

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

We have just received the results of an inquiry made in France concerning Catholic attitudes toward mortification. Some, despite the words of Our Lord, "Take up your cross daily and follow Me", were unfavorable to any kind of self-denial for the following reasons: 1) Mortification is unhygienic 2) "We must get as much fun out of life as possible" 3) "Self-denial is too negative" 4) "It belongs to another age; we were made for comfort" 5) "It creates complexes".

These reasons would have conceivably been given by the rich young man who refused to follow Our Lord! But, on the other hand, those who saw reasons for self-denial said: 1) "The Christian life was summed up by Our Lord in the three parables of mortification: the grain of wheat which must die before it produces life; the mother who must go into labor before she experiences the joy of new life; and the vine which must be pruned and pruned before it can bear more fruit." 2) "Self-denial is the only condition of escaping mediocrity in prayer and rising to a more intimate union with Christ" 3) "Sacri-fice is closely bound up with the service of others; no one ever really aids a neighbor without doing violence to his ego." 4) "Each act of self-denial makes room in us the Passion and Resurrection of Christ; we die to our selfishness by sacrifice then rise to a closer unity with Christ." 5) "No one naturally and spontaneously understands self-denial, even as Peter did not, when he tempted Our Lord from the Cross. Not until we love God do we hate that which keeps us from Him."

More space would enable us to give you other profound reasons for the commendable Christian practice of self-denial. But these ought to be sufficient to prompt you to love your pagan brothers in the name of Christ, to say an extra rosary, to deny yourself an extra dessert, or to cut into your capital in order to send a sacrifice to the Holy Father for the Missions of the world. Sacrifice money goes to the Holy Father if you send it through the National Office at 366 5th Avenue, N. Y., N. Y. or your Diocesan Director.

GOD LOVE YOU to C. J. and friends "In our speech class at school, we had to give a speech of persuasion — I persuaded the class to give to the Missions and it seems to have been quite effective, as even the teacher contributed" (1.50). . . . to C.R. for \$2.00. "Recently I took my cat to the doctor. It cost me \$2.00 for his pills. Maybe the money will help some sick child" . . . to J.K. for \$7.00. "I sell shoes part time and one day each month I will work for the Missions" . . . to J.H.M. "Here is a \$1.00 donation from my children. When they get a penny for candy they put it in the bank. Less cavities for them and more food for some boy or girl" . . . to R.W. "In thanksgiving for my life" (10.00). . . . to S.B.C. "Enclosed is \$2.00 in gratitude to Our Lord for bringing my husband and me into the Church (we are both past fifty) and for the many blessings we have received." . . . to T. F. "I am thirteen years old and as much as I would like to spend this dollar allowance on candy and other things I am sending it for some teenager in the Missions who never had the luxuries I have" . . . to the T. Children. "There are seven of us from one to ten years old. This \$33.00 is 10% of what we made selling tomatoes this summer. It's for some poor children who are not as lucky as we are." . . . to a Beer Drinker. "Here's another dollar. I still don't go in saloons enough to send you much. But \$1.50 every time is a little."

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Nuns Take 100-Mile Air Tour

Pittsburgh (NC) — Nuns teaching within a radius of fifty miles of Pittsburgh are the latest Catholic beneficiaries of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker's "Educator Air Lift Program." Pictured are a group of nuns who received a 100-mile flight over their city, as well as learning how aviation's progress can be used as part of classroom studies.

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These official enrollment figures of the elementary and secondary schools of the Diocese of Rochester have been provided by the Office of the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
October 1, 1956				
Elementary Schools				
	1955	1956	Gain	Loss
ROCHESTER				
Sacred Heart Cathedral	1220	1245	25	..
Academy of the Sacred Heart	129	145	16	..
Blessed Sacrament	533	510	..	23
Corpus Christi	593	593
Holy Angels	18	25	7	..
Holy Apostles	738	725	..	13
Holy Cross	727	777	50	..
Holy Family	794	832	38	..
Holy Ghost	262	283	20	..
Holy Redeemer	818	771	..	47
Holy Rosary	1033	1074	21	..
Immaculate Conception	623	566	..	57
Most Precious Blood	44	105	61	..
Mother of Sorrows	618	732	114	..
Nazareth Hall Cadet	141	153	12	..
Our Lady of Good Counsel	558	514	..	44
Our Lady of Lourdes	477	454	..	23
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	442	451	9	..
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	478	490	12	..
St. Agnes Convent	86
St. Ambrose	807	795	..	12
St. Andrew	1027	1018	..	20
St. Anne	466	488	22	..
St. Anthony	233	324	91	..
St. Augustine	738	758	20	..
St. Boniface	601	593	..	8
St. Bridget	212	225	13	..
St. Cecilia	464	507	43	..
St. Charles Borromeo	979	939	..	40
St. Francis Xavier	728	701	..	27
St. George	106	107	1	..
St. Helen	500	566	66	..
St. James	625	693	68	..
St. John the Evangelist (City)	713	787	54	..
St. John the Evangelist (Greece)	816	1001	125	..
St. Joseph	295	305	10	..
St. Joseph Villa	115	104	..	11
St. Lucy	159	169	10	..
St. Margaret Mary	871	875	4	..
St. Michael	447	434	..	13
St. Monica	1165	1201	36	..
SS. Peter and Paul	575	551	..	24
St. Plus X	91	133	42	..
St. Salome	465	473	8	..
St. Stanislaus	779	786	7	..
St. Theodore	260	316	56	..
St. Theresa	188	196	8	..
St. Thomas	710	798	88	..
School of the Holy Child	100	99	..	1
AUBURN				
Holy Family	393	446	53	..
St. Aloysius	178	172	..	6
St. Alphonsus	890	931	41	..
St. Francis of Assisi	589	522	..	47
St. Hyacinth	368	376	8	..
St. Mary	357	353	..	4
SS. Peter and Paul	124	131	7	..
Avon—St. Agnes	190	204	14	..
Brockport—Nativity BVM	380	340	..	40
Canandaigua—St. Mary	432	427	..	5
Clyde—St. John The Evangelist	254	255	1	..
CORNING				
St. Mary	385	395	10	..
St. Patrick	231	245	14	..
St. Vincent dePaul	347	336	..	11
Dansville—Guardian	348	356	8	..
Angels	348	356	8	..
E. Rochester—St. Jerome	240	311	71	..
ELMIRA				
St. Anthony	422	398	..	24
St. Casimir	345	346	1	..
St. Cecilia	113	146	33	..
St. Mary	602	606	4	..
St. Patrick	425	440	15	..
SS. Peter and Paul	328	302	..	26
GENEVA				
St. Francis deSales	628	567	..	61
St. Stephen	537	694	157	..
HORNELL				
St. Ann	424	422	..	2

Masses Slated In Jails To Mark St. Dismas Sunday

Three hundred and fifty prisons across the nation and in Canada and Hawaii will observe St. Dismas Sunday on October 14 in honor of the "Good Thief" who died with Christ on Calvary.

The Mass of St. Dismas will be offered in these institutions and at many of the ceremonies archbishops and bishops will take part.

In the Diocese of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Lane, chaplain, Elmira Reformatory; the Rev. Joseph M. Monahan, Classification Center, Elmira; the Very Rev. Msgr. Gregory D. Dugan, Auburn State Prison; the Rev. William J. Schifferl, State Industrial School, Industry and the Rev. John W. LeVeque, Monroe County Penitentiary will join in the observance.

St. Dismas, known as the Good Thief of Calvary, is the patron of prisoners. A SPECIAL feature of this year's observance will be the fulfillment of a Spiritual Bouquet in honor of the 80th birthday of Pope Pius XII. The bouquet was presented to the Pontiff last summer by the Rev. Bernard E. Brugman, chaplain at Iowa State Prison here and president of the chaplains association. It comprised Masses to be said by prison chaplains on St. Dismas Day and the recitation of the Rosary and Holy Communion by inmates.

a leader in the establishment of "Good Thief Sunday" which was observed for the first time in 1953. At that time, the Holy See set aside the second Sunday of October for the observance of the feast.

A Mass to St. Dismas will be celebrated at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., by Auxiliary Bishop Edward V. Dargin of New York.

Parents Reception Planned By Group

Mothers Club of Mother of Sorrows School will meet Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. in the new school. Plans for a reception of parents will be discussed.

Miss Doris Reed will be guest speaker on "The History of Paddy Hill." Refreshments will be in charge of Mrs. Oliver Emsman and Mrs. Donald Hyatt.

Penn Yan Student Named NDU Editor

Notre Dame, Ind. — George Clements, 113 Chapel, Penn Yan, a sophomore in the University of Notre Dame College of Arts and Letters, is an assistant news editor of the Notre Dame Scholastic, for the 1956-57 academic year. The Scholastic, Notre Dame's weekly news magazine, is beginning its eighty-ninth year of publication.

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