

Get Annually... (RNS) - On the occasion of the fourth centenary of the death of St. Francis Xavier...

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THE Russian peasantry for centuries have had a curious tradition. It seems that an old woman, the Baboushka, was at work when the Wise Men passed from the East on their way to Bethlehem to find the Christ Child...

It is she who in Russia is supposed to fill the stockings of the children and dress the tree on Christmas morn. Children are awakened by the cry: "Behold the Baboushka!"

Everyone, like Baboushka let pass the thousand graces which poured into the soul from the Christ Child through His Mother Mary. Souls will be lost not only from the evil they have done, but also because of the good that was left undone.

But in the Mercy of God it is never too late. Like Baboushka we can make amends by filling the stockings of our one hundred thousand missionaries by doing without a luxury or a dessert or a package of cigarettes or a bottle of liquor...

If you wish to make up for your unresponsiveness to God's grace through life, be a Baboushka. Then you will have a Merry Christmas because Mary brings you Christ.

This is what others are doing! GOD LOVE YOU to A. H. for \$13, the money she earned helping at a private party... GOD LOVE YOU to A.D.G. for a sacrifice of \$25 which she has sent to help the Holy Father's Mission...

Out of this column, pin your sacrifices to it and mail it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 104 East 29th Street, New York 18, New York...

Nehru Denies Christianity Alien In India

New Delhi, India. (NC) - Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru struck down in a speech here the idea that Christianity is a "foreign religion" in this predominantly Hindu country.

"EVERY INDIAN should realize that the various creeds and faiths existing in India are as much Indian as of any other country," Prime Minister Nehru stated.

"We follow different paths according to our conscience. Each person must have perfect freedom for that. To imagine that those who follow a different faith are foreign to India is wrong both historically and actually."

U. N. To Aid Korea Church Work

Pusan, Korea. (NC) - A volunteer advisory committee headed by Monsignor George Carroll, representative of War Relief Services-N.C.W.C. in Korea, has won approval by the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (UNKRA) of a program through which UNKRA will provide \$200,000 in assistance to church and other volunteer welfare agencies working in Korea.

Private Papers - Notre Dame, Ind. (NC) - The private papers of the late Frederick Philip Kenkel, Catholic journalist and convert who was awarded Notre Dame's Lactare Medal in 1930, have been presented to the University.

'GIVE THEM MY ROOM'



"Dad don't tell them there's no room at the Inn. They can have my room." In this appealing cover picture for Catholic Boy magazine, artist Charles Kerins points out the generosity of youth. If the youth of America strove with all their energy to make room for Christ in the Inn of their hearts, the next generation would not be saddled with many of the problems of the world as oppressed with today.

Japanese Regime Appoints Minister To Holy See

Tokyo. (NC) - The Foreign Ministry has announced here the appointment of Kojiro Inoue as Japanese Minister to the Vatican. The decision marked the final step for full diplomatic ties between Japan and the Holy See.

Minister Inoue's wife is a convert to Catholicism, and his father-in-law is K. Morimoto, distinguished Japanese educator. Born in Tokyo 51 years ago Mr. Inoue long has had Catholic contacts, having during boyhood attended the Gospel (Morning Star) High School conducted by the Marianist Society.

Diplomatic relations between Japan and the Holy See were first proposed about 20 years ago, but strong objections by Buddhist elements caused the plan to be dropped.

1952 Vacation Schools Report 2,486 Pupils

A total of 2,486 children attended 30 religious vacation school in the Diocese of Rochester, during the year 1952. It was reported, this week, by the Rev. Albert H. Schnacky, diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Table with columns: Parish, Children, Sisters, Lay. Lists various parishes and their respective numbers of participants.

Catholic Town In Moslem Area Marks Jubilee

Karsahi, Pakistan. (NC) - An all-Catholic village in a Moslem country Khushpur (Happy Town) in west Pakistan, has marked the golden jubilee of its founding.

The town owes its beginnings to the initiative of Father Felix, a Belgian Capuchin. In 1902, he bought a large tract of uncultivated land from the government. It was named "Happy Town" after the priest's name, "Felix" the Latin for "happy."

The town has prospered and now numbers 3,000 inhabitants. It has a convent, a rectory, a dispensary, a boys' school and a girls' school.

Magazine Feature Korea Chaplain

Washington. (NC) - Father Eugene R. Merwick, O.S.B., an Air Force Reserve chaplain now on duty in Korea, is the subject of a feature story and a full page spread of pictures in the December issue of "The Air Force" magazine.

The cover photographed by the magazine shows Father Merwick, a major attached to the 49th Fighter Bomber Wing, distributing food to Korean war orphans in front of a statue of the Blessed Mother.

According to the article, Father Merwick has spent nearly seven of his 20 pleasurable years in uniform, and entered active service in March of 1951.



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COMMUNION SLATED ON FAMILY FEAST. Washington. (NC) - Family group Communion as an observance of the Feast of the Holy Family on January 11 is being recommended to parishes all across the nation by the Family Life Bureau.

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