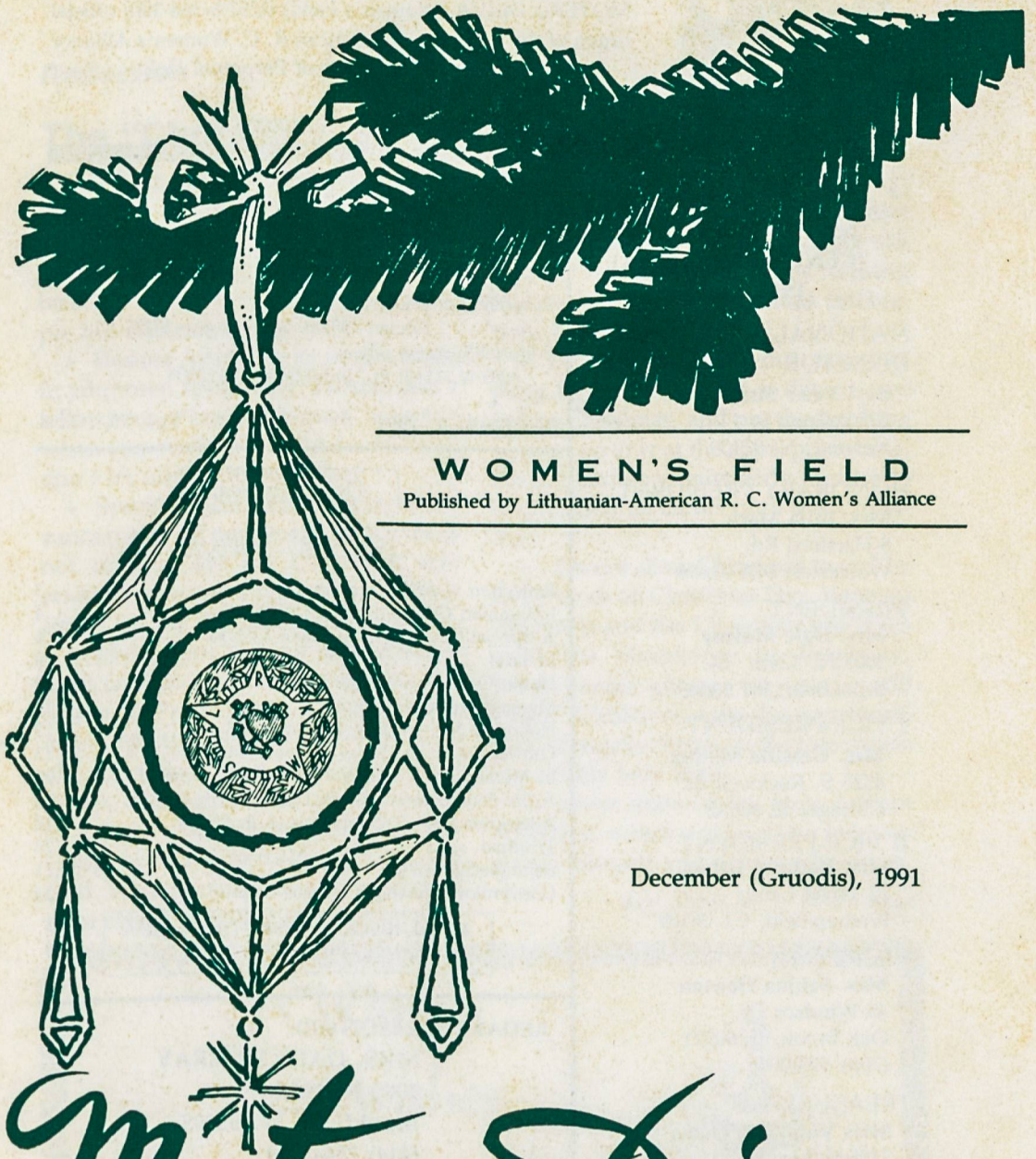




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Reflection

The "Christmas Season" begins with Christmas

This year found Christmas ads and displays vying with those for Halloween. What's next? How can the progressive destruction of this sacred time be stopped? Let me suggest a few simple but effective ways!

+ Restore Advent to its proper place in your own spirituality. Hence, don't talk about "the Christmas season" when you really mean "Advent" and don't let others do so, either.

+ Speak to local merchants far in advance (now, for next year), asking them not to drag out the Christmas sale season and surely not to dress up their stores for the occasion weeks early.

+ Make your writing of Christmas cards (and how about Advent cards, for that matter?) and purchasing of gifts genuine spiritual acts. Pray for the people for whom you are doing those things. Make those activities attempts to express your desire to imitate the kindness and generosity of Almighty God, Who demonstrated those virtues most clearly in giving us His own dear

Son.

+ Do not attend Christmas parties during Advent. Let's hope pastors will lead the way in this regard by refusing to schedule parish Christmas celebrations before December 26.

+ Do not decorate your home or place of business until a day or two before Christmas, and put the finishing touches on only at the appropriate time. Do not exchange gifts early. Refuse to sing Christmas carols until it is Christmas.

+ Do not allow Christmas to end by five o'clock on Christmas Day. Keep up the carols and the Christmas greetings until the observance of Epiphany. When people ask you why you're still "into" Christmas, take the opportunity to evangelize them on the true meaning of this holy feast.

So, some material for your Advent reflection, which will lead you to know a truly blessed and joyous Christmas.

Rev. Peter M. J. Stravinskis

With
best wishes
for your happiness now
and in the
New Year



The national board

Lithuanian Celebrations

CHRISTENINGS

"The birth of an infant was a happy occasion for the whole community. The entire village quickly learned of the event and the women made preparations to go visiting the new mother and baby."

Radynos was the term used for the visit paid the child and mother. Only married women, relatives and neighbors made this visit. Unmarried girls and men were not invited. The people were convinced that it was absolutely necessary to visit the woman in childbed. After the mother had sufficiently recovered from the delivery, neighboring women made plans for the visit (usually on a Sunday afternoon, because they had more free time). None went with empty hands: if gifts are not presented to the mother and infant, his whole future happiness may be jeopardized.

"The women brought their own refreshments, the most important being scrambled eggs. The guests also brought cheese, pancakes, cake and other snacks. Liquid refreshment was provided by the baby's father who served wine, cider, and sometimes even liqueurs. If the new mother did not feel strong enough, the table was pushed over to the bed so that she might participate. The visitors stayed all afternoon.

"In the past, people tried to have the infant christened as soon as possible — in a week or two. In certain Lithuanian regions it was believed that the christening must take place during the new moon because the individual will remain young longer and will have a youthful appearance. Elsewhere it was thought that a person's appearance depended on the phase of the moon

during which he was born. If during the new moon, he will always appear young; if during the old phase, he will look old but will be rich. A person with a youthful look was said to have been „probably born during the new moon”...

"A child's christening was a great family occasion. In the old days, it was celebrated for at least two days. The christening consists of two basic parts: 1) the church ceremony during which the child is baptized, given a name and brought into the Christian community; 2) the return of the baptized infant home and the christening celebration.

"A first-born child was often given a grandfather's or grandmother's name. It was also customary to select the name of the saint on whose feast day the child was born; a boy given his father's name will be very smart and strong. In the past, a boy's name was chosen by the father (or even grandfather), the girl's name by the mother (or sometimes the grandmother). In more recent times, the child's name was picked by both parents.

"Much thought was given to selecting good persons as godparents: the godchild was said to often follow in the godfather's footsteps...

"If a person is asked to be a godparent he or she cannot refuse for the child "will have no luck" and will be unhappy throughout life. In general, it is a great honor to be asked. People said that a person will never be invited to be

a godparent if he is hit with a broom or a dishcloth, or someone sweeps dirt on his feet.

"The christening garment is provided by the godmother or both godparents. If the godmother does not bring a christening dress and the baby dies in infancy, he will walk around naked in the other world. A person who keeps his christening dress all his life will be happy and wealthy.

"The main and most essential members of a christening are the godparents and the infant. The baby's real parents and other family members remain on the sidelines. In days past, the parents did not even go to church for the baptism but remained at home awaiting the godparents and the baptized child. When women gave birth... at home, the „granny" or midwife called for the delivery played a vital role at the christening. She cared for the child and the mother up to the christening and then went home.

"It used to be believed that the world is a very dangerous place for an unbaptized baby: evil eyes can cast spells, fairies can make a switch, evil spirits can kidnap or at least sicken him. A variety of rituals had to be performed to ensure that he will grow big and strong, have good eyesight, run fast, obey his parents, etc. Most of these beliefs, charms and predictions have no meaning today, but some can be mentioned and even adapted to today's christenings because they are part of our national treasury of traditions and customs:

- When the child is taken to be baptized, the godmother herself cannot be pregnant because one of the babies will die: hers or the godchild.

- If a funeral cortege is passed on the way to church, the child will be clairvoyant when he or she grows up.

- At the church door, the child must be addressed by the name he will be given: he will then talk at an early age. The godfather places a coin inside the baby's diaper so he will be rich as an adult. It is a good sign if the child cries. If he remains quiet, he runs the risk of dying in infancy.

- When they drive the baby to church, on the way home and during the christening celebration, the godparents must sit close together so the child's teeth will grow close together, will be beautiful and even. If the godparents drink at the party, they must drink two glasses, otherwise the child will limp. Singing is also essential at the festivities so the child will have a good voice.

- As the godparents drove the child home from church, the village children used to form a barrier across the road. The godparents had to pay a toll with candy. Today such a barrier or "gate" can be made at the gate or door. It can be built by the children of relatives invited to the christening (adults may also build it). This barricade not only makes the christening more interesting but also symbolizes the child's future life: many difficulties and obstacles will be encountered but will all be successfully overcome.

- During the christening, the godparents must be happy, for the child will then grow up happy. They must not argue, lest the child be disobedient; they must be careful not to fall lest the child be clumsy and naughty.

"To commemorate a child's birth many people erected a cross or shrine on their property which was blessed at the christening. In some places a tree was planted. For a boy, a birch, ash, oak, maple or any tree having a masculine name in Lithuanian; for a

girl, a fir, pine, linden, apple, cherry, etc.

"People were convinced that the time of a child's birth greatly influenced his character, appearance and way of life:

— a child born on Sunday will be very clever, happy and rich; he'll be good and generous, not envious; he'll be pious; a good worker and obedient.

— a child born on Monday will be unhappy; he'll be a successful merchant; a wealthy person or an idler.

— on Tuesday: a musician; a merchant.

— on Wednesday: a grouch; lazy, eloquent; respectful; goodnatured.

— on Thursday: fat; good and happy.

— on Friday: thin; good-looking, suc-

cessful in wooing the opposite sex; angry; contrary.

— on Saturday: will like order and cleanliness; respectful and good-natured; very quick.

„If a child is born before a major calendar holiday, he will long retain a youthful appearance. Whoever is born on April 1st, will always be a liar.

"A person born in May is loved by all, generous, good-looking, compassionate, but poor.

"A child born at midnight will be clairvoyant (especially if he is born on the eve of All Souls day)."

*From: Lithuanian Customs
and Traditions*

Danutė Brazytė-Bindokienė

A Special Celebration

The 25th Anniversary commemoration of the dedication of the Chapel of Our Lady of Šiluva took place in Washington, DC on the weekend of October 12-13th.

The commemoration ceremonies began on Saturday afternoon on the Catholic University campus. The program consisted of a symposium entitled, „Martyrdom in the twentieth century: Lithuania and the Catholic experience." Introductory remarks were made by Prof. Saulius Sužiedėlis of Millersville University. Bishop Paulius Baltakis, OFM, introduced the program's main speaker, Bishop Sigitas Tamkevičius, SJ, the principal organizer of the Chronicles of the Church in Lithuania. The bishop spoke about the condition of faith of the people in Lithuania today and under what conditions it was preserved. He answered many questions from the audience.

The next portion of the symposium was a commentary by Rev. J. Brian Hehir, Counselor for social policy for the U.S. Catholic Conference. Rev. Hehir's comments were from an historical perspective.

A meeting of the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America was next on the agenda. Reports from THE OBSERVER, Camp Dainava, and Vyčiai were requested. After the reports, Mr. Juozas B. Laučka gave a brief but concise overview of the history of the Federation. The first Convention took place in Wilkes-Barre, PA, with 120 delegates attending and a program consisting of eight lectures. Mr. Laučka highlighted the many works accomplished by the Federation.

The next speaker was Dr. Adolfas Damušis who presented some personal impressions about the present-day situation in Lithuania, and also some

concrete suggestions about what can be done in Lithuania. He suggested: 1) the formation of an idealistic Catholic intelligentsia in Lithuania, 2) the necessity of organizing social action in Lithuania, 3) the need to get accurate information and international news published for the Lithuanian people, 4) the organization of symposiums for the better understanding of social doctrine, and 5) the organization of groups within each Archdiocese, whose purpose would be to link the various organizations together and provide a network for them in Archdiocese.

In the discussion which followed, the necessity for a daily Catholic newspaper in Lithuania became very evident. Also it was pointed out that the possibility of creating a Catholic information center in Lithuania may soon become a reality. As to the request for Lithuanian priests to help in the Lithuanian-American apostolate, it was stated that ideally the priests would come from Lithuania for ½-1 year periods of time but not permanently.

A program of religious music ended the day's events. The concert took place at Archbishop Carroll High School Auditorium. It consisted of a song repertoire by the Dainava ensemble from Chicago (including secretary Sabina

Henson) and a piano recital by Petras Stravinskas (recently from Lithuania).

On Sunday afternoon, a Mass was concelebrated by Cardinal James Hickey, Archbishop Charles Salatka, Bishop Paulius Baltakis, OM, Bishop Antanas Deksnys, and Bishop Sigitas Tamkevičius, SJ, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Prior to Mass busloads of pilgrims could be seen arriving from a variety of American cities. There were pilgrims even from Canada. About 3,000 attendees were estimated to have filled the Shrine almost to capacity. The homily was given by Archbishop Salatka, and at the end of Mass a moving word was given by Bishop Tamkevičius.

Many stayed after Mass to view and pray at the Chapel, which to the author appeared to be one of the most elegantly decorated chapels in the entire Shrine.

Roma Kuprys

A video (VHS, color) highlighting the events of the 25th Anniversary commemoration is being prepared and will be available for purchase. Further information can be obtained by writing Lithuanian Roman Catholic Federation of America, 4545 W. 63rd St., Chicago, IL 60629.



Beginning in March, 1992, a new type of publication will reach you. Please note the deadline date: **FEBRUARY 1.**

Please send your **news items, chapter correspondence and photos** to the editor:

S. Angela Balchunas
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In brief

Interest in Tour

There has been enough interest shown to warrant a further investigation of a tour to Lithuania. Your president is checking into this and as soon as we have a definite plan, full information will be presented. Those who send in their names and addresses, will be the first to know. There is no obligation.

Humanitarian Mail Service For Parcels to Baltics

Do you have relatives in Lithuania? Have you been sending packages? Then, know that a special service was begun November 1 to individuals or families in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and the U.S.S.R. This international parcel service offers much faster service for just a little more money. The new airlift rate is being offered primarily as a humanitarian gesture as there is a tremendous need for the basic necessities of life among these people. The new airlift rate offers savings of about 50 percent over airmail rates, while greatly reducing the time normally required for transoceanic shipping.

Parcels mailed at the airlift rate may not exceed 22 pounds. Parcels must bear the words **HUMANITARIAN AIRLIFT** in bold red letters.

This special airlift service will continue through **March 31, 1992**.

(Editor's note: I took my news release from the U.S. Postal Service with me when mailing my own parcel to relatives in Lithuania. Good thing I did!

It was news to my Post Office and the news release was photocopied for their use. If there are any questions, they can call Art Shealy at (202) 268-2783 regarding General Release No. 77).

A Good Move!

Trustee **Anna Sliteris** changed residences last July and is now residing in Franciscan Village in Lemont, IL, where her upstairs neighbor is immediate past president, **Emilie Prose**. Both are very pleased with their new surroundings.

Two years prior to her move, Anna made a home for her architect niece, her filmmaker husband, and their young daughter in need of medical care. The filmmaker, **Arvydas Reneckis**, of Vilnius, Lithuania, recently completed his newest documentary, "Night Over Lithuania," the first documentary to chronicle Lithuania's 51 years of communist occupation — start to finish — through the eyes of those who lived it, in Lithuania and abroad.

Because Soviet historians ignored facts that cast a negative light on the system, Lithuania, which achieved its independence from Moscow in September, is having to revisit its past.

A Record in Medical Aid

With the support of individual donors, the help of corporate donors and charitable organizations, **Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid** has sent **CARITAS** of Lithuania \$4 million dollars worth of medicines, vaccines and hospital equipment just since January. Working with **CARITAS**, a Catholic organization with impeccable credentials, insures timely and fair distribution of help to those who need it most.

A gift of vaccines from Merck Sharp and Dohme through Catholic Medical Mission Board and LCRA enabled a large segment of children and child-bearing age women to be innoculated against measles and rubella.

There are more than 6,000 orphans and foundlings in Lithuania today, a legacy of fifty years of Soviet rule. To cope with the problem, CARITAS is establishing a chain of children's villages. Each village consists of a number "families", made up of 6-10 children, with a "mother". The children attend local schools and churches, and every effort is made to rear them in a family atmosphere. A donation of \$100 will support one child for a year. There is currently no mechanism for international adoption.

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Valuable, New Publication

Mid-January 1992 is the target date for the publication of **LITHUANIAN RELIGIOUS LIFE IN AMERICA: A Compendium of 150 Roman Catholic Parishes and Institutions—Vol. 1, Eastern United States**. This reference book is the first in a projected 3-volume series by William Wolkovich-Valkavičius. The second volume covers Pennsylvania alone with its 50 parishes and institutions, while the last in the series includes the midwest and beyond. This study was commissioned by Bishop Paulius Baltakis, O.F.M.

Volume 1 has entries on 40 parishes in New England, New York, New Jersey, and Baltimore, plus 10 miscellaneous entries on religious communities and other centers. There are brief biographical notices on nearly every priest of Lithuanian roots from the earliest days to the present. The book carries a preface by noted History Professor Victor Green of the Universi-

ty of Wisconsin, and a guest essay of Thomas A. Michalski on the European background of Lithuanian immigrants. The author's lengthy essay provides a prelude and key to understanding the entries.

The work contains thorough indices by subject matter, parishes, names, places, and institutions, as well as dozens of church and shrine photos, bibliographical essay, bibliography, and glossary of terms and abbreviations. There are numerous references to Poles, Irish, and other ethnic groups.

The compendium of some 700 pages (printing, 1,000 copies) on acid-free paper with hard cover is a first in U.S. Catholic history since it furnishes a rare, complete picture of an entire ethnic community. Additionally, some data appears on independent parishes, socialists, freethinkers, and communists. One of the surprises is a description of a little-known pair of Lithuanian Methodist parishes in Boston and Brockton, Massachusetts. The volume will be an unusual addition to reference departments of cities, research centers, and academic libraries.

Publication was made possible by a modest number of acknowledged donors and a private loan. The exclusive distributor is CFS (Corporate Fulfillment Systems, 1 Bert Drive, W. Bridgewater, MA 02379-9979. Tel. 1-800-344-4501. The cost is \$79.50 (including postage and handling) on orders received before April 30, 1992, or \$89.50 afterwards.

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BEGINS
JANUARY 1, 1992**

(see back page)

HOME COOKING

Vicky Leone

CHOICE, CAREFULLY CHOSEN CAKE RECIPES

I certainly enjoyed the privilege of being included in Moteru Dirva for these past years. I hope you enjoyed my selection of recipes as much as I enjoyed searching for, and exchanging with other members and friends. I won't say good-bye, just ALOHA.

ORANGE BUNDT CAKE

Edith Zitkevicz
Brockton, MA

- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
(preferably Duncan Hines)
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) orange gelatin
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup water
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salad oil
- 4 large eggs, unbeaten
- Rind of large orange, grated
- 2 tsps. orange extract

Empty cake mix into large bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Beat three minutes or until smooth and creamy. Pour batter into bundt pan that has been well-greased. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg.) 50 to 55 minutes. Cool in pan 25 minutes. Remove from pan and complete cooling on cake rack. Sprinkle with powdered sugar or frost as desired. (NOTE: To make lemon bundt cake, use lemon gelatin, lemon rind or lemon extract.)

LEMON CAKE LOAF

Donna Zilis
Chicago, IL

- 1 pkg. Moist Deluxe Lemon
Supreme Cake Mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup oil
- 2 handfuls of chopped or
chunky walnuts or pecans
- 1 Tbs. brown sugar
- Butter or margarine to coat pans

Grease 2 loaf pans generously with butter or margarine. Empty cake mix into a large bowl. Add eggs, sour cream and oil. Blend on low until blended, then mix at medium until smooth.

In small bowl, add two handfuls of chopped or chunky walnuts or pecans and 1 tablespoon (or more to taste) brown sugar to coat nuts. Press on bottom and partly up the sides of the loaf pans. Pour batter equally in the two loaf pans. Bake in 350 deg. oven 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. Can also be baked in bundt pan 50 to 60 minutes. Test with toothpick as above.

PINK PARTY CAKE

Vicky Leone
La Grange Pk., IL

- 1 pkg. White Cake Mix
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup corn oil
- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. cherry gelatin
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 (no. 2) can crushed pineapple,
(reserve juice)
- 1 (9 oz.) container Cool Whip
- 1 can cherry pie filling

Combine ingredients, except pineapple juice. Bake in 10 x 14" greased pan at 350 deg. oven for 45 minutes. While cake is still hot, prick with fork and pour reserved pineapple juice over. When cool, mix together the Cool Whip and cherry pie filling. Spread the mixture over the top of cake. Refrigerate four hours or overnight.

STRAWBERRY MERINGUE CAKE

Amelia Bronius
Pittsburgh, PA

- 1 pkg. (2 layer size) yellow cake mix
- 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup orange juice
- 4 egg yolks
- 1- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. grated orange rind

4 egg whites
 ¼ tsp. cream of tartar
 1 cup sugar
 1 pt. fresh strawberries
 2 tbs. sugar
 1 cup whipping cream

Combine first four ingredients, beat four minutes at medium speed of electric mixer. Pour into 2 greased and floured 9 inch round cake pans. Beat egg whites with cream of tartar to soft peaks. Spread meringue evenly over batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Cool.

Remove from pans, meringue side up. Place on racks to cool slightly. Whip cream

until stiff. Mash ½ cup strawberries with 2 tbs. sugar. Add whipped cream until stiffly blended.

TO ASSEMBLE: Spread ⅔ of cream mixture over bottom meringue layer. Reserving a few whole berries, slice remainder and place over the cream mixture. Add top layer, garnish with remaining cream mixture and reserved whole strawberries.

Please let me hear from you and let me know if you tried any of the recipes and how they turned out: 836 Homestead Rd., La Grange Park, IL 60525. As for now, Happy Holidays!

Vicky Leone

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THERE IS AN APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERY AFFAIR UNDER THE HEAVENS



We've heard it said, there is "A time to be born and a time to die; A time to weep and a time to dance; "etc... I might add: A time to retire.

I regret we were unable to find someone to continue editing our publication. It's not an easy job, but very self-satisfying when, after hours and hours of hard work, one more issue comes together.

In the beginning, we published 12 issues a year with the editor handling circulation (additions, deletions and changes of address), as well. Then, as costs soared, we printed 10 issues per year, then six, and finally, four. Circulation management became a separate task.

As we retire our 75-year-old *Moteru Dirva*, I most heartily thank all those who contributed in any way during my 36 years as editor, be it with contributions or words of encouragement. (I must also include the Holy Spirit, to whom my anguished cries for inspiration to fill blank pages, never went unheeded.)

As we change our type of publication, we will still have a means of communication, which is very important to an organization such as ours. Truth is, with decreasing membership and increasing printing and mailing costs, we must be vigilant.

So, send those news items, photos and chapter correspondences to Sister Angela and, together, we will look forward to our brand new publication in March.

God bless you all!

Dale Murray

Honorary Membership Is Bestowed



Roma Kuprys

Roma Kuprys, a member of Chapter 2, Cicero, IL, by unanimous vote of the delegates to the 44th biennial convention, was elevated to Honorary membership in our Alliance.

Roma began her duties as national secretary on October 1, 1985. The convention that year had been unable to fill the post and so the newly-elected Board began a search, which culminated in the appointment of Roma. It was quite a learning experience for Roma to be thrust into this position, since she was not familiar with the Alliance, but she quickly acclimated herself to the responsibilities accompanying the secretarial position, which included knowing the Illinois Insurance Code, contact with various state insurance departments, preparing annual statements, etc. That work became doubly intense during the liquidation of the fraternal benefits. Those who have worked with Roma during these years have commented many times on her efficiency, patience and ability to remain calm under stress.

In addition to the financial aspect, there were many secretarial duties: special mailings for various fundraisers; pre-convention information; biographies for candidates nominated for Outstanding Lithuanian Woman; working on convention ad books, etc. She also represented the Alliance at several gatherings: Bishop Baltakis' Pastoral Council annual meetings; a meeting with Albina Pajarskaitė, president of CARITAS, during her visit in the U.S.; and at a Serra Club luncheon which featured Spiritual Director, Rev. Peter Stravinskas, as main speaker.

She has been very actively involved in a variety of projects to aid Lithuania, such as PROJECT: SOAP; shipment of 600 pairs of new children's leather shoes, a joint effort with the ALRC Catholic Federation and Lithuanian Catholic Charities; promoting a drive by the American Girl Scouts of Riverside, IL wherein 100 pairs of new socks were collected to ship along with the shoes. Another joint effort with Lithuanian Catholic Charities was a sweater drive undertaken throughout several Lithuanian parishes and a vitamin drive throughout the Lithuanian Saturday Schools. Most recently she has been involved in lobbying for Lithuania through the "Americans For Lithuanian Freedom." Her attorney husband, Saulius, is involved in these efforts as well, and is presently serving as president of the ALRC Federation and the Serra Club.

Roma has been very actively involved in the activities of her chapter as well as the Chicago District. An outstanding spring meeting in May, 1988, hosted by Chapter 2, began with a very inspira-

tional Day of Prayer for Lithuania. Roma initiated the spiritual observance and prepared the program containing special hymns to Mary, spiritual readings and special prayers, as well as, the prayers and responses during Mass.

Roma who has a Ph.D. and Post Doctorate Degrees in Pharmacology, has

put her own career on hold, while she and Saulius raise four young sons and a daughter.

After completing six years as national secretary, Roma asked to be relieved of those duties. Happily, she will continue to serve our organization in a newly-created post—Project Facilitator.

D. M.

Outstanding Lithuanian Woman Named

With the announcement made to the delegates of the 44th biennial convention, Anastazija Tamošaitienė of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, became the seventh woman chosen by the membership for the Outstanding Lithuanian Woman award.

Born in Lithuania, this artist began studying weaving in Kaunas in 1930 and continued her studies in Sweden and Austria. She left Lithuania in 1945. Her new home was in the woods on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, which reminded her so much of her childhood home near the Baltic Sea. The cool blue colors of the water, the shimmering, rippling character of the waves, and sea motifs dominate her work.

The tradition of Lithuanian women weaving at home, producing necessary household linens, was the starting point of her art. She spent a good deal of her time weaving Lithuanian national costumes and authored several books on handicrafts. Also a historian, she collaborated with her husband, Antanas Tamošaitis, in the preparation of the book *Lithuanian National Costume*, published in English by the Lithuanian Folk Art Institute, Toronto 1979. The book is a lavishly illustrated examination of rural dress from a scholarly, artistic and technological viewpoint. Until her late



Anastazija Tamošaitienė

seventies, Tamošaitienė continued to teach and conduct workshops and seminars on the techniques of tapestry weaving and particularly enjoyed working with young people.

Two major events in the artist's career occurred in 1977 and 1981. In 1977, a 23 minute 16 mm. color film, "Spirits of an Amber Past," was produced with the support of a federal grant from the Canadian government. The film followed Anastazija and her artist husband at their home and studio in Kingston, Ontario. The film described their work weaving tapestries and Lithuanian na-

tional costumes. The film was shown on BBC television in London, England twice: once in advance of the June, 1961 presentation of the gift of a Lithuanian wedding costume that Tamošaitienė had woven for the royal wedding of Diana and Prince Charles. The costume was offered as a gift from the Lithuanian citizens of England to the Princess much before the wedding and, when Diana accepted the offer of such a gift, she selected the costume she would like from a book of traditional patterns. She chose the full complement of the Vilnius region, which Tamošaitienė wove according to her specifications. Local news coverage of the wedding remarked that the Princess had two wedding gowns—the one she actually wore and the Lithuanian costume.

Tamošaitienė began garnering recognition and awards in international exhibitions quite early: Paris, 1937; Berlin, 1938; and New York, 1939 and exhibited her work in the U.S., Canada and

South America.

A fine example of her busy exhibition schedule was the impressive exhibit of tapestries displayed on October, 1982 at Chicago's Galerija, a gallery specializing in the work of Lithuanian artists. Here, the gallery was transformed into a room exploding with color and light. As in medieval castles, the tapestries warmed the walls. Times past, legends, and the sea came to life in weavings that were the results of many hours of painstaking work. This exhibit of 32 tapestries spanned work dating from 1947 to 1982.

Tamošaitienė was informed of the Outstanding Lithuanian Woman award by telegram on August 24. We were very saddened to learn that she died four days later, August 28, after a short illness. She died twelve days before her 81st birthday, leaving an outstanding legacy in the art of weaving.

(Adapted from an article by Victoria Matranga, in LITUANUS, 1985.)



1991 Convention Committee met for a post-convention review and supper. Relaxed and happy are (seated, l. to r.): Emilie Prose (Ch. 46); Fr. John Kuzinskas, pastor Nativity B.V.M. parish; Bernice Nedzveckas (Ch. 75); Helen Waicekauskas (Ch 75); Gracilia Meilus (Ch. 20). Standing (l. to r.): Sabina Henson (Ch. 46); Chairman, Vida Sakevicius (Ch. 3); Anna Sliteris (Ch. 46); Betty Zibas (Ch. 46); Janina Mikutienė (Ch. 20); Jadvyga Tamaševičienė (Ch. 20). THANK YOU — AČIŪ!

In Memorium



Mary Genis

Mary Genis began her very active membership in Moterų Sajunga in 1951 by joining Chapter 48 in Cicero, IL, said chapter operating in St. Anthony's parish.

Although a new member herself, she enrolled four others that year. Between 1951 and 1956, she enrolled 22 members (all insurance) into the chapter.

Mary was a very enthusiastic member, willing to accept various offices and committee appointments. She served as secretary, treasurer and president in her chapter. She served on the 1953 convention committee hosted by her chapter.

She was active in the Chicago district as well and served as vicepresident for six years.

Mary enjoyed being a delegate to conventions and was always willing to serve on any convention committee. She served as trustee on the national board for several terms. Honorary membership was bestowed at the 27th biennial convention in 1957.

Mary was born in Ernest, PA, but spent most of her life in Cicero, IL. Just

about a year ago, she finally gave up her home for a retirement home. She died August 20 at the age of 87. A few days prior to her death, she informed her friend, Juliana Rotsko, that she would be expecting a report from her after the convention.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles.

Our deepest sympathy to her son Richard, daughter Helen Dawley, their families and to the members of Chapter 2. (Chapter 48 merged with Chapter 2 several years ago.)

Eternal rest grant your faithful servant, Lord!

D. M.

0 0 Make a Note...

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I hope we can all be more responsible and avoid unnecessary spending. If you cannot mail me your new address, please ask someone to do it for you.

Ačiū!

Pam Breidenbach
Circulation Mgr.

A SIX-FOOT POLE

by Joseph Urban

The poem "Keng's Disciple" by Thomas Merton tells about the student of a Zen Master who continuously questions his teacher. The student insists on trying to come to a complete understanding of the spirit and the universe. Finally, with a certain dispondency and annoyance, the master says, "You are trying to sound / The middle of the ocean / With a six-foot pole."

The metaphor is simple and beautiful. We all live in this ocean, search for this Spirit / God / Truth. We see, hear, feel, and try to understand it. And many also want to understand its limits, to question its depths, its shorelines. "Who really is God?"

We attempt to understand the ocean using only individual six foot sounding poles. We poke into the water expecting to find the bottom. It is only a six foot pole, but we seem to think that it is long enough for the job. Many never question the limits of this pole, this reasoning human mind.

But human beings have also built ships to enable us to sail together upon the ocean of life. Ships can keep us dry even on the deepest seas and whether or not we choose to sound the depths. The ships grow as people expand them through the centuries. One of the largest is the Church.

The Church rolls with the ocean and moves over its surface with time, even though the movement may be imperceptible to many of the passengers. Its size keeps the rolling rather subdued, but it rolls nonetheless. And it enables us to maneuver in the ocean even if we can't sound all its depths.

It also enables people to dive right in to the deepest waters, if they wish, supported by the dry stable ship nearby. Sometimes we even create our own little boats, which give us a dry place, a little rest. But the waves can toss and turn such small boats in such a large ocean.

Seeing the larger ship, many choose to return, docking their little boats and sharing the equipment provided by the one big boat—the Church. Once docked, they see that the ship is actually constructed of many similar new and ancient boats, each giving strength and stability and help to one another.

It is a wonder we sometimes try to use only a six foot sounding pole to find God. It is such a limited tool to understand the enormity that surrounds us. There is much to learn and experience about the spirit when we dive into the ocean, get pushed and pulled by the currents, feel its temperature, taste its flavors, hear its churning. When we return to the ship, we can share our experiences and let others know about how we felt the spirit. Together in the church community we navigate the ocean of reality with shared faith, no longer limited to six foot sounding poles.

(Joseph Urban, 22, is the son of our II vicepres., Kay Urban, of Wethersfield, CT and a 1985 Scholarship Award winner. The above article appeared in the St. Thomas Aquinas parish newsletter.)





Kęstutis Trimakas

Evangeliniai mąstymai

Piemenys nuskubėjo ir rado
Mariją, Juozapą ir kūdikį...
- Luko 2.16

IŠ JOS RANKŲ

Kūdikis — Jos rankose.

*Taip norėjo Jį prispausti
ir sau amžinai pasilikti,
bet jautė, kad turės atiduoti —
kad su laiku Jis išspruks iš Jos rankų —
kaip audrą sutikti pasiruošęs paukštis,
palikęs Jai tik ilgesį, rūpestį ir skausmą.*

*Jis priklausė ne Jai, o visiems.
Ir tai Jos neramino:
kas visiems priklauso
galutinai šiame pasauly
atsiduria plėšriausio naguose.*

*Pasaulyje,
Kur Dievo saulę kits kitam temdo.
Pasaulyje, kur net po lietaus
kits kitam vandens gurkšnio pavydi;
kur piktžolės į kito dirvą pasėja.*

*Tokiam pasauly, kaip toj užėigoj,
Jam nebuvo vietos.*

*Ir jei mažučio Jo nepriėmė,
Kas atsitiks su Juo suaugusiu?*

*Motina dėmėjosi visus šiuos dalykus
Ir svarstė juos savo širdyje.*

Atleiskime Savo Kaltininkams

Bernadeta Miliauskaitė-Harris

Kiekvieną kartą kai kalbu „Viešpaties Malda“ sustoju prie žodžių, „...ir atleisk mums kaltes, kaip ir mes atleidžiam savo kaltininkams“. Pamąstau, kaip sunku yra atleisti tiems, kurie yra nusikalte. Prisimenu atvejų, kur ir man buvo sunku atleisti savo artimui.

Pereitų metų rudenį kaimynas įjungė savo automobilio motorą ir paliko bėgantį, kol grįžo į namą pasiimti pamirštą daiktą. Mašina stovėjo ant kalnelio, o neįjungę pagalbinio stabdžio. Automobilis pradėjo važiuoti ir atsimušė į mūsų automobilį, kuris stovėjo skersai gatvę. Nubėgus pažiūrėti radau sumuštas duris. Supykau pagalvojus kiek laiko bus sugaišta, kol automobilis bus sutaisytas. O kaimynas pasakė tik, „I'm sorry“. Sunku buvo atleisti, bet prisiminiau Kristaus žodžius: „Tad visa, ko norite, kad jums darytų žmonės, ir jūs patys jiems darykite;...“ Matas 7,12. Pagalvojau kaip aš jausčiausi kaimynų vietoj. Ar nenorėčiau, kad jis man atleistų? Ir atleidau.

Prieš pora metų sutikau būti modeliuotoja mūsų lietuvių moterų suruoštoje madų parodoje. Tą dieną kartu su kitom modeliuotojom iš anksto išsirinkau sukneles ir sukabinau, kur būtų patogiu persirengti. Ypatingai pamėgau labai gražią mėlyną suknelę, ir kitos modeliuotojos akys ją susižavėjo.

Kokia man buvo staigmena, kai grįžusi persirengti mėlynos suknelės neradau, o pro kampą nubėgo kita modeliuotoja ją apsivilkusi. Supykau pagalvojusi, kaip ji išdrįso taip padaryti. Dar daugiau supykau, kai ji sugrįžusi pasakė netiesą, kad susinervavo ir ne tą suknelę apsivilko. O kaip aš norėjau ją modeliuoti. Vietoj susibarimo prisiminiau

Šv. Pranciškaus maldą: „Viešpatie, kur yra įžeidimas, leisk man sėti Tavo atleidimą“. Ir atleidau.

Pereitais metais parašiau straipsnį „Laiškai Lietuviams“ konkursui. Nusi-vyliau, kai nelaimėjau premijos. Net ir pyktelėjau perskaičius straipsnius, kurie laimėjo. Man atrodė, kad jie nuo mano nesiskyrė. Ta komisija visai neapsižiūrėjo! Buvau nusprendus daugiau nerašyti, bet prisiminiau šv. Pauliaus laišką efeziečiams, kuriame jis rašo: „Tebūna toli nuo jūsų visokie užsigavimai, piktumai, rūstybės, riksmas ir piktžodžiai su visomis piktybėmis. Verčiau būkite malonūs, gailestingi, atleidūs vieni kitiems, kaip ir Dievas Kristuje jums buvo atlaidus“. Ef 4,31-32 Atleidau ir vėl rašau.

Automobilis, suknelė ir straipsnis tai labai smulkūs šio gyvenimo dalykai. Atleisti tokiuose atvejuose ne taip sunku. Bet yra atvejų, kuriuose atleisti yra sunkiau. Negaliu pakešti televizijoje apsikabinusių homoseksualų, demonstruojančių, kad jų gyvenimo būdas būtų priimtas kaip lygus su vedusių moters-vyro gyvenimu. Tai santuokos nužemimas.

Taip pat pykstu išgirdus moteris, kurios kovoja už lygias teises. Vietoj priimant Dievo duotus kūdikėlius, juos nužudo, darydamos abortus. O tos, kurios augina vaikus, pabėga nuo jų į darbus. Tokie vaikai užauga nepažindami savo tėvų meilės. Kur jie išgys gyvenimo pagrindus, jei ne šeimoje?

Nors šiais atvejais yra sunku atleisti, reikia kreiptis į Dievą, kad Jis mus išmokytų kaip. Jėzus pats meldėsi ant kryžiaus: „Tėve, atleisk jiems, nes jie nežino, ką darą“. Lk 23,34. Jeigu Jėzus

atleido savo nužudytojams, tai ir mes galime atleisti homoseksualams, kurie tikrai nežino, ką jie daro ir melstis, kad Dievas apšviestų jų protus ir sąžines.

Galime pasimokyti ir iš kitų, kaip atleisti. Šv. Tėvas Jonas Paulius II susitiko su vyru, kuris bandė jį nužudyti ir jam atleido. Jei jis galėjo tai padaryti, tai ir mes galime atleisti moterims, kurios daro abortus ir nepaiso šeimų. Ne tik atleisti, bet ir pasimelsti, kad jos pradėtų sekti Šventosios Šeimynėlės pavyzdinę gyvenimą.

Nors atskirti nuo tėvynės, artimųjų ir gyvendami nužmogintose sąlygose, Sibiro tremtiniai stengėsi sekti tokį gyvenimo pavyzdį. Arkivyskupas Sigitas Tamkevičius taip kalbėjo apie juos 1989 metuose, liepos 28 dieną sutikdamas lėktuvą iš Igarkos su Sibiro tremtinių palaikais:

„Gyvuliniuose vagonuose pažeminti ir ujami, jūs meldėtės net už savo kankinto-

jus. Jūs mokysite mus mylėti žmones, kaip jūs mylėjote tenai, mokėdami dalintis paskutiniu duonos kasniu. Jūs kviesite atgailauti visus, kurie jus kankino, jūs budinsite sąžines. Jūs mokysite mus atleisti vieni kitiems ir būti vieningais ir niekada nekasti duobės savo broliui lietuviui“.

Atleisti vieni kitiems yra vykdyti Dievo valią. Jėzus sakė: „Jeigu Jūs atleisite žmonėms jų nusižengimus, tai ir jūsų dangiškasis Tėvas atleis jums. O, jeigu neatleisite žmonėms, tai nė jūsų Tėvas neatleis jūsų nusižengimų“ Mt. 6,14-15. Tą valią vykdė ir Marija, stebėdama savo sūnaus Jėzaus kančią ir mirtį be jokio keršto ar neapykantos. Jos pavyzdį sekė ir Sibiro tremtiniai, kurie atleido pergyvenę daug kančių. Sekime tą pavyzdį ir mes, kad sekantį kartą kai melsimės „...ir atleisk mums mūsų kaltes, kaip ir mes atleidžiame savo kaltininkams“, mes tikrai galėtume atleisti kito kaltes.

Ne tai svarbu, ar mūsų darbai bus daugiau ar mažiau pasisekę, bet tai, kad, baigdami šį gyvenimą galėtume pasakyti: „Dariau, ką galėjau“.

—Pasteur

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Gautas atsakymas:

Brangios Tautietės,

Dėkoju Jums už nuoširdų sveikinimą ir linkėjimus. Mums brangus kiekvienas palaikymo žodis. Jūsų parama Lietuvai yra labai reikalinga.

Tikiuosi, kad Jūs, kad ir toli nuo Tėvynės, neliausite remti savo tėvų ir protėvių kraštą. Mums būtinas tiek moralinis palaikymas, tiek konkreti medžiaginė pagalba. Dėkui priimkite mano padėką ir kuo geriausiai linkėjimus.

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Pirmininkas*



Sąjungiečių veikla

Chapter and District Activity

New Members / Naujos narės

WELCOME!

Illinois

Ch. 75, Chicago
Martha Adamo
Bea Martus
Wanda Radavich
Loretta Simon



Mirusios Narės

Illinois

Ch. 1 Home Office
Jieva Sakalinskienė
(Rochester, NY, 100 years old)

Ch. 75, Chicago
Genevieve Bukauski
Stephanie Petkus

Massachusetts

Ch. 15, Brockton
Ona Kingsley
Antanina Juknevičienė

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Mary Puzar
Joanna Sepavich
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Margaret Neuman

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Ch. 36, Cleveland
Ona Dailidienė

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Chapter 75

The annual Mother's Day Mass and Prayer Day for Captive Nations was held at St. Peter and Paul Church, with Chapter's Spiritual Advisor, Rev. John Velutis, as celebrant. A beautiful basket of flowers was presented to our Blessed Mother by Ann Limanowski and Ann Martin. The luncheon-meeting was held at the Country Buffet. At the end of the meeting, hostesses Ann Martin and Ann Limanowski presented each member with a gift. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE!** The luncheon was graced with the presence of outgoing National Pres., Emilie Prose, and National Trustee, Anna Sliteris.

We happily announce three new members, Bernice Nedzveckas signed up Bea Martus at the May meeting. At the Sept. meeting Helen Waicekauskas introduced Martha Adamo and Donna Zilis introduced Loretta Simon. Loretta and Donna renewed their acquaintance while on the convention bus trip. Wasn't that a fabulous trip??? Thanks to Sabina Henson.

The Chapter is grateful to Elaine Valentine who gave so generously of her time and friendly personality as

Chapter 75's delegate to the Convention. Pres. Bernice Nedzveckas was commended for her dedication organizing her convention committee members: Donna Zilis, Helen Waicekaskas and Tillie Monte as well as all the members to help and to donate so very much for the convention breakfast and banquet raffle. It was a pleasure working with so many pleasant and cooperative women from other Chicago chapters. Congratulations to Convention Chairperson, Vida Sakevičius, on a magnificent job!

All members are encouraged to read the past issue of "Moterų Dirva", which contains the convention minutes. It clearly outlines what the Women's Alliance is accomplishing. Dale Murray was "Moterų Dirvos" editor for 36 years and now is newly-elected National President. Valio! May you continue your great work for another 36 years!

The hard work continues... Under the expert chairmanship of Ann Limanowski and Helen Waicekaskas chapter members came through royally by donating beautiful gifts for the chapter raffle book. Besides the ten main prizes over 20 smaller prizes were awarded.

The raffle was held after the October Chicago District luncheon-meeting which was hosted by our Chapter 75 members. Committee members were Bernice Nedzveckas, Tillie Monte and Donna Zilis. A mass of thanksgiving for the religious freedom of Lithuania and other nations was celebrated by Rev. John Velutis at St. Christina Church. After mass a luncheon buffet was served before the Chicago District meeting. Minutes and highlights of that meeting will be printed elsewhere in this issue. We are grateful to new members Loretta Simon and Martha Adamo for volunteering to bake cherry and apple strus-

sel for the dessert table. Thank you to Helen Waicekaskas for a pumpkin cake, Donna Zilis and Josephine O'Malley for cookies and Bernice Nedzveckas who treated everyone to her delicious homemade raisin bread.

Happy vacationers are: Ann and Mike Martin are visiting their children in the State of Washington. Tillie and Ray Monte enjoyed their trip to Las Vegas and later Southern Illinois to introduce themselves to their new grandchild. After a trip to Las Vegas, Ann and Ben Limanowski are visiting their daughter in Florida. Helen Waicekaskas is touring England and other European countries.

Please say a prayer for: Monica Piuszisz and Helen Waicekaskas who underwent skin surgery. Helen's husband just returned from the hospital after surgery. Tillie Monte is recovering at home after an emergency appendectomy. Get well soon!

The Christmas Luncheon-Meeting will be hosted by Monica Piuszisz and Josephine O'Malley at the Old Mason Jar. California member Anita (Belcher) Danowski will be making a surprise visit to the Christmas party. It's not a surprise anymore, is it??? MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

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MASSACHUSETTS

BROCKTON

15-ta kuopa

Džiaugėmės 1990 m. kovo 11 d. atkūrimu Lietuvos Nepriklausomybės ir 1991 m. pripažinimu ir j Pasaulio Tautų Šeimą priimta mūsų Tėvyne Lietuva.

Džiaugėmės 1991 m. 44-jo Moterų Sąjungos seimo išrinkimu Iškiliosios Lietuvos Moters dail. Anastazijos Tamošaitienės.

Džiaugėmės Moterų s-gos 15-kp. gražia parama Šv. Kazimiero Lietuvių parapijos, š.m. spalio 27 d. suruoštame bazare parapijos salėje. Sąjungietės turėjo su dovanėlėmis stalą ir vaišino svečius lietuviškai būdingu maistu, kurį sunėšė maisto paruošėjos: tortų, bulvių pyrago, kugelio. Kepėjos ir vaišintojos buvo Ona Eikiniene, Antanina Sužiedėlienė ir kitos parapietės. Diena buvo šviesi, tai parapijos metinis turgus — bazaras susilaukė daug ir iš kaimyninių parapijų svečių. Klebonas kun. Petras Šakalys ir parapijos komitetas Moterų sąjungą pagyrė už gražią paramą.

Mūsų kuopa mažėja narėmis, bet dar turi ir džiaugsmą. Šiais metais dvi narės šimtametės: Stefanija Urbonienė gražiai atšventė 100 metų, o Barbora Žemeikienė baigia 103 metus. Tai didelė Dievo dovana, kad dar gali Visagaliui Dievui dėkoti, džiaugtis Jo valia ir Dievo kūriniais, nors sveikata ir joms sparčiai mažėja. Turime ir sergančių, jų gretose ir šių eilučių autorė.

Pasidalinus džiaugsmo valandėlėmis, pasidalinti reikia ir liūdesio, kuris gyvenime neišvengiamas.

Pasidžiaugėmė dail. A. Tamošaitienės seime Iškiliosios Lietuvos Moters išrinkimu, kuri tik gavusi šį titulą, trumpai tesirgusi, iškeliavo amžinybėn dar nesulaukusi nei 80 m. savo darbingo amžiaus. Dail. A. Tamošaitienė savo darbštumu ir kūrybingumu, po pasaulį savo kūriniais garsino Lietuvą ir lietuvių tautą, palikdama Europos, Pietų Amerikos ir Kanados muziejuose meniškų lietuvių tautos motyvais sukurtus kilimus, išaustus lietuviškus tautinius drabužius ir meniškų spalvų deriniais paveikslus. Rašė su savo vyru A. Tamošaičiu, išlikimui lietuvių tautodailės, knygas. Liūdime jos netekusios ir reiškiamo užuojautą jos vyrui dail. A. Tamošaičiui, jos artimiesiems Tautodailės Institutams, tėvynėje ir išeivijoje gyve-

nantiems lietuviams.

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Liūdime ir skausmu dalinamės su 15 kp. pirm. O. Eikiniene, mirus jos sūnui Vytautui, uoliam lietuviškos dainos, sporto puoselėtojai ir jo dukrelei Vilijai Eikinaitei, netikėtai, greitai, paskui tėvą Vytautą Eikiną amžinybėn iškeliavus. Sūnus ir dukraitė palaidoti Brocktone, Kalvarijos kapinėse, šalia mirusio tėvo, senelio Eikino.

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