

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

WE thank God that the readers of our "God Love You" column are being inspired to sacrifice. Our Catholic life has been built too much on petition for ourselves; now it begins to revolve more around the Cross of Our Lord. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to the good Catholic Mothers who are inspiring their children to sacrifice for the Holy Father's Missions, such as Mrs. W. whose two children L. and P. sacrifice 10c and 3c each week; to Mrs. S. T. whose two boys M. and C. sacrificed \$2 in pennies and she herself who gave 1% of her business profits to the Holy Father's Missions. . . . "The universe is a machine for making saints," said a French philosopher. Ten thousand residents of a single village in South India have begged for instruction so that they can begin the Catholic struggle for sanctity: A \$35 sacrifice will provide them a Catechist for a month. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to H. T. for \$3.55 sacrificed by "passing up a new scarf, movies and some desserts. This extra \$5 is one-tenth of my salary for the Holy Father's Missions."

Missionaries who have been preaching in China for decades, made only a handful of converts. Now that they are persecuted, falsely accused and imprisoned, the Chinese are clamoring to join the Church. The reason is: persecution and sacrifice win more souls to Christ than preaching. . . . In one small city of the Eastern Province of China, the pastor was put under house arrest, but in one month 76 came to him for Baptism. . . . An 82 year old woman joined the Church and brought many of her friends. . . . One Chinese woman sold four times as a concubine by the Reds, regained her freedom and joined the Church. . . . When the trumpet sounds in a Chinese village it means that people are to be slain. One Chinese woman was in Church praying when she heard the trumpet; she ran home and found her husband drenched with blood in a dying condition. As she joined with him in an Act of Contrition the Communists killed her. This column trumpets you to sacrifice for the Holy Father's Mission so there will not be a persecution in which you will have to give your blood.

Our Lord is not valued at all unless He is valued above all. GOD LOVE YOU! to R. Y. who sacrificed a dollar a day in January for the Holy Father's Missions to draw down blessings on her two soldier sons. . . . Attention, Daily Communicants! You are blessed by your geography: residents of some African parishes have Mass only once a month, because priests are so few. Will you give \$150 to train a seminarian for one year so that Africans will be as lucky as you are in a few more years? . . . GOD LOVE YOU to J. Z. who sent a three line letter sacrificing \$3,002 for the Holy Father's Missions. The \$2 is for a World Mission Rosary. How many Rosaries have been given you throughout your life? Think it over. Many a poor Mission priest has to teach his fifty converts a year to pray on their ten finger-tips, for lack of beads. Will you send a \$2 offering for each World Mission Rosary you wish us to send to converts in poor mission parishes abroad? . . . Our Lord changed the water into wine at the suggestion of His BLESSED Mother. May you be inspired out of love for her to change a sacrifice into a God Love You.

The world is full of willing people—some willing to help the Holy Father's Missions; the others willing to let them. May we ask the second group this week to give up something, such as a movie, or a new tie, or a piece of costume jewelry and send the sacrifice in the name of the Holy Father to Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 E. 38th St., New York 17, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Foundation Work on Huge Monument To Resume
Lisbon, Portugal — (NC) — The Bishops of Portugal work on the huge monument to the Christ the King will be resumed shortly, following a halt on construction after the foundation stone was laid due to lack of funds.

Nazareth College Scholarships

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192 Lake St., Saranac Lake, Saranac Lake High School.

FLORENCE WITECKI, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Witecki, 119 North Fulton St., Auburn, St. Hyacinth Parish, East High School, Auburn. Five tuition scholarships went to the following:

LUCY SHEA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Shea, 295 Colebrook Drive, Rochester, St. Thomas Parish, Our Lady of Mercy High School.

THERESA LOTTIO, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lottio, 22 Arlington Ave., Auburn, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Auburn; West High School, Auburn.

DIANE BARNARD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis E. Barnard, 52 Stanley St., Mt. Morris, St. Patrick's Parish, Mt. Morris High School.

MARIE LOUISE POWERS, daughter of Mrs. M. J. Powers, 408 1/2 Fulton St., Elmira, St. Mary's Parish, Elmira Catholic High School.

MARY JO McKENNA, daughter of Mrs. Henry H. McKenna, 317 River St., Elmira, St. Mary's Parish, Southside High School, Elmira.

Winner of the Secretarial scholarship is:

NORRIS NOLL, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Noll, 994 Clifford Ave., Holy Redeemer Parish, St. Agnes High School.

The music scholarship was awarded to:

MAUREEN VROOMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vrooman, 10 Wolcott St., Camden, N. Y., Camden Central School.

The winner of the Art Scholarship valued at \$700 will be announced later, according to the college officials. Determination of the winner is deferred until work of the contestants now entered in the Scholastic Art Exhibit to be held at Sibley's is returned to the students.

Nazareth College had the largest number of scholarship contestants numbering almost 200, who have ever taken the scholarship examination. Approximately 65 of the out-of-town applicants were guests of the college in John Fisher Hall and other residence halls on the Friday night preceding the test.

On the afternoon of the test, parents and families of contestants visited the college and attended the Informal Coffee hour in the cafeteria.

In Australia



Very Rev. John Keane, O.S.M., Irish-American priest, native of Chicago, will have charge of the first foundation of his order in Australia, the Servants of Mary (Servite Fathers). Consultant-General of the Order, he will be stationed at St. Anthony's Church, Waneroo Parish, Perth. This photo was taken at Senbur County, Tyrone, where he was founder and first prior of the Servite foundation there. (NC Photos)

FATHER KENNEDY

There are more pages in Father Daniel T. McColgan's monumental two-volume work, *A Century of Charity: The First Hundred Years of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States* (Bruce, \$10), than there are words in this article. Which fact at once indicates the inadequacy of the latter. For to do justice to this vast but well ordered and readable study would require a review running to many thousands of words.

Father McColgan, who was active in Vincentian work as a college student, begins with an account of the life of St. Vincent de Paul. The saint established something like the present society. But the Vincentian movement as we know it dates from the last century; it was founded by another Frenchman, Frederic Ozanam, in 1833. It quickly spread to other countries (Turkey, for example, the visiting of prisoners and the rehabilitation of ex-convicts; the initiation and support of the Catholic press and of parish libraries; all manner of services to soldiers and the families of soldiers in the Civil War and other wars.

It is no wonder that numerous bishops and archbishops spoke glowingly of the Society, acknowledging it to be their right arm in carrying out their ministry. The author gives us a portrait gallery of these prelates, covering all parts of the country and ten decades. There are sketches, too, of other churchmen closely identified with the Vincentians.

But best of all, since the Society is a lay organization, are the likenesses of the great-hearted laymen who have been pillars of Vincentianism: Thomas M. Mulroy of New York ("generally acknowledged to have been the greatest single personage in the history of American Catholic charities"); Levi S. Ives of New York, Ben Webb of Louisville, Joseph Chandler of Philadelphia, Martin Imhoff of Milwaukee, and many others.

Then there was the tidal wave of immigration, bringing to this country—and especially to Christ in His Church and Christ in His poor. From these ranks the wealthy are conspicuously absent. There is printed at length an address by Cardinal O'Connell exhorting the Catholic rich who, by their cold lack of charity, give the lie

to the designation "Catholic." The foundations of Catholic charities in America were laid by the Society. Changing situations did not find the Vincentians resisting progress. Father McColgan discusses very thoroughly the Vincentian record regarding organized charities and professional handling of case work. It is a record which does credit to the members' faithful retention of the pristine spirit of the Society, on the one hand, and their adaptability to circumstances never dreamed of by Ozanam.

Here is a massive work which exhausts its subject. Every aspect of Vincentian activity in America is covered, every question which might occur to the reader is sooner or later answered. But the author has avoided dryness and dullness. The Vincentian spirit quickens even his most heavily table-laden, foot-noted page. These volumes are a pageant of charity from the small start in St. Louis, through disaster like the San Francisco fire and prolonged crises like the depression of the early 1930's; full of vignettes and informing all is the presence of Christ in those who fulfill his command of love.

plotted, and thoroughly miserable in the slums. . . .

So MUCH is clear from Father McColgan's highly interesting recital of the volume and variety of Vincentian endeavor over a century. To take a few scattered examples, he dwells on the founding of hospitals, the meeting and caring for arriving immigrants, assistance to the aged (it was at the Society's suggestion that the Little Sisters of the Poor first came to this country); homes for vagrant children and many sorts of child care; help for the deaf, and those otherwise handicapped; shelters for seamen; the visiting of prisoners and the rehabilitation of ex-convicts; the initiation and support of the Catholic press and of parish libraries; all manner of services to soldiers and the families of soldiers in the Civil War and other wars.

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CDA Banquet Marks 20th Year

Elms—A banquet to mark the twentieth anniversary of Court Dilettantes, Catholic Daughters of America, was held Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Avon Inn.

Among the 65 members and guests was Anita L. O'Connell, grand regent. Elizabeth O'Connell, of Livonia, was toastmistress.

The Rev. Walter Fischer of St. Joseph's Church, Livonia, was guest speaker. He spoke of "Nine Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart."

The committee included the Mesdames Lewis Davison, Mathias Recktenwald, Charles Courtney, Howard Repp, and Miss Trudy McHale.

The February business meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Lima Town Hall.

National Librarians Honor Fr. Shoniker

Two Western Pennsylvania Librarians are listed as associate editors of the 1952 Catholic Book list published by the Catholic Library Association for National Catholic Book Week Feb. 17-23.

Rev. Fintan R. Shoniker, O.S.B., director of libraries at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, and former member of Corpus Christi Parish, Rochester, has prepared the annotated selections of current Catholic biographies, and Sister Melania Grace, Librarian of Seton Hill College, Greensburg, is responsible for the section on Catholic bibliography.

Reds Attack Rome Crusade

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They accused him of attacking "the institutions of the Italian Republic" and of violating the Lateran Treaty governing relations between the Holy See and Italy.)

Both Father Lombardi and the Rev. Giuseppe Tenzi, dean of Rome's College of Pastors—who had been named by His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara, Vicar of Rome, as Father Lombardi's chief assistant—consistently stressed in their addresses that the Pope's appeal goes far beyond a mere election contest.

THE POPE'S words, they explained, must mark the beginning at Rome of a true renewal of Christian life which then will spread throughout the world.

Climaxing the week's spiritual exercises Fathers Lombardi and Tenzi addressed an overflow crowd at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. They emphasized that the revival was not to be something brief or shallow but a complete and lasting conversation beginning in the heart of every individual.

In his interpretation of the Holy Father's discourse, Father Lombardi emphasized three points:

- (1) We must rebuild the world. Its debased and explosive condition lies fundamentally in the consciences of men and it is reflected in the low state of morals in private as well as public life.
- (2) To reconstruct this world and these consciences, there is nothing but the Church of Christ, with the Pope at the head, accepting the task of carrying this cross and being herald and the leader of this renewal.
- (3) Who will lead this crusade? We Romans. Not that Romans need this renewal either more or less than others, but being at the heart of Christendom, at the seat of the Father of Christendom, it is only fitting and a duty that Eternal Rome take the lead in the work of renewal—a work which is "profoundly personal before it may ever become public."

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