

APPENDIX III

COLLECTED WRITINGS ATTRIBUTED TO
THE SERVANT OF GOD
FATHER SOLANUS CASEY, O.F.M.Cap.

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1927, December 27

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

James Molloy

10 A.M. Dec. 27, 1927

has been enrolled in the Mass Association

God Bless you James!
Only keep up Courage and just,
kiss the cross as Jesus offers
it to you - God Bless you!

Happy New Year!

Fr. Solanus, Casey O.M. Cap.

Original in the Possession of:

Sister Suzanne Molloy, I.H.M.
610 West Elm Avenue
Monroe, MI. 48161

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Rita A. Zalawski
Notarius

1946, December 1

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

V. Sister
- for God's holy Guidance

December 1st, 1946
God bless you --
Suzanne - Sr.
Keep courage --

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

Requested by Mother

God condescends to use our powers
If we don't spoil His plans by ours
(by) Rt. Rev E'd F. Casey

on back

God bless you Suzanne Molloy
Fr. Solanus, O.F.M. Cap.

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Sister Suzanne Molloy, I.H.M.
610 West Elm Avenue
Monroe, MI. 48161

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Notarius

1950, April 25

The following is the faithful transcription of the hand-written original by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap. Casey, O.F.M. Cap., on the margin of a photograph.

ST. FELIX FRIARY

c. 1946

ROUTE 8

HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

April 25, 1950

Blessed be God

Feast of St. Mark

In all His designs.

Rev. James Molloy
76 Colorado Ave.
Detroit, Michigan

God Bless you Dear James -
but now I must God bless Father James,

So at long last and hearty Congratulations. I started to write a couple times since receiving your personal letter and now I feel almost too late. Anyway I am remembering you and all the folks over on Colorado and hope to see you Sunday.

I simply could not make it last Sunday.

Sincerely yours in the Sacred

Hearts of Jesus and Mary

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

Original in Possession of :

Sister Suzanne Molloy, I.H.M.
610 West Elm Avenue
Monroe, MI. 48161

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Notarius

c. 1946

The following is a faithful transcription of an original message hand written by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap., on the margin of a photograph.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
225 JEROME STREET
BROOKLYN 7, N.Y.
March 4th 1946

c. 1946

Sister Mary Rose Francis, S.S.J.

St. Gertrude Convent, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

To my dear Brother PATRICK CASEY,

Dear Sister Mary Rose Francis:

Thank God for HOPE. The soul of our happiness here.

Hence: "The fool sayeth in his heart: 'There is no God.'"

He refuses to be happy - in refusing to hope. And the very

idea of God and of eternity with Him, as inspired by faith,

hope, charity, is the fountain of supernatural confidence,

of hope, of happiness.

If we be friends we'll pray for one another's conversion - while we breathe.

Purpose of the Rational

Creature

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.

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

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1946, March 4

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

225 JEROME STREET

BROOKLYN 7, N.Y.

March 4th 1946

v. Sister Mary Rose Francis, S.S.J.

St. Gertrude Convent, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

Dear Sister Mary Rose Frances:

God bless you and yours.

Only Today did I come to your favor of February 24th and though several times interrupted have just finished it. I hardly know what to advise you, other than that you simply practice patience with yourself as well as with your neighbor - whether in the classroom or in the Convent or elsewhere. For we may be sure that we come nowhere in the practice of virtue or in spiritual progress with patiently humbling ourselves in the face of the difficulties where-with the divinely jealous Lover of our poor souls is pleased to cheque our selfconceit and pride.

If the Dear Lord has deigned to invite you to more than ordinary virtue and if on your part you have, perhaps again and again, seen something of the privilege of such an invitation, - finally concencting even half generously to follow the CRUCIFIED SPOUSE, then you may quite naturally - logically rather - expect difficulties of some kind or of any kind to exercise you in the virtues that put the enemies the Cross to shame and make Heaven rejoice. Such virtues are ofcourse first of all Humility from which all other virtues worth while in God's sight, take root and nourishment.

I am inclosing a letter, written several years ago by the present Rt. Rev. Edw'd F. Casey, who was rescued from a Jap prison a year ago - Febr. 23rd 1945. I am quite sure you will proffit in its earnest perusal and study.

At all events and whatever comes turn frequently to our dear Lord in the Tabernacle and next Him, to our Blessed Mother Mary, begging for the grace to correspond to the graces that He is always lavishing on our unworthy selves and for patience and HUMILITY.

-Gust. Babroittensis-
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Sister Mary Rose Francis, S.S.J.

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Just while I think of it and space at least permits ... a few verses from the pen of the same writer:

HURTINGTON, INDIANA

CONSOLATION (I think is the title he gives it).

"Tis pain that purifies the human heart. Let this a gentle consolation be When bright hopes fade and dearest friends depart and love itself seem but a memory.

"The hours that fill the soul with silent grief, - that flood it with unutterable woe - Become, when time hath given calm relief, the fountain whence a hundred virtues flow.

"The mourner's tear hath furrowed kindly faces and left the light of love abiding there. Sweet sympathy and tender deeds are traces of pain and sorrow, soothed in silent Prayer.

"Christ wrought Redemption from despair and sin. By His dear Cross the clouds of grief 'Tis Bethlem and Calvary that win, from pain and sorrow, the seats of Heaven were riven.

E.F.Casey. as a student.

Hope you'll take the lines herewith inclosed. Pray for the conversion of sinners - always including 1st yourself and then the writer.

Fr. Solanus O.F.M.Cap.

Emergency, special Membership
November 26 - 1949
Hope this help some way.
Fr. Solanus O.F.M. Cap.

-Copia Extrahenda-
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Notarius

1949, November 26

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

ST. FELIX FRIARY

ROUTE 8

HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

Nov. 26 - '49

Blessed be God.

In all His designs.

God bless you Sister Mary Rose Francis.

We hope this find you improved and improving. However, we must be ready to face facts. Please pardon brevity, but your letter - rather your description of your trouble sounds like trouble which sooner Every sister - if she live long enough should expect. So in case those dizzy spells continue do not be upset about but have a little patience and offer all for the intentions of the Sacred Heart.

Many thanks for your kind remembrance.

May the Divine Master of the universe bless you and yours! And may you hear His call Today from the tabernacle and

1949, November 26

The following is the faithful transcription of the hand-written original message on the Seraphic Mass Association Certificate of Membership by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, O.F.M. Cap.

that He send laborers into His harvest.

THE CAPUCHIN FATHERS

Ven. Sister Mary Rose Francis,

for speed health-improvement, God willing, and for holy guidance.

The enrollment was taken on Emergency, special Membership November 26 - 1949

Hope this help someway.

Fr. Solanus O.F.M. Cap.

Original in Possession of:

Dorothy M. Fletcher
24560 Sherwood Forest Dr., 4524
Mt. Clemens, MI. 48043

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Notarius

1948, December

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

Dec. 1948

ST. FELIX FRIARY

HUNTINGTON, IND.

Dear Friend

Many Thanks for your kind remembrance.

May the Divine Master of the missionaries bless you and yours! And may you hear His call Today from the tabernacle and from the Crib - as His first Twelve harkened to His plea at the well of Jacob:".... Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He send laborers into His harvest."

THE CAPUCHIN FATHERS

(Signed) Fr. Solanus

The enrollment was taken care of; God bless you and yours.

Original in Possession of:

Dorothy M. Fletcher
24560 Sherwood Forest Dr. #524
Mt. Clemens, MI. 48043

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Notarius

1947, March 18

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

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FATHERS

SAINT FELIX FRIARY

HUNTINGTON, INDIANA.

March 18th 1947.

Miss Constance Benecki,

Hamtramck, Michigan.

Dear Miss Benecki: God bless you and yours.

Many thanks for your favor of yesterday, just noted.

I would be pleased to see you any Saturday or Sunday convenient to you.
In case you drive down, a good way is via #112 (and Willowrun), to Coldwater
and then, Coldwater 2 - to - via #24 to Jefferson Ave. Huntington: turn up
to right 3 - to till St. Felix is seen a half mile off to the left. to
Fort Wayne take #27.

If it should be muddy and soft, better go back two or three blocks to
first paved street. St. Felix is only about one and a half mile from the
center of City.

In the mean time I am sending you a copy of a letter which if read prop-
erly ought to help you greatly to shake off that excessive worry you seem to
be laboring under. That of course you ought to fight against. Because it is
never good to worry and in nine cases out ten the worry is about something
that has no real foundation, therefore, never happens.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

P.S. The Wabash train leaving Detroit about 7:30 A.M. stops at Huntington.

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c. 1948

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ST. FELIX FRIARY
Route 8
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

Dear Constance Benecki,

Thank you for the kind favor of November 20. The Mass for your dear mother was said yesterday. Please understand God is a good Father. He knows what is best for our souls. So no matter what He gives, sickness, health or even death, He does so for our best interests. So whatever He does, praise His holy Name. God bless you, your mother, and those close to you.

Sincerely yours in Jesus Christ,

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

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

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

June 26

Blessed be God
In all His designs.

God bless you Constance Benecki,

Its nearly a year now since your little visit the St. Felix Friary..

.....

Many thanks for your kind favor of June 11th duly received and noted.
I hope you proffit by your stay in Phoenix and that on your return home to
Hamtramck you find mother and Sister better than ever. I hope to leave
here and return to St. Felix shortly.

How little we can appreciate our health until it fails us. So we
really ought to thank God for trials and crosses as well as for joys and
consolations.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Fr. Solanus, OFM, Cap.

Original in possession of:

Mrs. Constance (Benecki) Gantz
Box 589
Silver City, New Mexico 88062

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1949, September 2

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

ST. FELIX FRIARY

9/2/49

ROUTE 8

Blessed be God in all
and each of His designs.

HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

God bless you Miss Benecki, - you and yours;

and many thanks for your kind remembrance and and treat which latter, came in very handy for several guests who came last evening this a.m. twenty-six novices took simple vows at the solemn services Deo gratias.

However, I'll now have to rather change my tone and scold you for your unwonted soliditude about health or doctor or anything else. ... You surely want to get to Heaven. But how? Without dying? ... Ah! but in so vigerously protesting against this or that trouble, you as much as tell Divine Providence (in a way at least) "if I can't have at least something of a choice it will be all off; I can't make the grade." ...

Just think, dear Soul. What would have become of humanity if in the Garden of Gethsesemini, Jesus had insisted on His own will: "Heavenly Father its too much! ...", instead of: ... Not what I will, but what Thou willst ...". O! Where is our faith? Where are our proofs of love of Jesus, if suffering for the sake of the loved One be a proof of love? ? ? ! ! !

We ought to keep in mind as much as our poor frailities permit, especially in times of pains and sorrow; the thought of ETERNITY and the contrast of it with momentary passing for each one of us and the vanity of temperal phenomina - be they pleasant or painful to nature. We ought to thank God for both - for each and all these experiences.

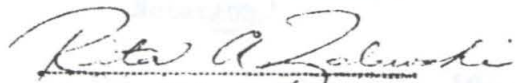
Even Jesus could not have accepted that decision of His heavenly Father, according to His human nature and with the divine nature, viz, without the grace of the Father. Hence, His continual communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Hence too our obligation to imitate Him, at least try at a distance.

To get to Heaven! Think of it. O! Is it not infinitely more than we can pay for it whatever way we consider it? When it was so great in the estimation of the Son of God Jesus and His for each one of us that He died for each of us! ... Then, what matter if I die with cancer or TB or a martyr some other way - Today, tomorrow or fifty years ahead? Shame on you as well as on myself. Stupid we are every one of, in our feat of following Jesus to Heaven even if the cross and death the way. P.S. Shake off that worry-half the victory over any trouble.

Praised be Jesus Christ

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

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1951, April 24

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

Mrs. Constance Gantz
2203 Yucca Dr.
Silver City, New Mexico

Blessed be God in all His designs.

April 24th 1951

God bless you Mrs. B.B. -Paul R. Gantz. Congratulations.....

How can we ever thank God as we ought to do, for all His mercies and blessings to us - - His wonderful designs and works and ways.

I wanted to write several times but...? Wondering how poor "Mack" were doing - - and his many (non Catholic) friends. Keep up your prayers - courage and always on guard against worry, etc.

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

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May 12, c. 1947

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

Miss Margaret Haf.

18979 Littlefield Ave.

Detroit 35, Michigan

Un 2 4512

Bles'd be God in all His designs! May 12-

Surely it is a promisin turn in the outlook for a five-year paralytic. Their fraternal-Christian interest as shown in response to the Chaplain's appeal for a so helpless sister-Mrs. Mary O.D., is surely to the high credit of the Boys in Cap (at the Gross Ille Base").

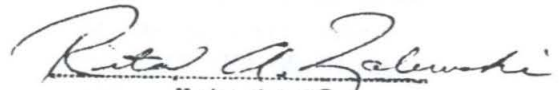
If every one of Mary's friends do what they can to please God and to sanctify their own souls, God in His merciful wisdom and power will give them the surprise of their life.

Fr. Solanus, ofm, Cap.

Original in possession of:

Miss Margaret E. Haf
2413 Coolidge #203
Troy, Mi. 48084

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Notarius

1948, October 5th

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

ST. FELIX FRIARY
Route 8
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA
October 5th 1948

Miss Margaret Haf. Detroit, Michigan

Dear Miss Haf:

God bless you these days, you and yours. I hope you keep well. I hope too that Mr. Rand recover soon, as also your Niece -- . We will pray for them.

Why not suggest to each of them -- for that matter to any one in trouble -- that they make a proposition to do something specially pleasing to God if things go more favorable, if an operation be averted or a favorable surprise of telling importance come their way? I think I can honestly say that is one of the principal secrets of the many many favors reported at our monasteries as through the Ser. Mass Association. Stress especially offering holy Communions and praying for the poor missions. Nothing like frequent Holy Communion and holy Masses for the intentions of the intentions of our dear dear Lord; and surely one of His outstanding intentions is that one for which He pleads: ".... The laborers " ... The harvest indeed is great but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore, that the Lord of the harvest send laborers".

God bless you again.

Sincerely Yours in Christ and His mission works.

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

P.S. We are sending Mr. Rand his certificate. I hope it will bring him encouragement and an increase of confidence in God - and, God willing, speedy improvement.

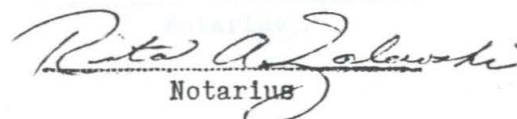
As above, Fr. Sol.

Praised be Jesus!

Original in possession of:

Miss Margaret E. Haf
2418 Coolidge #203
Troy, Mi. 48084

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Notarius

1952, March 18th

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

ST. FELIX FRIARY
Route 8
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

Miss Margaret Haf, 36253 Michigan Ave.
Wayne, Michigan

God bless you dear Miss Haf. - you and yours.

You must think that there must be something not exactly right with that old Fr. Solanus down at Saint Felix. Indeed there is plenty wrong with him - has always been, at least as long as I can remember. Deo gratias. I wrote Rev. Mother yesterday and gave her every every assurance of my approval of your joining them - in fact congratulating them on your aquisition and enrolling their community in the Seraphic Mass Association in the hopes that you may in one or more ways presage a speeding up of vocations -- Ah! God willing, a speeding up in numbers and holyness before God.

God bless you again Miss Haf - as above. It is time for the collector. So please pardon my abruptness.

Remind me again of the Clairs, and about your poor Brother too. God help us.

Sincerely yours in Christ

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

Original in possession of:

Miss Margaret E. Haf
2418 Coolidge #203
Troy, MI. 48084

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1953, February 3

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

ST. FELIX FRIARY
HUNTINGTON, INDIANA
February 3rd 1953.

Blessed be God!
In all His designs.

God bless you Jerry McCarthy; - you and yours. We have been praying for your health-improvement; and although reports were not too good yesterday and today; still we hope this find you improved and improving. At all events dear Jerry, make the best of the situation by offering everything to God in union with the sufferings and joys of Jesus' sacred Passion and victorious Resurrection. Not only that dear Jerry; but let us Thank God ahead of time for how and by what blessings He may see whereby best to answer our pleadings.

I proposed yesterday to Miss Franklyn that we all join in "sort of storming Heaven" for Jerry's speedy recovery, God willing, and that we each make some little sacrifice of somekind. She surely seemed to fall in line with the idea at once. I am sure you will smile some day when she tells you the suggestion proposed. I was surely pleased at her willingness manifested. Sorry I could not talk with your whole Personnel - of whatever denomination. I certainly was pleased to meet them as we did have the privilege to do so December 10th last. Glory be to God.

Dear Jerry: I hope this may not have bored any one too much. When we get a little older and we may have a little more leisure I'll have to tell you about my Uncle, another grand (old) Jerry McCarthy, who died in Neutown, Massachussettes at the age of 104.

God bless you agani Jerry: and that you may profit by this little holdup you are experiencing these days, just try and take the whole thing and all its difficulties as from the hand of the Allwise and Merciful and Gracious God. Thank Him at all times and possibly when you get a little stronger you might think of some little way wherein personally to improve in His privileged service, possibly more frequently to receive if He speed the return of your health and surprise the doctors and your many friends. ..Deo Gr.

Pl. pardon my machine work - am only a novice at it, as yet.
.....Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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Rita A. Zaleski
Notarius

The following is a faithful transcription of handwritten original note added to a Seraphic Mass Association Promoters Certificate by the Servant of God, Fr. Solanus Casey, OFM Cap.

--- Mrs. Martha .. O.B. -- Casey ---

Feast, of St. Agnes Fr. Begnignus a Sant' Ilario
January 21, 1954 Min. General OFM Cap.

Signed/ Fr. Solanus OFM Cap.

God bless you Martha
you and yours-Owen-all

How privileged! How divine-likel -- Glory be to God! --
To help God -- rescue again what Jesus Christ died to save!
That is being a missionary -- Promoter.

Ah! Thats being a real member of the privileged S.M.A.

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Blessed be God in all His deisgens!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Rita A. Zolowski
Notarius

The following is the faithful transcription of the handwritten letter with messages on Seraphic Mass Association cards written by the Servant of God, Father Solanus Casey, OFM Cap.

St. Bonaventure's Monastery
1740 Mt. Elliott Ave.
Detroit, Mich.
March 10, 1928

Mrs. M. Bennett
191 South Ave.
Verdun
Que.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Thank God you and Mr. Bennett are well. I do not know if I answered your last letters or not. I very seldom (APR 11 1928) catch up with my letters - I guess that's what I wanted to tell you a month ago. I've had the "grippe" these two weeks. It is gone now thank God but it has left me with bronchitis which is anything but pleasant
Ella's address: Mrs. Ella Traynor. 1811 East Spring St. Seattle, Washington

Please pardon delay

Joyful Easter to All !!!

Praised Be Jesus Christ

(no signature)

1927 Sept. 28th,

Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Bennett and Family

"Come to me all ye that labor and I will refresh you"
Sept. 28th 1927, God Bless you all!....See that you Save your Souls!
Praised Be Jesus! Fr. Solanus, O.M.Cap

1942 Apr. 22

Mrs. Margaret Bennett - for speedy recovery - Apr. 22, 1942,
God bless you Mrs. Bennett. Keep Courage and pray for the conversion of the rest of us...Fr. Sol. -- of course including Mike B. Praised be Jesus....Fr. Sol.

Original in possession of:

Mrs. Carmel Miller
1231 Moffat Ave.
Verdun, P. Quebec, Canada
H4H 121

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Rita A. Zaleski
Notarius

c. August 1940

The following is a faithful transcription of an excerpt from a letter written by Fr. Solanus Casey, OFM Cap. to his brother, Msgr. Edward Casey, c. August 1940. This excerpt is found quoted in a letter of Msgr. Edward Casey to his brother, James Casey and dated August 7, 1940. Excerpt, from page 2 of Msgr. Edward Casey's letter is as follows:

Father Solanus (Msgr. Edward writes) in a beautiful letter received a few days ago, tells of your doings (James) in an earlier day. In a reminiscent mood he writes:

"Maurice and I have always been together. Almost as early as I can remember I used to innocently envy him because they spoke of him as destined to be the priest and I would wonder if it were not possible for me to be priest too. We chummed together and in time of harvest and stacking when he had to help Ellie and James to bind the wheat, etc. I would pride myself on being his "hazel-nut picker", supplying him with shelled nuts from hills and nooks where they grew in abundance. Sometimes I'd even give them to him already cracked. Those were the days when oxen, slow creatures, were gradually being supplanted by horses, and reapers were looking over their shoulders at the harvesters and self-binders following on their heels as they themselves followed the old cradles out of commission."

"Help was nearly always scarce from about June to some time in September, and during the days of stacking, dear Mother-Requiescat in Domino- would insist on coming out when a load come in, and help Jimmie to pitch off while Maurice would pass bundles to Papa stacking. Later on we'd rove the pasture lands - fishing, swimming, studying our Catechism and often getting into mischief while supposed to be keeping an eye on the cattle, as was done of old when the sons of Jacob were herdsmen."

NOTA BENE: -original letter of Fr. Solanus to
Msgr. Edward is no longer extant -

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Rita A. Zalowski
Notarius

The following is a faithful transcription of the original handwritten notes of the Servant of God Father Solanus Casey, OFM Cap.

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Page 1 Altar Boys Society Church of the Sacred Heart

Writing not of Fr. Solanus! Describes the rules and dues for the members of the Altar Boys Society.

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IN NOMINE JESU INCIPIIT A.D. 1911

January 1st No server for 7 o'cl Mass (F. McCreedy failed to notify F. Keegan (C. Hefferman, not well.

Jan. 1st Two baby funerals and Tho's Reiley One of the two a little Kellog Girl at whose funeral services on Wearing Pl. Many protestants-including her Father seemed quite impressed. Some of the prayes were repeated in English and Fr. Solanus gave a little instruction B. Landy, and Jos. Fitzpatrick served.

Jan. 3rd At 8 o'cl services G. Gorman spilled burning censer on carpet

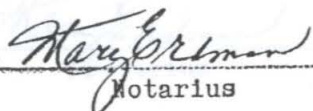
Jan. 6th Epiphany, 1st Friday F. McCreedy's turn to take censer - not present J. Fitzpatrick takes his place after serving 7 o'cl Mass. Today Rev. Ed. Everitt (Minister) joined League of Sacred Heart.

Jan. 7th Prizes promised - gold and silver medals, etc. for faithful boys. - c punch following Sat.

Jan. 15th 21st Fr. McCreedy and G. Gorman served 7 o'cl Mass and Rev Fr. Kimrey's- near 7:30

Jan. 20th Funeral of Samuel Hinchcliff (Fr. Solanus neglected to intone "In paradiso" no Benedictus

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- Feb. 2nd New Cassocks (red) used first time. For same Wm Harrigan gave \$15.00 Mrs. M. Reade \$5.00 Same confusion in distributing the candles after Mass.
- Feb. 25 Sick-call (Miss Hoctor 11.30P.M. night before) at 2:30 A.M. Rev P. Bruno brings Holy Viaticum, etc. to Mrs. Julia Murphy Trolley turns back from Park Ave and Shonard PL. and brings them to Roberts Ave.
- Feb. 26 E. Fitzsp. served alone. G. Gorman failed to show up.
- Feb. 28 Funeral of Julia Murphy Fr. Solanus forgot surplice for semetary, Geo Gorman huslled to Mr. Frey's got key for chapel- and surplice

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- March 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ 8P.M. Father Heafy holds services and speaks in hon. St. Patrick - 1st Coll. for new church about \$30.00
- March 19 Fr. Solanus took off his glasses to read office of St. Joseph (after a novena) and left them off. Deo Gratias!
- " 28 Funeral of Tho's Carey - F. McCreedy, G. Gorman, W.Nolan and J. Fitzpat. went to Semitary with Fr. Solanus (P.M. Fr. Solanus shot to scare a dog away from stable and sadly wounded the poor creature.)
- April 2nd Very Rev. Fr. Antonine begins visitation (Monday A.M.) Closes it following Friday Eve.
- April 7 Rev. Fr. Stephen arrives at 11.45 P.M. having left Pitt St. after his sermon to attend Ken. Callan who died at 4 A.M. the following day.
- Apr. 10 Funeral and (Low) Mass for same Fr. Solanus with C. Nolan, B. Landy and G. Gorman went to New Rochell Semetary of the Resurrection.
- Apr. 9 Palm Sunday at 5 o'cl A.M. 5 inches of snow to be plowed of side walks was all gone before evening.

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- Apr. 16 Easter Sunday Snowstorm during 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ Mass, about one hour
- April 24 St. Fidelis, Funeral Mass at 10.30 for Wm Keiley. Rt. Rev. Bishop Kieley of Savannah, Ga. was celebrant. Not having his regular vestment, he read the Mass. Rt. Rev. Bishop Northope of Charleston, S.C. with Rev. Fr. Donigan and Rt. Rev. Mons. Barrett of Brooklyn were in the Sanctuary - servers were C. Heffermen, F. Keegan, B. Landy, J. Fitzpatrick and L. Brue.
- April 28 Funeral of Mr. T. Hawley aged about 45 Fr. Solanus with F. Keegan, J. Fitzp. and L. Brue went to Cemetary. (Heffernan and B. Landy concented to stay (after serving) at house.

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- May 28 200 children received First Holy Communion
- May 21 Laying of Cornerstone of St. Barnabas Church
- June 4th Laying of St. Dennis' Church Cornerstone in Lowery
- June 1st M. Dcane donated \$15.00 for fare West.
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| June 2nd | Mr. Carroll | " | \$ 5.00 | " | " |
| June 3 | J.T. Casey | " | 5.00 | " | " |
| " " | Mrs. Jas. Welsh | " | 1.00 | " | " |
| " " | Mrs. J. Cunningham | " | 2.00 | " | " |
| " " | Children of Mary | " | 5.00 | " | " |
| " " | B.J. Reilly | " | 5.00 | 5.00 | |
| | Mary Gallagher collected | | | 7.50 | |
| | | Coll | | 13.75 | |
| | | | | 14.50 | |

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- June 6th Started out in rain for Brother's first holy Mass at 6:15 A.M. - In Buffalo 8 P.M.
- " 7th H. Mass in Toledo O with Jesuit's. Supper in Chicago with Franc's (Franciscans)
- " 8th Holy Mass in old St. Patrick's Hudson, Wis. after absence of 22 years. - Supper in New Richmond - bed in St. Paul.
- " 9th At S. Paul Seminary - ordination - was with Franciscans & in new State Building.
- " 10th Via Minneapolis to Superior.
- " 11th Solemn 1st Mass and Vespers, Solemn Mass in Franciscans Church
- 13 In Duluth & in a real Bridge
- 18th Exhorted at Solemn Mass to frequent Communion and gratefully to pray for Rt. Rev. Fr. Fardy
- 19th Bade Good Bye to BR and Friends
- 20th In Ashland and Bayfield - Saw Apostle Isles - really grand.
- 21st Through Green Bay etc, to Milwaukee - Mass on St. Aloysius Altar, P.M. At Commencement in old seminary Hall. - Met old professors and class-mates
- 26th Left Milwaukee for Chicago.
- 26-28 In Chicago at Catholic Educational Convention
- 29th With Franciscan Fathers in Buffalo 3 hours.

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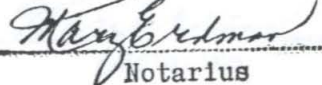
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- June 30 in N.Y. City
- July 1st Met some of my Altar-boys waiting at Park Ave. & Shonard Pl.
- June 15 Altar-boys had photo taken 1st time in six years.
- Aug. 10 Altar-boys outing to Dobs-Ferry and Mt. Hope.
- Aug. 7-12 and 21st to 26th Annual Retreat Visiting Rev. F.F. and BB. much edified at zeal of some of the Altar-boys. Rev. Fr. Antonine conducted same.
- Sept. 4 Labor Day Festival.
- Sept. 6th opened School with 4.98 following week 5.15
- Sept. 12th Two Funerals Margaret Frances and John Doyle. Two Altar boys overcame themselves generously and edifyingly - (A Dempey and C O'Hara) allowing others to "dish them out" under peculiar circumstances. God Bless Them!
- Sept. 22 Funeral of Mrs. - - - - -
- Sept. 27 Fr. S. and about 250 boys and girls from school went down to reproduction of Oberamergam Passion Play at Armory-Nearing the Armory, some larger boys acted rudely. During intertainment they redeemed their good name. Some of larger girls were noisy.
- Sept. 29th War between Italy and Tripoli.
- October 8-22nd Mission by Rev. Fathers Titus and Sylvester, O.M.F.
- " 29 Rt. Rev. Bishop Cusick confirmed 207 in Monastery Church - seven converts.
- Nov. 5 1st Meeting called for following Thursday about New Church.

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- Nov. 7th Mayor J.T. Lennon re-Elected by a majority of 221.
221 over D.J. Cashin. Votes cast 6902 & 6681
13583
- Nov. 30th Thanksgiving Day 18 Cardinals receive their insignia.
" Fr. Sol. sang M.C. Anniv. in Saint Josephes Church-
Deacon afterwards.

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- Dec. 2nd Tho's Mullen & Wm. Bergen received first appointment
to serve.
- Nov. 30 (continued) Rev. Fr. Lugel left for Detroit, sorry to
leave Yonkers.
- Dec. 4th First heavy snowstorm
- Dec. 3rd Said (Fr. Sol) two holy Masses in Holy Eucharist
Church.
- Dec. 23rd \$5.00 from Mrs. Mary Reade for Altar-boys.
- Dec. 31st Happy Death of Altar boy Martin Kennedy at 3 A.M.
Had served 93 times during 1911 A.D. A dear good boy
of eleven years. R.I.P.

Altar boys In 1911 A.D. and no. of times served

B. Land	560	L. Brue	122
G. Gorman	522	<u>M. Kennedy</u>	1093 sick often died Dec 31st
Fr. McCready	507	Fr. O'Brien	
A. Dempsey	297	J. Labarbara	42
C. O'Hara	263	R. Ciralli	
A. Ahearn	106	John Smith	
P. Laughlin	152	James Smith	
J. Dempsey	194	T. Fagan	
D. McCarthy	129	O. Fagan	
W. Hayes	227		
E. Fitzpatrick	211	<u>Honorary Servers</u>	
F. Gorman	109	All the Trustees	
J. Fitzpatrick	159		

W.Spring, J. Gorman, E. Kinsella, J. Landy

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IN THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS LET US BEGIN THE YEAR 1912

The old year closed with a dreary day - rain, snow and fog - as though mourning at prospects it had to leave for the new year, of trouble and promises of war on all sides and directions.

- Jan. 1st Joseph Horsfall died, baptized and anointed at 5:30 AM aged 90 years and 3 months Today
- " 2nd Buried Martin Kennedy - six Altar boys pall - bearers- B. Landy, L. Schaefer, F. McCready and Alb. Ahearn. G. Gorman and C. O Hara. John Campbell and some other boys were to go with Fr. Sol. (who went with -) but the extra carriage had a mishap and the automobile that came in its place was late. Funeral was largely attended May He Rest In Peace!
- Same day, Jan. 2nd Albert Ahearn applied for admission as a student from the graduating class of parish school and altar boys Soc.
- Jan. 3rd Parish School reopened.
- " 4th Students returned and Albert Ahearn left parish-school to become a student in the monastery.
- " 6 Epiphany Prizes and presents given to Altar boys.
 First prize 1 B. Landy (served 560 times) gold medal
 2 G. Gorman 522 silver "
 3 Fr. Mc Cready 507 Pearl knife.
 Other prizes were given to A. Dempsey, C. O Hara, A. Ahearn, D. McCarthy, Jms Smith, Patrick Laughlin, J. Dempsey and others.
- 9th Martin Kennedy's Mass. High Mass as 7th from funeral, for Martin Kennedy - requested by the Altar boys. The Mass was at 7 o'clock and many went to Holy Communion, i.e. considering the very stormy and slushy morning- 13 Holy Communions. R.I. Pace!

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Jan. 17th His Eminence John Card. Farley returned from Rome.... Altogether Sixty-one persons from the school and Monastery went to the Cath-dral to see him. These included Rev. Fr. Burchman, -Solanus, 8 sisters, 9 students and the rest Altar boys & Singers. We made a visit to Jesus on leaving Cathedral and asked Him to be with us

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on our journey home and the the subway trains were packed like sardines, we all got on both on the local at 50th St. and the Express at 72nd A special trolley took us home Deo Gratias!-Celebration Magnificent.

Jan. 18 Dedication of Rev. Paul Watson's Chapel of St. Francis at Graymoor on Hudson. Fr. Sol. went thither and in the evening gave Benediction and exhorted -Br. Christophers.

Jan. 20 Annual report of parish progress read at all the Masses. "Banquet" and meeting of Honorary Servers - Trustees

Jan. 25 Cardinal John Farley honored by prelates and clergy from far and near. Card. Gibbons and 21 other bishops were present with about 50 monignori and many hundreds of priests.

Jan. 26 -Snap-shot of Capuchin Friars Minor appeared in the World of Jan. 26th in connection with reports of celebration the day prevous.

Jan. 27 Altar boys started to pray the Litany of Loretto at their weekly meetings, hoping thereby to gain favor with Our Lady of Perpetual Help in choosing their proper vocations.

Jan. 27 Sad accident with gun. Former Altar boy, Fr. Keegan while after a rat with his Father accidentally discharged the gun from which his Father died the following Sunday night - resigned to God's will and well prepared with - Sacraments. Poor Frank was nearly heart broken.

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- Feb. 2nd Feast of Purification, Candlemass, nice little procession in Church. Being 1st Friday also there was good attendance at the Holy Sacram's nearly 600 Communions.
- Feb. 13 Rev. Pater Casimir, O.M. Cap. died well prepared after a sickness of three months of dropey, heart trouble, etc.
- Feb. 15th He was Solemnly laid to rest in Monastery cemetery in Yonkers the following Thursday Feb. 15. Deceased was 56 yrs. old - 39 yrs in the Order and 31 years a priest. R.I. Pace. Read Lectum. "I am"
- Feb. 17 Edw'd Bly. became an Altar-boy received 1st appointment at following Feb. 24th.
- March came in more like a lion than a lamb. First days, evening service Wm Hayes "spilt" coals of burning censer. - little harm done.

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- March 4th Mrs. Augusta Feeney (nonCatholic) desiring to receive "Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament" to whom, in a special maner she had been praying for 30 days - "Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament have Mercy On Us!" became a Catholic received Every thing, surprised every one by reviving, after receiving the holy sacraments and living three days longer.
- March 6 Mrs. Feeney at 11 P.M. peacefully born into eternity with Jesus in her heart and on her breast and His holy name whispered in her ears.
- March 9 Funeral M.C. at 11 A.M. for same Augusta Feeney. After Mass Fr. Solan. made a few charitable remarks and exhorted all to imitate "Our poor little deceased sister's example - not necesarily in becoming Catholics "----" but in God's Name I do exhort you to implore The Most High to give you a will in conformithy with His will, a will to love and embrace His will at all times and at every cost.----Then no doubt we shall have the happiness of knowing the truth of loving and embracing the truth and the truth will make you free.

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- March 9 Mr. Leon John Fellmeth, fervently embraces Catholicity - renouncing all heresy and is baptised by (Fr. Solanus) at 2:15 P.M. Deo Gratias!
- March 12 New Organist-Mr. Graff plays at High Masses 7 and 8 A.M.
- March 13 Prof. Fleckenstein left Yonkers
- " 21 Met Mr. Ford of the Freeman's Journal and Irish World in N.Y. City. Pleasant interview. Manager 23 yrs goes to Com. every day - & to two Masses.
- April 3rd Baptized Patty Frances Braze Convert - aged 28 (about)
- " 6th Baptized Mr. Geo. Fr. Taton.
- " 7th Easter Sunday, 1st Holy Mass at St. Eleonora's home 2nd at St. Casimir's at 11.20 A.M.
- " 9th Edw'd Bly Served alone 1st time (at 6 A.M.) Students returned P.M.
- Rev. Fr. Stephen and Fr. Martin visits Sacred Heart Monastery. - Fr. Stephen remained two days.
- " 14 After meeting of St. Aloysius Soc. the Altar boys had special little meeting to decide who should go to Altar-boys play in St - 30th St N.Y. A. Dempsey and Ja's Smith ..- The day was unpleasant and no one went.

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Rev. Fr. Bruno, however did go and got back after midnight.

- April 15 Giant Steamer Titanic a \$6,000,000. ship bumped against an iceberg and the pride of naval equipment was buried in a watery grave, with 1200 passengers. Nearly 1000 souls were rescued.
- April 16th 17th Rev. P. Capistran from St. John the Bapt's Church, N.Y. City, said holy Mass at Sacred Heart Monastery.

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- April 23 Conclusion of 40 ho'rs Dev. in 30th St. St.J. Bapt. Church. Fr. Bruno and Solanus with 13 Altar boys went to the procession, all served. They were G. Gorman Ch. O Hara, A. Dempsey, Wm Hayes, Tho's Mullen, Wm Bergen, Pat'k Laughlin, F.O Brien, G. Keegan, A Ciralli, Fr Gorman, Jas Smith and John Smith. Some of the boys behaved badly.
- April 27 Mr. John King-convert baptised
- " 28 " " " First Holy Communion
- " " M. Christopher Osmore Baptised
- May 1st New Rule for Altar boys having been announced the Saturday before was tried for first time i.e. in order to have the Altar boys give the good example they were to receive at the Holy Mass they served one day at 7 oclock and then serve the next day at 8.
- June 2nd First Holy Communion 126 Children received. Same day Fr. Solanus started to say holy Mass at St. Joseph's
- " 9th Grand Corpus Christi - Procession in Monastery Garden - 1st time in afternoon.
- " Rev. Fr. Theophilus visits Yonkers.
- June 26 Graduation exercises in School, Rev. Fr. Halpen from
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- Holy Eucharist Church this city addressed the assembly and 15 graduates.
- June 26 Rev. Capistra Claude and Fr. Stephen visited Yonkers - Fr. Stephen conducted retreat for Sisters.
- June 24 Altar boys had photo taken
- June 30th Only one server at Vesp., D. McCarthy saved the day till 2 students came with censer to the rescue.

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- July 2nd Feast of Visitation - Democratic convention decides on W. Wilson as candidate by 46th ballot - Bryan having taken the whip from the Tamney tiger and from Wall Street whose power in two presidential elections had killed his Effort.
- July 4th Rev. Fr. Bonaventure Frey O.M. Cap. dies in Detroit, Mich. aged 81 yrs. Ordained May 25, 1854 the deceased was more than 58 yrs a priest. In 1856 arrived in America after a troubled voyage of 49 days. Since that year Rev. Fr. Bonaventure labored untireingly in the cloister, on missions, and establishing parishes, schools & monasteries. The Sacred Heart Monastery is the 13th that he started. This was in 1891. His mortal remains were taken to Mt. Calvery cemetery near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. R.I.P.
- July 9 Rev. Anscar O.M.Cap. leaves for Provincial Chapter in Detroit to represent Yonkers.
- July 15 Rev. Capistran Claude, New Superior and Pastor, arrives with Br. Elzearius cook
- July 24 Name Day and 8th Aniv. of Fr. Solan. priest ordination. (Promoters give Envelop's (\$18)
- July 25th Rev. Fr. Exprov. Antonine and Francis visit Yonkers.
- July 27 John McCarthy appointed 7th time.
- July 18 Tho's Fagan and J. McCarthy served Vespers alone - Alf. Dempsey & Edw'd Bly usually so faithful - failed with some others to show Jesus that they loved His Altar more than the campus of amusement. - They played ball to-day and left the services go to others.

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- Aug. 1st Very Many Confessions.
- Aug. 2nd Portiuncula came this yr together with 1st Friday - There were about 900 Holy Com'unions Today Tho's Higgins served first time.
- Aug. 5th Students left for vacation

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- Aug. 6th A. Ahearn began his week of serving at 5½-his first appointment since he left the seraphcate.
- Aug. 13 Rev. Fr. Kiniry and Fr. Solanus went to Mt. Hope with the Altar-boys where they played a good game of ball with their seniors 1-7. After lunch they took good swim and there played even harder than in the ball-campus-They did not sweat so much however! They also visited the Sisters Chapel and said the litany of St. Joseph. They arrived home at the Monastery a little before 7("Disappointed")
- Aug. 15 Feast of Assumption B.V.M. A.M. Services well attended, but not very many received. At Vespers not announced, four good servers at least were present L. Schaefer, A. Ahearn, J. Fitzpatrick, G. Gorman.
- Aug. 16 Rev. Fr. Meizer from Carey, O.- - the Lourdes of America arrived and said Holy Mass next day Aug. 17.
- August 19th Rev. Fr. Ignatius O.M.Cap. assembled the F.F and BB. of N.Y. for their annual retreat to conclude Aug. 24th & 3 pt During 1st week Rev. Fr. Bonavent. went to Our Lady of Angels' Church in Harlem. Fr. Solanus - to our Lady of Sorrows - Pitt St. During these two weeks the Minor Servers (Altar boys) gave considerable Edification, though there were some remarks made that they received Holy Com. rather seldom.
- Sept. 2nd Labor-day Festival in Church with M.C. and then to Franz's Park.
- " 3rd Professor Married at 5 o clock Mass - Thus began his new State of life with God in a Christian -

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- Tho's Fagan and Patrick Laughlin served the Holy Mass - got a treat from Prof. (Read to here.?)
- Sept. 8 Feast of Nativity of B.V.Mary Fr. Sol and a few of the Altar-boys concluded Novena in hon. of our dear Lady of Perpetual Help - 1st Patron of Society.

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- Sept. 9th Fr. Venantius from Pitt St. and Fr. Martin from St. John Bapt. in 30th St. visited our Monastery with Rev. Fr. Joseph & Gregor from Cuba. - Edified by children.
- Sept. 19th Holy Mass & Christian-wedding at 5 A.M.-Tho's Fagan and Fr. Gorman were the privileged Servers.
- Sept 15th-21 Only four Communion of reparation.
- Oct. 3rd C O'Hara returned after about two weeks from Monastery, wanting to serve on Sundays. (Eve of Feast of St. Francis)
- Oct. 4 Feast of St. Francis and First Friday-good attendance at Holy Communion.
- Oct. 7th Student, Jos Raider became homesick and went home; was all right the next day however and so begged to be taken back Oct. 8th.
- Oct. 9th School went to St. Joseph's Theatre - a failure.
- Oct. 10 Rev. P. Aloysius and Fr. Eitel From N.Y. City visited.-
- Oct. 13 Fr. Sol. celebrated M.C. at St. Anthony's Ch. and at 10.15 at Dobbs Ferry.
- Oct. 14 Theod. Roosevelt shot in Milwaukee by a Bevarian Fanatic.
- Oct. 23rd Rev. Fr. Superior's Name day visitors were Rev. F. Fr. Ex-Prov. Antonine, Fr. John Donovan Guardian from Harlem Our Lady - Fr. Justin, Fr. Venantius and a number of Brothers.

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- Nov. 2nd First stones for new Church delivered - Thomas Walsh.
- Nov. 5th Woodrow Wilson elected President of U.S. by Democratic landslide - congratulated by opponents.
- Nov. 13th Rev. P. Bruno attacked with brights - his old weakness.

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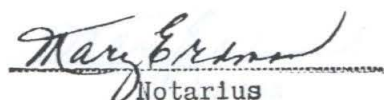
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- Nov. 16 Sacred Heart School wins. L. contest
- " 18 Specialist Monery visited him from
- " 19 Rev. Fr: Ivo arrived Here to supply labor of Fr. Bruno till latters recovery.
- " 20 Official announcement of Sacred Heart School victory for Library - contest - surpassed only by elks. A landslide above all expectations. Over a million votes ahead of any other school in Yonkers. 4,623,883 gave the \$800.00 Library to our jubilant boys and girls.
- Nov. 21 Presentation B.V.M. in Temple Rev. F Fr. Fidelis, Justin and Kiniry visited us Today.
- Nov. 24 Sunday Visitor came 1st time.
- Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day. Br. James nameday. V. Rev. Ex prov. Fr. Antonine, Fr. Fidelis, Fr. Justin and others visited Yonkers. A wedding at the 6 o clock Mass and another at 4 P.M. with first snow of the season and other events made it quite a memorable Thanksgiving - (eneven where there was no turkey
- Dec. 1st Advent began
- Dec. 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Nearly 1000 holy Communions To-day.
- Dec. 17 Retreat for Holy Name Society - Concluded Sunday Dec. 22nd (6 new members received)
- Dec. 20 Alfred Dempsey, Tho's Fagan & Edw'd Bly accompanied Fr. Sol. to N.Y. City to get new cassocks for students, etc. They enjoyed the trip. Had dinner at St. Fid. Monastery.
- " 24th 1st real Snow storm.
- Dec. 25 Feast of Nativity - a happy day for the altar boys - and for all the Parish - though very busy for the former. All received Holy Com. a few of the boys served as much 5 five times. They enjoyed the privilege but seemed tired-

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When all was over in the P.M. Aloysius McCarthy to serve for 1st time arrived for duty and rang door-bell at 3.45 A.M. His brother John was his guardian. A. Dempsey, Wm Hays, and T. Fagan served almost the whole time. Packages were received after Vesp. and cribs.

Dec. 26 First issue of Parish Monthly arrived To-day by express-owing to snow-storm late for Christmas-day-distributed Sun. 29th.

Christmas Services and Servers

B.V.M. Altar	High Altar	St. Joseph
	Celebrant	
	Server	
Time	Time	Time
5½ Rev. P. Jos.	4½ Rev. P. Superio.	
	All	
6 P. Superior A. Dempy		
	5½ P. Superior McCrady & Ahearn	6 P. Solanus O. Fagan
7 P. Bruno W. Hayes		6 "
7½ "	6½ P. Berchman Dempsey & Mc Carthy	

Dec. 31st Feast of St. Sylvester 1st Pope who was not martyred. (+about 320)

" 31 Very good attendance at Evening devotions - over 400 present.

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Alfred Dempsey	523	
Tho's Fagan	523	
Wm. Hayes	481	
Denis McCarthy	431	Albert Ahearn left
James Smith	393	Monastery as a
Edw'd Bly	383	student on July 1st
Wm. Bergen	354	Started again as
Geo Gorman to Sept.	304	Altar-boy August 6th
F. O Brien	230	5½ A.M. and served
Tho's Mullen	274	quite well the rest
John Dempsey	325	of the year 1912.
Ja's McCarthy	130	
Francis McCready	328	
Alb't Noonan	175	
Francis Gorman	190	
Patrick Laughlin	120	
Ja's Lawless	75	
Owen Fagan	110	
Jos. Lonski	90	
Tho's Higgins	115	
Edmund Holden	56	
James Mc Cue	15	
Cha's O Hara(till Sept.	291	

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- Jan. 1st "And His Name was called Jesus" Gospel of the Feast
Circumcision. Many Communions. Happy New Yr.
- " Yonker's Trolley R.R. Strike started at noon To-day.
- Jan. 10th Mayor Lennon goes to Albany to compel settlement of
strike.
- Jan. 14th 17th Anniv. Fr. Solani Recept. habitus. To-day Messen-
gers (Sacred Heart) arrived by "Parcel-Post" 1st
delivery
- Jan 16th Car-strike settled. Strikers are jubilant. Mayor
congratulated. Business again reawakened.

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- Jan. 18th Altar-boys elect officers. President Alfred Dempsey. Sergeant at Arms, Geo Gorman, Treasurer Denis McCarthy.
- Jan. 19 Holy-Name Society-junior division organized To-day Great interest - Enthusiasm manifest. With their Mass at 7.15 began -- Communion from the side altar.
- Feb. 2 Candle-Mass day - Altar-boys march with candles at 10 o'cl Mass, Jns Campl - Master of ceremonies - assisted by Fr. Sol.
- Feb. 3rd Feast of Purifi. celebrated To-day, King Winter made a third effort and succeeded in establishing his reign in our "Terrace City.
- Feb. 20th "Immortality of the soul" was Rev. Fr. Deville's sermon last evening. Big attendance.
- March 16th Palm Sunday. Mem. A.O.H. receive H. Com. at 8 o cl Mass Rev. Fr. Kinirey speaks in the evening on St. Patrick.
- March 17 St. Patrick's parade in N.Y. postponed by 69th Regiment and the Church.
- " 21 Rev. Fr. Bruno has another attack.
- " 23 Easter Sunday - earliest in 100 years.
- April 18th Rev. P. Provincial was here from the West. Fr. Bruno went to St. Francis Hospital -
- " 19 Altar-boys play with students - score called a tie. ?

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- April 12th Sylvester Landy, blind and helpless begs to be an altar-boy.
- April 23 Entertainment in Armory by Monastery Parish - largest attendance in years. About 2000 present. All were highly pleased. Same evening at 11 p.m. Happy death of S. Landy.

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- April 25 Sylvester Landy burried. All the children were present at the services. Resigned in his sufferings and intelligent to the last his death was happy. Received daily-though blind. R.I.P.
- " 27 Requiem by children for Syl. Landy.
- May 1st Feast of Ascension - Many Com'ions.
- May 4th Wm Kruppenbacher gives \$100.00 for new Church.
- " 6th Fr. Paul and Br. Emil visit Yonkers from 30th St. Church.
- " 8th Mrs. Brigid Hare \$100.00 for new Church.
- May 22 Feast of Corpus Christi - many went to Holy Com.
- " 25 Corpus Christi Procession in the garden. Every thing favorable and beautiful - about 2500 present.
- May 26 Fr. Innocent from Harlem and Fr. Venantius from "Our Lady of Sorrows accompanied Fr. Paul to Yonkers, A Capuchin Missionary from the Alutian Islands. This Fr. Paul was to be celebrant at the Corpus Christi Celebration held the day before. - but was delayed. He looks much like Fr. Bonaventure Fray looked in his younger days. Humble and zealous though over six feet tall and of noble appearance he makes a good impression.
- May 30th Feast of The Sacred Heart - on Decoration Day. First time, said feast of the Sacred Heart ever celebrated in May. About 800 received Holy Com.
- May 31 Altar boys B. Ball Team played with the boys from Harlem and for the 1st time lost a game.
- June 26th 14 graduates among whome 3 Alt. boys A. Ahearn, and F. McCready and D. McCarthy.

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June 30 Rev. P. B Bruno starts once more to say holy Mass, still in St. Francis Hospital.

June 30 Geo Kelly is awarded job of building our New Church.

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July 2nd Feast of Visitation - work of preparation begun on New Sacred Heart Church. Altar boys Special meeting.

" 13 Fr. Theodosius ordained

" 15 Fr. Bruno returned from Hosp'l.

" 20 First Mass Celebration - Fr. Theo'd. A good number of old servers & students served. Rt. Rev. Mons. Lings & R. Dr. Mulcahy were in Sanctuary. V. Rev. Antonine preached. Large number of friends took dinner at Monastery.

July 24 Feast of St. Fr. Solanus

" 24th Genett Kellog, aged 4 yrs received holy Communion first time - then daily. Fine rain To-day - answer to prayer - in case said First Communion might please God.

Aug. 2 Feast of Portiuncula - many holy Communion received - Solemn Mass at 8 o'cl well attend.

" 3 Rev. John F. Noll - Editor of Our Sund'y Visitor - visited our Monastery To-day.

" 4 Miss Lawrence started taking census.

Aug. 15th Beautiful Feast of Assumption

" 16th First week of retreat began. Fifteen Masses daily. The altar boys were reported as having done fairly well.

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- Aug. 23 2nd retreat began - 14 Hol. Masses daily. Boys did well A. Ahearn, G. Gorman, E. Bly & Fr. O'Brien served at 6 o'cl, J. McCarthy, E. Holden, W. Hayes & Fr. Th. Fagan at 6.30 -- etc.
- Aug. 31 Charles O Hare alone came to serve the 10 o'cl High Mass Served with the Student Elsner
- Sept. 1st Labor Day (excitement) A Beautiful day & fine Crowd.
- Sept. 3rd Altar boys outing to Ft. Hamilton. Had pleasant day but some were wayward.

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From Brooklyn Bridge to Dykeman was hot riding - crowded subway.

This same Evening returning we saw nice part of Merchants parade - new ornamental lights being first used. Gety Sq. Crowded.

Same To-day Rev. P. Bruno left for Mt. Cello for a visit of some weeks Rev. P. Superior accompanying him thither.

- Sept 4 Students returned with three new ones - 12 altogether.
To-day Corner-Stone orderd from Ireland.
- Sept. 10 The Choir-boys are off to Prospect Park for day outing.
- Sept. 11 Mayor Ganor of N.Y. City died suddenly on board for Europe - Was brought back and burried from St. John's Episcopal "Cathedral", Though deceased had once been a member of the Christian Brothers.
- Sept. 28th Fr. Solanus starts Today for Seattle where his parents are to celebrate golden jubilee of their wedding, October 6th, 1863.

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- Oct. 1st left St. Paul on N.P.R. Road and with Rev. E. F. Casey, from St. Paul and Mr. J. M. Casey from Superior, Wis reaches Plains, Mont. Oct. 3rd 1st Friday, where three Casey brothers say holy Mass.--- Plains is a beautiful mountain town.
- Oct. Feast of St. Francis arrives in Seattle at 7.50 A.M. Says Mass at 8.30. Afterwards meets friends of 20 years ago
- Oct. 6th Parents Golden Jubilee Solemn high Mass at 9:30 Celebrant Rev. M.C. Casey of Plains D. Fr. Solanus of Yonkers, N.Y. S.D. Rev. E. F. Casey of St. Paul, Minn. After Mass, beautiful and poetic program. In evening Songs old and new with original poems and music for the occasion.
- Oct. 7. Mass in Carmelite Convent at 7.A.M. - 7:10 P.M. bade Good Bye to Parents and friends hoping to meet in Heaven if never again of Earth.
- Oct. 10 Holy Mass in St. Paul - first since leaving Seattle.

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- Oct. 11 Holy Mass in Detroit - first time in Alma-Noviate in Detroit - first time in Alma - Noviate in nine years.
- Oct. 11 Arrived in Yonkers after seventeen day absence.
- Oct. 12th Laying of Corner-Stone from Ireland of New Church - cleared over \$1900.00 on same

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Oct. 12 1st Anniversary of laying of Corner stone "Irish Night" brought in over \$1200

Dec. 26-7-8 "Holy Night" was a success. but no doubt would have done more good and probably would have brought in more than \$350.00 had Admission been about 25¢ instead of 50¢ & 75¢

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O.M.Cap. Contest for set of Vestments between Rev. John O Donovan of Harlem and his classmate Rev. Fr. Solanus of Yonkers. in February to conclude May 25th

Pages 24 are all blank
to 81Pages 82 End of book has 14 pages of names and dues paid.
to 95 The handwriting is by several persons.
The last 6 pages may be by Fr. Solanus. -
Just names of servers listed.-Curia Detroitensis-
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APPENDIX III
COLLECTED WRITINGS ATTRIBUTED TO
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FATHER SOLANUS CASEY, O.F.M.Cap.
AND FAITHFULLY TRANSCRIBED

contains 19 typed pages
from various letters, cards and
autographs, plus 25 other pages
to include Notebook Number 12,
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