

I consider who I am in a population of 340 million people. I know that myself, Madeline Wentzell, am a valued voice. Consider the pages to follow as a style of writing for informing moral guidance. I am learning the skill of dating current events, the practice of communicating.

When I turned 18, I moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin for my freshmen year of college and architecture school, in the year 2008. In November at age 18 I voted to elect Barack Obama and Joe Biden to be President and Vice President of the United States.

At the time cities like Milwaukee, Chicago and Atlanta still included segregated business districts. Within the urban fabric are delineated and distinct corridors that separate shopping for specific identities, yet public transportation flows through each.

My memory of riding the city bus route 66 west across the North Side, witnessing posters in storefront shops support Barack Obama and Joe Biden. The amazing scene begins when after crossing the Milwaukee River, every street level storefront included decoration of support, and compares to the scene east of the river, such corridor did not include the envelope of decoration.

I also added to this energy, with my family's yard sign displayed in my fourth-floor dorm window. There is real pride, and it is known and felt to be exactly 18 and your first vote, a vote to elect a President.

I completed my Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Minnesota. By 2015 I move to Washington D.C. to begin graduate school, a Master's in Architecture at the Catholic University of America School of Architecture and Urban Planning. Here I am 25, proud to vote the glow and energy in D.C. reaches me the same, now I live in the city that is home to the President I voted to elect. To be a young catholic enrolled at the Catholic University studying architecture in our nation's capital was an incredible high.

I completed my Master's degree in Architecture in 2017 and returned to Minneapolis. As 2021 began and the country is better, I am again called to Washington. Now I move again to Washington D.C. as an emerging architect, midway through passing the license exam process .

Separately, and also through companions I observed broadcasting of conflict with careful note of the events. As a catholic person who concerns for human suffering, I was caught in a layer of journalism. I concern for places and cultures that I long to grasp. I am one person, yet did I see this unfold crystal clear?

Guilt was once the effort to be responsible, now guilt is the action of explanation of observation. This type of guilt is self-obligation to provide a record of ones account of witness.

If timing is critical to an account of an event, a letter at a specific date provided a dated record.

Enclosed are five letters written 2023 - 2024. The first letter is a delayed account of my witness to the start of the Ukrainian war with domestic context. There are many messages for consideration included. If the most heartfelt of all, my regret to see another war.

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Dated: May 28, 2023

The Executive Office of the President of The United States

Dear President Biden,

With appreciation for the response to matters integral to the integrity of our land, brings reasons for renewed trust in the executive role. This message includes a sensitivity of the hurt within the country this season. A means to console for the flaw that predates your time in office. It is fair to acknowledge the unfortunate notable loss this expiration has caused.

So soon into this new Presidency a choice to limit access to a significant logistic proved a necessary security to much of the world. Limiting attention to otherwise unnecessary disputes. It seems for a brief time our consideration was truly to help those with less. This pause from the concern of external involvement went almost unappreciated. Only the next season would we acknowledge a circumstance we had not considered to be so fragile. Initially what seemed a means of consequence revealed a continued scene of hurt. From a distance one might recall this consistent force as an ongoing destruction. While not impacted directly, the violence did not ring in our ears. Each month that this matter continued additional sacrifice occurred, yet we still did not hear it. Such time requires many. To consider so many, revealed the extent of place we have yet to grasp.

Separately more conflict resumed, recalling a concern for foreign disagreement. This memory of past pain created attention to the reason for American support.

If matters for harm are specific to their area; a method to allocate local elements provides a sufficient plan for an area to follow. Suggesting a trajectory towards fair distribution of what is fundamental promotes a local obligation. May this method of assumed compassion be perceived as a lack of judgment.

Please consider my faith in this next season.

With Gratitude,

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Dated: 2023, August 1

The Executive Office of the President of The United States

Dear President Biden,

A now growing worry for experience is of notice. The prior letter was to relay a compassion for cultural realities paired with realistic means of aid. While many continue to question the quality of time during unrest, I consider appreciation for those willing to contribute to possibility. The urgency however suggests a comparison to the circumstance at the time of the previous note.

The extent of my writing is limited to my academic concentration. The regard for place, what is sacred and culture surrounding home is what I may professionally speak to. For the identity of place to appear on one is beauty, but to migrate towards places of certainty is to realize compromise allows for future. To locate communities of people in areas where elements are accessible, is a concept that practices my faith in human relations. To consider areas in need is to hope a population prioritizes the essence of human life. To share a new gathering place surrounding culture and sacred values is guaranteed.

Adaptive nature of persons allows for the translation of place and land, when followed in masses new places are made. The term catchment area implies people of a jurisdiction, while the origin of the concept reminds of the area of rain fall. May this be a metaphor in hope for the human condition, to share water is to share choice. My hope for assumed compassion, believing life aligned by rain the most significant, as implementable.

May circumstance of season be the reason for this current alarm. While drama of temperature is reason of concern, my faith continues through drought.

With gratitude,

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Dated: 2023, October 28

The Executive Office of the President of The United States

Dear President Biden,

As offering intentions with regards to sacred values is a practice of optimism, to promise falls short of a true consideration. My writing is intended as a correction to what is now seen as incomplete. The presence in a free country is one that does not grasp military power.

The ongoing conflict that is of recent pronounced tragedy is a location of meaning for many congregations. The nature of this conflict is periodic violence occurring in proximity of a sacred zone.

The origin of a holy land is the beginning of religious congregation. To hold belief for congregation is a continued reason to protect it. The concept that community is the most critical aspect of a faith is a sincere intention. Might this be the most pertinent layer in the foundation of a congregation. To protect people as priority, is to maintain preparedness when an occurrence brings reason to establish new home. A congregation that maintains the spirit of their values is then able to translates them into place when dedicating a space as sacred.

As one holds memory for places of heart while noticing new place we generate a consideration for layers of ancestry. As we remain willing to transfer the spirit while embracing new places we continue the congregation.

With gratitude,

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Dated: 2024, February 3

The Executive Office of the President of The United States

Dear President Biden,

For knowing the receipt of correspondence is now an outlet for proof of compassion. Writing to summarize my understanding of ancient conflict is an entire passage. It was important to only give a careful set of instruction while only repeating a delicate message of hope. Apply the principle of intentional compassion in a reflection on migration, the relocation of people.

The parallel that I grasp is the sensation of darkness times, dark seasons are met with unanticipated sunlight. Always, sunlight followed by the anticipation of spring. The cycle of darkness times a parallel to those living in otherwise bleak time.

Minnesota is a specific place, as the seasons are a feeling of darkness hours. The number degree of latitude explains why this place features a seasonal change in light. Age here is years of this cold to warm cycle.

For a new resident to follow the seasons they will recall the spring contrast of the dark season, and recognize the annual pattern. For the uniform for comfort changes with each season, and to collect the accessories for comfort adds to the satisfaction of moving in.

My means of welcoming those to my city is to welcome them to my parish. Participation in the Catholic Church is merely a suggestion. It is fair to believe in the good of it for all who are worthy of it. I caution of applying this principle to all humanity, a religious catholic universe.

As we prepare for lent, consider a different attitude is felt at seasons of the year.

Considerably,

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Dated: 2024, March 26

The Executive Office of the President of The United States

Dear President Biden,

As most of the population is moving to the center of the city, added energy is happening. The application of synad organization as a meeting of religions is alive and good in Minneapolis. Any Catholic in America knows this concept and will find delight in the status of these conversations. To remark this is to notice the effort to build housing. For a place that celebrates the meeting of religions adds reason to reside here, as this place of intersection is the heart of the city.

As the nature of hosting is to consider the accommodations one requires, I will advocate for their comfort. Access to daily needs are worthy of cause. The reassurance of growing value as the effort to care for ones place as it needs to be, requires new terms. The term rent is my critique for this season.

The consideration of resources and organization is fitting for this time of year when we set aside time for reflection as meditation.

As my generation, the millennial generation, consider ways to improve the quality of our livelihood within our constraints a theme is noticed that is worthy of your attention. Payments towards the housing of our address is generally money that disappears.

For my city did see a loss in building, and for the new buildings to be met with awe, is also faith. I only ask that the cost to reside here is fair and payments accumulate into tangible property ownership.

Such a nice part of the religion we share is this season or interval of time that generates calm while we gather resources quietly.

Seasons greetings,

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Dated: 2024, December 28

The Executive Office of the Vice President of The United States

Dear Vice President Harris,

Regard this as a voice relaying talks of peace and a continuation to letters already sent to the Executive office.

One means of exercising patriotism is to absorb geography both within the continent and in places out of reach. As one recognizes their talent in recalling the specific geography of the planet, they may find themselves assuming worthy to patrol it, to cherish and care for it while keeping a realistic view of peace in mind.

Currently there is a place that is marred within the American thought, and we are guilty for excusing the degree of the scar. It is fair that a new summary of the condition there is conducted. Consider this summary a new phrase, a refresh to the perception of the scar.

This new summary acts as a closing of a chapter. A new era will follow this updated summary. As we close one book of cultural norms, we aim to open a new story. Let the summary include layers of time to provide context. It is also important that a broad understanding of migration is described. When we include most of those impacted we are not favoring one place. The goal is to relay the deeper understanding of the nature of this story.

A summary is the first phase to laying out a master plan. This generates another set of questions and responses. This will decide the chart towards a new place, a plan for better civil district.

The catholic Church is delicate in naming the place in punishment. This place is critical to the foundation of our holy family. We are also to acknowledge that those responsible for the worst there and those who have suffered are often the same.

With gratitude,

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