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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

I am hoping you will ever coat my failure to write to you sooner. What a fine week we did have! - I have been lazy too, & I really believe that is the main trouble with me.

How is Mr. Whitney - & has Mrs. Birch reached upland yet? Is Mrs. Birch a relative of yours, Mrs. Whitney? I was very glad to hear you are going to have some one stay with you. I think at times like this it is much nicer to have people around to help pass the time away.

Louise & I are getting along nicely with our instructions. Friday night, Father Clement brought slides to show us on all that we had studied in the Catechisms. He believes we learn much more through vision than discussion & I think all of us were able to grasp much from the slides too. We had a very thorough discussion afterwards too. So late, we've just finished redemption & our next lesson takes us to the Church.

Since this is the week for Gela, we
will not have another lesson until Sat
night or Sunday afternoon. Yesterday
Father Clement came to our black for dinner
& then he took us to Benediction. I
really liked & enjoyed the services very
much & am anxious to go again. It does
get dark quite early now - a day - & since it
is almost a mile walk, he brought us
home too. Father certainly "goes out" of his
way to be helpful to both of us. I wish
you could see the improvement that has
been made in the Chapel. It is a lovely
little chapel now. One third of the barracks
has been made into a permanent Chapel
& it is fixed with beaver board (plaster
board), a beautiful new altar which some
Father from Cesa Grande gave Father Clement
for Pastors Chapel - & a new communion
railing. Oh yes, I showed Father the
pictures you sent me - & he wanted me
to tell you, in our chapel we have a
large 2' x 2 1/2" picture of the Lady of
Perpetual Help too. Please don't think me
stupid, but could you tell me whether
I am supposed to pay for the instruction
books - & other books Father gives us on

Catholic doctrines? I don't know just what I am supposed to do & want to do what is right.

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I suppose you have read in the paper about the Nisei boys being taken in the Army again. The Army officers are in Camp this week to start "draft" regulations & to see just how many volunteers there are. Because Japanese are being accepted again, the Nisei's are allowed to travel quite freely now. A good many of the boys are in Java of this draft & etc, but they rather don't care for the idea of being in a complete - all Japanese outfit - if they are accepted. There has been a lot of talk about registering both male & female between the ages of 17-38 & ^{to} relocate us for different industries in the middle west. They expect to have 25,000 out of the 110,000 Japanese relocated by the end of 1943. My girl friend who is in Salt Lake City wrote to me several days & said if I'd like, they would find me a job there. I don't know just how their industry business will turn out, but I rather feel now perhaps I should take some steps & try to find something outside too because just staying here isn't going to do any

of us any good. Regardless of my going - or
how going else where - we can always go back
to Upland if & when we are permitted to. It's
really a problem. I often wonder what
best - but I imagine we'll know something
much more definite in the next week or
two.

Olma & Layne have been over since 7 P.M.
This is their last night - rather I should
call of our last night with Dorothy. She is
leaving to-morrow night from Parker. There
will be about 10 others leaving at the same
time - some for Denver - others to Chicago & etc.
Gimmie is working at the garage to night.

I'm expecting more rain - it is terribly
cloudy & dark outside. We've had a goodly
share of rain this year already, but it is
all right, I guess.

Please give my regards to Mr. Whitney -
Geng, Braddor - to Mr. Daugherty too.

With love -

Gimmie

Alma sends her love to you - & says she
hopes Mr. Whitney is better