

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THE human race is involved today in a supreme crisis which will issue in its salvation by Christ, or its utter destruction. (Pius XII.) GOD LOVE YOU to P. F. who heard our radio plea that Catholics give the mission their prayers "at least," and writes, "The very least my conscience allows me to give is a little more than you asked: it is \$3 a week, besides a weekly Rosary for the missions." "My whole life has changed since I undertook the support of a seminarian in Africa," writes a Connecticut woman. "His letters and his prayers sanctify my days." It costs \$150 a year to follow her example turning some boy with a vocation into your own priest-son. In one vicariate of Indonesia, 2 priests work among three million people. The number of pagans under instruction is 20% of the whole Catholic population: if we in America were equally successful in conversions there would be seven million non-Catholics taking instruction in this country today. (Actually there are less than a million.) Your prayers will be answered more quickly if you make sacrifices for the missions. Only when you think of others, does God think most kindly of you.

GOD LOVE YOU to A. M. who sends \$10 a month increase in salary to help spread the Faith.

Attention Doctors and Nurses: In all India there are only seven Catholic hospitals with training schools attached for 370,000,000 people. Would you like to help? GOD LOVE YOU to G. E. who sends us two bouquets "My spiritual bouquet for the missions was Holy Communion and three Rosaries offered up on Mission Sunday. My physical bouquet is the enclosed \$12 to replace the orchids my husband was going to give me for a party." In South India cloth is so scarce in some sections that a community of Sisters have given up all their towels but two to provide covering for the newborn babies of the neighborhood. A \$15 gift would solve the problem for months to come. GOD LOVE YOU to D. G. who sent the Holy Father's Missions the \$20 he intended to spend in the "night club." We can keep a priest in India one month with that money. In Japan conversions average one thousand a month. Out of 131 applications to a Catholic girls school in Himeji only 6 were Catholics.

GOD LOVE YOU to D. L. who didn't trade in her old car this fall, as she had planned, to give the money to the Holy Father's Missions.

In 1648 when Curacao of the Dutch West Indies became the center of the slave trade Protestant ministers refused to baptize the negroes. A Catholic priest came in 1704 and today there are 112,000 Catholics in a population of 150,000. The Holy Father Himself has a World Mission Rosary with each decade of a different color dedicated to one of the mission continents of the world. Have you got yours? Send us your request with an offering of \$2 and we will bless and send you a World Mission Rosary. GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. I. V. who gave up an extra blanket for the winter and her children who gave up bananas to help the Holy Father's Missions. A convent of Poor Clares in India have no chapel of their own. Although they are a cloistered order, they must travel to the parish church for Mass, out of their poverty. "The convent," they write, "is a small house with two rooms only where there is no space for a prayer room." They wish to build a small chapel and to dedicate it to the donor who gives them the needed \$875.

We know of a chapel that needs a tabernacle costing \$60 to house Our Lord in dignity. We know of a monastery where the vestments are ragged, \$100 would buy a new set. We want to put a statue of Our Lady of Fatima in every mission Church throughout the world, \$60 will suffice. Tear out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 100 East 18th Street, New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Msgr. John Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

French Hierarchy Bids For Housing

Paris — (RNS) — French Catholics were reminded of the seriousness of their country's housing shortage and told that each one of them has a duty to help solve it, in a statement issued by the Cardinals and Archbishops of France at the close of their general assembly here.

After quoting the teachings of Pope Leo XIII Plus XI and Plus XII on the subject, the statement declared:

The Cardinals and Archbishops of France are resolved to call attention to the practical moral demands which arise from the grave and truly intolerable plight of so many families.

Catholic Archdiocese Opens Night School

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Nearly 1,200 adults are enrolled in the first night school launched under the auspices of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Named St. John's Night School, it has many of the one-night-a-week courses commonly associated with community night schools. These include Business (income tax, saving, advertising, etc.), Recreation and Hobbies; Spanish, U. S. History, Music Appreciation, Public Speaking, Creative Writing, etc., plus nine phases of Religion and Catholic Thought.

Catholic Gains Forecast In North Germany

Washington, (NC) — Northern Germany, prewar stronghold of Protestantism, will eventually become one of the finest and most active regions of Catholic life in Germany owing to the influx of 1,500,000 displaced faithful.

THE PREDICTION was made by the Rev. Alcuin Heibel, O.S.B., of Mount Angel Abbey, Mount Angel, Ore., who has just returned from another three-month charity tour to Germany. As an American ambassador of good will and an apostle of charity, Father Alcuin's many activities have included buying cows to provide milk for German children.

The displaced Catholics who came into North Germany from eastern territories during and after World War II arrived in a veritable spiritual desert. Father Heibel said they found no Catholic schools, no churches, no compact parishes. They were housed in tents, camps and barracks.

SLOWLY WITH THE aid of the Bonifatius Verein of Paderborn, and other German organizations, assistance from the United States and their own will to build themselves a spiritual home, the Catholic Church is emerging in North Germany as a sound and active community, according to Father Heibel.

Bonifatius Verein members go among them to help in the building of churches and schools. Fathers, mothers and children, after their daily work is done, assist in the construction work in a place where "God had left them only one thing—their Faith," he added.

"These displaced Catholics show more appreciation of their Faith than elsewhere, where no such sacrifices are needed," Father Heibel added.

Mexican Candidate Pledges Absolute Religious Freedom

Mexico City — (NC) — In his acceptance of the candidacy for President of Mexico for the period 1952-1958, Dr. Adolfo Ruiz Cortinez promised absolute freedom in religious matters and insisted that Mexicans must preserve the freedom of press, opinion and beliefs. He is the candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party at present in power. The election takes place next July.

In speaking of the religious question, however, Dr. Ruiz Cortinez did not mention amendments to the Constitution affecting the rights of the Church, particularly as regards education, as demanded by Mexican Catholics. In Durango, Archbishop Jose Maria Gonzalez Valencia of that archdiocese, in a pastoral against secularization, asked Catholics to continue petitioning for amendment of Article 3 of the Constitution, which establishes a government monopoly of education. Such an amendment the prelate said, should provide freedom of education so that students may not be forced to attend public schools.

Many Leaders Hail Naming of Gen. Clark

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whether the Vatican is or is not a sovereign state. The important thing is that we have contact with this spiritual focal point of the war against Communism.

Goodwill Bishop Richard H. Baker of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, "It seems to me that it is good for us to have a representation of our government in that important corner of the world," he said. "If the presence of Gen. Clark can ease the tensions between any elements of this troubled world, it will be good."

THE BALTIMORE SUN: "The opposition of many Protestants to such a decision is of the emotions, not of the mind. It is based on a misunderstanding of the purpose and meaning of diplomatic recognition. It seems to be assumed by those who are now preaching sermons and taking standing votes in their churches that diplomatic recognition implies a kind of endorsement by the U. S. Government of the Roman Catholic Faith. . . . Yet recognition implies no such thing."

ARCHBISHOP KARL J. ALTMER OF CINCINNATI: "The advantage of having an ambassador in the Vatican is to be determined, naturally, by the judgment of our government. That the President considers such an appointment advantageous is not surprising in view of the fact that other great countries, 37 in all, maintain diplomatic relations with the Holy See. There is no issue of a religious nature involved but only a question of the best means to promote a united front for world peace."

U. S. SENATOR EDWARD J. THYE (R-MINN.): "I choose to view the appointment as an effort to hold the Christian people of the world together in the fight against Communism," he said at his Northfield, Minn., home.

Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans: "Those who erroneously contend that the appointment in question is a discrimination against other religious bodies would be at a loss to name the head or heads of such religious bodies and their respective seats of government and jurisdiction."

Senator James E. Murray of Montana said now is the time for the United States "to forge the closest possible links with history's most consistent opponent of atheistic Communism in the spiritual field."

Rabbi Abraham Hafferman of the Anshe Sepher Synagogue, Washington, said: "I know some Protestant churches are not in agreement. . . . But I think Catholicism in this world holds such a prominent place that it deserves such recognition."

Editor Refuses Information Sources

Salisbury, Md. — (RNS) — A willingness to waive his im-Catholic editor who recently munity as a newspaper editor, made charges of gambling in Father Sinnott had stated ed Worcester County, refused to testify that gambling was still tell a Grand Jury the sources going on in Worcester County, of his information "on profes- which includes Ocean City, a sional rather than on personal summer resort, and had said grounds."

Father John Sinnott Martin, editor of the Catholic Review, of L. Sanford had informed a Leg- sional publication of the archdi- islative Council crime investiga- cese of Baltimore, expressed un- ising committee.

Polish Reds Pushing Schismatic Church

London — (RNS) — Polish Communist regime is actively supporting a movement to create a schismatic Polish National Church that would be completely subservient to the government, the Vatican has reported.

The station said that government officials are approaching Roman Catholic priests with promises and threats to an effort to get them to join the projected new Communist-controlled church.

Protestants Map Trip To Capital

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which started last September by American Protestant leaders of prominent churches and of government officials and the which the Protestant have proposed to form the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

Dr. Charles Clayton Kettering, founder and retired editor of The Christian Century, a leading Protestant weekly, said the President of America, as a symbol of the people, violation of the Constitution, and establishment of a particular religion.

Vatican, Coca-Cola Linked. Says Red Radio Canard

By MAX JORDAN

Berlin — (NC) — The Vatican has acquired exclusive rights to sell Coca-Cola in Italy, said a preposterous broadcast relayed over the communist station here.

James A. Farley, chairman of the board and director of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, the Red broadcaster claimed, last year called on his Holiness Pope Pius XII and made him a lucrative offer. Mr. Farley also suggested, according to the Moscow broadcaster, that the Vatican

Reds carry considerable Coca-Cola, and was selling it "the Holy See Standard."

"To be sure," the Moscow speaker added, "this offer was rejected, but subsequently the Catholic took over the Coca-Cola monopoly for the whole of Italy, which means the new Coca-Cola profits would be the property of St. Peter's Cathedral."

The speaker also volunteered the information that it is not the intention of the Vatican States Senators are said by the Coca-Cola company.

Catholic War Vets Adopt Five-Point Action Program

Washington — (NC) — A five-point plan for unity of action on a national scale in each field of veteran interest is the keynote of the 1951-52 program of the Catholic War Veterans of the U. S. A., announced here this week.

Adopted at regional meetings of the organization held in Washington and Chicago, the program consists of the following activities:

Catholic Activity—directed by the Rev. John D. Kofflin, Toledo, O., national chaplain; Americanism—Thomas M. Bailey, Baltimore, chairman; Membership—Richard McCusker, Baltimore, national second vice command; Veterans' Affairs—Francis D. Skelley, West New York, N. J., legislative Council crime investigation committee.

ship—Paul J. Dolan, Buffalo, national Trustee.

The plan is under the direction of the National Commandery, Richard H. McQuade, executive.

Its major consideration will be the care of sick and disabled veterans and the families of deceased veterans, also the united national observance of patriotic holidays and religious holy days and an organized approach to civic duties and obligations by its members.

First Fridays Vocation Days

New Orleans — (NC) — First Fridays have been designated Vocation Days by Archbishop Joseph P. Rummel in the New Orleans archdiocese.

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