

## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Nine hundred thirty-three days and 234 nights in a Communist torture cell in China—such is the price one of our missionaries had to pay for his priesthood. On one occasion for seven days and seven nights he was subjected to constant interrogation and accusation by Communist judges who changed places every three hours. The questioning went as follows:

"Did you ever see the Holy Father?"  
"Yes."  
"Did you ask him any questions?"  
"Yes, I asked him what I should do if the Communists come here and take over our mission."  
"What did the Pope say?"  
"The Holy Father quoted to me the words of Our Lord 'You will be a witness unto Me.' The word 'witness' means 'martyr.' He told me therefore I was to be a martyr." The Communist sneered like a demon and said: "Ah, he wants you to be a witness, a spy, an agent of the imperialistic powers." From that incident came the living martyrdom of almost three years, in comparison with which the sufferings of the early martyrs, who were thrown to the lions was brief and instant.

So that is what the Holy Father wants. He said in an encyclical: "... not to much apostolates, but witnesses." We are not all called upon to serve in prison, but we are called to witness by a self-sacrifice, a sacrifice. Since the Holy Father is under attack, will you witness by prayers for your missionaries and a little self-denial. For heaven's sake, cut into your capital. Deny yourself a luxury. Give the equivalent of what you spend on cigarettes. Practice a little martyrdom that God may bless you and you may declare the love of Christ in your life.

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## Float Features Parade In Auburn



ONE OF THE LARGEST crowds in the Auburn Parade of Progress held in that city Saturday night was this Monday morning. Entry in the Red Feather Agency Division. Also entering floats besides the Red Feather agencies were Industrial and Mercantile establishments.

## Annual Memorial Graves Blessing Held In Geneva

Geneva — Annual memorial service and blessing of the graves in St. Patrick and St. Mary Cemeteries was held Sunday with the Rev. Thomas A. Burke, S.J., as speaker.

Father Burke of the staff of McQuaid High School, Rochester, spoke before a large gathering of parishioners of both St. Stephen and St. Francis de Sales parishes.

BLESSING OF the graves at St. Patrick's Cemetery was held at 2:30 p.m. Blessing of the graves at St. Mary Cemetery followed at 3:15 p.m.

Graves were blessed by the Rev. Edward K. Ball, V.F., pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, assisted by the Rev. Valentine Jankowiak. Priests of both parishes sang the benediction.

Taking part in the services were the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, pastor of St. Stephen Church, the Rev. Joseph Hogan, the Rev. John V. Loughlin and the Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Hogan.

The Rev. William H. Hickey led in recitation of the Rosary.

## League Installs New Officers

Auburn — Officers for 1954-55 were installed at the September meeting of the Catholic Action League of St. Alphonsus Church following a barbecue chicken dinner in the school hall.

President, Miss Marion Berry; vice-president, Mrs. Harold J. Weaver; secretary, Mrs. Louise McCarthy; treasurer, Mrs. George M. Wright.

These officers with Miss Rose Ferraro, retiring secretary, were in charge of the following committee for the meeting: Mrs. Lee Davis, Mrs. Harold Hopper, Mrs. Clarence McDonald, Miss Caroline Rattigan, Mrs. Merna, Mrs. John Lawler, Miss Marion Kennedy, Mrs. Louise Herron, Mrs. Jean Brown, Miss Grace Bills, Mrs. Francis Burns, Mrs. Lydia Hungerford, Mrs. Thomas Long and Miss Catherine Ryan.

The Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor, and the Rev. Robert Kreckel, assistant pastor, were guests at the dinner. Father Straub spoke to the women and congratulated them on their past accomplishments and urged them to continue in the aims for which the Catholic League was founded.

Attende Belmont William O. Bowen of Binghamton has been registered as a freshman at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, North Carolina for the fall term of 1954.

William is a graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pa., and is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Otis A. Bowen.

## SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AT THE CENACLE

October schedule of spiritual exercises for women at the Cenacle Convent, 693 East Avenue, Rochester, follows:

### RETREATS:

Oct. 1-3—Endicott Parishes Altar & Rosary Society Retreat—Rev. Terence Cummings, S.A.  
Oct. 8-10—Business Girls & General Retreat—Rev. Kenneth Slattery, C.M.  
Oct. 15-17—Auburn Parishes and General Retreat—Rev. Patrick Healy, O.M.I.  
Oct. 22-24—National Catholic Women's Union and General Retreat—Rev. Merna J. Hickey, O. Carm.  
Oct. 29-31—Hornell Parishes and General Retreat—Rev. Lucian Gallagher, O.F.M.

### DAYS OF RECOLLECTION:

Oct. 14—Corpus Christi Rosary Society—Rev. Francis Hester  
Oct. 21-23—Selon Branch—Rev. Raymond Heisel  
Oct. 23—Rosary Societies of St. Francis and St. Vincent de Paul—Rev. James Callan

### GUILD MEETINGS:

Oct. 5—St. Raphael's Guild 7:15-9:00 p.m.—Rev. E. Leo McManus  
Oct. 22—Mass in honor of St. Raphael—His EXCELLENCY BISHOP JAMES E. KEARNEY  
Oct. 7—Eucharistic Guild 9:15 a.m.—Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B.  
Oct. 11—Blessed Couderc Guild 7:15-9:00 p.m.—Rev. James Baluff, S.J.  
Oct. 13—St. Regis Guild 3:30-5:30 p.m.—Rev. E. Steinkirchner  
Oct. 18—Our Lady of the Cenacle Guild 7:15-9:00 p.m.—Rev. William Jamison, C.S.S.R.

## Good Thief Sunday To Be Observed In Area Prisons

Good Thief Sunday will be observed in more than 250 prisons, reformatories and jails in the United States and Canada, this year, on Sunday, Oct. 10, according to NCWC News Service.

In this area the Mass will be celebrated at Elmira Reformatory according to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, chaplain; Auburn State Prison, the Rev. Gregory Dugan, chaplain, and at Monroe County Penitentiary where the Rev. John W. LeVaque is chaplain.

The special Mass in honor of St. Dismas was approved by the Holy See last year for the first time.

ST. DISMAS — as the Good Thief has been named by tradition — has attracted the devotion and aroused the hopes of men behind prison bars. That Jesus Christ, Himself, used one of the last breaths that He drew on earth to promise paradise to the thief who was being put to death with Him, has proven a consolation and hope to those condemned by society for their crimes, prison chaplains say.

They point out that Jesus Christ is willing to do the same thing for them some day.

Prison chaplains have another purpose in fostering honor to St. Dismas. In prisons, as elsewhere in American life, they say, there is danger that the concerns of this world may be emphasized to such an extent that the transitory nature of man's life on earth is forgotten. The dramatic story of St. Dismas, they add, puts the

## Charles E. Hamill Feted At Testimonial Dinner

Geneva—Appreciation for his outstanding leadership of Geneva Council, Knights of Columbus, was extended Past Grand Knight Charles E. Hamill Thursday.

Some 180 of his colleagues turned out to honor him at a testimonial dinner in K. of C. Home.

High point of the dinner program was the presentation of a certificate from supreme headquarters, New Haven, Conn., signed by Luke E. Hart, supreme knight.

The certificate was inscribed: "Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Certificate, awarded to Charles E. Hamill in grateful recognition of his leadership of Council No. 272 during the period 1953-1954."

Grand Knight Michael J. McDonald made the presentation together with a gift from the Council.

Keeping the program rolling in brisk style was Charles Connell who served as toastmaster. City Judge Thomas A. Kane was main speaker, relating stories of his many years experience in the council and his association with Hamill in civic and council affairs.

Others speaking briefly were the Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Hogan, chaplain; the Rev. Raymond P. Nolan, and the Rev. William H. Hickey, and district deputy John J. Mahoney.

Hamill in turn thanked the assembly for "a wonderful party" expressing his appreciation for the support he received while in office from the officers and membership. "Without whose support I couldn't have made such an outstanding showing in council affairs."

An expression of thanks was given Jack Toole and Charles Donahue for "a wonderful dinner" by Thomas J. Gallagher, dinner chairman.

He also expressed appreciation

## Sacred Heart Society Slates Nominations

Sacred Heart Society of St. Boniface Church will hold a meeting on Monday, Oct. 4 in the school hall. At this meeting they will welcome their new moderator, Rev. Frederick W. Straub. Also nomination of officers for the coming year will take place.

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### Rosary Society Slates Banquet At Brook Lea

Fifth Annual Banquet of St. Theodore's Rosary Society will be held at Brook Lea Country Club on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The Rev. George S. Wood, assistant pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester will recount his experiences on a recent Marian Year Pilgrimage to Europe.

Entertainment will be presented by Gladys Bliss School of Dance.

Mrs. Raymond Johnson is chairman and Mrs. Frank Carroll, co-chairman. Decorations are in charge of Mrs. Marvin Frost and Mrs. Leonard Crist. Reservations, Mrs. Joseph Bollock and publicity, Mrs. William Pass.

All women and high school girls of the parish are invited.