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Dear Miss McGlynn!

Received your letter concerning the incident at dinner - the evening we were in Beverly - to say the least it did surprise me very much - in fact I had difficulty remembering just how it was that the story came out.

I want you to know how very much I enjoyed reading your letter and to tell you that I appreciate your telling me about I t- it made me feel so very good to realize that in some small way I had helped Kay - even though her mind had been made up.

I never did convince myself as being an extremely pious individual but I've been very fortunate in having two fine parents who saw to it that my religious well-fare - when I was

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young was not neglected and their efforts have borne fruit for me - I have a good deal more faith to bear me up - because of their efforts.

Some one has said that there are no atheists in a fox hole- I've never been in one - but I have had a chance to see soldiers in various phases of their army life - and I'll wager there are very few atheists even in an army camp - all of us know that some-day sooner or later - somewhere we will all be dodging bullets - and if you think a little harder - it doesn't take much to make a fellow realize they soon he may be face to face with our Maker - to some it must bring a feeling of dread - and there are the ones who are trying now in the few days - months that are left before they go over - to make up for what they haven't done when they had the opportunity- to use who have been more fortunate in being taught the virtues; benefits and graces

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to be had for being good Christians it means merely an intensifying of our prayers - my religion has given me much comfort in the few short years of my life - and it comforts me when

sometimes I think of what lies ahead - many nites have I laid on my bunk - and given thanks to God that I was borne of good Catholic parents - who early gave me a good foundation on which to build my faith -

I say all this not because - I want to boast but rather because I'm thankful that I have been fortunate enough to have so much - when others have so little in the way of faith - there is nothing more pityful [sic] for to me than to see a man searching for something to comfort him when he needs it most - and nothing more inhearting [sic] than to see a Christian to turn to God when he needs aid

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or comfort - which the material cannot give him -

That is why I am so very glad to learn that Kay is to come within the Chruch - and I want to thank you again for telling me about it - I hope you will give her my best wishes on her marriage -

Sincerely  
John Capone