

Syrian Sees Hope For Unity

Talea, (NC) — The spiritual leader of the Syrian Orthodox Church in North America, said here the ecumenical council announced by John XXIII during a news conference at a celebration attended by 2,000 Syrian Orthodox Christians from 49 states, Canada, Mexico and Australia.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

People in all ages have sinned. One of the great differences, however, between the Christian Middle Ages and today is that in those days men knew they were sinners. Today they may be neurotics or psychotics, but they are never sinners.

This explains the difference between the wills of Christian people and the wills of pagans. Christians leave money in reparation for their sins; pagans leave money to keep their names before the public. Even a Christian who leaves money in his will to promote his own name, may hear the Lord say on the Last Day the most tragic of all words: "You have already had your reward." It is not enough to have sins forgiven, in addition to the pardon, there must be reparation for the sins. The best way to do this is to leave the money to the most divine of all purposes.

- To spread the faith among those who have it not
- To give it to poor souls, where charity will be unknown except by God
- To have it distributed by the Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ.

These three conditions are fulfilled when you leave it to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the National Office of which is at 366 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The Lord may bless you for building a gymnasium, but He will bless you more for building a leper colony in Nigeria. Your relatives may be proud of you because you have your name on a science building, but the Lord will remember you longer if you are nameless in building a tabernacle in Hong Kong.

And if you are not ready yet to make your Will, begin practicing for it now by sending your sacrifices to the Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU! to M.V. 12 years old for \$3 "Grandma gave me this money for a new outfit for my doll. I saved new dresses for her myself and sent you the money so that the infant Jesus may come to a little girl in far Mission lands." To W.M. for \$10 "A Catholic friend of mine asked me to send you the money I would have spent on a gift for her." To Mrs. O.K.P. for \$30 "Suddenly I realized that it's another kind of beauty treatment that I need—a spiritual treatment." To G.N.M. for \$10 "My own physical pain made me realize the suffering of others and the despair when there is none to come with relief." To W.M. for \$1 "I would have spent it on a trifle." To "Thirteen" for \$1 "I will try to save one dollar every month through my teens and send it to you."

A little boy whose family did not own a television set wrote to us asking for a Statue of Our Lady of Television in hopes that it might persuade his parents to buy one. We hope that you, who do own the television set, will do likewise write to us asking for the statue of OUR LADY OF TELEVISION, enclosing your offering of \$3 for the Holy Father's Mission.

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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Looking Back

When School Bell Rang In The Good Old Days

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

When the school bell rings for children of this era on September 8, conditions for them will be in marked contrast to what they were for us "old-timers" at the turn of the century.

First of all there were no automobiles. We either walked both ways, twice a day, or if necessary rode in the street cars of the era. Old St. Patrick's grammar school on Brown St. seemed an aged building shortly after 1900. We were told of the Christian Brothers teaching our parents there.

Besides the Sisters of St. Joseph who taught us, Fathers Thomas J. Hickey and George V. Burns, rector and assistant rector of the Cathedral directed our spiritual guidance.

AN ANNUAL EVENT looked forward to in the cold weather in the old school was a "freeze-out day" when the heating system succumbed to the cold and the school was closed.

One of the handicaps in getting to school on time for Cathedral school children and seminarians attending St. Andrew's was old Brown St. canal bridge, which often stuck as a boat passed at school time. Teachers weren't always sure the bridge was up when the excuse was given.

Discipline today may be effective but its severity in the "old days" did no pupil harm and may have resulted in future successes. One incident recalled was when one boy was caught chewing gum—he was made to stand in front of the class all day with said gum pasted on his forehead.

Nine years were required in grammar school in those days. Secondary training was given by priests, sisters and lay teachers in Cathedral High School adjoining building facing on Frank St. (now Plymouth Ave. North). When an overenthusiastic student in those days irked a fellow student, the latter did not always wait for faculty action but dropped the offender in the watering-trough in front of Brennan's "filling station."

IN OUR GRAMMAR school days, Sister Cornelia held sway as principal for many years—and was long remembered by graduates whatever their success in after life. When Sister Cornelia needed money for the school she knew where to get it from "her boys" in business downtown.

Our class had Sister Hilary for four years—second through fifth grades. Sisters, Hubertine, Loyola, Josephine, Adelaide and Gregory are recalled by our contemporaries. Sister Inez also long honored after being transferred once gave this writer credit for judgement—an observance long recalled and sustaining in discouraging moments.

In the high school, co-educational then, facilities were hardly equal to today's secondary schools. The building still standing on Plymouth Ave. North at Brown was made to do, however. Lunches had to be served in the old hall where students claimed, and it was holly denied, that the caterer Lawrence "Bridge" Weber had tied an ox tail to a string and pulled it through the water to make soup.

WEBER OPERATED the candy store opposite the school in an old-fashioned basement store building he had taken over from "Grandma" Weber, long an institution to children of that day. "Bridge" who was so dubbed because of a New Yorker in the news at the time could handle the students with the strength of a school principal and any who got out of hand—tossing mustard or some other playful act—soon were put in their places—or on the street.

St. Andrew's Seminary on the site now occupied by Eastman-Kodak Co. on North Plymouth Ave. graduated many young men who as priests or now laymen recall the long walks to and from school, the attraction of Weber's and the athletic facilities of old Cathedral Hall.

MEMORIES ARE many of those days and many incidents and personalities may be overlooked here. One thing that is recalled from those days and has its application today is Father James B. Keenan's daily query of each student—"Did you say your Rosary today?"

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AT THE CENACLE

Spiritual exercises will be conducted at the Cenacle, Retreat House, 693 East Avenue, Rochester 7, during the month of September as follows:

- RETREATS:**
September 4-7 Labor Day General — Rev. James Eber, C.S.B.
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September 18-20 Engaged & Young Married Women — Rev. J. L. Hochman, S.J.
September 25-27 General Parishes — Rev. John Hayes, S.J.
NOCTURNAL ADORATION:
1st Wednesday, September 2-7:30 p.m. to morning Mass at 6:45 a.m.

The Weekly Note from Mr. Pepsi

Father Flanagan's statement, "There is no such thing as a bad boy" is true. It's bad adults.

My philosophy friend says he has one of the answers: "If people kept their promises there wouldn't be so much trouble."

When a parent promises a child, "You do that and I'll spank you," and the child does not get punished for the forbidden act, the parent has failed. The youngster later thinks he can get away with anything.

In the past three decades we have seen treaties between nations become worthless because one nation was without honor.

A promise is a promise. Far too much trouble in the world today comes from the fact that promise-keeping seems to be old-fashioned!

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German Youth On Peace March

Berlin — (RNS) — Some 3,000 West German youth of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fulda, which reaches far into the Soviet Zone, marched along the East German border in a "pilgrimage for peace and German unification" as Catholic young people throughout West Germany observed a "Day of Sacrifice for the Soviet Zone Youth." The observance was sponsored by the Federation of Roman Catholic Youth in Germany, whose announced objective for 1959 is aiding young people in the Soviet Zone and young refugees in West Germany. Sign in photo (left) reads: Attention, zonal border 100 yards.



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First Semester

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| Sept. Tuesday | 8 First Semester begins |
| Monday | 28 Diocesan Teachers' Conference |
| Tuesday | 29 Diocesan Teachers' Conference |
| Oct. Monday | 12 Community Teachers' Conference |
| | 25-30 Open House Week |
| Nov. Wednesday | 11 Veterans' Day—Holiday |
| Wednesday | 25 Thanksgiving Recess begins at Noon |
| Monday | 30 School Reopens |
| Dec. Tuesday | 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Holiday |
| Wednesday | 23 Christmas Recess begins at Noon |
| Monday | 4 Schools Reopen |
| Monday | 25 Diocesan Examinations |
| Friday | 29 Intra-Semester Holiday |

Second Semester

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| Feb. Monday | 1 Second Semester Begins |
| Monday | 22 Washington's Birthday—Holiday |
| April Monday | 4 Diocesan Wide Registration |
| Tuesday | 5 Diocesan Wide Registration |
| Wednesday | 13 Easter Recess begins at Noon |
| Monday | 25 Schools Reopen |
| May Thursday | 26 Ascension Thursday—Holiday |
| Monday | 30 Memorial Day—Holiday |
| June Wednesday | 15 Diocesan Examinations |
| Friday | 24 School Year Closes |

No Advantage Seen In Khrushchev Visit

Chicago — (NC) — There is "no advantage at all" to the free world in Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's coming visit to the United States, Giacomo Cardinal Lercaro said here.

The Archbishop of Bologna, said communists will be the only ones to gain from the Khrushchev visit.

HE PREDICTED the Reds would make the Soviet Premier's visit to the Soviet Union and Poland, and U. S. tour the occasion of a propaganda barrage designed to sell their "peaceful co-existence" line.

Cardinal Lercaro, internationalist in this country, said he does not take the same attitude toward Vice President Nixon's recent visit to the Soviet Union, as he does toward Mr. Khrushchev's trip.

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