

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

THOSE who have not been persecuted for their Faith, and those who have had little practical sympathy with persecution, are apt to throw it off lightly saying: "Every persecution purifies the Church." This remark was made concerning Poland and Hungary, and now it is repeated when it is learned that 3,000 of our foreign missionaries have been expelled from China, many after long tortures.

Persecution, as such, does not purify the Church any more than a malady resulting from drunkenness purifies the body. As a disordered liver is not a healer of the physical body, so neither is persecution a purification of the Mystical Body. The Church in Constantinople was not purified when the saintly John Chrysostom was exiled. Islamism did not purify the Church in Africa; it destroyed it. The persecution in Japan in the seventeenth century did not purify the Church; it alienated it. Persecution does make martyrs, but it also makes apostates. It is true that our faults and our sins can cause a persecution, but it attributes a positively good effect to an anti-God revolt, or the requisition of Christ, is false.

The Church never prays for persecution; it prays for liberty to do God's work. Communism, which persecutes, does not seek to reorganize the world, but to recreate it on an anti-God basis. Therefore its terrorism cannot have a positively good effect, any more than cancer.

Good can result from the persecution of the Church, but it results in spite of the persecution, and not because of it, as was the case in the Crucifixion. But that is God's work; as Joseph said of his brethren who threw him in the cistern: "You intended it for evil, but God drew good from it."

The only persecution that is purifying is self-sacrifice. If I give myself pain by doing without a luxury in order that a hungry mother be fed in India, I have purified my soul and to that extent the Church. Swords thrust outward toward neighbors do not purify, but the swords of self-denial thrust inward against our selfishness, our egotism, our avarice, or in reparation for our sins—these make us more pure, and therefore more capable of the vision of God. Purify yourself. Gather up a fragment and send it to the Holy Father through His own Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The Holy Father makes the distribution, as He sees fit and as He knows best.

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Teaching The Exceptional Child



FUTURE TEACHERS, students at Nazareth College, listen to the Rev. Elmer H. Behrmann of St. Louis discuss vocations in the field of special education of slow learning children. Father Behrmann confers with (from left) Joan Stako and Mary Ann Kosselin, Geneva; Sister Helen Daniel, S.S.T., chairman of the Speech and Drama Department of the College and Mary Alice Cotter, Waukesha, Wis. (Tom Casey Photo).

Vocations In 'Special Education' Urged In Talk To Nazareth Students

The Rev. Elmer H. Behrmann, assistant superintendent of education of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in charge of special education in St. Louis, spoke to a group of students at Nazareth College Tuesday morning on the vocational possibilities in the field of special education, which he defined as the education of exceptional or atypical children.

He indicated that exceptional children may be classified into three groups — educable, trainable and custodial. It is with the first group — mentally retarded but educable children — that his talk was principally concerned. This is the type of children cared for by the Holy Childhood School in Rochester, staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph.

During the past summer Sister St. Mark, S.S.J., the principal of this school, was honored by the Brockport State Teachers College for her constructive work with these children. Another teacher at Holy Childhood, Sister Made Martin, has been teaching the past two summers in the Special Education Department of St. Louis University.

Students in the speech department of Nazareth were members of Father Behrmann's audience. Nazareth College now gives a bachelor of science degree with a major in speech correction. One requirement of a candidate for a degree in Speech Correction is knowledge of and experience in the general area of special education, of which speech correction is only one aspect. Head of this department is Sister Helen Daniel, S.S.J., who received her doctorate in speech pathology from the University of Michigan.

In connection with her graduate work, Sister Helen Daniel had wide clinical experience in the Logopedic Institute in Wichita, Kansas as well as in the University of Michigan Speech Clinic in Ann Arbor.

GRADUATES of the Speech Department at Nazareth College are prepared for the position of speech teacher in the public schools, a growing field of specialization in education. Two members of the last year's class, Maureen Donovan of Buffalo and Mary Lou McFall of Rochester are now speech teachers in the public schools, Miss Donovan in Wyoming County and Miss McFall in Monroe County.

Since most children who require special education also require speech therapy, there are also opportunities in the field of special education for the graduate in speech correction. For example, a recent speech major, Miss Joan Williams, Fredonia, is now teaching at St. Mary School for the Deaf in Buffalo after completing the work for her Master's degree in Special Education at the University of Buffalo in connection with which she had an internship at St. Mary School.

Majors in the speech department do field work in both the public and parochial schools in Rochester under the direction of Sister Helen Daniel and the speech teachers in the Rochester schools under the guidance of Dr. Rollin Van Hattam.

Blissed Sacrament Scout Mother's Club will sponsor a Nearly New Clothing and Baked Food Sale, Oct. 28 from 1 to 9 p.m. and on Oct. 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to bring nearly new clothing and they will receive half the sales price. Bedding, linen, drapes and appliances are needed. Clothing may be brought to the school auditorium, beginning Sunday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. Mass until noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday is the deadline. Pick-ups will be made upon request by calling Greenfield 6601.

N. Schneider Funeral Mass Sung By Brother

Funeral of Norman Schneider, brother of the Rev. Adelbert J. Schneider, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Wayland took place on Saturday, Oct. 15 in St. Plus Church, Cohocton.

Mr. Norman Schneider, father of 12 children, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

Solemn Funeral Mass was celebrated by Father Schneider assisted by the Rev. Herbert L. Sturmer, deacon and the Rev. John S. Hayes, subdeacon. The Rev. Gerard C. Krieg was master of ceremonies.

Ceremonies in attendance were the Very Rev. John M. Ball, V.F. and the Reverend Fathers J. Norman Margrett, Leo E. Lynch, John F. Woloch, Paul F. Tuite, Dominic J. Grasso, Leo J. Mans, John Murphy, Thomas J. Manley, Richard Hart, Earl M. Tobin, James E. Slatery and Roy F. Hagerly.

Besides his brother and children, Mr. Schneider is survived by his wife, Irene and another brother, Leo Schneider.

Webster LCBA Unit Maps Annual Banquet

Annual banquet of Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association, Branch 1319 of Webster will be held Thursday, Nov. 3. A beef dinner will be served at Sweet's Farm, Holt Rd., Webster at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring their husbands and friends. Reservations may be made with Marion Henrichs, president, Webster Rd., Webster, N. Y. by Oct. 25.

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District Auxiliary To Hold Meeting

District No. 1 of New York Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John will hold its fourth quarterly meeting Friday, Oct. 28 at 8:15 p.m. in the Empire Room of the Powers Hotel. Mrs. Caroline Foster, district president, will preside.

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