

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Hardly anything in life ever comes from a completely pure source. Rays of dust can be seen dancing in the sunbeams; water labeled "pure" has tiny foreign particles floating on its surface; even our words of praise can be stained with the pride that we will be esteemed in turn for esteeming others. This is particularly true of money. Americans are generous givers, perhaps the most generous in the world; and furthermore, this generosity is not born of abundance. We know that well for our benefactors are generally from the ranks of those who have little.

Even the best intentioned gift of money does not always come from a completely pure source; even those who touched it before us could leave a stain of greed or avarice on its metal or paper. That is why every gift must be done in the name of Christ — in order to purify it. That same spirit must animate it that was found in the Russians before Communism. One of them wrote: "The beggar makes the sign of the cross and everybody round about repeats it, giving thanks that the Lord has made them worthy to give something to a beggar." It was the giver who was blessed by the receiver, not the receiver who was blessed by the giver.

But who gives back these blessings better than the poor who imitate Christ in His poverty? Waste not gifts, however small they be! You be the beggar. It is not the poor on this mission who beg from you; it is not we who are the representatives of the Holy Father's Mission society who beg. You be the beggar: beg the people of India and Africa and Hong Kong and Oceania. They do not need you as you need them. Do you need a favor? Do you need a blessing? Then make a sacrifice in Christ's name to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. W. K. for \$3. "The heat is out and the house is cold. While waiting for the serviceman, I have been reading your MISSION magazine. How cold the people of the world must be! The enclosed is a little offering from my house money." . . . to S. C. D. "This \$5 was the beginning of my savings for a victrola. It won't be hard to wait longer for it, knowing your missionaries will be helped in spreading the Faith." . . . to Mrs. A. P. "I had planned to use this dollar to buy some oranges and peanut butter for my children, but one look at the picture of the starving child in the new MISSION changed my mind. Not one of my six need nourishment as badly as that little girl." . . . to M. W. K. "I promised \$25 to the poor missions if my engagement ring were found. Here is \$10 of it." . . . to E. K. "Enclosed is \$3, a wedding anniversary gift, with which I was going to buy myself a pair of house slippers. However, I decided I would get along without them."

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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, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y., or your Diocesan Director Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, 56 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

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Parishioners Paint St. Rita's

ONE HUNDRED men and women, parishioners of St. Rita's Parish, West Webster some of whom are shown above joined to paint the church, last Saturday. Despite the rain in three hours more than 75 percent was finished. The rest of it will be done tomorrow, the Rev. Francis Kiehamer, pastor, said. Women of the parish served lunch. (Hi-Tone Photo)

Spring Sale Set At Mercy High

Mercy Guild of the Little Flower will hold a spring sale and baked ham dinner at the Mercy High School gym Saturday, May 5.

Mrs. George Geiger, chairman of the dining room suggests that tickets may be obtained from the Mercy convent, band leaders or Mesdames Leonard Barry, Frederick Lehner, George Geiger, Walter Hickey and Harold Wintish before May 1.

Proceeds will go toward the building fund.

Holy Childhood Drive Report Set At School

Committees seeking funds for the Rochester School of the Holy Childhood, 215 Andrews St., a vocational center for exceptional children, will report at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 8, at the school.

Friends of the institution throughout the area are being asked to contribute toward operating expenses of the school, which provides specialized training for children who find difficulty in coping with standard academic courses.

At a preliminary report meeting last Monday a total of \$3,588 in cash donations was reported.

Goal of the fund canvass is \$20,000, representing two-thirds of the annual operating costs. The other-third is obtained from tuition, which some families can provide fully and others cannot.

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Dansville — The Rev. Edward M. Scheid, pastor of St. Mary Church, Dansville will be honored for his 19 years of service as chaplain of Dansville Council, Knights of Columbus at the annual Fathers and Sons Communion Breakfast, Sunday, May 6.

Father Scheid will be presented with a chalice and paten by officers and members according to Grand Knight Edwin Lauffer.

GUEST SPEAKER at the breakfast will be John T. Nohr, one of the recipients of the Catholic War Veterans' Layman of the Year award, active in K. of C. work, youth organizations and the Diocesan Holy Name Union. He is a widely known Rochester realtor.

Council members and their sons will meet at the Dansville K. of C. Home at 8 a.m. and proceed in a body to St. Mary Church for the 9 a.m. Mass. Escort will be the Fourth Degree color guard.

Breakfast following will be

served by members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Chairman of the Mass and Breakfast arrangements is Edward T. Burke, past state warden.

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