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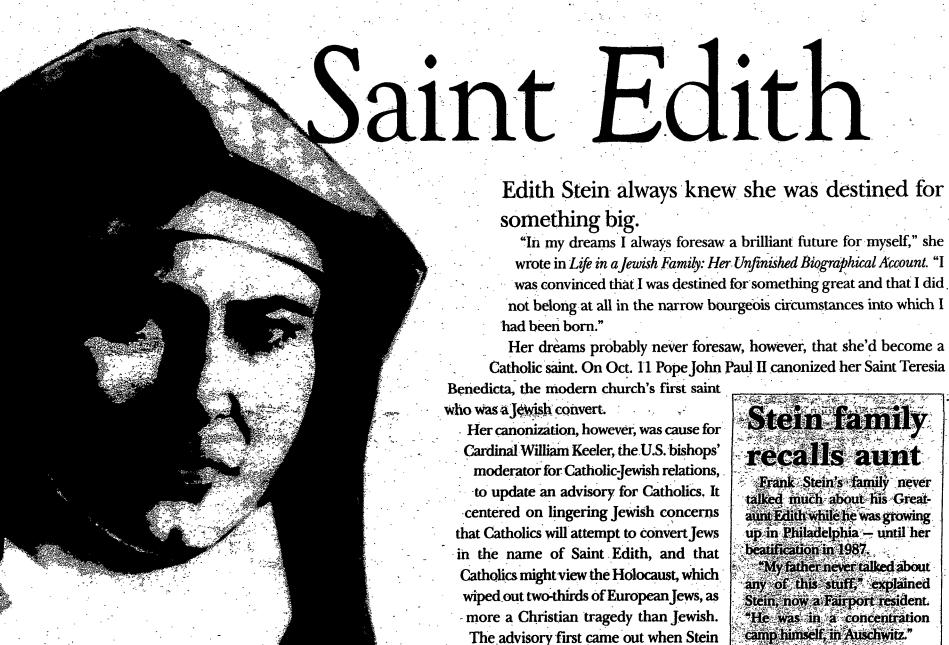
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was beatified in 1987.

Born Oct. 12, 1891, in Breslau, Ger-

many (now Wroclaw, Poland), St. Edith

earned a doctorate in philosophy. Un-

able to obtain a university position be-

cause of her gender, she worked for

many years as a translator, writer,

schoolteacher and lecturer. Raised

Jewish, she was for a time an athe-

ist, but in 1922 became a

Catholic. She wanted to be-

come a nun, but delayed that out of sensitivity to "He was in a concentration camp himself, in Auschwitz." Stein surmised that most of

the rest of his family hardly understood, much less approved, of her conversion.

That conversion, and her subsequent death in a concentration camp, led to Edith Stein's canonization Oct. 11 in Rome. Frank Stein was invited to the ceremony, but could not go because he and his wife had to attend a wedding His son Mark went instead.

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her Orthodox Jewish mother. Finally, in 1933, after the Nazis banned Jews from teaching posts, she joined the Carmelites. She was later arrested at a convent in Holland, and died in the gas chambers at Auschwitz on Aug. 9, 1942.

Pope John Paul II has urged Catholics to use Aug. 9 - now, in the church calendar, Edith Stein's feast. day - as a day to remember not only St. Edith, but all Jews killed in the Holocaust.

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