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OPEN LETTER —

Dear Sodal - Sal: -



Bessie (my typewriter) is fairly leaping with joy this month and we ourselves feel like turning a couple of flips if we didn't fear our bones cracking in the attempt. We really feel in top shape and nothing can darken the shine in our eyes! Why all the exuberance? Well, after all these months of being a pagan without a name, you will notice that we now have a name.

THE MARIAN WAY — it's just perfect for us. The way of Mary — nothing could be more suitable for the Sodality Page. All of our happiness is due to the inspiration that **SOPHIE SPETYLA** of the Nativity B. V. M. Sodality (Marquette Park) got in suggesting the name. To **SOPHIE** we hand Orchids and three rousing cheers for such a grand name. To the rest of the Sodalists we extend our heartfelt thanks for their suggestions. They were all good.

It seems that we had our share of misery this month too — with the paper shortage, no articles and what have you the entire staff sprouted grey hair and got a system full of Aspirin — but we weathered it all and managed to come out with a grin.

An article in the St. George "SODAL - LITE" (Bridgeport) gave us a boost. The article gave reasons why Sodalists should read **THE MARIAN WAY**. We thought it summed things up quite well and have included it in this month's edition of **THE MARIAN WAY**. Be sure to read it!

Remember sometime ago we mentioned "snapshots"? Well, the weather is so often perfect now for pictures so come one, come all, dust off those cameras and get those pictures rolling to **THE MARIAN WAY**. What could be more interesting than to see you or your friends in print? How about it? Get them to us and we will get you in print! When you send one and see how easy it is you will want to do it again and again, so give it a try!

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K of L Choir Festival, May 19th.

From all indications the forthcoming May Festival, under the auspices of the Knights of Lithuania Chicago District, consisting of an unusually well selected Concert program, to be presented by the K. of L. District Choir; a fine Lithuanian comedy presentation "Meilės Elikysras" by the K. of L. Theatrical art group, and dancing to the tunes of Ed Barry and his orchestra, promises to be a very outstanding Lithuanian social event of the season here in Chicago.

The committee on arrangements announces that there is every indication that the Darius-Girenas Memorial auditorium, 4416 S. Western Ave., will be the mecca of an overflowing audience on Sunday, May 19th. Sale of tickets is pro-

gressing rapidly. Popularly priced at \$1.00 tickets may be purchased from any Choir or K. of L. member.

The K. of L. Choir made a very impressive appearance over the air waves last Sunday evening from radio station WCFL during the Jos. F. Budrik Lithuanian Radio hour. Comments from listeners were very complimentary which portends that the Choir group will have quite an enthusiastic multitude of boosters.

Town of Lake Sodality Joins L. S. U.

Just received word that the Town of Lake Sodality has decided to join the Sodality Union.

This addition will no doubt strengthen the large group of Sodalists already banded together.

We welcome you girls and look forward to working hand in hand.
Lithuanian Sodality Union

FIRST U. S. CITIZEN SAINT



This statue of Mother Cabrini, first American citizen raised to the altar of sainthood in the Catholic Church, was carved by Enrico Tadolini, noted Italian sculptor, and will be placed in St. Peter's Basilica on the occasion of her formal canonization, July 7. Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, who founded the Institute of Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, came to New York from Italy, in 1899, and died in Chicago in 1917. Her remains repose in the chapel of the Mother Cabrini High School, New York City. She was beatified in 1938. (NC Photos)

Don Varnas Post Meets Mon., May 6

The Don Varnas American Legion Post No. 986, will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 6, 1946 at its Headquarters, Marquette Hall, 6908 South Western Avenue, at 8:00 P. M., with refreshments served at the close of the meeting.

This meeting is one in

which all feminine members of the families of regular members are invited to attend. We're organizing our women's auxiliary! There's a lot of helpful things an auxiliary can do to make our Post an interesting and successful American Legion Post. So here's hoping we see all regular members and their wives, mothers and sisters on Monday, May 6th!

An Invitation

All the young Lithuanian girls are most cordially invited to attend the annual May crowning, under the leadership of the Sodality Union, on MAY 5th AT 2:30 P. M. AT THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, 44th and Fairfield.

That afternoon we will honor the Blessed Mother and show Her our appreciation for all the granted favors and of course to ask for anything that may be lacking as yet in our life.

We hope to see all the Sodalists present at this May crowning!

Irene Pakeltis, prefect

Bishop Sheil Dinner, Wed., May 8th

Clem Lane, City Editor of the Chicago Daily News and creator of the amusing civic character, "Oxie O'Rourke", will be toastmaster at the 14th Annual CYO Sportsmen's Dinner, Wednesday May 8th, in the Grand Ballroom of the Palmer House.

The dinner, popularly called "The Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner", will fete Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and Founder and Director of the Catholic Youth Organization, for his work in behalf of Youth.

BUY VICTORY BONDS
AND KEEP THEM!

Edward J. Kubaitis
COMMENTARIES

At long last, we have made the grade! We are now a full-pledged "liberal", and hereby serve notice on all our friends and enemies that we don't ever again want to hear or read the term "reactionary" being applied to us. As evidence of our "liberalism", we proudly point to the membership application blank which we received the other day from the National Liberal League, with headquarters in New York.

In the nice letter accompanying the application blank, Dewey Collett, Secretary of the League, informs us that he is writing to us and "other Liberals like yourself" to invite us to become Charter Members of the League, "to help in the propagation of non-political Liberalism, and in the advancement of the principles of Humanism, etc." He further pays us the compliment of advising us that the national officers are depending on us to "establish a branch of the League in your community."

What is the "National Liberal League"? It is a national organization "to save our schools from Church control... to outlaw all religious instruction from our schools... to tax church property... to outlaw the appointment of chaplains in the Armed services... abolish the religious oath in our courts, etc., etc., etc..." The letter ends with the touching plea, "... if you do not like the increasing control of education and government by Catholic priests, become a Liberator! Aid us by getting others to join!"

How did your columnist get all this literature and the invitation to join this atheistic organization with the beautiful-sounding name? We do not know, and we shall probably smile over it for a long, long time. Perhaps Divine Providence (which not only guides our destinies but also — with a heavenly display of humor — occasionally permits the wrong names to get onto mailing lists) wanted to give something to chuckle over. Perhaps somebody was pulling the leg of the officers of the League by giving them our name and address. However it may have happened, we couldn't have been more happy if we had accidentally received a copy of the "Confidential-Secret" sheet of instructions from the Communist headquarters in Moscow!

The officers of the National Liberal League, we note, are as follows: Marshall J. Gauvin, President; Charles T. Sprading, Vice-President; Dewey Collett, Secretary; Woolsey Teller, Treasurer; the Board of Directors includes an Arthur G. Cromwell and an Ira D. Cardiff; while the Executive Committee includes a William McCarthy and a Charles Smith.

These names had a familiar odor to them, and so we proceeded to dig through our files to see what we could find on them. Our research work was most fruitful — and most enlightening. The following is a bit of the background that we were able to find on each of the gentlemen, revealing the true basis of their "liberalism" and the true nature of the National Liberal League, which they have organized:

Marshall J. Gauvin — Contributor to the "Truth Seeker", monthly publication of American atheists; prolific author of anti-religious books ("Fundamentals of Free thought", "The Bible a Dangerous Guide", "Is There a Real God?", "Struggle Between Religion and Science", etc.).

Charles T. Sprading — Contributor to the "Truth Seeker"; author of "The Science of Materialism", a manual for free-thinkers.

Woolsey Teller — Associate Editor of the "Truth Seeker"; author of "Essays of an Atheist" (... "in this collection Mr. Teller vigorously criticizes religion and other superstitions..."), "Atheism of Astronomy" (... "here is a book to hand your God-believing friends. Here is a convincing reply to those who hold that the heavens are governed by a God... here is the answer to mystic and theologian...", etc.).

Arthur G. Cromwell — This is the same gentleman who hurried down from Rochester, N. Y. — where he heads a society of free-thinkers — to Urbana, Ill., where the now famous Vashti McCollum case against religious teaching in schools was being heard; he proudly and loudly proclaimed his atheism to newspaper reporters at the trial.

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FR. JULIAN

In Passing

THIS is what St. Ambrose said of the Blessed Virgin Mary sixteen hundred years ago:

"She was **MODEST**:

In her gait, in her manner,
in her conversations,
in her looks,
in her actions,

She was wholly devoted to God.

Imitate her that she may love you."

If we study our Heavenly Mother, we notice that throughout her life she fulfilled all these qualities of a perfect lady. And yet, how close does the modern woman come to this high but necessary standard?

Our newspapers daily repeat the sad lamentations of the bewildered veteran: "What happened to the girls I used to know?" He left and dreamed about a demure young lady sweet and clean in every action and word; so desirable because she seemed to be so high and so good. And now the girls don't seem to understand that a loping gait and uncouth actions lower women, and that smutty conversations will cheapen and stain the prettiest damsels.

St. Ambrose may well have added for the Modern Miss — be like that, and you will get your man.

The Lithuanian Sodality Union invites all the sodalists and their friends to the

Presenting This Month's

Outstanding Girl Sodalist

Jeanne Saukunas

Past prefect of the Lithuanian Sodality Union and the Senior B. V. M. Sodality of Nativity of B. V. M.

Anyone meeting Jeanne for the first time is won over by her charming personality. She's quite a conversationalist and the subdued tone quality of her voice makes it very pleasing to listen to.

Comes late spring and early autumn you can find Jeanne setting Sundays aside for a good, brisk game of



annual **MAY CROWNING** which this year will take place at the Immaculate Conception Church, **SUNDAY MAY 5th at 2:30 p. m.**

It is fast becoming a tradition among the sodalists of Chicago to gather in a body and thus as one, during a beautiful and impressive ceremony renew their acts of love and fealty to the Blessed Mother. No one has ever left the Church without being impressed by its beauty. Spiritual Directors of other sodalities highly praised its intention and order. Everything during the ceremony is in the spirit of the Sodality motto: **"TO JESUS THROUGH MARY"**.

A future Sodal-Sal came home from her first day at school and dejectedly told her mother that she was not returning to school.

"Why, what happened" asked her mother.

"I can't read and I can't write, and they tell me not to talk. So what's the use?"

tennis. She'll even accept an invitation to go horseback riding, getting up bright and early for a jaunt. During the summer months, sunbathing is a "must" with Jeanne and the rich tan she so patiently acquires is quite a prize with her and a 'beauty boon' for the pastel shades she wears so well. The finer arts as: music, stage plays and good reading; find Jeanne a very good listener and reader. Dancing also comes under her list of entertainment.

A graduate of Immaculate Conception (Brighton Park), Jeanne attended Saint Casimir Academy graduating in 1940 and at present holds the office of Recording Secretary in the Alumnae. Jeanne is an employee of the National Cash Register Co. of Chicago.

Anyone needing a helping hand, regardless of the task, will find Jeanne with a smile, ready and willing to help. She is also a great practitioner of Christian Charity; therefore the title of "Daughter of Mary" can in all respects be applied to Jeanne.

BITS O' NEWS

From Here and There

KENOSHA, WIS.

Hear ye! Hear ye! Be prepared for the busiest month of the year. Preparations are now under way for our spring variety show, which will be May 5th....

Hilda Višnauskas, Ann Ališauskas, and Ann Mastauskas are in charge of ads.

To all the girls who served so graciously at the banquets and dinners we've had this year, we extend a bouquet of thanks...

Ann Mockus was chosen as the Ideal Sodalite from St. Peter's Parish. It indeed is a honor that Ann deserves for she has truly earned the title through her untiring efforts for our Sodality. Let's all strive to follow her example, and our Sodality will be the star of Kenosha...

At our last month's social we gave Mickey Jusis Rosinski a cross as the parting gift from the Sodality. Rita B., Joan K., Judy B., and Irene V. were on the committee, and they did a good job of it... There is another wedding predicted very soon — sometime this summer, and it looks like we are going to lose a good member...

Your snooping reporter has found out that Helen Ališauskas has a certain Al on her mind. Why don't you leave us in on some of these goings on Helen?... Have noticed that Lucille Smogur has been exceptionally interested in basketball this season? Wonder whether it was the game or one of the players? Promise not to say more Lucille — we'll stick together on this little secret. No wonder you're so dreamyeyed lately....

Hilda Višnauskas and Ann Ališauskas have been getting pretty classy lately. It isn't every girl that has a chauffeur pick them up after a banquet; maybe I shouldn't have called him a chauffeur?... Where has Ann Mockus been keeping herself lately? Or should I have said with whom?...

"Don't congratulate the recently engaged girl," cautions Elinor Ames, author of the Correct Thing. She adds: "You correctly wish her happiness but save the actual congratulations for her fiancée." The custom may be correct but is it logical? Husbands don't grow on trees as Blondie says... Ann J., how is a certain T. T., could his middle initial possibly be N.? to form T. N. T. ... Well girls, it looks as though our Sodality is gradually increasing, keep up the good work girls. How about a few more new members for our next meetings?...

Seems good to see Ann Mastauskas in our midst again — we missed you there for a while Ann... Looks as though a certain Don is keeping Sally Z. awful busy lately.... Bernice C. complains about being awfully busy working lately, but I doubt whether she can work at all with the Navy surrounding her....

ST. GEORGE'S (BRIDGEPORT)

FLASH! ! ! Our Spiritual Director, Rev. Julian Grinis, has been officially named Spiritual Director of the Lithuanian Sodality Union. Congratulations Father!!

WELCOME—to: Ann Kavelewski who became a member of the Sodality at our last meeting... In accordance with our custom a Sodalists' Bridal Shower was held in the Sodality Club room for Sylvia Jankaitis who became Mrs. William Edeus on March 3, 1946....

Our Social Life Chairman, Ann Venslow was one of the bridesmaids and our Prefect, Virginia Balnis presented Sylvia with the Sodality Bouquet for the Blessed Virgin's Altar.... After the reception of about 500 guests in our parish hall, Sylvia and Bill left for their honeymoon to the West Coast. Latest word from them came from Texas, various spots in Calif., including Hollywood and on the way back from Arizona. They're home now and the Sodalists wish the newlyweds loads of Luck and Happiness.

Quite an unusual experience was had by Stella Arlauskas, Helene Gadwell and Virginia Balnis at the Theatre Party where 15 Sodalists including our dear Padre Julian Grinis enjoyed the play "Joyous Season". The girls sat with their hats on until the middle of the second act when a fellow requested them to remove their chapeaux. "A fine time to decide they were in the way."...

L. S. U. NEWS

One date to keep in mind is May 14th. This is the tentative date for the **SPLASH PARTY**. Look for more details about this party in our next issue of the **SODALITY SECTION**.



FILLS IN FOR "LILY" — Polyna Stoska, popular and versatile Lithuanian singing star of radio, stage and concert (from Worcester, Mass. way) was called upon to pinch-hit for Lilys Pons several days ago at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, N. Y. Miss Pons' plane had been delayed in Newfoundland, so Polyna stepped in to do the chores. And the critics say Miss Stoska really did a very fine job of it.

K of L District Meeting at Cicero, May 5

Many important subjects are on the agenda for deliberation at the next regular **KNIGHTS OF LITHUANIA CHICAGO DISTRICT** meeting, Sunday, May 5th, 1946, at St. Anthony parish schoolrooms, 15th St. and 49th Court, Cicero, Illinois. The meeting will be called

CONGRATULATIONS!...



Irene Gumuliuskas

Wedding bells will ring out May 4th for Irene Gumuliuskas, popular and active St. George's parish (Bridgeport) Sodalist. The lucky man will be Wm. Strasser, who has just been honorably discharged from the Marine corps after 4 years duty. miss you, Irene, but our loss is going to be someone else's big gain.

Best of everything, Irene and Bill!

to order promptly at 2:30 p. m. All designated representatives from every K. of L. council are urged to be present without fail, as well as all K. of L. members wishing to attend.

Foremost topic will be: plans for the forthcoming K. of L. Day on July 4th at Vytautas Park. K. of L. District Choir Concert final arrangements, K. of L. Youth Center Fund drive, Ritual and Sports activities are other matters of paramount importance.

After the meeting there will be a social for all those attending the session. Hosts of the social will be the members of Cicero K. of L. Council 14. They assure everyone attending a very enjoyable time.

MARRY CATHOLICS!

"Please be sure that the young men or girls you intend to marry belong to your own faith. Stick to your faith. These are strong words from one who does not belong to the Catholic Church, but I mean it most sincerely. If you young people keep together like this you are going to make a solid foundation for the Church you love so much." — Lord Mayor Wiggins-Davis at Birmingham C. Y. O. meeting.

All-expense tour — The perfect example of truth in advertising.

Amateur athlete — An athlete who is paid in cash — not by check.

(Kubaitis from page 2)

Ira D. Cardiff — Contributor to the "Truth Seeker"; author of "What Would Christ Do With Syphilis?", "If Christ Came To New York", etc.

William McCarthy — Author of "Bible, God and Church" ("..... the author discredits the Bible as the inspired word of God, and records the sordid history of the priesthood in general and of the Christian church in particular, etc....")

Charles Smith — Editor of the "Truth Seeker"; author of "The Bible in The Balance".

Finally, it is significant that the address of the national headquarters of the "National Liberal League" and of the "Truth Seeker" is one and the same.

But what — someone may ask — has all this to do with us Lithuanian Catholics? You may feel that, however nasty, this group has nothing more than nuisance value in its atheistic ranting against the Church and against all religions.

It may be very well to be amused at the humorous irony of a Catholic writer and editor being invited to become a member of an anti-Catholic organization, but the formation of such atheistic groups in our country is far from a laughing matter. It is a matter of the utmost concern to each of us, because it is part of a movement that aims to destroy our individual and collective human freedoms.

There is nothing that groups like this yearn for more than that individual Catholics look upon them and their god-less activities with an air of amused tolerance. Lulling ourselves into a false sense of security in the impregnability of our faith, our American freedom and our personal liberties is one of the most effective ways to help the atheistic movement in this country.

It is not entirely a coincidence that Communism and Atheism have launched a new and more vigorous campaign against the Catholic Church at the same time. The principles and aims of both are identical, both have always worked together, and both groups are characterized by the same hatred of all belief in God.

The newspaper "Truth Seeker", which is the organ of the new National Liberal League, has publicly declared its program in this country to be the following:

- 1) Taxation of church property;
- 2) Elimination of chaplains from public payrolls;
- 3) Repeal of laws restricting the rights of atheists and enforcing religious morals;
- 4) Abolition of the oath in courts and at presidential inaugurations;
- 5) Non-issuance of religious proclamations by Presidents and Governors;
- 6) Erasure of the superstitious inscription "In God We Trust" from our coins;
- 7) Exclusion of the Bible from our schools;
- 8) Suppression of religious instruction during school hours;
- 9) Secularization of marriage, with liberal divorce laws;
- 10) Repeal of anti-evolution, anti-birth control and censorship laws;

This is the program that organized atheism is trying to put into effect in this country. Re-read that ten-point program — do you recognize it now? This is the same program that has already been put into effect in Soviet Russia by the Communist Party. This is the same program that is now being put into effect in all the countries seized by Soviet Russia during the past several years — including the land of our fathers, Lithuania.

EVERYONE DOES — DO YOU?

Why is the DRAUGAS SODALITY SECTION the paper which the SODALISTS should read?

BECAUSE its articles are crisp and modern.

BECAUSE its comment is up-to-the minute.

BECAUSE it is filled with practicable plans and suggestions for Sodalists.

BECAUSE it is devoted to SODALISTS' spiritual and social activity.

BECAUSE it is the SODALISTS' PAPER.

Nearly all Chicago Lithuanian Sodalists read it. DO YOU?????

A Sodalist Prays At May Crowning

Gentle Jesus:

In a few days, a large group of girls will kneel at Your Mother's feet and pay homage to Her by crowning Her with a crown of fresh flowers. Yes, the crown in appearance is made up of flowers, but in reality 'tis our thoughts, words and deeds.

We did try so hard during the year to do the best in our activities, in propagating Catholic Action, by doing our daily duties in Your honor and trying to do them well. We are aware of the fact that during the year we fell by the wayside and sometimes it took more and sometimes less until we recognized Your Grace rescuing us.

We all love our patroness, the Blessed Mother. We try ever so hard to follow in Her footsteps and imitate Her virtues, but at times it's so hard. You can be sure, dear Lord, that we will keep on trying and in the end we will come to perfection.

We need that constant guiding hand to lead us along.

We will ask that you inspire

the spiritual directors and the leaders of the Union so that they may continue with their apostolic duties and give them strength and perseverance to go on even when bitter disappointments seem to hinder them.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank You, Saviour Jesus Christ, for all Your generosity showered on us. It really did help us when the going was rough.

So when we will be placing that crown of flowers on Your Mother's head, in it will be entwined our troubles of the past year as well as our good actions. Then too You will find a few tears shed in sorrow for hurting You. Also there will be favors asking You to continue watching over us in the future.

Stephens Singers' Concert May 5th

Sunday afternoon, May 5th, promptly at 3:30 P. M. the lovely curtains of the Civic Theatre will part for The ALICE STEPHENS SINGERS annual Spring Recital.

The ALICE STEPHENS SINGERS were organized as an active singing group some five years ago and have since accomplished many successes that have not only reflected well on the organization itself but has also

helped spread the culture and music of Lithuania along circles where previously the name Lithuania was not at all or little known. Through musical participation in various organizations the ALICE STEPHENS SINGERS have become a well-known organization — one that is as easy to look at and easy to listen to.

The membership is not entirely Lithuanian — although a good 90% of it is. This group proudly claims members of Polish, English and German descent — who sing native Lithuanian songs as easily and as well as the "tautiečiai" do. Every girl in the organization is studying or has studied voice and is very capable of stepping out of the ranks to present a very creditable solo.

One aim of every member of the group is to be featured in one of the annual recitals. Last October, Mary Puksmis (soloist with the Providence of God parish choir) and Christine Miller (Immaculate Conception parish) were featured soloists. Both of these young ladies earned the privilege and honor to be so featured through hard and diligent work. This spring's recital will again feature two deserving young soloists — Albena Kasper-Ruther (St. George's Parish) and Aldonna Barcus (Marquette

Park). Both of these young ladies will sing several songs alone and also with choral accompaniment.

Apart from these featured soloists, there will be other members of the organization who will be presented in solos with the chorus. A very interesting musical program has been arranged, one which we are certain will appeal to all music lovers. There will be a group of songs by American Women Composers, a group of Lithuanian songs, selections from operas, as well as those favorite light classic songs. "Romance" from The Desert Song, to mention only one. At this concert a new song will make its debut, but apart from that, this song was written and dedicated to the ALICE STEPHENS SINGERS by Marie Drier, and the words were written by Wanda Byanskas, with the intriguing title of "Siren of the Sky".

Tickets for the concert may be obtained from any of the members and range in price from \$1.20 to \$1.80. This is a young organization, made up of the young people who deserve the widest support. The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy this program on Sunday, May 5th, in the Civic Theatre, Washington at Wacker Drive — beginning promptly at 3:30 P. M.