

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

OUR Lord multiplied the five loaves and two fishes, fed 5,000 and there were 12 baskets left over. The Divine Arithmetic multiplies by dividing and adds by subtracting. Subtract some thing from your life for the Holy Father's Missions and He will do the adding. Divide what you have and He will multiply it. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. F. P., a widow with two children who sends the Holy Father's Missions a 'widow's mite', a \$10 bill given to her for a pair of shoes. . . . There are 70 different Catholic publications in the mission lands. The Bombay Examiner in India prints 200,000 copies and in Indonesia there are two Catholic weeklies. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to W. H. A. who sent \$124 to the Holy Father's Missions, his salary for working on a Holy Day of Obligation. . . . The new constitution of Libya begins with the words: "In the name of the Great and Merciful God." Thought Islamism is the religion of the State there being 37,000 Moslems, religious freedom is proclaimed for all including 36,000 Catholics. . . . If you have any old gold or jewelry you would like to sacrifice to care for lepers and hire catechists in pagan lands, send them to the Holy Father's Missions. . . . Give a diamond to save diamonds in the rough in Africa.

People who are healthy never thump their breasts saying, "I am healthy"; it is the sick who speak most of health. But you will always hear the sinner say, "I am happy", because he is not. . . . We hope the Church in the United States will copy the idea of catechists in the Missions. The hour has come for the laity to play a more important role both at home and in the foreign missions. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to G. L. S. whose income tax amounted to \$160, but who sent an equal amount to the Holy Father's Missions in gratitude to God. . . . The World Missionary Rosary adds the sense of vision to that of touch, for as you look at the colored decades, you think of the continents to which it is dedicated. For a \$2 offering along with your request, we will send a World Mission Rosary blessed by me. . . . You can adopt a seminarian in Japan, Africa, India or anywhere in the Mission world for \$150 a year. He will be your priest and you will share later in his Missions, conversions and priestly zeal. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. M. J. F. who sent to the Holy Father's Missions a \$25 War Bond which just matured.

Invariably, when a man ceases to love and venerate the Blessed Virgin, he ceases to be Christian. Mary is the key to the Missionary Church to pagans, before Christ is born, bringing them as she brought Our Lord in her visit to Elizabeth. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. J. Q. whose \$3 to the Holy Father's Missions represented a sacrifice of bedroom slippers; to G. J. who sacrificed an Easter outfit; to S. N. and the sophomore class who sacrificed hamburgers and movies to the extent of \$12; and to E. M. T. who sacrificed \$25 saved for a watch. . . . Communists in China have hit bottom. They now accuse the nuns of eating two babies a day if they are fat, and three if they are skinny. Five nuns in China died before a crowd of 40,000 Communists were held responsible for the death of 120,000 children. . . . Not even Judas struck the Mother of Our Lord; but the Chinese Communists are persecuting everyone who belongs to the Legion of Mary.

If you help save a soul from sin you will save your own. The pagan lands are full of opportunities of grace for you, if you but sacrifice. Remember the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father's own Mission Society. Cut this out, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 100 E. 53rd St., New York 16, N. Y., or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 59 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Italian Catholics Warned On Joining 'Y' Groups

Rome (NC)—Italian Catholics have been reminded by their Catholic Action leadership that membership in Young Men's Christian Associations in Italy is not permitted.

The remainder was published in Forward Glances, monthly magazine for group leaders, published by the men's section of Italian Catholic Action. It said membership in the Y.M.C.A. or in the Y.W.C.A., the corresponding organization for young women, is forbidden to Catholics in Italy because of the Protestant religious character of the groups.

THE ARTICLE says the "Y's" have reappeared in Italy since the liberation of Italy by Americans in World War II, after having disappeared from about 1925 onwards. Their first appearance in Italy dated from the days of World War I.

The character of the Y.M.C.A. organization has been "Protestant," says the article—a fact which not only "was never disavowed officially but rather has been reaffirmed." This is true of the organization especially outside Italy, the comment continues, but even within Italy it has never "succeeded in hiding its true physiognomy."

THE ARTICLE calls attention to the fact that a November 5, 1920, letter of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office called the Y.M.C.A. a "very far-reaching group" "backed by immense resources," in mentioning it as among associations which "draw Catholic youth away from the Faith."

The article goes on to cite Canon 684 of the Code of Canon Law as the real reason for the prohibition of membership in the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. on the part of Catholics.

(Canon 684 says: "The faithful are deserving of praise if they join associations which have been set up, or at least recommended, by the Church; but they should beware of associations which are secret, condemned, seditious or suspected, or which strive to withdraw from the legitimate supervision of the Church.")

The article speaks of "the general Protestant framework" of the Y.M.C.A. and says that in Italy, too, the Y.M.C.A. "must be considered as forbidden to Catholics" by this Canon, and that the Y.W.C.A. would come under the same ban.

Priest Chaplains Raised To Colonels

Washington (NC)—Two priest chaplains who entered the service early in World War II have been promoted to the rank of colonel in the Regular Army. Chaplains Corps headquarters here announced. They are:

The Rev. Peter S. Rush, Newark Archdiocese priest who completed a tour of duty in Korea last year and was reassigned to the United States. He now is stationed at Ft. Jackson, S.C. Father Rush's decorations include the Bronze Star.

The Rev. William J. Moran, San Francisco Archdiocese priest now stationed in Hawaii. His decorations include the Bronze Star and the Order of the Crown (Italy).

Youngest Abbot
Vatican City (NC)—Said to be the youngest Trappist Abbot in the world, the Right Rev. Emmanuel Coutant, 23 years old, has been solemnly installed at Bellefontaine Abbey in France.

Indian Student



Audrey Infield (above) has spent eleven of her sixteen years as a boarder-student at St. John's Indian Mission School in Arizona. She is leader of the school's drum and bugle corps which won three top prizes in the 1952 rodeo show at Tucson.

St. John's is one of the Indian reservation schools which each year must refuse admittance to hundreds of Indian children, many of whom are Catholics, whose parents are converts.

Reverend Bernard A. Cullen, general director of the Marquette League, Indian mission aid organization (238 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N.Y.), points out that to deny these children a Catholic education may cause them to lose their faith. Lack of dollars to enlarge a school may cancel the work done by missions of another generation. There is no race in the American melting pot that needs our help more than the American Indian both physically and spiritually, he states.

Reds Remove Dying Bishop From Prison

Hong Kong (NC)—The Chinese communists have removed Archbishop Theodore Buddenbrock of Lanchow, who is seriously ill, from prison and placed him under strict house arrest in his residence.

Their action is reported motivated by the fear that the 73-year-old, German-born prelate might die in prison and thus heighten the world-wide revulsion at Red atrocities against missionaries. Other priests residing in the same house cannot visit the Archbishop or administer the Last Rites to him.

THE NATIVE of Lippramsdorf, Germany, and member of the Society of the Divine Word was imprisoned last Christmas. He was subjected to several "public trials" which together with the rigors of prison life have undermined his health.

Within recent months three members of the Hierarchy in China have died shortly after they were removed from communist prisons in a dying condition.

ARCHBISHOP CYRIL Jarre, O.F.M., of Tsinan died shortly after he was removed from prison to the Red-occupied Catholic hospital at Tsinan, Shantung province.

Bishop Leon de Smedt, C.I.C.M., of Swatze died two days after he was transferred to a hospital from prison.

Bishop Alexander Carlo, M.E.P., of Lanlung died in a Chinese inn three weeks after ill-treatment received in a "public trial" in Lanlung, Kweichow province.

French Canadians Aid Missions

Montreal (NC)—Catholics of French Canada have sent a record-breaking \$135,000 to Rome for missionary work during the past year, it has been announced here by Mgr. J. A. Chamberland, national director of the Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle.

Therapeutic Abortion Seen Unjustified Scientifically

St. Louis (NC)—Therapeutic abortion "is never justified from a strictly scientific standpoint," Drs. Roy F. Heffernan and William A. Lynch declare in an article appearing in the current issue of The Linacre Quarterly, official journal of the Federation of Catholic Physicians' Guilds.

The Church has always held therapeutic abortion—the killing of an unborn child in an attempt to save the life of the mother—to be morally wrong. The article's authors now cite a long series of studies showing it to be medically unsound as well.

"Twenty-five or thirty years ago," the authors note, "therapeutic abortions were performed with deplorable frequency in most of the leading non-Catholic clinics."

Since then, they point out, the situation has improved. "A review of the literature during the past 25 years reveals a most gratifying but startling tendency. Science, it would seem, has shown a very deplorable inclination to ignore, at first, any ethical consideration when faced with a new problem.

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