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All in the Family

\$4 Can Go A Long Way

Last week my grandmother, one of the best storytellers around, marked her birthday by recalling the events surrounding her arrival in 1896.

"You must have heard the story. I've told it a dozen times," she said as we sat on her back porch.

When I assured her that neither I nor my two daughters had, she began, but only after my uncle reminded us that Gram's mother Vittoria had come to America to join my great-grandfather Giuseppe some years before. (Her trip in steerage from the Bay of Salerno had taken 30 days which she had spent in quarantine because one of her children had been sick.)

They had settled in Potter County, Pennsylvania, a beautiful mountainous region still famed for its hunting and fishing, and life with the rattlers and bobcats which form the core of more than one family tale.

Giuseppe cleared and farmed the land and Vittoria baked bread in a field oven and sold it to the railroad workers for a penny a loaf.

On the day she gave birth to my grandmother, Vittoria sent the other children out to the fields, locked herself

in her room and sent up her prayer which loosely was, "It's just you and me, Blessed Mother, to bring this baby into the world."

And so my grandmother, baptized Donata, but known as Annie, was born. Vittoria cut the cord, bathed her and wrapped her in a winding sheet and put the baby into bed with her.

When Giuseppe came home he walked into the bedroom and said in puzzlement, "But what are you doing in bed?" whereupon Vittoria pointed to the baby.

Against Vittoria's vigorous protest, Giuseppe walked four miles to ask a doctor to come. The doctor came riding on a three-wheeled handcar over the railroad tracks that curved around the mountain.

Checking the baby over, he pronounced her fine and then presented his bill.

It was then that Vittoria, who had put in a demanding day, blew her cool. The bill was \$4 — in her eyes 400 loaves of bread — and she had done all the work!

My grandmother finished the story, laughing along with the rest of us, saying that Vittoria never got over that bill. Years later she would look over her fine brood, point to my grandmother and say with asperity, "And this one — this one cost me \$4."

Bishop Calls for Truce in Bolivia

La Paz, Bolivia (NC) — As political and labor groups press for a return to civilian rule, blaming the military for placing Bolivia on the brink of bankruptcy, Archbishop Jorge Manrique of La Paz called for a political truce to avoid a civil war.

"Radical polarization is a social and political sin that can bring the country to a national confrontation," the archbishop said July 29 in accusing all parties involved of refusing to enter into dialogue and blocking efforts to alleviate "the grave poverty of the people."

Archbishop Manrique has many ties to the Rochester diocese. Under his auspices, the Padres of Rochester established the parish of St. Joseph the Worker in La Paz. The archbishop has visited Rochester.

Recent events show that military, labor and political groups "have become entrenched in their own interests, limiting any possibility of rapport" and "risking a confrontation among Bolivians no one wants," he added. "They must break such entrenchment by being open to dialogue."

The archbishop spoke a week after Gen. Guido Vidoso succeeded Gen. Celso Torrelío as head of state following a power struggle among army officers. The military has ruled Bolivia since the coup of July 1980. The new ruler promised to hold elections next April and return power to those who win a majority.

The lack of a majority winner in the 1980 elections was the reason cited by the 1980 coup leader, Gen. Luis Garcia Meza, for taking over.

Seven political parties and

business, labor and peasant groups have demanded that the military allow the 1980 Congress to convene and choose a president among the two largest vote-getters in the 1980 elections.

Herman Siles Zuazo of the Democratic People's Union led in the 1980 elections, followed by Victor Paz Estenssoro of the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement.

Other civilian leaders are demanding general elections before the year ends for a new government.

The country currently faces skyrocketing inflation, unemployment and a large foreign debt. The average income per person is \$35 a month.

Interior Minister Edgar Rojas echoed the archbishop's warning when he said that "the country faces great risks, including armed confrontation."

Archbishop Manrique, who had previously condemned violations of human rights by the military, said the change in military leaders does not promise to solve the long crisis.

"The process of political and economic deterioration has caused the people insecurity, frustration and extreme poverty," he said. "We must reach a social and political truce and achieve some consensus among the opposing parties. At the same time, we must take urgent measures to alleviate the poverty situation most people face now."

Meanwhile, Tupaj Katari, a peasant association, said July 28 that paramilitary gangs had taken over its headquarters and that claims brought before the Peasant Affairs Ministry were not acted upon. The association's

leader, Genaro Flores, is paralyzed from the waist down after being shot in the spine in January. The association opposes the labor and economic policies of the military government. A rival group, the Peasant Confederation of Bolivia, generally supports the government.

During an anti-government demonstration last March by 20,000 peasants in the city of Cochabamba, 20 people were killed in a confrontation with troops. At that time the steering committee of the bishops' conference appealed to all sides to "avoid confrontation and violence."



ABP. MANRIQUE

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'Tragic,' Bishop Calls Execution

Richmond (NC) — Bishop Walter F. Sullivan called it a tragedy when the state of Virginia executed Frank J. Coppola Aug. 10 despite efforts by religious leaders and civil libertarians to save his life.

"I hope to God the people of Virginia take a good look at this execution," said the Rev. Joseph Ingle, a minister and prison reform leader who was the convicted murderer's last visitor before his death.

Coppola, 38, was the first person executed in Virginia

since 1962 and the fifth in the nation since 1967.

The U.S. Supreme Court, by conference telephone call, reversed, 5-2, a stay of execution ordered earlier in the day by a federal judge.

"That's tragic," commented Bishop Sullivan when he was informed of the Supreme Court action. He interrupted a vacation to return to Richmond for a prayer vigil protesting the execution.

He and about a dozen

others held a candlelight vigil outside the Richmond State Penitentiary during the execution. The group softly sang, "Someone's dying, Lord," as the execution was being carried out.

Coppola was sentenced to death in 1978 for the murder of Muriel Hatchell, wife of a car dealer in Newport News, Va.

Three Say First Vows

Three young men from the diocese made their first profession of vows in the Congregation of Christian Brothers July 31. The three are Brother J. Sean Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Thompson; Brother T. Cosmas Shaw, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw; and Brother Paul T. Haefner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Haefner of Webster.

In addition, Brother A. Stanislaus Brach, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Brach, received the religious habit and entered his novitiate year with the congregation.

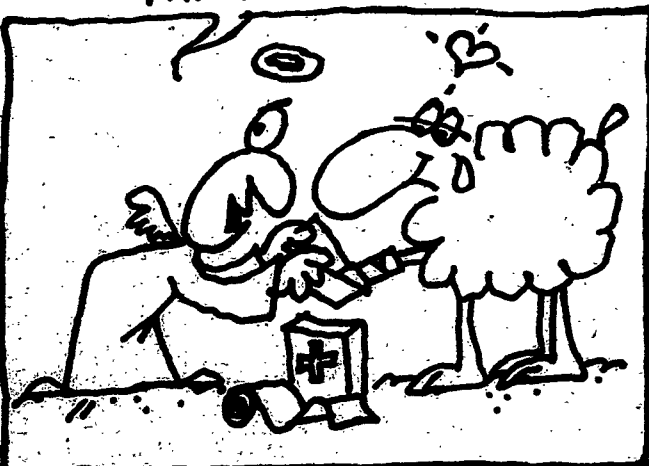
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