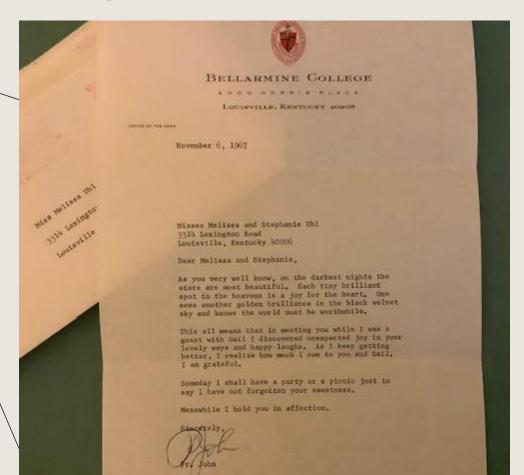


14 LETTERS REDISCOVERED

Fall 1967 convalescence at Smith home severe degenerative cervical discs

Letter 1 a thank you Poetic & thoughtful writing 14 letters from Nov 1967 – Dec 1968





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ZOOO HORRIS PLAST

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40205

SKYDES OF THE DEAD

February 13, 1968

Miss Melissa Uhl 3314 Lexington Road Louisville, Kentucky 40206

Dear Melissa,

You are a wondrous, winsome doll. Your note made me very happy.

Congratulations to you and your brother on your confirmation. That happened to me once--a couple of hundred years ago.

You say you have a new car, a blue one. I also have a new car-a fiery red one. I can find it easily in a parking lot.

Give my love to Stephanie and your brother. I shall hope all of you have a lovely Valentine's Day. You deserve it.

Always,

FraJohn

LETTER 3

He pays attention to what I write & comments back

Brings back my childhood – confirmation & new blue car

LETTER 7

- Witty sense of humor
- Mindfully observes nature & humans
- He writes to me as a child and to the adult I will become

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40205

GEFICE OF THE STAN

July 8, 1968

Miss Melissa Uhl 3314 Lexington Road Louisville, Kentucky 40206

Dear Melissa,

It has been a long time since I went to summer camp. But my memories of those days are bright with excitement.

I am delighted that you are learning to swim. Every child should.

My doves and I are spending the summer rather quietly. As a matter of fact, they are less quiet than I. Early in the morning they begin their cooing conversation. I do not understand a word of what they are saying. Somehow that fact does not bother me. As you grow older, you will discover that many exchanges of sounds by people are unintelligible to others. It happens in the best circles.

The summer will go by rapidly. Do not waste a minute of it. Have fun.

Love.

Father John

LETTER 8 STAMP SHORTAGE

Turn of phrase

Sense of humor

Intelligence

Kindly sends me stamps to continue our connection

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

August 6, 1968

Miss Melissa Uhl 3314 Lexington Road Louisville, Kentucky 40206

Dear Melissa,

From an unimpeachable source, I have been informed the break in our communications has resulted from a stamp shortage in your resources.

As a person dedicated to alleviation of the problems of that segment of society Mr. G. Myrdal calls the "underclass," I feel compelled to do what I can to improve a desolate situation and restore a privilege I enjoy. Enclosed are some stamps an angel named Israfel left on my desk this morning. He is a gentle thoughtful creature.

Now I look forward to your account of a summer which I trust has been joyous.

With high admiration and deep affection, I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Fr. John

LAST LETTER 14

Typed by assistant

Saw his family for last time

Sent Christmas corsages to me & my sister

January 7, 1969 dies of heart attack at WLKY TV studio when taping Pastor's Study

