

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THE world is one vast Golgotha and we celebrate an Easter. What a paradox! How justify a Christ rising in the glow of the morning and Christians dying in the blackness of the night.

The answer to the paradox is this: Christ by His Cross and resurrection has overcome sin, death and evil in principle, but we have not overcome them in fact until we appropriate His Holy Will through sacrifice.

He overcame sin and evil in principle, for the very worst thing that sin can do is to kill God, for that is sin in its essence. Sin is essentially anti-God. The Crucifixion is therefore the final act of sin.

When sin did that, by nailing Him to a cross, it exhausted itself; it was sin's utmost, its dying gasp. But though sin had done all that it could, the Son of God had not done all that He could; rise from the tomb where sin interred Him and evil governments stood guard. The Resurrection, therefore, was sin's defeat.

From now on sin could bomb cities, persecute religion, and torture women, but it could never do anything so wicked again as the crucifixion of the Son of God. Having been defeated in its mightiest deed, it could never be victorious again, for the devil's worst was conquered by God's best.

But though Our Lord overcame sin in principle, sin is not overcome in fact, because we are free. A scientist may discover an infallible cure for disease, but free men may reject it. The good news of redemption may be eternally broadcast from the empty tomb, but we are all free not to tune in on its saving grace.

Given perfect love on the part of God and the freedom to rebel on the part of man and you have historical tragedy.

The image of the Crucifix is still over the altar even in the Mass of Easter. We bid you out of love for the scarred hands of Christ to make a sacrifice to the poor pagans in Africa, Japan and India. You are wearing your new Easter outfit; the poor want one too—the inner garment of God's grace.

GOD LOVE YOU TO Mrs. J. E. M. "Enclosed is \$5 which I had intended for a new hat but my old tam or babushka will do when I think of such a wonderful cause. The sacrifice becomes a joy." **GOD LOVE YOU TO Mrs. C. S. F.** for \$2. "I find myself 10c for each time I bit my fingernails and promised to send the money to the Missions." **GOD LOVE YOU TO Mrs. S. N.** "Enclosed is \$10 which represents a mission sacrifice out of my annual bonus check." **GOD LOVE YOU TO M. M. and Friends.** "Enclosed is \$2 which we earned having a puppet show for the Missions." **GOD LOVE YOU TO Mrs. C. R.** "In thanksgiving I am sending \$10 to the Missions out of my hat pay in ten months." **GOD LOVE YOU TO M. A. N.** "This is what I saved by not buying an extra dress. I'll make my others do for the welfare of the needy." **GOD LOVE YOU TO A. and E. J.** "My sister and I are sending \$5 for the Missions to help some baby have a little more to eat." **GOD LOVE YOU TO D. F.** for \$20 which he received from the sale of two prints.

Do you have a World Mission Rosary? This Rosary will help you to remind yourself to pray for the Missions of the world. At your request and a \$2 offering to the Missions, we will send you one 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, 56 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York.

Bishop Hits Prejudice Against Mexicans

Dallas, Tex. — (NC) — Coadjutor Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of Dallas told the Mexican immigrants here that although they are victims of snobbery and discrimination now, they will not always "dwell in dismal neighborhoods." Speaking during the Mass of Dedication of the chapel of Santa Teresita in west Dallas, the Bishop said that the Mexicans are subjected to the same prejudices that once prevailed against earlier immigrants—the Germans, Irish, Poles and Italians. And he urged them to have courage in the face of the self-assured superiority of the Anglo-Saxons.

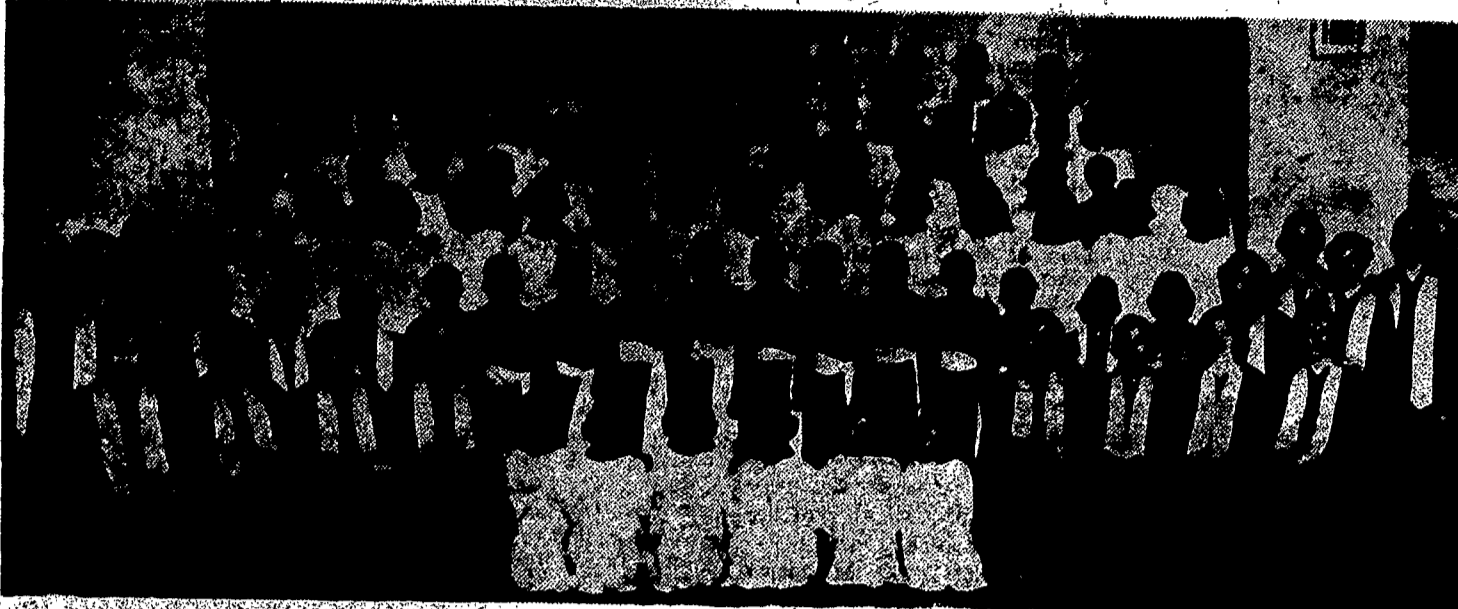
"YOU FIND yourselves among people who just don't like you or any Latin People," he said. "They are the inheritors of very unreasonable prejudices. They do not think they have to prove they are superior. They just admit it. Even some of the Catholic people here have absorbed old prejudices and think themselves superior."

The Bishop told members of the Spanish-speaking colony that they can win out against their present handicaps. But he said primarily they must never prove false to their race or be ashamed of their culture—"especially of what makes your people great—your religion."

WARNING THAT some people will advise them the way to get ahead is "to abandon the true Church," that they might even be bribed to do so, Bishop Gorman admonished them to make their new chapel "a symbol and a rallying point of your tradition and your hope for the future."

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St. Anthony's Choir Rehearses Sacred Cantata



ADVANCE TICKET sale for the presentation of "The Life of Christ" in Cantata and with Tabernaculum is reported very good by Rev. Albert L. Simonetti, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Elmira. This outstanding production, featuring 100 trained boys and girls of the parish, shows above will be presented at Duan Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, Sunday and Monday evenings April 11-13. A matinee will be given Friday afternoon April 10 at 2 p.m. Six striking tableaux scenes will depict the highlights of Christ's life on earth, from the Nativity to the Resurrection. Tickets for the evening performances are reserved and may be had by calling the box office at St. Anthony's—21553. Father Simonetti will be guest conductor, Rev. Nicholas F. Alletto will be narrator. The group has been trained by Father Simonetti and Sister Edwina Theresa.

Requiem Offered As Tribute To Sister Antonia

Funeral services for Sister M. Antonia Reinhart of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, who died Monday, March 30, 1953 after a long illness, were conducted Wednesday morning, April 1 at Nazareth Convent, Pittsford.

Rev. George J. Weilmann celebrated the Solemn Requiem Mass with Rev. George M. Kalk as Deacon. The Rev. Mr. Joseph Reinhart of St. Bernard's Seminary, nephew of Sister Antonia, was Sub-deacon, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph H. Gellert served as Master of Ceremonies. Also present were Rt. Rev. Msgr. Louis W. Edelman, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay and Monsignor Gellert, assisted by Father Weilmann and Rev. Robert F. McNamara.

Born in Greece, Sister Antonia entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1886. She was principal successively of St. Agnes School, Avon; St. Francis Xavier School, Rochester; and St. Theodore's School, Gates. She likewise taught in several diocesan schools including St. Patrick's School, Seneca Falls for thirteen years, and Holy Trinity, Webster, for a short period.

Surviving are two brothers, John Reinhart and Fred Reinhart of Rochester; also several nephews and nieces, including Sister M. Louisa, S.S.N.D. of Holy Family Convent.

Outstanding Mothers Awarded Medals

Philadelphia, (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. McShea of Philadelphia has presented medals to ten women of the archdiocese honoring them as "outstanding mothers" at ceremonies here.

The awards—made during the annual meeting of the National Catholic Family Life Conference here, went to: Mrs. Kathryn M. Kavanaugh, Philadelphia, whose four sons all became priests; Mrs. Mary Kent, Philadelphia, a daily communicant and mother of nine, five of them religious; Mrs. William Lamb, Coatesville, Pa., mother of five and active in Catholic Action; Mrs. Anna Ploplis, Summit Hill, Pa., widowed mother of eight who has suffered economic difficulties to send her children to a Catholic high school;

Mrs. DONALD STADER, Allentown, who has raised seven children and attends Mass daily; Mrs. E. Bradley Bailey, Jenkintown, Pa., mother of 11, lecturer and chairman of the Archbishop's Committee for the Christian Home and Family; Mrs. Edward J. Byrne, Doylestown, Pa., who made great sacrifices to take her children to a parochial school; Mrs. Martha Hentz, widowed mother of eight;

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'Cry-Singers' Mark Low Level In Musical Taste, Teachers Told

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — The "weepers and wailers" of popular song came in for criticism for keeping U. S. musical taste at a "decidedly low level," as the Archdiocese of Washington held its Fifth Annual Teachers' Institute.

Addressing a general session, Professor Ralph Justo of the Gregorian Institute of America, urged carefully planned musical teaching programs to "counteract the influence of the crass vulgarity of taste which applauds a Johnnie Ray or a Frankie Laine as great singers."

Indian Bishops Consecrated At Outdoor Ceremony

Madras, India — (RNS) — Three native Indians were consecrated as Bishops of the Catholic Church in a huge outdoor ceremony here. Archbishop Ludwig Mathias of Madras consecrated Msgr. Francis A. Carvalho, Apostolic Administrator of San Thome-Mylapore; Msgr. Paul Marlaselvan, S.D.B., Vicar General of Madras, as Bishop of Vellore and Msgr. R. Sundaram as Bishop of Tanjore.

Elevation of three more native Indians continued a Vatican policy of "Indianizing" the hierarchy of the Church in this country. More than 50,000 Catholics witnessed the consecration on the grounds of the South Indian Athletic Association. Co-consecrators with Archbishop Mathias were Bishop Thomas Pothacumary of Bangalore and Bishop James Mendonca of Trichopoly.

Citizens Join To Curb Filth

Minneapolis, Minn. — (RNS) — A small "citizens committee" which shuns publicity is seeking to persuade Minneapolis druggists and newsstand operators to purge their shelves of "objectionable" printed material, according to the Minneapolis Star.

Many, though not all, druggists and newsstands in the city have received a letter calling for removal of "all objectionable literature" and threatening police action against those who do not cooperate, the Star said.

Parishioners Build Own Chapel

Sorrento, La. — (NC) — Working mainly on Saturdays, parishioners did the lion's share of building St. Ann's Chapel here, which just has been dedicated by Archbishop Joseph F. Bursum of New Orleans. The \$7-by-44 foot frame structure seats 400 persons and cost only \$8,000 to complete.

Bishop To Talk To Auburn First Saturday Group

Auburn — First meeting of the First Saturday Luncheon Committee for May was held Friday in the home of the Catholic Daughters, 44 South Street, Auburn. Speaker for the May meeting will be His Excellency Bishop Kearney of Rochester. Unlike the other luncheon meetings the May luncheon is open to men as well as women of Auburn Deanery.

Present at the meeting were the Rev. Kieran J. Hickey, O. Carm., moderator, Mrs. C. Eugene Carpenter, president of Auburn Deanery, Miss Marion Berry, Miss Marie Toohy, Mrs. Joseph P. Cuddy, Mrs. Clarence E. Hayden, Mrs. Harry M. Dillon, deanery chairman of spiritual development, Miss Genevieve E. Diehl, Miss Jean Ryan, and Mrs. George A. Snyder.

Members of the committee intend to attend the meeting include Mrs. Fred L. Armstrong, Mrs. Philip A. O'Connell, Mrs. Frank L. Doyle and Miss Catherine R. Ryan.

20% More Ads Seen In Press Directory

New York — (NC) — A 20-percent increase of space advertising by Catholic Press Association members in the 1953 edition of the Catholic Press Directory is expected by Msgr. John S. Randall of Rochester, N. Y., chairman of the CPA directory committee. Monsignor Randall said that 30 pages of ads were taken by CPA members in the 1952 directory and attributed the anticipated increase in advertising to the success attained in securing space contracts for Catholic publications. He said: "We have had categorical reports from members whose listings alone have produced space orders."

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Seneca Falls KC Auxiliary Reports Progress In 1952

Seneca Falls—The Ladies' Auxiliary of Seneca Falls Council, Knights of Columbus, closed its books for the year 1952 and results show that it has been a busy and profitable period for the organization.

Officers for the year 1952 were: president, Mrs. Marie Doran; vice-president, Mrs. Emily Giglio; treasurer, Miss Teresa McGraw; financial secretary, Mrs. Julia Burns; recording secretary, Mrs. Alice Fay; publicity chairman, Mrs. Mary Carissimi; chairman of activities, Mrs. Nona Ryck; trustees, Mrs. Anna Moreland, Mrs. Beatrice Eno and Mrs. Catherine Freudenburgh.

NEW FURNITURE and equipment were purchased for use of the two organizations in the home through funds raised by four card parties, a ham sale, a dance, a lawn fête, a picnic and Christmas bazaar. Articles purchased included 8 dozen chairs, dishes, silver and kitchen utensils.

At the annual banquet held on January 9 in the home, Mrs. Julia Burns was chairman and Mrs. Louise Bevins was toastmistress. Rev. Thomas C. Kane, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, was principal speaker. Father Kane talked on his trip to Europe, which was said to be thoroughly enjoyed.

New officers installed at the banquet for the year 1953 were: president, Mrs. Emily Giglio; vice-president, Mrs. Claire Stamer; financial secretary, Miss Marie Manzari; recording secretary, Mrs. Sally McDermott; treasurer, Mrs. Mary Carissimi; trustees, Mrs. Marie Doran and Mrs. Laura Simolo.

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