

# GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

**SHORTLY** after the Resurrection, Peter and John were fishing when suddenly they saw a shadow on the shore. John then said to Peter, "It is the Lord." No one will ever understand the world or its politics, the trials and the blessings of life unless he can see behind the shadow of each, "It is the Lord." Nature is but the veil of the Lord. The miracles were the unveiling of the true Author of things and a revelation of the Order behind the order. They seem to be interruptions of the laws of nature, but actually they are the lifting of the curtain by which God's sustaining and creative powers seen in nature. The mystery of this universe, bereavements in our family, distress in one's neighbor, prosperity in another, all of these are shrouded in helpful obscurity, until we learn to see that all laws suppose a Law giver, and until we see that Form, which these disciples saw in the morning twilight, and say "It is the Lord."

It takes Faith, but as we see the Church in China hanging on a Cross, we must confess: "It is the Lord." Behind our appeal for the lepers of the world, our petition to give as much each year to the Holy Father for his Missions as you can—behind this appeal you confess as did John, "It is the Lord."

It is a wasted, weary world until it is filled with the sign of His Presence. Either we see Christ in everything and are blessed, or we miss Him and are miserable. If we do not see Him, it is because we are too covered with our selfish desires, our egotisms, our quests for pleasure, and our fear of sacrifice. Deny yourself something; sacrifice a luxury, a dessert, a cocktail, anything, but do it out of love of Our Lord and for the spread of His Kingdom, and you will be surprised how quickly you will perceive His Presence in the shadows.

**GOD LOVE YOU** to V. H. "Enclosed is a money order for \$40 that is ten per cent of the money I spent on my vacation." ... to A. K. "The enclosed \$115 represents tips received for playing at Wedding Masses." ... to S. H. "I have had a wonderful year, receiving nice gifts, etc. One thing remains to complete the day, to send a bit of my happiness to someone else." ... to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. "Today is our fifteenth wedding anniversary and instead of going out to celebrate, and buying each other special gifts, we are sending you this \$100 for the poor of the world." ... to M. M. "I saved this \$20 by sleeping under the stars in sleeping bags. The missions can benefit from this economy." ... to L. C. B. "Enclosed find a check for \$18, for the missions. I save 10 cents a week for that purpose." ... to M. P. "This \$10 is in thanksgiving for a successful operation."

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Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, N.Y. or your Diocesan Director, Very Rev. John S. Randall, 58 Chestnut Street, Rochester, 4, New York.

## Religious Schools American, Says U. S. Hierarchy

(Continued from Page 1) respective of the school attended.

The Hierarchy declared that these schools "protest" the kind of thinking which would reduce them to a secondary level, and against unfair and discriminatory treatment which would, in effect, write them off as less wholly dedicated to the public welfare than the state-supported schools.

The statement said it was "dangerous thinking" to suppose that "the existence of the private school is an infringement upon the domain of the school supported by public funds."

"The private school is a concrete demonstration of the fact that education is not a monopoly of public authority," the Bishops stated. "It should be added, moreover, that the private school provides a saving and challenging variety in the total system, beneficial to the whole and manifestly fruitful in its effects. Those who seek to abolish the private school would not only sin against justice, they would destroy something very precious in American life."

"NEITHER IS the church-related school a limitation on the right of the state to insure an educated citizenry. It exists not only to fulfill the function of education in our democratic society, but specifically to educate the Christian for his dual citizenship in time and eternity. It exists to teach not only the content of the accepted curriculum, but that which the state-supported school under present conditions may not teach, namely, positive religion."

In stressing freedom of education, the Bishops said the right of the parents to attend to the child's education is "antecedent to any human law or institution."

"It is vested in his very nature and is demanded as a fulfillment of his actual parenthood," the statement said. "In this it reflects the inalienability of the human person and his freedom under God ... It is a manifestation of the law of nature in concrete action. So it is that private and religious education in America rests upon the law of nature as well as upon the law of the land."

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FOR CATHOLIC parents, the Bishops added, there is an "additional imperative." These parents know, they said, "that the circumstances of modern life demand the positive training of their children in the fundamentals of religion, a training that cannot be imparted elsewhere than in schools dedicated to the purpose."

The Bishops devoted a section of their statement to the history of American education and its place at the State in the educational field. They said it "was not written without significance that the private and church-related schools were the first in the field of American education."

They referred to the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Oregon School Case which upheld the existence of private and church-related schools, by right, and added that "thus far, happily, the right of the parent to educate the child has not been successfully challenged in any American court."

"While the state may usefully engage in the business of education, as demonstrated in our national experience," the Hierarchy said, "it has no authority either to monopolize the field or to arrogate to itself exclusive privileges and powers. The state, by definition, is not itself primarily an educative agency."

THE PRELATES said in conclusion: "This statement is submitted in quiet confidence that the national sense of justice will stand firm, and that a cordial appreciation of private and church-related schools, both for what they are and for what they have done for America, will see to it that they are preserved and upheld so long as this is a nation of free men."

The statement was signed on behalf of the Hierarchy by the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.



## North Carolina Bishop

LESS THAN ONE PER CENT of North Carolina's population is Catholic, where His Excellency, the Most Rev. Vincent S. Waters (center in photo) is Bishop. The Raleigh, N.C., prelate described home missionary work of his diocese to St. Bernard students in a talk Tuesday at the Rochester seminary. The seminary Catholic Students' Mission Crusade Unit presented the bishop with a \$1,500 donation for chapel furnishings. Rev. Leo McManus, moderator of the CSMC group, is shown (at right) with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred T. Craugh, seminary rector, (at left) following the bishop's talk. (Photo by Paul Contestable.)

## Dionne Quint Stricken, Forced To Leave Convent

Montreal — (NC) — Marie Dionne, the quintuplet who has left the convent where she was preparing to become a cloistered nun for the second time in 18 months, is reported suffering from "pernicious anemia."

Described as "reliable," the report came despite a news blackout at Notre Dame De L'Esperance Hospital in nearby St. Laurent.

IT WAS at this hospital, where her sisters, Cecilia and Yvonne are training as nurses, that Marie came after leaving the cloistered convent of the Servantes Du Tres Sacrement in Quebec City.

Her life-long hopes to become a nun seem now to be shattered. The sister's superiors would not comment on her departure but did indicate to N.C.W.C. News Service that they did not expect that she would again return.

From other sources it is learned that she planned to remain in the hospital for some days under observation in an effort to regain her health. Hospital authorities, however, would not admit she is there.

Marie, tallest of the quintuplets when they were born 21 years ago, first entered the cloistered community in November, 1933. Fatigue and loss of sleep and appetite caused her to return home for a rest in July, 1954, just two weeks before the death of her quintuplet sister, Emilie.

LAST SEPTEMBER she returned to the Quebec cloister as a postulant. At that time she was reported to have been very happy, at being able to return following the rest. The death of Emilie, the first break in the



MARIE DIONNE Stricken

quintuplet circle, deeply affected her. After her stay in Montreal it is expected she will return to the family home in Corbell, Ont.

## Notre Dame University Leader In Atomic Study

Notre Dame, Ind.—(NC)—A large and unusual do-it-yourself project is under way here at the University of Notre Dame where a group of scientists is building the university's new 4-million volt atom smasher. When completed early next year, the new installation will solidify the university's standing as one of the world's leading laboratories studying the interaction of electrons with matter.

THE NEW ATOM smasher is the third of increasingly powerful electrostatic generators to be installed on the campus since 1935. Since then Notre Dame scientists have recorded several "firsts" in atomic research. In 1939, for example, they were the first to show that the atom could be disintegrated by electron bombardment.

The atom smasher now being constructed in Nieuwland Science Hall, under the supervision of Dr. Bernard Waldman, director of the nuclear physics project, and Dr. Walter Miller, will be one of the strongest radiation sources in the world.

It will produce X-rays of high intensity and penetrating power at the rate of 500,000 roentgens per minute. Its mechanism will be housed in a 15-ton tank measuring 32 feet long and eight feet in diameter. Concrete walls and a roof 37 inches thick will prevent radiation leakage.

SINCE WORLD War II when Notre Dame's nuclear physics laboratories carried on research for the Manhattan Project, the University's physicists have concentrated on precision type experiments rather than exploratory experiments. Dr. Waldman explained.

While atomic installations at some research centers may be more powerful, few will have the stability and precision of the new Notre Dame atom smasher, he said.

## Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, November 27 — First Sunday of Advent (purple), no Gloria, 2nd prayer for the Blessed Virgin, 3rd for church or pope, Creed, Trinity Preface.

Tuesday, November 29 — Vigil of St. Andrew (purple), no Gloria 2nd prayer from Sunday, 3rd of St. Saturninus.

Wednesday, November 30 — St. Andrew, Apostle (red), Gloria 2nd prayer of Sunday, Creed, Preface of Apostles.

Thursday, December 1 — Mass as Sunday, except no Alleluia and no Creed, Common Preface.

Friday, December 2 St. Bibiana, virgin, martyr (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of Sunday, 3rd of Blessed Virgin, First Friday Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart also permitted.

Saturday, December 3 — St. Francis Xavier, confessor (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of Sunday, First Saturday in honor of Mary's Immaculate Heart also permitted.

\*Indicates Requiem or votive also permitted.

New Catholic Center — Perth, Western Australia — (NC) Construction has begun here of a new two-story Catholic center which will house Catholic organizations which have hitherto been scattered in premises throughout the city.

## Pope's Health Reported Good As 5 Years Ago

(Continued from Page 1) Father appears as well as he was five years ago.

AFTER ALL, against all those who believe to have found signs of retrogression in the Pope's state of health there remains the fact that since last July 30, when the Holy Father took up residence in Castelgandolfo, up to November 11, he has given no less than 24 discourses. Many of them were of considerable length and, like the ones given before tens of thousands of Catholic sportsmen and women, were delivered while standing up.

Quite apart from the mental labor involved in preparing these discourses, the physical effort required in giving them would seem a clear indication of the Pope's good physical shape.

Furthermore, at least twice each week the Holy Father has granted general audiences in Castelgandolfo, a fact lasting about one hour during which the Pope stands on a balcony overlooking the courtyard, greeting individually the various groups assembled, addressing them in Italian, French, German, English, Spanish and sometimes Dutch. It seems difficult to reconcile this with alleged signs of feebleness.

IN ADDITION, the Holy Father has received large numbers of privileged individuals, such as Cardinals, Bishops, prelates, diplomats, in private audiences. He has carried on the—what one might call—"routine" activities of his duties as head of the Church. He has made quite a number of automobile trips to events. In short, he has worked as much, as hard and as long as he ever did before. And if he did all this while physically enfeebled, his power of disimulation is truly amazing.

There is no doubt that the Pope by virtue of his personality, fortified by the firmness re-

sources of his soul, will carry on his work to his last ounce of strength. That his strength still seems unimpaired, is cause for deep gratitude.

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