

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

The Gospel story of the life of Christ is the pre-history of the Church. What happened to the Physical Christ, happens also to the Mystical Christ, the Church. As he suffered under Pontius Pilate, so must the Church suffer under the power of the state; as he was accused of perverting the nation, so must the Church feel the sting of the same false charge. During this Lent particularly, one can see Christ once again going out to his death, not in Jerusalem, but in the Mission World.

Our Lord said: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me." But in Ceylon, there is a move to hand over all Catholic schools to the state, thus permitting Buddhist, Hindu and Moslem teachers to suffer the little children to come unto confusion worse confounded. The same anti-Christian forces would ban all sisters from hospitals after October 1, 1956. One wonders who will take over without salary, and with such dedicated service; the two leper colonies now served by pious hands and Christ-like hearts. In Canton, Holy Week is re-lived by His Excellency Bishop Dominic Tang. Exactly like his Master, he is accused of "perverting the nation, refusing to give tribute to Mao-Tse Tung, and saying that Christ is King."

There is one difference between the Passion of Christ in Jerusalem and His Gethsemane today. Then, "they all forsook Him, and fled." Thank God, today our faithful feel the suffering of Christ in China as the brain feels a burned hand. Their interest is not emotional, but sacrificial. Many are making it a part of self-denial every day and every week, and then sending it to the Holy Father through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which he controls, to aid the missions throughout the world. If anyone thinks Faith and the spirit of sacrifice are weak in America, let him read this God Love You column. It is an honor roll of lovers of Christ and Him Crucified. The honor of helping Him He allows us. The paradox of Simon of Cyrene carrying the Cross of Him Who carried the burden of the world's guilt is permitted you—the Saviour needs nothing and yet He needs you! Thanks for being another Simon or Veronica, through your sacrifices to the Holy Father through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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EVE OF CAMPAIGN SUCCESS—Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey (center) spearheaded the kickoff dinner for the convent building fund drive in St. James parish, which resulted in pledges of more than \$60,000 over the \$125,000 goal. Pictured from left are: William M. Mulachy, special gifts chairman; the Rev. Francis M. Feeney, pastor; Bishop Casey; Leon T. Ward, campaign chairman.

Requiem Offered \$180,229 Raised In Plea For Mrs. Marvin For St. James Convent

Seneca Falls — The funeral of Mrs. Ella Marvin, widow of the late Charles L. Marvin of Geneva, was held March 8 in St. Patrick Church, Seneca Falls. A High Mass of Requiem was celebrated by the Rev. John P. O'Beirne, pastor. Present in the Sanctuary were His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, the Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, pastor of Holy Cross Church, Ovid, the Rev. Austin B. Hanna, chaplain at St. Joseph Villa of Rochester, the Rev. Francis J. Taylor, assistant rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, and the Rev. Thomas C. Kane, assistant pastor of St. Patrick.

Final blessing was imparted by Bishop Casey. Blessing at the grave was given by Father Hanna, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward K. Ball, V.F., pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva. Interment was made in the family plot in St. Patrick Cemetery in Geneva, where there will be a direct connection to the St. James School. At present the Sisters of Mercy who staff the school, are living in temporary quarters on the second floor of the school occupying space that will soon become four classrooms. The present enrollment of the school is 630 and about 700 are expected in September.

THE SUCCESSFUL campaign committee was headed by the Rev. Francis M. Feeney, honorary chairman; the Rev. W. Darcy Bolger, and Joseph A. Renaud, honorary co-chairmen; Leon T. Ward, general chairman; Bernard J. Fischette, Edmund H. Principe and James T. Wisner, general co-chairmen; Walter F. Norton, secretary; committee chairman; William M. Mulachy, special gifts chairman. The campaign was directed by G. M. Moffett, of Foley Associates, Inc. Father Feeney also said that the Courier Journal has played a great part in the success of all undertakings at St. James. The parish has had 100 percent coverage for the diocesan newspaper for more than half of its history.

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A Lenten talk, discussion, and rosary will comprise the evening of recollection, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. and terminate at 10:30 p.m. Amount of offering is optional.
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