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Dear Mrs Rice,

A Thousand Thanks, for your recent parcel and letter, which arrived here safe and sound. But how can I really express my deepest gratitude to you for remembering me & sending me "The Cookman", as well as your other very welcome gifts.

But first I wish to express my sincere sympathy with you on the loss of your sister Mrs. O'Shea RIP. This must have been a great blow to you and I am sure that you miss her very much. I will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for your sister & assure you too of remembrance in my prayers, that you be comforted in your sorrow & loss.

However I am delighted to hear the good news of Liam's proposed marriage in August. Please convey my congratulations

and very best wishes to him for the future. I very much appreciate your invitation to the wedding - however I regret that I will not be in Ireland at the time, at least as far as I can see. Since I ~~was~~ was in Ireland in April to attend a Chapter Meeting in Donamon, I cannot afford to return to Ireland once again this year, especially since ~~my studies~~ I have a lot to make up for in my studies. I was able to manage a few days in Cork but was unable to do any visiting. While at home Leonard's wife Margaret ~~has~~ gave birth to her third child - a girl, whom I baptized the day before returning to Germany. Unfortunately the child has something wrong with its heart & was kept in hospital. Now she is out of hospital and we all hope that things will right themselves with time & without the need of an operation, please God.

I am glad to hear that Kathleen & her baby son are both well, T.G.



And also that you are keeping fine &  
Strong also T.S.

Thank you very much for sending  
on the letters of Paddy & the photo. I  
return the letters, as you would perhaps  
wish. Would you also like me to return the  
photo? I also had a letter from Paddy  
recently - he has settled down great to  
his new mission & is obviously very content  
& happy. He is in many ways a great  
example to the rest of us, and makes me  
feel ashamed of myself at times. When  
you are next writing to him, give him  
my sincere brotherly greetings.

My father is keeping well T.S., although  
he got a great shock with the news of  
the baby. Jenny, my step-mother, is also  
in good form, as is Vera. However I

think Mai Cora is content to remain as she is. The important thing is that she is happy & healthy.

I must sign off. Give my regards to Kathleen & the lads, and especially to Mr. Rice.

Wishing you & Mr. Rice & the family every good wish & blessing —

Sincerely

Vincent.

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