GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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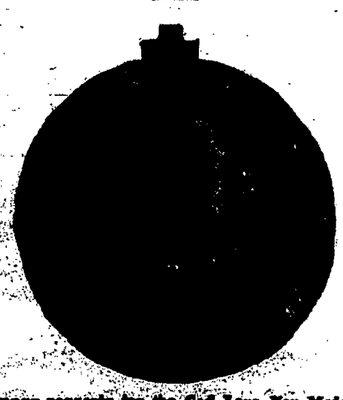
DID YOU EVER WONDER why St. Thomas doubted the Resurrection of Our Lord? Perhaps this was the reason. When Our Lord first appeared to His Apostles, the Gospel says: "Thomas was not with them when Jesus came." This suggests more than mere accidental absence, but was rather a failure in apostolic duty. He lost what the others gained. When you are full of doubts, melancholic or pessimistic as Thomas was, the worst thing you can do is to go off by yourself. If a fire is going out, push the dying coals closetogether and they will break into flame.

Our Lord told Thomas his doubt was not due to an absence of sufficient evidence to believe in the Ressurection; it was rather due to the attiude of his heart. Wait not like Thomas till you see more scars in the hands of Christ of China.

Get rid of your sadness by uniting yourself with the 100,000 missionaries who are laboring for and with Our Lord and His Mother. Cut yourself off from the Missionary Church and you will either rust or become eccentric. In the language of the Gospel "Jesus is coming" now to Africa, India, Indonesia, Burma, Japan. Be with Him. Deny yourself a smoke, a soda, your first raise in salary, a new hairdo and send the equivalent to the Holy Fathers Missions.



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Statue Of St. Anthony Given Geneva Church

Geneva — St. Francis de Sales Church was presented with a life-sized statue of St. Anthony on Sunday, June 13 by the St. Anthony Society of the parish. It was dedicated at special ceremonies at the church. Holy Communion was received by 150 members of the society at the solemn high Mass.

"St. Anthony was a very holy and virtuous man. He performed many miracles both before and after his death," the Rev. John Loughlin, told the members in a sermon during the Mass.

"Today is a day of spiritual celebration', he declared. He pointed to the fact that it was only one year after the saint's death that he was canonized by Pope Gregory IX.

NOW THAT THE society has donated a statue of the saint to the church, he expressed the hope that "although his image is in the sanctuary, St. Anthony will be in your hearts and minds."

Preceding the service, the statue was blessed by the Rev. Daniel Lynch, newly-ordained priest.

The shrine was banked with lilies and candelabra.

Father Lynch was celebrant of the Mass, with the Rev. John Loughlin, deacon, and the Rev. Walter Carron, sub-deacon. The men and boys choir, under the direction of Godfrey Brown, sang the Mass.

One hundred members attended the annual banquet that night in De Luxe Grill. A small statue of St. Anthony and yellow chrysanthemums and lighted yellow tapers formed the centerpiece of the speakers' and officers table.

Mrs. Frank Snowney, president, welcomed the guests.

The Rev. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, thanked the members for their generous donation of the new statue and for their "splendid cooperation in parish activities."

Mrs. Doninick Pane, general chairman, spoke briefly, thanked the members for their support in making the Feast Day celebration such a success.

Father Loughlin stressed "the spiritual significance" of the occasion.

Instead of place cards, a St. Anthony rosary was at each place at dinner.

GUEST SPEAKER was the Rev. Innocent Amore, O.F.M. Cap. He explained how the St. Anthony rosary should be said, and noted that "when others seem to fail us, St. Anthony, the saint of miracles, will answer our prayers if we approach him in the right manner, and if it is God's will that we should be answered."

He also spoke briefly on the life of St. Anthony and on the several miracles that he performed both before and after death.

Miss Patty Iannopollo provided piano music during the dinner hour.

Mrs. Dominick Pane was general chairman. Miss Edith Chacchia was in charge of banquet arrangements, Mrs. William Goldstone, of tickets.

The committee included Miss Matian Morraco, Miss Rose Vassello, Mrs. Anthony Di Antonio, Mrs. Sam Bridandi and Mrs. Frank Snowney.

Couple Marks 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Merkel celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, June 19. The Rev. Albert H. Schancky diocesan director, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine celebrated the Mass at which the family and friends received Holy Communion.

Blessing was given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. George W. Eckl, pastor of St. Andrew's Church.

Breakfast was served at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gordon Duerr and a reception was held in the afternoon at the Ridge Crest Inn.

Besides their daughter Mrs. Duerr, the Merkels have one son, Raymond, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. R. Pero and Miss Sadie Kunzer, bridesmaids were present for the celebration. William Lane and Frank Klehammer, attendants, are deceased.

Two Events End Years' Activities

Auburn—Mother's Club of St. Aloysius School ended its year's activities with two events.

A hot dog roast was held for the children on June 10 by a large committee of mothers headed by Mrs. Gene Paulino and Mrs. Frank Ciancola.

The annual banquet was held on June 14 in the parish hall. Guests at the banquet were the Rev. John B. Crowley, pastor, and the Sisters of the school faculty.

Retiring president, Mrs. Walter A. Burns, expressed her thanks to the following officers and executive members of the past year: the Mesdames Joseph Greer, Bernard Osterman, Frederick Welch, Frederick Herring, Gene Paulino, Charles Bennett, Bernard Gaffney, Michael DePalma, Dennis Murphy and Howard Bryant.

Congratulations were extended to the officers for the coming year: Mrs. Charles Cummings, president; Mrs. Ralph LaDouce, vicepresident; Mrs. Isabelle Chase, secretary and Mrs. Howard Bryant, treasurer.

Arrangements for the banquet were made by a committee of mothers with Mrs. Ralph LaDouce as chairman.

A Living Rosary before the Blessed Virgin Altar in the Church was held following the banquet.

Formosa Island

Taipei, Formosa (NC)— May devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother reached their climax on the last Sunday of the month when more than 2,000 Catholics marched through the crowd-lined streets of the capital with a statue of Mary.

Sound Projector Project Started By Mothers' Club

Current project of the Mothers' Club of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Brockport is the raising of funds to purchase a sound projector for the school. Efforts to raise funds have included a card party, baked food sale and a used clothing auction. The club has already procured a record player, volley ball and made bean bags for the children.

ELECTED TO office in the club for the coming year are Mrs. Dorothy Burns, president; Mrs. Flora Jennings, vicepresident; Mrs. Regina Rutland, secretary; Mrs. Irene Smith, treasurer.

Officers for the past year included Genevieve Searse, president; Mary Cretney, vicepresident; Hilda Corbett, secretary and Helen Lynch, treasurer.

The club, which has been in existance for two years, holds a tea at the beginning of the school year for the Sisters of the school.

Overhead Troubles

The unthinking man magnifies his troubles beyond their size—they are always smaller when you think.

Canandaigua Picnic Slated By Group

Business Women's Group of the Catholic Women's Club will complete the year's program with a picnic at the club property—Camp Madonna on Canandaigua Lake—on Saturday, June 26.

Cars will leave the clubhouse at 11 a.m. and a picnic luncheon will be served at 1:30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Miss Louise Carelli and Miss Catherine Ferris.

A new slate of officers for this group for the coming year will be presented by a nominating committee.

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Society Commended At Dinner

FIRST BANQUET of the Holy Name Society of Holy Rosary Church held at Hotel Rochester, June 16 brought together these principals. (from left) His Excellency Bishop Kearney who commended the group's fight on indecent literature; Charles Northcote, president; Rev. James Marvin, moderator and Monsignor Charles F. Shay, pastor.

Dansville K of C Elects Officers

Dansville—Pearl Freas was elected grand knight of Dansville Council 785, Knights of Columbus Thursday, June 17 in the council rooms. Freas who was deputy grand knight will succeed Charles T. McLane.

Officers elected to serve with Freas are. Edward Kershner, deputy grand knight; William G. Blum, chancellor; Joseph J. Mahaney, warden; Braxton Middleton, treasurer; Vincent Owens, recording secretary; Richard A Nagle, financial secretary; John J. Tracy, inside guard; George Lindsay, outside guard; Rev. Edward M. Scheid, chaplain; trustees: Charles T. McLane, Walter M. Hickey, and Frank C. Gilligan.

During the months of July and August the council will meet on the third Thursday at 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, August 29 has been decided on as the day for the annual K. of C. Clam Bake to be held at the Powers Inn Club. Tickets for this annual clam bake will be distributed in the near future.

Bishop Kearney Praises Improper Literature Fight

Improper literature "can cause a breakdown of the spiritual fabric of young people and can cause as much damage to their spiritual nature as drugs can do to their physical well-being.

So spoke His Excellency Bishop Kearney as headdressed about 250 persons at the annual dinner meeting in Hotel Rochester of the Holy Name Society of Holy Rosary Church.

THE BISHOP praised the society for its campaign, begun last January, to eliminate the sale of improper comic books and literature in stores in the Holy Rosary parish.

Bishop Kearney noted that, despite these efforts, "rotten reading material" still is available to young people.

He said it would be interesting to "see a technical study of to what extent the literature of the last 25 years has been responsible for juvenile delinquency and the degradation of youth."

In the society's war on indecent literature, its members have been visiting storekeepers in the parish and asking them to remove objectionable books and magazines from their shelves.

NEARLY ALL merchants have cooperated, according to Donald J. Benson, a county probation officer and publicity chairman for the society.

The Rev. James J. Marvin, assistant pastor of the church, is chairman of the campaign. Thomas Brien is president of the society. John T. Nothnagle, past president of the group, presided. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay is pastor of the church.

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Buffalo Graduate

Seneca Falls — Alan G. Odell, son of Mrs. Daniel W. Odell of 68 Cayuga St. and the late Mr. Odell, graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree.

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