

Refugees Increase Catholics In Norway

Oslo, Norway — (NC) — The months have raised the count 1,000 Hungarian refugees, most of them Catholics, who have come to Norway in the past few total population of about 3,000,000.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Our Blessed Lord would never have us be too hopeful about the world. In the Gospel of the Sunday He likens the world to a field in which an enemy sows weeds during the night. In China, for example, our missionaries sowed the seed of grace in about 5,000,000 souls or one in every 100 Chinese. Then the Communists came and sowed atheism. Our Lord says in the parable that both the good seed and bad seed must be allowed to grow until the harvest: "When harvest time comes I will give the word to the reapers: Gather up the tares first and tie them in bundles to be burned, and store the wheat in My barn."

Until Judgement day, when God will send forth His angel reapers, be patient, not by force destroying the cockle lest we uproot the wheat with it. Our Lord holds the very unfashionable, "intolerant" and "narrow" opinion that at the bottom of our hearts we are either His enemies or His friends as there is good seed and bad seed. He does not say: Do not cast bad men out of the Church, but He forbids using violent external means to cast them out of the world.

Good men and bad men are strangely mingled in this world, and today it is too often the world that affects the Catholics more than Catholics affect the world. It is precisely this compromising of the Spirit of Christ with the spirit of the world which must be resisted, and in such manner as this:

- I. The Mission World of Asia, Africa and Oceania is the Gospel field.
- II. The sowing of the good seed of the Gospel must not be slackened because the sowers of evil work in the night.
- III. But the 100,000 sowers need to be sent. They receive no salary: They only ask for food and drink and enough to build a church, or school, or leper colony.
- IV. The sacrifices are best made when given directly to the Holy Father who is Christ's Vicar on earth. This is done, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for every cent you sacrifice, and send through the Society is given directly to him.

GOD LOVE YOU TO LV. for \$3 "this money I would have spent for two Sunday's entertainment. May it bring help to some poor family in the missionlands" . . . to J. and S. aged five and four, for sending \$7.77, the entire content of their piggy bank "to help make their little brothers and sisters well" . . . to M. J. D. for \$5 "the enclosed represents a prize won in a Doll Dressing contest. I am sending it to the missions so that I may now help in dressing a poor child" . . . to H. M. for \$5 "my sacrifice is to do my self the work I intended to have done" . . . to A. T. F. for \$10 "my wife and I decide not to go out to dinner, a cocktail and to the movies tonight and send the money we would have spent to you instead. This is a little attempt to help those who go to bed hungry every night".

The whole mission world needs your prayers and your help—and you can offer both by using the World Mission Rosary. For \$2 and your request we shall send it to you while your sacrifice goes to aid the poor.

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, 336 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y., or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

CHRIST'S CITADEL?

Christianity has held out ever since the earliest centuries in the hills of Eritrea (as in Ethiopia) in Northeast Africa, even though it was a heretical sect of the fourth century. Recently the Church has made some progress. Relations are good and prospects encouraging. So, the Holy See has deep interest in an appeal from Dechra, Eritrea. Because the Catholic chapel, built 20 years ago during the Italian-Ethiopian war, had to be a make-shift, as their own people started a replacement, cut the stone, and prepared other materials. The past two years, with a severe draught and a grasshopper plague, finds them destitute. They need \$5,000 from outside to carry on the project. Won't you help us maintain this citadel of Catholicism?

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE. Make sure your own soul will be remembered with Masses. Write for our SUSPENSE CARD TODAY.

GOD IS YOUR FUTURE
Thousands die each year without leaving a will. Mistakenly, they put it off till they are old. What happens? Often your life's savings goes to someone you never heard of, or who never cared for you. If no survivors are found, after years all goes to the government. You'd rather give it to God. A simple will can make sure. Others, acting without counsel, make invalid wills. Get gifts to God and avoid. MAKE YOURS NOW. INCLUDE GOD.

DOLLAR-A-MONTH. Maybe you think it's not much. But Our Holy Father thinks it's a "God-send" when it's given to one of our MISSION CLUBS which support various mission needs. He has one for each of these—schools, orphanages, leper asylums, old folks homes, seminaries, novitiates, chapels, and chapel furnishings. Won't you join one and ask a friend to join, too?

VIRGINS IN VISITATION
Often we refer to women as the weaker sex. But there is nothing weak about SISTER MARY FAUSTINA and SISTER MARY JOSIA. These two young girls have very stout hearts and courage enough to undertake the hardships of a missionary sister in India. They just started two years training with the Visitation Sisters in Kottayam. To keep them there we need \$150 a year for each. Won't you help?

"NO STRINGS, FATHER. I just want to send this to the Holy Father for any purpose he needs most to help." We haven't space to ask for all the appeals he receives from poor missionaries. These gifts give him the means to meet many. Have you sent him one?

FATHER KING HAS TROUBLES
This zealous American priest left home last summer to take over overseas direction of the Holy Father's relief work among 800,000 Arab refugees from Palestine who have been unjustly prevented from returning to their homes for eight years. They need clothes, food, medical care among other things. He needs your help to give it. For every \$10 gift we send with his thanks a HOLY LAND ROSARY.

LOVERS ALL! "THEOPHILUS means "lover of God" and PHILIP means "lover of horses." But names are only words. The fact is that both of these lads love God enough to give their lives to Him as priests but their poor families cannot afford to give them the required education. Our seminaries need \$100 a year each for their keep and training. We are confident that we shall find a friend for each to send us this yearly amount. Theophilus in Rome has four more years, and Philip in India has only two more.

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Housewife Influences Many Persons Through Rosary Book Club Idea

Nashville, Tenn. — (NC) — Unlike most of us who sit around talking about Catholic action and doing nothing about it, Mrs. David Fonseca, Chattanooga, Tenn., housewife and convert to the Faith, has done something. As a result of her efforts, 663 people in the United States and Canada are actually reading more Catholic literature and it is likely that her idea, the Rosary Book Club, will influence hundreds of others.

IT ALL STARTED back in 1947 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Chattanooga. An avid reader herself, Mrs. Fonseca found that the expense of running a household and raising five children make book-buying an impractical luxury. Even the popular book clubs demanded a purchase of four to six books a year and this amounted to well over fifteen dollars. Then, too, with so much trash flooding the literary market it was difficult to weed out the bad from the good. She found on questioning that, there were many in her parish that were faced with the same problem. She set about remedying the situation and founded the first Rosary Book Club.

THE CLUB WORKS like this. Reading circles are made up of ten to fourteen members who pay only \$3.25 for the entire year. The group gets together and orders ten to fourteen books (depending on the number of members) from a selected list of 76 recommended Catholic books. Each member gets a book to read and at designated intervals throughout the year they must pass the book on to another member and receive from him the book that he has had. Thus, at the end of the year each member has had an opportunity to read ten to fourteen books at a cost of only \$3.25.

At the end of the year the club has its only meeting. This is to determine who will own what book. This is done by drawing for the opportunity of first choice, second choice, etc. The book the member receives can be placed in the family library or donated to schools, hospitals, and public libraries.

THE PLAN MET with such success in the parish that Mrs. Fonseca decided to present the idea to Bishop William L. Adrian of Nashville for his approval for possible expansion. "Your Rosary Book Club is very well done; clear, appealing. I am very glad to endorse the project," the Bishop said. "This is real Catholic Action in action!"

With such support from her Bishop and his appointment of Monsignor George J. Flanagan, former editor of the Tennessee Register, as club moderator, Mrs. Fonseca began in earnest to promote her plan throughout the country. **TODAY THERE** are 55 Rosary Book Clubs in 17 states and the District of Columbia, one in Canada. These 55 clubs have a total of 663 members. And the club idea continues to spread each week.

"It is really a big thrill receiving a list of names of people from such mysterious sounding places as Thermopolis, Wyoming," the diminutive Chattanooga housewife stated. The mailing address for the club is, Rosary Book Club, 555 Notre Dame Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mrs. Fonseca is a qualified judge on literature both religious and secular. She has had three novels published by Doubleday and is noted locally as a book reviewer and lecturer to book clubs.

She is the wife of David Fonseca and they have five children. David, Jr., is a professor at Norwich University in Vermont, Connecticut. He is a student at University of Tennessee Dental School, Memphis; Olive is a student at Siena College, Memphis, and Rodrigo and Anthony are at Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga.

Mrs. Fonseca became a convert to the Faith in 1930.



Nuns In Style

Los Angeles — (NC) — Smart and stylish in tweed sport coats and pert walking pumps are these three Sisters of the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart, Sister Agnes, Sister Ida and Sister Eva are newly arrived in Los Angeles where they will engage in Confraternity work. Founded in Hungary, as a secular institution, with vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the Order opened a house in Canada, as a result of Hungarian persecution.

Fellow Factory Workers At Bishop's Consecration

Dueren, Germany — (NC) — born Bishop Martin was captured by the Germans. With other French prisoners of war and German workers, he worked at a machine in the carpet factory during the day.

MARINIST FATHER Pierre Marinet heard confessions and performed his priestly duties of Selinus in Lyons, France. He was permitted to live in the provincial house of the Fathers of the Holy Family here until he was imprisoned during World War II, Paris, by the Gestapo in 1944.

Paul Loeven Funeral Mass Offered By Son

Corning — The funeral of Paul Frederick Loeven of 148 W. Fifth St. was held Thursday, Feb. 7, with Solemn High Requiem Mass celebrated in St. Mary Church following prayers at the A. W. Belby and Son Funeral Home. He died at his home Monday, Feb. 4, following a three year illness.

Celebrant of the Mass was his son, the Rev. Paul C. Loeven, C.M. of St. Mary Mission at Balboa, Canal Zone. The Rev. Leo Campbell, C.M., of St. Joseph College at Princeton, N. J. was deacon and the Rev. John Gillice, C.M., of the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal at Philadelphia, Pa. was subdeacon.

At the committal in St. Mary Cemetery, the Rev. Hugh Brady, assistant pastor at St. Mary Church, officiated, assisted by Father Loeven and Father Gillice.

ACTIVE BEARERS were: William Moore, Lawrence Stoquert, Fred Phillips, Paul Krebs, Raymond Brooder and John Hanrahan.

The following priests attended the services: the Rev. William Green, C.M. of St. John University at Brooklyn; the Rev. Patrick Sweeney, C.M., pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Bangor, Pa.; the Rev. Carey Leonard, C.M., a member of the faculty at Mary Immaculate Seminary at Northampton, Pa.

The Rev. Thomas Finley, C.M., of the faculty at St. Joseph College at Princeton; the Rev. Michael Nagle, C.M., of St. Vincent Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa., and the Rev. Albert Horr of Elmira, formerly of Corning.

Local priests present were: the Rev. James Dunn of St. Patrick Church; the Rev. James Slattery and the Rev. James Wolfe, both of St. Vincent de Paul Parish and

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Cardinal Sets \$18 Million School Expansion Program

New York — (NC) — The New York archdiocese will build seven new high schools and ten elementary schools during 1957-58 at an estimated cost of \$18,000,000.

The program was announced by Cardinal Spellman in an address to the teachers' institute attended by more than 4,000 religious and lay teachers from Catholic schools in this archdiocese.

Cardinal Spellman said the planned construction will provide facilities for some 9,600 grade and high school students, boosting the enrollment in Catholic schools here to more than 225,000 students.

Of the planned high schools, two will be for areas that presently do not have Catholic secondary schools and the others will be replacements for edifices no longer able to accommodate adequately their present enrollments.

Seven of the ten grade schools will be in areas where Catholic elementary school education was not previously available.

College Gets OK On Federal Loan

Washington — (NC) — St. Bernard College of St. Bernard, Alabama, has been given approval on a request for a loan of \$275,000 from the Community Facilities Administration of the Federal Housing and Home Agency.

The college is in the process of expanding its curriculum from that of a junior college to that of a four-year, degree-granting institution. The loan will be used to help finance a dormitory for 104 men students.

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