Chicago's Own

Mother Cabrini Drove Hard Bargain Even with God
By Jean Lawrie

To Mother Frances Cabrini, the Italian nun who chose the whole world in which to do God's work, will go the honor of canonization as the first American citizen Saint next June.

Hundreds of United States residents still living, including many of her own missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, remember the little church that bustled with busyness and busi- ness energy, and perhaps, than anything else for Italian immigrants in this country during the early part of the century.

Youngest of 13

Born in Lombardy July 15, 1850, she was the youngest of 13 children, and grew up under guidance of her sister Rosa, a teacher, following the death of her parents. Influenced by Rosa, she became a teacher too, and later superintendent of an orphanage.

Frail Health

Her first efforts to join a Sisters was prevented success- fully because of her health, which was to remain frail through most of her life. At last she was not only accep- ted but instructed by the Bishop of Lodì to found her own community.

She inaugurated the Insti- tute of the Missionary Sis- ters of the Sacred Heart in 1880, in a abandoned Fran- ciscan convent at Codogno. Nine years later, when she was considering a missiona- ry project in Chicago, Pope Leo XIII directed her to go rather to the United States, where Italians were in dire need of spiritual aid.

Plans Gone Wrong

Arriving in New York with six other Sisters ready to take charge of an orphanage, she found the plans had gone wrong. It was only after repeated discussions with Archbishop Michael Corrigan that she was per- mitted to stay, and to set up her own institution with a rented house and two orphans.

28 Years of Work

That was the beginning of 28 years of organizing and building, during which Mother Cabrini crossed the Atlantic 28 times and traveled thousands of miles in the United States, Central and South America, founding schools, orphanages, hospitals and convents.

How she found time, in the course of her travels, to make personal friends, to

Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini, who died in Chicago, Ill., in 1917, will be the first North American saint when she is canonized in St. Peter's Basilica sometime this June. Mother Cabrini was the foundress of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and did exceptionally splendid work among the Italian immigrants in this country.

Pa. Lith. Sodality Has Gala Convention

First in Four Years

Gathering Draws Hundreds of Delegates from 9 Parishes — Noted Speakers Present

After a lapse of four years, the Third Annual Con- ference of the sevuiltlul District Union of Lithuanian So- dalities, on Sunday May 12, at St. Francis Parish, Miners- ville, Pa., proved to be a huge success.

Three hundred and fifty girls attended the concave from these nine parishes: St. Francis, Minersville; Sacred Heart, New Philadel- phia; St. George's, Shenan- doah; St. Joseph's, Mahanoy City; Holy Cross, Mt. Carmel; SS. Peter and Paul, Tamaqua; St. Vincent, Frackville; St. Vincent, Girardville; SS. Peter and Paul, Hazleton.

Noted Speakers

Rev. John Gibas, Union Spiritual Director, and as- sistant rector of New philadel- phia, offered the Invocation, after which the Na- tional Anthem was sung by the assembly. Miss Anna Novick of Shenandoah, Prefect of the Union, gave the welcom- ing address and introduced Rev. C. J. Kleece, host of the conference, and pastor of St. Francis, Minersville.

FATHER KLECECE explained that "we honored our earthly mothers in the morning by receiving Holy Commu- nion for their intentions and that we are honoring

Adm. Nimitz Honored

By Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, chief of Naval Operations, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the University of Notre Dame here Wednesday May 15.
The present tempest raging over the presence of Communist hammer-and-sickle emblems on monuments in the Lithuanian National Cemetery becomes more and more interesting each day to the Catholic observer on the sidelines.

Some lot-owners are indignantly demanding that the directors do something about the brazen flaunting of the Communist emblem in the cemetery. The directors take the position that there is nothing they can do about it, since they are "buried kaplines" (free-thinking Catholics). The controversy continues in the columns of the non-Catholic Lithuanian press.

This dispute does not directly concern Lithuanian Catholics. But there is a moral in this incident that fairly beggars comment on the following positions: What is this "freedom of thought and belief"? Is it really the unshakable rock and undeniable right of every human being? Will it really stand the test of time, the examination of reason, the pressure of changing circumstances, and the vagaries of human instability?

Free Thought has as one of its cardinal principles the assertion that every man has the right to live and think and believe as he wishes, without "dictation" by theories to discover the truth and to achieve happiness. The Lithuanian National Cemetery was established and always has been conducted upon this "free-thinking" basis. Its policy has always been that, whether you are Christian or pagan, Catholic or Freethinker, conservative or radical, Democrat, Republican, Socialist, Communist or Anarchist — whatever you are, you are entitled to buy a lot there and to be buried there. This is a "free" cemetery — the officials say — and no one will ever question your beliefs or lack of them during life.

There must be some flaw in the "reason and logic" of Free Thought if the acceptability of an individual for burial in a "free" cemetery must depend upon the course of religion, or upon atheism, or upon politics, or upon new-looked objectionable to other National Cemetery lot-owners.

Today, same are objectionable. If the course of world events changes, will these again be acceptable in future years?

When the free-thinker starts qualifying his philosophy of life by saying that it is the "right of everyone — except such and such, etc.", then what he is really teaching and defending is the correctness of his own individual beliefs and principles, and he is an intellectual counterpart of the proud mother who observed, while watching the parade, "Everybody is out of step except my Johnny!"

When the free-thinker decides to object to some belief or line of thought, basing his objection on the ignorance or unreasonableness, or unorthodoxy of the individual, one sees at the basis his doctrine, then he has to admit that the human mind can fall into error; that mankind, guided only by its human instincts and using only its own reason and power of analysis can make mistakes. After all, when he admits the possibility of human error in a few individuals, then he must logically admit that every human being on earth is potentially capable of making the same mistake. Thereby, he saws off the very branch upon which he, as a free-thinker, is perched. He brings down the entire structure of Free Thought crashing down, because he has removed the keynote upon which it depends — that human "reason and logic" are sufficient in themselves to achieve truth and happiness.

The Catholic has no such difficulty. He does not have to remodel his beliefs every few years to suit the changing times, for the simple reason that the Principles on which he believes are Eternal and can never change. His relations to life as a whole are not what he should believe, how he should conduct himself, how he should interpret everything in the world about him. He does not have to depend on his own human mind — so prone to error! — to solve the problems and questions that beset him in life. Reason based on Faith gives him the answer; and, since the beginning of time, that answer has always proven to be the right one!

Communism presents no difficulty to the Catholic. It is unacceptable to him for the simple reason that his reason — based upon the teachings of his Faith — reveals to him the fundamental error of the philosophy of Communism. Communism, to the Catholic, is not a half-right-half-wrong, right-today-wrong-tomorrow doctrine. It is all wrong, all always will be. He applies the same test of reason based upon faith to all erroneous philosophies and practises and quickly finds them all unacceptable to him — however loudly the world may acclaim them and defend them.

The Catholic is not beset by the ideological thoughts of his Church, is not a ball and chain, impeding his progress and hindering his thinking and living. It is a system of sign posts along the road of life, guiding him along the way, preventing him from getting lost and from injuring himself. He goes along and into eternity, serene in the knowledge that he can't get lost or make a mistake, if he will but heed the loving, wise counsel and guidance of his Mother, the Church.

The Catholic never surrenders his intellectual or human freedom by being faithful to the doctrines and commandments of his Church, than does the automobilist surrender any of his constitutional liberties by obeying the speed-limit signs and stop-and-go lights while driving along the highway. Both the Catholic and the automobilist may choose to disregard their respective signs, but their reason and common sense alone tell them they are going to run into trouble if they do!
OPEN LETTER (to Irene Pakelis) —

DEAR IRENE:

Bessie and I have thought so many times of writing an open letter to you, but we never found a good excuse to do so. Now, since you will soon be married, we have found the time, and excuse.

We don’t want this letter to sound like an eulogy, we just want to say “thank you” for so many things. Day we?

Thanks, Irene, for your sweet disposition unquesed anywhere, and your twinkling eyes, that ever present smile — so cheerful and unaffected.

Thanks, Irene, for your understanding nature, loyalty, your unseldish attitude in all you did. Your friendship so true and most valued; your sense of humor, those gaggles that made everyone’s giggle too even though sometime it wasn’t just at the proper time, but that made it all the more enjoyable.

Thanks, Irene, for your everlasting energy for the Sodality and the Sodalists — it will be missed and irreplaceable. The many times you asked us to do something, not harshly but softly, kindly yet with a firmness that will always be remembered. Your leadership in the Sodality and so many other outside; your sense of humor, cooperation and helping hand no matter what the task. Thank you for all this and more too!

If we were to thank you for everything there wouldn’t be room enough, but Irene, most of all, and this is on behalf of all the Sodalists in the Union, THANK YOU FOR BEING JUST IRENE!! We all are going to miss you very much, but seeing that a certain “he” loves you and you love him, our loss is his enviable gain (and (mister take it from us — Irene is a definite asset to you).

ALL THE HAPPINESS POSSIBLE IN THIS WORLD AND THE NEXT FOR THE BOTH OF YOU FROM ALL THE SODALISTS OF THE LITHUANIAN SODALITY UNION!!

Our congratulations!

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PS. — Be sure to remember to read the “Marian Way” won’t you?

Presenting This Month’s

Outstanding Girl Sodalist

HELEN JUCIUS

HELEN JUCIUS, known to her pals as “JUTS,” came to this work on June 22nd — the year we won’t mention for you wouldn’t believe us anyway so full of pep as she is. “JUTS” has lived most of her life in Brighton Park! A graduating Immagulate Conception Grade School. She was not only Sodality Prefect in grade school but also held that office when attending St. Casimir Academy, De Paul University is now her stamping ground where she is absorbed in courses of English, Creative Writing etc.

Possessing a flair for reading Helen is apt to stay up half the night to get in as much reading as possible. Besides, she is very curious to find out how the story ends. With all the reading that Helen does, still, she hasn’t turned into a bookworm or a “dud”. Far from that, for she has a keen sense of humor and wit to match.

Modestly befitting a Sodalist is most predominant in Helen. Congeniality and kindness are only outdone by the way Helen puts her whole heart and soul into whatever she undertakes.

Originality is Helen’s middle name plus the fact that she is dramatically inclined. Helen has directed the Brighton Park Sodality in such memorable productions as “Showboat Minsretre”, “Sarah Perkins” and a few others.

Helen is extremely active in the Parish Sodality and has held the office of Prefect for two consecutive years.

“JUTS” is just that, OUTSTANDING!!

time the Queen crowned the Blessed Virgin, Benediction and other special prayers followed. After church services the Sodalists and their mothers convened in the clubroom for the special Mother’s Day Program.

bits o’ news

From Here and There

BRIGHTON PARK

Val Rakauskas is “MRS.” now. The best of luck and all the happiness along with it. Congratulations to Helen Jurkait on her engagement... P. S. The fellow is the former Fritz Eddie... Seen at a recent Glee Club rehearsal none other than Mildred Rukauskas. We hope we’ll be seeing you soon at our meetings...

Irene Pakelis, Union May Queen, who looked lovely in white satin had all thinking and wondering how it feels to be a bride, but I guess Irene is one who knows how to follow through and will make a lovely fellow that Casston... Some Sodalists seen at a make-up demonstration sure did have a jolly time and if anyone would have walked in on them sure would have seen them with their hair down... Results: they still look the same.

Del Talmont has left the Brewery for the reason that she didn’t like the idea of making beer out of sweet potatoes, so she says, That’s okay, more spare time for outside activities... Helen Paulus seen selling chances to the Sodalists after the Mass for the Queen. She does such good business that she’s going to sell a whole book so she could buy a chance herself...

ST. GEORGE’S (BRIDGEPORT)

On Good Friday the Sodalists participated in an hour of prayer conducted by our SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR, prepared by Adele Abramavicius and the programs were mimeographed by Rev. J. Grinis, Helen Adams and Virginia Chwist. After the Holy Hour comments were heard about the meditations that they were “soul-lifting” and “inspiring.”

Irene Gunumasika and William Strasser, an ex-marine, became Mr. and Mrs. on May 4. Irene was a very active member of the Sodality and was well liked by everyone. She held the offices of Prefect, Our Lady-Eucharistic Committee Chairman and Sergeant-at-arms of our own parish sodality and Social-Life Committee Chairman of the Lithuanian Sodality Union... May God shower His greatest blessings on both of the newlyweds...

We hear that the Sodality is going to lose another member. Some birdsies told us that Julia Shedbar is going to make a change from Miss to Mrs. It’s really good to see new members coming in again. At our last Sodality meeting Vicki Janukenas, Bernice and Josephine Deck were welcomed.... On May 5, the day of the Lithuanian Sodality Union May Crowning, five girls could be seen tearing down 45th and Fairfield. Who do they like? None other than Helene Gadwell, Adele Abramavicius, Anna Kavalewski, Stella and Mary Aulauskas. And why were they in such a hurry? Well, they were late... Fat, the best part of it is they were the last ones to enter the procession but they managed to get into the front pews in church... How did they do it?!

Faith!!! That’s what Eleanor Adams should have a little more of, if she intends to dream of her man. After receiving a piece of Irene’s wedding cake she placed it under her pillow upon retiring for the night, just as the aged custom designates to do. Waking several times during the night and finding that she had not yet dreamed of her Gallahad, Eleanor lost all faith and did away with the cake. That will never do Eleanor. One must have FAITH!!!

The girls really don’t realize what they’re missing at the Lithuanian Sodality Union meetings and the affairs it sponsors. They could get first hand information on a lot of things. For instance they could have met the Vas Jakstas of Part of the LISU May Crowning.... Or, they would know all about a certain Olivia... Our prefect, Virginia Balsins, crowned the Blessed Virgin in church on May 16. Assisting the Queen was the Chair of Honor comprised of the Senior and Junior Sodality officers, all wearing formal...

The May Queen, her court, Sodalists and their mothers left the clubroom in procession to church; candle-1234567

less were furnished to all at the rear of the church an all marched into the darkened church in a candle-light pro- cession singing hymns on the way. Following a special prepared program, under the direction of Rev. J. Grinis, our Moderator, special services were held during which
My Mother and Yours

By Francis J. Jancius, MIC.

My mother is almost two thousand years old. Yet, her looks belie her age. Her kind and youthful face and graceful figure do not show the years.

She is a good mother to me.

She is never too busy to listen to my childish prattle.

He died and, in the person of His beloved disciple, entrusted the men of all ages to the loving care of His Mother.

And, ever since, her guiding hand has led men safely along the slippery and narrow pathways of Life and across the boundless seas of suffering to a resting place in her happy home with Jesus and herself.

My mother has left me a magic amulet to protect me from the pitfalls of life, to guard me from the snares of the wicked — a pair of beads attached to a tiny cross — a keepsake in prayer told over and over again, as she has hidden, will always catch her attentive ear.

Let us keep our needs, great and small, and ask her aid in all our undertakings.

Above all, let us ask her to intercede with Divine Son to bring peace to the earth once more. Certainly, she will answer all. Remember, she is my Mother... and yours.

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the town”, the Sister protested.

There is nothing in this section for us.”

Yet they found a palatial house, equal in suit to their needs. Mother Cabrini said merely that she had seen the place in a dream and knew it was there.

Thumbed a Ride

On the way back to the convent they thumbed a ride instead of waiting for the bus. A chauffeured limousine with a lady passenger picked them up, and only seems to happen in fiction or the memory of God’s closest friends, the lady turned out to be the owner of the convent house, and immediately made arrangements to sell it to the Sisters, at cut rates, of course.

With inexhaustible vitality — often so ill that she would leave her bed — Mother Cabrini pursued her ideals of hospitals, orphanages for children, poor, destitute and forth across the world’s map.

Died in 1917

When death at last ended her labors in Chicago in 1917, she had established 45 institutions, and the relics of the community she organized was carried on in eight countries in North and South America and Europe.

Cops Tip Caps

Theodore Maynard, her most recent biographer, mentions how New York police would tip their caps reverently to “that little Italian nun, who would venture

MORE THAN 1,200 PERSONS attended the 14th annual CYO Sportman’s dinner recently, with His Excellency, the Most Rev. Bernard Sheil, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, presenting “Club of Champions” awards for youth leadership. Winners were Frank Sinatra (above), and Gus. Dwight Eisenhower and Don Ameeche (in absentia). Charlie Grimm, Stanley Shealey, George Mikan, Raymond Gleason, Frank McGillen, Fred Morrell and Robert L. Berner.

New World Photo

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Rev. Raymond J. Cassgave, S. J., member of the faculty at St. Joseph’s College High School, Philadelphia, spoke on the theme “Our Lady, Queen of the World.”

Musical Program

After roll call by the secretary of the Union, Miss Dorothy Taran of New Philadelphi, Rev. C. J. Rakauskas, assistant rector of St. Joseph’s Church, Mahanyo City, and the first Spiritual Director of the Union, delivered the concluding prayer. Later, musical entertain-ment was rendered by the hostess Sodality, whose cho- ruses sang “Ave Maria” by Rossini; “Mother Beloved” by Father Lord. Marion Venslauskaus gave a recita- tion entitled “Mother” very touching by an unknown author. Ne- vins “The Rosary” was then rendered by a pair of twins — Clare and Rita Bernosky — who sang “The Bells of St. Mary’s” for an encore.

May Crowning

The procession of the May Crown and the Court of Honor together with the as- sembled delegates and visit- ing clergy and nuns left the assembly hall and went to Monte Carlo where the crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary took place. During the ceremony the Litany and hymns of the BVM were sung by the gathering; Miss Isabelle Sclare, Savage of Miner- ville was May Queen.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was held with Father Gilbs the cele- brant, Rev. Clarence Satusurs of Tamaqua as deacon, and Rev. George DeGuisis also of Tamaqua as sub-deacon. Rev. Francis J. Gallagher, S. J., Father-Rector of the Je- suit Novitiate, Wernersville, delivered the sermon.

A delicious buffet lunch- 130 was served in the school auditorium by the hostess Sodality.

was too small to be over- looked! no large one was too forbidden to attempt. Not for Mother Cabrini, who will soon be declared a Saint.

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