

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

POLITICS is the major interest of the modern world. But it was not always so. One of the early Fathers of the Church had to ask his people not to discuss the Hypostatic Union in barber shops. In our times the discussion of politics could be profitable, if it were seen through the eyes of Christ; then politics becomes love of the missions. The international problem is basically a mission problem.

Take for example the present persecution of the Jews in Czechoslovakia. This crime is added to the crime of persecuting Christians to impress the Moslems and to assure them that Russia has abandoned Israel in order to win the favor of the Moslems. The Kremlin has been receiving reports for months that Moslems believed the Soviet regime was Jewish—which is not true. To eradicate this impression, the Soviets have embarked on an anti-Semitic policy in order to win the Moslems and thus take over Africa.

This throws a double burden on Christians: first, they must begin doing something for the 374 million Moslems that stretch from Russia itself through Africa, Mongolia, China and Indonesia. The Moslems believe in God; therefore, they are closer to the Christian world than to the atheism of Communism. But the Bolsheviks are pretending not to be atheists, stressing only the love of Mohammed in order to blind the Moslems before destroying them.

Our Western politicians have not understood the Moslem power problem because their thinking is geared to nations such as Pakistan, or Iran or Egypt, and not to religions. But Moslemism is a religion and as such overflows national boundaries, races and colors. They hold the balance of power between the Christian West and the anti-God Russia. Our Western governments have not seen the importance of the Moslems. The only two who have seen it are the Church and Russia, Russia is sending its missionaries to the Moslems; we must send ours. Who will win them? The Cross or the Hammer and Sickle.

Ever since the Incarnation, Christ moves through human nature: first through the human nature taken from Mary; now in a lesser degree through our human nature. Whether Christ educates the Moslems, digs wells for them, and preaches to them the Gospel depends on our sacrifice—the offering of our human nature on the cross of sacrifice to save their souls. Translate your interest in politics to interest in the Missions. Have you any old gold? Any diamonds in a vault you have not worn for three years? Why not send them for the Holy Father's Missions. Remember that the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is a Pontifical Society; that is to say it is the Holy Father's own mission society.

See what others are doing. . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. E. S. who gave up a movie and sent \$10 so she might aid an orphan. . . GOD LOVE YOU to R. C. for \$10. "I asked my daily for 10c to buy an ice cream. He gave it to me and then told me about the missions. Instead of buying the ice cream, I want to make a sacrifice to show God that I love Him very much." . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. for \$10. "My husband is in Korea and I have just begun receiving allotment checks which I am putting in the bank to buy furniture. But until he comes home, I have suggested that we send \$10 out of each check to the Missions and he is all for it." . . GOD LOVE YOU to B. M. who sent the Missions the \$2 she received as a gift. . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mr. J. F. G. for \$10. "I was going to buy a book but maybe the Missions could use some books in my name."

At your request and a \$2 offering to the Missions, we will send you a World Mission Rosary 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 38th Street, New York 16, New York, or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y.

National Shrine Director Listed For Barry Dinner

Speaker for the Fifth Annual Commodore John Barry Banquet will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Patrick J. O'Connor, director of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, according to the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, state chaplain, Ancient Order of Hibernians, banquet sponsors.

The banquet will be held Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Hotel Seneca.

Monsignor O'Connor is a priest of the Diocese of Savannah-Altamaha in Georgia and widely known for addressing Hibernian gatherings.

BESIDES BEING the National Shrine director, he is a Director of the Catholic University Alumni Association, a member of the faculty of the Preachers Institute at the University and a member of the faculty of the School of Sacred Theology.

Monsignor O'Connor is director of the Mission Apostolate of his diocese. He has been on the University faculty since 1936 and previously had served in parishes in his native state of Georgia.

HIS FATHER, a lawyer, was the National President of the A. O. H. at the turn of the century and during his administration, a check for the establishment of the Gaelic Chair at the Catholic U. was presented to His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, then the university's chancellor. The Monsignor had addressed Hibernians in Savannah and Baltimore and on many occasions has given the St. Patrick's Day Mass sermons in various areas of the country.

County President Martin J. Brophy is banquet general chairman and invites members and friends to hear the nationally known speaker. Reservations may be made at the Hibernian Club, 48 Alexander St., Rochester, N. Y.

'Evening of Recollection' Draws 130 Holy Rosary Men

A group of 130 men from Holy Rosary Parish attended an Evening of Recollection, Monday, Jan. 12 at the Notre Dame Retreat House.

Besides the spiritual program, the men held a Holy Name Society meeting and officers of the Panel Retreat League were installed.

Attending with the men were the Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay, pastor and the Rev. James Marvins, assistant pastor and spiritual director.

Spiritual exercises were conducted by the Very Rev. Augustine J. Aylward, C.S.R., Retreat House Rector who thanked the men for attending the Evening of Recollection and extended an invitation to every Holy Name Society in the diocese to duplicate the program.

Meeting installation and a buffet lunch in the dining room followed the chapel services.

Retreat League officers installed by Father Marvins are: Joseph J. Artinas, president; Arthur F. Ennis, vice president; C. Orrin Ochs, secretary; and John T. Nothnagle, treasurer.

Retiring president Paul V. Imhof spoke briefly.

23rd Seton Branch Names Mrs. Woodruff
Mrs. Lucian Woodruff was elected chairman of the 23rd Seton Branch at the monthly meeting held at the home of Mrs. Edwin Welter, 159 Winbourne Road. Elected with her are: Mrs. Richard Rice, secretary and Miss Margaret Heindl, treasurer.

J. J. Moffatt's Rites Conducted

Solemn Mass of Requiem celebrated by his brother, the Rev. Patrick A. Moffatt, was offered for James J. Moffatt in Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport, Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Mr. Moffatt, a former Brockport mailman, died Saturday, Jan. 10, at the age of 64.

The funeral was held from the Dunn Funeral Home, Brockport. Father Moffatt, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Rochester, was assisted in the Mass by the Rev. J. J. Ford, of Hamilton, Canada, a cousin, and Deacon and the Rev. Bernard Kuchman, Subdeacon.

Also in attendance were the Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Krieg, and the Reverend Fathers Robert A. Keleher, J. Beecher Sullivan, Gennaro J. Ventura and Richard J. Orlando.

Born in Rochester, the son of Matthew J. and Anna C. Moffatt, Mr. Moffatt was taken to Brockport as a child and attended Nativity School. He was a veteran of World War I. He served as a mailman for 36 years.

An active member of the Holy Name Society of Church of the Nativity and former member of the Knights of Columbus, he was also a member of Harsch-Crist-Seaman American Legion Post.

In addition to his brother, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Loretta Bassett; four sisters, Mrs. Anna T. Wilson and Misses Mary, Kathryn and Margaret Moffatt, and two other brothers, Edward J. and Matthew J., all of Rochester; and a niece and three nephews.

Manzellas Mark Golden Jubilee

Golden wedding jubilee of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Manzella of 59 Portland Ave. was marked at a Mass celebrated by the Rev. Charles J. Azzal, pastor in Church of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Sunday, Jan. 11.

The couple received Holy Communion at the Mass in their honor. Mr. Manzella is 77 years of age and Mrs. Manzella, 68.

Later in the day at the home of Charles Manzella, 96 Laurelton Road, the couple was feted at a reception held for his parents by their son.

Mr. Manzella operated a grocery store in Portland Ave. for 40 years.

Cathedral Guild Slates Cards

Rosary Guild of Sacred Heart Cathedral is planning an evening card party, Friday, Jan. 23 in the school hall at 8 p.m.

Refreshments and a prize for each table are planned. Bridge, Pinochle and Canasta will be played.

Women serving on committees are: Mrs. Charles Murphy, chairman; Mrs. William Snyder, co-chairman; Mrs. Hazel Larkin, refreshments; Mrs. William Flavin and Mrs. Fred Deming, tickets.

Mrs. Donald Lum, table prizes; Mrs. Donald Blanchard and Mrs. Leonard Finewood, cards, tallies and door.

Members of the Rosary Guild will act as hostesses.

Deaf Club To Hold Annual Polka Night

St. Francis DeSales Deaf Club and Auxiliary will hold its annual Polka Night at St. Joseph's Hall, 108 Franklin St., on Saturday, Jan. 24.

A group of Polish Alliance Club Dancers will demonstrate Polish Folk Dances at 8:00 p. m. This will be followed by dancing featuring Dick Fess and Ensemble Jack Kowalski is General Chairman. Frank Janoski is in charge of tickets. Frank Kowalski and Vernon Lawson, decorations.

The public is invited. Proceeds will be used to further the work of the St. Francis DeSales Deaf Club and Auxiliary.

Church Benefit Set At St. Boniface Hall

A card party to provide Altar and Sanctuary furnishings for St. Boniface Church will be held by the Rosary and Altar Society in St. Boniface school hall, Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. This is an annual affair of the society.

Mrs. Gustave J. Husson, president has appointed the following committee:

Mrs. Eugene W. Klee, chairman; Mrs. Francis Maloney and Mrs. Edward Sloan, tickets; Mrs. Louis Drona and Mrs. Matthew Kubacki, table prizes; Mrs. Kenneth McHugh, door; Miss Isabel Ruby, cards and tallies; Mrs. Edward Kurtz, hostesses; Mrs. Elizabeth Ehmann, kitchen.

Auxiliary To Meet

Members of Ladies Auxiliary 200, Knights of St. John of St. Thobias Church will meet in the church meeting room, Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. Lunch will be served after the business session. Mary Ver Wiere will preside.

Chosen As An Outstanding Family



MOST REPRESENTATIVE family in Holy Family Parish, Rochester, that of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tiberio, 802 Jay St. above. Like many hundreds of families received Holy Communion Sunday as a unit. Highlighting the celebration of their paternal Feast, children of Holy Family Schools by grades nominated their choice as most representative Catholic family. By lot the above family was chosen from the many names submitted. In photo (standing, from left) Victor, Carl, Frank, Mrs. and Mr. Tiberio; (standing, from left) Elizabeth, Frances, Edna, Nicolette. Rev. William Lammara, above, is assistant pastor at Holy Family. (Courier Staff Photo)

Book Review, Press Month Plans Set By IFCA Group

A book review by Mrs. H. Lou Gibson of "The Golden Thread" by Lewis de Wohl will be sponsored by the Literature Group of the International Federation of Catholic Alum-

nae at the Catholic Women's Club, 215 Alexander St., on Jan. 21 according to Miss Helen O'Connell, chairman.

Co-chairmen are Miss Anne Marie Stauffer and Miss Margery Klee. Committee in charge are: Miss Marian Warner, Miss Emily Scandetti, Mrs. Arthur C. Wood and Miss Marian Baur.

MRS. JOHN MAHONEY, F. C. A. will announce plans for the observance of Catholic Press Month.

Refreshments will be served at the social hour following the meeting. All circle members are invited to the meeting which is scheduled to begin at 8 p. m. Reservations should be made by Jan. 19. Guests are welcome.

Pamphlets will be on sale in the foyer. Anyone desiring to donate an autographed book by

St. James Group Conduct Card Party

Altar and Rosary Society of St. James Church will conduct a card party, Monday evening, Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

General chairman Mrs. Harold Larson is being assisted by the following on committees: Tickets, Mrs. James Kiggins and Mrs. Paul Missell; refreshments, Mrs. Charles Smith; Prizes, Mrs. Ray Jones.

a Catholic author for the Stivers College of the Catholic University is asked to bring her book to this meeting to make contributions.

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