JOHN R. RYAN

CONVENT OF THE VISITATION S.t Paul, Minn.

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Dear Nieces and Nephews, especially, Mamie,

Accept my sincere sympathy in the loss of your dear Father, but his passing is a gain for him although loss for you. I am glad his is home; life is a hard journey when one is old.

He was in my mind all day long on the day before he died. Since March I have prayed every day for a happy death for all, especially for the one who was to die next. This morning I offered my Mass and Holy Communion for him.

Mrs. Fern is the only one of the family left so when you see her, please give her my love.

Uncle Mike's marriage ceremony was the first one I ever saw. I was a little girl going to instructions for my First Communion. It made me very sad.

It makes me lonesome to think of so many who have gone. He must have been glad to go. My mind is more in heaven than on earth now.

I will not forget in my prayers to pray earnestly for him. Julia will be glad to meet him. I send very special love to Mamie who will miss him.

Lovingly, your devoted Aunt,

Sr. M. Stanislaus Garry

(Per Sr. M. Clare)