

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

GOD Love You to everybody for remembering the hungry, the pagan, the suffering and the persecuted in the 614 dioceses of the world on Mission Sunday. May we say to you what St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: "We owe a constant debt of thanksgiving to God, brethren, on your behalf; we have good reason for it when you faith thrive so well, and your love for one another exceeds all measure."

We think God not merely because rice bowls in India will now be filled, and sulfone be given to the victims of leprosy, and little chapels be built on some spot of creation where Our Lord was never before adored in the Blessed Sacrament; but we also thank God because you have manifested your Catholicity by being mindful of the Church beyond your parish and your diocese. We thank God too that you showed a spirit of detachment and sacrifice which are so necessary for our souls in this hour of Christ's resurrection in His Mystical Body. Each time we empty ourselves through humility, God fills us divinely, just as the emptying of the Divine Son by becoming man was the condition of the filling up of His Mystical Body the Church.

God does not work alike on every heart, because the spirit of detachment is not the same in each heart. The fire of the furnace does not work in the same way on a brick, or dough or on an apple. In like manner, some hearts are more receptive for Divine blessings than others; but none are more ready than those who have made sacrifices that the name of Jesus and Mary may be born on the lips of the billion pagans in the world.

As one can always write better on a blank sheet of paper than on one which already has writing on it, so God can impress His truth and His love on the heart that has erased its selfishness through sacrifices for the nourishing of the hungry bodies with food and the nourishing of the souls with the Eucharist.

Hence we thank you not just for aiding the Missions, but for aiding yourselves by making it possible for God to bless you. On Monday, October 27th, we shall offer a Mass of thanksgiving for you, and ask Our Divine Lord who look up your sacrifices to Himself as the clouds take moisture from the sea and the rivers, that He send down the sweet showers of blessings on you, our dearly beloved in Christ.

GOD LOVE YOU to the dozens and dozens of friends who won medals in the World Series and sent the winnings to the Holy Father's Missions. Naturally it was only Yankee fans who sent the money but the Dodgers fans contributed half of it. . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to Mrs. J. V. W. who sent \$500 in thanksgiving for the recovery of her two children from serious illness. . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to Mr. G. B. for \$74. This doctor has been a displaced person and gives all his extra money that he earns from night calls to the Missions. . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to the C. B. Club who sent \$10, representing the members' sacrifices for the Missions for one month. . . . **GOD LOVE YOU** to M. Y. who sent \$5 for the Missions in addition to working 14 hours a day.

Want a World Mission Rosary to instill deeper your love of the Church throughout the world? Upon request and a \$2 offering to the Missions we will send you one blessed by me.

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, 100 East 33rd Street, New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Msgr. John A. Bland, 14 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Rare Gutenberg Bible Displayed At Corning Glass Center

By REV. Robert F. McNamara, Professor of Church History, St. Bernard's Seminary

Just five hundred years ago, in 1452, the printing of the world's first pre-printed book was begun. This year, 1952, the fifth centenary of the event is being observed on an international scale.

Few Catholic dioceses are fortunate enough to have a copy of the original Gutenberg work on special exhibition within their boundaries. The diocese of Rochester is one of these lucky few. For the Corning Museum of Glass, in the Glass Center at Corning, N. Y., is now featuring a complete Book of Genesis from one of the Gutenberg bibles.

JOHANN GUTENBERG experimented for several years with the designing and cutting of movable metal type before it was ready to be used for the printing of a whole book. The book which this pious German Catholic chose as the subject of the experiment was the Holy Bible in the common Latin or Vulgate edition of St. Jerome. Work on the printing began, in 1452, it is said, in Mainz, Germany.

The three great volumes of this "forty-two line bible" were finished only in 1455 or 1456. But their publication marked a turning point in human history. Before that time learning had been the privilege of the few, because books, all printed out by hand, were rare and costly.

Now, thanks to the invention of mechanical printing, books could be produced much more abundantly and cheaply; and learning was to become the privilege of the many.

The Gutenberg Bible is one of the rarest of rare books. Only three hundred copies were run off in the first edition. Of these only about forty-five complete copies are known to exist, eleven of which are in the United States, some in public libraries, some in private collections.

THERE ARE also several partial copies. The example being shown at Corning (which is owned by a private collector) evidently came from a complete copy originally, for it includes not only the entire Book of Genesis, but also a page from the second book of the Bible, Exodus.

I asked Mr. Paul Perrot (who is assistant to Mr. Thomas S. Buechner, director of the Museum) how a museum specializing in glass happened to be exhibiting the Gutenberg Bible.

"We have exhibitions of this sort," Mr. Perrot answered, "because we are trying to make the Museum a cultural center, not just a 'glass tower.' Glass manufacture is a form of art and of cultural expression, one of the humanities. Therefore it has a natural relation to all other forms of artistic and cultural expression."

The Gutenberg Bible, he pointed out, presents religious, cultural, and artistic ideals at one and the same time; so it certainly merits being associated with other forms of art.

The Gutenberg Genesis on exhibition is indeed a thing of beauty. The large folios of heavy rag paper are only slightly stained by the years. In order to



MISS ELEANOR MERRISON, assistant to the librarian of the Corning Museum of Glass, explains details of the Gutenberg Book of Genesis to the Rev. Robert F. McNamara, Professor of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary. This partial copy of the first book ever printed, the Gutenberg Bible (1452-56 A. D.), is now on display at the Corning Glass Center. (Photo courtesy of the Corning Museum of Glass.)

was sent over from England, the sender, Mr. Henry Stevens, paid a beautiful tribute to the book in a letter which he wrote to the recipient, Mr. George Brinley of Connecticut. The Glass Museum director has had three words transcribed and has set them above the Gutenberg Genesis.

"Pray, sir," the letter runs, "ponder for a moment and appreciate the rarity and importance of this precious conservation from the old world to the new. Not only is it the first Bible, but it is the first book ever printed. It was read in Europe half a century before America was discovered."

Please suggest to your deputy that he uncover his head while in the presence of this great book. . . . It is not possible for many men to touch or even look

Bishop Has Seven Brothers - Priests

Libbon -- (NC) -- Bishop Basil Peres, recently named Coadjutor of Mangalore, India, has seven brothers who are priests, it is noted in the press here. There are 12 sons in the family.

"Pilot" Editor Boston -- (NC) -- Magr. Francis J. Lally, associate editor of The Pilot, official organ of the Archdiocese of Boston, has been named editor.

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Weddings In Corning

Corning -- Miss Joyce L. McMahon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. McMahon of 214 Chestnut St., became the bride of Lt. Arthur I. Chatfield, son of Mrs. Grace M. Chatfield, 716 N. Toga St., Ithaca, in a ceremony performed Saturday, October 18, in St. Mary's Church by the Rev. John A. Smith, pastor.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Mrs. Frederick White. Bridesmaids were Miss Sue Tonery of Mendon, N. H., Miss Mary Chatfield, sister of the bridegroom, of Ithaca and Mrs. Louis Woodhouse, Wilfred L. McMahon, brother of the bride, served as best man for Lt. Chatfield and usher were Joseph H. Smith of Painted Post, Dr. Arthur T. Hall of Smyrna, Pa., Roger McAllister of Syracuse and Raymond Schroeder of Corning.

A reception at the Imperial Club, Painted Post, followed the ceremony after which Lt. and Mrs. Chatfield left by motor for a two weeks' trip. They will live at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, where Lt. Chatfield is an instructor in the officers communications and cryptography school.

The bride, a graduate of Corning Free Academy and Grove City College, also attended Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. Lt. Chatfield, a veteran of three years' service in Europe with the armed forces, attended Painted Post High School, Alfred University, the University of Alabama and was graduated from Syracuse University.

Church of the Air
Most Reverend Thomas J. McDonnell, Catholic Coadjutor Bishop of Wheeling, W. Va., will be the speaker on the first half of CBS Radio's "Church of the Air." Bishop McDonnell's subject for Mission Sunday will be "Our 19th Century Apostles."

St. Anthony's Unit Lists Mass

Sacred Heart Ladies of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira, will receive Holy Communion in a body at the 8:30 a. m. Mass on Sunday in honor of the feast of Christ the King. The Mass has been requested by the Society and will be a High Mass.

In the evening members will assemble in the Annex for a Halloween social.

Members of the Boys Club and the Daughters of Mary of St. Anthony's parish, Elmira, will hold a Halloween party in the Auld Visual room of the school on Thursday evening, October 30, starting at 7. Movie, dancing and refreshments will be available under the direction of Anthony Christoforo and Patricia Maycumber.

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