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*“Błogosławiony dzień, w którym
się urodziłeś, a świętszy ten,
w którym zostałeś naszym Ojcem
i Papieżem.”*

Dnia 14 maja 1917 roku kiedy szalała burza Wielkiej Wojny Światowej I, Eugeniusz Pacelli został konsekrowany tytularnym arcybiskupem Sardes.

Srebrny Jubileusz tego pamiętnego dnia obchodzi znów Ojciec Święty Pius XII w okresie krwawego prześladowania Wojny Światowej II, która swym okrucieństwem przewyższa najwymyślniejsze tortury Wespazjanów, Neronów i Dioklecjanów.

W dwudziestopięciu rocznicę konsekracji naszego Papieża łączymy się z całym Kościółem, który składa dzięki Panu Zastępów uroczystym “Te Deum” za tak wielkiego i mądrygo wodza, ojca i sternika łodzi Piotrowej. Papież Pius XII — to chwała nie tylko Kościoła ale całej ludzkości. Wobec tylu dzisiejszych potentatów świata, zatrutych zazdrością i nienawiścią, ten nieustraszony głosiciel prawdy i nieugięty zwolennik pokoju opartego na sprawiedliwości staje jako gwiazda świetlana, która swym blaskiem świętości wywiezie świat z chaosu i ciemnej otchłani nędzy i okropnych wojen.

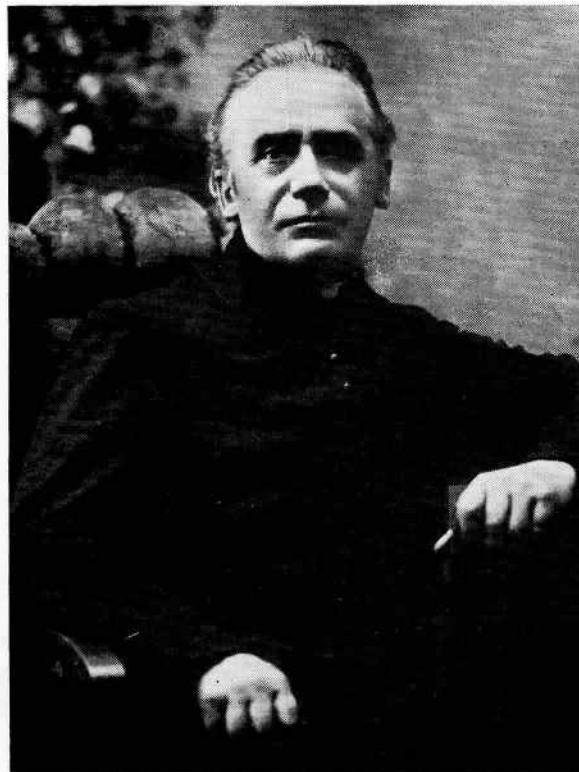
Świątobliwy nasz Papież Pius XII zna doskonale świat i jego kaprysy. Jeżeli ma zakwitnąć w świecie pokój i życie oparte na zasadach Chrystusowych, to trzeba zaprosić na konferencję pokojową Boga. Widzialną głową i przedstawicielem Jego jest Papież. A więc ten, co nie lękał się gróźb komunistów, ani zdradzieckich zasadzki Kaizera Wilhelma i jego niecnych zauszników, ten świętobliwy Arcypasterz Pius XII poprowadzi owieczki znękane cierpieniami obecnych krwawych walk do stóp Chrystusa. Modły wiernych synów i córek, a więc i nasze towarzyszyć Mu będą we wszystkich Jego przedsięwzięciach.

Niech Bóg Najwyższy podyktuje traktaty pokojowe ustami Papieża Piusa XII!

FOREWORD

Education, to be worthy of the name, must address itself to man in his entirety. It must include the development of his spiritual, intellectual, and physical faculties. It is the development of the whole man—or woman—soul, mind, and body. Education is a development, a stepping forward process, but for what purpose, toward what goal? Pope Pius XI in his encyclical, "Christian Education of Youth" gives us the answer. "Education consists essentially in preparing man for what he must be, and for what he must do here below, in order to attain the Sublime End for which he was created."

Because the Felician Academy has given us such an all-around education, we have attempted to depict in the 1942 issue of The Crest some outstanding spiritual, intellectual, and physical phases of our school's current activities. If in these pages we shall have given evidence that our Alma Mater's efforts have not been in vain, our purpose in editing this annual will have been accomplished.



To the beloved memory of our Father, sympathetic teacher and wise counselor, Reverend Joseph J. Dabrowski through whose efforts our Alma Mater was launched, this edition of the Crest is reverently dedicated by the Class of 1942.

FATHER JOSEPH J. DĄBROWSKI

Born January 19, 1842 in Źółtańce, Poland, Reverend Joseph Dąbrowski was already at the early age of twelve destined to become a leader among his countrymen. At this time the premature death of his father left with young Joseph the grave responsibility of providing for younger members of the Dąbrowski family. To better equip him for the fulfilment of this obligation Joseph's mother sent her boy to school at Lublin where later a scholarship won for him the completion of advanced studies at Warsaw.

When in 1863 Poland's youth rose to redeem its fatherland from the hands of Russian oppressors, Joseph's unbounded love for his country caused him to become a leader among its ranks. However, he was soon forced to flee before the enemy and only miraculously escaped with his life. Thereafter he spent four years in exiled poverty. Finally to prepare for the priesthood, he went to Rome where he graduated from the Gregorianum. Father Dąbrowski realized his greatest joy on the day of ordination, August 1, 1869. Now he could render spiritual as well as physical help to his people.

Soon upon a request sent to Pope Pius IX by the Poles of America for a Polish priest, Father Joseph readily volunteered his services in their behalf. The year 1869 marked his arrival in Polonia, Wisconsin where a year later he embraced the pastorate of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. It was not long before he so endeared himself to his parishioners that they sought his aid even in the simplest of matters. In a sense, he was everything to everybody — doctor to the sick, father to the orphans, helper to the farmer, and teacher of all.

It seemed almost impossible for Father Dąbrowski to accomplish such enormous task single handed, and yet the need for a Catholic education of the youngsters in his community was great. Knowing this only too well, the kindly priest solicited the aid of Mother Mary Magdalen, Superior General of the Felician Sisters in Poland. In answer to his request the first five Felician Sisters arrived in Polonia, Wisconsin on November 20, 1874.

Father Dąbrowski's concern for the welfare of his fellow countrymen was now being shared by the Felician Sisters for whom he later chose Detroit as the center of their activities. Here he was instrumental in founding in 1882 the first Motherhouse of the Felician Sisters in America together with a preparatory school for religious teachers. This latter institution was the seed from which our Alma Mater grew and it is a proud possessor of several laboratory instruments, instructive books, and geographical maps produced by our beloved father.

Among the various other unforgettable services rendered by Father Dąbrowski, Detroit witnessed the founding of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Theological Seminary, which was later transferred to Orchard Lake, Michigan.

After sixty-one meritorious years Father Joseph J. Dąbrowski left this earth on February 15, 1903 to join the ranks of God's faithful servants.

The loss of this heroic priest and patriot was very great indeed to the Poles of Detroit; greater still to the Felician Sisters, who were now left to carry on their work alone. Though gone, our heroic leader continues to live again in the mind and heart of every Felician Sister and pupil. The halls of our Alma Mater shall never cease to sing his praises. Father Dąbrowski will always be the unseen guest at our every recitation, program and assembly.

FACULTY

Reverend Sylvester Radziecki

Sister Mary Annuncia

Sister Mary Alberica

Sister Mary Cantia

Sister Mary Clemens

Sister Mary Hugolina

Sister Mary Macaria

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Sister Mary Vitolda

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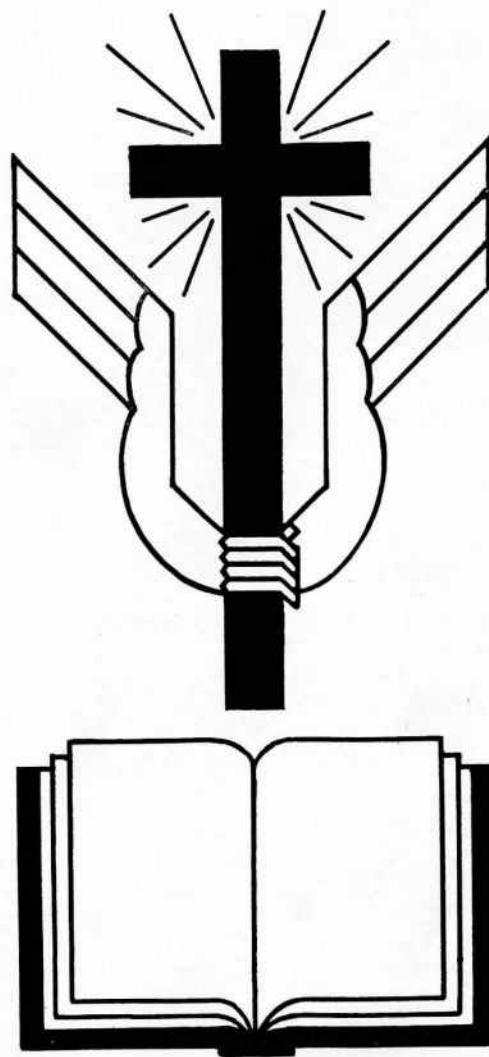
Sister Mary Lucille

Sister Mary Sigmunda

Sister Mary Theresilla

To the members of the Faculty for their untiring zeal in teaching us to become good citizens and firm Catholics and for their kindly interest in our moral and intellectual welfare we, the Class of 1942, extend our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks. Fully do we realize that it is not in our power ever to repay them adequately, but we can and will endeavor to follow the principles which they so lovingly imparted, and thereby prove ourselves a credit to our loved Alma Mater.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES



Since the duties we owe our Creator take precedence of all other duties, our academy accords the first place to our spiritual development. It is for this reason that formal courses in religion are a prime feature in our educational program. They consist not merely in the teaching of the dogmas of faith and the precepts of divine law, but they also provide us with training in exercises of religion — attendance at divine worship, reception of the sacraments, works of mercy, prayer.

Religion is not merely one of the many subjects taught in our school. It permeates the instruction in the other subjects and the various extra-curricular activities. The teaching of duty does not constitute a separate

exercise, which has a fixed time in the schedule. It is true that it belongs in a more direct manner to religious instruction; but it is in a way an exercise that runs through the whole day, in the sense that whatever is taught can furnish an occasion for moral teaching. Such moral and religious training builds the conscience of the students for the right fulfillment of their civil, social, and religious duties.

The separation of moral and religious from purely intellectual education is not possible. An education that quickens the intelligence and enriches the mind with knowledge but fails to develop the will and direct it to the practice of virtue, may produce scholars, but it cannot produce good men.



Top, left to right... Rev. A. Koprzewski lauding the work of the Sodality officers... Rev. S. Radziecki and Crusaders renew their C. S. M. C. pledge... Seniors, en route to Burtha Fisher Home at Christmastime... Our twins decorate bulletin board for May, in honor of the Queen of Peace... Daily noon-day visit to our chapel... Senior Crusaders at the Mission Rally... At the Virgin's grotto in May... Presenting flowers to Our Lady of the Rosary in the school corridor... Sodality prefect crowns our Blessed Mother in the garden grotto.



THE FELICIAN ACADEMY MISSION UNIT

What a memorable date will November 5, 1938 remain in the history of our Mission Unit! On this day, while we Seniors were Freshmen, the Felician Academy Mission Unit officially became a member of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade.

At once the unit started on its three-fold work of increasing individual holiness, of informing the students of the work done by the missionaries, and of rendering spiritual and material assistance. Our ardent missionary zeal prompted us to undertake various activities, including Bingo, Skating Parties, and Paper Drives to raise funds for the Missions.

Last November, the Felician Academy Mission Unit celebrated the fourth anniversary of its affiliation with the C. S. M. C. With great enthusiasm a program was prepared. A playet "Muriel's Choice" written by Jessie Przekota, was presented. Our honored guest, the Reverend Dr. Leo De Barry, Archdiocesan Director of the Propagation of the Catholic Faith, presented the Paladin Jewel to Laura Peszynska for her mission zeal.

We have endeavored to do our best for the Mission cause in order that the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade Motto: "The Sacred Heart for the World! The World for the Sacred Heart!" may soon be made a reality.

Sister Mary Marcelline, Moderator

Genevieve Willmowitz	President
Irene Cegielka	Secretary
Lorraine Salwowska	Historian
Estelle Zukowska	Treasurer

OUR SODALITY

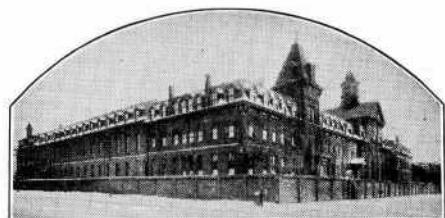
Every day more and more like Mary.

The Sodality of Our Lady is a spiritual organization whose immediate aim is the sanctification of its members. This Society has within itself every means for developing personal holiness. However, the Sodality does not merely confine its efforts to the spiritual advancement of the Sodalists. Its scope is wider. It is also actively engaged in the broad field of Catholic Action. The religious and social activities of our Sodality provide incentives toward the attainment of these objectives.

Sodality action for the year was initiated by the September election which installed the following as officers; Emily Cegielka, prefect, Jessie Przekota, recording secretary, Patricia Wojtaszak, corresponding secretary, and Genevieve Willmowitz, treasurer, under the guidance of our moderator, Sister Mary Cantia.

Our meetings, religious devotions, social activities, and dramatic presentations have helped to make the Sodality year 1941-42 a meritorious, pleasant and busy one in the field of spiritual advancement.

W DOWÓD WDZIĘCZNOŚCI



Piękny i uroczy miesiąc czerwiec, rozpoczynający drugą porę roku przyoblekł Stwórca w najbogatszą i najzdobniejszą szatę. Z ognistej kuli zawieszonej na sklepieniu niebieskim płyną świetlane smugi złocistych promieni słonecznych na cały okrąg ziemi; tu śliczne ogrody wonieją balsamicznym aromatem przecudnych kwiatów; tam pola pokrywają się bujnymi kłosami rozlicznych zbóż; stawy i strumyki szemrzą swą cichą piosenkę; po przestworzach niebieskich, ptaszeta świergotą Panu na chwałę — cała natura tętni bujnym życiem, zdaje się dumać lub śnić o swej przyszłości. Chwilami jednak zalega całą przyrodę ogromna cisza... To moment refleksji... zastanowienia się nad swą przeszłością, to chwila badania i zapytywania się drzew, łąk i pól o siłę ich soków żywotnych — to także chwila obmyślenia sposobów zabezpieczenia im pomyślnego rozwoju na przyszłość, którego rezultatem mają być bogate i obfite żniwa.

Czym lato w przyrodzie, tym dla nas graduantek, stojących u progu nowego i nieznanego JUTRA, jest uroczystość graduacyjna. W tym pamiątkowym dniu pragniemy poznać nie tylko nasz dorobek intelektualny, ale przedewszystkim bogactwo naszego ducha.

Dzięki Opatrzności Bożej od najwcześniejszych lat zaszczepiano nam w Szkole Katolickiej zamiłowanie do tego, co piękne, święte i wznowiące! Stwierdzamy z szlachetną dumą, że dominującą nutą całej naszej edukacji — to idealizm chrześcijański, który podnosi i uszlachetnia władze naturalne człowieka, a zarazem podporządkowuje je siłom nadprzyrodzonym i w łączności z nimi udoskonala je.

Podczas studiów czteroletnich w Akademii Sióstr Felicjanek pokochałyśmy głębiej i goręcej Kościół Katolicki, tę boską instytucję, która za Swym Mistrzem z Nazaretu usilnie nas zachęca, prosi i błaga, byśmy nie ubiegały się o przemijające bogactwa, pochwały i zaszczyty ziemskie, ale ze skwapliwością sięgały po koronę niebieską.

W murach naszej uczelni miałyśmy sposobność zrozumieć tę mądrą zasadę, że Polak zrodzony na ziemi Washingtona może być przykładnym i wiernym obywatelem Stanów Zjednoczonych, a równocześnie pielęgnować w sercu miłość i poszanowanie dla tego wszystkiego, co nasze i polskie!

Tu także ujrzałyśmy w lepszym oświetleniu wartość wielu cnót, a przede wszystkim prawdy, męstwa i miłości. Prócz tego nadarzyła się nam nieraz sposobność poznania i należytego oceniania wielu pięknych i pożytecznych rzeczy, które oświeciły, rozwinięły i wzbogaciły nasz umysł i uszlachetniły serce.

Wierzymy niezłomnie, że życie ludzkie, to nie zabawka, ale skarb wielki, z którego będzie trzeba nam zdać rachunek przed tronem Boga Najwyższego.

Nosząc więc w sercu tak cenne skarby wychowania rdzeniowe Katolickiego, czyż jeszcze z obawą będziemy spooglądały w nową gwiazdę wschodzącego JUTRA? O nie. Pomne na słowa Św. Pawła: "Wszystko mogę w Tym, który mnie umacnia", idziemy śmiało na różne życia kolejne.

Zanim zrobimy ten ważny i stanowczy krok, najpierw zwracamy się do Was, Nasi Najdrożsi Rodzice, gdyż po Bogu wszystko co mamy i czym jesteśmy, Waszej dobroci zadowdzięczamy. Za wszystkie trudy, zabiegi i poświęcenia około naszego wychowania niech Ojciec Niebieski nagrodzi Wam tu na ziemi licznymi łaskami, zdrowiem, powodzeniem i błogim zadowoleniem serca, wypływającym z sumiennego wypełnienia obowiązków względem Boga i społeczeństwa.

Wielebnym Siostrom, które modlitwą, słowem, przykładem, zachętą, radą, lub umiejętnym pokierowaniem utorowały nam drogę do urzeczywistnienia naszych wznowionych celów i pragnień, w imieniu wszystkich graduantek składam stokrotne dzięki.

Żegnamy cię, Akademio! Wstępowałyśmy niedawno w twoje progi jako dziewczątka słabe, niedoświadczone i niewyprówowane. Przez cztery lata kształtała nasze umysły i serca. Dziś z chlubą oddajesz nas w ręce Drogich Rodziców i społeczeństwa. Szczycące hasła i ideały, które zaszczepiła w sercach naszych będąmy nadal pielęgnować. Dług wdzięczności, zaciągnięty względem Ciebie, spłacać będziemy całą duszą pracując nad twoim rozwojem, ponadto, o ile Bóg pozwoli, pańić się będziemy po wyższych szczeblach wiedzy, uzupełniając swoje wykształcenie w taki sposób, byś mogła z nas być dumną i stawać jako chlubny przykład dla młodszych pokoleń. Żegnaj nam, ALMA MATER!

Drogie koleżanki! Za kilka chwil ustąpimy z widowni szkolnej, by wstąpić w szranki zacnych obywatelek, by pełnić trudną i żmudną pracę miłości i poświęcenia dla chwały Bożej, dobra Kościoła i całego społeczeństwa. Trzymając w ręku pochodnię prawdziwej wiedzy, idźmy naprzód i obwieszczajmy światu wyższość, wznowłość i znaczenie katolickiego wykształcenia. Przy każdej sposobności wprowadzajmy w czyn słowa znakomitego poety — filozofa Adama Asnyka:

"Nieście więc wiedzy pochodnię na czele,
I nowy udział bierzcie w wieków dziele—
Przyszłości podnoście gmach!"

Aby osiągnąć ten wznowiony cel, drogie koleżanki, wspierajmy się modlitwą; niech miłość Boża serca nasze przepoi, a Maria Niepokalana, "co Jasnej broni Częstochowy i w Ostrej świeci Bramie" niech wspiera Swoim potężnym orędowictwem w każdej życia potrzebie. Budujmy, naprawiamy i rozszerzajmy w sercach własnych i naszych bliżnich KRÓLESTWO BOŻE "nie cudem — ale trudem, wiarą i ofiarą!"

NASZA PATRONKA ŚW. AGNIESZKA

"Któż wstąpi na góre Pańską, a kto stanie na miejscu świętym Jego? Człowiek niewinnych rąk i czystego serca."

(Ps. 23, 3-4)



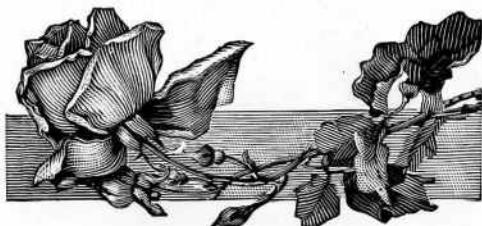
Słowa te można w całej pełni zastosować do Św. Agnieszki, dla której cały świat chrześcijański przejęty jest uwielbieniem i zdumieniem, albowiem mając zaledwie lat trzynaście, oddała swe życie za Chrystusa zyskawszy za to dwojaki wieniec, jeden z lili panieństwa, drugi z róż męczeństwa.

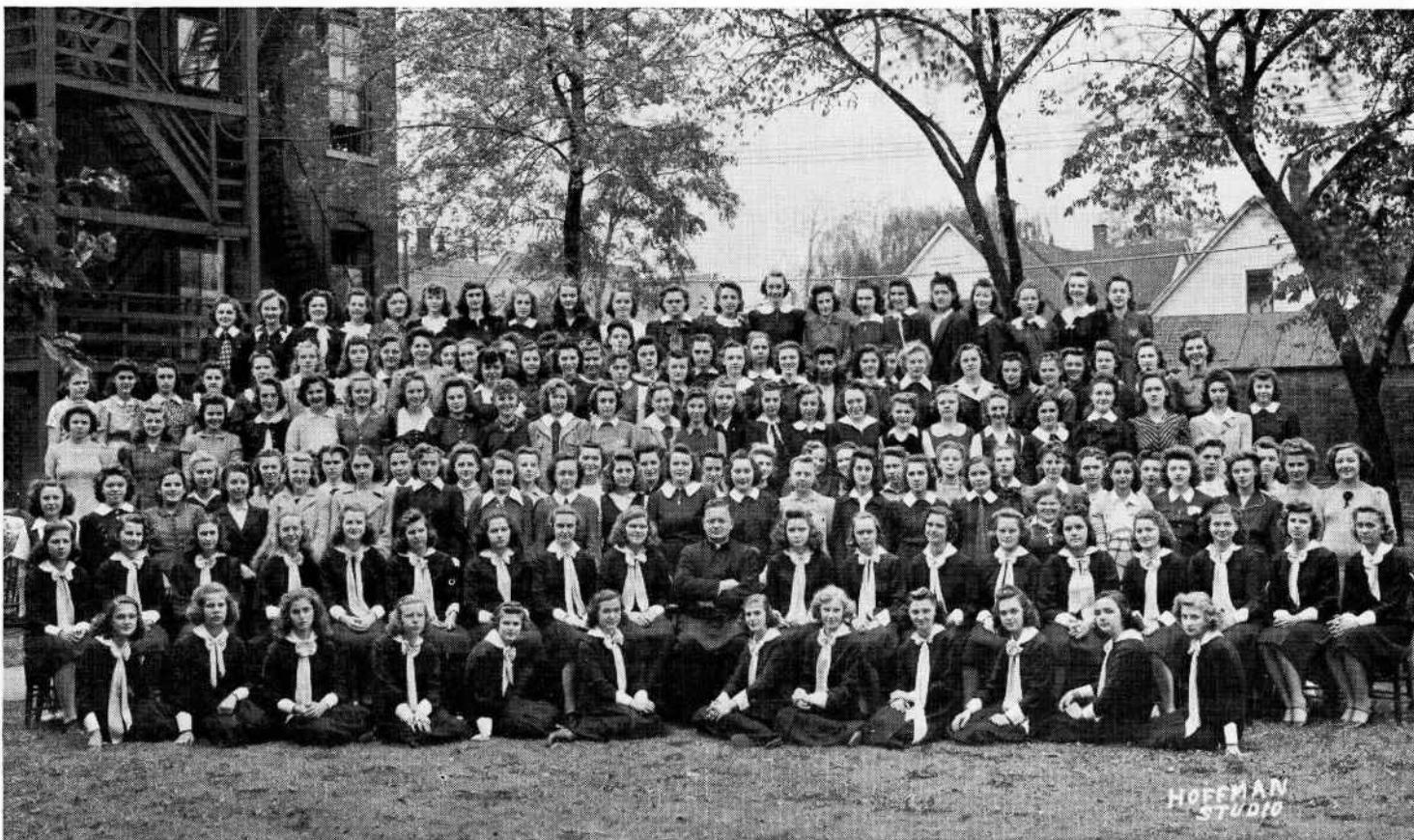
Św. Agnieszka pochodziła ze zacnego rodu rzymskiego. Mając lat dziesięć, złożyła ślub czystości i poświęciła swe życie niebieskiemu Oblubieńcowi. Piękność jej nadzwyczajna zwróciła na nią uwagę synów najznakomitszych rodzin Rzymu, którzy wszelkimi sposobami starali się pozyskać jej serce i rękę. Gdy pewnego razu odmówiła rękę synowi starosty Semproniusza, została skazana na srogie męki. Sędzia litując się nad jej młodością zachęcał, by pokloniła się bożkom. Na to odpowiedziała Agnieszka wesoło: "Nie gardź mą młodością, a twojej litości zaprawdę nie potrzebuję. Wierność nie polega na latach, tylko na przeświadczeniu. Bóg wszechmogący nie patrzy na wiek, tylko na uczucia. Czyń, co ci się podoba." Skazano ją na ścieśnicie. Rodzice sami pogrzebali jej ciało i długo czuwali nad jej grobem we łzach i narzekaniu. Wte-

dy ukazała im się Agnieszka w towarzystwie wielu dziewcząt, błyszczących niebieską jasnością i trzymającej białego baranka. "Nie płaczcie za mną, jak za umarłą" rzekła, "lecz raczej winszujcie mi, że teraz w nieskończonej szczęśliwości z Tym jestem zaślubioną, którego tu na ziemi kochałam z całego serca."

Nieocenionym skarbem musi być czystość dziewczęca ciała i duszy, gdy za nią Św. Agnieszka i tyle tysięcy dziewcząt położyły swe życie! Za coś, nie mającego wartości, życia się nie kładzie. I w samej rzeczy, dziewczęca czystość jest największym skarbem; czyni ona człowieka już na ziemi równym Aniołom, a nawet wyższymi jeszcze, ponieważ Aniołowie nie podlegają pokusom; ona czyni ciało przybytkiem Trójcy Przen., a duszę oblubienicą Jezusa.

Patronko nasza, Św. Agnieszko, módl się za gromadką dziewcząt, wychodzących w świat z pod skrzydeł opiekuńczych katolickiej uczelni. Przyczynią się u Boga, byśmy wszelkie przeszkody zwyciężywszy, naszą sukienkę niewinności nienaruszoną i niepokalaną przed święte oblicze Boga zanieść mogły i tam wychwały Go z Aniołami i Świętymi na wieki.





Przewodnik, Wielebny Ksiądz A. Kolańczyk, proboszcz parafii Wniebowstąpienia Pańskiego, i akademiczki upamiętniają fotografią dzień zakończenia rekolekcji od 23 do 26 września 1941 roku.

Kółko Filomatek

*"Młodości! ty nad poziomy
Wylatuj, a okiem słońca
Ludzkości całe gromy
Przeniknij z końca do końca!"*

*"Hej! ramię do ramienia! Spólnymi łańcuchy
Opaszmy ziemskie kolisko!
Zestrzelmy myśli w jedno ognisko
I w jedno ognisko duchy! . . ."*

Te wzniósłe hasła największego oraz najznakomitszego poety naszego Adama Mickiewicza po-budziło wiele dusz do czynu. Sam wieszcz dał tego doskonały przykład zakładając kółko patriotyczne tzw. "Filomatów," którego był duszą i sercem. Idąc w jego ślady, założyłyśmy także przed kilkoma laty wśród grona studentek Kółko Filomatek pod opieką Matki Boskiej Częstochowskiej. Celem tego stowarzyszenia jest rozbudzanie i pielęgnowanie ducha narodowego przez śpiewy patriotyczne, przedstawienia teatralne, obchody, akademie, jako też i przez poprawne i jak najczęstsze używanie języka polskiego w mowie potocznej.

Drugorzędnym celem tego kółka są dzieła miłosierdzia, do których mają się zaprawiać młode studentki, by w przyszłości świecić przykładem jako ofiarne polki-amerykanki.

Każdego roku w okresie świąt Bożego Narodzenia odwiedzają filomatkini chorych w szpitalach miejskich, a następnie wyjeżdżają do Burtha Fisher's Home, gdzie składają poczciwym babciom i dziadusiom skromne podarunki i życzenia gwiazdkowe. Koroną tej wizyty jest tradycyjny opłatek i nasze ulubione polskie kolędy.

Gdy w r. 1939 wróg napadł na Polskę, filomatkini urządzili zbiórkę na biednych i głodnych w Ojczyźnie. Zebrano na ten cel \$176.40. Prócz tego ofiarowały kilka Mszy Św., swoje prace i zajęcia, akty umartwienia i modły za poległych braci za Oceanem. Pod koniec ubiegłego roku urządzili tzw. "drive" na mydło, pastę do zębów i skarpetki dla Polskich żołnierzy w Kanadzie. Dzięki przezorności dzielnego komitetu owoc wysiłków okazał się tak wspaniały, że trzeba było te dary przewieźć naszym żołnierzykom w woziu ciężarowym.

Wszystkie te prace na polu charytatywnym podejmują filomatkini z radosnym uśmiechem na ustach, w duchu hasłów mickiewiczowskich zawartych w "Odzie do Młodości":

*"Młodości, tobie nektar żywota
Natenczas słodki, gdy z innymi dzielę.
Serca niebieskie poi wesele!
Kiedy je razem nić powiąże złota."*

Na polu oświatowym pracują filomatkini niezmordowanie. W krótkim czasie po zawiązaniu Kółka wystąpiły w tzw. "International Festival", który odbył się na uroczej wyspie "Belle Isle". Ubiegły roku uczciły wspaniale rocznicę Powstania Listopadowego uscenizowaniem polskich piosenek żołnierskich. Z okazji "Święta Morza", Konstytucji Trzeciego Maja; oraz setnej rocznicy urodzin Sienkiewicza urządzono piękne akademie.

W programach świątecznych na pierwszym planie stawiają członkinie opłatek, jasełka, andrzejki i inne nasze tradycyjne obrzędy, wiążące się z okresem Bożego Narodzenia, Nowego Roku lub Trzech Króli.

Seniorki opuszczają szeregi młodszych koleżanek-filomatek, by w szerszym gronie propagować wzniósłe idee naszego Kółka, a przede wszystkim zaszczepiać tę głęboką prawdę, że obowiązkiem naszym jest rozumieć piękno i ukochać je pod każdą postacią, zarówno piękno kwiatu jak gotyckiej świątyni, zarówno wdzięku motyla jak wspaniałość lwa, piękno dzieł ludzkich, piękno czynów, piękno samodzielnego myślenia, piękno życia społecznego, piękno wiary i poświęcenia.

Words by
Alexander Bober.

March On, Ye Soldiers.

Music by
Felician Sisters.

C

With spirit.

1. March on, ye sol- diers of the blood red cross
2. March on, white sol- diers of the Mer- cy Cross

March on as you did
Car- ry on as you did

Once more the blaz- ing threatening guns of no- gree
Keep up the fight- ing spir- it and sole

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Have declared a state of war. Car- ry on your work of mer- cies
Of our U. S. mil- itary corps We will aid our country's for- ces

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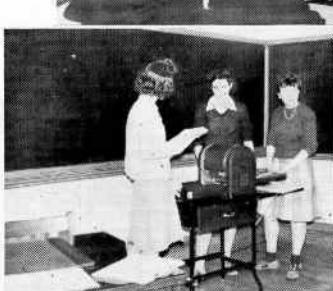
On each a-go-my filled shore
 We will give and give some more
 Bring solace to the vic-tims
 The end will be spelled with vic-tory

In this second World War
 In the cross and the Mercy Corps
 Carry on you work of mercy
 We will aid our country's for-cess

On each a-go-my filled shore
 We will give and give some more
 Bring solace to the vic-tims
 The end will be spelled with vic-tory for the

second World War
 cross and the Mercy Corps.

VICTORY



CLOCKWISE

Senior Victory Crusade
Biology — a helpful preliminary
for First Aid

Investing in War Stamps
Mufflers for the Red Cross
Students' original Victory songs are
printed.

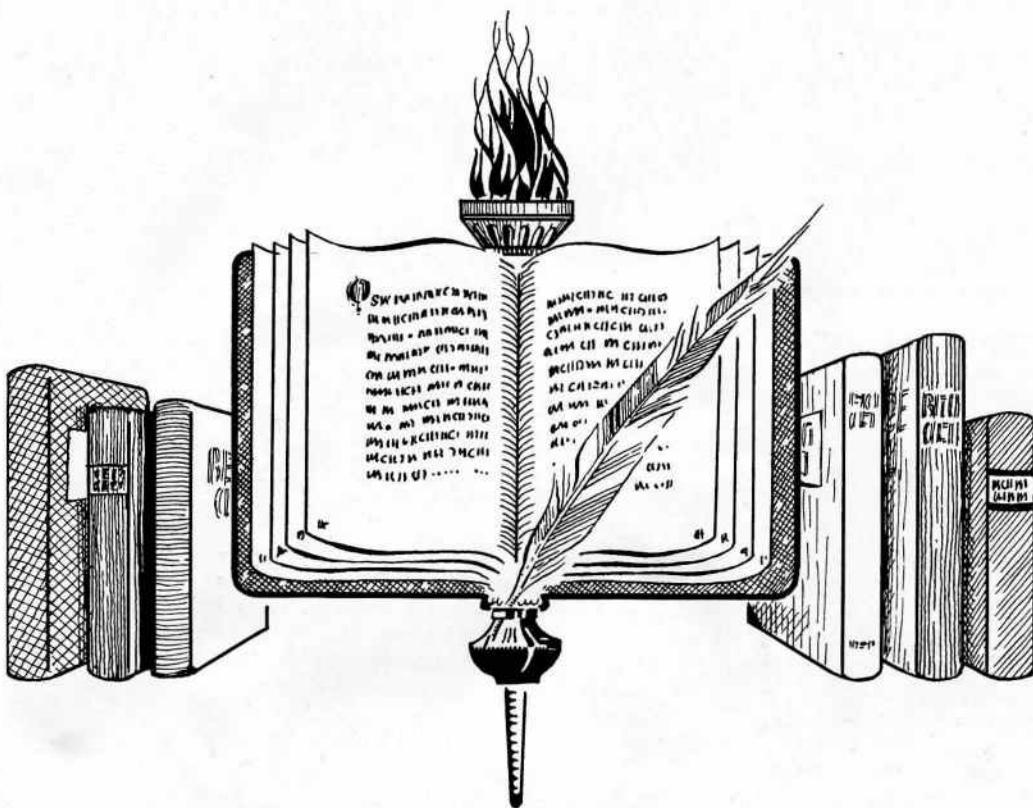
Junior Red Cross members sewing
quilts

First Aiders learn to apply digital
pressure.
Shorts are also included in our Red
Cross Project.

Final preparations for servicemen's
Easter favors

Preparing for the worst
Any bonds today?

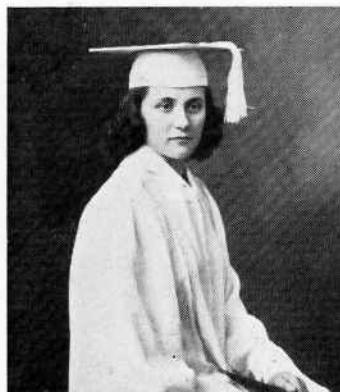
INTELLECTUAL TRAINING



In common with every American high school, the Felician Academy endeavors to give its students an adequate and efficient intellectual training. It was founded with the aim to provide for young girls a liberal, thorough and practical education, so as to contribute useful members of society, as exemplified in the ideal Christian gentlewoman.

Students who have completed the work of the grammar grades are permitted to enter the academic department. The department offers a curriculum extending over four years and includes 16 units. Each student is expected to carry four academic subjects a year. In general, college preparatory work is emphasized in the High School curriculum. Vocational subjects, music, art, and commercial courses may be taken if desired.

Felician Academy is a recognized secondary school. It is on the list affiliated to the University of Michigan and it has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.



Jeanette B. Maciąg

SS. Peter and Paul

"Give her a good stiff argument"

The President of our class, Jeanette has a way of directing people to her way of thinking. Her sense of humor and ability to mix with her companions mark her as a natural leader of this year's graduating class. She loves a good stiff argument and is seldom defeated in the process of debating it. It is due to her skillful business management that the publication of this annual is made possible. She is planning to follow the medical profession, to become a first class nurse.



Genevieve M. Wiśniewska

Our Lady Queen of Apostles

"A lassie with a hearty laugh"

A ray of sunshine is this Senior. Always in a merry mood and full of fun, Genevieve has successfully piloted many of our skating parties and other similar social events. It was due to her reliability as class treasurer that our funds were never exhausted. If the pagan baby, she ransomed, keeps on praying for her, Jean is sure to win success in any future enterprise.

Genevieve A. Willmowitz

St. Casimir

"Everybody's Friend"

As President of the C. S. M. C. Genevieve was very faithful to her post. She has supervised many a Mission Rally which always turned out successfully. "Ricky's" lively spirit also made her Class Vice President and Sodality Treasurer. At present Genevieve's one and only desire is to transform her house into a home for poor and homeless children. We are all for you, Genevieve, and wish you all the success life has to offer.



Margaret M. Jagodzinska

St. Francis

"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."

With her merry eyes and smiling lips Margie is a young lady who makes new friends without losing numerous old ones. In the Senior class, she held the position of secretary. Gifted with the ability to head social affairs, Margie helped to score a success at our 1941 Annual Prom. Life has much in store for one so willing to face its tasks.



Alexandra B. Bober

St. Andrew

"Blessed with each talent and each art to please"

Cheerfulness and good humor are epitomized in Sandra. An honor student through her four years here, she is best remembered by her varied dramatic assignments, all of which she portrayed so well that she pleased even the severest critics. Of exceptional literary abilities, Sandra was the co-editor of the "F. A. Newslet" during the past year. Waltzing is her favorite pastime and bowling ranks second best. At present her future is a bit obscure; but there is no doubt that she will be as conscientious in her chosen profession, whatever it may be, as she had always been in her school work.

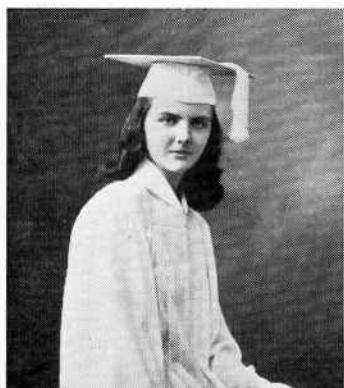


Jessie J. Przekota

St. Florian

"Indeed, to be simple is to be great."

A born wizard in her studies, Jessie is one to be envied. Of a pleasing nature and quiet ways, this lass wins admirers unknowingly. A fine student all around, her literary abilities have earned her the position of co-editor of the Newslet. A typewriting speed shark, Jessie awaits a position in the business world. Truly, her aims are not above her abilities.

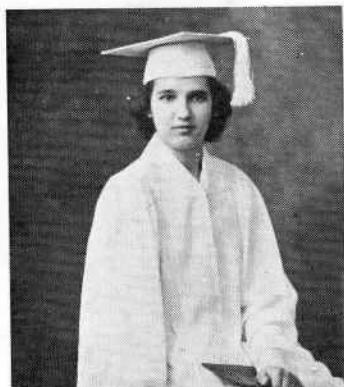


Jeanette A. Gołębiowska

St. Alphonsus

"Her charming manners are outstanding"

Jeanette is the essence of dignity with her quiet ways and gentle manners. The energy she saved by not talking was used in profitable studying; consequently, no test ever took her by surprise and her standing was superior. Among her various accomplishments she has won renown in typing and piano playing. With Jeanette goes our every wish for success and happiness.

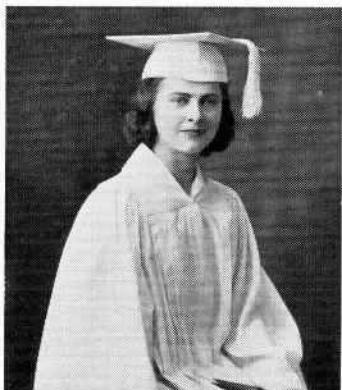


Mary T. Bialas

St. Andrew

"Just a happy-go-lucky girl"

Dark haired, brown-eyed Mary is an athlete all the way through. Our prize cheerleader's carefree ways and big heart helped gain her many friends during her two year's stay at our Academy. The great outdoors seems to have claimed Mary's heart completely, for she loves her games and she knows how to play them. We shall watch her progress in the field of sports with great interest and the best of wishes.



Jane A. Tyrka

St. Albertus

"A quiet lass with quiet ways"

Though short of stature, Jane manages to gain friends with her merry eyes and charming disposition. Jane always displays fine taste in clothes, partly because she sews many of them herself. This hobby of sewing has earned for her the chairmanship of the F. A. Red Cross Unit. Jane's dexterity with needles should lead her far on to success in the future.



Christine M. Tyrka

St. Albertus

"She thrills us with her thrilling voice"

Gifted with a pleasing personality and lovely voice Tina should have no trouble in getting ahead in this world. Like her sister, she devotes much time to sewing and knitting. To her friends Christine is known as a fine elocutionist particularly of poems which she enjoys to memorize. Her one ambition is to become an opera singer and it may very probably be realized, for Tina has already soloed several times on the radio.

Haline T. Borowska

St. Albertus

"A vein of mirth beneath her air of dignity"

Blonde and blue-eyed Haline has a natural simplicity that lends dignity and grace to our group. As chairman of the "Gifts to Servicemen Committee", Haline has done her share in helping to brighten Christmas day for many a soldier, sailor and marine. Since music is her first and only love, we earnestly hope that she soon realizes her ambition to become a concert pianist.

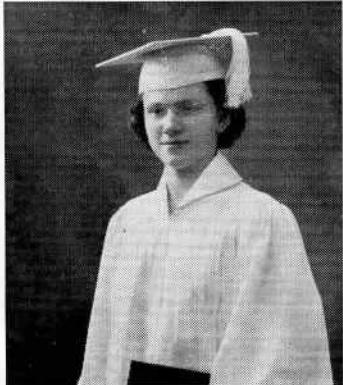


Emily T. Cegiełka

Immaculate Conception

"Her modesty is candle to her merit."

Would that we might all reflect upon our school days with Emily's sense of satisfaction. Would that we might contentedly say, "Our time has been wisely invested." Her intense zeal and industry are carried on even to the extra-curricular activities in which she engages. As prefect she secured for our Sodality the splendid success it had during the past year. In the field of dramatics, Emily was classed among the best. Upon graduation, she looks forward to a position in a chemical research laboratory.



Veronica A. Ciesielska

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

"Speech is great, but silence greater"

Blond and fair, she held the position of bell ringer at the Felician Academy. Verna would like to spend all her leisure time in reading good books. When she is not reading, Verna can be found listening to band music or witty comedians. A life of peace in the Felician convent is her choice for the future. Life has much in store for you, Verna, and you deserve it.



Lillian F. Imbier

Our Lady Help of Christians

"In that small person lies a great deal of intelligence"

Throughout her four years here, Lil has retained a high average in her studies, for she is genial, capable, and ambitious. This lassie's mastery of the English language has won for her the coveted position of activities reporter for our school paper. Lillian enjoys dancing and her fine alto voice has been welcomed at many choral gatherings. She is already at the threshold of her career, doing secretarial work for the Hartung Aircraft School. Her success in the future is inevitable.



Dolores B. Swieczkowska

St. Andrew

"Modest, yet full of fun"

Either in or outside of school Dolores has more than once displayed her poetic ability and subtle wit. Somehow a class with Dolores in it brings more smiles. It is due to these two traits that she has so ably filled the position of class reporter. As yet Dolores' future is undecided. However, her great love for little children will probably lead her to become head of some orphanage or day nursery. Good luck Dolores, may all your troubles be "little ones".

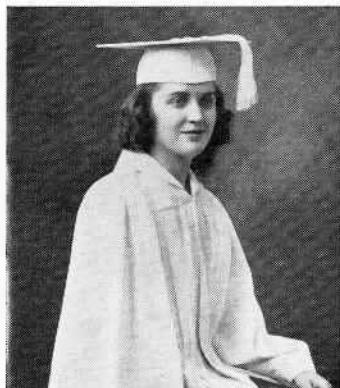


Regina H. Rudzinska

St. Ladislaus

"Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul."

To us, her schoolmates, Reggie represents the type of personality that must exist in the spirit of school activities. Always genial and cooperative, she has given enthusiastic support to a worthy cause. She has ably assisted in the patron campaign for this publication. Reggie will always be remembered as a loyal warmhearted classmate. Whatever her plans in life may be, we wish the best for her.



Irene B. Maliszewska

St. Bartholomew

"She has a hand for art"

"Icky" is our "Newsletter" staff artist and a very dependable girl. Patience and silence have helped this young lady in ironing out many of the rough spots in her assignments. Irene's favorite pastime is a good movie. Outside of the theater she also enjoys playing the piano and sketching people's faces. In both of these arts she is proficient. Sail on, Irene, until you reach your final goal.



Eleanor A. Maliszewska

St. Bartholomew

"A carbon copy of her sister"

Eleanor has friendship for all and malice towards none. She attributes her ability to win many friends to the fact that she is an identical twin, and like her sister, she too is a skilled artist and pianist. We will not be surprised if in the future Eleanor should become a world famous designer.

Genevieve J. Dzienisz

Our Lady Help of Christians

"A life filled with music is her one desire"

During leisure moments our musically minded "Genia" can almost always be found in the music room, fondly caressing her beloved piano. Her musical talent has enabled her to be a random substitute for our organist. Her life long dream to become a music teacher may soon be realized, for we of the Senior class are most proud to have this student beckoned to the Sisterhood.

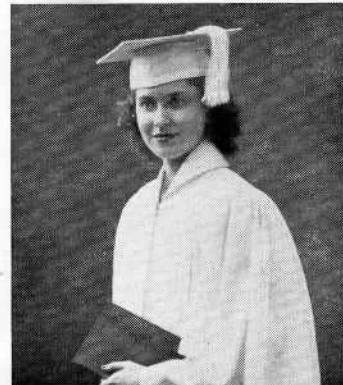


Genevieve T. Kluk

Patronage of St. Joseph

"Enjoy what you have; hope for what you lack."

Jeanie has a charming personality and a broad smile which should help her in her life's work. To relieve the tension and strain of her studies, she prefers bowling in which she is considered by her classmates to have attained a high degree of proficiency. As a sideline, Genevieve is very busy eating to put on some extra poundage. We wish her God-speed in the social work which she desires to embrace.



Ann A. Marszalec

St. Florian

"She takes things as they come, banishing all care"

Both reliable and cooperative, Ann has managed many school affairs successfully. Her popularity with the staff and the student body has long been established and is due perhaps to the singular enthusiasm with which she assails her tasks. For the past year she helped to print the F. A. Newslet. For the future she plans to enter the commercial field as a typist, perhaps even as a clerk.



Frances C. Lemanska

St. Adalbert (South Bend, Indiana)

"An artist in the making"

Franzie is the only Senior who can boast of hailing from South Bend, Indiana. She possesses a rare talent for art which is sure to win recognition. Her numerous sketches have oftentimes decorated the pages of our school paper. Besides being the proud owner of a sunny smile she is also one of the few chosen to become a handmaid of God. May He Bless you, Frances.



Genevieve M. Piastowska

Immaculate Conception

"Always willing to do her share"

Genevieve is a meek and mild young lassie, and a lady by all means. She never strives to be in the limelight but neither does she evade responsibility. As a typist on the "Newslet" Staff she has done laudable work. Her zeal for helping the Red Cross has been an inspiration to many of us. May you be happy, Genevieve, whatever your venture may be.



Virginia T. Toplinski

Corpus Christi

"A tender heart, a will inflexible."

A love for difficult lessons and a desire to master them make Virginia a worker hard to find. Extensive reading classifies her as one of the better-acquainted Seniors. Her vocabulary is broad, her fields are many. No wonder then that she is so eager to join in a good argument, only to leave victorious. Virgie's winning personality and will to work point to a happy future for her.



Delphine J. Szczerba

Our Lady Queen of the Apostles

"A ready wit for every occasion"

A wit extraordinary, Della managed to keep herself out of many difficulties by her humor. Her facetious remarks can make the longest face break out into a smile. Delphine was a typing wizard and she rendered efficient service as typist on the Newslet staff. Of late she has given much thought to the future. Her choice is the commercial field. Surely her sense of humor plus her abilities should lead her to success.



Cecilia V. Wojtan

SS. Peter and Paul

"Her smile brightens her school days"

Always obliging and cheerful, Celia was indeed an asset to our school. She was the business manager of our Newslet and helped to spread its popularity with the students. Her sunny disposition has made her a desired companion. Intensely interested in her commercial subjects, Celia will seek a stenographical position upon graduation. Her goal, however, is the seat of a private secretary.

Cecilia F. Oleksy

St. Florian

"Cecilia is the happy medium"

Just a nice, quiet, good natured girl, are the descriptive words for Celia. Her ability to talk when among her equals has more than once enlivened a silent crowd. Skating and dancing are her best loved pastimes with a bit of knitting thrown in during her leisure time. Cecilia goes forth with an optimistic view of the future and a determination to continue her education in College.



Margaret I. Pałka

St. Andrew

"Wisdom grows in quiet places"

A quiet and resolute worker, Margaret has never been known to put off her work till the last minute. Her skill with the needle provided our American Red Cross with several fine pieces of needle work and she will no doubt produce more in the future. Although poetry writing is her favorite hobby, Margie is also handy with a bicycle. Margaret's willingness to work makes her prospective fields unlimited. She will undoubtedly be a success at whatever she undertakes.

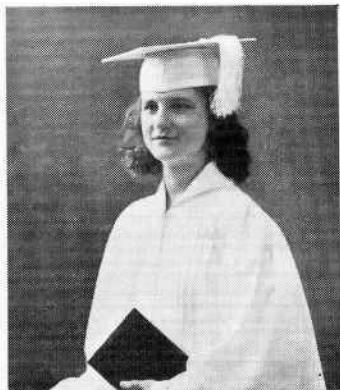


Virginia J. Strzałka

St. Andrew

"She of friendly smiles freely gave."

A willing worker, Virginia had won many friends by her eagerness to be of assistance and by her ready interest in class activities. She was the star student of the Religion class. Virgie will be best remembered, however, by her high soprano voice, which so often swelled above the other singers. Soon after graduation, Virginia plans to receive the garb of a religious sister.



Clara A. Szulczyk

Immaculate Conception

"A happy smile for one and all"

Always around with her support, Clara was one of the Newslet printers during this last year. Of an amiable disposition, she enthusiastically upheld class motions and took part in school functions. Her favorite pastime is dancing, her most loved subject is chemistry. Clara's plans for the future are indefinite; at present her preference is a college education. A willing worker and reliable student, Clara will successfully handle her future course and continue to win and hold friends.



Patricia M. Wojtaszak

St. Josaphat

"Just one so simple and sweet."

Hoping so much for the day when she will be a Felician Sister, Patsy goes about starting early to be a true friend. In addition to her position as corresponding secretary of the Sodality, Patty solicited subscribers for the "Queen's Work", which as a result had an increased circulation in our school. Pat's little niceties and ready favors have endeared her to the Senior class.

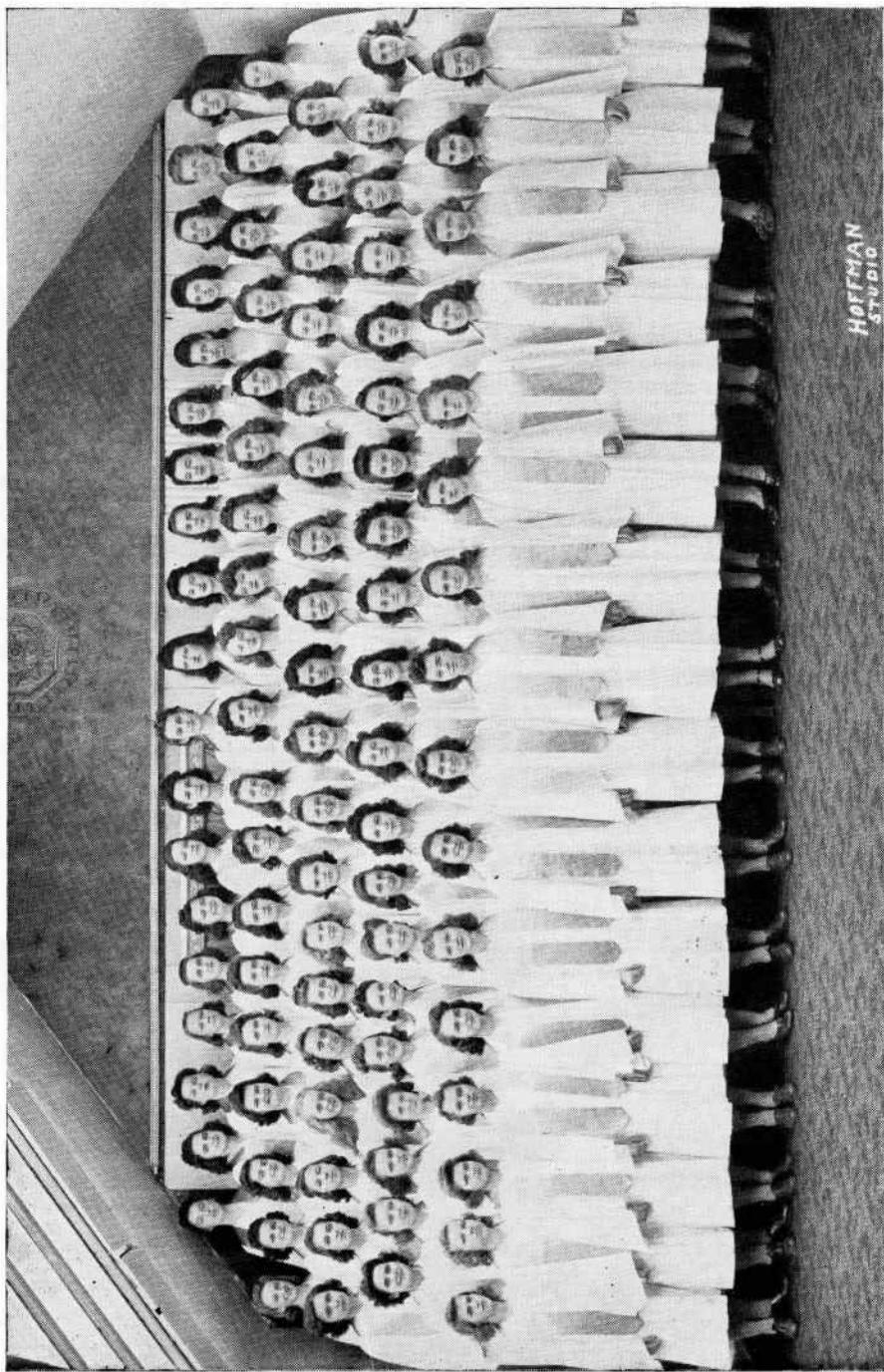


Class Patroness
SAINT AGNES

Flower
YELLOW ROSE

Colors
OLD ROSE and NILE GREEN

Motto
VIRTUE CONQUERS ALL THINGS



CHÓR AKADEMII SIÓSTR FELICJANEK

MUZYKA I ŚPIEW W NASZEJ AKADEMII

*"Muzyka . . . to jakiś czar . . . co serca przeaniela, cudną wydając grę.
Cierpienia — ból — zamienia w kwiat wesela — osusza łzę."*

Tak jest. Muzyka . . . ta najczystsza ze wszystkich sztuk pięknych ma w sobie tyle czaru piękna i mocy, że zdolna jest poprowadzić ludzkość całą świetlanym szlakiem ku Stwórcy wszelkiego dobra i piękna.

Myśl tę o potędze muzyki wypowiedział już starożytny filozof grecki Platon w następujących słowach: "Muzyka jest esencją ładu, prowadzi do tego wszystkiego, co dobre, sprawiedliwe i piękne."

Kościół św., ta czuła i troskliwa matka, oceniąc zbawienne skutki muzyki, od najdawniejszych czasów wprowadziła ją do liturgii. Wiemy doskonale z własnego doświadczenia, że śpiew choralny i organy nie tylko nadają ceremoniom kościelnym pewnej wzniósłości i powagi, ale równocześnie podnoszą modlącego się na skrzydłach pieśni przed tron samego Boga.

Prócz muzyki i śpiewu kościoelnego mamy także muzykę świecką. Odzwierciedla ona zazwyczaj najznamienniejsze cechy charakterystyczne danego narodu lub społeczeństwa za pomocą tańców, piosenek, lub utworów przeznaczonych na różne instrumenty muzyczne.

Struny naszej polskiej harfy wydają całą gamę różnorodnych akordów: raz tony miękkie jak aksamit, to znów potężne, wyzywające do walki. Uczucia steskionej dziewczyny, powagę męża dojrzałego, tragiczny smutek starca, wesołość dziewczynki, bohaterskie czyny rycerza — wszystko to wyśpiewa polska dusza.

Akademia Sióstr Felicjanek znając potęgę kulturalną i wychowawczą muzyki i śpiewu, troskliwie pielęgnuje tę najczystszą ze sztuk pięknych, przez co kształci i uszlachetnia serca i dusze swych młodych wychowanek.

Studentki często biorą udział w śpiewie choralnym na audycjach radiowych, zebraniach sodalicyjnych, akademach, wieczorkach oświatowych i obchodach patriotycznych. W dodatku utalentowane śpiewaczki-solistki mają sposobność wykazać swoje zdolności wokalne na koncertach.

Jako amerykanki polskiego pochodzenia najbardziej kochamy nasze polskie piosenki narodowe. Niektóre z nich koją i uciszą duszę, działają niby balsam na rany. Inne wołają do czynu, wlewając zapał do duszy, budzą współczucie dla niedoli lub tesknotę za tym, cośmy stracili.

W obecnej chwili, gdy naród nasz jęczy w niewoli i cierpi niewymowne katusze, które okropnością swą przewyższają wszystko, co znała historia ludzkości, my małe orły, zrodzone na wolnej ziemi Washingtona, nie tracimy nadziei w ostateczne zwycięstwo dobra i prawdy, ale modlimy się z całej duszy, wołając słowami hymnu naszego narodowego:

*"Przed Twe ołtarze zanosim błaganie
Ojczyznę wolną racz nam wrócić, Parie."*

Opuszczając mury naszej uczelni idziemy w świat pełne przekonania, że obowiązkiem każdego miłośnika śpiewu i muzyki jest pielęgnowanie i propagowanie tej czystej sztuki, która przemawia do wszystkich językem harmonii i pokoju.



TURNING BACK

1938 THE TIMID FRESHIES 1939

It was on a glorious morning in September, 1938, when the rising sun cast its inquisitive rays upon a group of forty-two bewildered Freshmen, who with all attending pomp and grandeur assumed the dignified role of High School Students in the Felician Academy. During

those first uncertain days they all looked alike, but, sooner or later, individual differences began to speak for themselves.

Wondering what our destiny would be, we plunged earnestly into the whirl of studies. The hidden mysteries of Algebra, the culture of the Greeks and Romans, the sublime truths of religion, and the rich heritage of the Poles had contributed to our store of knowledge. A spectacular initiation officially christened us Freshmen. It wasn't long before class election took place and Christine Tyrka was elected as our president. Under the guidance of Sister Mary Marceline, our Home Room Teacher, we Freshmen of 1939 have sailed along with comparative ease.

Our studies, however, were varied by moments of pleasant and delightful social activities. We were fascinated tremendously by the Polish film, "Zapomniana Melodia," attended by the entire student body; the annual play, "Za Wieczną Prawdę," was enjoyed and appreciated by all; the Flower Show at Convention Hall deepened our admiration of God's Wonderland; and no less important was the "Polish Constitution of May 3 Program" at Belle Isle, at which we Freshies, gave a choral recitation of the memorable poem, "Na Warszawskim Rynku."

Soon Commencement Exercises marked the end of our first year at Felician Academy, and only then we realized how swiftly time passed. Confident that we had made progress as Freshmen, we parted with our friends in school with the hopeful spirit that we were smilingly going forward into the future to become the Royal Sophs.

1939 THE ROYAL SOPHS 1940

After two months of complete relaxation, we returned with renewed vigor to the Felician Academy to continue work we had accomplished thus far. At the outset of our school year we selected

Alexandra Bober president, and to our satisfaction Sister Mary Marceline remained our Home Room Teacher.

Although faced with strenuous work, we Sophomores found enjoyment in cracking Caesar's prose, chasing Napoleon all over our history maps, balancing and pencil-footing our Bookkeeping Workbooks, getting acquainted with Music Masters and making the English Classics our most treasured possession. Yes, under the guidance of our kind teachers, we have assimilated vast stores of Sophomore knowledge.

In the field of social activities the Sophs loomed high in the initiation of Freshmen. Also that year we were the first to entertain the entire student body with a playlet portraying the outstanding events in the life of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, our class patroness. During Book Week we showed our vocal and dancing ability by presenting Casimir Brodzinski's famed poetic work, "WIESŁAW" which was immensely enjoyed by all. As Christmas neared, our good will toward men was displayed by singing carols at hospitals, and by presenting a Christmas Program for the children of Campbell School. Then there were the Red Cross Movies, Mission Bingo and Dance, Roller Skating Party, Sodality and Filomatki Election Campaigns, and Detroit Symphony Orchestra concerts at the Masonic Temple. With the Commencement Program and the Field Day at Belle Isle our second year at the Academy came to an end; and we all parted, hoping to meet again in September.

1940 THE VALIANT JUNIORS 1941

The third year brought us as Juniors to our Alma Mater, with resolutions to redouble our efforts. The destinies of our class were placed under the judicious care of Sister Mary Seraphic, and Jeanette Maciąg was chosen to bear the title "President".

At once we settled down to earnest work. In Religion, Biology, and Latin we made a successful headway. We learned to speed the keys of the typewriter, and, after a few stumbles, we mastered the art of shorthand. We were also very fortunate in having as our spiritual retreat director Rev. Bruno Hagspiel, S.V.D., whose inspiring and edifying conferences taught us that we should primarily be concerned about our soul.

Though our class work absorbed most of our attention, we did not lack in social spirit. Our first gala affair was the Halloween Party. Later in the year under the direction of Sister Mary Macaria, our Glee Club made several public appearances, and its vocal performances on the air were appreciated by all listeners. Some of the talented Juniors turned their efforts to the stage, and, as a result, starred in the presentation of the Annual Play, "St. Margaret of Cortona." The crowning affair of the year was our Annual Junior Prom, which turned out to be a huge success and a great contribution towards our class gift fund.

And thus another school term drew to an end. Only one event had overshadowed this school year — the coming of summer vacation and reluctant separation of our members. Nevertheless, happy though sorry, we were brought closer with our last year — the year in which we, as Seniors, would compete with our predecessors in loyalty and devotion to our Alma Mater.

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At last we have experienced the happiness and satisfaction of having attained our goal — Seniordom. A realization truly hard to believe. Most of us have come back to continue and to finish.

Our privilege has been to have the ever helpful guidance of Sister Mary Hugolina, the direct source of our lively class spirit, whose steady hand and generous patience has buoyed us up on our Path of Knowledge. Jeanette Maciąg was again elected to the Presidency.

This year we raised our heads a little higher and looked around for new fields to conquer. In religion we opened the way for some very instructive discussions with our baffling questions. Burke's peace propositions failed to foil our best efforts, and Chemistry was battled with grim determination.

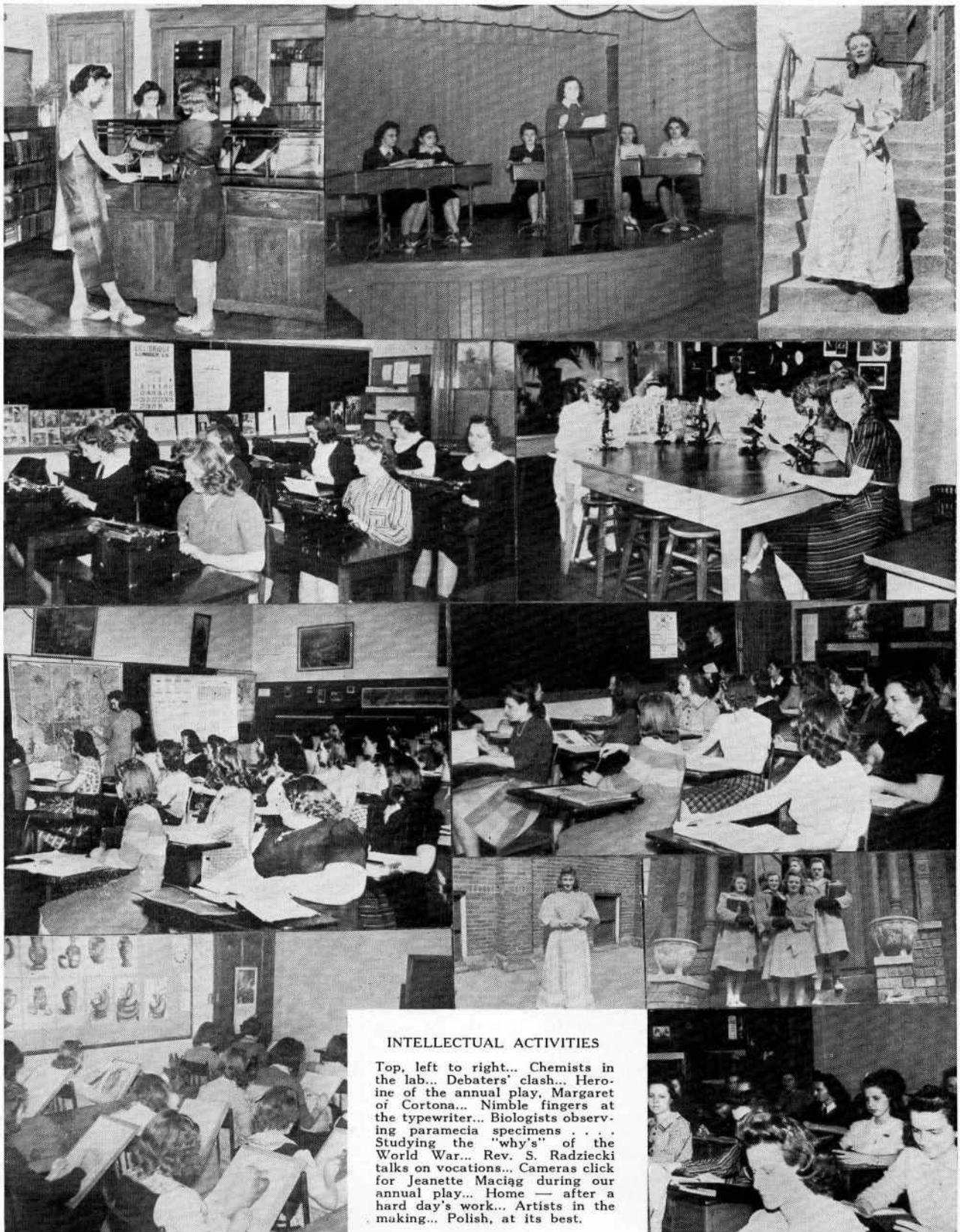
Our school spirit was much in evidence during our Roller Skating Party, which substituted our traditional Senior Dance, also during the Mission Play, Christmas Party, Sodality Raffle and Dance, and Father Dąbrowski Memoir Drive. We also did our little share to help America win the war by doing Red Cross work at home and at school.

The task of editing our school paper, "F. A. Newsletter" proved to be a delightful experience. Then came the annual, for which we have spared neither time nor efforts in compiling the many pleasant recollections of the happiest days of our lives. Among them were also the memorable Seniors' Ring Day, Alumnae Day, Commencement, and finally, Graduation Day, which constituted the termination of our high school careers.

As all good things must come to an end, so has our last year reached its end. Like the Child Jesus, we were advancing consistently "in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men." To our dear and kind teachers, the Felician Sisters, we owe much of the fundamental Catholic training, which we shall take along as we set out upon that vast and unpredictable sea of life. We shall also take along the precious school memories which will not readily fade away. Will not the outstanding events of our school life recorded in this annual ever tend to turn aside the veil of forgetfulness and brighten up our future life?



OUR VISIT TO FATHER DĄBROWSKI'S GRAVE ON MEMORIAL DAY



INTELLECTUAL ACTIVITIES

Top, left to right... Chemists in the lab... Debaters' clash... Heroine of the annual play, Margaret of Cortona... Nimble fingers at the typewriter... Biologists observing paramecia specimens . . . Studying the "why's" of the World War... Rev. S. Radziecki talks on vocations... Cameras click for Jeanette Maciąg during our annual play... Home — after a hard day's work... Artists in the making... Polish, at its best.

VENTURES IN VERSE

Cross of Mercy

I stand upon this field of white
In darkness, and in light
To ease your every cry of pain
And fear; that's always been my aim.

I traveled here and everywhere;
I've even been "OVER THERE"
And tried in many many ways
To bring the dawn of happier days.

The days have gone—they've turned to years,
But still, I go on soothing fears,
For the Red Cross of Mercy never heeds
To bring aid to those in need.

We'll always march beside you
We'll never let you down
We'll all make good, your every loss
For you're the Great American Red Cross.

Emily Cegielka

Thanksgiving

Thank you, dear Jesus,
For Your bountiful graces
That flow on all mankind
No matter what races.

For our dear Catholic Faith
Which You let us possess.
Many never hear of it
And never will, I guess.

For our loving Dad and Mother
Who sacrificed for us,
They gave up all their fun and joy
Just to serve on us.

For our Catholic education
Which many never get,
And finally for our health
Which we cannot buy with wealth.

Margaret Patka

Presentation

Sweet little Virgin,
Head bent low,
Came to the temple,
Her love to God to show.

Soft little footsteps
Echo all day;
'Tis the child Mary,
Come to work and pray.

Pray to the Mighty One
That someday She,
To the Mother of God,
Might a servant be.

She knew not that
What other maids sought
Upon Her innocence
God would wrought.

That not a servant
To Christ's Mother She'd be,
But the very One fit
To play God on her knee.

Alexandra Bober

We Thank You Lord!

We thank you Lord for health and wealth
For joys throughout the whole year felt;
For trees and flowers kissed with dew
Because, oh Lord, they come from You.

Our thanks we give for night and day,
For peace in dear old U. S. A.;
For soldiers brave and statesmen true,
Because, oh Lord, they come from You.

Our parents too, we thank you for
Their love, their guidance, and what's more
We thank you for our teachers too
Because, oh Lord, they come from You.

Alexandra Bober

For You and Me

The little town of Bethlehem,
Where the King of kings was born,
Is our main source of reflection
Upon each Christmas morn.
'Tis there that the Infant Jesus
His palace from a stable made,
And the cold, uncomfortable manger
Was the crib of that tiny Babe.
He was warmed by the animal's vapor;
To Him the pillow was unknown
Coming to us as a Savior,
His Head boasted no crown.
In its place there was a halo,
Which the sinful eye could not see.
Even in His innocence,
He suffered for you and me.

Dolores Swieczkowska

The Crest

How inspiring is the Felician Crest!
It leads us on to all that is best.
The pierced Heart of Mary with its flaming ray
Urges us to all, except to sin, a "Fiat" say.
Cross of Jesus upon it shining
Helps us bear ours, unrepining.
The mystically wounded hand of Saint Francis,
Crossed with that of Christ, gives us access
Far from the flowery paths apart
To the Master's Sacred Heart.

Dolores S.

Graduates!

With your cargo full of good deeds,
Straight onward may you press
Where every path of life leads
To happiness and success.

Margaret P.

Easter

A happy Easter filled with joys
And heaven's blessings too,
That's what we wish with all our hearts,
To everyone of you.

To Mom and Dad our heartfelt thanks
For every care, each tear
That they have shed in days gone by
Through all our growing years.

To sister we can only say
Forgive those petty quarrels,
Because right now we feel ashamed
Of causing all our brawls.

To brother who is far from home
Well — we need hardly say,
How proud we are to have him fight
For our "American Way".

Now dear Aunt Liberty and Uncle Sam,
Don't worry anymore.
We're with you till the very end.
Cousin Victory's at the fore.

So smile with us this Easter day
'Tis a happy, happy day indeed.
Our Lord crushed death,
And with His help we'll crush the aggressor's greed.

Alexandra Bober

Pray and Be Happy

When the day is long and dreary
And the sky's no longer blue,
When your heart is very weary,
When you're tired of living, too,
When you wonder what may be this
And you have no one about to care,
Then be sure to turn to Jesus,
And you'll find the world's not bare.

Ann Marszalec

KSIĄZKA — TO MĘDRZEC

"Książka—to mądrzec łagodny i pełen słodyczy; puste życie napełnia światłem, a puste serce wzruszeniem; miłości nadaje skrzydeł, a trudowi ujmuje ciężaru; w martwotę wnosi życie, a życiu nadaje sens".

—Kornel Makuszyński



Czym są książki dla człowieka, świadczą o tym liczne przykłady z życia sławnych ludzi.

Wielki biskup i doktor Kościoła, św. Augustyn, przechodził w swej młodości wielką walkę wewnętrzną, w której nie umiał sobie poradzić. Umysł, szukający prawdy nie znajdował spokoju w żadnej teorii filozoficznej, zmysły przesycone rozmową nie dawały pożądanego szczęścia. W tej duchownej rozterce podczas przechadzki w ogrodzie usłyszał tajemniczy głos: "Bierz i czytaj!" Oglądając się za dawcą tego dziwnego rozkazu, zobaczył na ławce otwartą księgę Pisma Świętego; ciekawością zdjęty zagłębił się w jej czytanie, i znalazł ukojenie ducha, poznał prawdę i szczęście wieczne.

Światowy rycerz, Ignacy Loyola, z nudów zaczął czytać żywoty świętych i to zmieniło go w wielkiego i gorliwego apostoła i założyciela założonego zakonu Jezuitów.

Znakomity pisarz francuski XIX wieku, Ludwik Veuillot, zmarły w roku 1883, nie dokonał nawet szkoły powszechniej z powodu wielkiego ubóstwa rodziców. Będąc trzynastoletnim chłopcem dostał się do kancelarii adwokackiej jako posługacz i tam zaczął tak gorliwie korzystać z biblioteki swego pryncypała, że po kilkunastu latach pracy nad sobą mógł już zająć stanowisko redaktora najpoczytniejszego dziennika w Paryżu.

Znany wynalazca, Benjamin Franklin przez pilne czytanie książek z prostego chłopca sklepowego stał się głośnym uczonym.

Takich przykładów możnaby przytaczać bez liku, a we wszystkich występuje książka jako mądrzec, wierny przyjaciel, dobry doradca i wytrwały nauczyciel.

Wszyscy też wybitni mężowie umieli cenić książki.

O Arystotelesie czytamy, że za kilka dzieł filozofa Seuzypa zapłacił 72 tysięcy sestersów, tj. przeszło 10 tysięcy złotych. Aleksander Wielki nawet na wyprawy wojenne zabierał ze sobą dzieła Homera i kładł je na noc pod poduszkę, by je zawsze mieć pod ręką, nawet w czasie bezsennych nocy.

Korzyści, jakie przynosi człowiekowi książka, są ogromne.

One to otwierają przed nim cały świat, przenoszą jego wyobraźnię w odległe czasy i kraje, pouczają o odkryciach i wynalazkach, słowem przez czytanie książek człowiek rozszerza zakres wiadomości i zdobywa nowe zasoby wiedzy.

Nie dosyć na tym. Książka kształci i rozwija uczucia. Uczucie jest každemu człowiekowi wrodzone, ale trzeba tak samo — jak rozum — rozwijać i uszlachetniać; nic zaś bardziej nie wpływa na rozwój uczucia, jak czytanie książek. Często tak przejmujemy się losami bohaterów powieści, że płaczemy nad ich nieszczęściem, radujemy się ich radością. Z zapartym oddechem czytamy o przeprawie Skrzeszuskiego przez obóz nieprzyjacielski, o nocnej wycieczce Kmicica pod szwedzką kolubryną lub o awanturniczej przeprawie Zagłoby przez czerń kozacką. Któż nie odczuwał bolesci Juranda lub Winicjusza, który nie podzielał jego szczęścia, gdy okrutny Neron wrócił mu Ligię?

Gdy czytamy barwne opisy bohaterskich walk naszych przodków, budzi się w nas uczucie podziwu, a równocześnie pragnienie, byśmy mogli tym bohaterom dorównać w umiłowaniu ojczyzny i tego wszystkiego, co wzniósł i święte. Można w tym znaczeniu uważać książkę za źródło czynów.

Prócz tego książka spełnia rolę nauczyciela. Po kilku lub kilkunastu latach opuszczamy szkoły i musimy o własnych siłach iść dalej przez życie. W ciężkich i trudnych chwilach szukamy rad i wyjaśnień u dobrych doradców i przyjaciół. Tym najlepszym nauczycielem i najwierniejszym przyjacielem jest książka. Ona to wprowadza nas w coraz nowe tajniki wiedzy, otwierając przed nami skarby ducha ludzkiego i boskiego. Ona jest pochodnią w ciemnych i burzliwych dniach młodości, ona jest drogowskazem w wątpliwościach, ona zagrzewa do walki życiowej, zachęca do ćwiczenia się w cnocie, broni przed zniechęceniem.

Ten cichy i nieodstępny przyjaciel jest równocześnie cierpliwym i wyrozumiałym nauczycielem. Nie zniechęca się naszą niepojętnością, lecz gotów zawsze tak długo powtarzać swą lekcję, aż ją dobrze pojmiemy.

O książce można to samo powiedzieć, co o przyjacielu: "Z jakim przestajesz, takim się stajesz." Złe książki wypaczają uczucia, pragnienia i czyny. Po przeczytaniu dobrej książki człowiek czuje radość, pokój i zadowolenie, że są ludzie dobrzy, czyni i myśli szlachetne, z większą cierpliwością zwraca się do bliźnich, lepiej spełnia swoje obowiązki, łatwiej od pracy aż do Boga sięga i pod wpływem tej książki zwraca myśl ku temu, co czystsze, piękniejsze.

"W dobrej książce", jak mówi Kornel Makuszyński, "można cudownym, poważnym spojrzeniem dostrzec wszystko, co piękne: duszę tęczową, serce pełne słodyczy, uśmiech piękności, niezrównane wzruszenie aż do łez, współczucie nieskończone, mądrość serdeczną, cierplenie głębokie, ból niewypowiedziany, smutek przedziwny. Gdzie nie ma dobrej książki, tam w życiu człowieka czyni się zła pustka, której niczym wypełnić nie można, tam bez jej promienia włóczę się mgły i senne opary, rodzi się oschłość i najstraszniejsza choroba duszy, nuda."



OUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Class of 1942 of the Felician Academy, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish, and declare this our last will and testament, in manner and form as follows:

To our Faculty for their untiring efforts and never-ceasing help we do give our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

To our Alma Mater we leave a deep sigh and a final word of farewell.

To the Juniors we bequeath the ability to be dignified Seniors.

To the Sophomores we will our willingness to carry responsibilities with light hearts.

To the Freshmen we pass on the happy thoughts of metamorphosing from the green Freshies into scholarly Sophs.

To individuals we do bequeath as follows:

I, Sandra Bober, bequeath to Virginia Wieczorkowska my sincere enjoyment of the Polish Class, to Ann Mastej my luck in getting desirable dramatic parts, and to Henrietta Hoffman my ability to be late and yet on time.

I, Mary Białas, endow Laura Peszynska with three story books to keep her occupied during study periods.

I, Haline Borowska, pass on to Olga Fedoruk my pen talent, together with my fountain pen.

I, Veronica Ciesielska, hand down to Rose Chruściel my love for reading novels, to Cecilia Pyszynska the duty to ring for class periods, and to Louise Glonek the ability to keep the classes clean without much effort.

I, Emily Cegiełka, give to Clara Bałamucka my ready answers in history, to the next Sodality Prefect a book of regulations and indulgences, and to my sister, Irene, my intense love for acting and walking.

I, Genevieve Dzienisz, transmit to Cecilia Pyszynska my facility in writing music notes.

I, Jeanette Gołębiowska, will to Ann Mastej all my musical inclinations.

I, Lillian Imbier, bequeath to Laura Peszynska, my unfailing street car companion, a strip of street car tickets with the hope that she may continue to get the early car.

I, Margaret Jagodzinska, offer to Julia Mórawska my faultless coiffure.

I, Genevieve Kluk, leave to Henrietta Hoffman my school bag, to Patty Neubauer a harness, and to my sister, Dorothy, an alarm clock which gave me good service during the past year.

I, Frances Lemańska, will my sewing kit to Emily Lewandowska, to Virginia Gieranowska my well-worn typing eraser and a box of clips, and to Virginia Wongrowska my ever-ready smile.

I, Irene Maliszewska, bequeath to Florence Skowronska two packages of typing paper, something I was always borrowing, and to Virginia Kretchmer my knack of chewing gum.

I, Eleanor Maliszewska, will to Irene Przekota my charm kit with the hope that the soap therein is her favorite brand.

I, Ann Marszalec, leave to Grace Granke a pocket edition of "Pride and Prejudice" with a wish that she will read it in better time than I did.

I, Jeanette Maciąg, bequeath to Barbara Wojtyszewska the traditional box of aspirins to dispel presidential worries.

I, Cecilia Oleksy, cede to Irene Cegiełka a valuable history reference, my Dorf Book.

I, Genevieve Piastowska, will to Alfreda Tarlecka a studded pin that gave me so much wear.

I, Jessie Przekota, bequeath to Loretta Świeczkowska my little red marking pencil that she may never fail to graph her typing results.

I, Margaret Pałka, do leave to Virginia Golofit a set of pocket edition novels, and to Eleanor Tupik my skill to click the typewriter keys.

I, Regina Rudzinska, impart to Theresa Kalinowska my eye for business and the privilege of surpassing me in obtaining patrons for the publication of next year's annual.

I, Dolores Świeczkowska, bestow on Lillian Toporowska my sense of humor, on my sister, Loretta, all my history lore and on Hedwig Monkowska a book entitled "How to Win Friends and Influence People".

I, Virginia Strzałka, endow Stasia Piwowar with my ability of getting out of "tight spots", Elsie Miłostan with my place on the choir and Margaret Krzesicka with my musical accomplishments.

I, Delphine Szczerba, present to Dorothy Kluk my stenographic skill together with my practice pad and to Theresa Lubinska my name, "Cobina."

I, Clara Szulczyk, leave to Virginia Narożny my love for Chemistry, and to Dorothy Kluk my much treasured moccasins.

I, Jane Tyrka, give to Grace Granke a lasting supply of sweets.

I, Christine Tyrka, cede to Barbara Wojtyszewska my love for singing, and to Irene Czepirska my ambition to memorize poems.

I, Virginia Toplinska, give to Constance Tarlecka the curlers which have served me so faithfully, and to Florence Borcz my gracefullness on the dance floor.

I, Genevieve Willmowitz, pass on the title of president of the Old Maids' Club to Irene Wardach and to Barbara Wojtyszewska my knack for history research.

I, Cecilia Wojtan, leave to Florence Borcz my scholastic attitude and to Helen Dawid my name "Brenda".

I, Genevieve Wiśniewska, cede to Rita Krawczak my love of history, to Virginia Narożny my chairmanship of the skating parties, and to Theresa Kalinowska my make-up kit.

I, Patricia Wojtaszak, bequeath to Virginia Wieczorkowska, the much-sought-for "little red box of treasured articles", to Irene Szpakiewicz my willingness to run errands, and to Virginia Gapinska a pair of my non-run stockings.

We hereby nominate and appoint the Faculty as our Executors. In witness whereof we have to this Will set our hands and seal this eighteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-two.

Class of '42



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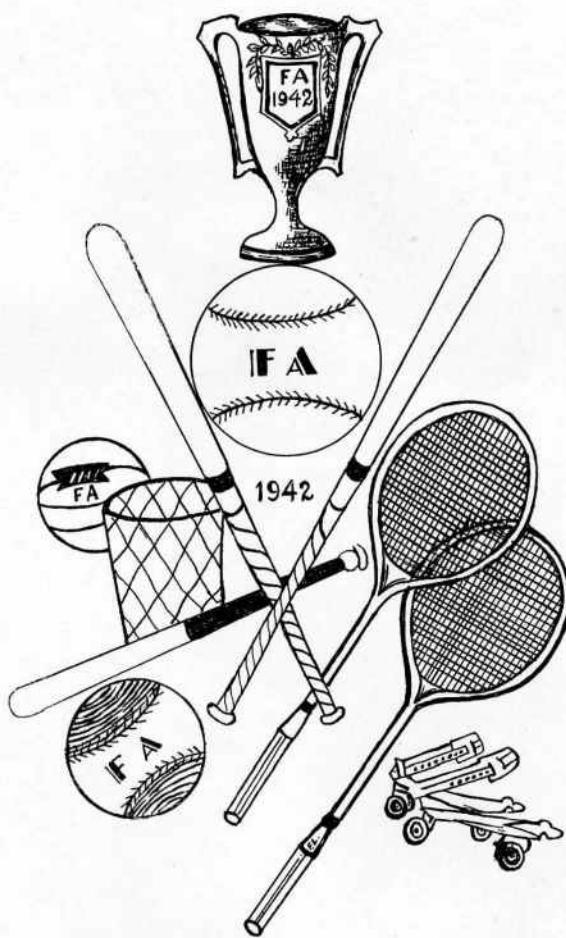


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PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES



This school, like all other centers of learning, has always been ready to sanction and encourage such activities as tend to promote the physical development of its students. Physical education is stressed not for its own sake, but because it is a condition for efficient service of both God and neighbor; it is an important condition of intellectual and moral education; and for all these reasons it has a place in our educational program.

Our academy offers a limited range of activities according to the facilities and equipment available. Besides providing us with complete recreation, physical and social activities provide opportunities for developing such desirable citizenship traits as cooperation, initiative, and the ability to make quick decisions. Leadership in these activities is preparation for leadership in other activities. Be it as hostess or guest at dances and other social affairs, or as competitor for athletic honors, the academy girl is learning under wise guidance to play the game of Life graciously, beneficially, and according to good sportsmanship.





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