

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

HOLY Mother the Church has named both St. Francis Xavier and the Little Flower as patrons of the Missions. It is easy enough to understand why St. Francis Xavier who wandered over Asia making children of God, should be the patron of missionaries. But why the Little Flower, who outside of a trip to Rome before she entered the convent, never left Ireland. In answering this question we find the secret of modern spirituality.

Louis and Zelle Martin, her parents, both wanted to become religious. When married they prayed God to please send them a missionary son. Eight children were given them without their desire being realized. But how about the ninth? This was Teresa and even here their prayers were not answered. Instead of being given a missionary, they were given THE PATRONESS OF THE MISSIONS. God often fails to answer our prayers because He has a better answer reserved for us.

THE FIRST REASON why Teresa is patroness of the Missions is because of the many prayers said by her parents for the Missions.

THE SECOND REASON: When she was thirteen, Teresa wrote that she had a "great desire to labor for the conversions of sinners." She said that like the Apostles she wanted to be a "fisher of souls." On entering Carmel she declared that all she wanted to do was to suffer for souls. She felt that the way to do this was to live close to Our Lord, and to purchase souls by her sacrifices. She knew that the world order, troubled by sin, could be overcome only by some form of sacrifice. This she took upon herself. It was in this manner that she saved Pranzini, whom she did not know, but who, in answer to the suffering of Teresa, kissed the crucifix three times before being guillotined.

We Catholics cannot all be like St. Francis Xavier who went to the Mission fields; but we can become like the Little Flower, who lived close to the Cross of Our Lord. Sacrifices of home are as important as sacrifices abroad. Whatever you send us, we send to the Holy Father who makes the distribution to the missionaries. In this way, equality to all is assured.

GOD LOVE YOU to the children of the L.H.M. club for \$18. These children held a bazaar in the backyard of one of the girls in order to raise money to support mission work. . . to Mrs. T. A. G. "This \$500 is the equivalent of my doctor and hospital bills. I offer it to the missions in thanksgiving for my recovery." . . . to P.H. "Here is \$6 I have earned scrubbing floors and cupboards. I am 11 years old. I know you can use this." . . . to K. F. 7 years old, for \$2.60. "I love chewing gum but I 'sacrificed' it for the missions." . . . to Mrs. E. D. "Ten dollars for the missions in thanksgiving that my son found a job." . . . to D. P. "Here is \$50 part of my Army reserve pay. May it help the cause of our missionaries. And someday may peace prevail and the need for soldiers be no more."

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Ecclesiastical Dignitaries To Honor Verein

Committees for the centennial celebration of the Catholic Central Verein and the 100th national convention are currently engaged in planning for the festivities to be held in Rochester August 13-17.

His Excellency, Archbishop Amelio Cicognani, Cardinal Apostolic Delegate to the United States will celebrate pontifical high Mass in St. Joseph Church on Aug. 14. Archbishop Aloisius Muench, Apostolic Nuncio to Germany will give the sermon.

THE OBSERVANCE will include a public meeting at which His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago will be the main speaker. His Excellency Bishop Kearney will preside at the banquet.

Chairman of the celebration is Joseph M. Geryaus and co-chairman is Mrs. Loreta Schaefer.

The Catholic Central Verein is a lay organization founded by German Catholic benevolent societies to defend themselves against the "know nothing" movement.

The Rochester branch includes the various commanderies of the Knights of St. John, the Catholic Kolping Society, the athletic association of Holy Redeemer, various benevolent societies, parish credit unions and individual membership. The Very Rev. Victor T. Surron of St. Louis, Mo., is national director.

Earth Turned For New Convent

GROUND BREAKING ceremony for the new Mercy Hospital Convent in Auburn, Friday, June 27 is participated in by (from left) Rev. Gregory Dugan, hospital chaplain; Mayor Robert A. Nelson; Mother M. Carmela, Third Franciscan Order, M.C. of Syracuse; Sister Superior M. Aurelia, hospital administrator; the Rev. Mother M. Jolenta, superior general of Third Franciscan Order, M.C. of Syracuse and George B. Shamon, hospital board of directors chairman.

Father Dugan Conducts Ground Breaking Rites

Auburn — At the ground breaking ceremonies for the new Our Lady of Mercy Convent at Mercy Hospital on Thursday, June 16, the Rev. Gregory Dugan, chaplain, conducted the ceremony of blessing the ground and turned the first spadeful of earth.

OTHERS TAKING part in the ceremony were Rev. Mother M. Jolenta, O.F.M., superior general; Rev. Mother M. Carmela, O.F.M., assistant general; Sister M. Aurelia, O.S.F., hospital administrator; Robert A. Nelson, Mayor of Auburn; George B. Shamon, president of the board of directors.

The Very Rev. Frederick G. Straub, V.F., pastor of St. Alphonsus Church and the Rev. Edward J. Waters, administrator of St. Aloysius Church, assisted Father Dugan in the blessing rites. Also present were pastors of the various churches in the Cayuga Deanery as well as representatives of the Carmelite Fathers, members of the hospital board of directors and representative of the medical and nursing professions, and of various volunteer organizations.

PRIOR to the ceremony Father Dugan spoke on the history of hospital care of the sick and the Church's long interest in hospitals. He traced briefly the development of Mercy Hospital and reminded his listeners that the convent is an integral part of the Catholic Hospital because it is to house the Sisters whose main idea is that the body is to be treated with care during life and at the hour of death because that body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost. He concluded with a plea that all present pray with gratitude to Our Lady of Mercy and Her Divine Son for this further step in the progress of Mercy Hospital.

Basilians To Go On Retreat

Basilian Fathers of Aquinas Institute and St. John Fisher College, Rochester, will have a closed retreat for members of their order from Monday, June 27 to Saturday, July 2.

Retreat will be held in the Basilian residence, 402 Augustine St. The Rev. Felix Hackett, of the Passionist Fathers is retreat master.

Ruocco Couple Marks Jubilee

Coring — Forty years of wedded life was celebrated last week by Mr. and Mrs. Anello Ruocco being marked with a family dinner at their home.

They were married June 13, 1915, in Mater Dolores Church in Williamsport, Pa., and have resided in Corning since where they are members of St. Mary's Parish.

Mr. Ruocco was born October 10, 1891 in Futani, Italy. He is an employe of the New York Central Railroad.

Mrs. Ruocco the former Carolina Develto, of Avellino, Italy, has resided in Williamsport and Corning, most of her life.

The couple has three children, Philip and Joseph Ruocco, and Mrs. Anella Sly, son of Corning; there are two grandchildren, Joseph and Carolee Ruocco, also of Corning.

Catholic Unionists Slate Convention

New York — (NC) — Father John Corridan, S.F., New York's "waterfront priest" will be one of the principal speakers at the tenth annual convention of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists to be held in Camden, N. J., from July 2-4.

The theme of this year's convention will be "ACTU's Role in the Changing Labor Picture." The ACTU is devoted to the encouragement of an honest, democratic, and moral trade movement in this country.

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First Saturday Mass Listed At Monastery

First Saturday Mass sponsored by Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae will be celebrated at the Carmelite Monastery, 1530 East Ave. on Saturday, July 2 at 8:30 a.m. according to Mrs. Howard Stauffer, IFCA regent.

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