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AMONG WOMEN

End Of The Season

By Mary Lennon Sayder

Every person who has ever worked with others has at some time or other found himself, either as a participant or as a spectator, involved in some sort of situation arising from a clash of opinions or personalities; or, as most frequently is the case, a combination of both.

Mrs. Sayder

A friend of mine who is an experienced social worker once told me that the most difficult marriage case to counsel is one in which one of the dissident partners says to the marriage counsellor: "I don't care what you say I won't listen to one thing he(or she, referring to the other partner) has to say."

THIS SAME attitude creeps up now and then in organizations. "Believe me, she can't tell me what to do" may not be an expression of any Christian charity, but it is truthful reporting of what is often heard after a stormy committee meeting or telephone interchange.

Arguments or contretemps of this sort most frequently occur at this time of the year when each member of the committee has her own idea on how to manage the banquet or put on the play or install the new officers. I think the time of the year is significant in that it is the end of the season when we are all a bit weary and consequently more irritable.

WHEN ANY one of us becomes a witness, let's hope not a participant, of such an embroilment I suggest the following course of action. First a cooling off period in which we remind all concerned that there are two sides to most questions; second, we should not sympathize or commiserate too much with the participants. In sympathizing with them we may be prolonging the dispute.

Then I firmly believe that we should not run to "Father", the reverend moderator, and burden him with our concerns which seem mighty to us but which are actually trivial when scrutinized with the long view.

THERE IS Someone, however, to Whom we may and should run. Our Blessed Mother. When personalities seem to intervene and we find ourselves caring too much whether or not we like or "can't stand", that's the usual feminine phrase, another, we should turn in prayerful thought to Mary on the First Good Friday.

If we consider even for a few moments the example She gave us, when at the foot of Her Son's Cross, where He was dying in expiation for our sins, she accepted us, the whole sinful lot of us, for Her children, we will in contemplating Her sublime charity soon lose sight of our petty annoyances.

OUR LADY OF Good Counsel whose feast we celebrate this month stands ever ready to aid us. Let's rely more on Her, let's try to imitate Her virtues and let's think less of maintaining our own honors, rights, and position. If we kneel more often before Our Lady we will find that we can "stand" many more of our fellow beings than we once thought we could.

WHAT'S DOING AT THE DALYS'

'Mother Seton's Valley'

By Mary Tinley Daly

Sometimes, when you least expect it, you have a really soul-stirring experience . . . like our drop-in visit at St. Joseph's College in "Mother Seton's Valley."

Mary Daly

Driving along through Emmitsburg, Md., one afternoon we headed the car up the wide driveway leading to the college, gracious trees on either side, the pink and yellow of the spring bloom all around us, mountain air heady with zip. It was like entering another world.

Unannounced and unexpected, we rang the bell of the stately old red-brick main building, confident of a welcome. Sure enough, we were greeted like long-lost friends, though I'm not even an alumna of the college and had been there only once before.

A SHORT VISIT to the chapel, with Our Lady at home in her blue and white place of honor, then a "conducted tour" by Sister Miriam.

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What a blending of the old and the new—the small stone house where Mother Seton and her little band of teachers had weathered the rigors of those first frigid winters in the early 1800's, the buildings that rose later, the fine new ones.

Our growing knowledge of Mother Seton, that saintly woman whose Cause is now being considered, came to mind: the valiant young American widow with five children, whose conversion to Catholicism sent her off from her family and friends. Battling poverty, ill health, social ostracism, but never ever flinched as she fashioned a little band of religious women about her, established the Sisters of Charity in America and set up schools. All this in a life only 47 years long—from 1774 to 1821.

AS SISTER MIRIAM took us to "The White House" we stood in Mother Seton's classroom, nothing new in 1953 as though Mother Seton had just dismissed school for the day. There is her desk and her Bible. Small chairs for the pupils arranged in front of the desk. On the wall, a map drawn by a pupil more than a hundred years ago. And above Mother Seton's little desk, the lovely statue with one flight of stairs.

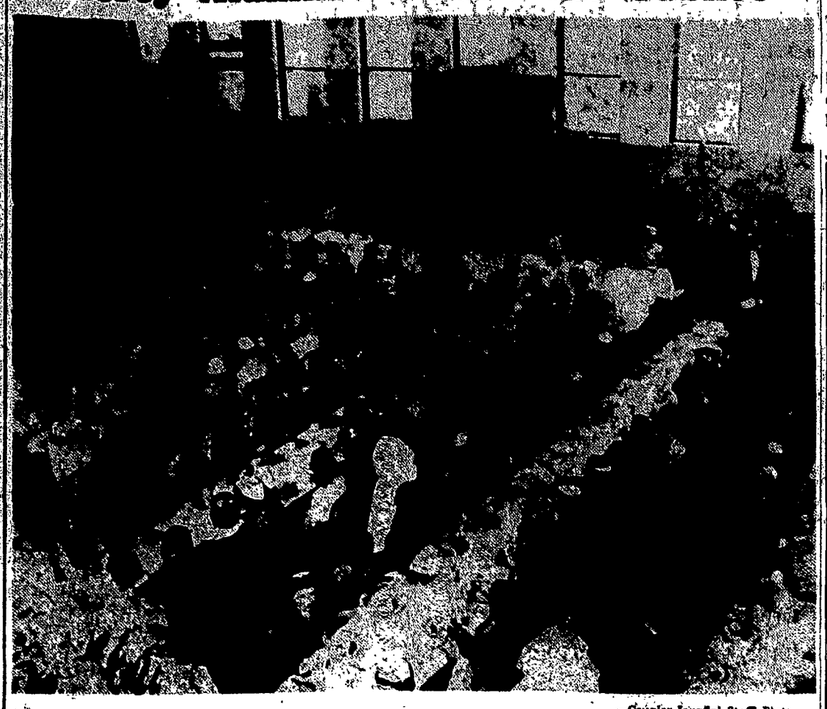
THAT DAY at St. Joseph's opened a new chapter in our lives — learning more about Mother Seton who was even more remarkable for what she was than what she did. Here, for instance, is part of a letter written to her son William, who was at sea. It shows a natural mother's concern for his welfare, a saintly mother's deeper concern for his soul:

"I WOULD go the world over in any disguise, hidden even from yourself, to be only in the same vessel and share the same dangers with my William. Deny me not the only meeting where we will never part. You know well it depends on yourself . . . To love you here a few years of so unsatisfied a life is but the common lot; but to love as I love you, and have you deserved—oh unutterable anguish!"

With her surrounding love of God, certainly Mother Seton is a model and inspiration for all mothers—we who have consecrated our lives to God in the world, we who have our own little "Williams" to love and pray for, the pattern of sanctity.

SCANNER

Mercy Alumnae Return For Jubilee



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CLOSE TO 600 graduates of Our Lady of Mercy High School turned out for the Communion Breakfast Sunday opening the 25th anniversary program at the school. Scene above shows some of the girls, speakers' table and appropriate decorative theme.

Mercy High Opens Jubilee

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Mercy community were small and public support negligible, but the school progressed because "Almighty God blessed the Sisters' efforts as He always blesses confidence in Him and the spirit of self sacrifice," he stated.

"Those were not the days," the Bishop recalled, "when we conducted big high school campaigns and handed to religious communities the money they needed to start a school. In those early days the parishes of the diocese were all hampered by tremendous debts and pastors couldn't ask their people to go into another field of spending.

"THE SISTERS of Mercy who founded this institution started out with practically nothing but confidence in God, the good will of their friends and a magnificent spirit of consecration and sacrifice."

In the shadows of Mercy's history lies the long story of service to the Church written all over the world by the Sisters of Mercy, the Bishop said. He also paid tribute to Mother McAuley, Irish foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

"The magnificent tradition behind Mercy High School carries back more than 120 years tot Catherine McAuley, a little Irish girl on Baggot Street in Dublin, who, sensitive to the spiritual need of young girls, opened her home and her heart to the girls of her neighborhood," the Bishop said.

"Never in the history of the Catholic Church has the opening of a home or a heart been fraught with such tremendous consequences as the day when Catherine McAuley decided to do something for the young women of Dublin."

The Mercy tradition of "school spirit" drew particular comment among the "memories" the Bishop said should be saluted during the Jubilee. Calling it "an intangible gift of the spirit of God" he said, "No one can write down in black and white what 'school spirit' is, but Mercy has had it, and everyone who has come here through the years has grasped it.

"Not measured by statistics, Mercy's unique spirit is something created by the entire student body, by the faculty, and by the spirit of cooperation which has always united these two."

The Bishop also praised "the spiritual character formation which Mercy High has devotedly pursued for 25 years. More impressive in a school's history than any memory of people or incidents of school life," he stated, "are the virtues of Christian womanhood implanted in the generations of girls who have studied here.

"Our Lady of Mercy has always placed God and conscience on the thrones they should occupy in your hearts. Among the thousands of wonderful things your Alma Mater has done for you, she has given you the key to happiness of life by teaching you that in all you do the formula is that they are done 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.'"

Family Radio Rosary Leaders

Saturday, Apr. 25—George L. Krausse, St. Theodore;

Sunday, Apr. 26—Richard Weider, accompanied by members of Rochester Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women;

Monday, Apr. 27—Anthony M. Di Prima, Church of the Annunciation;

Tuesday, Apr. 28 — Joseph J. Demo, accompanied by members of the Newman Club, U. of R.

Wednesday, Apr. 29—Anthony Beauchamp, accompanied by members of St. Jerome Post #1108, CWV.

Thursday, Apr. 30 — James O'Connor, accompanied by employees of Hawk-Eye Works;

Friday, May 1—Gerald J. Sullivan, accompanied by members of Rochester Chapter, St. Bonaventure Alumni.

Golden Jubilee

Barcelona—(NC)—Bishop Anton Urbes of Liepaja (Latvia) has observed the golden jubilee of his ordination in Spain, where he has lived in exile since the end of the war.

Book On St. Clare

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