

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

AT THE beginning of a New Year it behooves us to remind us on the canvas of time the one thing needful in our Catholic life, namely a spirit of sacrifice. As thousands of hands reach out that you might give, we pull our own hands back, lest you be left the poorer for the giving. You must be helped too, as well as others; you spiritually, they materially. When the heavenly Father gave His Son to this world, He glorified Himself as well as the world, for He thus restored men to sonship with Him.

The Apocalypse pictures Our Lord as the "Lamb, slain as it were, from the beginning of the world." Sacrifice is tied up with Creation, and Creation with the Cross. The pagans before the birth of Our Lord seemed to understand this lesson; for, over a thousand years before Christ, we read this letter of Amasis, King of Egypt to Polykrates: "I have never heard of a man who having been constantly successful, did not have a downfall in the end. Be advised then. Consider what you value most, the loss of which would most pain your soul; this go cast away, that it may never more be seen by you; and after this, if successes are not mingled with reverses, again have recourse to the same remedy."

Our Divine Lord more beautifully expressed the same idea: "If you wish to save your life, lose it." Sacrifice something to protect yourself from selfishness, to express thanks to God for the favors you have received, but above all to unite yourself more to the Lamb who was slain by intention from the moment that human freedom came into the world. We sacrifice ourselves in the Mass at the consecration when we offer our body and blood with that of Our Lord; we sacrifice ourselves through the day by surrendering something we like or want for the continuing love of Christ.

Since there are many causes for which you may make sacrifices, and since you are petitioned on all sides, you find it difficult to decide. Fortunately we have the words of the Holy Father to help us: "Charity to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith exceeds all other charities as heaven earth, and eternity time."

Your sacrifice to spread the love of Jesus and Mary to 1,000,000 pagans may be made by saying the World Mission Rosary, which we will send at your request and a \$2 offering to the Mission, or by taking out an annuity with the Holy Father's Mission for which you may make inquiries at our office, or doing without a luxury, or cigarettes, or a cocktail, or anything—just because you want to prove you love God more than yourself.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. F. C. "Enclosed is \$2 which I saved washing and ironing my two dresses instead of having them cleaned. I hope this little sum will help your wonderful mission work." GOD LOVE YOU to D. A. McG. "Having received a raise in salary it has always been my desire to help the world missions. Enclosed is \$10." GOD LOVE YOU to R. E. B. "Enclosed is a check for \$7.75 which represents a little promise to \$2 for each day in October." GOD LOVE YOU to the Senior Guild S.H.S. for the mission jar containing \$171.58 which I sent to the Holy Father's Mission." GOD LOVE YOU to C. J. C. for \$60 which she sacrificed to send to the mission.

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 28th Street, New York 10, New York, or your Diocesan Director. Very Rev. Mgr. John A. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Return To Grace-Propulsion Advocated In Auburn Forum

Auburn — "Eve and the Apple, Fact or Fiction" was the subject of the talk given at the Catholic Information Forum, Tuesday evening at the Osborne Hotel, Auburn. The Rev. Joseph M. Snyder, O.Carm., was the speaker.

Fr. Masse Views U. S. Economy As On Sound Basis

An optimistic view that the economy of America is on a sound basis was expressed by the Rev. Benjamin Masse, S.J., associate editor of America and executive editor of the Catholic Mind in the Thomas More Lecture Forum held in Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday night.

The distinguished Jesuit journalist said his guess was that 1953 will be just as good a year as 1952.

FATHER MASSE said that, if the federal government continues to be the sole agency attempting to stabilize the economy, that government will be forced to intervene more and more as time goes by.

"The only alternative is action on the part of the workers and the employers to stabilize the economy themselves," he said. Father Masse declared that "there must be some type of organization through which labor and management can cooperate intelligently. Perhaps then there would be less emphasis on the factors that divide them."

CITING various measures instituted by the federal government to guard against a future collapse, he said "I don't think we'll ever live to see another 1929 in the United States. Two main weaknesses, however, are labor-management conflict and the inequitable distribution of the national income." Concerning this distribution of the national income, he said that since 1929, when it was "fantastically unjust," there has been a marvelous change for the better.

Although the rich have less, he said, "what they have today is held with more security than in 1929."

52 Women Received By Leicester Group

Leicester — Twenty-eight members of the Rosary Society of St. Thomas Aquinas Church enjoyed a Christmas party at one of the society's largest meetings held in Leicester Casino.

The party was arranged by Mrs. Daniel Koch and Mrs. Joseph Koch. The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Carlton Mahoney, president. Fifty-two women have joined the society. It was reported.

Mrs. James Trubia was chairman of the committee which distributed eight sunshine baskets for shut-ins for Christmas and plans to its shut-in members. The Koch girls and Mrs. Mahoney were in charge of decorating the church for Christmas. Next regular meeting will be held in Leicester Casino on Jan. 26.

St. Joseph's Villa Auxiliary To Meet

Auxiliary of St. Joseph's Villa will hold their meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13, in St. Joseph's Hall at 2 p.m.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Marie Hauser, Mrs. Alice Hauptenthal and Miss Julia Halbleib.

\$10,000 Church Dedicated In Texas, Built By Aquinas Mission Unit Funds

Completion of the third Mission Project of Aquinas Institute Catholic Students Mission Crusade unit for the Mexican people was marked by dedication of St. John Fisher Church in Richmond, Texas, attended by an Aquinas delegation on Jan. 4.

The \$10,000 church edifice is financed by contributions of Aquinas students and erected by the Mexican people who donated hours of labor for many months. The church is the presence of two Aquinas students and the Rev. Joseph O'Reilly, C.S.B., of the faculty who flew to Texas for the ceremony.

Representing the Mission unit were William Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Bell, 5231 Dewey Ave., in Mother of Sorrows Parish, and Don Bary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bary, 136 Frederick Park, Holy Redeemer Parish.

BELL WON the exciting trip to Texas for being the high salesman during the 1952 Magazine Drive and Bary was chosen by lot to accompany him.

The new St. John Fisher Church built for the Basilian missionaries in Texas is a simple, yet beautiful long white wooden structure, roughly 175 x 80 feet with an attractive bell tower on the side. Located in the town of Richmond, Texas, 35 miles from Houston, where there is a large Mexican population, the church also serves the Mexicans living on the rice, cotton and sugar plantations near the town.

At the dedication and blessing attended by Father O'Reilly and the boys, the Aquinas students presented a plaque to the Mexican congregation which was placed on the side of the church for as long as it stands. The plaque pays tribute to the zeal and mission spirit of Aquinas students.

The Basilian Missionaries in turn presented a plaque to the boys as a token of gratitude which will be placed in the school's trophy case in the main corridor at Aquinas.

RETURNING, the boys and Father O'Reilly told how impressed they were with the religious spirit of the Mexican people and with what is being done with the money raised at Aquinas.

They said they were "treated royally" and said the Texans were impressed with Aquinas Institute of Rochester and asked many questions about the boys' high school. Other mission projects completed by Aquinas are: 1949 Dedication of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Angleton, Texas, \$16,000; 1951 Dedication of Mt. Carmel Mission Center at Wharton, Tex., \$15,000.



FLYING TO TEXAS was prospect for Aquinas Institute students shown boarding the plane at Rochester Airport with Rev. Joseph O'Reilly, C.S.B., of the faculty. The boys, William Bell (center) and Don Bary were representing mission unit at dedication of St. John Fisher Church in Wharton, Texas, gift of students. (Courier Photo)

1953 Drive To Fight Polio Opens Throughout Country

The year 1952 was the worst polio year ever, notable scientific strides have been made which promise to bring the dread disease under control, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis enters the new year with a seven million dollar debt to clear.

These are advanced as causes for generous giving in the 1953 March of Dimes campaign, now underway, by Mrs. John L. Wehle, Monroe County campaign director, at the local headquarters on the Mezzanine floor, Seneca Hotel.

EVENTS PLANNED to spur "Polio" will be climaxed with the Press-Radio Sports Dinner, Jan. 26; third annual March of Dimes tributes which was successful last year.

3 Films at Museum Three films widely different in topic, among them "Printing Through the Ages," will be shown at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 11, at 2:30 p. m. and 5:30 p. m., according to W. Stephens Thomas, museum director.

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State and Municipal Securities	6,862,886.29
Other Securities	621,255.88
Loans and Discounts	34,197,377.33
Mortgages	16,268,528.27
Bank Buildings	2,162,064.89
Customers' Liability on Acceptances	26,592.96
Accrued Interest Receivable	291,059.53
Other Resources	226,869.99
	\$113,523,722.36

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$3,000,000.00
Surplus	3,000,000.00
Undivided Profits	1,387,758.64
Provision for Taxes, Interest, etc.	902,625.83
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Other Liabilities	162,972.87
Deposits	104,843,722.26
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