

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

SUPPOSE you had \$1,000 to give away to the hungry and the suffering. Which would you prefer: to decide yourself to whom it would be divided or to allow someone else to decide? Obviously the first, wouldn't you? You would get more personal joy out of it; your ego would be flattered; those whom you aided would be indebted to you.

But the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was not set up by the Church to work that way. Its primary purpose is to induce people to submerge personal satisfaction and to allow the Holy Father to decide where their sacrifices will go. Neither the National Director nor the Diocesan Director may assign one cent of the sacrifice you send to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to any particular mission or missionary.

There are moments when our ego comes to the top and we wish we could be a "Johnny Goodellow" and send money to various missions of the world. But very quickly our faith triumphs over our pride and we are glad that the Holy Father reserves the right to himself to allocate your sacrifices.

As head of the 100,000 missionaries in the 630 missionary dioceses, he can most wisely make the distribution. Furthermore, the missionaries would a mission times rather receive the offering from him. But most of all, think of the merit we gain by making an act of faith in the Vicar of Christ, saying: "O Holy Father, here is my sacrifice. In giving to you, I give it to Christ."

All the Diocesan Directors throughout the United States are His representatives. What they or you send to us as National Director we may not dispense. Thank God, we cannot. We would not want it otherwise; we might make a "booth" of it all. There is more joy in serving the Vicar of Christ than in pleasing one's self. Your sacrifice will be greater when you know we send it to the Holy Father.

GOD LOVE YOU to the following: To A. H. C. "The enclosed check is three in one: \$189.75 a dividend check; \$20 I picked up on the street; \$12 I won in a pool; total \$221.75." . . . to D. and P. L. "Our sacrifices are small in comparison to those of the missionaries. In thanksgiving, may this \$25 help in some way that others may share God's love." . . . to E. M. L. for \$25. "I promised that if I were successful in completing a good trade-in on my car, the Missions would share in my good luck. I was most lucky and hope this little bit will help." . . . to M. S. "enclosed is \$8, most of which I saved by giving up the Sunday paper for a year." . . . to J. S. C. "The enclosed \$1 is for the backward and unfortunate people of the world." . . . to Y. P. "Last year I put \$2,000 on some property but was unable to go through with the transaction. Later my mother and I made a novena and promised \$25 to the Missions if a settlement could be made. On the 15th day my prayers were answered." . . . to Mrs. P. L., 80 years old, who does her own family washing as a sacrifice so she can donate something of herself to the Missions. . . . to M. A. N., 84 years old, who grows flowers and sends to the Missions the money she receives from the sale of them. This year's sales amounted to \$23. . . . to Mrs. M. who sent us \$10,000 which was left by her brother-in-law with the request that the money be sent to the Propagation of the Faith. . . . to B. N. "We were on the verge of having some serious trouble in our plant and I promised \$125 if God would see fit to help us. One hour after I made the promise, we found everything in good shape."

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World Opinion Seen Check On Communism

Buffalo—(NC)—World opinion alone will check Communist persecution of the Catholic Church in Poland and other enslaved nations, according to Dr. Oscar Halecki of Fordham University. The professor of Eastern European history addressed a mass meeting to protest Communist persecution of the Church and to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the birth of Ignace Jan Paderewski, the late renowned pianist and former Polish premier.

DR. HALECKI said that protest meetings are important not only because the Soviets fear world opinion but because the meetings are a great encouragement to the Polish people to hear about them through the Voice of America.

He said the National Committee for a Free Europe is planning to sponsor similar protest meetings and radio broadcasts. While public demonstrations against the imprisonment of Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, primate of Poland, and others may temporarily check further arrests, Dr. Halecki said, it is up to mankind to guard against any military letdown.

"Sometimes Polish idealism and romanticism are the butt of jokes but, as long as this persists to uphold the basic fundamentals of human rights, there will be a fighting Poland," he declared.

Chicago Auxiliary Named Archbishop

Washington, D.C.—(NC)—Chicago's Auxiliary Bishop William D. O'Brien has been elevated to the rank of Archbishop by Pope Pius XII. The announcement by the Apostolic Delegate comes on eve of the golden ordination jubilee celebration of the prelate who is president of the Catholic Church Extension Society. Somme 125 Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops are expected to attend jubilee celebrations next week when Archbishop O'Brien Pontificates at a solemn Thanksgiving Mass in the same Holy Name Cathedral where he was baptized.

'Star Of Jacob' Led Rabbi's Son To Catholic Church

New York—(NC)—The story of a rabbi's son who became a priest, founded a religious congregation and who has been declared Venerable is told in a new book.

It is "Star of Jacob" by Helen Walker Homan, published here by David McKay Co.

THE BOOK presents the life of Father Francis Libermann, the son of a Jewish rabbi, from his studies for the rabbinate to his conversion to Catholicism and his eventual ordination to the priesthood. The author states that "brought up in conformity with the Old Law, he had come to embrace the New, understanding it not as a severance, but as a Father Libermann was proclaimed Venerable in 1876, less than 25 years after his death.

More Food Production, Not Birth Control Answer To India Problem

The author of the following article is a top Indian Catholic social leader. He served as a member of India's constituent assembly, and was several times a member of the Indian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

By FATHER JEROME D'SOUZA, S.J.
(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

Poona, India—Can India solve its food problems without halting the natural growth of her population by artificial means?

The answer is: yes, through increased food production. As Chesterton once said, when you have twelve men and six hats, you do not cut off six heads, you get six more hats.

Everyone knows that India's food deficit in recent years has not been due mainly to increase in population, though it is perfectly true that population increases by as much as 5,000,000 each year. The deficit was due to failure of rain in certain areas, and elsewhere to destruction of crops by floods and locusts. These are natural catastrophes which overtook India in exceptional measure during the past five or six years.

NOW, FOR THE first time in recent years the rain in India has been abundant. The locust ravages, too, are being controlled by scientific methods. The result is that this year the crops are very satisfactory. Controls on food are being abolished or relaxed in almost every state. Next year, imported grains will not be above 1,000,000 tons.

But India is not going to depend only on sufficient rains for raising her food in needed quantities. Under way are extensive irrigation projects that will make the country relatively independent of the vagaries of the monsoons and bring many millions of acres under cultivation. These plans, and others for increasing food grain production are expected to solve the food problem in the next 15 or 20 years, even taking into account the phenomenal 5,000,000 a year population growth.

The present Five Year Plan, which is to be completed in 1955, contains 110 irrigation projects, including several major multi-purpose River Valley schemes. Most of them are in advanced stages of construction. The major projects will, by the end of 1955, irrigate 8,500,000 acres of land and supply over 1,000,000 kilowatts of electric power. The new acreage will enable India to increase her food grains by over 2,000,000 tons, excluding commercial crops—sugar cane, cotton, tobacco, etc.

WHEN ALL THE irrigation projects are completed—perhaps in another seven or eight years—they will irrigate in all about 17,000,000 acres, and yield over 4,000,000 tons of grains. Other plans under study would take at least 20 years to complete, but would irrigate an area of from 40 to 50 million acres and increase the supply of food grains by over 12,000,000 tons.

It must be remembered that major multi-purpose projects will not merely add greatly to the total food production of the country, but will raise the general standard of living. They will stop the destruction of crops by controlling floods. They will increase wealth by raising commercial crops. They will supply power, and facilitate navigation and transport. Not only will India's dependence on foreign countries for food cease, but her dependence on these for industrial goods will diminish greatly.

BUT IRRIGATION, flood control, and fight against animal pests are not the only means of increasing food in India. There is another important side which is not neglected: increasing the yield of the cultivated land by improved seeds and better fertilizing. Judging by the results in the Etawah district in Uttar Pradesh, improved seeds increase production by 30 to 40 per cent, raw fertilizers increase it by about 40 per cent. If to these are added chemical fertilizers, the production can be doubled.

The cost of the needed material and of labor is about a third of the increased profit. Chemical

Catholic Census Set In Britain

London—(NC)—A lengthy and exhaustive survey to determine the Catholic population of Great Britain—England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland—will be undertaken by the Newman Association here.

Most authorities agree there is no accurate Catholic census of the British Isles at present. They point out that the Catholic population of England and Wales, listed at 2,837,700 in the official directory, is based on incomplete statistics. Estimates of the Catholic population in these two countries range as high as five million.

The number of Catholics in Scotland and Northern Ireland, placed at 750,000 and 300,000 respectively, is considered an underestimate.

President Gets Bid To Aid Polish Primate

Washington—(NC)—The National Council of Catholic Men has asked President Eisenhower to intervene in favor of the liberation of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski.

The Council also sent a cable to His Holiness Pope Pius XII expressing "profound sympathy" over the arrest of the Polish Primate and promising that "our voice will be heard in protest."

IN THE LETTER to President Eisenhower, Frank L. Nally, President of NCCM, expressed on behalf of the Council and its 7,000 affiliated organizations, "our deep appreciation for the forthright stand you have taken on the terrorist and gangster action of the Polish Communistic regime in literally kidnapping and holding incommunicado Cardinal Wyszynski."

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A letter to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, head of the Council's appeal to the U.S. Secretary to the UN in writing the matter to the attention of the General Assembly. The letter continued:

"May I respectfully hope that you will continue to use your good offices to keep this matter alive until favorable action is secured."

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