

# GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Two touching scenes in the Passion of Our Divine Lord are: the washing of the feet of the disciples the night of the Last Supper, and the taking up of His cross as the instrument of His own death. Both these humiliations are understood in the light of a prophecy made by Isaiah 700 years before, that He would be a suffering slave. The same idea was recalled by St. Paul, who said that He took upon Himself the form of a slave.

Now what are the works of a slave? They are twofold: first, to do dirty work - that is work that involves what is foul and repulsive; and secondly, to do heavy work - heavy work is the bearing of physical burdens; associated with this is the degradation when one is forced to bend beneath a dull mechanical meaningless load day after day.

Spiritualize both of these concepts associated with the slave: dirt stands for sin, while heavy burdens represent anxieties, suffering pain and the dull round of existence. Our Lord did the work of a slave, first, by washing the feet of His disciples, which was the symbol of washing away the sins of the world; then He took up His cross which was the symbol of bearing the pain, suffering and ignominy of men.

The very day He did both, He said to us: "I have given you an example." In other words, if He takes on the sins and sufferings of the world, so must we. Anyone who refused to undertake the revolting tasks in an area of life is denying his Christian vocation. As St. Paul said: "Bear these one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." As He bears the cross, so we must bear the sins of the pagan world and the sufferings and hunger of India and Vietnam. Our Lord is one who BEARS; He bore our flesh, He bore our cross, He bore our suffering, He bore our sins. Will you help us to do some dirty work in the Missions - namely, washing the feet of lepers in Christ's name? Will you help us to do some heavy work - namely, lifting the burden of darkness from the souls of the pagans? To do this requires a sacrifice. Whatever sacrifice you send us, we will send to the Holy Father and he will make the distribution, for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is his society - for all the Missions of the world.

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Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to the Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., or your Diocesan Director, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

## State Newman Club Convention At Cornell

Ithaca—The 19th annual convention of the Empire State Province of Newman Clubs will be held this year at Cornell University today through Sunday, April 13-15. The theme of the convention is "God and the University Student."

The convention will open today with registration of all province delegates at the Newman Oratory, Cornell's Newman Club Center. From 9 to 12 p.m. there will be a Dixieland party for convention delegates and Cornell Newman Club members at the Cayuga Heights Residential Club.

ON SATURDAY morning following Mass, a general meeting will open the day's activities. There will be a welcoming address by Ken Kanja of Cornell, chairman of the Convention. Rev. Charles W. Albright, CSP, executive secretary of the National Newman Club Federation and Very Rev. Donald M. Cleary, chaplain to Catholic students at Cornell, will address the convention.

Following the opening addresses, there will be workshop discussion groups in Anabel Taylor Hall, center of Cornell United Religious Works. The five discussion groups are aimed to benefit the Newman Clubs and their members.

They are: 1. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; 2. A Balanced Program—the balance between religious, cultural, and social activities; 3. The Newman Club on the Province and National Level; 4. Problems of the Small Club; 5. Legion of Mary.

On Saturday afternoon, there will be a business meeting at which time next year's Province officers will be elected. At 6:30 p.m. a convention banquet will be held in the Willard Straight dining rooms on the Cornell Campus. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Marie Kuttler, noted lecturer and author of "Karen," the story of her daughter who has cerebral palsy. Entertainment before the semi-formal dance to be held in the memorial room of Willard Straight Hall will be presented by Ithaca College and members of the International Committee of the Cornell Newman Club. The Cornellists, a Cornell mixed singing group, will entertain during intermission at the dance.

The convention will conclude on Sunday morning with Mass and a Communion breakfast at which His Excellency, Bishop Kearney will be guest speaker. Newly elected Cornell Newman Club officers will be installed and

## Msgr. Dugan Honored At Auburn Dinner

Auburn—The Very Rev. Msgr. Gregory A. Dugan, chaplain of Auburn Prison, was the honor guest at a dinner April 3 at the Osborne Hotel. Given by the prison employees, the affair was attended also by retired employees and by wives. Approximately 175 were in attendance. The guest of honor was the recipient of a purse.

The Rev. Leo A. Jones, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Weedsport, and a former chaplain at the prison, was the principal speaker. Francis J. Cuddy was toastmaster and called on several who spoke briefly.

Seated at the speakers table beside the guest of honor and the principal speaker were the Rev. Ralph A. Philbrook, Protestant

chaplain at the prison, John F. Foster, a former warden, Dr. William A. Dorr, and Floyd A. LaRock, principal keeper, and Mr. and Mrs. William Dewey, brother-in-law and sister of Msgr. Dugan.

Mrs. Anna Dugan, mother of the newly named Monsignor, was also a special guest as was Miss Alice Dugan, his sister.



TESTIMONIAL DINNER honoring Monsignor Gregory Dugan, Auburn Prison Catholic Chaplain was given by prison employees at Osborne Hotel, April 3 to mark his elevation to papal chamberlain. Participating (from left) Ivan L. Andrews, chairman; Dr. William A. Dorr, prison physician; Monsignor Dugan; Floyd H. LaRock, deputy warden; John F. Foster, former warden; Rev. Dr. Ralph A. Philbrook, pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical and Reformed Church, Protestant Chaplain at prison.

## Pope Honors Seminary Rector On Anniversary

St. Bonaventure, N. Y. — (RNS) — The Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., rector of Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University here, was presented with the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice as he marked his 60th anniversary of his ordination.

THE AWARD is given by Pope Pius XII to those performing distinguished service for the Roman Catholic Church and the Papacy.

Msgr. Angelo DiLAcqua, substitute for Ordinary Affairs in the Secretariat of State, sent a laudatory message to the 77-year-old Franciscan on behalf of the Pope.

"Those years which you have spent in the exercise of the holy priesthood up to this day with complete dedication to the service and enhancement of the Church have indeed been enriched with wholesome results," it said.

"For rich learning, bold courage, prudent in watchfulness, labor and endeavor, you have done many things which are truly an honor to you."

Father Plassmann marked the anniversary by celebrating the Solemn Mass of thanksgiving in the seminary's chapel, attended by 13 bishops and nearly 700 clergy and laity.

## Rites Held For Mother Of Nun

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary V. Sullivan, mother of Sister M. Florence of Our Lady of Mercy High School Faculty, were conducted at the Thomas F. Trott Funeral Home, 683 East Main St. and at St. Mary Church, Rochester on Monday, April 9.

Mrs. Sullivan died April 7, 1956 at Cambridge Sanatorium.

Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered by the Rev. Jerome F. Schifferl assisted by the Rev. L. John Hedges, deacon and the Rev. Richard Torney, subdeacon. A delegation of students from Sister Florence's home room attended.

Father Torney conducted the services at the grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs. Sullivan was a member of St. Mary's Rosary Society, the Mercy Guild and the Third Order of Mt. Carmel.

She is survived by three sons, John C. Raymond A. and Charles B. and her daughter, Sister Florence.

## Forty Hours

Devotions of the Forty Hours will be conducted in the following churches of the Diocese of Rochester:

Sunday, April 15 — St. Lucy, St. Theresa, Rochester; Assumption, Mt. Morris; St. Columba, Caladonia; St. Joachim, Canastota; St. John the Evangelist, Clyde; St. Bridget, East Bloomfield; St. James the Apostle, Tremansburg; St. James, Waverly.

## Rummage Sale To Aid Carmelites

Friends of Carmel will sponsor a rummage sale for the benefit of Carmelite Sisters on Friday, April 20 at 192 Main St. West. Cochairmen are Mrs. Orr Sixty and Mrs. John Saxton.

## Musa Caravan To Fete 15 Past Leaders

Fifteen past grand commanders of the Alhambra Order of the Alhambra will be honored at a dinner to be held Tuesday, April 17 at Valley Echo, 2328 Browncroft Blvd. at 6:30 p.m. according to Edwin G. Welter, grand commander.

Program is being arranged by Master of the Oasis James Butler.

Also to be welcomed in the Caravan at the dinner are 14 members who received their Alhambra initiation in Buffalo.

FORMER HEADS of the caravan to be honored are: Elmer J. Bloomer, George A. Conway, Daniel F. Fitzgerald, Herman G. Hetzler, Frank S. Micell, Rocco F. Natalie, Norman A. O'Brien, Daniel J. O'Neil, Emmet J. O'Neil, Clifford B. Sargent, Emmett J. Schnepf, Otto A. Shults, Donald E. Woerner and Lewis J. Zwierlein.

## Alumnae To Greet Academy Seniors

Nazareth Academy seniors will be received into the Alumnae Association on Tuesday, April 17, at 1:30 p.m. with entertainment in the auditorium followed by a tea in the gymnasium.

The Rev. Charles B. Connell, chaplain, will be speaker, and Miss Mary Delaney will present the senior class to the officers. Mrs. Ray J. Lanzafame is general chairman; assisted by Mrs. William Ryan, reception; Mrs. Richard Eckert, refreshments; and Mrs. James McAviney, decorations.

## Guild Reports 2,600 Members

Record enrollment of 2,600 members was announced by the Mercy Guild of the Little Flower at their recent Spring luncheon.

Many of those members are working on a Spring sale and dinner set for Saturday, May 5, according to Mrs. Walter R. D. Hickey, president.

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