

## St. Joseph Infirmary

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

January 26, 1943.

Dear Sonny,

I just talked to your Mother. She said that you called yesterday and that how glad she was to hear from you.

I cannot realize the Wedding Day will be so soon and I know it will be the second happiest day for your both since your First Holy Communion Day.

Sonny we have snow today and the wind is high again and it is so cold here today. Sunday was like a spring day and now it is the North Pole again.

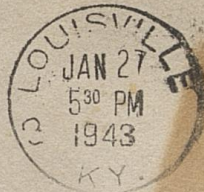
LaVerne so your Mother said went to town to see about cashing the telegram for her fare today.

I'm glad your parents are bringing her down for it is a long trip and she is so young and inexperienced in traveling. Tell her Sonny to be careful and not trust people for there are so many strangers in San Antonio now and you cannot tell the Texan people from the others now. Tell her not to carry much money in her purse on the street nor her rings either but to wear them or else buy a chain and put them on a chain and wear them around her neck when she is baking or cleaning.

I know you are anxious for them to come for I was gone so long from my own dear Mother and each year would count the days until I could see her, not that I was unhappy with my work but that feeling for your Mother and Dad cannot be explained- it is too sacred. Don't cry when your Mother and Dad leave- be brave and tell your Mother all the good news and if you are worried tell your Dad for he understands- he knows your work is dangerous and you are in the service of your country but your Mother does not know.

Sr John Maria  
**St. Joseph Infirmary**

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Cadet George Canary Jr.  
Group 4 Squadron 1 Flight C 4311  
Army Air Force P. S. ( Pilot )  
San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center  
San Antonio, Texas

**Mayer—Canary**

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Mayer announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary LaVerne Mayer, to Aviation Cadet George W. Canary, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Canary. The wedding will take place in February in San Antonio, Texas.

MASSES

Sundays:  
6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00

Holy Days:  
5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00

First Fridays:  
6:00, 7:00

Church of Christ the King

724 S. 44th Street

Telephone Shawnee 8460

BAPTISMS  
Sundays 1:30 P. M.

Jan. 24, 1943

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays:  
3:30 to 5:30 P. M.  
7:00 to 9:00 P. M.

Eves of Holy Days  
and First Friday  
4:00 to 5:30 P. M.  
7:00 to 8:30 P. M.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY:

FIRST TIME between Kenneth Robert Mc. Nicol of Fort Knox, Ky. and Mary Katherine Gourley of Christ the King.  
SECOND TIME between George Canary Jr. of Christ the King and Mary LaVerne Meyer of St. Columba's.  
SECOND TIME between William Charles Dieruf Jr. of St. Agnes Church and Evelyn Adele Kolb of Christ the King.

HIGH MASSES:

Tuesday at 6:45 Adele Mangeot (1st. Anniversary)  
Friday at 6:45 Henry Berding (5th. Anniversary)  
Saturday at 6:45 James and Mary Brown (annivrs)

PLAYERS:

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Miss Rose Strassel. Ladies of the Altar Society will meet at the home 4621 Brewster at 7:30 Sunday Evening to recite the Rosary.

Funeral Tuesday Jan. 26th. at 9 A.M.

BLESSED VIRGIN SODALITY.

Meeting of Senior Sodality Tuesday Eve Jan. 26th. at 7:30  
Meeting of Junior Sodality Sunday (today) at 3 P.M.  
Communion for both Sodalities today at the 7:30 Mass.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION:

Sunday Feb. 7th. Loretto High School will conduct a Day of Recollection for all Catholic Ladies. Girls attending the Public High Schools and all former pupils of Loretto are invited. Services will be conducted by the Reverend Niel Mc. Manus S.J.

RETREAT .

For students of Loretto High School Feb. 8th. to Feb. 10th.

THE CATHOLIC THEATRE GUILD presents "VIVACIOUS LADY" Sunday Jan. 24th at Woman's Club Auditorium at 8:30 P.M.

B I N G O    F R I D A Y    J A N . 29th.    8:30 P.M.

DOOR PRIZES: ONE TOPCOAT FOR MEN. DONATED BY SHERMAN AND SONS.  
\$10.00 in cash for Lady.

ATTENTION YOUNG LADIES:

The Senior B.V.M. Sodality will begin a membership drive in the near future. All Young Ladies unmarried and under 25 years of age are eligible for membership. Anyone who wishes to join and has not been contacted to date may give name to any member of the Sodality. All members are requested to make the day of Recollection at Loretto High School Sunday Feb. 7th.

CHILDREN. For the past several weeks many school children are attending the 11 oclock Mass on Sunday. This is forbidden in the future as this Mass is overcrowded. Never are children allowed to stand in the rear of the church or enter the Choir during Mass.

CHURCHILL CLOTHES

FOR MEN.

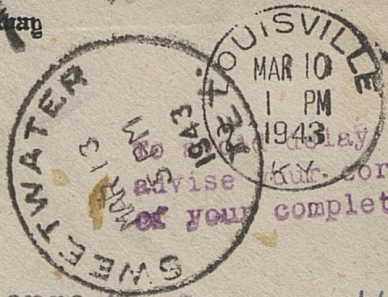
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advise your correspondents  
of your complete Military Address

A/c George W. Canary 43-14

Avenger, Aviation Field

*5672*

318 A.A.F.F.T.D. Barracks C #2

Aviation Cadet-Detach.

Sweetwater, Texas

*Basic Army Center #2*

*Kepler Field*

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*Bilohi, Miss.*

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Sonny. I tried to call your mother to find if she had a message to send but last night and tonight the line is still busy. Those girls in the party line. Love-prayer Aunt May.

Louisville, Ky.  
March 9, 1943

My Dear Sonny,

How are you? I surely did enjoy your letter and it makes me quite happy to know you enjoy your work and like it so well. I cannot help but add though that I shall be happy to see you on solid ground this morning, and this oldwar over.

Your Mother came out to see me last Monday a week ago and told me about the trip and the Wedding. How I wish you had been at Sweetwater when they were there and they could have remained longer.

Little Jeff has the measles and they think Jimmie has them also. Mary Carmel is recovering from them and little Martin has been given shots so that he will not take them. Margaret is not so well-has that sinus condition and they do not speak it aloud but she is somewhat nervous too-the noise and going and coming and caring for the children worry her but a priest told Jeff she will be all right when they are a little older. Jeff is so good and kind to them all.

I feel very good, only have had a bad head cold for three weeks and I think it is gone and it comes back again. The weather is so changeable here-snow again this week- a few flakes did not stick. Monday- yesterday it was 12 above here. This morning, Tuesday at one a.m. it was 21 above and a year ago today it was 62. You see now we have had a cold winter. I saw a robin though this morning in the yard so spring is on the way.

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La Verne, how did you and Sonny enjoy your first meal? Did you have biscuits? Pie? Sonny is fond of pie I know. It must be lonesome for you at times but thank God you still have Sonny in the states and hear you. So many little brides are miles away from their loved one.

There are lots of military weddings here in Louisville, too bad that some of the girls marry these boys and do not know them scarcely at all.

We hear from the Doctors of our staff who are in the Military and Naval Services and they all write just as you do Sonny that they are anxious to do thier part for the U.S. and be good soldiers and sailors.

One of our doctors a protestant said where he was there was only a Catholic Church so he went to that. The war will make many converts thank God for that.

I though sister would be in this week but she did not come. Sonny, I heard that Joseph wanted to get a defense job and if he changes work I do hope that he comes to Kentucky.

Keep up <sup>in</sup> your prayers each time you get in the plane-trust all to God and nothing else matters.

I enjoy hearing about how you fly tell me all you can. God bless and keep you both.

Your devoted aunt, Mary

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*Dr John*

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*Via air mail*



Pfc. George W. Canary - 1511 3242  
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Shunt 2780

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Jeff brought home a  
hase and the next  
day Jerome had carried  
it from basement - had  
it attached and was  
having a grand time  
sprinkling the lawn  
when Margaret saw  
him. He is only four.

Sonny, I do hope  
you get the piece  
and work you like -  
I'm happy you are out  
of the air - its too dangerous.

Laverne sent me a  
pretty get well card so  
did your mother.  
I still have your photo  
near the statue of the  
Blessed Mother in my room.

A.M.D.S.

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Louisville, Ky  
May 16, 1943.

my dear Sonny boy -  
So long it seems  
since I heard from  
you. How are you?

Do you like the nest?  
I was in Salt Lake  
City for a day and night  
and <sup>stayed</sup> New House Hotel in 1923.  
We went out on the  
electric car to Salt Air  
Park and was afraid  
of the water. Don't  
believe them that the  
salt water holds you  
up - be careful - stay  
out if you cannot swim.

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We returned to town  
and walked down to  
see the Capital.

Sunny, I thought the  
deep shade of blue  
in the sky there  
(so they told us - it  
was at all times) very  
beautiful.

I have been look-  
ing for your mother  
to come out. When will  
you get a furlough?  
It will not do you  
much good unless you  
can get ten days as  
you are so far away.  
But even one day in  
old Ky would make  
you happy I know.

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I am better Sonny.  
I was worried I had  
the old trouble again  
but the doctor tells  
me that I am on  
the road to being up  
again but I shall  
only work two hours  
a day.

Margaret and Jeff  
have moved near the  
Infirmary - 2424 Bradley  
and have their new  
home. Jeff Jr had a  
rope from the attic jumped  
window yelling to his brother,  
in the yard to catch  
hold of it and he would  
pull him up. Thank God  
Margaret came in time.

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I had a letter from  
Margaret Bone Connell on  
St Louis and she said  
she had written to  
you but was afraid  
you did not get it.  
She had your Texas address.

Be good Sonny - remember  
to stay the good Catholic  
you were when at home.  
Do you need any medals  
or a Rosary? Tell me.

God keep you always  
and ask God to get me  
up again.

Your devoted Aunt  
Sr John Maria

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I do hope you can  
read this.

Your Daddy and  
mother came to see me  
Easter. Your Dad looks  
thin to me and not  
like his old self.  
Your mother still misses  
you so much and I  
hope God in His mercy  
will send you home  
soon to her safe and  
well.

Sonny, why don't you  
go to the hotels and  
try to get La Verne a  
job there doing clerical  
work then she could  
be near you.

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By that I mean  
some kind of office  
work - telephone or  
information desk.

Tell La Verne to send  
you letters of reference -  
one from her pastor  
and from Stevarts.

You could try the  
Department Stores too.

If I were <sup>you</sup> I would  
try it - it will mean  
so much happiness  
to you for you might  
be sent away.

How long will you  
be there? Have you  
any idea?

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Another work she  
could do is post office  
clerical work.

Tell La Verne to write  
out there herself.

Sony, we have had  
so much rain - only  
one or two warm days.  
Last night we had a  
bad storm and rain  
all night.

June has returned  
to New York again.  
She thinks she will stay  
now there until Joe  
leaves.

Sony, write and tell  
me about your work.

A.M.S. Y

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May 23, 1943.

Dear Sonny,

I was so glad  
to get your letter.  
I have asked our  
Blessed Lady to get your  
furlough.

Margaret was here  
last night. Your Dad  
and Mother were here  
last Sunday.

Sonny, I would love  
to call La Verne but  
I am in bed sick again.

I am better but still  
have much to gain.  
Keep me in your  
prayers.

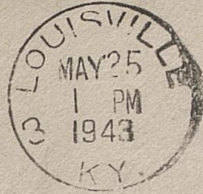
Nancy and Joseph  
sent Mary James's  
First Holy Communion  
picture - very good of  
her. Send her a little  
gift - a couple of handkerchiefs  
just put them in an  
envelope. John and  
Brother want to hear from  
you.

Sister was here one  
day last week.

Sonny is very cold  
here today - still rain  
continues. The Western  
Rivers are high too - the  
Missouri and Arkansas.  
God bless you. Write soon - S.J.M.  
Aunt Mary



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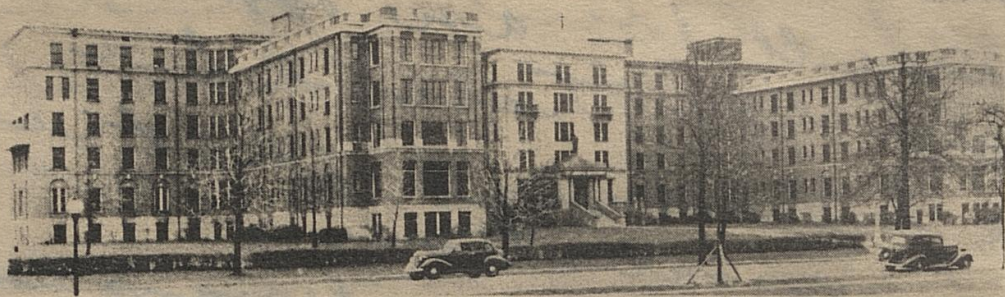
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June 14, 1943.

My dearest Sonny Boy,

I do hope you received my last letter. I believed you were in the state of Washington, and I sent it to your old address.

I received a letter from your mother tonight and she is happy over your furlough she hopes you will get <sup>it</sup> in sixty days.

Margaret came Saturday night and brought Chile my old favorite - so I

kept it until Sunday night. Saturday was the Eve of Pentecost, I do hope you received Holy Communion on Sunday. 'Tis a big feast in the Church.

Old "sal" is showing up in all his fiery heat here, the summer has entered swiftly as we had much rain and coolness prior to this.

Sorry, I forgot to tell you that La Verne and your mother visited Jeff and Margaret last week one evening but it was too late to come to see me. Your mother has two more novenas prayers to make on Tuesdays for me. Please Sonny,



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ask our Blessed Mother  
to hear our prayers and  
keep my temperature down  
if it is God's will. I'm in bed.

I still teach the little  
T. B. boy, Joseph Clements  
every day and he begs  
me for your photo on  
the dresser. He said,  
"I'd love to have it"  
He has a Swedish suit  
that Dr Miller's wife bought  
for him.

Every day I still  
say the Memorara for you.

Did you read that fine  
 article on the flag,  
 in the Sunday Victor for  
 June 13th? 'Twas about  
 Francis Scott Key as he  
 saw the flag as dawn  
 broke - from his ship  
 and knew the fort was  
 saved and wrote our  
 national song -

"Star Spangled Banner"  
 be sure and read the  
 article.

Sonny, I am proud  
 of you. Keep up your  
 good record and I know  
 you will be an officer  
 some day. Tell the  
 one in charge that is  
 your ambition.  
 God keep you always and  
 bring you home to us.  
 Aunt Mary & M.

*Dr. John Maria*  
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Rfc George W. Canary, Jr.  
445<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group (H)  
701<sup>st</sup> Squadron S-2  
We. Dover Field  
W. Va.

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Lawrence - Ky  
July 20, 1943.

Dear Sonny,  
Your mother called  
to see me on my birthday  
July 12th. Sister and Margaret  
were here too. They gave me  
some useful gifts and two  
delicious chicken sandwiches.  
You would have enjoyed them.

It was happy news to hear  
that LaVerne is near you.  
I do hope you have been able  
to find a room for her.

What do you think of Lava?  
Is it high, hilly and does it  
compare in beauty at all to  
Salt Lake City.

Sonny, you will always remem-  
ber that pretty, dark blue sky of Utah.  
I imagine the salt water causes it.

we hear so much news and we wonder what is what? I heard a man say over the radio today that it will take us six years to conquer Japan - as we need to build a fleet twice the size of Japan to conquer her battle ships in the end.

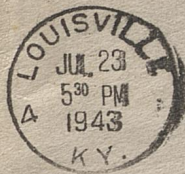
Tell La Verne it is hot here. It is 90° every day here in this hospital room and that is in the shade.

I am better. Still resting. Jeff was here Sunday. He had Jeff W. and Jimmie. They are growing. Jimmie will be four in August.

Sonny, take care of yourself. Be careful - so many diseases you come in and near. Be careful about drinking after another. Trench-mouth is out here. God bless and keep you always!  
Your devoted Aunt Mary  
Dr. John Maria



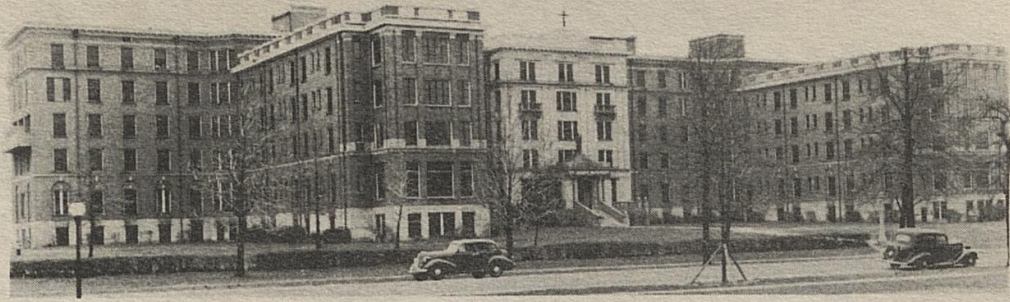
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Capt. George W. Canary - Jr.  
445th Bomb Group <sup>151 113, 242</sup> (H)  
701st Squadron - S-2  
Sioux City - Iowa.

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Your Mother is very happy over the Wedding- she said to me today that you and her were all ~~excited~~ but LaVerne and George, your Daddy were calm and steady.

Sonny you are like your Mother- she was too young to get her marriage lisenese too and my brother Johnie went to the court-house for Mamma did not think it was proper for a woman to go to the ~~count~~-house and Papa was dead so Johnie and your Dad had to swear for your Mother and Dad(s) license. Your Mother was a spring bride, and now yur marriage will be in the spring. I am sorry you will not me married so we could see you in your old Kentucky home but you will have a Kentucky bride so it will be allright for you. God bless you now and make a good confession

It would be an good time to make a general confession for you are in a dangerous position and then you will not have to worry when you go up in the air all will be off your mind and too this is a great sacrament you will receive -~~Matrimony~~ and always keep your heart and mind on this thought on your Wedding Day and all your life.

I asked Sister to get you the <sup>N</sup>uptial Mass in a Prayer book so be sure and mark it the day before with a book-mark so you can follow the Mass from the start.

I will be with you in spirit and of course my prayers and love for you will be forever Sonny dear. I told the Sisters that this was the only Wedding in the family that I would ever really be interested in.

God bless and keep your always and pray for me just as aspiration some times when you are on guard duty.

Be sure and continue to write to all even though LaVerne will be there. Thank God from all your heart she is a Catholic.

Your devoted Aunt Mary