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Dearest Nell,

A quick note at midnight, wanting to start this New Year right; wondering in what state the world will find itself a year from now.

I have worked literally around the clock all week, to the accompaniment of your magnificent Christmas tape = almost the only music I listen to now. Piedy and the children are fine. Amanda scarcely lets the music box out of her hands and we have so enjoyed the other books - particularly the poems and the diaries of John l'Heureux. Thank you especially for this. It took me into a world I know well and like; a world that I once thought was my world until I was guided to a different vocation - that of being racism's garbage collector.

Father Stan Murphy, C.S.B. (Founder Christian Culture Series) and one of the world's authorities on Chesterton, is coming for a few days rest tomorrow (from Canada), so we are looking forward greatly to this dear friend's presence among us. He is one of your great fans.

Best love to you from all of us - and when I say you, I mean of course you, Chris and all those dear to you.

*John*