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My dear Papa:

Your fine letter came yesterday & I surely appreciate your Writing. As you suggested, I sent it on to the family in St. Louis & I know they will be glad to get it. I am so glad that Aunt Grace has arrived as I feel sure she will be able to help out in many ways. Mama's condition, it seems to me, is really a great blessing when looked upon from the supernatural point of view. She has to go, as we all do sooner or later; maybe some of us before she is called, but to be named by sickness that the end may be approaching ought to make one shift their gaze from this world to the next + make hay while the sun shines. Of course the end of life here is approaching for each one of us whether we are well or sick, but a preceding sickness can serve as useful warning & spur one on to make the most of the time that is left. To be spared from a sudden & unprovided death is one of the travails we make every day in the Litanies. If a person could only realize in a practical way now, as he will later on, that there is only one thing worth while! It is strange how a person can figure those things out know that they are true & still seem to be helpless to do anything about it. What I mean is, do all he knows he ought to do, which is to live 100 % for God & nothing else. But since our Blessed Lord is the only man who can say he did that, all anyone else can do is to aim at it as the idea & pray for the grace to fulfill God's will even in the matter of personal perfection, Original sin surely hung a heavy yoke around the neck of the human race.

An invitation came yesterday from the Rector of St. Francis Sem-  
many, near Milwaukee, to conduct the ordinandi retreat next  
June. I sent the request on to the Provincial & will have to be  
guided by what he says.

Bishop Sullivan, from Patna, is still with us. He has  
millions of souls in his vast diocese, & as yet only relatively  
few Catholics, but the old Church is working there stowly but  
surely. In Mexico she seems to be being slowly strangled to  
death. I hope our government will be persuaded to do some-  
thing in the way of protest. I think the Catholics here are slowly  
waking up to the seriousness of the situation & beginning to make  
themselves heard. America has surely been doing every thing it  
can by means of editorials & articles to get the people roused up  
but somehow or other the country in general seems so indifferent  
toward it all.

The enclosed came from the chancery office today & may  
be of interest. I also enclose sister's last letter.

Please give my love to all at home & keep up the  
courage. My Mass tomorrow morning, the feast of the Im-  
maculate Conception will be for all the family,

With love

John

Denver, Col.

Dec. 15, 1934

My dear Bob:

I surely appreciate your last letter & enjoyed the clippings from the paper. I never let a day pass without following The career of Maj. Hoople. The episode you sent I think is the best I have seen yet. I have just finished writing a letter to the Provincial in St. Louis (I enclosed yours with mine) asking him for permission to make a visit home during the hohdays. I feel almost certain that he will grant it, so if you think it will their mama up

I think you will be safe in telling her that I will see her soon.

A fine letter came from Aunt Grace a day or so ago telling me how good you & Jim & Dad have all been in helping out.

You will never regret anything you do, Bot to make things easier for her just now & god will surely bless you for all you are doing. What makes it so hard is having Nettie more or less handicapped Fanny down & out & poor mama unwell

all at the same time to say nothing ofead who night to try not to do too much. It is a relief to know that Aunt Grace is in the city. But anyway, keep up the courage & things will boughten up. I will let you know as soon as I hear from the Provincial. Please give much love to Mama,Dad Jun, Lee & Ruth & all the others,

With love

John

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