

have to make sacrifices.

We've been having almost daily dust storms for the past fair days now - other than that, the early mornings are idyllic. Everyone seems to be looking forward to the winter months.

It is getting quite late so I must close and make ready to go to bed.

Thank you again for the miraculous medal, the Testament, and tea.

Our regards to the rest of the family, please.

With love,
Fernando

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Poston Arizona
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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

you can't imagine how terribly thrilled I was to receive that beautiful miraculous medal. We all took turns admiring it, and the "ohs" and "gosh, it's a beautiful shade of blue - and that chain!" - was the most popular phrase used. Thank you so much for sending it to me. Should I have Father havey bless it, and is the medal supposed to be worn always, or just on special days?

As yet, I've only glanced thru the new testament, but with the nights longer (it's getting dark earlier now-a-days) I'm planning to devote my time in reading the Missal and the testament from cover to back. Since I've never read

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anything along the religious line, I don't think
it'll be any too easy to understand it, but I'll
try my best.

We received a letter from Alma to-day, and it
looks very much as if she shan't be able to come.
It's all very disappointing, as only yesterday Miss
Fendley's secretary told me 1200 volunteers were
coming from Acadia, and if Alma had her
application in, and we requested that they be
sent here, she'd undoubtedly come - and now!
I've gone to the administration office so many
times, and I know as far as the office force
is concerned at Poston, they are keeping their
best to keep families, but Santa Anita, I know
& the rest are under the Army (W.C.A.A.) and
they have broken all promises made in regard
to keeping families together. I just don't
know what good will do - if any at all, but
I'm going to make a last desperate stab
to-morrow morning - to see if the Watares would
be permitted to come. The first group from Santa
Anita will come Aug. 27 - & for the next three
days thereafter. I can't understand why
they won't permit people who have relatives
here, and who really want to come, come,
instead of doing otherwise.

Several families in our block are making
arrangements to leave for Japan. In each case,
the father is interned in New Mexico, and so
as they will not be released to a camp such as
Poston is, they are being deported, and going to Japan
will be the only way the families will be
together. The children in their late teens are
all broken up about it as they want to remain
here, but unless you are 21 or over, you have
to go too. War is war, and I suppose will all