

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1953

DEDICATES THIS ISSUE OF

THE IMMACULATE STAR

TO OUR PRINCIPAL

Sister Margaret Rosaire

WHOSE WISDOM AND GUIDANCE HAVE HELPED

US ALONG THE WAY

TO LEARNING AND HOLY LIVING



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GRADUATION DAY

Twenty-five pupils of the Immaculate Conception School will graduate on Sunday afternoon, June 21 at 3 o'clock. The exercises will take place in the Church. Father McCabe, the pastor, will address the graduates and present diplomas and awards.

The awards will include gold medals for General Excellence and Religion donated by the pastor. Medals for History presented by the Catholic War veterans and medals for Effort presented by the Knights of Columbus.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Claire Degnan of the Class of '53 was awarded a full four year scholarship to Blessed Sacrament, High School in New York City.

Margery O'Leary was awarded a four year scholarship To Mount Saint Mary's Academy, North Plainfield, New Jersey. This will be presented to Margery by Bishop Ahr on Tuesday, June 9, at Mount St. Mary's.

A A A - Guests

On Monday, May 5 the Automobile Association of America provided free seats for a baseball game at the Polo Grounds for all members of School Patrols. All the boys of 8B attended.

FIRST COMMUNION DAY

On Saturday, May 30, Memorial Day, the Children of 2A and 2B received their First Holy Communion at the nine o'clock Mass. The Mass was said by the Rev. Charles McCabe, our pastor.

It was a happy occasion for the children as they received Our Lord for the first time. The greatest gift God has given us is to receive Him in Holy Communion. We hope these little children will receive Him often.

Claire Degnan - 8B

FIELD DAY

For the first time the new Immaculate Conception School had a parish Field Day at the East River Drive Municipal Playground on Saturday May 16.

We owe a vote of thanks to Father Gammiffe who sponsored the affair and to the fathers of the school children who so ably assisted him.

SCHOOL CHILDREN HONOR OUR LADY

On Sunday May 31 we held our May Procession. The boys of our school participated. We left by way of the 13th Street door, walked along First Avenue, and proceeded down 14 Street to the church.

During the service we recited the Rosary, sang several May hymns, and dedicated ourselves anew to our Immaculate Mother.

Heidi Voit of the Class of '53 crowned Our Lady.

Margery O'Leary - 8B

MAY FESTIVAL

On Wednesday afternoon, May 13 all the children of our school had a very enjoyable time at the annual cake sale. All the funds raised will be used for the improvement of our school.

THANKS

All too soon our days at I. C. S. are drawing to a close. Uppermost in our thoughts is the debt of gratitude we owe to all at Immaculate Conception School. So from the bottom of our hearts we say a very fervent THANK YOU TO:

God and His Immaculate Mother:
for countless graces and blessings

Father McCabe:
for his untiring efforts to give us a well rounded Catholic education.

Sister Margaret Rosaire:
for loving interest and ceaseless planning for us.

Teachers: Religious and Lay
for their many hours of patience and understanding.

Mothers' Club:
for their many contributions to our educational advancement.

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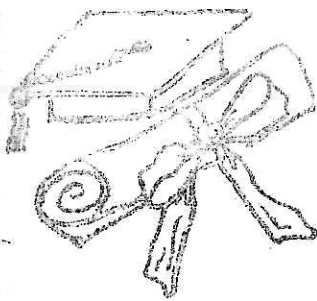
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The Editor of the Immaculate Star leaves you with the hope that your summer will be a happy and holy one. I ask that you please try to remember three things:

1. Say morning and night prayers
2. Attend Holy Mass every Sunday and Saturday, August 15
3. Receive Holy Communion as frequently as possible.



CLASS POLL

Olga Berthaut	"	Perfect Lady
Claire Degnan	"	Class Encyclopedia
Jane Evans	"	Most Helpfull
Marcella Grafeld	"	Most Original
Maria Harding	"	Most Popular
Margery O'Leary	"	Ideal I.C.S. Girl
Marilyn Racik	"	Most Sincere
Marie Vescova	"	Most Grateful
Heidi Voit	"	Done the most for I.C.S.
Joseph Benigno	"	Future Lawyer
Gaetano Bruno	"	Best Athlete
Andrew Defossey	"	Most Generous
Daniel Donovan	"	Friendliest
Richard Gazda	"	Class Wit
Julius Kaminsky	"	Carefree
Hubert Laubis	"	Most Ambitious
John Lucasiewicz	"	Best Sense of Humor
Peter McNulty	"	Best Dressed
Thomas Murphy	"	Life of Every Party
John Schenbari	"	Best Story Teller
Robert Schiavinata	"	Most Artistic
Robert Shea	"	Most Likely to Succeed
John Steinhauer	"	Most Co-operative
Carl Vella	"	Best Looking

Olga Berthaut
OLGA BERTHAUT



One of the most popular girls in our class even though she was the last to join our group. She arrived last September from Cuba. Her ever ready smile and her charming accent have won for her a host of friends. She is brimming with vivacity and friendliness. Her destination next Fall is Washington Irving High School. We wish her every success during the next four years.

St. Lawrence Academy will admitt an outstanding I.C.S. girl next September when Claire joins their ranks. Due to her achievement in the Cardinal's Christian Doctrine Preliminary she represented our school in the final exam held at Cathedral High School on June 6. She was also the recipient of a four year scholarship to Blessed Sacrament High School in this city. Congratulations on your present achievements. May you earn even greater honors at the school of your choice.

CLAIRE DEGNAN



JANE EVANS



One of the most efficient and co-operative girls of our class is Jane Evans. These splendid qualities together with that of generosity will always enable her to make and keep friends. She is looking forward to a delightful vacation out on Long Island where she will swim and ride her favorite horse. Next Fall will find her enrolled at Dominican Academy.

I.C.S. has been Marcella's Alma Mater for the past four years. Home Work is her pet peeve while English is her favorite subject. She spends her leisure time collecting stamps and watching T V. Her ambition is to become a secretary. Next year Immaculata will be her Alma Mater and we expect to hear excellent reports about her scholastic achievements.

MARCELLA GRAFELD



MARIA HARDING



Another all round favorite of the Class of '53 is Maria Harding. She arrived in our midst in the Fourth Grade. Her favorite subject is English while her pet peeve is dish washing. She passes many leisure hours playing basketball. She is leaving us in a double way because the family is moving to Long Island next month. Blessed Sacrament is her choice for September. With her go our best wishes for all that will add to her happiness.

MARGERY O'LEARY



Who's the lass we all voted Miss ICS? Who's the girl we're all proud to say: she's my friend - the girl who combines studies and social life? - responsibility and fun? Why? It is Margery O'Leary who came to us only last year and immediately became one of us. Margery's industry was crowned by the Scholarship she recently won to St. Mary's High School, North Plainfield, N.J. We're sure she will like the School of her choice and that she will be liked for her winsome smile and friendly ways!

Marilyn is another all-round girl and a favorite with all. She is an up-to-date fashion plate - always smiling and laughing. Yes, it is true - her favorite pastime is embroidering - some of her finished articles are really most beautiful. Cathedral High School is her destination in the Fall and we are quite confident that she will be one of their most loyal students. Keep smiling Marilyn - be sure to continue that very interesting hobby.

MARILYN RACIK



MARY VESCOVA



A cheery disposition and a pleasant smile has made Mary well liked by her classmates. Despite a language difficulty - as Mary is in our own United States only a short time - she has overcome many obstacles and we just know success will just have to crown her untiring efforts to become all that a Graduate of ICS should be in School and at home.

One of the most co-operative and generous girls in our Senior Class this year was Heidi Voit. This jovial Miss entered our ranks in the Fourth Grade and has been helping her classmates ever since. She likes ice cream sodas and Religion. Next Fall she will enter Blessed Sacrament High School where we hope she will continue the past good record.

HEIDI VOIT



Since this is the last issue of the Immaculate Star we are signing over all rights to our paper to the Seventh Grade. We wish them all the joy and fun we've had in its preparation.

Loyally yours in our Alma Mater,

THE EDITOR

Hubert Laubis
HUBERT LAUBIS



Two years ago we'd never have guessed Hubert Laubis would be the six-footer he is today. Sister Anastasia remembers when she looked straight at Hubert but now? She'd rather he'd sit down so she could at least see his face. A fine student! Hubert received honorable mention from Fordham Prep where he plans to spend his next four years. Keep up the good work, Hubert!

A mass of freckles, a shock of reddish-brown hair -- that's Peter! This amiable Eight Grader has made himself a likeable member of his class as well as an affable Scout. Peter will make "his way" wherever he goes. La Salle will see much of Peter during the next four years!

Peter McNulty
PETER MC NULTY



THOMAS MURPHY



Did you ever see such a merry Irishman? The jaunty Mr. Murphy came to Immaculate four years ago and made his way into all our hearts immediately. The most popular lad in the class, Tom has that happy-go-lucky way that throws the class into a bubble of laughter. Always on hand for a good time, Tom does have his serious moments. Sister Anastasia wonders WHEN! We wish you good luck Tom; we know you'll be happy at LaSalle.

When the class of '53 graduates, we shall be very sorry to say good-bye to John Lucasiwicz. He is one of the best liked boys in our class. He is also a faithful Knight of the Altar. Cardinal Hayes High School will have gained one fine fellow when John starts his daily trips to St. Bernard's next Fall. I. C. S. will miss his "Happy Grin".

John Lucasiwicz
JOHN LUCASIEWICZ



John Steinhauser
JOHN STEINHAUSER



Don't hurry him! That's nonchalant John Steinhauser - the quiet, dependable member of the Class of '53. John is well-liked and ready to oblige. Proof of his dependability are the many times since 1948 that we've watched John serve Mass faithfully. God bless you and stay with you especially in your High School days ahead!

In 1947 I. C. S. enrolled a shy, little boy with jet black hair and dark brown eyes. This little boy is now our handsome graduate, Carl VELLA. To his classmates, he is known as "CARLIE". He likes sports and puts everything into whatever he is playing. Carl has a happy disposition. LaSalle is his destination next Fall. We all wish him luck during the next four years.

CARL VELLA



JOSEPH DENIGNO



A cheery disposition and a pleasant smile has made Joseph well liked by all. His favorite subject is Math. and he spends his leisure hours reading aviation magazines. Deliberate talker that he is, we predicted that he would be a salesman but his ambition is to be a pilot. We wish Joseph the best of luck and hope someday to be in the audience as he receives his "wings".

Next September Chelsea High School will open its doors to Joseph Bisaha. Joseph is a new comer in our midst but his generous and pleasant disposition has made him feel he really belongs to us. His ambition is to see the world with the United States Marines. We wish him the best of everything during the next four years.

JOSEPH BISAHA



Tommy Bruno

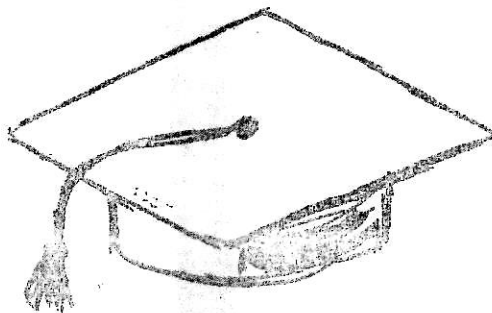
GABRIANO BRUNO



Play Ball! It's Bruno in the lead showing that athletic ability which has made him a leader at I.C.S. and we prophesize, a sportmanlike student at LaSalle. Bruno will be missed at Immaculate Conception but our loss is La Salle's gain. Good luck and God bless you. We'll be expecting to hear great things about you in the classroom as well as on the field.

Where's the ball, Andrew? Will you help do.....? Andrew, I would like you to go to.....? And the answer has always been: "Sure, Sister!" Ever since we can remember Andrew has been a generous and willing help at I.C.S. He has been in the School since it began seven years ago. Andrew remembers when his was the only class on the second floor, when the total register of Immaculate was 92. No wonder Andrew feels at home with us. Andrew's dependable ways and friendly manner are assets that will help him in his High School days ahead. Good luck, Andrew!

ANDREW DEFOSSEY



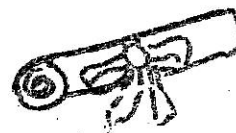
JULIUS KAMINSKY



A very versatile member of our class is Julius Kaminsky. He is a fine athlete and takes part in any sport the season offers. He is an excellent student, makes the honor roll with ease and there is every reason to expect that he will do the same at Cardinal Hayes during his high school career.

Richard has been with us only one year but during that time has made many friends. His ambition is to be an aviator. His favorite subject is Social Studies and spends his leisure time on the parallel bars. We know "Muscles" will crown his years at Cardinal Hayes because he puts great effort into his studies. We expect to hear grand things about him in the future.

RICHARD GAZDA



DANIEL DONOVAN



Medium height and jet black hair with brown eyes is- yes, you guessed him already - Daniel Donovan. This freckle faced youngster came to our class in the Seventh Grade. He got off to a good start by winning the top salesman award in the Catholic Digest magazine drive. He is a DODGER FAN and spends his free time playing baseball and basketball. Next September this popular member of our class will enroll at LaSalle. We are sure they will be pleased with our contribution to their Freshman Class. Good luck Danny!

With a winning personality and a brilliant mind Robert Shea will be a welcome Freshman At Cardinal Hayes next Fall. Because of his achievement in the Preliminary Religion test taken by the Eighth Grade on April 30, he represented our school in the Final Exam on June 6 at Cathedral High. His favorite sport is baseball and his team is the DODGERS. His ambition is to be an engineer. At the high school of his choice he will make a splendid Freshman. GOOD LUCK!

ROBERT SHEA



John Schembari
U.S. Navy

JOHN SCHEMBARI



Next September Seward High School will welcome a fine pupil from Immaculate Conception. We know he will do well in his class work, especially History, his favorite subject. His favorite team is the DODGERS and his sport is football. He spends his leisure time drawing scenes from former games or in actual practice on the field. Good Luck John! We know you will succeed in whatever you attempt.

Last Will and Testament

In sound mind and body we the Graduating Class of 1953
bequeath to the future Eighth Grade, the following :

Olga Berthaut.....Her accent
Claire Degnan.....Her powers of concentration
Jane Evans.....Her giggles
Marcella Grafeld.....Her ability to daydream
Maria Harding.....Her big brown eyes
Margery O'Leary.....Her winning personality
Marilyn Racik.....Her spotless desk
Marie Vescova.....Her ability to blush
Heidi Voit.....Her generosity
Joseph Benigno.....His Ideas
Gaetano Bruno.....His favorite expression (Sister, ummmmm)
Andrew Defossey.....His winning smile
Daniel Donovan.....His seat by the window to daydream
Richard Gazda.....His mus cles
Julius Kaminsky..... His worries
Hubert Laubis.....His knowledge of Social Studies
John Lucasiewicz.....His great ambitions
Peter McNulty.....His "marine" drawings
Thomas Murphy.....His numerous alibis
John Schembari.....His pleasant manner
Robert Schiavinata.....His drawings
Robert Shea.....His "carrot top"
John Steinhauer.....His elbows on the desk
Carl Vella.....His popularity