

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHREN

IN OUR DAY, it is the bride who keeps the bridegroom waiting at the Church, in the days of Our Lord it was the bridegroom who kept the bride waiting. Hence Our Lord compared entering heaven to the ten virgins or bridesmaids who went out to meet the bridegroom who kept everyone waiting until midnight. Five of the bridesmaids had oil in their lamps to light the way; five others allowed their oil to flicker down into extinction. The five who were without oil hurriedly went out to buy, but the windows were closed. The bridegroom came and the door was shut. THE LESSON?

- 1) The Bridegroom is Our Lord, The Church in its fullness throughout the world is the Bride. We who await the coming of the Bridegroom, at the hour of death are the bridesmaids.
- 2) The oil is merit by which we enter heaven. The closed door is security for those who have merit. But for those who have no merit the closed door means exclusion. For some it is the "wedding bell" for others the funeral knell.
- 3) We may have the oil of the Spirit of Christ at the beginning, but as the ebb on we may fail to renew or replenish it. If we have faith without good works we have the "lamp" of the Catholic but not the "oil" of merit.

THE FOOLISH VIRGINS did not pour out the oil in their waste hence, in this respect they did not sin. Though they are called "foolish" they are still called "virgins." The problem is not what they did, but that they did nothing. They neglected the greater interests of the Bridegroom. We lose our souls not merely by doing evil, but principally by neglecting to do good.

NOW WHAT DOES THE CHURCH say is the greatest way to gain merit and to care for the interests of the Bridegroom? 1) It is by aiding the Missions that we serve the greater interests of the Bridegroom. Plus XI said that: "Charity to the Missions surpasses all other charities as Heaven surpasses earth and Eternity time."

2) The oil of merit must be replenished daily—by even a little sacrifice. The sacrifice can be the denial of a cigarette, or a drink, or a magazine. At the end of the month gather up the drops of oil and send them to the new Vicar of the Bridegroom, our new Holy Father.

3) The Holy Father knows better than we do of the needs of the Church in each part of the world. Remember, whenever you sacrifice to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith your sacrifice goes to the Vicar of the Bridegroom.

BY YOUR SACRIFICES, you will fill your "lamp" with the precious "oil" of merit. Then when the Bridegroom comes you will be ready, the door will be open, and you will enter into the everlasting marriage with Him in Heaven.

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Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Shren, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York 18, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 59 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.



Cornerstone FOR Academy Convent

Sister Agnes Cecilia, Nazareth Academy and Rev. Mather M. Helene were Wednesday morning rite.

Funeral Mass Said For Mrs. Gabrielle Chandler

Solemn Mass of Requiem for Mrs. Gabrielle Chandler, wife of Porter R. Chandler and daughter of W. Whitrop and Margaret Chandler, was celebrated in St. Raphael Church, Piffard, Thursday, Oct. 30.

Mrs. Chandler, 61, who with her husband donated extensive property for the Traquet Monastery of Our Lady of the Good Hope near Piffard, died at her home 320 E. 72nd St., New York City, Oct. 27, 1953.

New Book On Father Hecker

Milwaukee (INC)—A convert New Yorker of German descent who founded an American religious society and whose enthusiasm for God and country made him a controversial figure, is the subject of a new biography published here.

Bishop Kearney personally represented the Diocese of Rochester at the funeral rites. Funeral Mass in St. Gerardus Church, Park Avenue and 84th St., New York City, was attended by Auxiliary Bishop Philip J. Furlong of New York City who gave the absolution.

In attendance were Dom Walter Holmstetter, O.C.S.O., abbot of Our Lady of the Genesee Monastery; Dom Gregory Barzanti, O.S.B. of Elmira; Rev. John L.

Conferences Set By Diocesan Nuns

The Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy will conduct separate educational conferences for the respective orders next week.

Sisters attending schools conducted by the Mercy Nuns will have a holiday both Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 10 and 11, while students attending schools conducted by St. Joseph Nuns will be off Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The Sisters of Mercy will hold their conference on Monday, Nov. 10 at the Mercy Motherhouse, Blosson Rd., Rochester. The conference of the Sisters of St. Joseph will be held at the Nazareth Academy, Lake Ave., Rochester, on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Rochester, will give the opening talk to the Mercy Nuns and will officiate at the closing exercises of the St. Joseph Nuns conference.

The Mercy conference, which will continue through the afternoon, will include talks by several other individuals.

They include Dr. Oliver F. Anderson, director of the bureau of institutional research at St. Louis University, an Edward F. McClesney, supervisor of citizenship education for the State Education Department.

Several panel discussions are also planned.

Rev. William M. Roche, associate superintendent of schools, will conclude the session by presenting diplomas to graduates of Catherine McAuley Junior College. This will be preceded by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:30 p.m.

Rev. Msgr. M. Helene, general superior of the St. Joseph Nuns, will be the coordinator of the Tuesday conference.

Featured speakers at the session will be Rev. William J. Schmitt, S.J., former president of Holyoke College, Syracuse; Dr. Francis Kelly, Rochester psychiatrist, and Thomas Robertson, public relations director of Eastman Kodak Co.

Other speakers include Anne Culkins, Sister Marlon, S.S.J. and Sister M. Thoppane, S.S.J.

More than 600 Sisters from the four high schools and 58 elementary schools conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Rochester Diocese will attend the meeting.

Sister Marks Silver Jubilee

Sister Mary Mansuela, a member of the congregation of the Sisters of St. Mary of the Third Order of St. Francis, celebrated her silver jubilee of religious profession at St. Mary of the Angels Motherhouse, St. Louis, Mo., on Oct. 18.

A solemn Pontifical Mass was offered by Auxiliary Bishop Glennon Flavin of St. Louis, commemorating the golden jubilee of religious reception of four sisters and the silver jubilee of religious profession of 15 sisters.

Sister Mary Mansuela is the sister of Leo Wisniski, Mrs. Henry Knowles and Mrs. Paul Yost, members of St. Joseph's Parish, Campbell. She is the former Eugenia Wisniski of the same parish, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Wisniski.

At the present time, Sister Mary Mansuela is engaged in nursing at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis. Her entire religious life has been spent in St. Louis. She was formerly stationed at Mt. St. Rose Hospital, St. Louis.

Fr. Smith Adieu

Hornell—Rev. Joseph E. Smith, who recently was transferred from St. Ann's Church, Hornell, to assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, was honored at a farewell reception Sunday in the Pine Room of St. Ann's School.

Editor, Dies

Washington (INC)—Father Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., 71, well known editor, author and educator, died here (October 28) of a heart attack.

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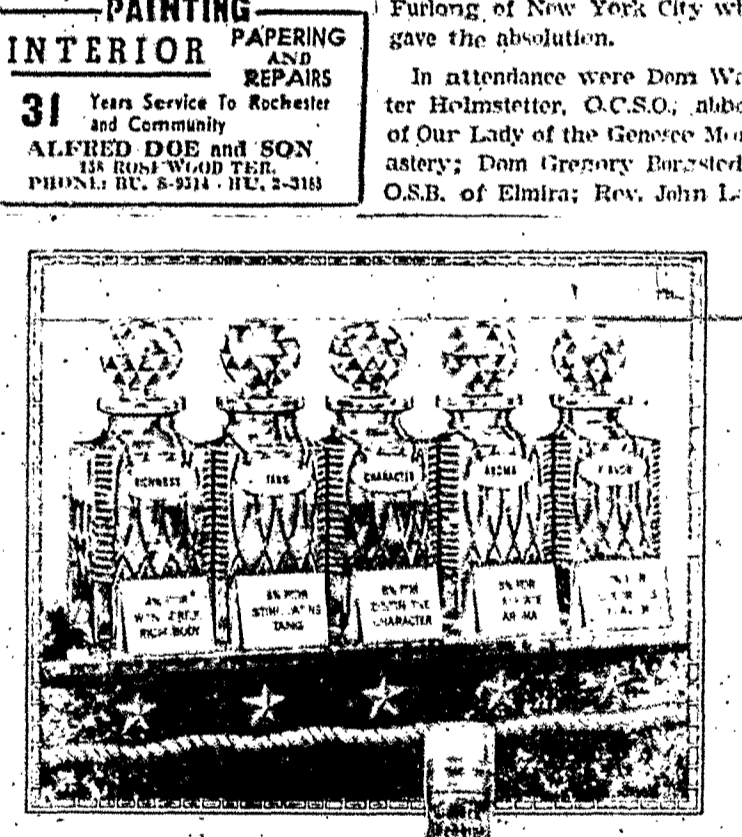
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