

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

De the words, "foreign missions" conjure up in your mind the idea that "foreigners" are people whom we ought to help after we have helped ourselves; or that they are a "plus extra" to whom we might give our superfluities, after we took care of all our wants?

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan Our Saviour told us that our neighbor is not the one who is close to us, but the one who is far away from the point of view of blood, race and friendship. The Samaritan was a "foreigner" to the Jew as the African to us may be called a "foreigner", but Our Lord defined him as the "neighbor". The neighbor is the one who has eternal resemblance before God; even our enemies have that image. Our Lord also turned upside down our "natural" ideas about loving. We often identify loving with liking, but Our Lord said there was no reward in loving those who liked us. We are to love those whom we never think of liking.

Perhaps the Holy Father had this parable in mind when he said: "Charity to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith exceeds all other charities as heaven earth, and eternity time." His Missions with their 1,100,000,000 pagans are our neighbors of whom God said: "Thou shalt love." The Hindu living on 6 ounces of rice a day, the Chinese coolie slaving for Russian tyrants in Peiping, the Japanese living according to the precepts of Buddha and yet feeling hungry in spirit for more intimate communion with God — all these are our neighbors — "Thou shalt love."

Our Lord went so far in revolutionizing our ideas of kindness that He said: "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy kinsmen, nor thy neighbors who are rich; lest perhaps they also invite thee again, and a recompense be made to thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind; and thou shalt be blessed, because they have made thee at the resurrection of the just." Notice that Our Blessed Lord gives the high sounding name of "feast" to helping those who are not our friends, our relatives, but He indicated that it is not only what we should do, but it is also something far more festive than eating at noon or in the evening with our friends and relatives. If any of you would like to turn your dinners into banquets we have the list of the poor in our World Mission Office. Serve the banquet in their lands not in your homes. A "feast" implies more than a dinner; so helping the lepers, and the pagans who are blind to the light of faith and deaf to the hearings of the word of God implies a sacrifice.

Now after reading this little homily on the word of the Son of God, may the Holy Spirit inspire you to give up something during Lent that "you may be blessed" and receive recompense. If you have an inspiration out of love of Jesus and Mary, send the missions your sacrifice.

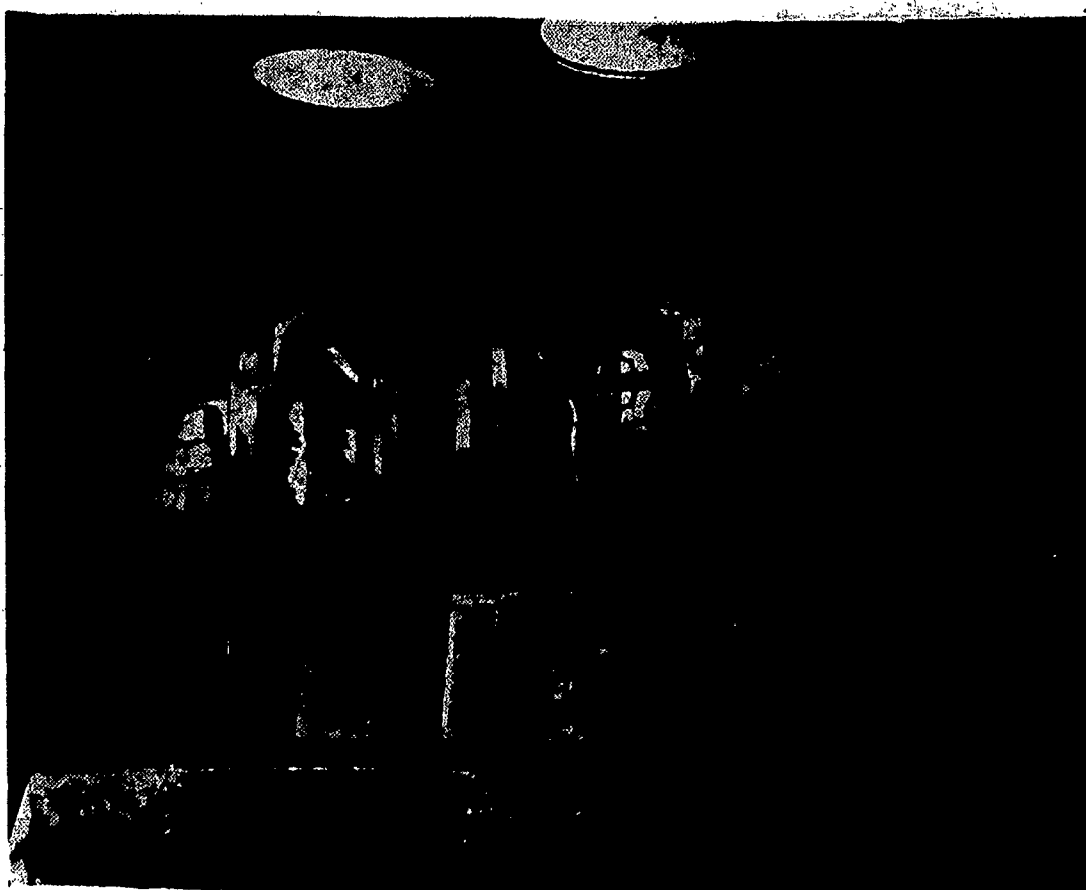
GOD LOVE YOU! to M. G. "Enclosed is \$13.22, my first offering in three months. I am sending it in honor of Our Lady of Fatima." **GOD LOVE YOU!** to M. H. for the \$2 she sent the missions by baby-sitting. **GOD LOVE YOU!** to E. C. "I am enclosing \$5 which is a raise in salary. It is a mite for the Holy Father's Missions." **GOD LOVE YOU!** to F. H. for \$20 he received for jury service with a promise to send more.

Have you a son a priest? You can adopt a seminarian for \$150 a year and you will share later in all his Masses, prayers and Communion.

Pray for converts in Oceania this week? You would have if you had a World Mission Rosary with the blue beads to remind you. At your request 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. Magr. John S. Randall, 44 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Shrine To Draw Pilgrims From Here



REPUTED SCENE of a number of apparitions, this shrine at the little church of Knock, in north Mayo, Ireland, has become a noted place of pilgrimage. The visions are still a subject of ecclesiastical inquiry. A visit to this shrine is planned in the pilgrimage to Ireland to be led by the Rev. Michael F. O'Brien, state chaplain of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. (Irish Tourist Association photo.)

Cage Tourney All-Stars, Champs Named

All-Star players in the Third Annual Basketball Tournament were presented with individual awards as were members of the two championship teams at the banquet, Sunday night in Columbus Civic Center.

High School Division all-stars are: Richard Kenville, Penn-Yan; Nick Nett, Auburn; George Egmond and John Donnelly, Hornell; Bob Payne, Waverly; Harry Jones, Owego; Hal Spencer, Ithaca; Walter Bentavich, Holy Redeemer; Louis Callari, Mt. Carmel; Frank Stees, St. Charles; Leo Aman, Holy Trinity; Robert Mason, St. Boniface; George Damello, St. Francis of Assisi; Ted Laveck, St. Monica; Bob Monahan, Mother of Sorrows; John Laughlin, Holy Rosary; and Ted Lucas, St. Stanislaus.

Grammar School Division all-stars are: Dan Samara, Auburn; Robert Manciniak, Watkins Glen; Jan Hursinger, Waverly; William Pevero, Geneva; Ronald Snyder, Geneva; William Rocco, Ithaca; Tommy Lynch, Waterloo; Richard Di Marco, St. Francis Xavier; Michael Cortes, Holy Redeemer; Lynne Maxey, St. Augustine; Thomas McGuire, St. Thomas; Richard Schweiger, Owego; and Dan McMullen, St. Monica.

Championship team members are: Mt. Carmel, Gene Devito, Gene Gianforte, Larry Broccoli, Louis Callari, Michael Carole, Albert Gangiano, David Alexander, Richard Dinert, Sal Casolari, Joseph Ditali, and coaches Vincent Messina and Joseph Mazzeo. Holy Redeemer: Michael Cortese, Charles Romano, Charles McKay, Anthony Alavare, Stanley DeDassock, Joseph Mastewski, Sam Ferrari, Frank Collato and Carl Dessena.

Capuchin Editors Ready Yearbook

Geneva — Rev. Fr. Timothy Chiappetta, O.F.M. Cap. Faculty Advisor of The Larks, yearbook of the Senior Class of Immaculate Heart of Mary Capuchin Seminary, Geneva, has placed the mastersheets in the hands of the printers. The yearbook will be ready for distribution towards the end of June.

Last year's book earned the First-Awards certificate from the Catholic School Press Association. The seminary magazine, the Junior Larks, was awarded the All-Catholic rating.

The theme for this issue of The Larks is "Seraphic Symphony." The special features, such as vocation information, glories of the Capuchin Order, history of the Seminary, activities of the students during prayer, study, work and play, news of the Larks League, etc., are treated in relation to music.

The faculty advisor of The Larks is Father Chiappetta, and the editors are Michael Dooner, Francis Pollicelli, Robert Rosen and Donald Colicchio.

Memorial Mass Set By Alumnae

Annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association will be offered on Sunday, March 22, at 9 a.m. in the Sisters' Chapel, 16 Lake View Park.

Breakfast to be served by the Sisters of St. Joseph will follow in the convent dining room. Reservations may be made by calling: Mrs. Raymond Mass, GEnesee 6854-W, or Mrs. William J. Ryan, GEnesee 2873-J, up until March 16.

Mt. Carmel, Holy Redeemer Fives Win Tourney Trophies

Awards to Catholic basketball teams for proficiency in the third Annual Diocesan Tournament held in Rochester taxed Columbus Civic Center ballroom to capacity on Sunday night.

Teams representative of practically all sections of the Diocese of Rochester with their priest-moderators together with co-operating members of the laity and relatives attended a dinner at which handsome trophies and medals were given to teams and individuals.

Presentation was made by the Rev. Arthur F. Raigan, diocesan director of Rochester Catholic Charities, which agency supervises youth activity in the diocese. Teams and individual winners were called to the speakers table by the Rev. Donald J. Mulcahy, director of the Catholic Family Center.

COOPERATION and team work and the will to win are the answers to "Why Do We Have Sports?" and Rev. Eugene H. McFarland, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church told the boys in the principal address.

"Sports will not make saints," he said, "but they will especially train you in your will as well as your body."

Mt. Carmel team of Rochester was awarded the Catholic War Veterans trophy for championship in the high school division. The Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union Grammar School trophy went to the Holy Redeemer team of Rochester, winners in an upset.

The Mt. Carmel team, upset highly favored St. Ann's of Hornell 47-38 at the Sports Arena. Holy Redeemer won the grammar school division title by defeating St. Francis Xavier, 57-38 in an upset.

Howard F. Meath, Columbus Youth Association program director managed the tournament and was acclaimed at the banquet. He thanked all who cooperated.

OTHER AWARDS were: Hibernian Club high school second place award to St. Ann's five of Hornell; Russus Trophy Grammar School second place award, St. Francis Xavier, Rochester; High School Consolation Awards, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca and the team representing that parish also was awarded the Grammar School Consolation trophy.

A special appreciation award for "help with the tournament" went to Tom Emmanuel of Rochester. The Antoinette Perdicchio Regina Hooford Cheerleading award was given to St. Stephen's, Geneva. Southern Tier Catholic Championship award also went to Ithaca's Immaculate Conception team.

Communion Breakfast Set By Auxiliary 44

Members of Ladies Auxiliary No. 44, Knights of St. John of St. Peter and Paul's Church will hold their Annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 22, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, Junior Auxiliary No. 5 will also participate.

A breakfast will be served in the school hall to which the Knights of St. John and Junior Auxiliary members are invited. Committee consists of Mrs. Catherine Wakefield, chairman; Major Camella Hanzlauer, co-chairman; Madameline Florence Free, Agnes Hilbert, Louis Schuler, Julia Marnall and Miss Ruth Martin. Reservations are being made with Florence Free, GEnesee 7376-R, and deadline is Friday, March 20.

Visit To Our Lady Shrine Listed In AOH Pilgrimage

To promote greater interest in the Shrine of Our Lady at Knock, County Mayo, Ireland, the New York State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is sponsoring the pilgrimage to the Shrine, along with other Shrines of Europe, scheduled to leave August 14 on the SS America.

THE PILGRIMAGE from this diocese is under the spiritual leadership of the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, assistant pastor of St. Monica's and state chaplain of the A.O.H.

Speaking on the Shrine, Father O'Brien said, this week: "According to witnesses, the Mother of God along with St. Joseph and St. John appeared at the gable end of the village chapel at Knock, on the evening of August 21, 1879.

"There were 15 witnesses to this first reported apparition and one of them, Patrick Hill describes the phenomenon. As he entered his home after a day of drawing turf from the bog, a neighbor came running to tell of the wondrous lights at the Chapel. There they saw clearly the three figures of Mary, St. John and St. Joseph. Nothing was spoken, and no message was given.

"A SECOND apparition occurred on January 6, 1880 and a third on February 10, 1880, when a large crowd, that had been gathering daily, testified that the chapel was ablaze with light, and in the bright cloud they could see the Mother of God.

"Today pilgrims come daily by the thousands and bring their sick and infirm. Knock too has its wondrous healings.

So far no official word of approval or disapproval has come from the Holy See, though the Archbishop of Tuam has set up in 1935 a medical board of enquiry. It is the prayer of the faithful that some day Knock might rank with the other great Shrines of Mary throughout the world."

Silver Tea Slated By Canandaigua CDA

(Canandaigua—Catholic Daughters of America, Court 830, Canandaigua, are planning a Silver Tea for Sunday, March 15. It will be held at the nurses' Home of the F. F. Thompson Memorial Hospital in Canandaigua from 3 until 5 p.m. All members and their friends are invited.

Mrs. Ruth Levy is general chairman assisted in arrangements by Mrs. Sesto Vecchi, Mary Albanesi, and Maude Lewis. The Misses Anna Bolan, Louise Alotta, Margaret Claffin, Mary Spengler, Annella Vecchi, and Evelyn Weisenberger.

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