

# GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

WHY is the Church persecuted in Poland and not in the United States? Why are there only 216 foreign missionary priests left in China and hundreds of Chinese priests languishing in prison while we of the Western world enjoy relative peace and freedom?

Part of the answer is the democratic spirit of the Western world which suffers the other man's opinion to thrive in the midst of disagreement. The whole answer is much deeper and more mysterious. Persecution arises either because a society becomes definitely anti-Christian or because Christians so live out the Gospel as to provoke the antagonism of the world. Our Lord told us if we love Him "the world will hate you".

Communism can never enslave man until it exiles God. Thus persecution must precede the economics of Communism. Hence they make the fight against the Church a battle to death. There is no persecution in the Western world partly because it waters down Christianity so as to mean anyone who believes that Christ is a great teacher like Buddha or George Bernard Shaw. In this case, there is nothing to fight against, one either ridicules Christianity or tolerates it as a "point of view". When the world is consciously anti-Christian, it persecutes; when the Christians are consciously Christian, they become an "offense" to the world and the world persecutes them. Our Lord said: "Blessed are ye when men hate, revile and persecute you." When this happens, we are "witnessing to Christ."

The way to ward off persecution is to deny ourselves. "Persecuting" our ease, our egotism, and our selfishness, releases us from external persecution. This is the real reason America is free from persecution... the charity and sacrifice of our faithful to the hungry and needy in the other part of the world. Continue to be that way.

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## Nine Languages Used In Mass Celebration Throughout Church

(This one of a series of three articles dealing with the coming observance of the Chair of Unity Octave, an eight-day period of prayer for the intention that "all may be one" celebrated from January 18, Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome, to January 25, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The author is a priest of the Society of the Atonement, which originated the observance. He is rector of Atonement Seminary, Washington, D. C. The Society is in charge of St. John's Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls.)

By FATHER TITUS CRANNY, S. A.  
(N.C.W.C. News Service)

When our divine Lord took the bread and wine into His Sacred hands on the night of Holy Thursday, He uttered words that only God could speak: "This is my Body—This is My Blood." In this simple rite, shorn of the pageantry and ceremony that accompanies our services today, Jesus offered the first Mass.

It was the first celebration of the Liturgy. And every representation of the Last Supper is the projection and continuation of that wonderful gift of the Eucharist and the mystical renewal of the sacrifice of the cross. But when Jesus spoke these divine words, He did not use the phrase we so often hear—"Hoc est enim corpus meum—For This is my Body."

JESUS DID NOT speak Latin at all, as far as we know, when He lived on this earth for more than thirty years. He did not speak Greek, at least on this occasion of the Last Supper. But He said these wonderful words of the consecration of the Mass in Aramaic, a language somewhat like Hebrew.

Very often people of the Latin rite forget that many languages are used in praying to God, not only personally, but even officially and publicly, as in the Liturgy (or Mass as we Latins call it) and in the administration of the Sacraments.

There is no language that could not be used with proper permission from the Holy See. In fact, even English could be allowed if the Church deemed the change prudent and helpful and probably before long some of the prayers used in the administration of the Sacraments will be recited in the vernacular. It has been done for a number of years in Germany, for a shorter time in France, and in other countries. However, this does not mean necessarily that the Mass will be offered in the language of the people. It could be, of course, but that is a question for the Holy See to decide.

IN THE MANY beautiful Eastern rites of the Church a number of languages are used, nine altogether. They are Greek, Syriac-Chaldean, Coptic, Ethiopic, Armenian, Slavonic, Romanian, and Hungarian. At the present time only the Slavonic, Romanian, and Armenian are close enough to present-day language to be easily understood. These liturgical languages differ entirely from their mother tongue, just as the English today is vastly different from the language of Chaucer's era.

In Egypt the common language is Arabic, but their Liturgy is celebrated in Coptic; in Ethiopia the language is Amharic, but the Liturgy employs old-Ethiopic. In Persia (Iran) the language is Arabic and Persian, but the rites are observed in Syriac-Chaldean. The Byzantine rite, the largest of the Eastern liturgies, was founded by St. Cyril and St. Method (two Methodists) brothers who went to do missionary work among the Moravians in the ninth century. They translated the Liturgy and the Bible into the Slavonic language so that the people might more easily understand it.

Using Greek letters as a basis, they compiled an alphabet, wrote a grammar, creating a kind of Slav language all their own. To paraphrase the thought of St. Paul that "there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither bond nor free, for you are all one in Christ." (Thus during the Unity Octave this month (January 18-25) Catholics should not only pray for the conversion of all men, but for a better understanding of all the rites of the Church of God.

It may further be remembered that some of the monastic orders in the Church have rites different from the usual rite which the Latin Church and most of the religious orders follow. They are the Dominican, Carmelite, Carthusian, and Cistercian.

THESE RELIGIOUS use Latin in their liturgy but the structure of the ceremonies differs, as for example the Dominican Father pouring wine and water into the chalice at the beginning of Mass and the Carmelite reciting the Salve Regina (Our Holy Queen) before the last gospel.

Therefore all the rites of the Church, the Eastern and the Latin, harmoniously blend into a vast variety of praise and love for the triune God. They do not detract from one another, but rather add to the beauty of the whole, as some gorgeous bouquet of flowers. All have a place in the Church of the Saviour. Thus it is the duty of the Latin Catholic to try to understand and to love the rite of his Eastern brethren, while they in turn should try to understand and appreciate the similarities as well as the differences of the manner of worship in the Latin rite.

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Stock of Federal Reserve Bank	156,000.00	Provision for Taxes, Interest, etc.	7,003,279.84
Other Securities	487,979.42		2,060,130.63
Loans and Discounts	33,897,436.66	Other Liabilities	394,084.50
Mortgages	14,421,815.70	Deposits	103,343,747.83
Bank Buildings	1,008,100.00		
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### 153 Chinese Baptized On Christmas Day

Hong Kong (CNC)—The Salesian missionaries pushed back to the very borders of China, still were able to give the Infant-God to the present on Christmas Day, 1953. The missionaries, working in a sector of the city called West Point, baptized 153 persons. Some of the new Catholics are residents of St. Anthony parish, others are boys in the St. Louis Industrial School.

The thriving missions of the Salesians are greatly curtailed today, but the order still is able to maintain parishes in Red China. Two are in Shanghai, another in Sochow. A fourth operates in the communist capital of Peking.

### Birth Control Bill Rejected

Bombay, India (NC)—The Bombay legislative assembly has voted against an opposition bill seeking to give instruction in birth control and sterilization to nurses, midwives and health visitors in Bombay State.

The Hindu member who introduced the bill contended that nurses and midwives would be "ideal preachers" of birth control. Rejecting the motion, Health Minister Shantilal Shah stated that the state government's policy was to "favor birth control through self-control" and that it opposed artificial methods of birth control.

German Bishop Passau, Germany (NC)—Pope Pius XII has sent a special message of congratulations to Bishop Sifion Konrad Landersdorfer, O.S.B., of Passau who has marked the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

## Educators Hiding Behind Fifth Amendment Seen Danger To Academic Freedom

New York (RNS)—Educators who invoke the Fifth Amendment in refusing to state whether they ever were Communists are "using American liberty in order to destroy it and deliver it to Moscow," Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York said in a television broadcast here.

Bishop Sheen, who was giving his weekly talk on the Dumont network program "Life is Worth Living," said that when a college professor hides behind the Fifth Amendment there is danger to academic freedom.

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