

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

FRANCIS Thompson wrote: "Nothing begins and nothing ends—That is not paid with moan;—For we are born in other's pain—And perish in our own." Pain, detachment, sacrifice are the conditions of spiritual growth. The runner in the race sheds excessive clothing to win the prize; the pilgrim on the way to heaven must make sacrifices! . . . If we are conscious of having made no spiritual progress in ten years, it is because we have refused to mortify ourselves. If the wings of our soul are weighed with lead, we cannot fly upwards to God. . . . This column is dedicated to giving glory to Our Lord in His Mystical Body the Church in two ways: First by stirring up the spirit of self-denial in the American people; and second, by channeling those sacrifices into the hands of the Holy Father for the spread of the faith throughout the world. . . . As Our Lord on the Cross opened His Sacred Heart in sacrifice in order that from His side as the new Adam, there might come the new Eve which is the Church, so we ask our readers to break open their hearts in sacrifice that the Church may be born in Africa, Japan, Oceania and the rest of the world.

Helping the Holy Father's Missions must be a religious gesture. It takes more than mere money to build chapels, heal lepers and feed the famished; it takes also a tremendous amount of love! With the gift there must always be the giver, that we might add our love to the love of the 100,000 missionaries. How often we refuse gifts from people whom we do not know because the acceptance of the gift creates the involvement of our love. How often, too, we refuse gifts because we know the love of the giver is not in the gift. . . . If you are in a rut spiritually begin digging someone else out of a hole. Remember that the poorest person in America is rich by the standards of Indonesia and India. One-half of the population of the world never had what we Americans call a square meal! If we are Christlike, their hunger is our hunger, their nakedness, our nakedness.

Here are three practical suggestions: 1) Say the Rosary every day for the world. The best way to do this is to use our World Rosary which will send you on request with an offering of \$2 for the Holy Father's Missions. A little paper in the box outlines the mission countries and explains the colors of each decade. I will bless the Rosary before sending it to you. 2) Make sacrifices! Any old good laying around? Sacrifice it! Make an act of self-denial of a package of cigarettes for the lepers in Nigeria, a new hair-do, a cocktail, a movie, or an expensive meal that abandoned children may be cared for in our 1950 mission orphanages. Detach yourself from something that you may empty yourself, so that Mary may help form Jesus in you. This cannot be done if we are full of ourselves. 3) Imitate others as the following: GOD LOVE YOU to N.E.D. for \$3, money she planned to spend on a purse but sends it to the Holy Father's Missions in thanksgiving for a favor she received. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to T. J., 6 years old, for \$1 she sent to the missions instead of getting a new gun belt. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to R.R. "Enclosed please find a check for \$100 This represents my Friday's pay which I offered up for the missions during Lent." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mr. and Mrs. R.W.L. for \$10, the money they were going to use to celebrate their first wedding anniversary.

But why do we recommend sacrifices for the spread of the faith? Because the Holy Father said: "Charity to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith exceeds all other charities as heaven surpasses earth and eternity time." 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, 100 East 33rd St., New York 10, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Magr. John S. Randall, 56 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Reds Abolish Peking Catholic University

Hong Kong — (NC) — Fu Jen, the Catholic University of Peking, has been formally abolished by Chinese Communist authorities, it was learned here.

A report of the communist New China news agency said the action was taken on May 19, 19 months after the University, which was established in 1924, had been confiscated by the Red government.

ACCORDING TO the report, the formal announcement of the suppression of Fu Jen was made by Vice Minister of Education Wei Chueh at a meeting of faculty and students. The various colleges and departments, excluding those of sociology and economics and special courses on trade and insurance, the government leader stated, would be reorganized and merged with the Peking Normal University to form a new institution.

Fu Jen University was taken over officially by the Ministry of Education, under orders of the Government Administration Council of the Central People's Government, on October 14, 1950. The action came when missionaries of the Society of the Divine Word, who administered the institution, refused to subsidize it. If they were denied a voice in the administration.

AFTER THE transfer of the University to the government, the missionaries continued to live at their quarters there. In the mass arrest of Catholic missionaries in Peking on July 25, 1951, the Rev. Harold Rigney, S.V.D. of Chicago; the Rev. Joseph Meyers, S.V.D. of Essen, Germany; and the Rev. Peter Suen, S.V.D., a Chinese, were taken to prison. The ten other S. V. D. priests were placed under house arrest in the Collegium Sincium in Peking, where they are still being detained without any word being heard from them.

The Rev. Peter Huengberg, S. V. D., bursar of the Fu Jen University, was seized when he left the grounds of the institution in an automobile on September 29, 1950. It is presumed that he also is being held prisoner in some communist jail in Peking. Two German Sisters who were connected with the faculty of the University have not been placed under detention and are living apart from the compound.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DOCTORS



Dr. Glenden and Dr. Mary Sabo Hoffman, Marquette University (Milwaukee) husband and wife team (above), were graduated from the university's school of medicine and posed for this commencement photo. Their three-month-old son, Gregory, has his own graduation so that he too could get into the photo. The Doctors Hoffman will intern at St. Paul's Hospital, Dallas, Texas. Glenden is from Menasha, Wis., and Mary is a Dallas resident. They met while studying medicine at Marquette.

What's This? Baptists Involved In Church-State Ado

La Vega, Tex.—(RNS)—Some 500 parents here charged that the school board has permitted the town's high school to become a predominantly Baptist institution, thus violating the principle of Church-State separation.

The charge was made in a petition to the board, signed by the parents, which demanded the firing of veteran school superintendent P. W. Shelton and the rehiring of the high school's dismissed principal, Joel Grimland.

THE PETITION claimed that teachers and students in the high school must attend religious sessions that are mainly "Baptist-style," and that three Roman Catholic students received failing grades because they did not attend a Baptist convention held at nearby Baylor University.

It was further alleged by the parents that in one of the morning devotional sessions a boy student was embarrassed by being singled out, by name, for public prayers on behalf of his salvation.

IN DEMANDING Mr. Shelton's ouster, the petitioners also accused him of racial intolerance toward students of Latin-American parentage. They said a Latin-American girl was refused a job in the school office because of that, and a boy baton-twirler with the school band had been hindered because of his ancestry.

Mr. Grimland was fired as principal, they charged, partly because he defended the Latin-American students. The board dismissed Mr. Grimland in May.

Mexican Parents' Union Urge Education Freedom

Mexico City — (NO) — President Miguel Aleman has been asked to call special sessions of Congress before his term expires "so that freedom of education may be decreed" in Mexico.

The President's term ends next December. National elections will take place on July 6 for a new President and members of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

IN A PETITION, submitted to the president, the National Parents' Union declared that "all Mexicans stand for freedom of education," as opposed to the State monopoly in education which prevails at present.

Principal objective of the Parents' Union, the petition indicated, was repeal or modification of Article 3 of the original Constitution of 1917, which forbids the establishment of religious or private schools.

An amendment pushed through by the leftists in 1934 further provides that the education to be imparted by the State must be

socialistic and that school courses create "in young people a rational and exact concept of the universe and social life." (Although Article 3 forbids private or religious schools, institutions of this type have continued to exist in Mexico for a number of years, but only on a recognizedly unconstitutional and "illegal" basis.)

"It is neither right nor just," the petition said, "that, in addition to the expense of over 400,000,000 pesos which the Mexican people contribute to the support of the Secretariat of Public Education, even the poorest mothers must struggle to pay the tuition in private schools so as to have their children educated in accordance with their beliefs and traditions."

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Korea Soldiers See Bernadette Film

Washington — (NO) — "The Song of Bernadette," Hollywood movie about St. Bernadette of Lourdes, is being shown to hospitalized Korean soldiers with a tape recording commentary in Korean.

This was disclosed here by Msgr. George M. Carroll, M.M., representative of War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference in Korea. Monsignor Carroll said 20th Century Fox made a special print of the film at his request, and he had a Korean record the commentary.

There have been "quite a few converts" among the wounded soldiers, he said. Five or six different communities of Korean nuns are working as nurses' aides in South Korean hospitals.

Brown Scapular Crusade Planned

Chicago — (NC) — On July 16, feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the Carmelite Fathers will open a crusade at the National Shrine of the Little Flower here to encourage all the faithful in the United States and Canada to wear the Brown Scapular.

The campaign to inspire 100 per cent of the Catholic populace to wear the Scapular, according to the Rev. Paul Hoban, O. Carm., director of the National Shrine, is being conducted to fulfill the Blessed Virgin's request made at Fatima, Portugal.

First Priest Ordained In Alaska Diocese

Boston — (NC) — The first priest for the Diocese of Juneau, Alaska, erected a year ago this month, was ordained at a ceremony in St. Aldan's Church here.

The Rev. Ronald K. Dunfee was ordained at the historic ceremony by Bishop Dermot O'Flanagan, the first Bishop of Juneau, who made the long trip here to Boston for the ordination.

FATHER DUNFEY is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Dunfee, Mr. Dunfee is master of the Dwight District, Boston Public Schools.

First diocese in the Territory of Alaska, Juneau covers an area of 1,500 miles — equal to the distance from Denver, Colo., to Washington, D. C. There are 16 priests in the diocese and according to the 1950 census, 70,000 inhabitants. It has been estimated that 10 per cent of the population are Catholics.

Tell Me Why

"Tell me why God . . . why this happened . . . You know I was happy when . . . (Oh but . . . should I question — I didn't question then — When I was having my way — I didn't ask God why — Should I ask Him now . . . or shouldn't I just try — To see . . . if it is His way . . . What ever pain I'm bearing — It's God's way of loving . . . His special way of caring.)
"But God — you know it hurts — oh — take the pain away — Couldn't you have waited — did it have to come today?"
(But . . . should I pick the time — who am I to tell God "when"?)
Who am I to tell God "how" — when time and time again Decisions of my own choice . . . prove wrong and very weak — To be human is to err . . . to be infallible is not to speak.
"Dear God, I feel much better . . . now that I've explained . . . my life's thorns . . . nothing good is gained. With renewed faith, hope and love — never to be lost — May Thy Will be done — with no question of the cost."
— Marilyn J. Gizzie

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Theologians Elect Seminary Head

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — Msgr. John M. Fearn, rector of St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, N. Y., was elected president of the Catholic Theological Society of America at the organization's annual meeting here.

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