

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

WHEREVER Communism exists, there will always be wanting only a kinder and gentler, because Communism believes only in power, and power never smiles. A cabbage has a head but it never laughs. The only people who can take this world lightly are those who believe in the next world. If this world is all, then it must be taken very seriously, like a child with one toy, who cannot play too much with it for fear of losing it. An evidence of the Communist want of humor is found in the Communist of Shanghai who told Bishop Kung that he would be held responsible for any miracles worked through the intercession of Father Chang, a martyred priest. Secondly, there is no kindness or mercy. Where Communism reigns, orphans suffer.

One of the orphans in the foreign missions of China started by a nun picking up a child that had been thrown into the alley as dead, and then reviving it at the convent. Unwanted children were brought in good numbers; when the Sisters could take no more and closed the doors, the nuns of an infant was thrown over the wall. The Church had 180 orphans in the 147 dioceses of China, caring for over 20,000 orphans when the Communists took over. Last March the Communists had closed 75% of all these orphanages, principally on the grounds that the Sisters murdered the children. The Communists charged that in Canton 2,168 deaths were inflicted on the total of 1,128 children received in the orphanage. There were more deaths than orphans.

Yet in the face of this diabolical seriousness and cruelty the faithful continue to be witnesses to Christ. Those who have already made sacrifices, as an inspiration of this God Love You column will feel repaid in blessing these few lines from a letter of a 21 year old Chinese girl: "When you receive this I shall be in prison. There is nothing left now, but heaven, nothing else... I was questioned the first day nine hours, the second day five hours. Most of the priests and bishops you know have been taken. Pray for them that they may be martyrs... My parents begged me to be a traitor. O God, what suffering! But I prefer death to eternal loss and to losing my faith."

All those who do without a luxury, make a sacrifice in the name of Our Lord and His Blessed Mother, are one in spirit with that girl and the martyrs of China. This is what others are doing.

GOD LOVE YOU to G. C. A. "Here is \$5 earned working at a potato plant. My wish is that it will go to honor the Blessed Virgin in some way." GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. D. G. "Enclosed is \$2-\$1 is from my two youngest sons, age 7 and 10. They expressed their desire to give it for the pagan babies." GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. A. M. S. "I have wanted to send you an offering for some time, and just received a bonus so instead of buying a suitcase, I will make my old one do, and send you a money order for \$15." GOD LOVE YOU to J. A. B. "Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$3.70, which is 10% of a raise in salary received."

Those who are Christ's crucifix themselves, says the Scripture, "Your crucifixion is your sacrifice to spread the Faith. Pray also for the Church everywhere in each of its 614 missionary dioceses in the five continents. But how to remember them? A little leaflet explaining them and the World Mission Rosary will be sent to you at your request and a \$2 offering to the Holy Father's Missions.

Cut out this column, 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, 109 East 33rd Street, New York 16, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 69 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

50 Years Of Ukrainian Parish Reviewed

Auburn—The founding of St. Peter and Paul parish is closely linked with the emigration of the Ukrainian people which although begun in 1870 did not assume appreciable proportions until the year 1898.

These early pioneers were subjected to such intolerable economic, political and religious persecutions in their homeland that they gratefully welcomed the precious freedom and limitless opportunities that America offered.

In 1901 fourteen families which emigrated from Western Ukraine settled in Auburn and laid the foundations of the present parish. This small group of people brought with them ancient traditions and customs of their motherland, among which was love and attachment to their own peculiar rite, which they and their forefathers had preserved intact for the past ten centuries.

Being God-fearing, religiously minded people by nature, these early settlers first worshipped at St. Alphonsus Church, but their unfamiliarity with the English language necessitated the ministrations of a priest of their own rite. However, since the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese was still in its infancy at that time, not many priests were available. In fact, the faithful had to be content with an occasional visit from a priest who had to journey from New York City or Pittsburgh.

In September 1900, Rev. F. Zabalsky came to Auburn by special invitation to celebrate Mass and assist at a wedding in St. Alphonsus Church which was then located on Water Street.

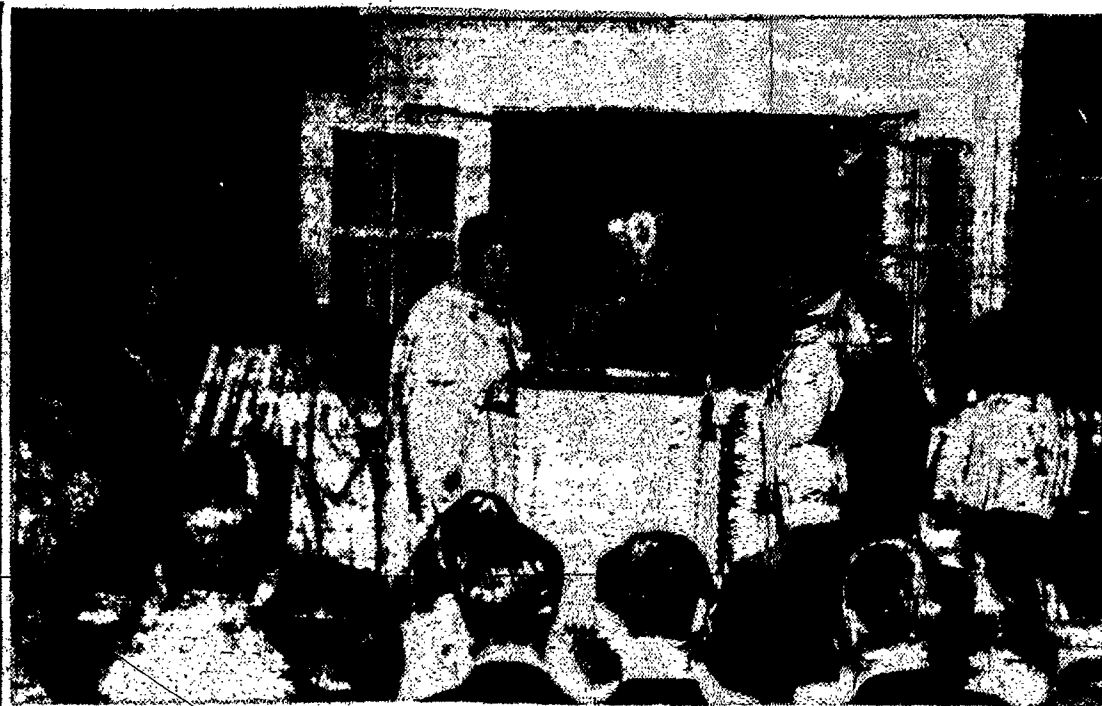
While in Auburn, Father Zabalsky convinced the handful of Ukrainians to begin organizing a church of their own. Enthused over the prospect of having a church of their own rite, these people immediately began collecting funds and finally succeeded in purchasing a lot on Washington Street for \$160.00.

The following year a little church which now serves as part of the school was built on that site and it was dedicated by several priests from Pennsylvania. The Rev. Leo Goretzky was the first resident priest.

In 1904 during the pastorate of the Rev. Basil Hryniak, additional lots were purchased, and by March 1906 church property extended from Cottage Street to Perrine Street, fronting on Washington Street.

During the next three years, the Reverends Wolak, Dwulit and Petrivsky served as pastors. In 1910 the Rev. B. Tar was appointed to the pastorate and by that year membership grew so extensively that it became necessary to build a larger church.

This with only \$240 in the parish treasury, work on the new church which was to cost \$25,000 began. However, the generosity and spirit of sacrifice, characteristic of many of the early immigrants, enabled this church to be completed and dedicated in 1911 by the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in the United States, His Excellency the Most Rev. Soter Orlynsky, O.S.B.M. In May 1911 the Rev. Philomont Tarnawsky became pastor. It was during his pastorate that the present rectory was built for the sum of \$4,000. His successor, the Rev. D. Dobrotov, who came to Auburn in 1916, was instrumental in erecting the richly-adorned iconostasis, which is the screen separating the sanctuary from the nave of the church. The iconostasis is a peculiarity of the



DEDICATION of the new \$50,000 addition to St. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Catholic School in Auburn took place with Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky of the Ukrainian Diocese of the U. S. and Sec in Philadelphia officiating. At left is Rev. Basil Ostas, pastor, and at right, Very Rev. Alexander Stenka, Dean of Buffalo Diocese who assisted the Bishop. In rear are Rev. Joseph Besanol, Auburn, and Rev. Nicholas Wolensky, Rochester. Some of 1500 parishioners and friends who attended are shown.

Bishop Bohachevsky Blesses School After Jubilee Rite

Auburn—Approximately 2,000 people were present Sunday, Aug. 31, when at the climax of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of St. Peter and Paul's Parish in Auburn the Most

Rev. Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D., Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Exarchate of the United States, blessed the new addition to the parochial school. The ceremony which took place late in the afternoon was presided by a solemn procession in which the children of the school, representatives of the various parochial and veterans' organizations, as well as representatives of the Roman Catholic clergy and the Ukrainian Catholic clergy, took part.

AT THE CONCLUSION of the blessing of the building Bishop Bohachevsky spoke to the people in Ukrainian. He told his hearers that the occasion was a happy one for him as well as for their cause he had always held the heart and the Church in Ukraine his dearest wish that they could have the addition to their parochial school.

He asserted that the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the parish, in itself a joyous occasion, was enhanced by this progress in the additional facilities now available for the children of the parish.

The Rev. William E. Davis, principal of Holy Family High School, spoke next. Developing his topic "Catholic Education" Father Davis declared, "Here in your school your children receive their basic education; for it is the purpose of our education to work with Divine Grace in forming the perfect Christian in the character of the child."

MEETING POSTPONED Because of repairs being made in the school, there will be no September meeting of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sodality of St. Peter and Paul's Church, Rochester. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 14.

FATHER OSTAS engaged the services of a fourth Sister and kept the parochial school at a high scholastic level by incorporating it into the school system of the Diocese of Rochester. During his pastorate new property has been acquired on Perrine Street and renovations made on the church. The addition to the new parochial school comes as a climax during the year of Golden Jubilee. The parish has had three vocations to the religious life: Sister M. Matthew, O.S.B.M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marintz, Owasco Rd., Auburn; Sister M. Marina, O.S.B.M., daughter of Mrs. John Drancsak, 86 North Division Street, Auburn; and Brother William Pinchak, O.F.M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pinchak, 196 Perrine Ave., Auburn. Assistant pastors have been: Rev. Stephen Hotra, 1944; Rev. Walter Kachmar, 1944-45; Rev. Stephen Chomko, 1948-50; Rev. Joseph Shary, 1950-51, and the Rev. Paul Harchison, present assistant.

Pastor Blesses School Crosses

Auburn—The newly completed addition to St. Alphonsus School was formally opened Sunday afternoon with the blessing of the school room Crucifixes by the pastor, the Rev. Frederick G. Straub, Assisting Father Straub was the Rev. Regis Ritter, C.S.C., of the University of Notre Dame.

Following the ceremony the parishioners and friends inspected the rooms which were in readiness for the opening of school on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

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Arrangements have been made for Greyhound Buses to leave the Knights clubhouse, 365 Andrews St., Rochester, on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 6 a.m. and arrive at the shrine in time for Mass at 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$7.00 round trip and may be had by calling Mrs. Willard Wakefield, Glen. 3041 or A3 C. Miller at Genesee 7311-R before Sept. 25.

First Saturday Club To Meet In Penn Yan

Geneva—The Geneva Deanery, unit of the National Council of Catholic Women will hold a First Saturday luncheon on Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. in Benham Hotel in Penn Yan. The Rev. Raymond E. Moore, former assistant pastor of St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Nicholas Cincotta is chairman assisted by Mrs. Vernon Morse, Mrs. John McCormack and Mrs. Kathleen Dunn.

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