

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 8,500 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. Moslems did not purify the Church in Africa; it destroyed it. The persecution in Japan in the seventeenth century did not purify the Church; it silenced it. Persecution does make martyrs, but it also makes apostates. It is true that our faults and our sins can cause a persecution, but to attribute a positively good effect to an anti-God revolt, or the crucifixion 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 persecution cannot have a positively good effect anywhere than cannot.

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. Swearing about our neighbors does not purify, but the sword of self-denial, thrust inward against our selfishness, our egotism, our aversion, 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 Sisko and Mary Ann Mandolan, Geneva; Sister Helen Daniel, S.S.J., chairman of the Speech and Drama Department at the College and Mary Alice Cotter, Waukegan, 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 Marie Martin, has been teaching the past two summers in the Special Education Department of St. Louis University.

FATHER BEHRMANN indicated that two out of every 100 children are mentally handicapped and stressed especially the need for Catholic teachers in this field, since, contrary to the mechanistic approach of other educators, Catholic-trained teachers recognize the substantial unity of body and soul and therefore realize the inseparable influence of the body on the soul and the soul on the body.

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. Pius 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. Krieb was master of ceremonies.

Priests 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. Tuttle, Dominic J. Grasso, Leo J. Mans, John Murphy, Thomas J. Manley, Richard Hart, Earl M. Tobin, James F. Slattery and Roy F. Hagerty.

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.

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. 29 at 8:30 p.m. in the Empire Room of the Powers Hotel, Mrs. Caroline Foster, district president will preside.


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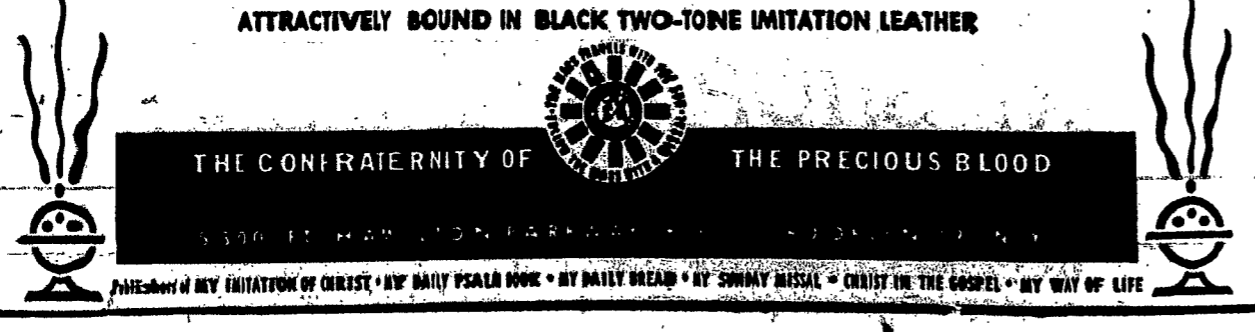
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