

LORETTO



SPIRE

IN THE FUTURE

It is the night of December twentieth. All is dark---but what do we see? A procession advances from the end of the corridor. The glow of red candles casts shadows on the wall. The shadows seem to dance to the sweet melodies which echo through the building as the girls file into the gym to see the tableau and to lay their gifts for the poor before the crib.

The caroling is followed by two Christmas plays---"Mistress Castlemaine's Christmas Dinner" and "The Christmas Poet". The cast of the first includes Marie Beyer, Kathryn O'Malley, Bernadette McNally, Joan Harkenrider and the second Lorraine Ayne Kinsella, Joyce McArla, Mary Agnes Cmarik, Muriel Kelley, and Eleaine Hartman.

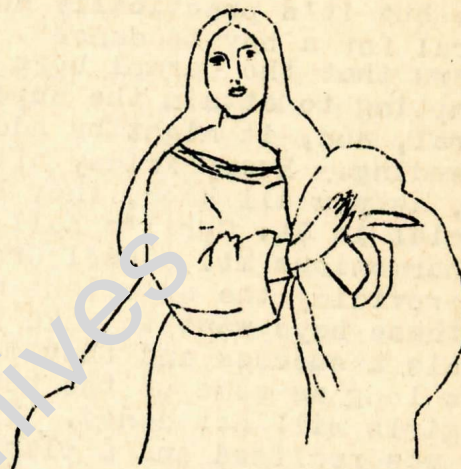
✓ Joan Harkenrider

Secrets!!! Mystery!!!!

What in the world is the meaning of those strange noises which are issuing from Room 3 every so often? The pounding of hammers, and sometimes the snip of scissors accompanied with soft laughter is escaping through the transom. We just couldn't resist a peek and quietly opened the door. Et voilà--the members of the "Entre Nous" were busily making puppets for their marionette show. Quickly reclosing the door we ran off to convey the news to you.

Mary Anne Schuman

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



On December 8, 1854 Pope Pius pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instant of the conception by a singular privilege and grace, granted by God, in view of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." Mary was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin at the first moment of her animation, and sanctifying grace was given to her before sin could have taken effect in her soul. The Blessed Virgin, although exempt from sin, was not exempt from sorrow, bodily ills, and death as these were Adams penalties.

The decree of the first council of Baltimore (1846) selected Mary in her Immaculate Conception as the patron to the United States. So on every December eighth we commemorate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Virginia La Motte

Staff--Members of the Writer's
Club

Seniors and Juniors
Attend!

"It's natural for a girl to dance but it's practically supernatural for a boy to dance". It appears that the Carmel boys are attempting to attain the supernatural, and, it might be added, succeeding. Every Friday afternoon, as you all know, they hold a social in St. Cyril's hall with the harmonious Mt. Carmel Orchestra providing the excellent music. Now these boys want to make their socials a success and they won't be as long as some of the boys and girls will not dance. This fact was realized and a plan is being developed. An "introducing committee" will be selected to see that a boy and girl whom even Carmel's tempting music has not tempted, are introduced and the rest is up to the girl.

The Carmel boys are ready and willing but they need your cooperation. That is what they want.

Your editor got a few insights and hints while talking to some of the originators of the plan. It is rather embarrassing for a boy to go up to a group of eight or ten girls to ask one for a dance, so limit your group to two or three. If the boy isn't blessed with the visage of Clark Gable or the dancing feet of Fred Astaire, remember that you yourself might be lacking in the same quality or qualities. If you refuse to dance or carry on a conversation, the refused will most likely tell his crowd about it and be assured they will not ask you for a dance.

So if the plan is carried out, won't you help it along? Remember it is to your own advantage.

Ambrose, the son of the Prefect of Gaul, was born at Treves probably in the year 340. When a young man, he entered public life and rose to the position of Governor of Liguria. Upon the death of the Bishop of Milan, Ambrose was sent to the city to keep the populace orderly. At the election a voice called for Ambrose as bishop. The crowd promptly acclaimed the bewildered officer as bishop. The saint, who had not yet received baptism, tried to evade the honor. He yielded to the insistence of the people and eventually was consecrated bishop.

His reign was a remarkable one. While he supported the imperial power, he never sacrificed the spiritual supremacy of the Church. Ambrose had a great influence on St. Augustine whom he loved as a son. The great bishop and Doctor of the Church died in 387.

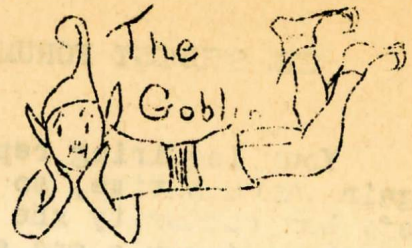
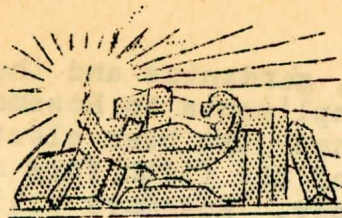
Elaine Hartman.

The Holy Father's Gift

If you are the sort of person who is cooperative in spiritual giving, make the Triduum. All the Sodalists of America are doing it. You are only required to offer Mass and Holy Communion on the sixth and seventh and on the eighth, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, for the Holy Father. When the number is computed it will be sent as a spiritual bouquet to the Holy Father as a Christmas gift from the American Sodalists. Although it is not possible to have the Masses said at school, Loretto Academy will, of course, have a major representation.

Mary Elizabeth Darrow

The test of good manners is being able to put up with bad ones.



BOOK REVIEW

Catherine Tekakwitha---
Daniel Sargent
Longman's Green and Co.

"Catherine Tekakwitha" is a beautiful account of the life of an Indian maiden, and pictures life among the Iroquois and the Algonquian Indians. The efforts of the French missionaries in trying to convert these tribes help one to understand more clearly the struggles they had to undergo.

Catherine Tekakwitha was the first Indian maiden to take the vow of virginity. Her friends loved her because she was Catherine, both fierce and gentle, humble and mastering, zealous and patient, relentless and forgiving. She had the mark of saintliness.

One of the many remarkable scenes was when Catherine and Marie Therese, her companion, were wondering what the greatest possible pain was so that they might endure it for God. Tearfully came the word of Marie Therese, "fire". Before many minutes had passed Catherine and Marie Therese were putting live coals on the sensitive flesh between their toes. Marie Therese could not stand the pain for an instant but Catherine, held the coals in place for several seconds, not even wincing.

For a few interesting and profitable hours read "Catherine Tekakwitha".

Patricia O'Connor

Wit: It's all over the school.
Half Wit: What?
Wit: The roof.

A-hunting for pheasants went Frieda Huber and her father, and came home with three rabbits.

Loretto Bronecke was heard to utter as she left the cafeteria "I'M HUNGRY"

Last week June Hubert was beseeching St. Anthony--she had lost her voice.

Could someone please start a fund for Rosemary Watkins, her pen runs "bad" every so often.

Veronica Fennell has a small can of carrot soup in her locker, which she is willing to share with anyone providing a can opener.

Does Emily Dybas have a lease on that typewriter or is she just a temperamental typist?

Josephine Caruso was enriched one Sunday evening. She one a dollar.

Virginia McHugh would make a good inquiring reporter.-The Goblin doesn't know whether to be flattered or not by Lucille Mitchell's favorite question, "Who is the Goblin".

Suggestions are in order as to what should be done about the Freshmen who eats her lunch after school.

Elizabeth Hiskey can tell anyone who Moby Dick is.

Patricia Quinn's silence is very conspicuous.

How does Frances Ward manage to get five root beer barrels for one cent?

Is it advent, or the fear of Santa Claus that has brought about the angelic look on the face of Alice Flavin?

Jack: Who is Mike Huntry
Father: Why?
Jack: Well, at school we sing,
"Mike Huntry 'tis of thee"

Your inquiring reporter is again inquisitive, so to satisfy her curiosity she stopped a number of girls and asked them, "What do you think would be a fitting gift for the Christ Child at Christmas?"

Irene Jismoski-: "I think it would be well to offer Jesus the Stations of the Cross."

Aurelia Buzick-: "Without a doubt daily Mass and Holy Communion would please the Holy Babe."

Rita Horn-: "I suggested a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament."

Gertrude Waterson-: "Being Christmas we think of the poor, and Christ loves all who give to the needy."

Mary Palmer-: "I've started to say my 4000 Hail Mary's."

Mary Sweeney-: "I find mortification hard, so that is going to be one of my gifts."

Mary Murphy-: "I think a present of a spiritual bouquet would be fitting for Christmas morning."

Around the School

Irene Vessely seems to be the official facial contourist of the school---Why did Marion Jonik want Colette Cross' eighth grade graduation picture? Colette wonders.---Bertha Lakotas carries all her books for safe-keeping. My! My!---Harriet Siuda thinks Vermont is in Rhode Island. My! My! My!---Pat O'Connor and Pat Brough took dancing lessons together years ago. Does that prove anything?---Is it true that Mary Frances Cassidy still draws paper dolls. Second childhood maybe. Why oh why, does Marion Gross prefer the back of the room to the front?---Rivals for possessing the longest names might be Mary Patricia Hergenrother, Avonelle Birmingham, Marvic Harrington, Juanita Harkenrider.---Mary Louise Siddall insists that France was our "alley" in 1795 or thereabouts.

Orchids, gardenias and the deepest compliments to Rosemary Kiely who has just been elected president of the fifth form at Loretto Abbey. Rosemary will be home for a Christmas vacation and will go to Springfield, for a short time. From there she will return to the Abbey.

Dorothy Evans, who is turning out to be the perfect successor of Mrs. Hennessy, is teaching Dramatic Art and will receive her teachers certificate on the seventeenth of this month.

Betty Anne Lynch who is attending St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute, Indiana, was home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Loretto Pagels and Virginia Callahan are Mundelein students and once more we pay compliments to Loretto, who danced so beautifully at the Chicago Civic Opera, a few weeks ago.

Now for the big surprise---Kathryn Broelmann will be answering to the strains of "Oh Promise Me" Some time during the latter part of May or the first part of June. Congratulations Kathryn, and a world of happiness to you.

Jeanette Selz

Christmas Baskets

Come on Loretto! Let's bring in the largest collection of assorted foods that the Academy has ever distributed. The Seniors have had their turn and apparently their record will be hard to surpass.

Put yourself in the place of a needy family. If you were in that position, think how grateful you would be to receive a basket of food. Keeping this in mind, be generous in your Christmas offering. If you know of a needy family won't you give their name to us?

Mary Anne Schumann
