

Sept 19 1994

Dear A. May, Maureen & Michael

I just finished reading two of your letters, for the third time, of Dec 1993 & July 1994, as they are so interesting and informative. We often spoke of making another trip, one was not enough, but don't like bothering people. We had thought of a tour, rather than on our own, as we did before. We often regretted we didn't get to Connemara & see Nora & Nellie, also Peg's family. If it weren't the fact that Peg was visiting Jule, we probably wouldn't have met her either. That is why we kept the foreign money because we had it in our mind to go back some day and see you all once more. It seems we never have enough of that (time).

We're happy your Mom is doing so well and is alert and can visit with you and her friends. Many at her age & younger are deprived of that faculty. You seem to have worked out a plan and stick to it. You are very organized and Maureen is the one, whom I'm sure, should get all the credit. We have to have a chief somewhere at the helm. I know Micheal is giving 100% too.

Pat is doing well – he gets perturbed at times if things are falling as his left hand don't comply. But all in all, he's terrific the way he goes. He does all the shopping. I always went with him but since this knee problem – I don't always go. I have to walk outside & we go over to the university's grounds. Pat needs walking too as his balance was affected. Both of us use canes. My knee fills with fluid & right now, it's very painful & I have 10 days to wait for my appt to have it drained & receive an injection of cortisone. Somehow, the last 3 or 4 of them haven't been successful so, pray God, they'll have something to eradicate the pain – so much for that.

We enjoyed the family pictures & can't believe they are such young ladies & 2 of them in last years of college with their specialities chosen. It's marvelous Deidre is all set & also she receives pay during summer months. I always thought school was in progress all year with exception of time off during specified months during the year. There's some talk here of having school all year but, God knows if it will ever happen. Nancy is going to night school to get her master's in "special ed." It's very hard trying to do what has to be done but she feels it's necessary for her job. School needs are always changing now that we have great numbers of Spanish, Mexicans & people from other countries. You'd think Spanish is the #1 language as all signs & directions are in both languages.

We were happy hearing the latest reports in Northern Ireland & hope it's no false alarm. It's ridiculous the years of fighting & bloodshed and what have they accomplished.

Johnny entered high school & Nancy organized some of the mothers to carpool. That way she only has a day a week to drive. John is an honor student & they get more homework. On top of that, he's made the golf team & second baseball which will come after Christmas. Cathal has the "freshie" in back of him & I'm sure he's doing very well in his sophomore year. I know he's a big help to you & I think raising children there is much easier for you. They don't seem to have the distractions or "tom-foolery" we have here. I hope the Brothers will be hard on them if necessary.

Michael, Pat is taking your suggestion of sending the money "Registered – return receipt requested". We will also send a note & money to Angela as I really owe her a letter. I'm terrible at letter-writing anymore. I never minded it before but I'm not enthused at picking up the pen.

Well, we hope everyone is doing good in their particular field and you'll probably go to Trinity again this year. I'm so happy they are attending that school. It's a well-known name – like Notre Dame here. Johnny says he'd like to go there – the tuition is only \$22,000 a year. He likes to dream! He'd be the rest of his life repaying his loans.

Michael, be on the look-out for a brown envelope. We will mail it on Oct 1st.

Love & good wishes to all.

Pat & Kay

Transcribed by Margaret Marlow.

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