

Harrisburg Comitium Legion of Mary

Edel Quinn

My Hero



Edelweiss Flower

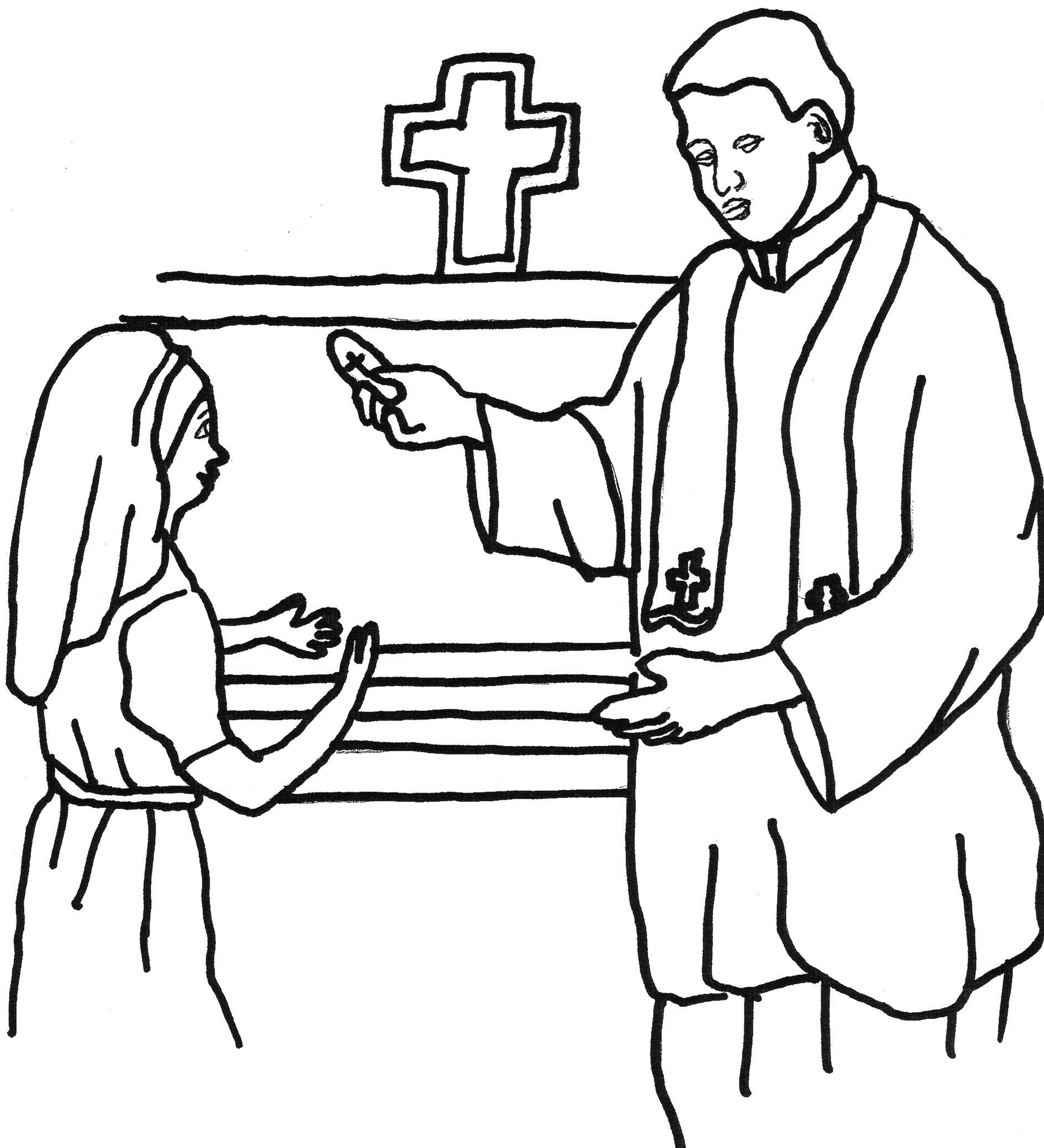
One of Edel's favorite prayers:

Dear Jesus, make Thyself to me
A living, bright reality.
More present to Faith's vision keen
Than any outward object seen,
More dear, more intimately nigh
Than even the sweetest earthly tie.

A baby named Edel Mary Quinn was born on September 14, 1907 in Ireland. She was baptized four days later in the St. Mary at Castlemanger Church.

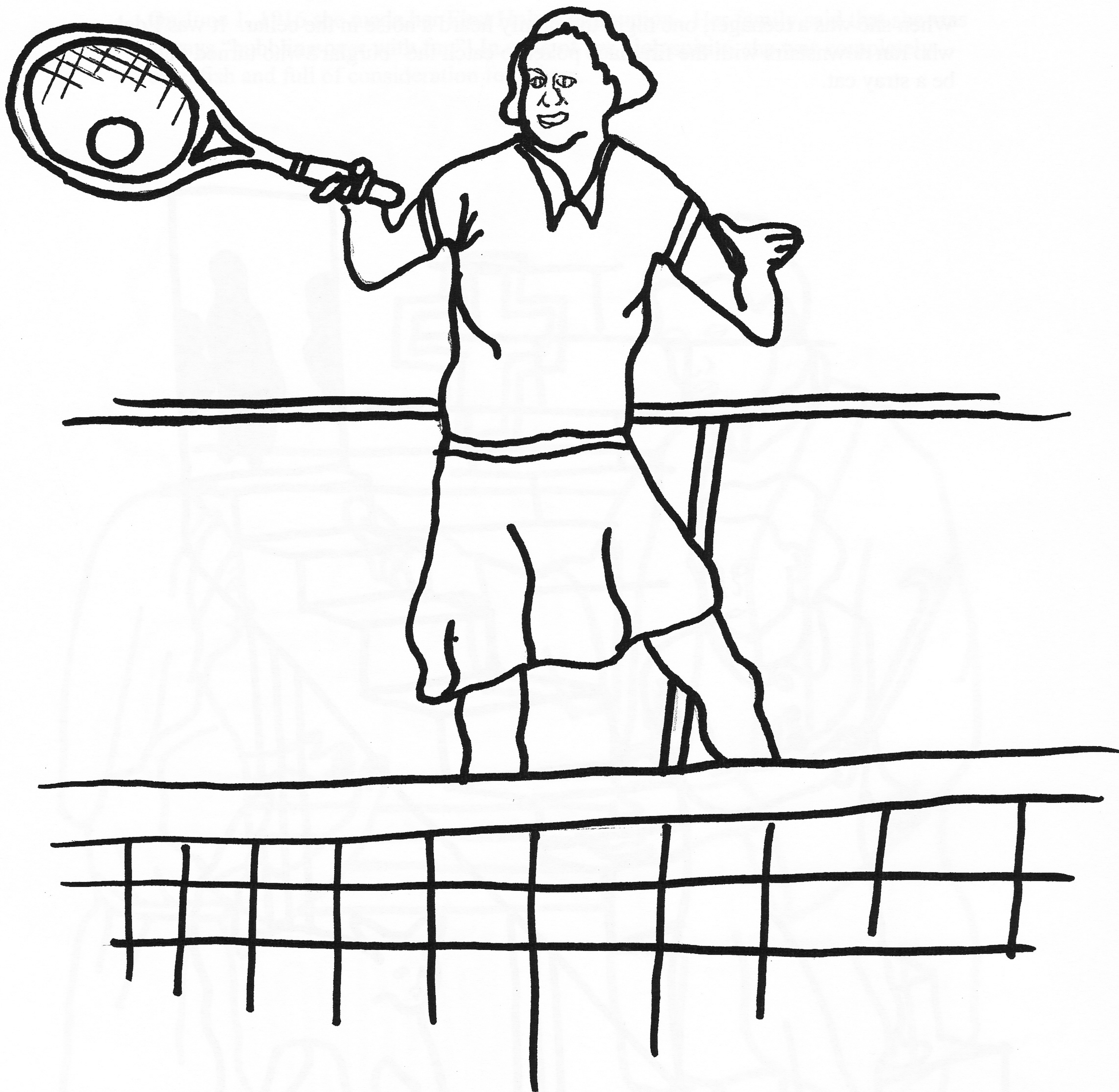


On June 1, 1916 she made her First Holy Communion. Her family said that she was always “bubbling over with fun”! In spite of her high spirits, she was completely unselfish and full of consideration for others.



When she was a teenager, one night the family heard a noise in the cellar. It was Edel who ran downstairs with the fireplace poker to catch the “burglar” who turned out to be a stray cat.





Tennis was her favorite sport. She also enjoyed dancing.



Here is Edel with her one brother Ralph and her three sisters Leslie, Mona, and Dorothy. Edel was always smiling. She went to commercial college for business training.

Edel loved to go to church and pray. She attended daily mass. When she was 20 years old, she joined the Legion of Mary in Our Lady of Victories Praesidium.

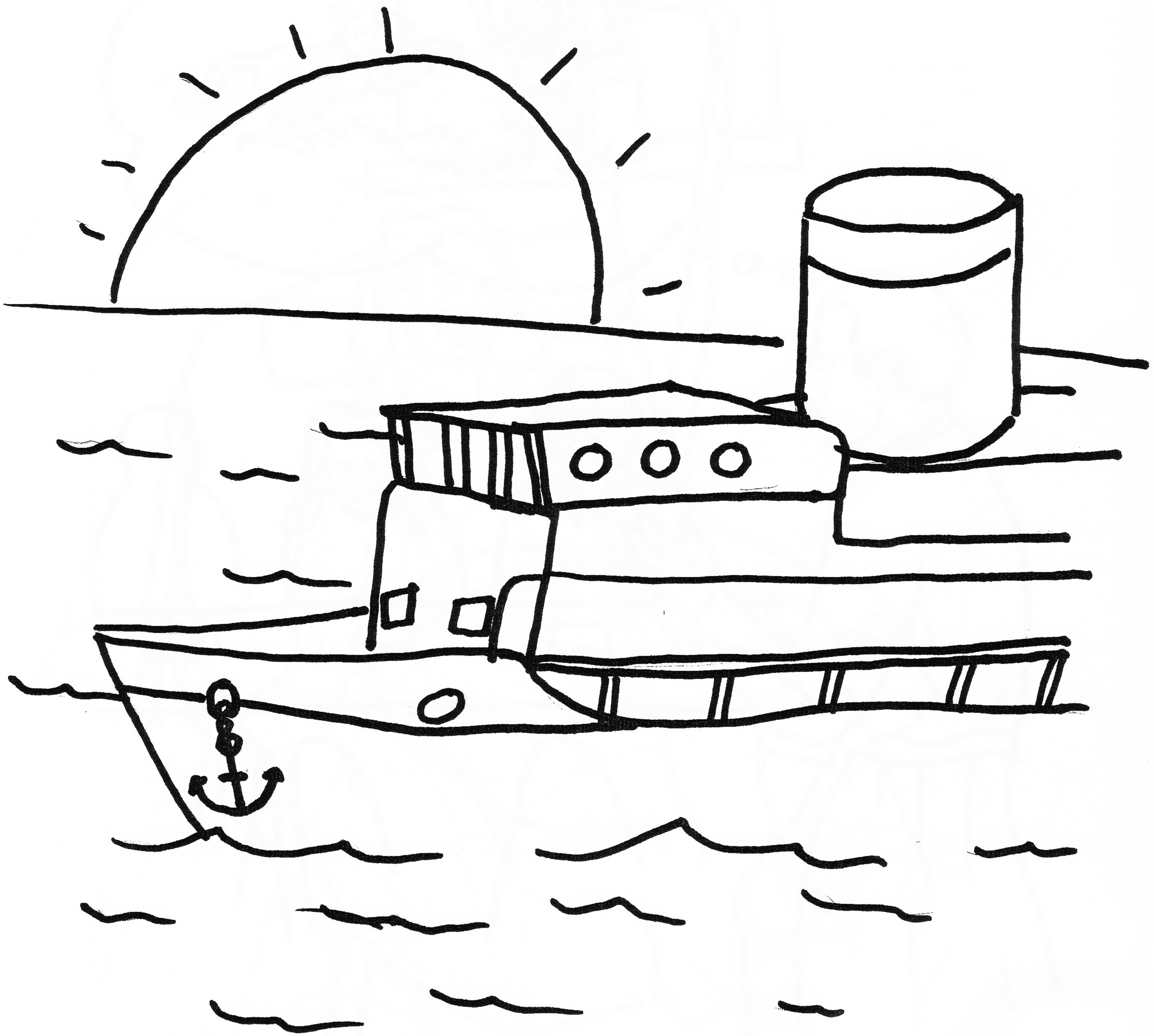


She began working as a secretary in the Chagny Tile Works Company. The owner of the company fell in love with Edel and asked her to marry him. She told him not to be disappointed, but she belonged to God alone and that she wanted to become a contemplative nun.





When she was 24 years old in 1932, she became ill with tuberculosis, a dreaded disease which had no medicine to treat it until 1940. She was sent to the hospital for 18 months. She was a very cheerful patient, even though she had difficulty breathing and was always very tired. Edel never complained and she was kind and helpful.



Her boat, the Llangibby Castle set sail on October 30, 1936 and arrived at her destination Mombasa Africa on November 23rd.



Edel worked in Africa for almost 8 years starting hundreds of Legion of Mary groups. She had many difficulties because of bad weather, long traveling, racial barriers of the African people, foreign languages, and her illness. But she became the friend of everyone she met. She touched the hearts of many, many people. They all thought that she was a courageous woman to leave her country to help them start the Legion of Mary to become better Catholics.

She died from tuberculosis in Nairobi, Africa. The Sisters of the Carmelite Convent where she stayed her last days buried her in their habit in their cemetery. Edel had always wanted to be a nun in life, and she received her wish in her death. She was made Venerable in 1994 and needs one more miracle attributed to her to be beatified.

