

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THIS IS the 25th Hour. It is not the 24th in which we have a few minutes left to build the ark like Noah for the deluge. Rather it is the end of the day of opportunity: the beginning of the hour of judgment in the way the world has lived and though in the last fifty years! The hour is like unto that when Our Lord was arrested on Holy Thursday night. Historical forces were set in operation which made Calvary inevitable. "This is your hour," said Our Lord to Judas—the hour when the Light of the World is rejected and darkness reigns.

1,708 Catholic missionaries have been expelled from China in the past year and all after being tortured. One Bishop spent 14 months in jail, another 12 months and both without trial. 300 priests are known to be in jail. Talking to these missionaries is like conversing with men who have risen from the dead! . . . One missionary, Father Robert Julgner, 34, who spent a year and a half in a German prison camp in World War II was handcuffed in a Chinese prison for 3 months because he refused to become a "convert" to Communism. He was obliged to undergo a course in Communism for 3 months; he had to attend 4 hours of lectures a day on Marx and Lenin and 2 hours every evening in "self-criticism." Then he was punished for "disbelief in Communist doctrine," and told he would be kept in prison until he became a Communist. "Keep me here twenty years," he said, "but I will never become a Communist." Each day he was questioned by the Communists for 3 hours. This punishment failing, he was put into a cell with a leper. Father Julgner embraced him and fed him his meager bowl of rice and slept under the same blanket with him.

This is but one story out of thousands of those who are suffering for Christ in this 25th hour. What does it mean to you? Has there been in the world an abundant output of the anti-Pentecostal spirit of Satan? What sacrifices are we making to expand the faith in other mission lands, such as Africa and India to atone for its contradiction in China and Korea, Vietnam and Burma, etc.? What are we doing without in the name of the suffering Christ that the hungry and needy may be blessed? Our Catholic brethren in Communist lands hold no awards. If they are smitten with steel, why do not we who are girded about with comfort make a sacrifice for the healing of their souls? The Communists have the seal but no truth; we have the truth but little seal. "The hour is at hand for the troubling of the land, and red shall be the breaking of the waters." . . . Pray the Rosary that Mary who stood at Calvary's Hill may stand beneath the hammer and sickle when her Son is crucified today. At your request and a \$2 offering to the Holy Father's Missions, we will send you a World Mission Rosary blessed by me.

Do without something, a cigarette, a dessert, an extra meal, a tie, a soft drink—anything and give it in the name of Jesus and Mary to World Mission which is the Holy Father's own Society for the Propagation of the Faith. . . . This is what others are doing: GOD LOVE YOU to R.A.F. for \$5. "I thank God for being able to make this sacrifice, though only a poor laborer, for the Holy Father's Missions. I will use my old work shoes a while longer." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to A.A., a secretary, for \$1 she sent to the Holy Father's Missions and every time she makes a typographical error says a "Hail Holy Queen" and offers it up for the missions. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to T. and D.R. for the \$1 they sacrificed from three weeks' spending money to send to the Holy Father's Missions. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to G.E. for sending the \$5 he was paid for washing window blinds on his "day off."

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, 140 East 28th Street, New York 16, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

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Catholic Press Aid Urged At CD Convention

Lake Placid—Efforts to extend the influence of the Catholic press into non-Catholic as well as Catholic spheres were urged as part of an educational crusade launched here by the Catholic Daughters of America.

"The zealous apostolate of the Catholic Daughters" was cited by Pope Pius XII in a message read to the convention as more than 500 delegates and visitors opened the 24th biennial national meeting.

Among those attending the convention, which opened the jubilee year of the women's organization, were Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart of Ogdensburg, Bishop John Mark Gannon of Erie and Bishops Fulton J. Sheen and Stephen J. Donahue, Auxiliaries of New York.

Miss Marie C. Curry, Bellefonte, Long Island head of the New York state delegation which included Mrs. Donahue of Brockport and Mrs. Grace Patrick of North Rose.

Mrs. Eugene McCarthy, East Cleveland, national chairman of Public Relations, told the convention that a start has already been made in broadening the impact of the Catholic press by members who subscribe for Catholic diocesan newspapers and magazines for the use of public libraries and libraries in public schools.

AS A FURTHER step, Mrs. McCarthy recommended CDA members to ask their non-Catholic neighbors to read the diocesan publications and to supply copies of them to religious news editors of the secular press, and also to non-Catholic clergymen, advising against doing these things surreptitiously, she said: "Be above board in your dealings. Talk things over with your non-Catholic neighbor, ask her to accept a trial subscription. Send letters to ministers and editors, either asking them to subscribe or offering to send them a subscription."

"You will find in the Catholic press the answer to many of the questions confronting confused minds today. The school old question, the charge of divisiveness made against parochial schools by President Conant of Harvard University—these are many of the questions that have been answered in the Catholic press, and, for the most part, nowhere else."

The CDA educational program, it was announced, also will include educating for good citizenship, and promoting a religious home life, especially as a means to promote vocations.

STRESSING the importance of the educational crusade, Miss Frances M. Maher, Kane, Pa., supreme regent, said it was in line with the call for a spiritual re-awakening sounded by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, and also was intended to coincide with the golden jubilee of the CDA. The CDA was founded as a national organization in Utica, N. Y., in 1903.

Reports read by the chairman of the CDA's various departments revealed the many fields of Catholic Action and Social advancement in which the organization is active.

FOR FATHER WEISENBERGER



IN APPRECIATION of neighboring priests, Rev. Raymond J. Weisenberger, S.V.D., (seated), is presented with a traveling bag by Rev. George W. Doud, East Bloomfield at Dinner in Big Tree Inn, Genesee, July 2.

Mass Draws Mrs. Pomeroy Seeking Belief In God

By REV. CUTHBERT BILLMAN, O.M.I.
Manila (NC)—Communism destroyed her belief in God; she would like to see that belief rebuilt, the wife of an American Huk (Communist) leader told the press.

Mrs. Celis Mariano Pomeroy is the wife of William Pomeroy, leader of the Filipino Huk, who was captured a few months ago in the Sierra Madre mountains of Pangasinan.

Mrs. Pomeroy has not seen her husband since the day they were captured and confined to Camp Murphy near here. They were taken during an operation directed against the Huk by Defense Secretary Ramon Magaysay.

(Pomeroy, a former Bocheerian, is a West High School graduate and was an Air Force sergeant in World War 2)

THE HUK LEADER's wife was baptized an Aglipayan, a heretical sect of the Philippines. She practiced her religion until she became interested in communism while studying at the University of the Philippines.

She related that she became an atheist when she joined the communist party. Since she went into the hills with her husband to lead the rebellion against the government she gave little thought to religion.

"Right now, after talking to so many people who believe in God and practice their religion, I can frankly say I am confused," she told the press. "Although I still believe in dialectic materialism I would welcome anyone to come and destroy this belief."

She has not seen her husband since his capture. So she cannot describe his state of mind on either communism or religion, Mrs. Pomeroy said.

AT PRESENT she attends Mass frequently although she does not understand the ceremony.

Rev. William F. Cahill, priest of the Albany diocese and a member of 1935 class of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Canon Law at the Pontifical Institute of Law, Lateran University, Rome, Italy, on June 23, it was learned on his return to his diocese.

Father Cahill, who is director of the diocesan seminarians' villa at Brant Lake, N. Y., completed three years of postgraduate studies in Rome with attainment of his doctorate.

The degree was conferred "summa cum laude." His thesis was "Wills for Charity."

Mount Laurier, Que.—(NC)—Twenty thousand persons attended the closing of the Mount Laurier Diocesan Eucharistic Congress.

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14 Livingston County Area Priests Honor SVD Rector

Fourteen priests of Rochester diocese in the Livingston County area held a surprise testimonial dinner for the Rev. Raymond J. Weisenberger, S.V.D., rector of St. Michael's Mission House, Conesus, N. Y., in the Big Tree Inn, Genesee, on Wednesday evening, July 2.

The diocesan priests honored the Society of the Divine Word rector at St. Michael's for the past six years on his leaving July 8 for a new assignment, rector of Sacred Heart Mission House, Girard, Pa.

In behalf of the diocesan priests, the Rev. George W. Doud, pastor of St. Bridget's, East Bloomfield, and senior of the group, presented Father Weisenberger with a traveling bag and small purse.

FATHER DOUD, toastmaster, expressed his and the other priests' appreciation to Father Weisenberger and his Mission Fathers at Hemlock Lake, particularly for supplying their parishes with extra clerical assistance for Sunday and Holiday Masses, for Novenas, Forty Hours and Missions.

Other priests attending joined in congratulating the rector and wishing him Godspeed.

In response Father Weisenberger thanked the priests for the surprise dinner in his honor. He expressed his thanks and those of all the S.V.D. Fathers at the Mission House "for the splendid help and cooperation received from His Excellency Bishop Kearney and all the priests of the Diocese of Rochester."

BESIDES FATHERS Weisenberger and Doud, priests present were the Rev. John M. Ball, Lima; Rev. Thomas F. Brennan, Mt. Morris; William J. Devenaux, Caledonia; Rev. Laurence W. Gannon, Hornell; Rev. Dominic J. Grasso, Mt. Morris; Rev. Peter Jankowski, Genesee; Rev. J. Norman Marquet, Nunda; Rev. John A. Murphy, Sonyea; Rev. Adelbert J. Schneider, Wayland; Rev. Edward M. Scheid, Dansville; Rev. Charles R. Reyn-

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