

Christmas Parties Held In Seneca Falls

Seneca Falls — The Catholic Daughters of America held their annual Christmas party Dec. 8 in St. Patrick's school auditorium. The Sisters of the school were guests as well as Rev. John O'Brien and Rev. John Kleintz.

Mrs. Ida Stifterdini was chairman. Her committee included Maura Luchessi, Clara Lyman, Marie McGran, Matilda Place tell, Laura Brown, Anna Pagan, Antoinette Manzari, Helen Tagan, Marie Moran, Mary Carlsima, Ann Rossi, Philomena Morgan, Lilia Salotti and Margaret Sarcino.

After the supper a meeting was conducted with Mary Salotti, communist state and with black grand regent presiding. She announced that at the January has been reported here.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

NOT EVEN under the threat of death may a priest tell his confessor of any person revealed to him in confession. Because of his refusal to do so, one saint had his tongue cut out and his body thrown into the river. The next day, a bright light was seen coming from his mouth as if to show heaven's blessing on the secret he kept.

OUR TIMES are not without martyrs to the seal of confession. In the diocese of Hengyang there was a priest named Father Aloysius Chang. The Communists ordered him to reveal to them the confession of one of his penitents. He refused, saying that the knowledge was not his, but God's; that the State has no control over the soul; and it could not render to Caesar the things that are God's. They gave him five minutes to reconsider. When he again refused they beat him to death with bamboo poles.

A DEATH of this kind comes very close to the death of Our Lord Who took upon Himself our sins. Father Chang died because of the sin of another.

IT IS ON the Missions that we most often find examples of the martyrdom, sanctity and Christlike sacrifices of the early Church and not in our prosperous America. It is on the Missions too that we see executioners, judges, plotters walking across the field of Cain, just as they strutted about in Gethsemane and Bethesda.

WHEN WE hear of the martyrdom and sacrifice of the missionaries it makes us really feel "like thirty cents." That was the average each Catholic gave last year to the Holy Father for his 126,000 missionaries. Instead of \$1 a year we Catholics could give \$50 a day. Why not make a New Year's Resolution to sacrifice some tiny tithe each day and at the end of each month send it to the Holy Father for all the Missions of the world. And sacrifice to prayer and your prayer will be answered.

GOD LOVE YOU to Anon for \$50 "Sent in Honor of the Infant Prague" to E.V.V. for \$15 "I had saved this for Christmas shopping, but I feel the Missions need it most" ... to A.M. for \$5. "The enclosed is the amount saved on my vacation by taking bus instead of plane" ... to D.K. for \$2.70 "Here is a week's salary from a boy who gets too much of what he wants—I decided to give to the Missions."

THERE'S A SURE WAY to remember to add to your prayers, pray the WORLDMISSION ROSARY. For a sacrifice-offering of 2.00 sent along with your request we will send you the rosary. Each time you finger the multi-colored beads you will think of the lands in which missionaries labor for souls.

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

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U. S. Nun Bears Christ's Wounds

Americans tend to think that miracles and saints are something strictly American.

But, this year marked the 30th anniversary of the founding of an order of nuns by a little-known American woman who was renowned for her holy and spiritual life.

She is the late Marie Rose Ferron, founder of the Sisters of Reparation of the Sacred Wounds of Jesus, who wore the wounds of the Crucifixion the last 10 years of her life.

Like the Saviour, "Little Rose," as she was called, was on this earth for 33 years. Testimonial reports have come from many sources for the many good works she performed while here and the cures, favors and conversions that are attributed to her intercession since her death in 1935.

A native of Quebec, Canada, this holy woman was brought to Fall River, Mass., by her parents when she was three. Here, she said, she had a vision of the Christ Child carrying a cross.

Aspiring to be a nun from her earliest childhood, "Little Rose" was afflicted with sickness from the time she was 18 until her death.

Her right hand and left foot became crippled when she was 15, so that walking was made impossible without crutches.

It was then that she was comforted by her spiritual advisor, just when she lost hope of ever entering a convent.

Her spiritual director taught her to use her sufferings as a springboard towards the winning of souls for Christ.

Having little or no schooling, she was able to attend a local school.

She taught in a convent.

It is recorded that she went as long as 12 weeks without a drop of water.

Like the mirror that only re-



Marie Rose Ferron, whose convent was her sick-bed, was marked with the wounds Christ suffered on Calvary.

Moving to Woonsocket, Rhode Island, in 1925, "Little Rose" received the stigmatic wounds of Christ in 1926 and suffered with them for the rest of her life.

It is reported that she had no physical suffering, but her body only brought out a picture of ultimate joy in her face at the thought that she could share the wounds of Christ on the Cross.

On Dec. 8, 1928, in the presence of her Bishop and two priests, she took the private vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

She predicted her death seven years before it happened.

Note-worthy of her spiritual life are the 66 lapsed Catholics who returned to the sacraments after she offered her

services in their behalf.

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The Sisterhood she founded is located in Katonah, N.Y., in Westchester County, just outside of New York City.

Strange But True



We Want Christmas
In January

St. Benoit (RNS) — St.

Bristol, Pa. — St. Thomas Church and of Niagara University Alumni Association.

After two years in the Navy, he was discharged in 1954. He then became treasurer and general manager of the paint company founded by his brother Raymond C. Shaheen, president, in 1949. His mother, Mrs. George Shaheen, is secretary of the business located at 1400 St. Paul St.

Mr. Shaheen was married in 1951 to Rosemary Schoenheit.

Surviving are his two sons, John and William; one daughter, Bonnie Lou; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shaheen; two brothers, Raymond and Fred J. Shaheen; and several nieces and nephews.

Blessing at the grave: In Holy Sepulchre Cemetery was interred

Monsignor Burns assisted by Fathers Hoctor and Noth-

hys.

Why don't the parishes know what is going on?

And we want to speak to the archbishop.

Want Some Cheese?

St. Benoit (RNS) — An un-

usual cheese salesman, prior

of a Benedictine abbey, has

been busy "peddling" a product

called "Erlite," made by the

abbey's 88 monks.

Don Jean Arsenault Mathys

has been selling the blue-

veined cheese, a tasty Roque-

fort variety, to food stores in

all parts of Canada. The cheese

is a major source of income

for the monks who are plan-

ning to build a new church, a

library, an auditorium to seat

800 and a guest house for 120.

The cheese, which is aged

from three to six months in

the caves beneath the abbey,

was first produced in 1953.

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built two factories and now

package their product in seven-

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