

Missionaries Protest Birth Control Support

Shikoku, Japan. — (NC) — Seven Catholic missionaries, Spanish Dominicans, have sent a joint letter to the editor of Mainichi newspaper protesting against its "pernicious propaganda" on birth control or the so-called planned parenthood.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

AS our Catholic people have become more conscious of the needs of the Missions, they have also become more spiritual and self-sacrificing. No soul is sensitive to the starving in India or the conversion of Africa without an improvement in its interior life.

The reason is obvious: the doing without a luxury, the sacrifice of a pleasure to save souls, introduces us in the words of Scripture to "fellowship with the sufferings of Christ." As Christ was nailed to the Cross, so we are to nail selfishness to it; but this crucifixion of our own will, must be done out of love for Our Lord and for the saving of souls.

Love makes the difference. It was more than nails and cords and ropes that fastened Our Lord to the Cross; these He could have broken at any moment; it was rather His obedience to His Father's Will and His desire to pay our debt for sin that kept Him riveted more than steel.

When anyone sacrifices his first raise in salary, or sacrifices the price of a new tie or a new handbag, or does without a dessert, or cuts into his capital in thanking for blessings, he is crucifying himself. All sacrifice hurts; giving alone does not hurt. It is the love associated with sacrifice that makes us fellow sufferers with Christ.

If we merely asked you to give, we would help the Missions, but we would not help you. It is not only the Chinese and the Japanese we seek to aid, but you. In vain will we introduce the African and the Japanese to the Cross, unless that introduction comes through our own "fellowship with the sufferings of Christ." It is absolutely impossible for us to have Our Lord's goodness without also having His sadness. If we refuse to prolong His redemption to the Mission lands, if we refuse to make a sacrifice, if we seek to escape His Cross, we are like a man who would want to be dead in order not to bear discord, or like a man who would want to be blind in order never to gaze on ugliness. If we loved you less, we would never ask you for sacrifice; if we loved the Missions less, we would never be able to say God Love You for your sacrifice.

Hence GOD LOVE YOU to J. H. "I am sending the Missions the \$1 which I intended using to get something for school. These children need it more than I do." ... GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. R. W. H. "Enclosed is a check for \$14.10 which my husband earned at a school board meeting. I am sending it to you for the Missions." ... GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. A. G. "Occasionally when writing to my husband in Korea, I send a clipping of something I found touching or interesting. I sent him a clipping of the "God Love You" column, and after reading it, he asked that I send you the enclosed." ... GOD LOVE YOU to J. D. "Here is half of what I received from selling a "rag" idea. God has been very good to us—four little angels are in our charge. We offer this for four children in a far off land whose cries go unheeded." ... GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. R. G. "I have been saving this \$10 for a lawmower, but I am sure I can wait while God's work cannot."

Your fingers touch your beads, but do your eyes see the lands we would bring to Jesus and Mary? What an inspiration to see each missionary continent in its symbolic color in the World Mission Rosary. At your 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, 109 East 38th Street, New York 18, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Sng. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Bishop Offers Funeral Mass For Father Smyth

(Continued from Page 1) pretentious," said Monsignor Duffy in the eulogy. "It was an old-fashioned, Irish faith that was the very light of his soul and the main-spring of his life. It permeated every thought and deed of his priestly life.

"It was his faith that made him so Christ-like in the confessional that made him so welcome and comforting in the sickroom, so effusive at the altar, and so unworldly in his contact with men.

"His faith made him submissive and devoted to the church, the pillar and ground of truth. His beautiful faith was the fountain and source of all his prayers, of all his priestly ministrations."

In the Solemn Pontifical Mass, the Bishop was assisted by the following: Assistant Priest, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff; Deacons of Honor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shan and the Rt. Rev. John B. Sullivan, Dean; the Rev. John C. O'Donnell, nephew of the deceased; Subdeacon, the Rev. Francis E. Hester; First Master of Ceremonies, the Very Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney; Second Master, Rev. Francis Feeney.

Thurifer, Rev. Michael Tummings; Candle-bearer, Rev. Thomas Reddington; Book Bearer, Rev. John J. Leary; Acolytes, Rev. Richard Torney and Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell.

Prayers' Choir sang the Mass under the direction of the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy. Bearers were: Monsignor Duffy, Rev. Charles L. McCarthy, Rev. J. Joseph O'Connell, Rev. Richard Torney, Rev. John C. O'Donnell and Rev. Francis Hester.

Father Smyth, born in Dallinamore, Ireland came to the United States in 1886 and resided in Auburn. After graduating from St.

Negro Nuns Explain Work

New York. — (NC) — Work of the Franciscan Handmaids, a congregation of Negro Sisters, numbering less than 50 professed nuns was described here at a meeting of the Catholic Interracial Council. The Sisters conduct kindergarten, elementary and high schools, day nurseries, and summer and day camps.

Sister Mary of the Sacred Heart was the speaker. She outlined the program of her order and appealed for help in obtaining novices so that the activities may be expanded. The order is open to young Catholic Negro women who are desirous of devoting their lives to the service and conversion of members of the Negro group.

The Handmaids have been working in New York since 1923.

Convert-Priest Cites Modern Jewish Scholars Who Discovered Christ

Cincinnati. — (NC) — Through the works of seven modern Jewish philosophers who found Christ, much has been done to erase four barriers between God and man, Father John M. Oesterreicher, Austrian convert from Judaism and author, declared here.

Father Oesterreicher fled Austria and Hitler's persecution of the Jews in 1938, having fought racism and anti-Semitism in his homeland. In a talk here he named as the seven modern Jewish philosophers who found Christ: Henri Bergson, Edmund Husserl, Adolf Reinach, Max Scheler, Paul Landsberg, Max Picard and Edith Stein.

THE FOUR barriers between God and man, he said, are: 1. The "poisoned atmosphere" of modern thought, with its negative approach and its rebellion against God.

2. The wall of silence by which Jewish officialdom kept the name of Christ from Jewish homes and houses of learning.

3. The widespread prejudice against the Church, among those outside it.

4. Anti-Semitism which "keeps many Jews from finding the true Church."

FATHER OESTERREICHER's address was a summary of his latest book about the seven philosophers, "Walls Are Crumbling."

Men Make Retreats At Trappist Abbey

Louisville, Ky. — (NC) — Some 3,600 men, both Catholic and non-Catholic, have made retreats at the Trappist monastery near Bardonia, Ky. so far this year.

The announcement was made here by Dr. E. P. Marcellini, chairman of the Louisville Archdiocesan Laymen's Retreat Committee. He stated that this is the largest number of retreatants received in any one year since the monastery, known as Gethsemani Abbey, was established 33 years ago.

Kentucky Cathedral Looted Of 'Priceless' Art Works

Bardonia, Ky. — (NC) — Nine paintings, some of them priceless, were slashed from their frames and stolen from historic St. Joseph's Cathedral here. They had hung there since they were received as the gift of King Louis Philippe of France in 1827.

The theft was discovered Thursday (Nov. 13) and apparently took place either during the early morning or at night.

MOST FAMOUS of the works are "The Flaying of St. Bartholomew" by Rubens, "The Coronation" by Murillo, and "The Descent of the Holy Ghost" by Van Eyck.

Although experts have never certified that these paintings are truly the works of the masters to whom they are attributed, they are certainly originals of great value.

"The crime, one of the boldest ever committed in Kentucky, promises to profit its perpetrators little. The thieves were possibly under the impression that the paintings could be marketed somewhere in the world, but actually chances of disposing of them for financial gain are almost non-existent. The works are too well known."

Buffalo Newman Club To Be State Convention Host

Buffalo. — More than 25,000 students from about 50 colleges and universities throughout New York State will be represented at the Annual Empire State Province Convention to be held in Buffalo next Spring. This convention will be sponsored by the University of Buffalo Newman Foundation in collaboration with the National Federation of Newman Clubs.

The convention was voted to the University of Buffalo at the Oct. 11 meeting of the Empire State Province Executive Committee. The motion was largely due to the efforts of James Gatza, Convention Chairman and first vice-president of the local Newman Club, and John E. Izard, vice-chairman of the Empire State Province and a member of the club here at the University.

APPROXIMATELY 200 representatives and 35 or more chaplains from the campuses of such schools as Cornell, the University of Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, R.P.I. and St. Lawrence and all other secular colleges throughout New York State will attend the convention and discuss matters of interest to all Catholic students which they represent.

This will be the first activity on a state-wide basis which has been undertaken by the University of Buffalo group. President of the Club is George Kaminsky while convention secretary will be Lucille Pucko. Convention chaplain will be the Rev. Raymond J. Ash, Catholic Chaplain on the University of Buffalo Campus.

A few of the convention highlights will include addresses by several nationally known speakers, a large banquet and dance, Mass and a closing Communion breakfast.

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Blind Girls Adjust Well As Postulants In Convent

Wheeling, W. Va. — (NC) — Two blind sisters from New York have made a good beginning in the new life they began here on All Saints' Day when they were admitted as postulants in the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd.

The day was truly a triumphphant one for Josephine and Sadie Atanasio, of Ozone Park, Long Island, who had elunged patiently for years to the hope of adopting the religious life.

DESPITE THEIR handicap, the sisters, blind from birth, have quickly adjusted themselves to the routine of the convent, where the nun's duties include running a protective institution for girls. Testifying to the girls' adaptability was Mother Mary Cecilia, superior at the convent, who said:

"When we consented to give them a trial in our community, we had in mind that if they could serve the community only very briefly, they would be very valuable subjects. However, they

have proved they can do more than this. Josephine has taken up the duties of assistant dressmaker and she will be very valuable to us in secretarial work. Sadie meanwhile is learning to take care of the children's dining room, and she has made a splendid beginning."

Josephine and Sadie arrived in Wheeling by plane on November 1 and on the same day received the postulants' dress and veil. They will remain postulants for six months and, if satisfactory, will then receive the Holy Habit. Two years later they will make the temporary vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and the fourth vow to labor for the salvation of souls. After another three years, they will renew these vows for life.

Council Advises London. — (NC) — The Catholic Marriage Advisory Council has dealt with about 5,000 applicants since its foundation six years ago. Many inquiries and requests for help come from overseas.

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