



1953 Christmas Madonna—Maryann Beckerich

Drama, Music In Observance Of Nativity

Focal point of the Christmas assembly, Dec. 17, was the dramatic-choral presentation of the Nativity. The distinction of Christmas Madonna, traditionally conferred on a senior by choice of a faculty committee, was given to Maryann Beckerich, Indianapolis.

With Kathleen Bashe, Terre Haute, as attending angel, the Madonna portrayed in pantomime the familiar incidents of the Christmas story, as the student body climaxed a carol series with *Silent Night*. Accompanied by a seven-piece woodwind ensemble, the series began with *Joy to the World* and included five other sacred carols.

Bel Canto Choruses

Introducing the program, the Bel Canto ensemble sang a trio of three-voice choruses: Milkey's *Christmas is Coming*, Daugherty's *The First Christmas*, and Britten's *There is No Rose*, from *A Ceremony of Carols*. Student director was Jo-Anne Krieger; piano accompanist, Irma Klett.

Gertrude Lenhardt contributed piano accordion selections.

Woodwind Players

In the woodwind ensemble were: flutes—Irma Klett, Dolores Lambert, Anna Marie Spicuzza; clarinets—Martha Pictor, Marybeth Schoettle; saxophone—Annette Richard; piano—Regina Fehlinger.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the college chapel closed this all-school Christmas tribute.

Businessmen Form Publicity Group

A group of Indianapolis professional and businessmen have formed a committee to familiarize the city with Marian college, its facilities, and curriculum.

The committee first met Nov. 15 and plans were made for a publicity drive to be held from Jan. 10 to Feb. 15.

Directing the committee are: Mr. Fred Schoettle, general advisor; Mr. Albert Maillard, head of the speakers' bureau; Mr. Ed Bradley, head of the arrangements committee; and Mr. Frank P. McGrath, general chairman.

Parents of college-age students and the students themselves will hear talks during the campaign period, and information will also be sent through the mail.

Final arrangements were made at a meeting on campus Dec. 13.

CSMC Unit Aids Typhoon Victims

In answer to an appeal from Mary Quyt thi Nguyen, '53, the CSMC collected and sent five cartons of clothing to Vietnam for the relief of typhoon victims.

Similar charities sponsored on campus this year are the Christmas collections of food for needy local families sponsored by the CSMC and the class groups. Sophomores are contributing the cost of class Christmas cards for that purpose.

Christmas Message ★ ★ ★ ★

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth'."

The song of the angels is in the air again; the Christmas melodies give a new vibrancy to the universal pleas for peace on earth.

As the blessed Marian Year opens before us we are inclined to pause a little longer to look at the Virgin Mother with the Child this Christmas. We praise her as the Immaculate One; our very soul is stirred with joy that God has made her "holy and stranger to all stain of sin."

How readily we agree with Blessed Duns Scotus that "it was fitting" that God should do this for Mary—that His Holy Mother should be the beautiful one, the sinless one by *grace*, even as His Son, her Son, is so by *nature*.

Again we hear the strains of the angel chorus: "Peace on earth." But can we be so sanguine as to expect peace when we know the misery and destruction of the multitudes at this very hour in the satanic hold of the enemies of Christ? Can there be peace for them, for us? We look at the Child in the manger and reflect confidently that He is the Prince of Peace. We raise our eyes to His Mother Mary and know that as she gave Jesus and His Peace to the world at Bethlehem, she is eager to do so for our time again. She has told us that if we will pray and do penance she will give us Peace once more. Let us do so now, in our college life, in this Advent, in this Christmas season, in this Marian Year.

In his beautiful encyclical for the Marian year our Holy Father urges us to heed her injunction. He prays that she may unite all men in friendly agreement,

For then only can they enjoy whatever peaceful prosperity may be given to us during the course of this mortal life . . . when, joining hands in friendly affect, they exchange the kiss of peace . . . which, guided by justice and nurtured by charity, unites in one harmonious family the various classes of citizens, nations and people."

(Pius XII, *Fulgens Corona*)

Here, indeed, is the peace we are seeking—peace on earth, the Prince of Peace in our hearts, brought to us as always—through Mary.

Sister Mary Kevin

Votive Light, Modesty Campaign Spark Marian Year Activities

"Our work during the Marian Year," said Archbishop Schulte in his Marian Day sermon here Dec. 7, "is to put our Blessed Mother on the pinnacle that she deserves to occupy, a pinnacle for all the world to see." The year, he pointed out, is to be one of increased daily devotedness to Mary and special observance of her feasts.

Campus activities are being planned by a faculty-student committee: Sister Marie Pierre chairman, Sister Miriam Clare, Sister Gertrude Marie, Sister Mary Rose, Suzanne Csaszar, Mary Jo McHugh, Joann Hazlewood, and Mary Waugh. Students were elected as representatives by each class. Ex-officio members are Sister Mary Kevin, college president, and Pauline Siefert, student

association president.

Light Symbolizes Dedication

Symbolizing the year's dedication to Mary, Pauline Siefert, in the name of the students, officially lighted a special candle before the chapel statue of our Lady, Dec. 7. A votive light will be kept burning there throughout the year.

Seniors undertook the first project.

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Music Organizations, Legion Spread Joyous Christmas Spirit

Campus music organizations and soloists presented three off-campus Christmas programs.

The Bel Canto ensemble gave a program of three-voice carols on Monument Circle Dec. 14. The 15-minute program was part of the city's annual observance.

Voice Program at Lourdes

At Our Lady of Lourdes parish the A Cappella choir, directed by Irma Klett, also sang a group of three-part carols. In *Holy Night* by Gruber, a descant was sung by Loretta Schoettle.

Herbert's *Toyland* introduced a trio of voice duets by Irene McCarthy and Jo-Anne Krieger. Marjorie Hercules accompanied.

Oriental Students Entertain

Mary Agnes Kodama and Mary Elizabeth Koike joined in a United Nations program at Monument Circle Dec. 17. Dressed in native costume, they sang carols in Japanese.

Teresa Chu, of Honk Kong, and the Japanese students were also guests at a Tour and Travel club holiday meeting Dec. 5. Club members are business and career women of Indianapolis.

Legion of Mary gave a pre-Christmas carol program at the Women's prison, Dec. 11.

Michigan Publishes Sister's New Book

The Sources of Hojeda's La Cristiada by Sister Mary Edgar, professor of modern languages, has been published by the University of Michigan as Volume XXVI in its Language and Literature series.

La Cristiada by Fray Diego de Hojeda, O.P., is one of the great religious epics of the 17th century. The epic covers the events in the life of Christ from the Last Supper to the burial of our Lord. It summarizes the complex and ornate type of learning and culture that predominated during the golden age of Spain.

Sister's purpose in writing the book was to point out the political system and culture of Spain during this time and to explain to what extent *La Cristiada* is a reflection and an interpretation of the culture of this age. It is a scientific study which has required years of research.

Scotus Inspires Science Project

Scotus Science club of Marian has announced its Marian year project. For several months the club has been making and selling key chains. Attached to the chains are college and high school pennants encased in plastic cones.

With the funds thus obtained the science club is having folders printed for free distribution. The purpose of the pamphlets, in accordance with the Holy Father's wishes, is the spread of devotion to Our Lady.

Contained in the folder will be a short life of Blessed Duns Scotus, Franciscan philosopher, scientist, and patron of the campus science club. The part that Duns Scotus's defense of Mary's Immaculate Conception played in the dogma's definition by Pope Pius IX in 1854 will be especially stressed.

The cover design for the folder was drawn by Mary Evelyn Maloney.

Indianapolis Students Plan Yuletide Dance

Indianapolis students are planning a holiday dance Dec. 30, starring Johnny Warren and his orchestra. Wreaths and holly will adorn the lounge for the yuletide occasion.

Maryann Beckerich and Mary Wechsler are co-chairmen. Committee heads are: Marybeth Schoettle and Charlene Hatherley, decorations; Penny Kelly and Jo-Anne Krieger, publicity; Katie Matthews, orchestra; and Mary Lou Cummins, clean-up.



Clothes for Vietnam bring smiles to Therese McCarthy, Phyllis Guidone, Barbara Gingrich, Dorothy Walsh, and Regina Fehlinger, CSMC representatives.



Marian Bardsley

Marian Bardsley Wins 'Cutest Baby' Contest

Babies, babies, and more babies—serious, gay, plump, mischievous, and angelic. These were the candidates for the title of the "cutest" freshman baby.

The numbered photographs of the freshmen at two years of age and under, were posted, and each vote cost the students a penny. Voting took place from Dec. 4 to Dec. 11.

Winner of the title was Marian Bardsley. Mary Lou Cummins was chairman of the project.

News Briefs . . .

Mary Krieg, as one of last year's National Science Fair winners, appeared on WFBM-TV Dec. 3 to help promote interest in the fair. Junior scientists will compete at Purdue in May.

By special permission of the Apostolic Delegate, Fr. Stineman has been saying three Masses each Sunday (one at Marian, two at St. Christopher's church in Speedway). He also celebrated an evening Mass at St. Christopher's Dec. 8.

Jo-Anne Krieger recently sang at weddings of ex-Marianites, Rosemary Haxton Nix and Barbara Becker Fritz.

First regional NF council meeting of the year was held at St. Francis college, Fort Wayne, Nov. 22. Representing Marian were Ann Herbert, Clare Watson, and Barbara Welsey.

Yuletide Parties Herald Season

"A Merry Christmas to all" was the jubilant echo in the student lounge at the all-school Christmas party Dec. 14.

Recitation of the "Blessing of a Christmas Tree" and group singing of carols added to the festive spirit. The singing of *Winter Wonderland* was contributed by the trio, Irene McCarthy, Carolyn Zapp, and Jo-Anne Krieger.

Gifts from the Student association to the faculty were presented by jolly old St. Nick, impersonated by Thelma Runyan.

Refreshments and distribution of the Marian Year calendar as favors completed the party.

Resident students held their annual Christmas gift exchange and party Dec. 17. The Christmas dinner sponsored by the seniors was on the schedule Dec. 16.



Wood-winds warm up: l. to r. Annette Richards, Marybeth Schoettle, Martha Pictor, Anna Marie Spiczka, Delores Lambert, and Irma Klett.

On the Rebound ●●●

Echoing the hammers, drills, and trowels at work on the new building are the picks and shovels busy reconditioning the swimming pool walls and ceiling.

Plaster is being removed and a new coat of waterproof paint applied. Readjusted wall lights will make second semester swims doubly attractive.

To the providers and the laborers—our sincere thanks.

To the Big Volleyball team—a firm, cheering hand on the final game of the season. Marian vs. St. Mary-of-the-Woods; 21-8, 21-10.

Basketball has come in on the rebound. Class and variety teams are being recruited. Following is the varsity schedule to date:

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St. Vincent, Jan. 20, here
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Indiana Central, Feb. 10, here
Other games not finally dated will be played with the teams of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ursuline, and Normal colleges.

Third Order Sets Mary-Year Goals

Investiture for Marian college Third Order fraternity was held at the Alverna retreat house, Dec. 6. Newly invested novices are Rita Skillen and Eleanor McCann.

Third Order members sponsored a night of adoration Dec. 10, as a Christmas gift for the Sisters.

Objectives of the Third Order for the coming year are: (1) the erection of shrines to our Lady in homes, schools, offices, and wherever possible in order to make more people Mary-conscious; (2) frequent Holy Communion crusade.

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