

# WŁADYSŁAW PAWLICKI<sup>1</sup> TO KAROL CHŁAPOWSKI<sup>2</sup>

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San Francisco, California  
1100 O'Farrell Street

My Dear and Respected Pan<sup>3</sup> Karol!

I've just returned from the Chapel of the Sisters of the Holy Family (on the corner of Hayes & Fillmore), where through the efforts of the worthy Sister Teresa, Superior of the Convent, a funeral Mass for Your deceased wife<sup>4</sup> was celebrated by our mutual friend Rev. [John J.] Prendergast,<sup>5</sup> and where, beside your humble servant, the entire company of 80 sisters joined in H[oly] Communion. This is the most proper and useful manner in which we are able to honor the memory of our beloved dead. – Upon returning home, I received the photograph, which You sent to me, together with a smaller package for Miss Agnes T[obin],<sup>6</sup> which I won't fail to deliver to her. Might it not be possible to bestow another such photograph upon the sisters of the Holy Family? They would be immensely pleased. And now, with cordial thanks to You, my dear *Pan* Karol, for your thoughtfulness, and wishing You all of God's blessings, I remain, with immense feelings of friendship, yours,



Sisters of the Holy Family. Northeast corner Hayes and Fillmore streets.  
San Francisco City Directory

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<sup>1</sup> See: <http://www.polishclubsf.org/Pawlicki.pdf>; also known as Ladislaus Pawlicki

<sup>2</sup> See: <http://culture.pl/en/artist/helena-modrzejewska-modjeska>

<sup>3</sup> Pan and Pani are Polish titles of respect, and are roughly equivalent to Sir and Ma'am.

<sup>4</sup> Helena Modjeska

<sup>5</sup> In 1872 Father John J. Prendergast and Lizzie Armer founded the Sisters of the Holy Family in San Francisco, California. Rev. Prendergast officiated for a time at St. Mary's Cathedral on Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. See: <http://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=d&d=SFC19080816.2.128&dliiv=none&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1;>

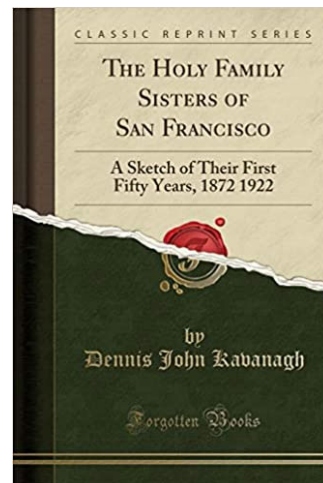
<sup>6</sup> Agnes Tobin: daughter of Mary A. Tobin, and sister of Cecilia Tobin Clark (see newspaper clip below)

## SENATOR CLARK IS LAVISH IN GIFT

Living well up to what was expected of him, United States Senator W. A. Clark, the Montana copper magnate, who arrived this week at Hillsborough to visit the Charles Clarks, presented small Charles Clark, junior, with a round million dollars. Ever since the advent of a son and heir in the Clark home at Burlingame, his wealthy grandparent has promised him a visit, and having started the precedent of bestowing a million dollar on his grandsons at birth, the highest hopes were of course surging in the breasts of Mere and Pere Clark. The former Senator's other grandson, Master William Andrew Clark III, who is now a lad of twelve years old, was the first grandson to receive the princely gift. The Charles Clarks already have two little daughters, the Misses Louise and Virginia Clark, and of course the arrival of the small son caused no end of rejoicing. In fact, old busy Dame Rumor has had it that the tiny newcomer averted a real catastrophe in the Clark family, for there have been reports from one time to another that all was not milk and honey in the Clark home and that were it not for religious reasons, a divorce would not be unlikely, but now, of course, the storm clouds have vanished. Mrs. Clark, Cecilia Tobin before her marriage to the heir to millions, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Tobin, and a sister of Miss Agnes Tobin, and Richard, Cyril and Edward J. Tobin of Burlingame.—Waco.

Oakland Tribune, 27 June 1915

Of the many other benefits given for the Sisters during this period of growth there is one that merits special mention. The Sisters' faithful physician, Dr. L. Pawlicki, a native of Poland and a veteran of the Crimean War, used his influence to secure the services of Madame Helena Modjeska, who was making a tour of America at the time. Early in 1883 a benefit was given by this noble, tender-hearted woman for the Sisters and their little children. A matinee, held at the Grand Opera House, on Mission Street, near Third, on Washington's Birthday, was a grand financial success as well as quite a social event.



Online book (*The Holy Family Sisters of San Francisco*) mentions Rev. John J. Prendergast and various members of the Tobin family (Richard, Cyril and Edward).

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