

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

EVERY person born into this world—except one—came to live. Our Blessed Lord, however, came to die. Death was the goal of His life. Our lives are lived forwards from birth to death; His life was lived backwards, from the Cross to the crib. We think of His life as progressing from Bethlehem to Egypt, to Nazareth, to Galilee to Jerusalem, to Calvary and the empty tomb. But to Him, the Cross and the Resurrection were first in intention, then came the Bethlehem. His Redemptive Death was the reason for His Birth.

What happens to your children is hidden from your eyes; what would happen to Him was known from all eternity. Even His Mother, when He was still an infant in arms, was told that He would be contradicted—and the supreme contradiction is the Cross. The shadow of Calvary fell across the manger; the two beams at either side of Him were reminders of the thieves who would be on either side of Him on Golgotha; the Wise Man who brought myrrh was the figure of Joseph of Arimathea who would bring spices to bury Our Lord. His breath was with the beasts; His last breath would be among humans acting like beasts.

To understand Christmas right, we must see it as a feast of love so great that the God-man came to lay down His life for us. We try to express that love at Christmas by making sacrifices for gifts that our friends may know we love them.

The gift Our Lord wants is souls of Africa, India, Burma and Japan. You can help the Holy Father send missionaries to them through your sacrifices such as old gold, the equivalent of what you spend on smoking, the surrender of a luxury—anything that reminds you that love is the best expression of love.

We want everyone who is a friend of the Missions to wear a God Love You medal so that you may know others are as interested in spreading the Kingdom of God as you are; as we want you to pray the World Mission Rosary. Send a \$5 offering and your request for a silver God Love You medal or a \$10 offering and your request for a gold filled medal. We will send a World Mission Rosary to anyone who mails a \$2 sacrifice for the Missions with their request for this Rosary.

GOD LOVE YOU to D. O. for \$10. "A little offering in honor of St. Anthony for benefits bestowed upon me and my family" . . . to E. S. P. for \$44.20. "I've been saving 17c a day by walking home from work. The distance of the walk is seven decades of the Rosary." . . . to D. H. for \$60. "Each year I use my Christmas bonus to buy something special I want. Last year I decided it would be sent to the Missions. I am sorry it took so long." . . . to H. G. K. "Since last January I saved \$250 from my wages to get what it feels like to send \$100 to the Missions I have reached my goal and there aren't words big enough to express how happy I am." . . . to J. F. N. "While at Mass, I made a promise that if my boyfriend asked me to marry him, I would send the Missions \$20. That very night, he asked me, so I am keeping my promise and hope it will make someone as happy as I." . . . to M. H. T. "I am sacrificing a luxury for this week and enclose \$1." . . . to C. D. H. for \$5. "Due to my inability to avoid candy and stay on a diet, I made a bargain with St. Joseph—\$1 for the Missions for every pound of excess weight I lose." . . . to J. R. "Instead of using this \$5 for my own enjoyment, I am sending it to the Missions." . . . to three little girls who sacrificed cold drinks to send \$5 to help some poor children in the Missions . . . to J. A. V. "I received this \$10 for helping decorate the altar for a wedding and I send it to the Missions."

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 88th Street, New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director Very Rev. Mgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

Blanshard Anti-Irish Book Slips On Fact, Says Critic

Chicago — (NC) — "On question of fact, apart altogether from unwarranted inferences, Mr. Blanshard could be tripped up on every page."

Thus does John D. Sheridan, author and editor of the Irish School Weekly, attack the veracity of Paul Blanshard's allegedly "carefully documented, first-hand study," "The Irish and Catholic Power."

The review, appearing in the magazine "Books On Trial," states that Mr. Blanshard's object in writing the book is to let "Americans know, taking Ireland as a 'yardstick,' what they may expect if the black night of Vatican domination should ever come upon them."

Mr. Sheridan points out that "Mr. Blanshard's trump cards are divorce, birth control, censorship and education. But on question of fact, 'Mr. Blanshard could be tripped up on every page.'"

In dealing with Irish education, Mr. Blanshard blunders, the reviewer says, for he alleges that "as Catholic bishops may hire and fire any teacher," the teacher has "no right of appeal" and no security of tenure.

The truth, says Mr. Sheridan, is that "no teacher may be dismissed until, with the help of his professional union, he has had an opportunity of making his case before the bishop." The manager, not the bishop does the hiring or firing, says the reviewer, and in the past 30 years, only two dismissals have occurred.

IN REPLY to the statement of Mr. Blanshard that Irish secondary teachers receive "scandalously low" salaries, the reviewer suggests that Mr. Blanshard check up on the current "Year Book of Education," published by the London University in association with Columbia University. This book records that "in an international comparison of teachers' salaries in relation to salaries of other professions, the Irish teachers came fourth amongst ten selected professional groups; the American teacher came seventh."

It is hard, says Mr. Sheridan, for an Irishman to review the book. "He wants not to review it but to answer it; and a complete answer would take another book," the reviewer says.

The review states that the last chapter of "The Irish and Catholic Power" deals with the past, present and future of Irish influence in the United States. Mr. Sheridan says that Mr. Blanshard claims that "the Irish-Vatican line up has monopolized the hierarchy, soiled political life, and kept up a long and vicious criticism of the public school system." But, the review continues, the book ends with an optimistic note that "the old line dictatorship of the Irish priests in America is doomed."

If he believes this, asks Mr. Sheridan, "why did he write the book?" "Its whole purpose is to show Americans what will happen under Irish Catholic domination," Mr. Blanshard's "crusade" says the reviewer, "is a fiery one, and the torch is in his hands."

Celtic Language Fund Established

Washington — (NC) — Establishment of the Joseph Dunn Memorial Fund for acquisition of materials in Celtic languages and literature was announced by Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart, rector of the Catholic University of America.

An initial bequest of \$10,000 has been made by Miss Abigail Dunn, sister of the late Joseph Dunn who was a member of the faculty of the university from 1904 to 1931. Dr. Dunn was incumbent of the Ancient Order of Hibernians' chair of Gaelic from 1912 to 1931.

In a speech of acceptance, Bishop McEntegart recalled that the present U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, William Robert Taft III, studied Celtic under Dr. Dunn.

Early Irish Poems Praising Virgin Found in Dublin

Dublin — (RNS) — A rare Gaelic manuscript containing what are believed to be copies of the earliest poems praising the Blessed Virgin in a vernacular language of Europe has been discovered here.

Professor James Carney of the Irish Institute for Advanced Studies made the discovery in Ireland's National Library.

The manuscript is a seventeenth century one, but material in it dates from the seventh and eighth centuries.

It contains 142 pages, 20 of which are devoted to three poems in Gaelic. The first of these is a fifty stanza poem dealing with the boyhood of Christ, while the second of ten stanzas and third of 150 stanzas are in praise of the Blessed Virgin.

Prof. Carney made the discovery while examining the Phillips collection of manuscripts purchased by the library about 20 years ago.

"The most important thing about the poems is the Blessed Virgin," he said. "It is that we know the man who wrote them. He was Blathmac Mac Con Brethan, who lived in County Monaghan about the year 750."

Young TV Actress Received Into Church

San Francisco — (NC) — One of the veterans of the archdiocesan television shows, Faith of Our Fathers and Question Mark, was received into the Church here on the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

YVONNE MARTIN, 24, graduate of the University of California, traced her interest in the Church to the influence of Catholic fellow students in college and a group of Catholic girls with whom she roomed after graduation.

Introduced by one of her roommates to Father Daniel Lynch, producer of the Faith Show, Miss Martin earned a featured spot on the TV-cast reading excerpts from the Bible. Later she became secretary to Father Mark Hurley on Question Mark, a question-and-answer program on the facts of Catholicism.

The young actress, who has also done modeling and TV commercials and sung with a dance band, received instructions from Father Hugh Donahue of St. Patrick's Church here.

Saarland Issues St. Benedict Stamp

Saarbruecken — (RNS) — A special stamp honoring St. Benedict will be issued before Christmas by the Saarland Post Office. It was announced here.

The 30-franc stamp will carry a surcharge of 10 francs, revenue from which will aid reconstruction of the Tholey Benedictine Abbey.

The picture on the stamp depicting the saint is from a fresco in the famed Monte Cassino Abbey in Italy.

New York School Founded By Reds, Budenz Testifies

Washington — (NC) — Former Communist Louis Budenz told the Subversive Activities Control Board that the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City was founded under the aegis of the Communist Party.

Testifying at hearings to determine whether the Jefferson School is a Communist front, Mr. Budenz said that its founding committee was appointed by the party's top echelon, and included Alexander Trachtenberg, a member of the party's National Review Commission and co-head of its Cultural Commission. Mr. Budenz, who quit the party in 1945 after serving as managing editor of the Daily Worker, is now a professor at Fordham University.

UNDER QUESTIONING of Ralph J. Edsel, Jr., Justice Department attorney, Mr. Budenz identified close to 200 persons who had served on the faculty or administration of the Jefferson School during its ten-year history as Communists.

Some he said he knew personally to be party members, others he said he had been told were Reds by top party members. He was told of their affiliations with the party "to enable me to slant stories" in the Daily Worker, he said.

Harry Sacher of New York attorney for the Jefferson School objected to inclusion of names of persons identified as Communists in second-hand information on grounds that it was "hearsay evidence," but his objections were overruled by Herbert J. Thomas SACB chairman.

Mr. Budenz's testimony which took two days — was part of a series of hearings on the Jefferson School.

St. Anne Shrine
Ste. Anne De Beaupre, Que.— (NC) — There were 1,700,000 pilgrims and visitors to the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre here during the 1953 season, an increase of 40 per cent over the figures for 1952.

Catholic Girls Push Demand For 'Marilyn' Dresses

Bartlesville, Ill. — (NC) — Thousands of Catholic girls all over the country are demanding of dressmakers "Marilyn" dresses as the Marilynke contest of the Purely Crusade of Mary Immaculate moves into its last days.

The nationwide contest, which started October 7 and will end December 23, is designed to extend the use of the "Marilynke" tag heretofore restricted to bridal gowns and formal to include other types of dresses and to popularize the tag over the entire nation.

Many clothing stores and factories are being swamped with requests to adopt the Marilynke tag in their establishments. The tag, attached to the dresses displayed in the store, is the patron's guarantee that the garment is modest, Marylike.

From coast to coast girls are entering clothing stores to ask for dresses with a Marilynke tag. If the girls cannot yet secure a tag, they ask for dresses that meet tagged dress in their vicinity. The "Marilynke" standards of modesty.

Marian Housing Project Started

Bologna, Italy — (RNS) — The first stone of a housing project to be built for engaged couples unable to marry because of the housing shortage was blessed here by Giacomo Cardinal Lerario, Archbishop of Bologna.

The project, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, will be named "The Village of Mary Immaculate," in honor of the 1954 Marian Year.

'Christ In Christmas' Campaign Reported Success In Britain

By MICHAEL DERRICK (Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

London — (NC) — Among the posters on billboards all over Britain this Christmastide are 6,000 which carry no advertising at all.

These are pictures of the scene at Bethlehem on the first Christmas Day. They serve as a constant reminder, among all the bustle and glitter, of the real meaning of Christmas.

Even among the lavish displays in the windows of Britain's big stores may be found a window that is given over to something quite different — the Christmas crib.

CREDIT FOR ALL these efforts to "keep Christ in Christmas" belongs to Catholic Action. It was in 1950 that a group of London Catholic laymen, with little money but a great deal of faith, opened their campaign to keep the Infant Christ constantly before the eyes of the people of Britain during the Christmas season.

For that first Christmas they order 3,000 large posters depicting the Nativity. With the cooperation of advertising agents and billposters, the posters were prominently displayed all over the country.

At the same time, the Catholic Actionists urged the manufacturers of Christmas cards to print more cards with a religious theme, and asked the shopkeepers to display the Crib.

THE RESPONSE far exceeded their expectations. Not only Catholics, but Christians of all denominations expressed warm appreciation and offered practical support for a similar campaign during the following Christmas season. A well-known artist, Miss Doris Zinkelsen, not herself a Catholic, specially painted and presented to the campaign a Nativity picture which has since become internationally famous. At Christmas, 1951, there were 6,000 reproductions of it on billboards in Britain.

The next year the effort was intensified. Miss Zinkelsen's Nativity scene, reappeared on the billboards and no fewer than 30,000 smaller reproductions of it were printed for use on notice boards and garden walls and in the windows of houses.

These reproductions found their way also into thousands of shop windows, railway stations, hospital wards, factories and canteens. The number of cribs publicly displayed was increased and they were also shown in some parts of the country by municipal authorities.

A NEW CHRISTMAS poster has been painted this year, although some copies of Miss Zinkelsen's will also be seen, and all the sites for the billboards are being given free by the owners. The new poster is the work of

Alan Barlow, a young Catholic artist, now a novice in the Benedictine Abbey of Prinknash, in Gloucestershire. Main support for the Christmas poster campaign comes from convent schools all over Britain. The nuns provide room which can be used as distributing centers for the posters, and the children in the convent schools help in collecting funds. Although the sites are free, the costs of printing and distribution remain considerable and have to be met by voluntary donation and voluntary effort.

THE KNIGHTS of St. Columba, nationwide organization of Catholic young men, raised \$2,800 toward the expenses of last year's campaign. The local Councils of the Knights of St. Columba provide distribution centers all over the country.

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LOUIS A. WEHLE FISHING CONTEST

HERE'S the News you have been waiting for! The Grand Prize Winners for 1953. These are the thirty-nine anglers, out of the 210 monthly prize winners, who caught the three largest fish in each classification. Congratulations to the winners—and we look forward to the entries of all fishermen in the 1954 contest, which will begin in April, 1954.

Grand-Prize Winners for 1953

BROWN TROUT	Albert C. Mize Edward Mize Francis L. Kitzner	Continental Elmer Conroy	10 lbs. 10 oz. 11 lbs. 12 oz. 11 lbs.
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NORTHERN PIKE	David E. Wood Mrs. Frederick Wurzberg Dimitric Duzatine David Graver	Albany Fount Schoharie W. Albany	21 lbs. 8 oz. 18 lbs. 17 lbs. 4 oz. 17 lbs. 4 oz.
WALLEYE PIKE	Albert Hall Thomas H. Lindsay James McInnes	Kent St. Brown Rockwell	11 lbs. 6 oz. 11 lbs. 4 1/2 oz. 11 lbs. 4 oz.
PICKEREL	John A. Sarnecky John F. Miller William Glasiers Donald Larocque Herb Lorens	Schoharie Middleport Barrville Balsanzone Farmersdale	5 lbs. 8 oz. 5 lbs. 9 oz. 5 lbs. 4 oz. 5 lbs. 4 oz. 5 lbs. 4 oz.
ROCK BASS	Fredrick Gillett Ford Bunch Thomas H. Fisher	Buffalo Pittsford Madira	4 lbs. 15 oz. 3 lbs. 3 oz. 3 lbs. 3 oz.
PURCH	Jack H. Dwyer, Jr. Ois Brantox George C. Harvace	Oakfield Madira Elmira	3 lbs. 4 oz. 3 lbs. 4 oz. 3 lbs. 2 1/2 oz.
Small Mouth Bass	Jack Stegner Charles K. Clark Carl W. Wilson	Hudson Falls Corning Averill Park	7 lbs. 10 oz. 7 lbs. 8 oz. 7 lbs. 6 oz.
Large Mouth Bass	William P. Farrell Leroy W. Oliveira Herbert Gray	Syracuse Rockwater Troy	9 lbs. 7 1/2 oz. 8 lbs. 4 oz. 8 lbs. 4 oz.
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