

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THE deeper the sense of responsibility the greater the care and worry. A father of twelve children has the feeding and clothing of them thrust into his working and calloused hands. The next door neighbor may emotionally sympathize but never feels the struggles as his own. Enlarge the circle of a family. Consider the Father Superior of any missionary society. He has not only the responsibility for educating and training but also shares the apostolic burdens of his missionaries and maybe even in their persecution. Fortunately he does not have to worry about the Father Superior of another missionary society who also has his heart aches and crosses.

But outside these families there are millions and millions of people who are sick, leprosy, and hungry in body and thirsty of soul. Who feels for them? Who for example can feel as a thorn in his own heart, the poor people of Indonesia who have only one doctor for two-thirds of the population of the world who never taste what we Americans call a square meal? As the care of children focus in the heart of a parent, and as the responsibility for missionaries of a particular society focus in the Father Superior, so do the burdens of the whole world focus in the heart of the Holy Father. He loves not this soul or that, not this community or that, not this country or that, but every soul, every missionary society and every area of the world even where there are no missionaries.

As in the Garden of Gethsemane Christ allowed all the sins of the world to react in Him, their focal point for redemption, so in the Eternal City does the Vicar of Christ allow all the hunger, ignorance and starving for faith to be focused in him. All the sloughy societies, all pagans, all empty rice bowls, all leprosy patients in the whole orbit of the world find their resting place in his heart. Each year through his own World Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith, he dispatches aide to 614 missionary areas which average as large as New England.

Very often we receive an order from Rome to send money to this country or that. The Holy Father thus has to presume upon your sacrifice to make this possible. Last year, the per capita contribution of every Catholic in the United States was 12c. If the Holy Father asked you for a "tin" of aspirin, you would give it to him. Why then not sacrifice a day's wages at least to alleviate the burden on his apostolic heart? Do it because of your faith in the Vicar of Christ, or because you feel his griefs as your own, or because you need to do penance for some sins, or because you want to make up for the failure of others. A special blessing of God comes to those who aid the Holy Father's Missions.

See what others are doing! GOD LOVE YOU to R.H.E., a hospitalman in the USN, for \$20 he sent to the Missions representing the amount of his first pay raise since being advanced. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to B.C. who sends a check for \$25—one day's net pay and one day's overtime pay and writes: "I am happy to be able to work one day a month to help someone who is working everyday for Our Lord." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to M.S. for \$29.45, the contents of her "kitty bank" which she promised to the Missions in thanksgiving for a successful operation. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to M.H. for the \$20 she was able to send the Holy Father's Missions through the sale of novelty dolls she made.

Do you refuse? Can you refuse? Of course not. Cut out this column now, mail a real sacrifice to the Holy Father's Missions in care of Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 100 East 28th Street, New York 16, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 58 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Little-Known Facts for Catholics

By M. J. MURRAY

In Dutch penal days when Catholic Churches were forbidden they were started secretly in merchants' homes and workshops. One of the most famous, **THE LOEDS IN THE GARRET, AMSTERDAM**, dates from 1665. Now an ecclesiastical museum.

THE CRUCIFIX WHICH SPOKE
ST. CAMILLUS ENCOURAGING NEW TO FIND THE RED CROSS CROSS for the SICK in the MARCHES OF THE ROMES.

Three milestones from the ANCIENT ROMAN EMPIRE. GOING TO DISTANCE FROM THE GOLDEN MILESTONE WHICH STOOD IN THE FORUM, ROME, are seen to hold daily before St. Michael's Church, Valenciennes, France.

The fame of St. Mary of Egypt who lived 47 years in the desert without shelter or clothing inspired this unique statue in Chateaufort, France.

Englishman Claims Sight Restored At Sunday Mass

Manchester, England — (RNS)—Joseph Smith, 60-year-old former private detective who has been almost blind for the past three years, said that his sight was suddenly restored while attending Sunday Mass at St. Aloysius Catholic Church here.

"It's an act of God—a miracle," he said.

"I was just following the Mass. I dimly saw the priest holding up his arms to bless us. Suddenly I saw the crucifix growing and growing until it got very big. I started to sweat and got frightened. Then I shouted, 'I can see!'"

The Rev. J. Houston, parish priest at St. Aloysius, said he heard Mr. Smith suddenly say during the service, "I can see. I can see." after which he was led quietly from church.

Church authorities did not immediately comment on the incident.

At the Manchester Eye Hospital Mr. Smith was told that he should be able to see normally with glasses.

Australian Heads Vatican Observatory

Rome — (RNS)—The Rev. Daniel O'Connell, S.J., has been named director of the Vatican Observatory to succeed Father John Stein, S.J., who died last December.

Father O'Connell, 56, is at present director of the River View College Observatory, Sydney, Australia. A noted astronomer, he studied for a time at Harvard University.

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Colombia Head Lauds Bishops' Peace Efforts

Bogota, Colombia — (NC)—Colombia's Acting President paid tribute to the Catholic Hierarchy for its "exemplary service" in helping to restore peaceful conditions in the country.

IN REPORT to Congress Dr. Roberto Urdaneta Arbelaez announced that the government had succeeded in reducing the centers of disorder maintained by guerrilla bands and criminals.

Declaring that "a pacification of minds has counterbalanced the task of armed repression of public disorders," Dr. Urdaneta went on to say:

"The most laudable contribution toward the pacification of minds and the encouragement of an atmosphere of patriotic collaboration . . . has been the work of the Catholic Hierarchy of the nation, who by its call to prayer, its unparalleled influence over consciences, and its invitation toward brotherhood and justice, has lent exemplary service to the country."

TEACH EYE HANDICAPPED



Ninety-six nuns and lay teachers attended the third annual summer course of the Institute for the Visually Handicapped at the Catholic University of America. They will return to their parochial schools and institutions throughout the country to teach the blind and partially seeing children. The Institute was under the direction of the Rev. William F. Jenks, C.S.S.R. In the photo taken at the Institute are, left to right: Sister Mary Bernard, Sister Marietta, C.D.P., and Sister Rosa Vignorella.

'Charity Unlimited' Brothers' Refuge Aids Homeless

Albuquerque, N. Mex. — (NC)—The motto is "Charity Unlimited." The spirit of assistance is just a knock on the door at any hour of the day or night.

It has been operating only 13 months, but its fame has spread widely. Since it opened, it has given a fresh start in life to some 2,500 men, without regard to color or religion.

THIS IS THE story up to now of the Good Shepherd Refuge here. The open house for down-and-out, transient, homeless men is conducted by six Brothers of the brand new Good Shepherd Brotherhood, each deeply devoted to the apostolate of "the lost sheep."

Genial, Irish-born Brother Matthias Barrett is the superior and founder of the Brotherhood, which was sanctioned by Archbishop Edwin V. Byrne in January, 1951. Gray-haired, wrinkled but with a perennial twinkle of the eye, Brother Matthias has "sold" Albuquerque completely on the Good Shepherd Refuge. Judges, police and law enforcement agents, city leaders are convinced that it's far less expensive to aid the Refuge in most cases of unfortunate men than to let the law take its strict course — and is more humane, too. They act accordingly.

As Brother Matthias puts it, the aim of the Refuge is to take care of "our own displaced persons — men, sometimes whole families, broke and heading home to the East or West after a failing venture."

Negro Ballplayers Bid In Majors Sparked By Priest

New York — (NC)—How a group led by a priest induced the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first big league baseball team to sign a Negro player was reviewed at a forum of the Catholic Interracial Council here.

Joe Bostic, radio sports announcer, ring official, and sports editor of the New York Amsterdam News, Negro weekly, gave the "inside" story of the experiment which proved the American sportsmanhood is a stronger force than racial prejudice.

WHITES AND Negroes, Catholics and non-Catholics made up the Father Campion Committee, which presented the case for Negro players at the Dodger front office. Club officials were frankly sceptical, fearing that the mixture of white and colored players would be an explosive one. But Mgr. Raymond Campion of Brooklyn won them over with this statement:

"If my white and Negro parishioners can kneel together in harmony at God's altar, then white and Negro ballplayers can get along together on the diamond and in the clubhouse."

Mr. Bostic was himself a member of the committee. Others included Dan Buxley, author-editor, Ferdinand Q. Morton of the New York Civil Service Commission, and George K. Hunton of the Catholic Interracial Council.

Technical School Manila — (NC)—The first fully equipped Catholic technical school for boys in the Philippines has been opened at Victoria, Negros Occidental, by the Italian Salesian Fathers of St. John Bosco.

He reported that the percentage of criminals in Spain is now less than one to every 1,000 inhabitants. He said that the number of prisoners will be lowered the coming months under reductions of sentences granted in connection with the International Eucharistic Congress.

Spain's Prison System Hailed

Madrid, Spain — (NC)—Spain's penitentiary system is "one of the most advanced among the civilized nations" because it has a "philosophical and Christian basis which places men, whether delinquent or not, at the summit of creation," Minister of Justice Antonio Iturrendi declared here.

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Christian Workers Meet In Toronto

Toronto — (NC)—Canada's Young Christian Workers gathered here for their first national meeting.

YCW leaders, both young men and young women, and their chaplains participated. Chaplains and other priests interested in the movement met separately to discuss the formation of youth centers.

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