

At Our House

Markie's Expiation

By MARY TINLEY DALY

Another birthday at our house—Eileen's this time—with the silver dollars, the presents, the decorated cake, the songs and all... Seems as though we just finish one birthday and it's time to prepare for another.

"But this is a special one," said the Head of the House as he brought home the 13 silver dollars. "Eileen's entering her teens—the only teen-ager in the house!"

Every birthday is always "special" for the Head of the House. He loves 'em—loves celebrations of all sorts—but this time it seemed to be super-special for, besides the silver dollars, he brought in a huge bag.

TMN NIGHT before the birthday we wrapped them: one in a hat box, another in a long box, another in a round cart, etc. No one would guess that all those seven gaily wrapped parcels contained the same thing.

The birthday dawned. All day Eileen and pal Margaret Sullivan pinched and shook packages and peered through the tissue paper.

AT DINNER Eileen opened the hat box first—marked "From Markie." "Thanks, Markie," she said. "You're quite the kid."

"Yeah, ain't I?" Markie made a sorry attempt at a grin.

The package opening went on, alternating between personally selected presents and the V-8 gag ones—and at every V-8 Eileen thanked the giver profusely.

Finally came the 13 silver dollars—and the last V-8, marked "From Daddy."

Eileen put her arms around the Head of the House. "Oh, thank you, Daddy," she said. "Thank you for everything!"

"Why, it's only a can of V-8," he laughed.

"It's a lot more than that," she whispered in his ear.

"O.K., it's seven cans of V-8—and don't drink 'em all at once."

Of course the birthday girl and her guest are exempt from helping with the dishes—but every body else is expected for K.P.

But at this dinner Markie made a startling announcement: "I'll clear off, wash, wipe and put away..."

"Just feel in the mood," she spoke firmly, with a certain determination.

And so we let Markie do the job. At our house, expiation can take no higher form than "doing 'em alone."

COLLECTED 1,595 ROSARIES



For collecting 1,595 rosaries in a contest sponsored by Catholic War Veterans, 13-year-old Peter Trzabiatowski, of Milwaukee, received a rosary blessed by the Pope from His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stricker of Chicago.

Vatican Hears 'Fleet's In'; 15,000 Sailors Visit Italy

By REV. FRANCIS X. MURPHY, C.S.B.

Rome—(NC)—The Bay of Naples, with Mt. Vesuvius quietly in the background, at present looks like the naval roads at Newport News or San Pedro, Calif.

Nestling within its blue embrace is an imposing squadron of the U. S. Mediterranean Fleet, headed by the light cruiser Fargo, flagship of Vice-Admiral Stuart Sherman, and escorted by heavy cruiser Columbus, the transport Marquette and the fighting trim aircraft carrier Coral Sea.

ROME, PARTICULARLY St. Peter's and the Vatican, is also being besieged by hundreds of white and grey-clad naval officers and men.

The Holy Father usually allows each American to kiss his hand, presents him with a medal and usually asks his name and that of his native town.

Again and again the Pope poses for pictures with each naval group, and winds up with words of grace and encouragement.

Asked if she had any idea why they should kidnap her husband, Mrs. Iwanec said: "Only that they do not want to see people going to America, or else he might have made enemies when he was a judge in Ukraine Poland. I do not expect ever to see him again."

Mrs. Iwanec is a registered pharmacist and her daughter has had four years of pharmacy at Vienna University. They will reside with the Rev. O. Kowalsky in Ramey, Pa.

Russians Kidnap DP About To Come Here, Wife Reveals

New York—(NC)—One of the most tragic stories concerning displaced persons was related when the S. S. docked here bringing more than 800 DPs to America.

Mrs. Helen Iwanec, who arrived with her daughter Irene, told how her husband, former Judge Vladimir Iwanec, was kidnapped by the Russians in broad daylight just a few weeks before they sailed for America.

The Iwanecs are Ukrainian Catholics who were brought to America under the sponsorship of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference.

IN AN INTERVIEW at the pier Mrs. Iwanec stated: "We had been living in a Displaced Persons' camp for a number of years and were very happy when we were told that we were to go to America. Then one day, a few weeks ago, my husband was kidnapped by the Russians when he was on his way to the post office."

"I was waiting with dinner for him and when he did not return I immediately told the police."

Matt Talbot Holy See Orders Query On Life Of Dublin 'Poor Man'

By LEILA CARROLL

Dublin—(NC)—Archbishop John McQuaid of Dublin has been authorized by the Holy See to conduct the apostolic process concerning the virtues and miracles attributed to Matt Talbot, who died in 1925.

A STATEMENT issued by the archdiocesan chancery recalls that the preliminary informative process in the cause of Matt Talbot was conducted by the late Archbishop Byrne of Dublin, who submitted evidence to the Holy See in 1933.

TEN YEARS ago, following a favorable vote by the Sacred Congregation of Rites, the Sovereign Pontiff signed a decree by which the cause of Matt Talbot was formally introduced, that is to say, adopted by the Holy See for further investigation.

The documents received here from Rome appoint Archbishop McQuaid Judge-Delegate of the Holy See for the purpose of this further investigation and give terms of reference for the tribunal which the Archbishop will now establish, the statement issued here declares.

Matt Talbot died in Dublin on Trinity Sunday, 1925, while on his way from one church where he had attended Mass, to assist at Mass at another church. His life of penance and voluntary poverty after his victory over alcoholism at the age

of 28, won him worldwide renown and caused him to be chosen as patron of temperance societies in several countries.

Matt Talbot was a day laborer. He attended Mass and received Holy Communion each morning before beginning the day's work. From his modest wages he contributed liberally toward the education of priests for the foreign missions. During the last 12 years of his life he mortified himself by wearing chains on his arms and legs.

Waterfront Chapel Philadelphia—(RNS)—A Roman Catholic chapel has been erected on a Philadelphia pier by waterfront workers who willingly sacrificed their lunch hours and time-off for the job.

Besides daily Mass on their individual ships, two Masses are said each Sunday aboard the Coral Sea and one Mass on the Juneau, Fargo, Marquette, Columbus and Yellowstone.

The chaplains take turns boarding ships without priests for confessions and instructions. Of course, when at sea on Sundays, it is all but impossible to transfer a priest to ships not having Catholic chaplains.

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