

Seven-Year-Old Elmira Girl Leads Family of Nine into the

Elmira—Seven-year-old Sandra Rose Benjamin has five brothers and a sister but her closest friend is eight-year-old Carolyn Smith.

Both girls attend public school together. Until now an ice on church was concerned. Carolyn attended Mass regularly at St. John the Baptist. Sandra never went to church. Neither did her parents, brothers or sister.

Last spring Carolyn began attending special religious instruction classes at St. John's. She explained to Sandra that she was about to receive her First Holy Communion and this instruction was pretty necessary.

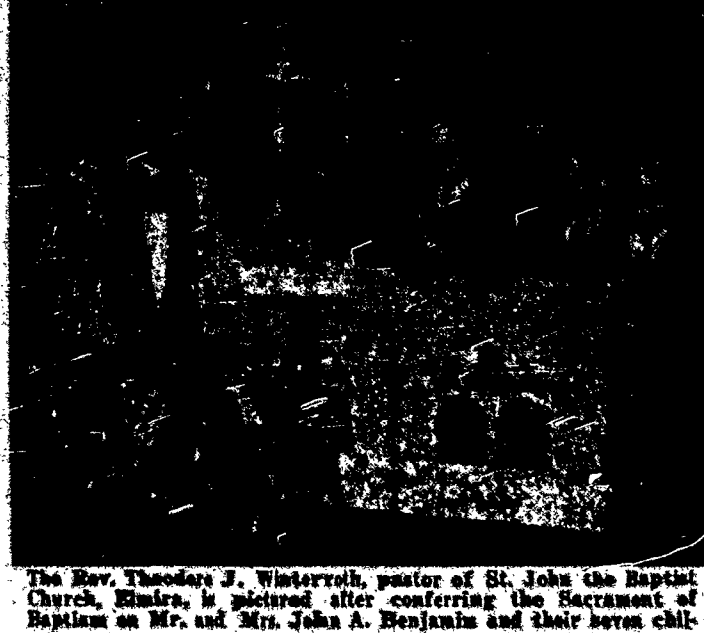
Suddenly Sandra made her decision. She, too, would attend First Communion class at St. John's with Carolyn.

For five straight weeks, the two girls attended every class. First Communion Day was rapidly approaching. Then came the discovery—Sandra couldn't march with Carolyn and the rest of the class down the aisle of St. John's on Sunday morning to receive Our Lord for the first time.

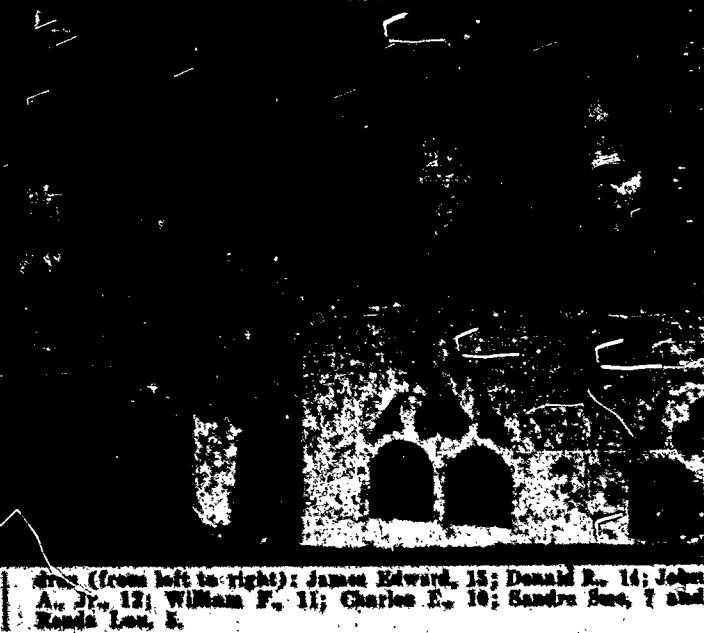
"Sandra, you see, wasn't a Catholic. As a matter of fact, she wasn't anything."

This barrier to her path to the altar nearly broke Sandra's heart. Finally, the Rev. Theodore F. Winterroth, pastor of St. John's, was told of Sandra's plight so he decided to call in the child's mother and explain that you really have to be a Catholic to receive Holy Communion.

Mrs. Benjamin came to the rectory and Father Winterroth told her the story. The mother listened and finally told her priest that



The Rev. Theodore F. Winterroth, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Elmira, is pictured after conferring the Sacrament of Baptism on Mr. and Mrs. John A. Benjamin and their seven children.



From left to right: James Edward, 15; Donald E., 14; John A., Jr., 13; William F., 11; Charles E., 10; Sandra Rose, 7 and Rosalind Lee, 6.

... Sandra was the only one of her seven children who had ever uttered a prayer.

There were Jimmy, fifteen; Donald, fourteen; John A., Jr., twelve; Bill, eleven; Charley, ten and little Rosalind Lee, just turned two.

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

The current exploitation of the Roosevelt name by groups and individuals would be very amusing to the late president himself if he were still alive.

Take, for example, the Moscow-directed Communists who seek to enshrine Mr. Roosevelt's memory in glory far surpassing that ever enjoyed by any other American. The American Communists, of course, are no more sincere in their pretended devotion to Roosevelt democracy than they are to the cause of free labor. Both causes have been betrayed more than once by the Reds and probably will be again. We might have more respect for American Communists when they talk about "Our great leader" if we could only forget that these same Stalinites during the days of the Hitler-Stalin pact were picketing the White House and calling Mr. Roosevelt a "warmonger" and "an imperialist." And there is little doubt that if Mr. Roosevelt were still in the residence he would be called "Truman" by the "number one" name on the Moscow signifier list. If you want to know what the Reds would be calling Mr. Roosevelt, if he had lived, then just listen to what they are calling his successor, President Truman, according to the Moscow party line, an "atomic imperialist." Mr. Roosevelt would understand all this and would laugh loudly at the arrogant attempt of the Communist to make themselves the exclusive administrators of the late president's achievements and memory. Let us laugh too!

The eloquent devotion of political candidates to the late president's memory is another amusing phase of the widespread effort to capitalize on the Roosevelt name. Politicians vie with one another to assure the electorate of their deathless fidelity to the Roosevelt principles. Some candidates claim a special insight into Roosevelt democracy just as in the past candidates have claimed a privileged understanding of the tenets of Washington, Jefferson or Lincoln. This of course is the old game of American politics and it would be very enjoyable to Mr. Roosevelt. The electorate may as well enjoy it too.

Most sincere, perhaps, among Mr. Roosevelt's many hero-worshippers are the members of organized labor. Admittedly, the late president did much for the workers and their fervent devotion to his memory is an understandable as an expression of gratitude. But as sincere as this devotion may be among the labor unions, there is the danger that it may take some fantastic twists.

So, we received a little shock this week when we read the terms of the proposed agreement just presented by the Upholsterers' International Union of North America to the Hayden Co. of Rochester. Under one section of the proposed agreement the union asks the company to recognize the following holidays: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birthday, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

"After explaining its extra wage demands for working on these holidays, the Upholsterers' Union makes this stipulation: 'No work of any kind shall be permitted on Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birthday although work on other holidays may be performed on a voluntary basis.'"

As we read this proposal of the union, we understand it to mean that the workers may work on any holiday including Christmas, but not on the birthday of the president. On the face of it, this sounds blasphemous. By its proposal, the union would exhalt Mr. Roosevelt not only above other presidents like Washington and Lincoln but over above God Himself. This would seem to be a case of where Roosevelt hero-worship has gone overboard and

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Funeral of Fr. Lynd Held at Henrietta

Priests of the Diocese led by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney gathered to pay final tribute to the Rev. Raymond M. Lynd, 69, at Solemn Pontifical funeral services Monday, Sept. 23, in his parish church, the Church of the Good Shepherd, East Henrietta.

Father Lynd, who had been pastor of the East Henrietta church for the past seven years, died in St. Mary's Hospital Friday, Sept. 20, 1948 after a prolonged illness. He was also pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Rush.

Eulogizing the deceased pastor the Rev. George C. Vogt



REV. RAYMOND M. LYND

... the last two years as "a Mass of suffering and sacrifice, of resignation to God's Will."

Of his priestly ministry, Father Vogt said: "He was interested in his people. He spoke about them, worked for them, and loved to be visited by them. He loved people. He loved to know what they did, and how they thought, how they lived. He knew all the weaknesses and foibles of his parishioners and yet he loved them."

Rev. Lynd's funeral was held at 10 o'clock Monday morning in the Church of the Good Shepherd, East Henrietta. Rev. George C. Vogt officiated at the Pontifical Requiem Mass, assisted by the Very Rev. Dean William McFadden, archpriest; Rev. Raymond J. Epping, dean; and the Rev. Emmett F. Magee, subdeacon; Rev. Edward K. Ball and William M. Cannon, deacons of honor; Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, first master of ceremonies, and Rev. Ignatius J. Cameron, second master of ceremonies.

Minor officers were: the Reverend Fathers Leslie Whalen and Leonard A. Kelly, acolytes; Rev. Edward H. Hartmann, mitre bearer; Arthur E. Ruff, gremale bearer; Joseph F. Hogan, book bearer; Thomas C. Kane, candle bearer, and Eugene Golding, thurifer.

Attending the Mass were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph S. Cameron, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Grady, Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay and the Reverend Fathers: John J. Maxwell, Bernard R. Clear, J. Norman Margaret, John B. Sullivan, Edward A. Shannon, Edward J. Waters, Leo J. Matuzewski, Edward T. Meagher, Frank W. Mason, Charles E. Muckle, Lawrence W. Sanson, Victor C. Hurley, John M. Ball, Leo E. Lynch, William J. Brien, William W. Hesel, Paul E. Tuite, Thomas J. Manley, John J. Leary, George W. Eckl, John A. Guy, John E. Roach, Eugene H. McFarland, Albert J. Geiger, George S. Wood, John McCafferty, William J. Deegan, S.S.M., Gerald C. Lambert, William J. O'Brien, Raymond Nolan, Michael C. Wall, Leo V. Smith, Ralph J. Meyer, John W. Brill, F. William Stauder, Edward J. Foy, Robert H. Fennessy, Alfredo Morotti, John Woloch, James B. Keenan, Hubert Sweeney, C.E., E. Joseph Esser, C. Van der Meulen, Francis C. Waterstraat, Bernard V. Kuchmann, Frank Valutkevicius, John A. Widman, Richard C. Stanton, John O'Beirne, Thomas F. Connors, William D. Tobin, George W. Doud, George F. Keitel, Francis Mahon, S.V.D., John J. Burke, G. Stuart Hogan, Harold S. Rogers, Patrick A. Kelly, Edward J. Tolster, John S. Hayes, Francis J. Kelly, Raymond Wuest, Francis W. Luddy, Rev. Benedict Ehmman director.

Board Rescinds Ban on Busses

Bethlehem Central School District board has reversed itself on a ruling which previously banned Catholic pupils from transportation on a new school bus to parochial schools here.

Charles J. Tobin, attorney for the Albany Catholic Diocese, who presented the case for reconsideration by the School District board, asserted that New York State law provides that "children within the district are entitled to equal transportation... and on an equal basis for public and non-public school children." He also told the board that it was a matter of equality in transportation, rather than making attendance attractive and convenient to the child.

A bus route convenient for children attending Our Lady Help of Christians school and St. Ann's academy has since been arranged by the board.

New Jesuit General Picks U. S. Leader

Home — Election of eight assistants to the Very Rev. John Baptist Janssens, newly proclaimed Superior General of the Society of Jesus, was announced at the Society's general congregation convening here.

Two of the assistants were named for Jesuit provinces in the United States and England, and six for provinces in Italy, Germany, Spain, France, and the Slav countries.

Elected assistant for U. S. provinces was the Rev. Vincent A. McCormick, S.J., of the New York Province, and former rector of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Official

The Chancery announces that all Masses in the Rochester Diocese will be celebrated on Eastern Standard Time beginning this Sunday, Sept. 23.

Russia Blocks Peace Efforts Says Abp. Lucey

Kansas City — (NC) — A vigorous condemnation of the peace blocking efforts employed by "atheistic, communistic and imperialistic" Soviet Russia was delivered by Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio before an overflow crowd of 3,500 persons in Municipal Auditorium here at the 23rd convention of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Four archbishops, ten bishops and more than 6,000 delegates and guests from all parts of the United States and from Latin America converged here for the four-day session.

The Archbishop's address was made at a session meeting presided over by Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison, president of the N.C.W., and at which addresses of welcome were given by Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara of Kansas City, host to the convention.

"The representatives of Russia," Archbishop Lucey said, "devious, insolent and abusive, use words that have no meaning. They number Russia among the democracies of the world as though that tyrannical government, enjoying even a minimum of human rights. They condemn fascism with monotonous insistence; but if that much abused word signifies a totalitarian regime which rules its subjects by force and despotism, that fascist government is in Moscow."

Should Be Internationalists

The Archbishop emphasized that "no decent American, certainly no Christian man or woman," would cite the problems of America itself as an "excuse for letting Europe stew in its own juice."

"Our Catholic people," he said, "should be internationalists by instinct and conviction. We know that all men of the world are children of God and we may not refuse our love to any man."

Archbishop Lucey said the Russian Government accuses the West of imperialism, "while their own armies occupy friendly countries against the will of the people."

"For years," the prelate asserted, "they have condemned puppet governments and the whole world knows that the unspeakable tyrants of eastern and southeastern Europe are puppets of the Kremlin. In the face of all this there is a wonder that public opinion is sometimes divided, baffled and confused."

The Archbishop outlined the idea that the Church is entering politics because the Holy Father has spoken on the ballot in the hands of Catholic women.

Stresses Christian Ethics

"The Church, which is essentially a spiritual, moral and religious organism," Archbishop Lucey said, "does not contribute laws and institutions to the field of commerce, industry or politics, but the citizens who operate therein are not free to do as they please. Christian ethics must control human acts in every department of life, and politics is no exception."

"The Catholic Church, therefore, is the interpreter of natural and divine law and therefore the forms of conduct which she proclaims for public and private life, the virtues of justice and charity which she has preached through the centuries, must be observed in all human relations."

Name Syracuse Vicar General and Chancellor

Syracuse — (NC) — Msgr. David F. Cunningham, Chancellor, has been named Vicar General of the Diocese of Syracuse by Bishop Walter A. Pory. He succeeds the late Msgr. Daniel Doody.

Bishop Pory named the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Dillon, Vicar Chancellor, to succeed Monsignor Cunningham as Chancellor. The new Vicar General and Chancellor are alumni of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

Missioner Named Bishop

Rome — (RNS) — The Rev. Andrea van den Broeck, of the Society of African Missions, has been named by Pope Pius XII Titular Bishop of Tinnis and Coadjutor Apostolic Vicar of the Delta of the Nile, Egypt.

First Jailed — Then Jailed By Tito's Order As 'Enemy Of The People'



The Yugoslav government apparently thought well of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac last year. This copyright photo, originally released by Religious News Service in September, 1946, shows the archbishop (third from right) as he attended a parade in Zagreb celebrating establishment of the new "people's government" in Croatia. Standing at the Archbishop's left are Croatian Premier Vladimir Bakovic and the Soviet Military Attache, Archbishop Stepinac has been arrested by the Tito government on charges of "crimes against the people."

Jailed Archbishop Had Anti-Nazi Record

New York—Archbishop Louis Stepinac of Zagreb who has been arrested by the Yugoslav government on charges of "crimes against the people" took an anti-Nazi position during the war and refused to cooperate with the puppet Croatian regime.

In 1942, spokesman of the Yugoslav Government in London officially reported that Archbishop Stepinac had refused to collaborate with Adolf Pavelle, Croat puppet ruler, who was then making a strong bid for Catholic support.

One of Pavelle's tactics was to issue an order depriving the Orthodox Church of legal existence in Croatia and forcing Orthodox Serbs to become converts to Roman Catholicism. However, Archbishop Stepinac and other bishops of Croatia refused to accept Pavelle's converts.

When Pavelle began to persecute Serbian Orthodox and Jews living in Croatia, the Zagreb prelate intervened, by providing

Prelate's Arrest Reveals Tito Plot to Split Vatican Ties of Yugoslav Church

The arrest of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac by the Yugoslav government as an "enemy of the state" followed a week attempt by the Tito regime to force a break between the Catholic Church in Yugoslavia and the Vatican.

This was revealed in Rome this week with the release of a pastoral letter written by Archbishop Stepinac a short time before his arrest at Zagreb on September 24.

The Vatican newspaper, *Osservatore Romano*, published an announcement by the Belgrade radio charging a connection between Archbishop Stepinac and a "terroristic" Croatian group, although alleged members of which are now on trial in Belgrade.

It is expected that the prelate will go on trial in Belgrade.

Bishop Marley Sent

Meanwhile Bishop Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine, Florida, Regent ad interim of the Apostolic Administration at Belgrade, hastened from a short stay in Rome to the Yugoslav capital to investigate the case for the Vatican.

100,000 ATTEND CABRINI RITES

Chicago — (NC) — Chicago Catholics numbering nearly 100,000 gathered in the front section of Field stadium here to participate in the sixth annual Holy Hour sponsored by the Archdiocese and the Holy Name Societies of the Chicago celebration of the canonization of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, who died in this city 19 years ago.

A 30-foot painting of the sainted nun hovered above the field altar, forming the backdrop as His Eminence, Cardinal Stephen Cardinal Stepinac, Archbishop of Chicago, blessed the throng with a relic of Mother Cabrini and characterized her as a "model completely emptied of self" in his address of tribute.

In a Holy Hour meditation, Cardinal Stepinac declared that "participating in the canonization of St. Cabrini is the coronation of the Church's mission in their service with their chaplains who left their duties in the wilderness to enter the armed forces were given special blessings of Mark in the Canonization."

During the recitation of the Ave Glorious Mary of the Holy Hour, 2,500 Catholic high school girls took their place in a living rosary on the main center of the stadium.

FR. BURNS LEADS CONVOY TO REICH

Rev. Richard K. Burns, S. T. L., a priest of the Rochester Diocese, is in charge of a Warrent convoy of 17 large trucks and trailers enroute to Munich loaded with food and clothing for German miss, according to a radio dispatch to the N. C. W. C. News Service.

Formerly professor of Moral Theology at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, Father Burns was appointed to the Sacred Congregation of Oriental Churches in Rome last January. He also taught at St. Andrew's seminary before joining the faculty of the major academy.

The Rochester priest was ordained in Rome Dec. 8, 1897 and returned to his country where he was assigned to Holy Rosary.

Vatican Aide

REV. RICHARD K. BURNS

Lists Four Appeals

Archbishop Stepinac listed four appeals to the Yugoslav Government:

(1) Allow Catholics youth the education that the Church and Christian conscience demand.

(2) Let literacy expressing of freedom of conscience and religion have their true meaning.

(3) If freedom is given to the spread of materialism and ungodliness, let us have full freedom concerning those external truths that came from God and lead us to God.

(4) We demand that the authorities truly respect our freedom of conscience and our religion in the full meaning of that word.

Archbishop Stepinac condemned "the materialistic and truth of free-thinkers that is being cooked over among us in schools and lectures—namely, that Christ did not live but that everything that we know about him is a story and a myth."

Defended at Vatican.

The Vatican was quick to come to the defense of Archbishop Stepinac and pictured the "frontal" conflict between the imprisoned prelate of today and the archbishop jailed by the Nazis.