

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

WE HAVE now reached a point where we are as happy about the W. sacrifices you are making for the Holy Father's Missions, as we are happy about the planting of the Church in the mission lands through your aid. . . This column has lifted the spiritual life of American Catholics from prayer petitions for themselves to sacrifice for others, from a short-sighted view of the Church to the Worldmission view of the Propagation of the Faith. . . GOD LOVE YOU to M.O.D. who having \$4 left for a week, sacrificed \$2 for the Holy Father's Missions. . . "Dr. Livingston, I presume." It is now thoroughly established by an Angelican missionary that David Livingston was not the first missionary in Central Africa. The honor belongs to Portuguese missionaries who in 1482 baptized a chief of the tribe whose son Henry became Bishop of the Congo Basin in 1521. . . GOD LOVE YOU to Corporal J.S. whose \$25 to the Holy Father's Missions last class and to Private R.A.F. who sent \$14 to the Holy Father's Missions which represented his increase in pay in becoming a private first class.

When any Indian becomes a Catholic he literally "loses caste"—he is deprived of any social status in the economic life of the nation, however humble. Yet over three million Indians have made this sacrifice to join the Faith and every year nearly 200,000 more are under instruction. . . For the Chinese who are being martyred because they are members of the Legion of Mary, will you take their place by making a sacrifice for the Missions in Mary's name. . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. V.H. "I would like to have a new blouse with sequins, but perhaps Our Lord will clothe my soul with the beautiful mantle of His Mercy if I give it to the Holy Father's Missions. . . Extract from a letter of a priest in China: "The wishes of the Holy Father are our orders and we wish to fulfill them. Good Friday is a crushing weight for our weak shoulders, as we feel we have a right to your prayers. Our greatest desire is to remain in China, and if necessary, to shed our blood, for thus we will bear a greater resemblance to Our Divine Master."

This letter just came to our office from a missionary in China: "I am ready for everything, for prison or death. The worst that could happen to me would be to be expelled from China. In two years I have seen no brother priests, but in my sufferings I abound in joy." . . Two dollars will buy a piece of costume jewelry, a new compact, or a necklace. But it will also procure for you the World Mission Rosary with five decades in five colors dedicated to the 5 missionary continents. Send your request and offering of \$2 to 109 E. 38th St., New York 16, N. Y. . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. R.H. who sacrificed \$1 by not playing "Patience" in the evenings. We are playing "Patience" to be awaiting similar sacrifices for the Holy Father's Mission. . . In the U.S. there is one priest for every 625 Catholics, in Mexico, one for every 4,750, in Guatemala, one for every 25,800.

Selfishness must be lost before any joy worth keeping can be gained. That is why those who make a sacrifice for the missions generally repeat their sacrifice in a short period of time. The joy they had in spreading the faith makes them eager to experience that joy again. We find that the Holy Father's Missions instead of having members who contribute a dollar a year actually are contributing a sacrifice every few months. Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and send to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 E. 38th Street, New York 16, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 56 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Sin — Always remember that you can never put blossoms back on the tree after a storm exactly as they were before, no matter how hard you try. —Chinese Proverb.

Kake — The habit of getting everything packed and ready for a quick scot when the bell rings does not mean for you a raise. Work as if you owned the place—and perhaps you may. —Hubbard

Courier Journal Circulation--Parish Report

Following is the report of the CATHOLIC COURIER JOURNAL subscriptions obtained through parishes of the diocese in last month's annual campaign.

Sixty-four parishes reported subscriptions totaling from 85 per cent to 100 per cent of their parishioners. These subscriptions, added to those received directly through the office during the course of the year, bring the total to more than 35,000 for the first time — the largest circulation of any ABC-audited weekly newspaper in New York State outside the Metropolitan area.

THE FOLLOWING ROCHESTER CITY PARISHES OBTAINED 85% TO 100% COVERAGE:

PARISH	TOTAL
Blessed Sacrament	1,002
Corpus Christi	868
Holy Ghost	196
Holy Rosary	1,037
Our Lady of Lourdes	476
Our Mother of Sorrows	528
St. Andrew	1,010
St. Boniface	473
St. Helen	356
St. James	592
St. Joseph	242
St. Stanislaus	457
St. Theodore	255
St. Theresa	121

PARISHES OUTSIDE CITY OF ROCHESTER WITH 85% TO 100% COVERAGE:

PARISH	TOTAL
St. Catherine (Addison)	720
Holy Family (Auburn)	571
St. Aloysius (Auburn)	47
St. Joseph (Cayuga)	341
St. Alphonsus (Auburn)	1,008
St. Francis (Auburn)	135
St. Patrick (Aurora)	734
St. Michael (Union Springs)	195
St. Mary (Bath)	172
St. Stanislaus (Bradford)	82
St. Joseph (Campbell)	52
St. Columba (Caledonia)	134
St. Patrick (Mumfords)	52
St. Patrick (Cato)	48
St. Thomas (Red Creek)	42
St. Plus (Cohasset)	82
St. Francis (Corning)	305
St. Vincent (Corning)	515
St. Mary (Dansville)	358
St. Bridget (E. Bloomfield)	66
St. Joseph (W. Bloomfield)	22

St. John (Spencerport)	357
St. James (Trumansburg)	334
St. Francis Solanus (Ontario)	489
Holy Trinity (Webster)	123
St. Joseph (Westport)	123
St. Mary (Canandaigua)	178
St. Vincent (Churchville)	76
St. Fechan (Chili)	73
St. Felix (Clifton Springs)	73
St. John the Evangelist (Clay)	82
St. Mary (Coming)	433
St. Patrick (Dansville)	97
St. Jerome (East Rochester)	105
St. Casimir (Elmira)	142
St. Cecilia (Elmira)	131
St. Mary (Elmira)	207
Assumption (Fairport)	47
St. Francis (Geneva)	294
St. John the Evangelist (Greene)	245
St. Anthony (Grotton)	91
Good Shepherd (Henrietta)	48
St. Joseph (Rush)	44
St. Paul (Homeoy Falls)	44
St. Catherine (Mendon)	44
St. Ignatius (Hornell)	244
Immaculate Conception (Ithaca)	422
St. Thomas (Leicester)	74
St. Raphael (Pittard)	74
St. Lucy (Rexford)	130
St. Michael (Lyons)	130
St. Michael (Montezuma)	40
St. John (Port Byron)	109
St. Januarius (Naples)	18
St. Mathias (Atlanta)	255
St. Michael (Newark)	36
St. John (Newark Valley)	163
St. Francis (Catontonk)	54
St. Patrick (Owego)	54
St. Ann (Palmyra)	703
Sacred Heart (Perkinsville)	24
St. Francis (Pheips)	506
St. Louis (Pittsford)	138
Immaculate Heart of Mary (Bushnell's Basin)	335
St. Salome (Point Pleasant)	25
St. Patrick (Seeca Falls)	54
St. Dominic (Shortsville)	105
St. Theresa (Stanley)	188
St. Mary (Rushville)	188
St. Patrick (Waterloo)	198
St. Mary (Victor)	198
St. Mary of the Lake (Watkins Glen)	97
St. James (Wayland)	97
St. Joseph (Wayland)	46
St. Rita (West Webster)	46

OTHER ROCHESTER CITY PARISHES REPORTED:

PARISH	TOTAL
Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral	454
Annunciation	75
Holy Apostles	410
Holy Cross	247
Holy Family	451
Holy Redeemer	222
Immaculate Conception	281
Most Precious Blood	61
Our Lady of Good Counsel	212
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	175
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	341
Our Lady of Victory	51
St. Ambrose	489
St. Anne	180
St. Anthony	45
St. Augustine	525
St. Bridget	109
St. Cecilia	61
St. Charles	549
St. Francis Xavier	104
St. George	51
St. John the Evangelist (Rochester)	212
St. Lucy	100
St. Margaret Mary	703
St. Mary	129
St. Michael	328
St. Monica	541
St. Patrick	78
St. Peter & Paul	358
St. Philip Neri	116
St. Thomas	268
St. Ann's Home	18

OTHER PARISHES OUTSIDE CITY OF ROCHESTER REPORTED:

PARISH	TOTAL
St. Hyacinth (Auburn)	360
St. Mary (Auburn)	410
St. Agnes (Ayon)	104
Nativity (Brookport)	61

Body Found



Rev. James F. Maghin (above), of Rutte, Mont., priest of the Society of St. Columban, who was reported killed by the Reds in July, 1930, at Samchok, South Korea, where he was pastor. Father Maghin's body has just been found and reinterred in the parish church grounds, on March 26, 1932. He is the third Columban missionary known to be killed by the Reds in Korea; two are known to be prisoners and four are still missing. (NC Photos)

Communists Woo British Workers

London (NC) — Britain's Catholic Actionists are organizing campaigns among trade unionists in an effort to combat a new communist offensive aimed at breeding discontent among the people in the face of new austerity conditions.



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Notre Dame Lists Mexico Session

The sixth annual University of Notre Dame Summer Session in Mexico will be held June 12 to August 28 in Mexico City, according to an announcement by Professor Walter M. Langford, Head of the Department of Modern Languages at Notre Dame.

"If You Can't Take It, Don't Drink," Warns Priest Missionary To Alcoholics

By JOHN O'CONNOR (Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

San Francisco (NC) — A priest who has put a quarter of a million miles into missionary work among alcoholics gives this advice to people who think they can handle "just one more."

"If you can't take it, don't take it," asking a former drunk for help. He admits that liquor is too big to lick alone.

Since 1947, when Archbishop Paul Schulte of Indianapolis released him from all duties to devote full time to victims of excessive drinking, the Rev. Ralph S. Pfauf of Indianapolis has been working closely with those nameless men and women who are fighting the battle of the bottle and who have banded together in the nationwide samaritan effort called Alcoholics Anonymous.

FATHER PFAUF'S JOB in working with AA is to help those who "can't leave it alone" from turning a lost week end into a lost eternity. He criss-crosses the country by automobile in an unusual motor mission.

Here on a visit to the Golden Gate city Father Pfauf highly praised total abstinence, asked the public to treat the alcoholic with understanding and love, and warned that any attempt to "organize" Alcoholics Anonymous from the top down would damage the movement severely.

"Alcoholics Anonymous as it is today is non-denominational," he said. "Because of that, Catholics freely associate themselves with the movement. Only one thing could change this status—any attempt at organization."

This view was offered on the eve of the national meeting of AA delegates scheduled for April in New York.

SINCE 1934 AA has been a growing sheep-fold of alcoholics that began in a drunk's hospital bed. It now numbers 150,000 members, men and women, each of whom came to the realization that he was a sinner to step into the ring with Demon Rum.

A man becomes a member of AA by picking up the phone and

embracing members of all faiths, AA puts its entire success on the realization of a spiritual experience.

THE ALCOHOLIC must admit that he is powerless in the fight against drink. Then he must turn to God, admit his errors, ask forgiveness seek to make amends, and pray.

Finally, having had the spiritual experience of true surrender, the alcoholic is advised to practice the principles he has learned and carry the message to other alcoholics.

AA is made up of men who admit a failure, ask God for help, and try to help others.

WHAT IS AN ALCOHOLIC? "An alcoholic is one who, having taken one drink, cannot guarantee his sobriety," Father Pfauf said.

Is Alcoholism a disease? "Medical science does not know the exact cause. The causes can be manifold — physical, mental, spiritual. It is a disorder of the personality."

HERE FATHER PFAUF offered a personal opinion: "I believe that Alcoholism might be traced to an abnormal fear element operative in the personality. The cause of this fear, in turn, can be manifold."

Are all drunks alcoholics? "Not there's a difference. And it is the element of compulsion that makes the difference. A drunk, strictly speaking, drinks to excess because he wants the feeling of being drunk. An alcoholic, on the other hand, drinks to excess contrary to his will—because he cannot help himself. Because having taken one, he cannot stop."

Father Pfauf doesn't believe that job environment, or circumstances as such make a man an alcoholic. There can be aggravating factors.

WHAT KIND OF people become alcoholics? "All kinds. Alcohol is no respecter of persons."

To illustrate this point Father Pfauf recalled that the earning power of the members of AA is recorded at 3 times the national average and the intellectual capabilities, as determined by tests, is 50 per cent above the national average.

ing causes, but they are not in themselves responsible for his excesses. Tests have shown that once the circumstances are removed, the alcoholic continues to drink in excess.

"ONCE AN alcoholic, always an alcoholic," might be the story of the drinker, but AA provides the opportunity for reform. In AA the alcoholic remains an alcoholic, but he just doesn't take that one drink—the first one—that will send him tumbling back down the road to destruction.

"The end of the trail for the alcoholic," Father Pfauf told, "is insanity, death, or sobriety. When a man understands this, and only when he understands this, can he see the value of AA."

"A man joins AA to solve his drinking problem. He is an alcoholic when his drinking begins to cause him trouble with his family, on his job, with himself.

"FOR THE alcoholic, drink is no picnic — it is a set down. The alcoholic is suffering hell. He does not enjoy drink. For him, drinking is one frantic merry-go-round of terror.

"When he reaches this low level, and only then, can he come to a decision about this problem. For each drinker the low level may be different. It may be trouble at home, or at work. But each man must work out his own problems — with the help of God.

"When he comes to that dark crossroads, it's either uphill or down."

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