

Where God's choicest blessings come to our Y. M. S. and Y. L. S.



It will be remembered that Joe Novak and Joe Backer laid the linoleum. A pool table was secured, tables and chairs bought. In a short time, things were ready for the grand opening.

This took place on the third Sunday of the month of November, 1926. The Young Men celebrated the day in real style. In the morning they attended Mass and went to Holy Communion in a body. Then came breakfast in the hall, and the young ladies did the serving. Father Bauer, O. S. B. was guest of honor on that day, and gave the boys a wonderful talk.

In the afternoon, the young men gathered in church for the blessing of the picture of St. Aloysius and an address by the chaplain.

An excellent program was arranged for the rest of the afternoon by the Entertainment Committee. According to the Messenger: "Barrels of fun, lots of singing, and inspiring speeches. Many K. C. were present, as well as former members of the Y. M. S. who were caught by the inevitable fish-hook of matrimony. Every word and congratulation tingled with the spirit of progress and encouragement. Although the original program included talks by Father Linek, John Gahn, Frank Harris, and other perennial friends of the Y. M. S., plus our old friend, the ventriloquist and his precious partner, entertainment by a songster and a violinist, added to the entertainment."

Bill Peroutka and John Mana were elected care-takers.

#### LITTLE FLOWER CLUB.

(Junior Y. L. S.)

Mildred Hasik	Louise Zach
Mildred Hrdlicka	Ursula Hrdlicka
Anna Kohoutek	Emily Ochman
Albina Kohoutek	Anna Swejkosky
Rosalie Listopad	Lillian Hricko
Marie Broz	Bessie Criest
Grace Mrazek	Dorothy Mares
Marie Soukup	Marie Hasik
Marie Nahlik	Mildred Cutak
Mildred Schad	Catherine Panus
Lorene Schad	Aurora Paredis
Marie Simsa	Marie Sipp
Pauline Simsa	Violet Taylor
Dorothy Vavra	Lillian Duda
Total 28 members.	

#### THE YOUNG LADIES SODALITY.

Mary Tikwart	C. and M. Pacht
Emily Matoushek	Helen Sertl
Barbara Novak	Rose Sotolar
Mary Novak	Lillian Selucky
Catherine Sindelka	Mildred Fey
Agnes Moder	Josephine Gloss
Cecilia Moder	Anna Klima
Barbara Matejka	Frances Troka
Julia Rehak	Matilda Betlach
Mary Brynda	Anna Kasper
Antoinette Brynda	Helen Barcal
Genevieve Blahovec	Stella Barcal
Jean Barta	Lucille Hrdlicka
Mary Barta	Selma Schad
Anna Barta	Mary Vilimek
Matilda Cutak	Christine Brush
Mary Cutak	Cecilia Marek
Agnes Matejka	A. Podmaka
Agnes Sipp	M. Podmaka
Mary Marcanik	Georgina Mahacek
Anna Marcanik	Marie Dittrich
Josephine Vanac	M. Stoffler
Caroline Order	V. Stoffler
Josephine Onder	Hazel Hacker
Catherine Mikesch	Christine Mraz
Rose Nedoma	Georgina Zach
Theresa Nedoma	M. Hamsik
Emily Mana	Elvira Hasik
Marie Tesar	H. Rathouz
Anna Haas	E. Ondrus
Marie Hrdlicka	A. Nahlik
Matilda Mika	Lucille Duda
Helen Mika	Caroline Erchholz
Edna Broz	Clara Swehla
Helen Cizek	Lydia Miller
Rose Sedivy	Lucille Strnad
Bernice Lodes	Elvira Weust
Loretta Becvar	R. Albrecht
Marie Pazdernik	G. Albrecht
Helen Broz	H. Kratoville
Beatrice Broz	L. Bus
Anna Drda	Molly Guzy
Frances Klaric	Jeanette Christman
Total 86 members.	

#### THE YOUNG MEN'S SODALITY.

Fr. Adamec	J. Betlach
Joe Aschenbrener	R. Betlach
L. Altgilbers	W. Betlach
Jos. Barcal	R. J. Betlach
E. Barta	A. Broz





The Social Side. — One of the Christmas Parties of the Y. M. S. and Y. L. S.



H. Broz  
 W. Broz  
 A. Bubela  
 J. Burshek  
 E. Burle  
 R. Cervik  
 Al. Cincik  
 Lad. Cutak  
 Chas. Drbousek  
 L. Drbousek  
 S. Drbousek  
 E. Drbousek  
 Ed. Drda  
 Joe Drda  
 Al. Gloss  
 P. Hasik  
 J. Hejnal  
 J. Hrabal  
 J. Hrdlicka  
 V. Hromadka  
 T. Jarus  
 J. Kiske  
 J. Kalbac  
 E. Klimes  
 J. Kuda  
 Hy. Krausel  
 Elmer Krispen  
 Felix Krispen  
 S. Kusich  
 J. Klinger  
 J. Manna  
 C. Marcanik  
 F. Marcanik  
 W. Marcanik  
 J. Matejka  
 A. Matejka  
 J. Marshalek  
 H. Matoushek  
 J. Matoushek  
 A. Mikes  
 J. Mikes  
 R. Mikesch  
 R. Moore  
 J. Moder  
 J. Mrazek Jr.  
 F. Nahlik Jr.  
 J. Nedoma  
 J. Noonan  
 R. Novy  
 R. Peroutka  
 Wm. Peroutka  
 J. Peroutka



Sodality outing on Pilot Knob, Mo.

G. Peters  
 D. Prokes  
 J. Radil  
 E. Remes  
 J. Schejbal  
 F. Schmidt  
 E. Schmidt  
 F. Sedlak  
 J. Seegar  
 T. Sip  
 W. Sip  
 A. Smetana  
 T. Smetana  
 J. Schejbal  
 Wm. Smola  
 F. Sotolar  
 Al. Steinke  
 F. Stika  
 F. Stika  
 J. Stika  
 J. Stika  
 H. Suedkamp  
 J. Suedkamp  
 C. Swehla  
 E. Swehla  
 F. Swejkosky  
 W. Swejkosky  
 B. Swantner  
 W. Tesar  
 Al. Tickwart  
 Hy. Tickwart  
 J. Tickwart

A. Tickwart  
 J. Tickwart  
 J. Trinajstic

Total 97 members.

#### NEW RECREATION CENTER FOR BOYS.

Just a year later, a new recreation room was opened by the Young Men's Sodality. This was on the third floor of the west school building, which had been used in former years for a children's chapel.

Within a few months it became evident that the original recreation room of the boys was too small for meetings. They had bought another pool table, and also due to the increasing membership, they were crowded like sardines on meeting nights.

Whereupon, Father Linek gave them the old chapel. Again they set to work, and that was indeed a real job. The old chapel room had not been used for years. It was simply an old store room. The plaster was down in about half of the place. There were no lights. Indeed, when first the boys looked at their future home, the task of transforming it into a attractive recreational center seemed well nigh impossible.

But in an incredibly short time, everything was ready. Father Linek came to one of their meetings, and told the boys that if they continue to be faithful members, and especially if they keep up their fine Communion attendance, and show that they will cooperate with him, he was always only too glad to help them out. So,



the chapel was replastered, lights were put in, and the boys got to work.

Exactly 12 months after their first opening, the boys initiated their new Club Room. Today, they have a billiard table, two pocket billiard tables, two pianos, a radio, a lunch counter, a library, and a neatly arranged and decorated Recreation room. The Club is open every night of the week, and the boys gather there for their good times.

The Young Men's Sodality is indeed proud of the Boys' Club Room, and they have a right to be.

#### GIRLS' RECREATION ROOM.

As soon as the Young Ladies realized that the boys were having a club room, they too requested the pastor for one. But Father Linek was puzzled as to what room he could give them.

The moving of the Y. M. S. to larger quarters settled the situation. As soon as the boys moved out from the east side, the girls got to work. The pastor promised them a new floor, and he kept his promise. The room was painted and decorated, and the new room was formerly opened for the Young Ladies on April 12th. It was ready almost two months earlier, but the formal opening was delayed until after Lent.

To quote from the Messenger of that month: "Everybody likes the room. There is a new floor, all varnished and slicked up and waxed.

It teaches carefulness and the observance of the maxim, "Watch your step". — If you don't, you will find yourself resting on your ear.

The walls are painted in pale blue, supporting a cream ceiling. Grey woodwork sets off the interior very neatly.

The rigging consists of a piano, folding chairs, a desk, cabinets containing the girls' library, and other paraphernalia proper to a Young Ladies' Sodality.

Congratulations to the Young Ladies Sodality on the opening of their Recreation room!

It was originally planned to have a little blow-out along with the opening of the meeting room. But only the night before, every one had been fed up at the social, and therefore the rest consisted of only candy.

There was a little speech of welcome to their new quarters, congratulations on the progress they had made, and encouragement in their interest and work for the parish. Then a special speaker for the evening furnished the young ladies with some valuable information concerning the curse of mixed marriages.

After meeting, the girls found recreation and delight on the dance floor. You'd be surprised how the young men were gawking out of their windows across the street and peeking into the new recreation room of their sisters, wondering whether the young ladies can have a good time without them.'

## The Spiritual End of The Sodalities.

Continued effort is constantly made to impress upon the young men and young ladies of the parish the wonderful spiritual advantages of the Blessed Virgin's Sodality.

#### AFFILIATION WITH THE PRIMA PRIMARIA.

Both the St. Aloysius Young Men's Sodality and the Blessed Virgin's Young Ladies' Sodality are duly affiliated with the Prima Primaria of the Roman College, which is one of the official young people's Sodalities in the world.

The Young Ladies' Sodality was affiliated to the Roman Prima Primaria as a Congregation of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title and invocation of the Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary and of St. Agnes of Bohemia, on February 9th, 1917.

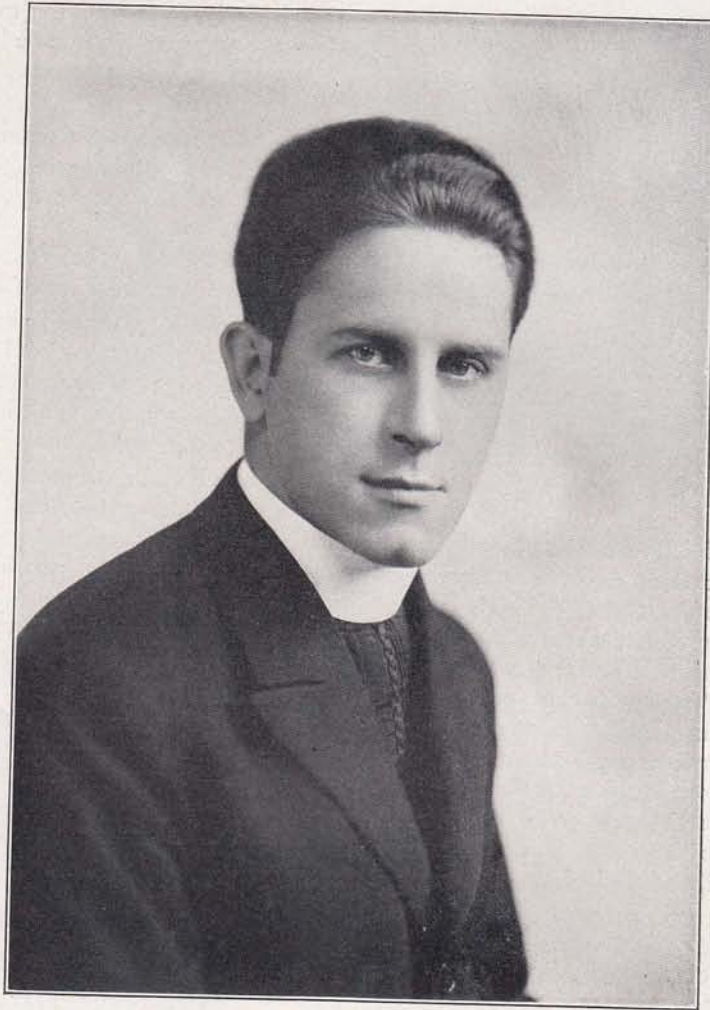
The Young Men's Sodality was affiliated under the title and invocation of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of St. Aloysius on December 18, 1929.

#### EXPLANATION OF THE PRIMA PRIMARIA.

The Prima Primaria to which our Sodalities are affiliated is the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, founded in 1563 at Rome in the Roman College of the Society of Jesus.

The actual founder was John Leunis, who was born at Liege in Belgium. He was received into the Society of Jesus on January 13, 1556, by





Rev. Albert Prokes, chaplain of the Sodalties.

St. Ignatius himself, the founder of the Jesuits. He died at Turin, on November 19, 1584, the year in which his Roman Sodality was erected into an arch-sodality by the Papal Bull, "Omnipotentis Dei" of Gregory XIII.

Leunis distinguished himself in the last years of his life by heroic charity towards the sick. In the afternoon, when school was over, and especially on Sundays and feast days, Leunis gathered together, while teacher of the grammar school at the Roman college, the most zealous of his pupils for prayer and pious exercises, — especially for devotions in honor of the Blessed

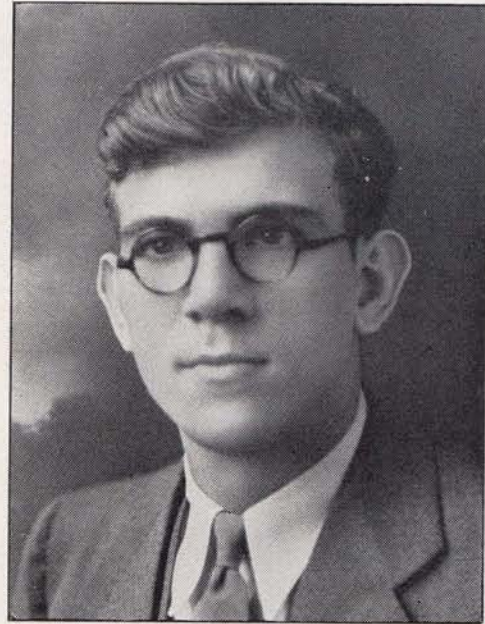
Virgin. Pupils of other classes soon joined the company and in this a foundation was laid for a school of devotion and virtue, the Marian Sodalties. As in the following year the members already numbered seventy, the first rules were drawn up. The Sodality was placed under the special protection of the Blessed Virgin, and the object was declared to be personal perfection in virtue and study, as well as charity and zeal for souls. The members generally met on Sundays and feast days, and the meetings were conducted by a Jesuit Father, who delivered an address. The council was chosen from the mem-



bers, and aided the director in the administration by counsel and other help.

In 1569 a division of the Sodality in the Roman College became necessary on account of the large number of members. The older pupils, those over 18 years of age, formed a Sodality for themselves, while the younger members were formed into another. Soon there were three Sodalities in the Roman College. — The meetings of the Sodality composed of the older members were held regularly in church, which bore the title of the Annunciation. From this church the Sodality received the title of the "Primary Sodality" (Prima-Primaria) of the Annunciation. This title was given in the Bull of Gregoray XIII., Dec. 5, 1584. In this Bull, the Pope gave the General of the Jesuits the power to receive as members of the Primary Sodality (The Prima-Primaria) not only pupils of the College, but also other persons, and also the power to erect similar Sodalities in the colleges and churches of the Society, which were to be connected with the Primary Sodality and to share in its indulgences and privileges.

Before this, Sodalities had also been established in France, Germany, the Netherlands,



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Agnes Moder,  
President Y. L. S.

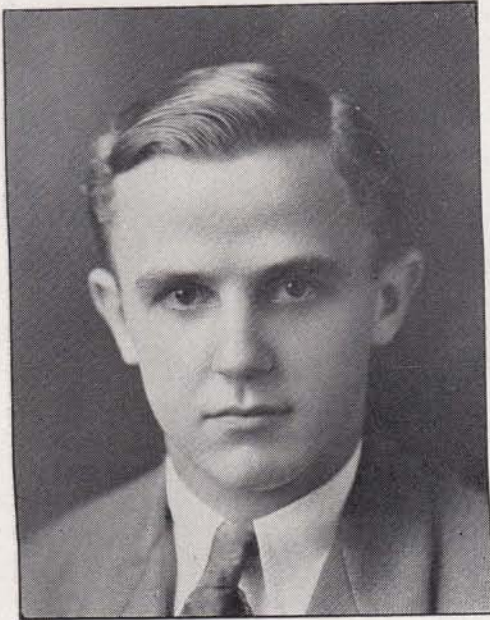
and elsewhere. These Societies **did much good** among the students and the laity, they were a **protection against the new erroneous teachings** of the time, and **strengthened loyal Catholics** in their faith.

In 1748, Pope Benedict XIV. states in his Golden Bull, "**It is almost unbelievable what results have sprung from this pious and praiseworthy institution for the faithful of all classes**". He granted to the Jesuits general authority to unite with the Roman main Sodality (Prima Primaria) other sodalities of either sex that had been canonically erected in the Jesuit churches. These Sodalities were to share in all the privileges of the Prima Primaria.

Pope Leo XIII. further granted to the Superior of the Jesuits the authority to erect canonically such Sodalities everywhere, even outside of Jesuit Houses. He also declared all Sodalities of every kind independent, and exempted from the Constitution of Pope Clement VIII. Pope Leo XIII. called this Sodality "**An excellent school of Christian piety and the surest protection of youthful innocence.**"

Pope Pius X. not only gave the Sodality the highest praise, but also granted them new privi-





**William Betlach,**  
Y. M. S. Financial Secretary.

leges and indulgences, and confirmed the new list of indulgences on July 21st, 1910. (This list of indulgences is printed elsewhere in this issue.)

The Sodalities developed very rapidly even at the very beginning. After only 13 years of existence, they included 30,000 members. — In 1751 married men and women were admitted into the Sodality.

In the 50 years after the declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, (1854), almost 35,000 Sodalities were united with the Prima Primaria. In the year 1910 alone, 1,132 new Sodalities were added, of which 178 were in North America.

At various times, and in various countries, emperors, kings and princes have been zealous members of the Sodalities, and have encouraged the growth of these bodies. In the 17th century alone, the Sodality numbered 7 Popes and 80 Cardinals. In all Catholic countries the Sodalities of the Blessed Virgin include among their most faithful members the greatest and noblest men of every position in life, generals, and scholars of the highest rank. St. Stanislaus Kostka, St. John Berchmans, St. Francis de Sales, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, St. Leonard of Port

Maurice, St. Peter Fourier, St. John Baptist de Rossi, St. Jean Eudes, and many other holy men of the Church were proud to be members of the Prima Primaria. St. Francis de Sales was perfect of his Sodality.

Many saints, like St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. Charles Borromeo, praised and recommended the Sodalities of the Blessed Virgin as nurseries for youth and for growth in perfection. Above all, it has always been the teachers and shepherds of the entire Catholic Church, the Popes, who have in their words and actions highly honored these Sodalities, and who have earnestly recommended them to the faithful.

#### WHAT GOOD THE B. V. M. SODALITY DOES.

(Taken from the Catholic Encyclopedia.)

The Blessed Virgin Sodalities of the Prima Primaria aim at making genuine Christians of their members by a profound devotion to, and a childlike love of, the Blessed Virgin Mary. — The members are not merely to strive to perfect themselves, but are also, as far as their social position permits, to seek the salvation and perfection of others and to defend the Church of Jesus Christ against the attacks of godless men.



**Mary Dietrich,**  
Secretary Y. L. S.



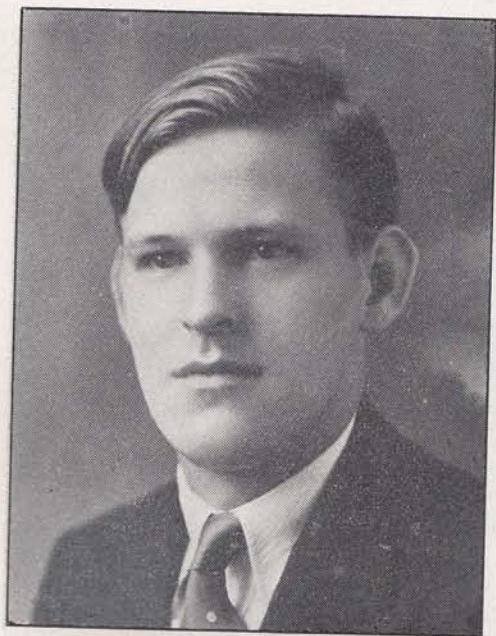
The entire tendency of the sodalities, the regular meetings and the lectures, the careful control and supervision of the members, in addition to the various exercises and works prescribed or advised, and the constant **close personal intercourse of the members with the director**, — serve to make the members noble, moral human beings, who, with the aid of the Blessed Virgin, lead others to Christ.

In general, the spirit and occupation of the members is not to be a vaguely enthusiastic piety and asceticism, but a sober, genuinely Catholic devotion and a joyous, zealous effectiveness for good in the sphere in which each member moves. Consequently, in separate sections the members should have all possible opportunity to develop all the capabilities of mind and heart, in order to attain as completely as possible the high aim of the society.

The history of the sodalities of the Blessed Virgin gives clear proof of their great and beneficial influence in all epochs of their existence. These beneficial results have been recognized by both Church and State. — The enemies of Christianity and of the Church have also shown their recognition of these results by their parti-



Genevieve Blahovec,  
Treasurer, Y. L. S.



Anthony Matejka, Recording Sec'y of Y. M. S.  
and Carmelita Club.

cular hatred and persecution of the Sodalties.

Undoubtedly, a well-conducted Sodality of the Blessed Virgin is in itself the best method of spiritual development for the members and also the **best aid to the priest in his anxiety for the well-being of his entire flock**. In addition, these Sodalties are the most universally extended to all pious associations and confraternities, for they can be and are erected separately for each sex, for every age, and every station in life, so that they include in themselves the advantage of all unions for different positions in life. — Moreover, they seek to attain as fully as possible in their members the two-fold object which all other confraternities in a certain sense, only strive for partially, namely, to attain to true love of God by the exercises of the divine service, prayer, and the reception of Holy Communion, and to attain, to true charity by exercising the most universal possible zeal for souls.

### Spiritual Duties.

The fact that the Sodality is not merely a "Club", but also a spiritual union is always impressed by the rule of the Sodality that meeting be opened and closed with prayer. Each





**Lillian Selucky,**  
Y. L. S. Social Director.

month too, songs in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary are sung at the meeting.

Whenever possible, the spiritual director encourages the members to their spiritual duties by a short talk at the meetings.

On the third Sunday of each month, the Young Men's Sodality and the Young Ladies' Sodality go to holy Communion in a body together, at their special 7:15 Mass. These special arrangements were made, because previously, the Sodalites went to Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass, at which only Bohemian is spoken, and so many of our young people cannot understand the language. It was customary for the Young Ladies to go on the first Sunday of the month and the Young Men on the third Sunday of the month. Therefore, it was found more expedient that both Sodalities go on the same Sunday together, and our good pastor has made arrangements for a special Mass for the youngsters, at which the spiritual director gives them a suitable sermon each month.

The Communion in the month of May is the regular "Mother's Day" Communion, which is offered in honor of Mary, and for our mothers.

During the month of November comes the

"Memorial Communion", which is offered for the deceased members of our Sodalities.

After each Communion, the Spiritual Director leads in the recitation of the Litany of Loretto, immediately after Mass. The members thereby gain a plenary indulgence. The mere fact of going to Holy Communion in a body merits another plenary indulgence for the Sodalities.

In the event of the death of a member, all the members of the Sodality meet, and then go in a body to the Funeral Parlors and recite prayers for the dead. This always makes a wonderful impression, and is indeed a great consolation to the bereaved.

Once a year, a retreat is arranged for the members of the Sodality, and all are urged to avail themselves of the spiritual opportunity.

#### MAILING COMMITTEE.

During the week previous to the regular monthly Communion, a regular committee from both Sodalities meets at the rectory. The Spiritual Director dictates the Communion letter, and every member is thereby duly reminded of the obligation of attending Holy Communion in a body.



**Felix Krispin,**  
Ass't Social Director, Y. M. S.



A monthly bulletin is also sent out, informing the members of any special meetings, or social events, etc.

#### JOINT PROCESSIONS.

On the first day of May, all the members of both Sodalities march in solemn procession in honor of our Blessed Mother. On this same occasion, new members are officially enrolled into the Sodality, and all consecrate themselves to Mary.

The Young People have always splendidly responded to this Procession and May-Day service, and it is remarkable how impressed all the parishioners are with their annual fidelity.

We gather the following remarks from the June Messenger of 1929: "Perhaps the finest display of Catholic young life of this parish was the bouquet of love and honor given to our Blessed Mother on May-day of this year. The sight of so many young men and young ladies, servers and children forced upon the onlookers the conviction that the youngsters of this generation cannot be as bad as they are painted, if they can gather so fine a number to pay their respects to the Mother of God. Certainly our



Lad Cutak,  
Social Director, Y. M. S.



Rudolph Betlach,  
Vice-President Y. M. S.

heavenly Queen was pleased with the opening of the May devotions at our church, and undoubtedly showered her choicest blessings on the young people of this parish.

The weather was miserable. It wasn't merely a rain. It was the kind of weather that makes even ducks wish they had bigger wings so that they could take a little trip to California, or anywhere where the wind-swept rain doesn't squeeze right into the marrow of your bones.

From the Young Ladies' Sodality, 74 were present; from the Young Men's Sodality, 44 were present, and from the Little Flower Club, 22.

One well-known parishioner in this parish came to one of the priests and said: "Father I've been in this parish for 35 years, and this was the best procession we ever had." — One mother said, "Father, you don't know how tickled I was to see my grown-up boys in that procession of the Blessed Virgin. When I see them do that, I know that they are alright, and the remembrance of that procession is going to help me die happier."

A visiting priest remarked? "By George, if I could get 44 young men from my parish con-





Lawrence Drbousek,  
Y. M. S. Marshal.

secrete themselves publicly to Mary and then get them to walk in procession, I'd be the happiest priest in the world." And don't think that the priests of this parish were not pleased."

#### SPECIAL PROCESSION OF Y. L. S.

From time immemorial it has been customary in this parish for the Young Ladies Sodality to have a special procession of their own on the last day of the month of May.

## The Social Side.

Because we are not angels but human beings, composed of a body and a soul, due attention is given to the Social side of the Sodalities. Our social events are always interesting, and are a great help in keeping up the Sodalities.

Each Sodality has a Social director. For the Young Ladies, Lillian Selucky handles the situations, and for the Young Men, Lad. Cutak, with his aides, Bob Mikesch and Felix Krispin, keep things moving very well.

The Y. M. S. Recreation Room, and the Y. L. S. Recreation Room have already been explained, and our young people delight in gathering at these points of interest.

#### COMMUNION BREAKFASTS.

Three regular Communion breakfasts are arranged each year, on Easter Sunday, for the Mother's Day Communion in May, and after the Memorial Communion in November.

These breakfasts are held at the parish hall. We must mention that the ladies of our parish are always gracious and kind in complying with our requests to do the cooking and waiting upon the tables, and in helping with other social functions of the Sodalities.

At the May breakfast, the boys wait on the girls as a token of esteem.

We clip this from the Messenger; in reference to the first breakfast at which the boys waited on the girls:

"It was a momentous occurrence in the annals of the world, for the ancient and immemorial custom of the human race was subverted. Always and everywhere, it is the poor, down-trodden and persecuted female who must wait upon her lord and master, the male. Inscriptions and hieroglyphics, monuments and manuscripts of time-eaten tomes present woman as waiting upon the tables. The Young Ladies get the credit for being the most astute, cunning, iconoclastic



Emil Barta, Y. M. S. Treasurer,  
Ass't. Director of Carmelita Club.