

# GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

If God did not exist, could man hate Him so? If Christ never existed, as the Soviet encyclopedia states, why do Communists storm and rage against Him and His followers? Do they become so enraged at centaurs, ghosts and pagan legends? Does not the very intensity of their hatred bear witness to the fact that they know Him to be real?

Take this one fact reported by Doctor Thomas Dooley in his book, "Deliver Us From Evil" which describes the persecution of the faithful and the clergy in Vietnam. "The shoe shine boys in Hanoi told me that I was needed in Haliphong. Oh Lord, I thought, another mutilated priest. But whatever I expected, I had underestimated the fiendish imagination of godless men. . . . Lying on a straw mat was an old man, moaning in delirium. His head was covered with a foul green pus. When I washed it away, I counted eight swollen and badly infected wounds encircling his skull. In this instance Communist re-education had consisted of tying the priest's hands behind his back and driving eight nails into his skull to simulate the Crown of Thorns."

What made the Communists think of the Crown of Thorns? Their hatred of the real, living, eternal Christ! Our Dear Lord is crucified a thousand times in Southeast Asia today. If He be hated by Communists, should He not be loved by us who are blessed with the Faith? Would we endure such tortures for the sake of Christ? In the name of the Christ Whose brow was crowned with thorns, cut into your capital or make some little sacrifice and send it to the Holy Father through his Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, saying: "To heal the wounded brow of Christ, living again in His priests, I offer this token of healing hair."

GOD LOVE YOU! To D. G. D. I had been saving this \$1 for a down payment on a fishing rod, but I would rather you had it for your Missions. . . . To C. A. H. The enclosed \$2 was being saved for a skirt. The skirt can wait. The Missions cannot. . . . To M. E. L. I recently received an increase in salary and I would like to share my good fortune with your less fortunate ones. Enclosed is my check for \$5. . . . To M. A. for \$1. I am trying to lose weight. Every time I lose a pound I give \$1 to the Missions. It is easy to give up malts, pie, and candy so that the poor in the Missions can have more to eat. . . . To S. J. W. Here is \$2 for the Missions. I promised that if I could make \$5 baby sitting, I would send you \$2. I am twelve years of age. . . . To R. D. for \$14.25. Instead of taking off from work to attend an annual picnic, I decided to work and then send to you my wages for the day. Maybe it will help someone else to have an enjoyable day."

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## Professor Named At College

According to the Rev. John P. O'Meara, C. S. B., Ph. D., dean of St. John's University, a new professor in the department of history, at St. John's Fisher College.

Mr. Murray is the son of Mrs. Charles W. Denniston and the late John A. Murray. He received his B. S. in Economics from Fordham University in 1943, his M. A. degree in European history from the University of Rochester in 1952 and is presently a doctoral candidate for his Ph.D. degree in European history from Duke University.

Mr. Murray has just returned from Europe where he did research at Oxford (Bodleian) University, the London School of Economics and the British Museum.

While at the University of Rochester he taught in the history department and while at Duke University was assistant professor in the field of European diplomatic history.

A veteran of World War II he spent two of his four years in service in Europe.

He is a member of the St. Thomas More Parish; of the Academy of Political Science; American Legion Post 205; Holy Name Society and Oak Hill Country Club.

He is married to the former Ernestine White and they have four children.

No Great Mystery  
Financial wizard: "Where in heaven's name does all that grocery money go that I give you?"  
Wife: "Stand sideways and look in the mirror."



PROGRESS of the campaign of Our Mother of Sorrows convent in Greece and reduction of the parish debt is explained to His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey (right) by the Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, pastor. Bishop Casey spoke to campaigners at opening dinner. (Tom Casey Photo.)

## \$227,342 Sum Reported At Mother Of Sorrows

Pledges totaling \$227,342 — \$27,342 over the goal — were reported this week in the fund drive recently conducted by Mother of Sorrows parish, Greece, for a new convent building and for reduction of the parish debt.

The Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, pastor, expressed deep appreciation to parishioners and committee for the real sacrifice you have made for your parish and for the Sisters who teach our children.

MORE THAN 350 men parishioners conducted the parishwide canvass in a two-hour period on Sunday, Apr. 29. Assisting in direction of the campaign was Foley Associates Inc., a Rochester fund raising organization.

Robert Wegman headed the campaign committee with Leo Sawyko, David Andrews, William Bell and Arthur Koerner as co-chairmen. Frederick Messner and Frederick McCormick headed the special gifts committee.

## Non-Catholic's Will Aids Mercy Hospital

Auburn — The probated will of the late William Collier, distinguished diplomat and internationally known lawyer of Auburn, disclosed his warm friendship and deep regard for the late beloved Very Rev. John J. McGrath, founder of St. Aloysius Parish and former pastor of St. Mary's Church until his death in 1932.

Mr. Collier, a non-Catholic and the son of a Dutch Reformed dominie, died April 15, 1956 while visiting his niece at West Caldwell, N. J. In his will, Mr. Collier bequeathed \$3,000 to Mercy Hospital, Auburn, as a memorial to Father McGrath, whom he first knew 65 years ago as a young newly ordained priest serving St. Mary's Church as an assistant pastor.

The friendship formed back in 1890 between the two young men, the Catholic priest and the Protestant lawyer, endured through the years and, obviously, meant much to the man who later became a prominent diplomat, public servant, lawyer and educator. In his bequest, Mr. Collier stated that he was "proud of the cheery good fellowship" shown him by Father McGrath throughout the latter's lifetime.

The selection of Mercy Hospital as the recipient of the memorial is explained in the request by Mr. Collier's executor, the late interest of the late priest in the Auburn Hospital of which he will bequeathed to be one of the early promoters.

In further explanation, Mr. Collier described himself as "grateful also to various nurses from that hospital who, with others have helped care for me in recent illness."

Mr. Collier was United States minister to Spain from 1905 to 1909 and ambassador to Chile from 1921 to 1922. For many years he was also counsel for several foreign legations in Washington as well as counsel and agent for American concerns in Europe.

From 1916-1919, he served as a counselor of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. From 1918 to 1921, Collier was president of George Washington University, which institution was one of ten to grant him honorary degrees. He had also been the recipient of decorations from Spain, Siam, Chile, Bolivia, and Venezuela.

Author of a work on Bankruptcy Mr. Collier was a recognized authority on international law. In addition to his work as a lawyer, educator and diplomat, he found time to engage in sports, especially shark fishing in which he excelled.

Mrs. Collier, the former Frances Beardsley Ross, died in 1952. Father McGrath served his first pastorate in Moravia, where he succeeded the late Most Rev. Thomas Hickey, second Bishop of Rochester. His second pastorate was the Parish of St. Aloysius where he foundered him where he served until 1923, when the late Bishop Hickey named him to succeed the late Rev. William Payne as pastor of St. Mary's Church.

The late Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern named Father McGrath as Dean of Auburn with the title of Very Reverend on the occasion of his fourteenth anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood.

Greatly revered and respected by all who knew him, the late priest particularly enjoyed the friendship of many Protestants, not only prominent men like William Miller Collier but count less lesser known non-Catholic friends such as the late Captain

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## DCCW Holds Quarterly Meet In Geneva

Geneva — Rochester Diocesan Council, National Council of Catholic Women is 25 years old this year.

Observance of the 25th anniversary was noted at a quarterly meeting of the Council, Sunday, in the Knights of Columbus Home.

SIXTY WOMEN attended from Geneva, Horrell Elmira, Corning, Ithaca, Auburn, Newark and Canandaigua.

Miss Sophie Gudzio presided at the meeting, during which reports for the past three months were read by deacony presidents.

Announcement was made of the annual diocesan tea honoring His Excellency Bishop Kearney on May 12 at Nazareth College.

The moderator the Rev. E. Leo McMannus, called attention to the fact that the first speaker at the organization of the Diocesan Council was the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Lee former pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church.

Geneva unit of the council is also in its 25th year. It was organized by Mrs. Thomas A. Kane, mother of Judge Thomas A. Kane.

Father McMannus urged members to continue their good work and if possible to increase it during the coming year.

Next quarterly meeting will be held Sept. 23 in the Knights of Columbus Home.

Annual diocesan convention is scheduled for Oct. 2 in Rochester and the national convention in Chicago, Nov. 7-11.

## Stanley, Rushville Society To Meet

Stanley — Rosary Society of St. Theresa Church, Stanley and St. Mary Church, Rushville, held its first corporate Communion breakfast at the Canandaigua Hotel last Sunday.

The Rev. John R. Conway, chaplain at Newark State School addressed the group.

The group will meet Monday, May 14 at St. Theresa Rectory.

## Forty Hours

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

Sunday, May 13—Precious Blood, St. Cecilia, St. George, Rochester; St. Patrick, Cato; St. Joseph, Cayuga; St. Pius X, Chili; St. Felix, Clifton Springs; St. Patrick, Moravia; St. Patrick, Mumfords; St. John, Newark Valley; Sacred Heart, Romulus; St. Patrick, Savannah; St. Joseph, West Bloomfield.

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