we found some old friends from Hudson. Tuesday was short and busy, from the fact that we were to leave for St. Paul about 2 P.m. We arrived via St. Cloud and Minneapolis about 5:30-6 P.m. It was an up-to-date train. Aug. 19th, Thursday, we went over to Stillwater and visited St. Michael's Church, School and Convent. Things are kept in excellent condition. Dear old St. Michael's! The surroundings and views from familiar vantage points are perhaps as beautiful to the younger generation as they were to me fifty or sixty years ago; but to me! Only in the beautiful old Church itself, seemingly unchanged, could I have lingered longer. We sped down Third Avenue and steep Chestnut St., where in 1887 I learned to run the trolley-cars. At the foot of Chestnut, as of old, we crossed on the new bridge, now without toll or a draw and perhaps ten feet higher than was the old draw-bridge. Going down through Wisconsin scenery that still seemed familiar, we had dinner and a congenial visit with Monsignor Owens, who was ordained just a year ahead of Fr. Maurice J. and Master of Ceremonies at his First Holy Mass. We found him, however, in bad shape with some kind of rheumatism. Afterwards we speeded out the old road so familiar in younger, to church-going days to Burkhardt, Boardman and New Richmond. The others waited under the maples for our first stop while Fr. Edward and I climbed the old entrance to the Roberts Estate. We found, I'm inclined to say, poor little Emma, so modest and winsome in school-days and later when Fr. S. helped her Father with the Spring work. She seemed quite alone though gently contented and friendly, but of course a little more now than fifteen. The older of the two, Anna, perhaps more ambitious, married and became a venerated grandma. One of her four sons, I believe, became a professor at Cornell. Her husband died a few years since and the last I heard the two were again together on the farm.

Next stop was at the Diehl-Germain home. They, too, were surprised. Anna is the old lady now, and Joe, the old man, quite literally. Thence down across the old bridge and over to Fr. Edward's childhood chum, William Ryan, and wife Agnes, living in Andy Tobin's old house. Leaving the others there, Fr. S. hiked over to Baker's and after a short visit with the dear old lady and Mary, strolled down to the one-time beautiful Drydam.

In the meantime, the others came and took a longer hike. The old mill at Burkhardt would seem to have been shell shocked or something like that. It has not moved since the war No. 1

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and seems to impart a sort of spirit of its own to the whole vicinity. Mrs. Baker seems to hold her own remarkably well. I think she is close to 85. Mary, like the rest of us, has lost her child-like and youthful brightness, but still retains a hopeful and friendly smile. Poor dear Alice was quite ill at the time of our visit. We each gave her our blessing and started for New Richmond, where we had a congenial visit with Andy Tobin and family. Leaving there after supper, we stopped to see Anna Ryan and her brother John, just outside the city toward Boardman. Her we found Scott Tobin, my one-time boyfriend, and wife Jane (Henry).

Thence we sped back to Monsignor Owens to offer Holy Mass next day--Feast of my dear Patron St. Bernard. Our chauffeur and associate whom Sister Mary Kathleen (Doonan) had sent us for the whole day, went on to St. Paul and the Orphanage. God bless them all. I had the privilege once more of offering the Holy Sacrifice where for the first time I had attended a solemn Mass--three priests--and that at Midnight. It was Christmas Eve in 1881 when with Ryans' roadsters and our new sleighs a real load of us started in the ten miles when it was 18 below zero, and before we got home it was 22 below. The ceremonies were beautifully inspiring. Thanks be to God! They have a fine school now where in 1886 or 1887 Papa and Maurice and Mr. Ryan, Matt and Peter Welsh and young Jim Pachingham broke ground for dear Fr. Kelly. How happy he was, insisting that we come down to Reilly's and have a good dinner. Tears of appreciation filled his eyes, more expressive than any words he could have uttered.

Later in the morning we went for a hike, climbing the bluff to the south whence is a surprisingly beautiful view, not only of the city itself and the St. Croix River, but of Stillwater and the new State Prison layout, with Mt. St. Helen in the distance to the right. I gradually recognized the hill on which we stood as one I had dreamed about, off and on, ever since I had left Yonkers, without knowing what it could all mean. It is quite park-like on top with a single grave and a flagpole, etc. We said the rosary together for the living and the dead as we peered down where it would be dangerous to descend, and went down the West side. On our return to the Rectory, we found Fr. Owens--Pardon! Rt. Rev. Monsignor--where he'd been most of the time for some weeks with rheumatism sitting with two helpless feet on a chair in front of him. We each blessed them in turn, someone remarking that a triple blessing ought to help some way. Well, Thanks be to God, he seemed

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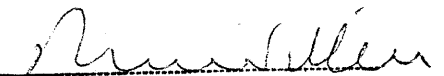
better as he came to dinner with us and, afterwards, put on his shoes and "shot us over" to St. Paul.

Next evening (Saturday), Dean Conley brought us via Hudson and River Falls to Prescott, where we met some old friends who took us to the Rectory, where they were preparing for the Jubilee celebration next day. The Rev. Pastor from St. Mary's, Big River, met us there and took Fr. M. J. and myself out with him to offer Holy Mass next morning. Fr. Maurice said the first Mass --6:30, and gave a touching little sermon. The attendance was good, and quite a few Holy Communions.

The same old St. Mary's, beautiful and well kept as ever, has been built out on both sides since we were there sixty years back, so that it would nicely accommodate probably eight hundred. The Rev. Pastor came back from his mission and in a very short time we were in Prescott, vesting for the Solemn Mass, His Excellency, Bishop Griffen, attending with his chaplain and a record congregation. Among these, of course, were many old friends, and, more especially, children and grandchildren of such. Quite a number of the Manions, and relatives, came to greet us after services, and the senior of them all--the 93 year old Wm. Betsel. Mrs. Betsel was 87 and a blind invalid. She seemed quite appreciative of our visit and blessings. You remember "Bill Betsel" who always drove the horses in threshing time.

Besides visiting the Betsels, we went over and said the rosary at a certain Bowers home, whose oldest was laid out awaiting burial -drowned in Chicago a day or two before, on his seventh birthday. More about this late. Suffice it to say here that Mr. Bowers was not a Catholic, though I believe had taken instructions to some extent and seemed well disposed. The mother belonged some way to the O'Brien family and, consequently, seemed to hope that we might stay for the funeral and possibly conduct it, and offer the Mass. This we consented to do--I ought to say, they arranged to do--Maurice and Edward. I wished simply to leave everything to them and passively fall in line with whatever they might wish to decide on--begging the Good God to guide them, and us all, for the best. There was quite a crowd at the Rosary recital, and I believe, quite some edified.

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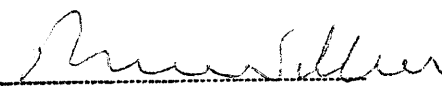
Returning from the Bowers, between 2 and 3 P.M., what seemed to the writer a happy feature of the day's program, was proposed. We were to go to "The Bluff". To him, that seemed to mean self-understoodly, "and to Trimbell", and so it came.

Fortunately, we took the old wagon road, rather than going a half mile north of the Elsworth Highway, or down to that, following the course of the "Father of Waters". We were beginning to think we had made a mistake in not taking the latter for the 13 mile down-the-river trip, when, turning on a fairly trod road to the right, a neat little white house loomed through the trees (small bushes at my visit in 1878) and Fr. Maurice exclaimed "Aunt Mary's old house!" "Sure enough" responded his neighbor. Fr. Edward got out and inquired how to reach the River Road down to Diamond Bluff. Fr. S. also went to the door, wishing to look in at least where nine and fifty years before he had spent happy days. Incidentally, it was during that visit of two weeks that he attended a court case in Prescott and took Judge Ross' chair while court was in session, hardly appreciating at that time why the court seemed amused. The late Judge Smith of Superior represented one side as opposed to a clever young lawyer named Wilson. However, we just waited until the senior judge returned before proceeding.....Ha! Ha!

A modest little girl of about fifteen directed us to follow the main road until we came to a Highway "E", which would bring us right down to the River Road. Off we went, high speed, past Toohey's old place, and O'Brien's and Donovan's etc. Some of them (old places) still stand. Some have disappeared. Coming down the old sand hill to Big River Bottoms, we forgot our instructions and followed the road down that old river bed. The river itself is a thing of past history. We only made about a half-mile when we found that instead of leading us to the River, our self-chosen road led us zig-zag up another hill--scenery worth while--and over a beautiful plateau-like section, till coming down to another cross-road, marked "E" we felt at ease again, knowing that now we'd reach the Bluff. Though no remark was made about it at the time, the beautiful valley down which said Highway "E" runs, is none other than what we used to know as "Manion's Ravine". I knew we had to come to that before we'd reach the Bluff.

Well, we did reach the town at last, if it could any longer be called a town. We left the highway, crossed the railroad,

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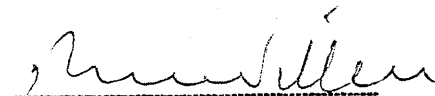
did the whole place up and down, without finding any indication of where one might find a lunch. It was good that we were not very hungry, otherwise it would probably have been a story of "sour grapes". There was one, quite a BEER sign but we hardly appreciated such an invitation. In about ten minutes we were back on the highway, now bent on seeing the old farm and once familiar hills and valleys, etc.

As a child I had never seen Diamond Bluff, but I had pictured it as quite a town at the mouth of the beautiful Trimbelle. I knew it had a store or two and that the Smith childrens' father had started another one, and that the steamboats used to stop there, but today's visit was to me rather a disappointment. We had gone perhaps eighty rods when we came to a road leading up to the left, which must have been the southern end of what we once upon a time called "the Main Road: . Here Good Providence would have us meet another Raphael. It was a handsome, rustic youth, driving some milch cows--a happy sight in itself. We stopped beside him. "Where is the mouth of the Trimbelle" I asked. Pointing down the river to one of the many beautiful cliffs, he answered: "It's just behind yonder mountain-head, two miles further on your way." "God bless you, Boy" and on we sped. Then I remembered what had struck me as a sort of mystery passing down that way 25 years before. I had taken quite a risk, as some of my friends thought, when, coming back from the Golden Jubilee, in Seattle. I got off at St. Paul, determined to say Holy Mass, even if the only train for Chicago that day, besides "our own" was due in 30 minutes, and I wanted to make Detroit next morning (Saturday). It had been raining ever since we left Seattle, (Tuesday evening), snowing, however, while crossing some of the Rocky Mountains: and now swirling clouds were actually twisting around the "Twin Cities" skyscrapers. The Union Depot in St. Paul had been burned to the ground the day before yesterday, and, as yet, order and confusion were still wrangling for mastery. Your above referred to barefoot boy-friend--now Sergeant Costello--was on the scene, and gave me a warm greeting, mutually brief, however, for he was busy and I was in a hurry. He was prepared for the threatened storm and, as yet, I was able to dodge the drops or ignore them.

HOLY MASS OFFERED--TWO TRAINS HELD--THANKS BE TO GOD

Under such circumstances, I surely did hesitate: briefly, however, for there was really no time for deliberation. Having no umbrella, I started back to our train about to start off. then, again, seeing that it was not actually raining to speak

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of, I determined--rain or shine--train or no train, to go over to St. Mary's where Fr. Edward was assistant, and say Holy Mass and leave the rest to God. I had figured on catching the "Milwaukee" scheduled to arrive from Seattle just an hour behind us, on the "N. P." but, we had lost thirty of those sixty minutes between Minneapolis and the burned depot.

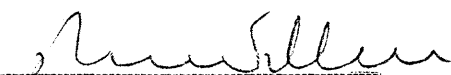
The house-keeper at St. Mary's wondered that I was back so soon from the Solemnity. The Rt. Rev. Pastor was out on a sick-call, and I got to the Sacristy just in time for the last "Dominus Vobiscum", and final blessing of the 8 o'clock Mass. The young celebrant, too, was surprised at my early appearance; doubly so, on learning of my purpose to say Holy Mass and, even then, catch a train that day for Chicago. "If you were to start for the depot now, you might catch a train", he said, glancing at his watch, but, Thanks be to God, I said Holy Mass and made a short thanksgiving too. After breakfast, needless to say, no heavy one--I lost no time in catching a trolley and getting over the half-mile or so to the station.

"Is there any train for Chicago today?" I asked what seemed to be an official just waving a train backing in to stop. "Yes" he answered courteously "Here is one now". He hardly finished speaking, when, stopped was the train; on I stepped: and off went the "Burlington" at full speed; three hours late, its first stop at Point Douglas. I need not tell you what that meant to me. It took me past where I first saw the beauties of God's visible creation, down the Mississippi, where I played in the sand of its beautiful shore some four miles below; having crossed the mouth of the beautiful St. Croix and shot past Prescott where five of us had received Baptism.

I certainly was not a tenth as grateful as I ought to have been, but I hope to be more so some day. I had reckoned, at all events, that it would please the Divine Lover of our poor souls and be good for mine especially to offer that Holy Mass; and that it would be a very easy thing for the Great God and Governor of the Universe to hold any train He might wish me to take. I hardly need to say that I asked HIM. Adored be His Holy Name! Now and forever.

I do not remember that I was anxious about connections in Chicago, I probably was, more or less, seeing that we had to go so slowly in the rain, and for a time, through a fearful thunderstorm. Just before reaching LaCrosse, we passed what seemed a victim of lightning, a burning farmhouse in the storm.

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Nearing the big city, five hours late, I asked the baggage-master about possible connections to Detroit. "The last train for Detroit is scheduled for some time about 6 P.M., and now it is nearly 10:30". Besides, that train was supposed to leave from a station about a twenty minute trolley ride from that of the "Burlington". Waiting for a transfer about half way over, it took me at least that, in the misty night air.

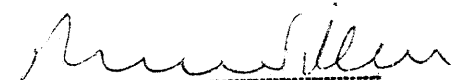
How wonderful, however, and Thanks be to God; almost as though waiting for poor Father S., up went the megaphone the moment he entered: "All aboard!..... and Detroit. "All aboard" --"Well, God bless them" he though--"They'll wait now till I get my clergy-fare ticket." So they did. God bless them again. Now I could say Holy Mass at St. Bonaventure's in the morning, and what to me was imperative as Sacristan, I could reach Yonkers, N. Y. for the dedication of the new Sacred Heart Church next day. Thanks be to God, a million!

Pardon this digression--longer than it ought to be already --but you'll be curious about the referred to mystery. Well, then as now, I was disappointed at no appearance of our beautiful Trimbelle, gracing Diamond Bluff, etc. However, notwithstanding the terrific storm that raged at the time of our passage that other trip, I had watched sharply and finally had the satisfaction of seeing what I concluded must be no other than the delightful little stream I looked for. Now I remembered my conclusion at that time; that it was about two miles below the Bluff. Pardon such digression.

We had been making it a sort of rule to say the Rosary starting out on our longer trips. Today, however, we had gone a good twenty miles over hills and through beautiful valleys, and now speeding for said mountain-head, Fr. Maurice remarked: "Say, we've not said our Rosary. (Father) Barney it's your turn to lead." "Okay" and the later started: "In the name....."

You may wonder how we could pray under such circumstances. without distractions, etc. Well, I am not going to tell you the secret today, for the simple reason I do not know it myself. Rather, we might ask: "Do such distractions really displease the Good God?" For myself, I do not think they do. Rather, I would answer, as I have occasion now and then to assure scrupulous souls: "No, Jesus is no crank. He knows that we are not angels, but poor sinners; every one of us." At all events, as we rounded said mountain-head, such a distraction

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Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1938, July 18

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(which was probably common to four of us) came out in positive form. Father Edward, seeing the Trimbelle for the first time, and the exquisite landscape there for untold ages praising the Creator ahead of us, exclaimed simply and unqualifiedly: "This is beautiful!" Soon we were in what I recognized as Alihue, still neat and prim, but, like everything around, it seemed smaller than it was sixty years ago.


You remember, of course, the frequent "revivals" in that little village when we were possibly their nearest Catholic neighbors, --methodists, lutherans, etc., --mostly honest, good Christians, as far as they knew.

Perhaps a dozen children played on the green near a modest building apart as if waiting for some kind of sunday-school. They stopped and gazed our way, wondering, no doubt, at the two grey-beards in such never-before-seen garb. I was still leading the Rosary, or I think I would have greeted them with a blessing of some kind. As it was, I just wished it on them: "God bless you little Alihueians!--you and your dear elders; because in the face of the fearfully threatening avalanche of atheism, inundating the world these days, you are fostering at least something of the only practical remedy: RELIGION

Thanks be to God and God bless you all

Fr. Solanus (Casey) OFM. Cap.

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Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1942, July 9

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St. Bonaventure Monastery
1740 Mt. Elliott Avenue
Detroit, Mich.
July 9th, 1942

Mrs. (James) Emma Casey
Seattle Washington

My Dear Sister Emma:-

God bless you and yours. Blessed be God for having created us and given us the true faith in His Redemption - and hope thereby in the final purpose of our existance, to know Him our Blessed Beginning, our Life and our All. Deo Gratias!!!


I just read your interesting - awaited - letter for which many thanks. Poor, dear Jim: I sure would like to be with him; to cheer him and console and to "kid" him and wake him up - as I've had the privilege to do, thank God for quite a few in condition similar to his.

Well after all maybe Jim is right in saying Fr. S. was there to see him. Possibly at least his Guarding Angel did the trick and gave him the consolation I surely would like to give. At all events I am there in spirit not a few times every day. Thank God for the faith and the mutual appreciation - fostered wherever real religion is found.

July 13 1942

Praised be the Lord for everything!....It is a week now since your letter came and I started to answer at once. Its been on my mind continually. This at 3 O'C A.M. a call came and I asked, when they said, "an elderly person is dying", "is it a telegram...". I was at once wondering if it were from Seattle....I said: "Deo Gratias."

It is now after vespers July 14th - Our dear St. Bonaventure's Day. I started a number of times yesterday and again this morning to finish the above and get it off and still it is not gone. I am still hoping it be God's will to spare our poor dear James.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1942, July 9

Mrs. (James) Emma Casey Page 2

We are having "chapter here started early this A.M. - Election of a new Provincial and definitors, etc. It will probably be a week or more before its all over. We have close to fifty priests besides brothers attending.....July 15. I had a "free Mass" Today which I offered quite specially for God's guidance of the Chapter and for dear Brother James. Am sending your letter on to Fr. Maurice. He seems doing well. Will probably go down to see him before long....God's grace to all!

Sincerely yours in the Sacred Heart

Fr. Solanus, sinner.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1936, May 1

1942, April 18

The following is a faithful transcription of the messages written on Seraphic Mass Association cards by the Servant of God Father Solanus Casey O.F.M.Cap.

Mrs. Emma A. Casey

for speedy recovery, God willing -

May 1, 1936

God bless you Emma, dear Sister
Every time you think of operation,
Say "God help us" and then
thank Him for it and for out-come

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.


Mrs. Mildred Conley

- with baby and all concerned -

April 28, 1942

One holy Mass Specially
God bless you Mildred.
- Congratulations. Do not worry.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.



Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

c. 1942, December

The following is a faithful transcription of photo copies of messages written on Christmas cards to his brother James Casey and family by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

1. c. Christmas 1942

God bless you dear Brother James,

I wrote Mrs. Baker and Mary of your difficulties but that you were keeping up. So do keep up as long as the dear Good God wills. But of course avoid anxiety - what glory that will be for each of us in eternity, just, in the end to have been able to say "Thou knowest O Jesus! Thy will be done."

Fr. Solanus.

2.

c. 1945, December

Mrs. Aurelia Herkenrath
Overlake Drive Rt. 1.
Bellevue, Washington


A Joyous, Blessed Christmas-tide to all at Lake Washington, Seattle.

Praised be Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary who gave Him to us - and through Him became our own Blessed Mother Mary.

Fr. Solanus OFM Cap.

Original in possession of:

Mrs. Aurelia Herkenrath
Overlake Drive Rt. 1
Bellevue, Washington


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1943, January 29

The following is a faithful transcription of the typed original
by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

(may be the first draft)

SAINT FELIX MONASTERY

HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

January 29th - Feast of St. Francis de Sales

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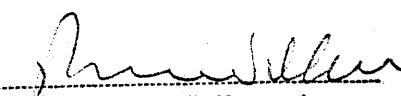
Mr. James M. Casey
Seattle, Washington

My dear Brother:-

God bless you and yours. I hope you continue improving in body, mind and spirit, as last report from Mildred recently indicates you've been doing. Thanks be to God. How grateful we ought to be you and I that we are still "among the living"; still pilgrims able to merit for eternity, trying to follow thither at least in sight of the dearly deserving, Divine Master. We, I say, because while it is something that at all event and everywhere as rational creatures men should do, you and I have special cause for thanking the Good God this year.

I hardly need remind you of the marrow escapes you have had during the last ten months. Perhaps I ought rather refer to your threatening experiences and conditions as someway pithed battles and, by the grace of God your victories; since you persevere in the Holy Faith. But I too had quite an experience in similar direction beginning last September about the 10th, with a severe case of "flue", together with a sort of vericose condition of ankle. While a number of my friends, both in the Hospital and outside seem to have considered my case "a close call to pneumonia, etc, I never felt that there was any immediate danger of colapse. Thanks be to God. To me it seemed about ten days of the really severest penance that the poor sinner Solanus had ever done and, therefore, since by God's grace he lived through it without complaint we have every reason to thank Heaven for the wonderful experience. Deo Gratias.

Now dear James:- since I received a hopeful letter from Fr. M. Joachim a few days ago, indicating a decided change in his attitude - a yearning to come back to the Monastery; and while you are still with us and able to appreciate, as I trust you will my little efforts, I am starting a conclusion to the description started before Fr. M.J. got sick; of Fr. Ed'wd's Jubilee and on that occasion our trip to "The Bluff" and old Trimbelle. Besides; while I find plenty of work to do here, nothing is so urgent that I cannot let it go till another day, for a sort of a double purpose; viz, to aford you a little entertainment and myself a form of recreation.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.

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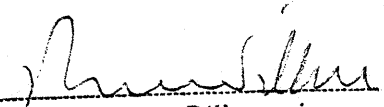
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Mr. James M. Casey - Page 2

If I am not mistaken, I gave a copy of the above referred- to started-description to Mary and Helena when these two cousins were visiting me on their way to Montreal, Quebec, etc, a few years back. At all events when I get back to St. Bonaventure's I shall try and send you a copy of the same; for I am sure someone made a number of copies for me, seemingly anxious that even at that time I should finish it up as a worth-while whole. It will hardly be objectionable if we review a little of the description made before. So I'll start with our course of activity after the Solemn Mass of the Jubilee in Prescott (Wis.). Sunday August 22, the Octave of the Assumption, on which feast itself we had the first celebration in Superior, 165 miles to the N.

Needless to say the neat little Church of St. Joseph looking down the rear on the Mississippi about 400 feet below, was filled to capacity. Fr. Maurice J. and I had gone out to St. Mary's Big River the night before; Dean Conley having driven us down from St. Paul via River Falls, and Hudson. (Hardly necessary now to say who same D.C. was. It might've added somewhat to the already exquisit pleasure of the trip had we recognized in him what we only surmised at the time, a future nephew-in-law and ... Br. Jim's third son). We had offered our holy Masses out at said old St. Mary's where we older ones first went to holy Mass and to Catechism instructions, down to Maurice receiving First Holy Communion. We took the first scheduled Mass while the Rev. Pastor went to his mission several miles distant. I was inclined to envy him the privilege but felt that it was coming to him rather than to his younger brother but I quite enjoyed his nice little sermon. After our thanksgiving, etc, the pastor having returned reshot us down the Prescott-Elsworth Highway and before we knew it we were in the St. Joseph's sacristy vesting for solemn services, Rt. Rev. Bishop Griffin present.

Fr. Solanus had been appointed several months before or about the same as appointed to give the sermon. It was his first time before a Bishop and I hardly remember if it was satisfactory. For himself it was far from what it ought to have been. Perhaps it was fortunate that he did not forsee what caused him quite a dissapointment before the Mass was over - No one except the Rev. Celebrant received Holy Communion:Otherwise everything went off without a hitch. Deo Gratias. But what a crowd waiting outside after the celebration in Church! One Mangan after another each with a family. Tim. and one or two of the others I recognized. And among the many others the senior of them all, now the 98 year-old Bill Betzel, if he still lives. He was 93 then, and his wife who was blind and an invalid 87 years-old wished to see us. So after dinner we visited her and she wept when we gave her our blessing. From Betzel's we went over several blocks and prayed the rosary at the wake of a little Bower boy, a distant in-law drowned in Chicago a few days before. The child's mother, Kathleen, was a niece of John's first Wife Nellie (O'Brien); May their dear souls rest in peace!


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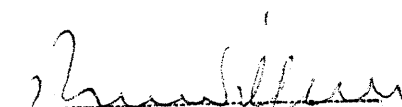
Fr. Maurice led the rosary. On our leaving there, it was decided that we take a "spin" down to Diamond Bluff. Of course I favored the proposition, because while "the Bluff"

(Conclusion lost)

On the opposite side on margin of a copy of Msgr. Edw. Casey's letter to Fr. Solanus of January 12, 1936 Fr. Solanus added in his handwritting the following:

I am not sure if I sent you a copy of this letter some years ago or not. At all events I hope you like it. With my own it makes a double letter - worth while I hope.

Fr. Solanus


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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out for
copies -

letter to James.

1934, June 9

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original
by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

(Mildred Casey Conley, daughter of James and Emma Casey)

St. Bonaventure Monastery
1740 Mt. Elliott Ave.
Detroit, Mich.
June 9, 1934

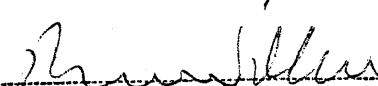
Miss Mildred Casey
Camp Fire Girls
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mildred:-

I hope you are well. I've tried a number of times to start
this card; now its 10:15 P.M. Was just talking with Mary. She
is in great hopes that you will succeed in getting "Mother and
Dad Jim" for a trip East. I think it would give (Jim at least)
them another lease of ten yrs.....Be sure and write them I
said so. I've been wanting to write them so long. Have about
sixty letters ahead to answer.....

Well! Well: so Annie O Brien is to celebrate her golden
Wed'g. I remember her quite well - knew before she was married.
I surely will remember them in Mass tomorrow.....

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1935, February 5

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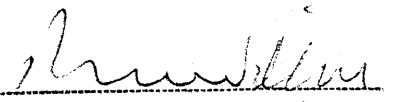
St. Bonaventure Monastery
1740 Mt. Elliott Ave.
Detroit, Mich.
Feb. 5, 1935

Praised Be Jesus!

My Dear Niece Mildred:-

I hope you are well. I quite enjoyed your letter when I read
it on Nov. 17 and again This A.M. when it came to my notice. Also
did enjoy your dear Dad's discription of your trips to Burkhardt.
Sorry he left out all about old Trimbelle. No doubt I ought to re-
mind him as he proposed to continue.....God bless you and yours.
Mary is well; drops in or phones occasionally.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.



Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
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1947, February 6

The following is a faithful transcription of a photocopy from the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

"O all ye works of the Lord! bless the Lord.....forever."

February 6th, 1947

God bless you Dear Sister Emma Kelsey Casey - you and yours,


I just read your welcome card of the fourth and thank God you are well to write and get along so well. "Yes Msgr. Edw'd and Br. Owen joined us here the night of Jan. 25th. Grace "beat them to it" by plain from San Francisco and surprised them on their arrival in the Grand Central Depot - all coming together to the Monastery about 8 o'cl. Saturday 25th P.M.) Grace phoned from E'd Sampson's and the telegram of her coming arrived Monday a.m. in the mail.

The celebration - Solemn Mass, etc. was quite impressive as seemed to me. Only there not room for one half of the crowd that had come.

I am sending you a few little cards that tell more in a few words that many letters might express. Thanks be to God for the privilege and for every detail and God bless our Guardian Angels - visible and invisible - each and all - for their part in the program - - -

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

Original in possession of
Sister Anne Herkenrath
2911 W. Ft. Wright Dr.
Spokane, WA. 99203


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1949, April 21

The following is a faithful transcription of a photocopy of the handwritten and typed original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

4-21-49

St. Felix Friary
Route 8
Huntington, Indiana

Blessed be God in all His designs!

My Dear Sister Emma:- God bless you this joyful season of Eastertide and this even though in your condition the time must seem monotonous all the better chance to give a good sermon. The very best sermon one can give: - "How?" some one may ask, or on what subject!

April 22 1949, Dear Emma: again; I am going to answer the above question by telling you of a dear class-mate of mine who was 84 last January 10th.

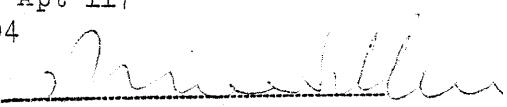
About six months ago his sight became so poor that he had to give up saying holy Mass entirely. We all knew it: and oucourse we knew he would not like to hear such a decision.

However, I was sort of deligated to break the unfavorable item. I asked him: "... Well Father Damasus: How about that Sermon ?" "What sermon?" he enquired. We were all more or less anticipating indications of disapointment, etc. on his part; because not only was his sight failing seriously but his rearing likewise. I said: "Well Fr. D./its the last sermon any of us will be able to give and its on patience and holy resignation." Thanks be to God; he received the announcement without the least change of countenance and has been an esample of patience and resignation ever since - a real sermon and edification to the 30 novices and to us all. Never a complaint!

I hope Dear Sister that you will forgive me for not writing you. I hav stated a number of times to do so; but honestly more friquently there are so many things it seems I ought to do and do not get time that I feel I get no where and do seemingly nothing. I am sure Fr. Edw'd has written of Fr.E.J.'s peaceful and beautiful death and really joyful, solemn Mass and funeral. Every one seemed happy. As we followed His Excellency the Bishop from the cemetery one of the fifteen priest half-exclaimd-"This is more like a bridal affair than a funeral." ... Keep courage; rather confidence in God, which is courage divinely reenforced.

Pl. pray for poor Fr. Solanus - yours in Christ Fraternally.

Original in possession of: Mrs. Aurelia Herkenrath
1019 108th Ave., N/E. Apt 117
Bellevue, Wash., 98004


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

The following are faithful transcriptions of photocopies of handwritten messages to his brother James' family by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

1. On a Seraphic Mass Association Card:

Mrs. James Casey - for speedy health improvement, God willing -
emergency - special - member.

February 18th 1948

God bless you Sister, Emma Casey

"Courage is half the battle" Keep it up.

Confidence in God is courage infinitely reinforced by God's grace to
be always fostered - the very soul of prayer.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

2. On a Seraphic Mass Association Card:

V. Sister Mary Aurelia Ann

- for God's holy guidance

July 8th 1947 - Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

3. To Sister M. Aurelia Ann:

God made me to know him

O what a Bless'd aim!

To love Him and serve Him

Sure rests in the same.

It's Heaven begun


For the grateful on earth

To treasure aright ! ? !

Highest Heaven its worth.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

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Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

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(On small holy pictures)

1. To niece, Aurelia Herkenrath:

To know God and to appreciate
is to advance -
to one science necessary, - Sanctity.
Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

2. To nephew-in-law, Leon Herkenrath Sr:

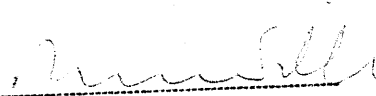
O St. Joseph Model and Patron
of worthy Fathers.
Teach us Perseverance for Jesus.
Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

3. To grand-nephew Leon Jr.

Like to Holy Trinity,
Faith, Hope and Charity are one.
Theoretically Faith - like the
Eternal Father comes First
But in both cases they are essentially one.
Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

Originals in possession of: Mrs. Aurelia Herkenrath
1019 108th Ave., N/E. Apt. 117
Bellevue, Wash., 98004

(Aurelia Casey Herkenrath, daughter of James Casey)


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1948, January 22

The following is a faithful transcription of a photocopy of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

Bles'd be God in all and each of His designs!
January 22nd 1948

Mrs. Leon Hekenrath -

My Dear Niece: God bless you and all yours! Many thanks for your kind remembrance of a month ago. Only To-day did I come to it though duely received and noted

I've been down most of the time since a week or so before Christmas - eczema or its twin psoriasis.

Thanks be to God, however, I only missed four holy Masses - two on Christmas and two otherwise. Otherwise my health has been good: God be praised. I hope you are all continuing well. How nice that so many of you can have your dear Mother so near.

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I have enrolled you for your hearing especially in the Ser.M.As'n as the card indicates. I think it would help if you made a proposition to the Poor Souls - including your relatives specially- that you will enroll them most specilly, say for a small % of the Dr. bill if your hearing improve with out treatment so as to surprise the doctors(Then have as many as possible to offer holy communion often. Fr. Sol.

Prased be Jesus.

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Bellevue, Wash., 98004


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1945, August 31

The following is a faithful transcription
of a handwritten message on a Seraphic Mass
Association card by the Servant of God,
Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

Denis and Mary Molloy
-- for God's holy guidance --

- each -

August 31st, 1945
God speed your hopes and plans.

- Love -

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

(Requested by) Mrs. Mary C. Molloy

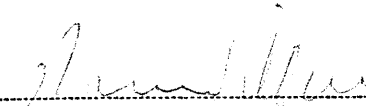
Pl. pray I catch up with my letters, etc.
God's blessing to all at 124 Warren and all.

Original in possession of :

Mrs. Mary C. Molloy
1327 Lincoln Avenue, #213
San Rafael, California 94901

(Mary Casey Molloy daughter of James Casey)

(Mary Casey Molloy, daughter of James Casey)


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1947, May 1

The following is a faithful transcription of a photo copy of a handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, OF.M.Cap.

V. Sister Miriam James
363 W Hth Street
Eugene, Oregon.

Blest be God in His
angels and saints !
May 1st 1947

God bless you Sister Miriam James.
After finishing your letters for the 1st time last night I started to write both of you and your cousin Sister Mary Eileen Clare. I meant to get them done but it was nearing 11 p.m. and my eyes threatened a strike if I continues. I wrote your dear mother a few months ago when she was quite low. Thank God, I understand she improved some since. . . She seemed to pick up wonderfully two years ago at the happy reunion and Solemn 1st holy Mass. . . But how short the joys of earth! - and the sorrows too! Deo Gr.
What a glorious contrast in Heaven. Fr. Sol.

(on the reverse side of above card he wrote):

Saint Felix Capuchin Friary, Huntington, Ind. (printed)

Clerical Novitiate - at present 23 novices, promising young men. We could place fifty priests tomorrow if we had them for the home and foriegn missions. Pray the Lord of the vineyard that He send laborers. . . Fr. Solanus

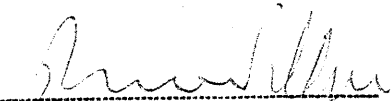
(And on a Seraphic Mass Association card he wrote:)

V. Sister Miriam James Perpetual Member
January 13th 1948

God bless you Sister M.J. Keep well - with mother and all.
Praised be Jesus Christ ! Fr. Solanus, O.M.Cap.

Original in possession of:

Sister Bernadine Casey, S.N.J.M.
Fort Wright College
W. 4000 Randolph Rd.
Spokane, Wa. 99204


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m.
Notarius

1948, February

The following is a faithful transcription of a photo copy of a handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

Bles'd be God in all His designs!

Febr. 18th, '48

God bless you Sister Miriam James --

You and your community. Yes we quite enjoyed our visit to Portland and out to your ideally located Mother house in Marylhurst - on our way to San Francisco and Los Angeles.....We are sending in separate cover booklets pertaining to wonderful source of blessings, the Seraphic Mass Association. I am enrolling your dear Mother too in the Emergence list for the intention that she speedily improve in health - physically, mentally, spiritually. I hope she give the doctors a surprise.

God's grace and blessing to all

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

P.S. Yesterday received letter from Fr. Maurice E. Joachim and To-day one from Fr. E'd. Both seem feeling well. Deo Gratias!

Sr. Miriam James

February 14, 1948

"God bless you Sister Miriam James."

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

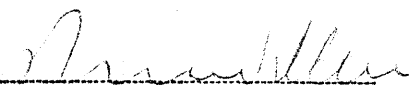
"God condescends to use our powers if we don't spoil His plans by ours."

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PAX ET BONUM

Capuchin Franciscan
Fathers

ST. FELIX FRIARY
Huntington, Indiana

August 4, 1947

Mrs. John McCloskey
Seattle, Washington


My Dear Sister Mary Gevevieve:

God bless you and all yours. I hope this finds you well -- as, than is be to God it leaves me.

I really do not know when I've written you last or how long I've been wanting to write you, though I hardly think there is a day passes that I do not remember you. However, your son John now our promising, young Jesuite Father McCloskey gave us the pleasure of a visit here yesterday; and so, I determined on writing you at least a few lines before letting it linger longer.

Only a week or two ago I learned from some good friends of ours - O'Donnells - of Father John's presence so near, even in Chicago. They had been figuring on driving down ever since early in June, when they were very kind to myself and our Nephew Bernard Maurice, when we went out to St. Paul and from there visited Fr. Maurice Joachim in Graceville.

Our visit to poor, dear Maurice had to be short under the circumstances but I think we all quite enjoyed it. Both Fathers Maurice and Edward are quite well. Thanks be to God. We had planned on a solemn Mass on the 36th anniversary of M's ordination but the chapel is very small - just temporary; so I served his Mass and he surprised me how well he was able and served mine. It was Wednesday, the anniversary of his First Holy Mass instead of Monday of ordination and I had promised the Father Guardian who at the time was not well, that I'd try hard to be back for Sunday. I had quite an important sick-call to make in


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Detroit - Royal Oak rather - on returning whic added about 375 miles or more of a trip. One of our convert Jews -- very clever who we hope will be a priest some day - drove me down from Detroit.

We had quite a nice little visit yesterday and Saturday-evening. They all seemed to have enjoyed it. Fr. John had to be back this morning for his classes. So they left about 5 p. m. yesterday.

I am sending you a couple of letters I think will interest you; as also a photo taken a little over a year ago. Of course its younger than the original. Anyhow I hope it may not disapoint or scandalize

With love to all I beg to remain,

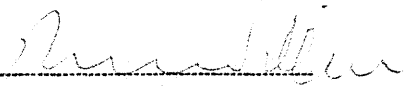
In the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

Your Brother

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

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1947, December 8

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SAINT FELIX MONASTERY. HUNTINGTON INDIANA.

December 8th, Feast of the Immaculate

Conception. 1947.

Mrs. Charles D'Amico
379 Caler Avenue
Seattle, Washington

My Dear Niece Dorothy:

God bless you this most cherished feast of our Blessed Mother Mary. I do hope she may bless you specially - you and yours.

However, to insure such a booned favor, we ought on our part try to find some way whereby specially to please her our so gracious blessed Mother. This we can hardly do better than by studying her life and trying to imitate her peerless practice of the Christian virtues - or any one of them - charity. patience, purity, humility, temperance, etc.

Of course if we remember and keep in mind that the greatest doctors of the Church and theologians are unanimous in their conviction that even at the very first instant of Mary's soul's conception she received greater and more abundant graces than all other creatures taken together -- as the brightest moon outshines all the stars -- and that even the highest seraphim can follow only at a shadowy distance her Christ-like practice of the virtues as she grew in wisdom and grace before God and men

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(Mrs. Dorothy D'Amico, daughter of Ella Casey Traynor)



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1948, April 14

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April 14th 1948. Feast of St. Joseph.

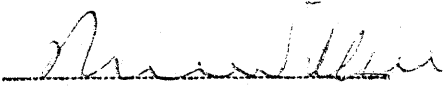
Mrs. Charles D'Amico. 379 Caler Ave. Seattle, Washington.

My Dear Niece Dorothy: - God bless you this dear, beautiful Feast of the most privileged Spouse of Mary. May he too be watching over you and yours! I've been wanting to write you these many months. Indeed you have been on my mind quite a little ever since that memorable day we conclude with you and your little family on the "mount" in view of the majestic "old Ranier.

Who would believe that nearly three years has passed since that day? How many more-times three, till we follow so many of our dear ones gone ahead of that land-mark event, and join even those who have followed since? -- poor, dear Brother Guss, (at least for me), one of the notables.

I would like to continue playing with memories but time forbids me to waste it on events that have passed and do pass like soap-bubbles, no matter how grand and gaudy, unless they pertain to the one thing necessary - knowing God better so as to love Him and serve Him better and save our immortal souls. For who can fully appreciate the privilege that Almighty God has given each one of us in just this possibility of our helping Him in the work of Redemption and thus saving our own "destiny for eternal glory?" "O, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God!" You will be wondering what all this may be coming to; and there is so much that I would write you that a whole book would not exhaust it. So much, when I think of your dear Mother, Sister Nell or Ellie, as we used to call her in her mother-like efforts to make the rest of us contented and happy in the long decads back in our family history, in Prescott, in Trimbelle, in St. Croix Co. in Superior, Wis.

I think you must have been the baby when she - your dear Mother - wrote that notable letter describing the 500 mile-trip to Christmas Mass, that I gave you last November. At all events I wanted to have a heart-to-heart talk with you on that occasion but the shortness of your stay and circumstances made that impracticable for what I felt you and poor, dear Charlie needed. I could see from the start that he had something on his mind. He could not resist lamenting it in a little personal interview we had together. I'd never met Charlie before that refered-day on the Moutn and then a day or two afterwards out at aurelia's place on Lake Washington and I surely felt like congratulating you on such a husband and on the blessing God had bestowed on your union - such dear children.

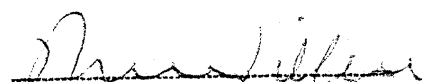

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I am going to skip a whole lot that I am sure would interest us but you will be easily able to guess all about what would naturally follow if I had time to continue. So I would like just now to stress one feature of mutual harmony between man and wife that it seems to me must next to everything in matrimonial and family-life. What is it? ? ? I almost forgot to tell you first that a recent letter concerning your family - rather just a few lines of a report about you - took a tear from my eye: D. and C. and the whole family situation immeasurably improved." Pardon brevity. Now what I wanted to stress is this: The supreme importance for PEACE sake in a family that the husband or the mother, adjust their likes - their ideals - so as to harmonize with those of the other "life-partner", thus renewing and reenforcing their "courting-days affection" for one another, edifying the children and neighbors and, in this "vale of tears" helping to convince all concerned that after all the very possibility of our making the grade and gaining the eternal goal is worth infinitely more than the comparatively trifling sacrifices demanded.

Just a little example that I now remember ought to make what I want to say, interestingly clear and pertinent. About the time I was ordained (1904), the whole current press - Catholic as well as general - seemed to focus almost dangerously undue attention on a certain Tolstoi as the outstanding general genius of the hour and of the age. Said to be "handsome and extremely wealthy" without setting too much importance on either, Count Leo Tolstoi

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1952, June 27

The following is a faithful transcription of the typed original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap.

June 27, Octave of Sacred Heart, '52. Bles'd be God forever (And)
In all His Designs.

Miss Eileen Casey
Tokyo, Japan

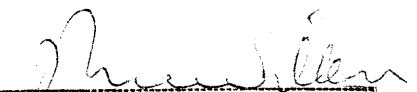
God bless you My Dear Neice Eileen:-
you and yours. And may the peace of the saints be ours, here and beyond the hopeful borders of this solemn pilgrimage — after all but a momentary "vestibule to eternal realities". For the severalth time I am starting again a response to your pathetic plaint of April 24th. I do hope this finds you in every way as healthy and hopeful as it leaves us all here at the Friary. Deo Gr. How wonderful, even tho' full of mystery at every turn, are not His - God's own - works and ways! always in the final - never failing in the turning to the Glory of God and the happiness of the faithful, the appreciative, the grateful, and true. History abounds with examples most telling of this happy contention; mediaeval and modern as well as - nay, infinitely surpassing anything- in the ancient world, for real, "excelsior chivalry" and for inspiring loyalty to faith and eternal principle; — divine appreciation, remeration always infinitely in the leade.

Beautifully romantic and hope-inspiring at once are always the examples of humble confidence, of unhesitating obedience to God and authority, of persevering loyalty in the face of contradiction to faith and principles of RELIGION, — after all and in reality the only science that gives purpose to every other science, "The Science of our happy dependence on God and our neighbor." Or; if you will: "Religion, the Science of our happy relationship with and our providential dependence on God and our neighbor.

Hopeful borders of this solemn pilgrimage

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(Eileen Casey Hennessey, daughter of Leo Casey)


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1952, December 25

The following is a faithful transcription of the handwritten original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

ST. FELIX FRIARY
ROUTE 8
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

Christmas Night
1952

Gloria in Excelsis
Deo et Pax hominibus
bonae..of good will

God bless you Eileen Casey dear Niece of ours--

God bless you and yours.

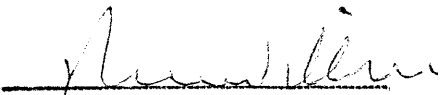
Only now I come to your letter of Dec. 19th - after 11 p.m. God help us! I hardly know how the time slips by. Your cousin Mildred called from Chicago a week or so back and I had a little word with several of them including Captain Florence Casey was just then being transferred to Detroit Mich. Thanks be to God they all seem to be well - including even your Aunt - "Grandma Grace". In fact Grace gave me a pleasant surprise - a "congratulations..." on my 83rd birthday. Your Uncles Pat and Owen also wrote and Mgr. Edw'd. All well Deo Gr.!

(Note: The following is an Addition to the above):

1953, February 16

Febr. 16 '53

Blessed be the Most Holy Trinity in every tick of time! God bless you Eileen again - two months after this was supposed to be yours. Looking for something quite different late last night I felt ashamed of myself to find these cards still "just snowed under" (all kinds of letters, etc) Please God I'll get it off today. I hope you are keeping well these days - at once so restless, so foreboding in in the materialistic world; yet by the grace and mercy of God, so colorful and so promising!


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1953, February 16
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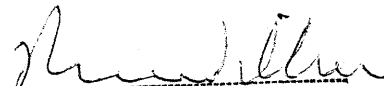
Eileen Casey

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It is just about ten years now that a certain Rabbi Rosenwasser lamented to one of our fathers...the prevalence of atheism. The latter without a whisper, wrote (the R's finger on the corner of the tissue-paper) "If any good is to come from atheism -- in itself the climax of insanity -- ..."Its going to force believers-in-God together." Hitting the desk, Rabbi exclaimed: "Thats Inspiration!

It is hard to reckon the extent of modern martyrdom the Church has suffered these several decades and probably less possible to surmise what seems still-shortly to follow, the judgment awaiting enemies of Truth as the glory reserved for those who will have persevered... suffering for justice, for Truth...

Fr. Solanus, OFM. Cap.


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1945, August

The following is a faithful transcription of Retreat Notes, August 1945, by the servant of God Father Solanus Casey OFM Cap. (found in NOTEBOOK NO. 10) Pages 59 to 68.

RETREAT

Beautiful IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Monastery Garrison
on the Hudson

Rev. Fr. Norbert....Penn Province

1st Day

Thank God! Busy day; weather Ideal. Arrived at station about 5 P.M. Had good hyke from station

Conferince 8:30 P.M.

Platform of Retreat: "To imitate St. Francis who so perfectly followed Jesus - Our Divine Model."

2nd Day - Monday, August 20th St. Bernard

I Jesus divine Model came to do our Heavenly Fathers will - to glorify Him a) by knowing, b) by loving, c) by serving. Just herin was the specialty of St. Francis.

Herin is perfectly found the purpose of the RATIONAL CREATURE

Hence

God made me to KNOW HIM
O what a bles'd AIM
To love HIM and serve HIM
Sure rests in the same.


It's Heaven-begun
For the grateful on Earth.
To treasure aright?!!!
Highest Heaven its worth.

II Conference

"Where Thy Treasure is There is Thy Heart also"

To be satisfied with fulfilling obligations strictly demanded by holy Rule is a matter of busines.....

To be a Friend of Jesus a priest, a religious, a Franciscan, must do more. He must study to please Jesus by studying His life and trying at least at a distance to imitate Him as St. Francis tried to do - to study His ways and know Him.


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1945, August

RETREAT 2nd Day

III Conference

"Obedience in Spirit not according to the letter."

.....Humility is Patience if an "inferior" and a subject;
Greater humility and greater patience and prudence too if a
Superior

Tuesday - III Day

I Conference

"Suffering" - three fold-view - Natural, philosophic, ascetic.
Resisted, accepted, embraced with appreciation. Suffering the lot
- earthly destiny of every mortal from cradel to grave - Nolen -
Volense Deo Gratias

II Convergence

"HUMILITY and SIMPLICITY"

(Of myself) I am nothing. Only inasmuch as I shall succeed in
humbling myself can I expect to anything in God's eye - anything
therefore in reality worth seeing. Humility and Simplicity belong
together and to one another more than do twin sister.

III Confer.- "HOLY POVERTY"

Out-standing characterick of Orders of St. St. Francis. Blessed
are to poor in spirit - for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

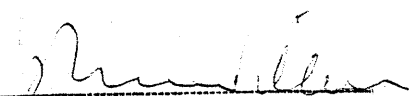
IV Confer. - "Blessed are the Clean of heart for they shall see God"

First law of nature, Self-preservation. Next to this law - nay
essentially belonging to it is Self-propagation.....Whence then the
law of Chastity? In general there is no law beinding to perfect Chas-
tity. In general it is only a counsel. Chastity becomes a law for
the privileged few - for priests and religious who by the grace of vo-
cation take it as a holy vow....all the more effectually to propigate
Jesus Christ and themselves spiritually.

Wednesday

I Conference - "Means of preserving Chastity"

Devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacram't and to Mary His - our
Bl. Mother. Foster confidence in Jesus by appealing to Mary our Bl.
Mother to help us and be our teacher in learning to know Jesus, so
that we may love Him and serve Him.....


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1945, August

RETREAT WEDNESDAY - I CONFERENCE

"Remember O most Blessed Virgin that never was it known....."
In all our troubles and difficulties...Through Mary & Jesus

II Confer.

"Penance"

"Unless you do penance you shall all - perish."

God knows as no one else knows that we all and each need penance; that we need humiliations where by to foster humility. Hence in His love He never fails to provide occasions for each one to practice penance - which means in other words to check self-conceit and nolens - volens to get somewhere in humility. Hence for a religious the most practical penance is that naturally and logically consequent on the rule. Of course private penance is good - often practical. But "Too often, penance self-imposed may hold to seeds of pride inclosed. And the Devil, blast his skill - brings back with slight-of-hand self will. But pains most fruitful recompence (best penance) is won by glad obedience. Obedience that looks to God. To kiss humiliation's Rod. O this the sword that wins the strife for God in many a wavering life. O This the Secret, happy way to cure sinners Heaven's hay." Rev. E. F.C.

III Confer.

Fraternal Charity

"By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another." -- Viz, disciples of Jesu-of St. Francis.

.....Quite at once an occasion and an occasion for exercising it.

IV Why be afraid of gentle sister Death? Why be anxious about dying? Why?.....? Rather ask, why not fear and avoid the cause of death?

Only the unbelieving worldling fears death rather than sin its cause. In other words, only the crazy world that refuses to believe in the wisdom and power and goodness of God to provide a Hereafter for His faithful; and therefor, who fail to foster hope - in this exile - is death a subject of horror. Again, since, to sin is the climax of insanity, therefore, only inasmuch as we have been so crazy as to have sinned; Only in so much have cause to fear death or to be afraid to die.



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RETREAT - Wednesday - IV Conference

After all if God has given such striking manifestations for us all during our temporal existence of His love for us, why not leave death to him too. Why not, as often as we think of it, just say, "Thank you Jesus ahead of time for the death ahead of me. That is your business."

Thursday

I Conf.

Joy and Happiness in Religion Contrasted to Enjoyment and Pleasure.

The latter accidental, shallo, skin-deep of the senses. The former...pertaining to the intelect and the will and affecting the soul - permiates the immortal soul.

Relation between penance (of yesterday) and the subject To-day is like "Cause and effect....Penance fostering hope - hope the very soul of happiness here on the pilgrimage to our eternal destiny.

II

Apostolate of spreading the Kingdom of Jesus Christ - propagating his doctrine. This by being what we profess to be - followers of Jesus Christ and Children of His "Herald- of The - Great-King, Francis.

In other words by striving to be real Franciscans - Capuchin - Franciscans. 2ndly if we be priests, by appreciating the privilege of preaching the word of God by preparing the sermons assigned to us.

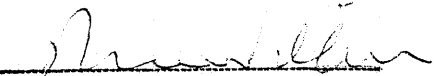
But this latter follows quite a little as natural effect of the former; "Charity beginning at home. i. e. in our efforts in being converted ourselves.

III Conference

"A Light on a candle-stick can not be hid"

Let your light shine before men; that seeing your good works they may glorify you Father Who is in Heaven."

Every Religious, worthy the name, is as a lited candle that can not be hid.....gentle, patient, humble, forbearing, accomodating moderate and modest in all things.


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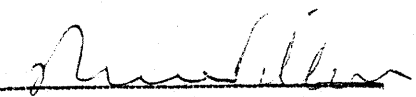
RETREAT - Thursday

IV Heaven The Destiny Eternal of the religious who strives earnestly and honestly to please God - and save his soul. "Eye hath not seen, Ear hath not heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive what God has prepared for them that love Him.....

".....O God what the glory of Heaven must be!
When its feeble reflection on mountain and I

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1946, October

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RETREAT 1946 ST. FELIX

Oct 13 - 18 % Fr. Wm. - Pittsburgh

Introduction - PURPOSE of Retreat - to check up on oneself spiritually

I Conference

.....Psalm 24. 1 To the O Lord have lifted up my soul
2 In thee O my God I put my trust
let me not be ashamed.

II was late for it

III Con.

Bl. are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven even here.

IV Con.

"Create a clean heart in me O Lord! and renew a right spirit within my bowels, - my vitals.

Tuesday

I Con.

Obedience - Let Every soul be subject to Authority.

II C.

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 132)


III Piety

Wednesday

I Con.

MORTIFICATION

"I chastize my body and bring it into subjection, Lest having preached I myself become a cast-away.


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1946, October

RETREAT - Wednesday - I Con.

a) Physical - b) spiritual

II C.

Trifles - mortification continued....Michaelangelo answers criticism of trifles: "Trifles make perfection. But perfection is never a trifle." Ah trifles make to border on divine.

III C.

Tepidity...."Would that thou wert cold or hot , but because Thou art neither cold or hot, I will begin to vomit thee out of my mouth."

IV C.

Repentence - Prodigal.

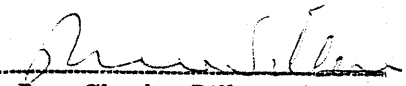
I will Arise and go to My Father and say to him:

V Piety.....

VI Spiritual Reading

VII Silence

END OF RETREAT Oct 13 - 18, 1946


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ST. FELIX RETREAT

% Fr. Marcellus....of Pittsburgh

Oct. 12, 1947

Introd'n. Purpose of Ret. To checkup on self. - Retrogr's

Oct. 13th

C.I. Purpose of rational Creature.

- TO KNOW GOD, - primary and all including. To love and to serve God follows (or follow), logically of itself. PURPOSE? "TO SAVE MY SOUL."

C.II. Why a religious? REPARATION.

- for personal sins - for throughless - conversion of sinners
- for the suffering, holy Souls in P. to supply what is wanting in the bitter Passion of Jesus Christ.

C.III. THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD - magnitude and preeminence of dignity, powers, et

b) THE LAY-BROTHER - Assistant.


C.IV. HUMILITY. VIRTUES'S FOUNDATION.

Soul of Christian virtues from A-Z. Practical MOTTO-ADMONITION of three words: "I-AM - THIRD ... God - My Neighbor - myself. Famous actor - singer - speaker ... finally ordained, prepares with great effort to "show students and brethren (in Mt. S. Pul. - Wash.) how to preach. Everything went fine till middle of sermon when memory failed."....Had you gone up (into pulpit), you would have come down in a way, as you went up." A well-meaning religious after all, he profited by the humiliation, a practical lesson.

Oct. 14th - '47 - Tuesday

C.I. THE VOWS, particularly POVERTY

Vow of chastity really included in that of poverty, viz, the right and privilege to have wife & Fam.


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RETREAT - Oct. 14th Tuesday - C.I.

Outstanding fortune of the poor in spirit even in temperalities. Verily 100%. St. St. Clement Hoffbauer want to say: "If in time of famine a loaf bread could be found, it would be on the table of some really poor convent."

C.II. Privileged VOW OF CHASTITY.

Privileged? Because while every soul in the grace of God is a temple of the Holy Spirit - of the Holy Trinity - the vow of chastity greatly insures the integrity of soul and body, is an outstanding feature is the vow of poverty as well as of obedience and heightens resemblance between the vowing soul and not only the prototype, the ancient Arc of the Covenant, but of Mary the true Arc..and of Jesus,,often and for many the most difficult.

C.III OBEDIENCE. "MASTER STROKE IN THE SACRIFICE OF SELF TO GOD'S SERVICE".

To do the will of His Heavenly Father the Second Person of the Bles'd Trinity assumed mortal flesh to be an example for all mortals in being obedient, even to the death of the Cross.

C.IV. HELL the work of MORTAL SIN.

Choice of Fools. "Artist finds youth for model Christus. Not too long afterwards seeking model for Judas finds his onetime model Christus. - work of mortal sin.

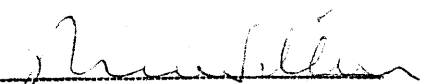
October 15th, 1947

C.I SIN - VENIAL - MORTAL

Venial sin stressed as in a way more dangerous than mortal for a religious, though incomparably less heinous in itself. It paves the way to mortal sin, blinding the soul as to the terrible consequences of the latter. Is is, however, an offense against GOD HIMSELF....To escape a lions jaws one would not hesitate to poke himself into a cluster of thorns. Venial sin not itself vital.

C.II PRAYER.

Outstanding means of success in achieving goal of perfection. So easy - possible at all times, wheresoever we be, - always heard, always answered. Why necessity of Prayer?....Divinely decreed, as indicative of appreciation, - worth asking for.


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1947, October

RETREAT _ Oct. 15th, 1947 - C.II.

Stone-wall Jackson, as professor, as well as in action on the field always began with prayer and thanked God after.

C.III. JESUS OUR LOVER - FRIEND - GENERAL WHO NEVER FORSAKES, even FOOD OF OUR POOR, UNGRATEFUL SOULS. ! BLIND LOVE !?

C.IV. VIRGIN-MOTHER, MARY IMMACULATE--

God's own Blessed Mother, He gives us as our Refuge and next to Himself, our divine Model in all things.

With all modern equipage - including experienced and up-to-date nurses and doctors - their Orphanage could never procure actual MOTHER-LOVE for mother-less children. Jesus did this for His - not leaving them orphans - in giving His own Mother M. to us from the Cross and His disciples - us - to her.

October 16, 1947.

C.I. BROTHERLY-LOVE, - FRATERNAL PEACE.

"Ecce quam bonum et quam iucundum", (Ps. 132). Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

C.II. SPIRITUAL READING. - KEEPING UP WITH THE TIMES IN A SPIRITUAL SENSE.

It means to be posted and "up to date" in what concerns the Church morals, etc.

Holy Scriptures and most especially the New Testament should be familiar.

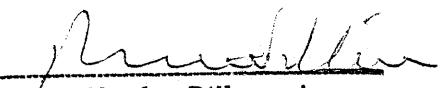
C.III. GOOD EXAMPLE BEST OF SERMONS.

Every religious of good example is "a city built on a mountain that cannot be hid." Brother Dutton who took saintly Father Damien's place with the lepers was converted by example of hisMr. Ryan. "...I don't steal, Captain. I'm a Catholic." Ryan's answer impressed Dutton so that at once he started to look into the only science that carries into eternity, RELIGION, - Science of our happy relationship with God and our neighbor.

C.IV. GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO DIVINE PROVIDENCE. ? FOR EVERYTHING--

Our existence - our faith - our vocation - Our superiors - each and all our brethren, How is it possible to thank God for having given us good faithful parents - relatives - friends - the whole universe with its details beyond created intelligence ? spiritually and materially!

END OF RETREAT NOTES - October 12 - 16, 1947.


Rev. Charles Dillen, c.i.c.m. 262
Notarius

1949, October

The following is a faithful transcription of Retreat Notes, October 30 - November 2, 1949, by the servant of God Father Solanus Casey OFM Cap. (found in NOTEBOOK NO. 10 pages 75 to 78)

RETREAT 1949
Oct. 30

Rev. Fr. Edwin - of Pittsburgh

Sund'y

I. VOCATION.

To Put- on Christ - to Imitate - to follow Jesus.

Monday

II. CHARITY.

To be true; practical must begin at home.

III. MORTIFICATION.

Necessity; advantages

IV. INTERIOR LIFE.

Anchor and Stay of perseverance in religious state....Sad case of outstandinly active Franciscan friar in SWest...winding up by doning the overalls rather than his habit, and finally marrying the divorced wife".


V. DEATH.

Card'l Wiseman's meeting of...going home for vacation...But, O the Death of St. Francis!....What a scene of Jubilation! As having passed his day's crucifixion and immune from further pain he inspires his brethren and, in joyful psalms and hymns joins them as with him they welcome God's own gentle representative, none other for him now than Sister Death. Deo gratias.

Tuesday - ALL SAINTS.

I. FAITH.

"According to thy faith: Thy faith hath made thee Whole, etc.


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1949, October

RETREAT _ Tuesday - ALL SAINTS

II TONGUE, SINS AND DANGERS of....

III. POVERTY.

Outstanding feature of everything really Franciscan. Gospel Poverty and Gospel perfection "Go sell what thou hast and give to the poor and come follow me, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven." IF THOU WILT BE PERFECT.

WEDNESDAY - ALL SOULS

I. PRIDE.

In Heaven as well as on earth pride proceeds all other sins ...in malevolence as well as in actual commission.

II. For the Lay Brothers Only.

III. HOLY SACRAMENT OF PENANCE, GREAT SOURCE OF JOY AS WELL AS OF PEACE.

IV. GENEROSITY, HEROISM what Jesus seeks.

I. Gospel TIDINGS - GOOD, JOYFUL tidings.

III. DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY.
.....Monstra te esse Matrem.....

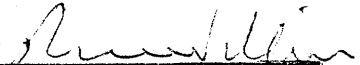
""In order to arrive at having pleasure in everything, desire to have pleasure in nothing.

In order to arrive at possessing everything, Desire to possess nothing.

In order to arrive at being everything, Desire to be nothing.
In order to arrive at knowing everything, Desire to know nothing."

St. John of the Cross.

END OF RETREAT NOTES Oct. 30 - Nov. 2, 1949


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etc, by the servant of God Father Solanus Casey OFM Cap.
(found in NOTEBOOK NO. 10 pages 79 to 84)

F I R S T B O O K G E N E S I S

"Adam was 130 yrs. old when he begot Seth who was sent in place
of Abel --lived 800 years after that,930.

Moabites Descendents of Lot and 1st daughter. Ammonites Descend-
ents of Lot and younger daughter.

Abimelech, King of Gerara, Fears God. Sarah - Abraham half sister
and wife (Genesis XX)

Explanation of Rebecca's "lie" - not a lie (see Gen. chap. 25).
However there does seem to be deception as seen in Chap. XXVII.
St. Augustine says its a mystery. How about...mental reserve....after
all they too were of fallen humanity.

Galaad i.e. witness heap. - between Jacob & Laban...and uncle -
Father-in-law, Laban.

Phanuel where Jacob wrestled with the Angel and received the name
Israel.

Jacob on his way to Hebron losses Rachel in delivery of Benjamin;
buries her at Bethlehem and with his twin Br. Esau buried Israel.
(Gen. 35-27)

Phares and Zara, Juda's Twins! (Gen. 46)

Jacob died at 147 yrs. Joseph at 110.

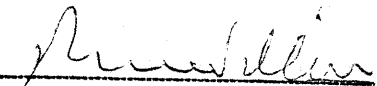
EXODUS

600,000 men besides children left in "Exodus" from Egypt after a
sojourn of 430 years. (Exod XII - 37)

And the children of Israel came in Elim where there were 12 foun-
tains of water and 70 palm trees XV - 27

"And if thou make an altar to me, thou shalt not build it of hewn
stones, for if thou lift up a tool upon it, it shall be defiled" XX-25

He that striketh a man with a will to kill him, shall be put to
death. XXI-12


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NOTES from SCRIPTURE, etc. - EXODUS

Beseleel and Oholiab appointed by the Lord to make the Tabernacle
...and filled with wisdom...XXXI

Exod. XXXIX Ornaments of the Tabernacle and vestments of Aaron and
sons finished 8 times - "as the Lord had commanded Moses."

NUMBERS

2750 Serving the Sanctuary IV. All the levites - 22000 III-39
Confession of sin commanded V-7.

VI-24 Blessing of St. Francis

THE LORD BLESS THEE, AND KEEP THEE. THE LORD SHOW HIS FACE TO THEE,
AND HAVE MERCY ON THEE. THE LORD TURN HIS COUNTENANCE TO THEE, AND GIVE
THEE PEACE.

XI Mixed multitude.....yearn for onions, garlic, etc (xi-4-6)

XIII Josue and Caleb the only two of all the "spies" who went into
Chanaan, the Promised land.

XIV Ten of the twelve "spies" - principal men of the 12 tribes prove
unfaithful to cooperate with Moses and are destroyed.

Josue (XIV - 6 and Caleb, however, proved faithful....are rewarded.

XIX Sacrifice of the Red Cow....

XXIV Beautiful prophesies of Balaam concerning Israel....."A STAR
SHALL RISE out of Jacob, (XXIV - 17)

XXVI- 65 Caleb and Josue only two to enter the "Promised land" of
all who with Moses had left Egypt.

XXXV ...Suburb Cities of Refuge.....Laws of vengeance.


XXXVI Marriage in one's own tribe stres'd

Book Of DEUTERONOMY - Second Law

I The people murmur and are punished for 40 years.

III None except Josue who succeeds Moses and Caleb reach the Prom-
ised Land. Moses himself is sent to the top of Mt. Phasga to get a view
thereof but is not to enter thither.

V "Hear O IsraelTen Commandments V..VI especially emphatic.


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NOTES from SCRIPTURE, etc. - DEUTERONOMY

VIII Grateful appreciation stressed again & again. 20...As the nations which the Lord destroyed at thy Entrance, so shall you also perish, if you be disobedient to the voice of the Lord your God."

X - 6 ...And...Aaron died and was buried, and Eleazar succeeded him in the priestly office. 22 - In 70 souls went down into Egypt.

XII - 2 Destroy all the places in which the nations you shall possess, worshiped their gods upon high mountains and hills and under every shady tree.

XXIII - 5 A woman shall not be clothed with man's apparel, neither shall a man use woman's apparel; for he that doth these things is abominable before God.

XXVII - 16 Cursed be he that honorath not his father and mother; and all the people shall say, Amen.

Easter Sunday 4 - 17 - '49

To-day: Dear Father Stephen, I turn to you for help with our million-dollar proposition. I've been trying for months - if not a year and more and still have not even an -

STATUE UNVEILED 4 - 27 - '49

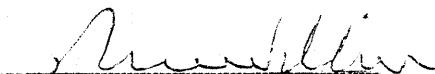
May 3rd Drive to Milwaukee. Pleasant Surprise in Chicago - unexpected dinner prepared at O'Ds.

May 4th Unveiling of Statue - Fr. Steph's

Thanks be to God -----Blessing of Rev. Mother M. Didelis at Notre Dame Convent in - ptomane-poison, ambulated to Hospital - delayed till Friday in same"

In St. Joseph Hospital May 13 - 22 Sundays but not 2 weeks.
Hard to believe! First two days seemed like weeks!!.....Experience quite worth while. Deo Gratias....no sleep....

END of NOTES from SCRIPTURE, etc.


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The following is a faithful transcription of Autograph written by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M.Cap. in a book of the "Mystical City of God".

A. Wonderful Work in the following pages.....!

So wonderful is this abbreviated history that it deserves to be prayed rather than simply read.

Fr. Solanus, O.M.C.

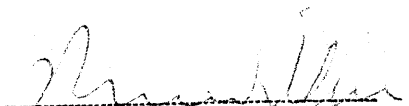
(He added the following later)

God bless you and yours. He will surely bless you as often as with becoming reverence you read from the following pages. Why? Because this Book treats of God's own Blessed Mother Mary - our Heavenly Mother. And there is no one else on earth or in Heaven that God Himself loves as He loves the same His Ever Virgin Immaculate Mother - and wishes Her to be known and loved. Queen of the Universe.

Fr. Solanus, O.M.Cap.

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Dear Reader:-

"To know is to Appreciate"

Trees are known by their fruits - - -

Artists may be known by their master-pieces

.....

God Himself can be appreciated - loved - only inasmuch as He is known.


The following pages offer a practical Introduction to God's most outstanding masterpiece - His own Virgin Mother Mary Immaculate.

Studying Mary's life...is learning to love ... God in His works - His Masterpiece.

Fr. Solanus O.M. Cap.

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(WRITTEN ON THE FLYLEAF OF VOLUME ONE, THE CONCEPTION, OF THE "MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD") BOOKS

Dear Reader:--

TO KNOW IS TO APPRECIATE".

The following pages beautifully introduce The Blessed Virgin Mary Immaculate.

Learn to know her that you may love Heaven and heavenly things.

Fr. Solanus, O. M. Cap.

WRITTEN ON THE FLYLEAF OF VOLUME TWO, THE INCARNATION, OF THE "MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD" BOOKS

Dear Reader: --

TO KNOW IS TO APPRECIATE".

Look at the "front piece" in this book and you have a glance at what it contains--if you can read the picture. It is the Blessed Virgin Mary's own book--her autobiography I call it.

Fr. Solanus, O. M. Cap.

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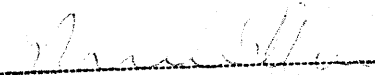
We've all had had a tast of sorrw. How little we realiz what a benefit it is that we do have such experience now and then.

In these pages you will learn something of how we ought to love sorrows and pains in this life. . . . for 'Tis pain that often purifies the heart.

Get acquainted with the Queen of Martyrs.
God's Mother Suffering.
. Fr. Solanus

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THE CORONATION VOLUME, OF THE "MYSTICAL
CITY OF GOD" BOOKS)

Dear Reader: --

TO KNOW IS TO APPRECIATE.

The following pages with the books that precede this, would seem to offer an example of supreme asceticism


As iron in fire is imbued with the nature of the fire, so in a manner is Mary the Virgin Mother of God impued, enlivened, with the divine nature

To know her too means to appreciate and to love -- both her and her Divine Son.

Praised forever be God in His Works!-- and in His Masterpiece of all masterpieces. His own Immaculate Mother Mary and Virgin!

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TO: MOTHER AND FATHER

Dear Reader: --

If "To know is to appreciate" Why not study more about Heaven than we do? This book introduces Heaven's Queen -- Mary Immaculate. Learn to know her . . -- to love heavenly things.

Fr. Solanus Casey, O. M. Cap.

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Dear Reader: --

"To know is to appreciate". God himself is loved -- appreciated -- only insofar as He is known. . . . We can know God through His works and by His grace.

The following pages offer a practical introduction to God's most outstanding work -- most outstanding masterpiece--

His own Immaculate
Virgin Mother Mary.

Fr. Solanus Casey, O. M. Cap.

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Dear Friend:


Before Reading from this wonderful book, beg the Holy Spirit -- for yourself and all -- to enlighten our minds and guide us to properly appreciate inspired writings.

Please return this book to the Monastery office
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inside of three or four months.

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(WRITTEN ON THE FLYLEAF OF VOLUME TWO OF THE
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NEW YEARS DAY: -- A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Reader: --

"To know is to appreciate."--

And "Gratitude for favors is one of the very first and
Surest indications of intelligence."

God's greatest benefit to man, after his creation, was
- - - - - his Redemption. The Incarnation of the Son of
God was actual beginning of That Redemption.


The following pages give details seldom - if ever -
found elsewhere regarding this mystery of love. They are
details as given by our dear Bl. Mother in her own singularly
privileged "autobiography."

Only in Heaven will we ever be able to appreciate such
details as they deserve to be appreciated.

Fr. Solanus, O. M. Cap.

P. S. In strict sense of the word "autobiography" is not
exactly the one to use. Our Bl. Mother herself refers to it
(in the 4th book), as a work of the Highest Truth
It is so much the Blessed Virgin's work, however, as the front
piece in this (No. 2) would seem to indicate, --instructing
the writer and coaching her, etc., that it is not improperly
called -- as above -- the Autobiography.

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The Real Life of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God.

Don't read it before first asking the Holy Ghost to enlighten your mind and guide our poor Hearts.

Glory be to God!

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

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Glory be to God for having coached this work - the writing of the Life of our Bles'd Mother Mary, which means nothing less than the autobiography of Mary Immaculate Mother of God.

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.

To read it without praying to the Holy Ghost first for enlightenment and guidance is a mistake - to say the least.

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Dear Reader:-

"To know is to appreciate." How is it that we so little appreciate heavenly things? How is it that honor the President's Mother - and not the Mother of Jesus?


The following pages give you a practical introduction to Heaven's greatest gem - its Queen, the Virgin Mother of Jesus.

Fr. Solanus, O.M.Cap.

God Bless you Reader Fr. Sol.

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Dear Reader:-

Man's greatest benefit next to his creation, was his Redemption by Jesus Christ. The Incarnation as wonderfully treated in the following pages was the beginning (in a way) of that great Mystery of Love.

Learn about that you may begin to appreciate it here when only in Heaven will be understood.

Fr. Solanus, O.M.Cap.

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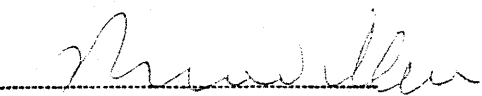
To read such work in any other than in a spirit of humility, is to read it to no profitable purpose. - in vain - This even with every kind of education and genius. Many read it - rather pray it on their knees.

Glory be to God for such a work - Even the abridged.

Fr. Solanus

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THE CORONATION: "What a compendium - Climax at once -
of sacred History, of philosophy of every phase of sacred Theology."
Fr. S. ofmCap.

THE INCARNATION: "Glory be to God! what a work! What a revelation!
What Revelations! What sacred History! What climaxes in philosophy,
in every phase of theology! -- as supremely befits its divine Author -
no one less than God of the Holy Ghost. see p. 529 Vol IV"
Fr. Solanus, ofm Cap.

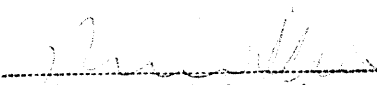
THE TRANSFIXION: "Blessed be God in all His designs! The following
pages recount the sorros of Mary - the Virgin of all blessed virgins"

THE CONCEPTION: "Blessed be God in all His design! This "The Mystical
City of God.," in my conviction is the real life of the Blessed Mother
of God - Mary Immaculate ever Virgin - Queen of the Universe.

If full results are to be expected the reader will do well to pray
to the Holy Gost at least briefly and humbly before each reading -
as is becomingly done at the reading of other "inspired works."

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

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1946, June 22

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Book No. I.

"A Treasury of Wisdom Divine that should be prayed rather than simply read." Blessed by Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap., poor Sinner. June 22, 1946.

Book No. II.

"If Artists can be known by their Masterpieces, what better way can there be of learning to know God than by studying His own blessed Immaculate Mother, the Masterpiece of all divine Masterpieces?" Father Solanus, O.F.M.Cap.
"Sinner."

Book No. III.

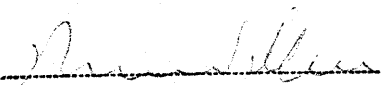
"Dear Reader: To know is to appreciate." Next to the sorrows of Jesus and the inexhaustible Love of His Sacred Heart, the sorrows of Mary and the love that filled her soul, surpass comprehension. At times in the course of the following pages, one can only wonder as at a manifest miracle, the fact that Mary survived the bitter Passion of Jesus. She did survive him for more than fifteen years--Mother and mistress and Queen of the Apostles-- next to Jesus Himself most meek and humble of heart; next to Him also, most compassionate and gentle. Would that Mary were better known! Would that her sorrows were better appreciated! How much better Jesus Himself would then be known! How much better loved! Praised be Jesus and Mary, His Sorrowful Mother!"

Father Solanus, O.M.Cap.
Pray for the Poor Sinner.

Book No. IV.

Dear Reader:- "The following pages treat on the "finishing touches" whereby God Himself glorified the Masterpiece of His own works-- Crowned His Immaculate Mother Mary. Learn to know that you may appreciate." Fr. Solanus
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1946, June 22

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"To know is to appreciate--is to love the good and to reject the unworthy. God Himself will be no exception in this. "God is Charity," St. John tells us, and Saint Francis laments: "Love is not loved." Ah! because not known! But if artists can be known by their masterpieces, why should not the divine Architect of the Universe be known by His?----- Theologians are quite agreed that Mary, our Blessed Mother--Virgin Mother of Jesus--was so imbued with divine gifts and graces--even at her very Immaculate Conception--as to surpass in beauty of sanctity all other creatures combined.....


The following pages, even abridged as they are, offer a surpassing introduction to God's own Mother, being the Autobiography of the same outstanding and supreme Masterpiece of all Masterpieces of the Universe-- most inspired-like and most inspiring - when read with becoming reverence."

August 3, 1947, Huntington. Father Solanus O.S.M.Cap.

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(He typed these excerpts from Volume I The Conception - of the "Mystical City of God")


VOCATION TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.

INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN ME BY THE MOST HOLY VIRGIN MARY.
(THE CONCEPTION - MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD)

426. My daughter, the greatest happiness, which can fall to any soul in this mortal life, is that the Almighty call her to his house consecrated to his service. For by this benefit He rescues the soul from a dangerous slavery and relieves her of the vile servitude of the world, where, deprived of true liberty, she eats her bread in the sweat of the brow. Who is so dull and insipid as not to know the dangers of the worldly life, which is hampered by all the abominable and most wicked laws and customs introduced by the astuteness of the devil and the perversity of men? The better part is religious life and retirement; in it is found security, outside is a torment and a stormy sea, full of sorrow and unhappiness. Through the hardness of their heart and the total forgetfulness of themselves men do not know this truth and are not attracted by its blessings. But thou, O soul, be not deaf to the voice of the Most High. Attend and correspond to it in thy actions. I wish to remind thee, that one of the greatest snares of the demon is to counteract the call of the Lord, whenever He seeks to attract and incline the soul to a life of perfection in his service.

427.for the devils know that this act tends not only to the glory of the Lord and the joy of the holy angels, but that religious life will bring the soul to holiness and perfection. It very often happens, that they who have received the habit with earthly and human motives, are afterwards visited by divine grace, which perfects them and sets all things aright.

449. The order which religious souls should maintain in their desires should be: that they strive to be punctual in fulfilling the obligations of their vows and all the virtues, which are connected with them. Afterwards and secondarily they may engage in voluntary practices, such as are called supererogatory. This order some of the souls, who are misled by the devil to entertain an indiscreet zeal for perfection, are wont to invert; thus, while they fail seriously in the obligations of their state, they are eager to add other voluntary exercises and practices, which are usually of small use or benefit, or arise from a spirit of presumption and singularity. They secretly desire to be looked upon as distinguished in


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VOCATION TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE.

zeal and perfection, while in truth they are very far even from the beginning of perfection. I do not wish to see in thee a fault so reprehensible: but first fulfill all the duties of thy vows and of community life, and then thou mayest add what thou canst, according to thy ability and the inspiration of divine grace. This together will beautify thy soul and will make it perfect and agreeable in the eyes of God.



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MYSTICAL CITY - LOGICAL LANDMARKS.

- I. This work itself, the Mystical City of God; was written in holy obedience to rightly constituted authority and was unreservedly approved by the highest superiors both of Church and State. (including in the latter, Philip II of Spain; and in the former, several Popes, beginning with Innocent XI, innumerable Bishops, Cardinals and Catholic universities.
- II. Its bitterest enemies - outside of Hell itself that tried in every way possible to thwart its being written - have been atheist and jansenistic members of the Parisian Sorbonne.
- III. While its documentary approvals and imprimaturs, in number, in weight, in dignity have been all-surpassing; most convincing in themselves and often most inspiring: still, if read with, at, least a decent degree of humility, the simple though master-introduction by the unassuming writer herself surpasses all others as befitting a work at once so inspired-like and so inspiring, so simple yet so surpassingly sublime. Deo Gr. Glory be to God.
- IV. The unprecedented progress in the blooming of these latter generations and ripening of devotion to Mary Immaculate Mother of God - Lourdes, Fatima, Lippa; Marian Congresses and study-clubs multiplying everywhere; and especially the dogmatic proclamations of the Immaculate Conception and of glorious Assumption, etc: all and each of these, not only suggest but positively plead for such a work, - a "life of the Blessed Virgin".
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IV. The unprecedented progress in the blooming and ripening these later decades and generations in "Devotion to Mary" - Lourdes, Fatima, Lippa; Marian congresses and study-clubs multiplying; definitions most solemnly proclaimed of the Immaculate Conception and of the Assumption, etc: - all these and each of them not only suggest but positively plead for such a work, an authentic "Life of the Blessed Virgin", - so supremely outstanding in the history of the Church and of the very life of Christianity and of religion, and of whom so remarkably little is detailed in the Gospel narratives. And most earnest of all, even to internationally-threatening is the demand occasioned by the steadily advancing avalanche of diabolical atheism just now so persistently menacing to every thought of God or of the supernatural - the demand - for positive, detailed - all the better if supernatural and superscientific knowledge of Mary Virgin-Mother and "CoRedemptrix with Jesus her divine Son.

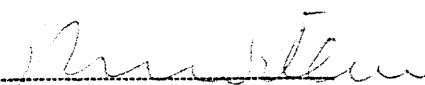
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NOTES FROM THE "MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD", LIFE OF
or better still, THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF OUR
BLESSED, IMMACULATE VIRGIN-MOTHER MARY.

If other children of Adam, conceived in sin, have been sanctified before their birth and been given faculties of reasoning even in their mother's womb, like St. John the Baptist, who three months before he was born leaped for joy at the presence of Mary our Immaculate Virgin-Mother carrying Jesus; and if, according to the theologians, Mary received, even at her very conception, such an abundance of divine grace and enlightenment as to outshine in the sight of Heaven, not only every other creature, but all other creatures taken together; then who besides God Himself, can conceive even a shadow of the glorious gifts and graces whereby the adorable Trinity.....

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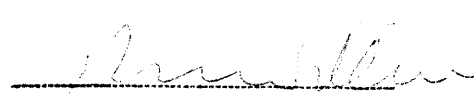
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? ? ? ! THE SECRET ! ? ? ? ?

In view of the manifold and oft' divergent conclusions drawn from this work: "Mystical City of God", it will surely not be out of place to offer here a few suggestions which we hope may conduce to the advantage of at least some of the many interested readers.

1st. The work itself was written from start to finish -- almost constrained - in humble, very deferential, docile, even "blind" obedience to the venerable writer's both immediate and highest superiors in Church and state; and by them authoritatively and unreservedly approved. 2dly Its very bitterest enemies and most persistent opponents have from the very beginning signalized themselves otherwise as enemies of faith and morals. (most outstanding among such enemies have been the jansenistic and atheistic members of the Parisian Sorbonne). 3dly. The work has been recommended by several outstanding Catholic universities and among its staunchest defenders can count Bishops, Cardinals and popes - for generation after generation since and including Innocent XI in 1686 shortly after it was first published.


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RECOMENDATIONS of MYST. CITY OF GOD.

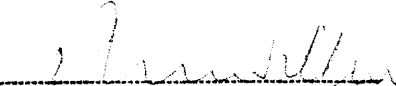
1st. The fact that enemies of the Church and of religion have opposed this work more bitterly and persistently than any other work published, save, perhaps the Holy Bible itself, is surely a recommendation. The jansenistic and atheistic inclined members of the parisian Sorbonne have (always spossord & led) led such opposition. On the other hand it has been again and again recomended and defended by the highest authorities in Church and state. Again and again, Bishops, Cardinals, Catholic universities and even Popes have praised and recomended and defended

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RECOMMENDATIONS. Simplest & first, the fact that of all publications, save perhaps the holy Bible itself, this work has met with the bitterest, most persistent opposition on part of the enemies of the Church and God.

Next after the devil himself, who tried every way in his power to prevent its being written and afterward from circulating among the people, it has been, ever since its first publication, the target of jansenist and atheistic bitterness. Hence, its warmest friends and staunchest defenders have been from among the most zealous Bishops, Cardinals, Generals of orders, Catholic universities and Popes themselves; from Innocent XI and Clement XI down. So that to refer to adverse criticism, from whatever source of Ven. Mother Mary of Jesus (of Agreda), or of her writings, as favoring jansenism, is surely not far fetched

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

First and simplest: Is the known fact that the bitter-enemies of God and Religion have been also the most persistently bitter opponents of this work. The devil himself tried every way in his power to prevent its being written in the first place; and with him ever since its first appearance, his visible agents -- outstandingly the jansenist and atheistic members of the Parisian Sorbonne - have in every way possible, hindered its circulation.

Hence, its warmest friends and staunchest defenders from among the most zealous of the Bishops, the Cardinals, the Generals of different orders, Catholic universities and Popes themselves, from Innocent XI and Clement XI down. So that such recommendations would fill a good sized volume themselves.

But better than any of these, or perhaps all of them together, if studied in the light of faith and confident heart with which the writer must have written it, is the simple but masterly introductions by the humble writer herself, - most privileged disciple and actual Secretary in the writing of this climax-compendium at once of sacred history, of moral and dogmatic and of ascetic and mystic theology; the life - Nay more the autobiography of the Queen of the universe.



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AUTOGRAPH TO MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD, VOL III
THE TRANSFIXION.

"HAIL Queen of the Heavens! Hail Mistress of Earth!
Hail Virgin most pure of immaculate birth!
Clear Star of the Morning in beauty enshrined; -
O Lady ! Make speed to the help of mankind."

Glory be to God! From early childhood I had re-
grettingly wondered why they had never written the
life of the Blessed Virgin Mother Mary. I figured
that since the life of any ordinary Saint is so in-
spiring, what would not Her life be, who in Heaven and
on earth is worshipt Queen of them all, so as to be
Almighty God's own dearest Mother. Then a great poet
who referred to Mary Immaculate as, "Humanity's
solitary boast", wrote too:

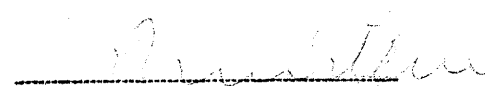
"The lives of all great men remind us
That we can make our lives sublime:
And parting, leave behind us, worthy
Foot-prints on the sands of time."

Childhood days and decades passed

Shortly after my ordination to the holy Priesthood I heard
of a "LIFE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN". I was skeptical. "Who
could think of presuming to write the life of the Bl.V.
Virgin these days?!" So I figured; erroneously taking it
for generally understood that it had never as yet, been
written. However, I was determined to see if it possibly it
might be more than a compilation of favors, etc, like the
Glories of Mary" which my Father used to peddle in the
winter-time and give away.We found an abridged copy of
the Mystical City of God. WHAT A REVELATION ! What a
treasure! From that first perusal of the simple but
masterly introduction by the humble secretary, - the
actual writer, - My conviction has grown, that the same,
"Mystical City of God", of whose four volumns this present
is the third; is, not only a genuine "Life of the same our
Bl.Mother Mary; but, having studied it for more than forty
years and on my knees having prayed the whole four volumns
I am convinced that the work has been rightly referred to as
the most opportune and authentic autobiography of the Bles-
sed Virgin Herself, the Queen of all Creation and chosen
by the divine Creator Himself to be His own Spouse and Mother.
Glory be to God!

Poor Sinner

Fr. Solanus, O.F.M.Cap. Glory be to God.


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The following is a faithful transcription of message by Father Solanus Casey written by hand, on the fly leaf of a volume of the Mystical City of God by Ven. Mary of Agreda (English translation, 1912):

The writings of Ven. Mother Mary of Agreda, of which these presents is an abridged edition, are so inspired-like and so inspiring, and it's praises and imprimaturs have been so outstanding and so persistent - including the highest authority in church and state - - that anyone with faith in divine authority (one would think) ought to hesetite to criticize it - as being above all criticism.

In fact it's bitterest enemies since it's first appearance have been in the janenestic and atheistic members of the Parisian Sarbonne, whose want of faith is beyond all doubt.

A REMINISCENCE

From earliest childhood I had regrettingly wondered why they had never written the life of the Blessed Virgin. I figured even at that time, when I heard them read from the lives of the saints: "If the life of a common saint is so Heaven-inspiring, what might we not hope for from the life of Mary the Queen of them all!" - - - But oh! how little I could realize at that time, the inopportunity of such a move; when even now it meets such indifference and so much opposition.

Then a renowned poet had refered to Mary Immaculate as "Humanity's Solatary Boast," and in another place:

"The liveness of all great remind us that we can make our lives sublime; and parting, leave behind us worthy food-prints on the sands of time."

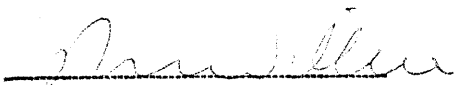
Childhood days and decades Shortly after my ordination I was asked about the "Life of the Bl. Virgin" and was decidedly skeptical as to its ever having been written. However, I was determined to find it if it realy existed.

. Glory be to God! We did find the abridgd copy of the Mystical City Thanks be to God. From that frist per-perusal - - the conviction has grown on me - I have studied it since - 47 yr's - have prayed on my knees, the four volums and am convinced that it is the real autobiography - life of the Bl. Virgin Mary Mother of God.

/s/ Fr. Solanus OFM. Cap.

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TRANSFIXION OF MARY * MYSTICAL CITY OF GOD.

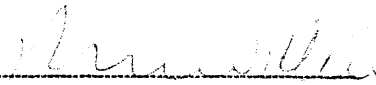
TO KNOW IS TO APPRECIATE.

Next to the sorrows of Jesus and next to the inexhaustible Love of His Sacred Heart, the sorrows of Mary and the love that filled her soul, surpass comprehension.

At times, in the course of the following pages, one can only wonder as at a manifest miracle, the fact that Mary survived the bitter Passion of Jesus.

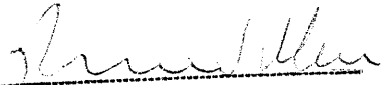
She did survive Him;
more than twenty years; becoming the stay and the gentle Mistress and Mother and Queen of the Apostles and of all the faithful in the entire Infant Church;
next to Jesus Himself most meek and humble,
next to Him, most copassionate and gentle.

Here, to know is to love. Would that Mary were better known!
Would that her sorrows were appreciated! How much better then
would not Jesus Himself be known! How much more loved and adored!


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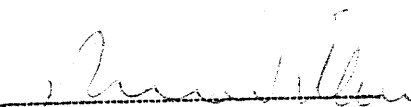
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