

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

AT THE beginning of a New Year it behooves us to regard the canvas of time the one thing needed 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 man to fellowship 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 success is 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 sacrifice, 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 \$5 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 by 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 25c for each day in October." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to the Senior Girls of S.H.S. for the mission jar containing \$17.55 which they sent to the Holy Father's Mission. . . . GOD LOVE YOU to C. J. C. for \$98 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, 160 East 24th Street, New York 10, New York, or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

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

Completion of the third Mission Project of Aquinas Institute Catholic Students Missionary Crusade unit for the Mexican people in Texas was marked by dedication of St. John Fisher Church at 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 dedication ceremony was held in 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, 2254 Dewey Ave., in Mother of Sorrows Parish, and Don Bary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bary, 124 Friedrick Park, Holy Redeemer Parish.

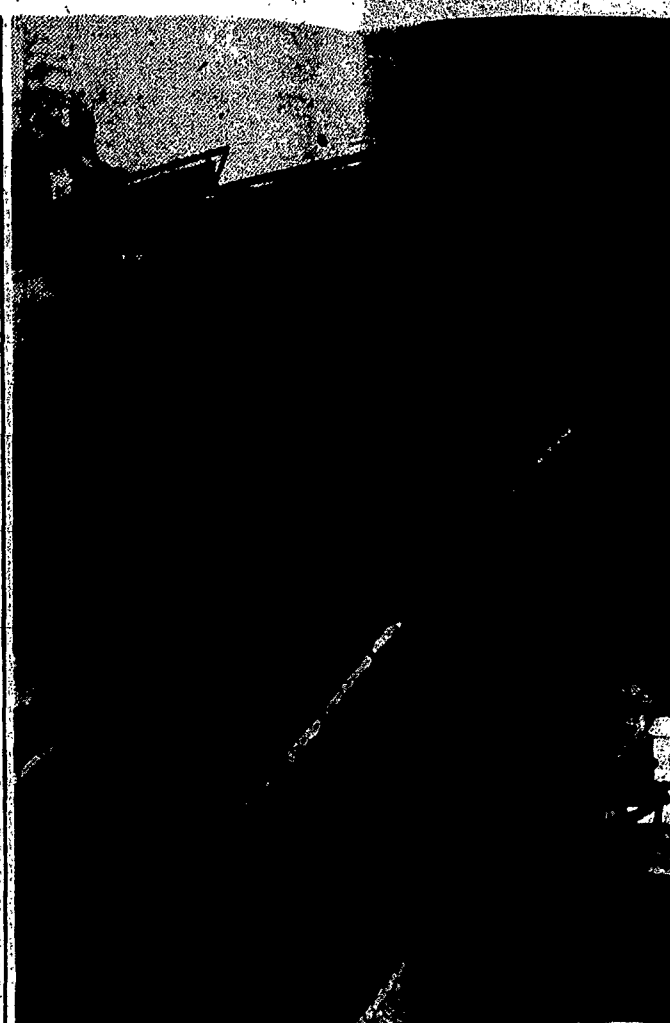
BELL WON the exciting trip to Texas for being the high sales man during the 1952 Magazine Drive and Bary was chosen by lot to accompany him. The new St. John Fisher Church built for the Basilian missionaries in Texas is a simple, yet beautiful long white wooden structure, roughly 175 x 60 feet with an 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 zealous 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 Texas boys 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, \$14,000; 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)

Ft. Masse Views Return To Grace-Propaganda U. S. Economy As Advocated In Auburn Forum 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 increase 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 peacefully. Perhaps then there would be less emphasis on the factors that divide them."

Concerning the distribution of the national income, he said that since 1923, 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 1923.'"

Father Masse was introduced by the Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College.

Auburn — "Eve and the Apple: Good or Evil?" was the subject of the talk given at the Catholic International Forum, Tuesday evening at the Auburn Hotel, Auburn, by Rev. Joseph M. Boyle, O.C.M. of Whitefish Bay, Wis., speaker at the forum which is sponsored by Auburn Diocese, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Father Boyle declared: "Original sin explains the reason why we are the way we are in former ages. Man cannot be created perfect; he must be created imperfect; he must be created with the capacity to be good, but he must be created with the capacity to be evil."

"BECAUSE THERE is no original sin, we are not born with a sin nature, but we are born with a living battleground, each of us a living battleground."

1953 Drive To Fight Polio Opens Throughout Country

The year 1953 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 offers 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. Welch, Monroe County campaign director, at the local headquarters on the Mezzanine floor, Seneca Hotel.

EVENTS PLANNED to spur the campaign are the annual Frodo-Radio Sports Dinner, Jan. 28; third annual March of Dimes Ball, Jan. 22; a boxing exhibition by famed High Chair kids at Moose Club, Jan. 16 and others. There will be no theater collections nor mass mailing of appeal cards in Monroe County, this year.

Home Nursing Courses Three new courses in Home Nursing and Care of the Sick will be offered, free of charge, by the Nursing Society of the Rochester Chapter, American Red Cross, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 6, from 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.; and also Tuesday, January 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.; Wednesday, January 7, from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Yugoslav Catholics Observe Christmas Despite Reds

Trieste — (RNS) — Measures taken by Yugoslav authorities and Communist Party leaders to discourage the celebration of Christmas apparently succeeded only in curtailing the more public aspects of traditional Yuletide observances among Yugoslav Roman Catholics.

Reports received here said Catholics in Slovenia and Croatia had made their usual holiday plans. Celebrations, however, were reported to be subdued somewhat by the Communist government's attitude and by the spectre of a food shortage.

THE CAMPAIGN in Yugoslavia to discourage Christmas as a holiday was reflected in steps taken by the Communists in the Yugoslav zone of Trieste. Meetings of "work collectives" of collective farm workshops and factories decided to work on Christmas day "to enable workers in the Yugoslav zone to celebrate the first and second of January."

Jan. 2 is celebrated in Yugoslavia as the feast of "Grandfather Frost." The decision of the work collectives followed the Yugoslav government line. In Yugoslavia, the regime decreed that Dec. 25 would be a regular working day.

IN ANOTHER anti-holiday move, Yugoslav police closed the border between the Yugoslav and Anglo-American zones before Christmas to prevent residents of the Communist sector from crossing into the Allied zone to do Christmas shopping or celebrate the holiday there.

Meanwhile, Yugoslav radio stations broadcast repeated attacks against the Vatican as a "tool of the Italian government."

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 to shut-ins for Christmas and plants 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. 28.

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Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 5,505,524.29
U. S. Government Obligations	18,427,592.54
State and Municipal Securities	2,425,677.83
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank	75,000.00
Other Securities	29,100.00
Loans and Discounts	17,585,511.27
Real Estate	4,006,776.23
Bank Buildings	600,000.00
Accrued Interest Receivable	95,149.55
Other Resources	14,022.85
	\$55,522,153.26

LIABILITIES

Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus	1,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	94,542.25
Provision for Taxes, Interest, etc.	\$ 3,304,542.25
Other Liabilities	11,724.25
Deposits	48,522,153.26
	\$55,522,153.26

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