

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

ONCE upon a time there was a man who was afraid he was getting heart trouble. Knowing that the heart must have plenty of blood, he bemoaned the fact that so much of it was being "wasted" by being sent out to the hands and feet. Keep all the blood "at home" became his philosophy. So he tied tourniquets around his arms and legs in order to protect his heart before caring for the extremities. But lo and behold! He discovered that his heart began to fail the more he hoarded the blood. As soon as he took off the cords and allowed the blood to flow freely through the body, his health returned.

Which being interpreted means: The more we sacrifice for others, the more we help ourselves. Our home parish, our home diocese have grave needs and must be helped, but every now and then we must think of others, for by a Divine Paradox, only by "losing our life do we find it." As sending the blood to the extremities of the body aids the heart, so making sacrifices for poorer missions at home and abroad helps the heart at home. The persons and parishes that are most blessed are those who are most conscious of the yearning for Christ among the Christ-less people of the world.

The left side of the heart and the right side of the heart have no direct communion one with another. There is communication between them only after the blood pours out from one side, and flows through the entire body and back again to the other side. So in the Mystical Body of Christ, each Catholic and each parish has communion and strength within itself, only when it dispenses its plasma of self-denial through all the cells of the Mystical Body of Christ throughout the world.

Last year the per capita contribution of the Catholics of the world to the Holy Father for the poor missions was exactly 2 cents. The per capita contribution of the United States to the Holy Father for the missions was 10c. New Zealand 11c, Canada 9c, Australia 8c, Scotland and Luxembourg 7c, Malta 6c, Ireland 5c. Mission Sunday, this year in most dioceses is October 19th. Sacrifice a few days salary, a luxury for self or for the house, some of your "capital" or the amount of the last increase in wages. Sacrifice for the sake of the peace of the world in hope that our homes and our families will be blessed in reparation for our personal failings, above all in love of Christ and His Blessed Mother. In this era God blesses particularly those who make sacrifices for the spread of the holy faith.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. T. who picked cherries and sold them to neighbors to send the proceeds of \$10 to the Holy Father's Missions. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to the Girl Scout Troop at St. Mary's for sending part of their dues (\$8) to the Missions instead of having a party. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to F. C. who cut his own hair and sent the price of the haircut to help the mission work. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to A. R. for \$2.25, the price of a doll she wanted but knew the missions needed the money more. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to A. R. for \$5.50 which she saved from her summer earnings. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to R. A. who went without sweets for a month and sent the money \$1 in petition to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to W. C., a night watchman who sent the Holy Father's Missions \$1.00.

A World Mission Rosary on which you can pray for the five missionary continents of the world can be yours if you just request it and send a \$2 offering for the Holy Father's Missions.

If you read this after the last Mass on Sunday, October 19th, and you missed the opportunity to do yourself a favor, cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 East 58th Street, New York 18, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 59 Chestnut St., Rochester, New York.

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PRESENTATION of beautiful Papal and American flags to Holy Cross Church by Robert Quinn and Robert Fleming, (left) took place before the 9 p.m. Mass, Columbus Day. Taking part were: Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, pastor, standing between Mrs. William H. Quinn (left) and Mrs. Rose M. Fleming who directed the donation program. Flags are gifts of Holy Cross parishioners and members of Ira Jacobson Auxillary, American Legion. (Courier Staff Photo.)

U. S. Stand On Prisoner Issue Hailed

San Francisco — (NC) — True talks at Panmunjom may be stalemated over the prisoner-exchange issue, but this stalemate has given the world the best evidence to date of the new American attitude toward Asiatics — recognition of them as brothers.

THIS APPRAISAL was given here by Howard Handelman, former head of International News Service's Far Eastern Bureau in Tokyo, who spoke to 200 persons at the annual Holy Communion breakfast of the Association of Catholic Newsmen.

"The day is gone," Mr. Handelman said, "for the old attitude that 'one white man is worth 20 Chinese.' It went out when the United Nations negotiators at Panmunjom declared flatly that communist prisoners of war would not be exchanged for U.N. prisoners if they did not want to return to their Red homeland.

"WE HAVE TOLD Asiatics, in effect, that we recognize their importance as individuals, as brother human beings—that they are not just pawns to be sacrificed on the altar of tyranny, even to rescue American and other Allied prisoners."

"It is to the lasting credit of the American people that they have backed up the U.N. negotiators in this stand, and have not insisted on the return of American prisoners at any cost," the veteran correspondent added.

INVITATION TO NON-CATHOLICS

Church's Teaching On Conversion Cited

(The following is directed to Non-Catholics interested in learning of the Catholic faith. It is presented in connection with the Catholic Information Series opening at Rochester's Seneca Hotel on Monday, Oct. 27. Catholics are asked to hand this to a Non-Catholic friend or neighbor.)

By REV. FRANCIS A. MARKS, DIRECTOR Catholic Information Series

My dear Friends:

At the Seneca Hotel, Rochester, on Monday, October 27, at 8:00 p. m., we shall begin our fifth annual series of informative talks on what Catholics believe and why they so believe. This letter is an invitation to you to attend this series of talks.

The purpose of these discussions is to give to non-Catholics the opportunity to hear Catholic priests explain what Catholics believe and to give you the opportunity to question these priests about the teachings of the Catholic Church.

DISMISS THE thought that your attendance at these lectures means that you become a Catholic. One of the teachings of the Catholic Church is that only God Himself speaking through one's conscience can make a Catholic of anyone. So our objective is information and that's the objective with which we invite you to come to the Seneca.

Let's put it this way: on your part is it not a matter of great human interest and cultural value to receive first-hand information about the beliefs of more than four hundred million people who are members of every nation of the world; who constitute the

largest religious body in the world today?

THIS IS THE information we aim to give you in this series of discussions. There is absolutely no cost involved for you in these lectures. There is no admission fee; there is no collection taken up; and the literature to supplement the talks is offered you free of charge.

The Seneca Hotel, where we meet, affords a central location which is easily accessible for all. You may bring anyone with you that you please. You need not come alone. There you will find lots of company, as we average more than forty at a session, with as many as even sixty being in attendance.

EIGHT DIFFERENT priests give these talks on successive Monday evenings. They begin promptly at 8:00 p. m. and conclude at 9:00 p. m. There is a short break midway in the talk. Following the lecture there is an opportunity for questions, publicly addressed to the speaker or privately put to one of the two or three priests who are always in attendance to answer your questions.

Next week in this, the Courier Journal, we shall publish the full list of topics together with the speakers, all members of the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary.

WE URGE you to be with us Monday, October 27, 8:00 p. m., at the Seneca Hotel. If, perchance, you can't be present at the first lecture, come when you can. You'll always be welcome.

Can anything be sadder than work left unfinished? Yes; work never begun.

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Postal Officials Forgot About An Archbishop

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Postal officials here concede that they forgot about a stamp issued 60 years ago when they said that Adolf II of Nassau, Archbishop of Mainz, is the first member of the Catholic Hierarchy to be pictured on United States postage.

Archbishop Adolf, who appears on the current Gutenberg Bible commemorative stamp, is merely the first to be honored in his own right for his sponsorship of Gutenberg.

ACTUALLY, THE honor of being the first pictured belongs to Cardinal Pedro Gonzalez de Mendoza, Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain (1428-1495), who is shown on the 30-cent stamp of the Columbian commemorative series of 1892 with the court of Ferdinand and Isabella as Columbus appears to announce his discovery of the New World. Design for the stamp was taken from a painting by Prof. Luigi Gregori, which is preserved at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

ON SEVERAL other stamps of the Columbian issue, the first commemorative stamps ever issued by the United States, members of the Catholic clergy, some in bishop's robes, appear. However, they are unidentified by the artists, and do not necessarily represent historical figures.

Cardinal Gonzalez was, of course, merely a spectator, or an incidental figure, while Archbishop Adolf is honored for a specific act, the sponsorship of Gutenberg.

On the stamp he is depicted examining a page proof of Gutenberg's Bible, the first book printed from movable type.

50 Police Married In Mass Ceremony

Cordoba City, Argentina — (RNS) — Fifty stalwart police officers and their brides stood before the main altar in the Cathedral here for a mass marriage ceremony.

Senor De Una, vice-governor of Cordoba province, was one of the official witnesses at the unique Roman Catholic nuptial celebration.

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