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Dear

Impossible to get this written on Sunday! So here I am at Mercy Center on a Monday morning taking advantage of a break for me which I'm using to do what I didn't believe I could do this week--get off a third "Dust Mop" to you all. The delegates have just finished a half-hour reflection period focussed on some questions the process team gave them; they're now in small groups sharing the fruits of their reflections on common life, common good and common fund. Does that small-group sharing sound familiar? Imagine the thousands of words that have been uttered in this meeting room since July 8! And it looks as if there's not going to be a let-up of the verbal flow by July 24, the tentative date for ending the chapter. But then that's only my assessment.

Jeanene who's assistant to John Kenneth Scott, the coordinator of all the working staffs here, took off to her Mom and Dad's Saturday night, went to mass Sunday morning and then to bed a good part of that afternoon. The pace for chapter workers behind the chapter proceedings is pretty frenzied. And I'm up to my neck writing news releases and province newsletters. Who knows what heresies I've promulgated in those releases! To think that when I was a kid I wanted to be a journalist.

By now I hope the election results have reached you: Sister Miriam Therese Larkin (LA), general superior; Sister Margaret Collins (LA), assistant general superior; and the general council: Sisters Tobias and Marian Cowan (SL), Constance Marie De Foe (SP), Rose Cecilia Harrington (LA) for a second term. I'm assuming most of you, probably with the exception of Mary G., are getting chapter news via the houses.

Now for some Fontbonne comings and goings: Teresine and Marie Cecile returned yesterday from their retreat at MAC; going there today for private retreats are Margaret Denise and Margaret Eugene. Sister Ann Catherine and her sister Mae are off to Colorado for a vacation; so are Jane H., Damien and Jesse. Later this week more folks should be drifting back. Sister Clarice Marie's doctor has told her she needs another month's recuperation at Nazareth even though she herself says she's fit as a fiddle. I know she must be keenly disappointed. Please keep in your prayers Father Wilson who has just had surgery at Deaconess Hospital for a detached retina. And we learned that Sister Agatha Irene's niece died in the Kansas City hotel tragedy.

We've had a nice long letter from Sister Jane Frances who is at St. Viator's in Chicago where we're all praying the doctors there can clear up the infection in her knee without surgery. She is in great pain.

Forgive me for cutting this short; must be off for another session. Take care.

Love, *Margaret*