

Christmas Seals Check TB Cases

Tom R. is probably not a man was Skid Row. He is an alcoholic, you know, or would want to be. He walked a treadmill of know. His life has been a storm bars, flophouses, and jails. of physical and mental anguish. His future is dark and frightening. Now Tom is in a new, strange environment. He is a patient at the tuberculosis hospital. His far-advanced TB was discovered in a routine X-ray check at the county jail, a case-finding service that the TB association, supervised by Christmas Seals, years than he can remember, helped to set up.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

TO PRIESTS: Nothing gives greater inspiration than the example of one of our own who truly burns out and is burned for the sake of Our Lord. A priest in Africa started a parish in 1923 with 500 souls; today he has 40,000. This increase was not due to an influx of population, but conversions. He now has three assistants. Baptisms average ten a day; on Sundays the pastor and the three curates distribute Communion for one hour; one priest spends 3 hours every morning hearing confessions, 4 hours every early afternoon, and 5 hours in the evening — eleven hours a day! The parishioners average walking time to Mass is two hours. The pastor has three day retreats three times a year, for six district groups.

There are two extreme unctions a day and the priest needs an hour or two on an average to administer the Sacraments. Every Monday there are between 40-50 babies baptized. The parish has 3,000 converts under instruction that is, 750 per priest. Forty catechists assist the priests. Each priest averages 210 confessions a day. But there are few marriage break-ups to repair; only 167 out of 9,197 marriages.


Could we take such a schedule? Would we ask the Bishop for a change? Our answer to these questions lies in our willingness to share the burdens of our brothers in Christ. This is only one instance; there are thousands of others! We do not know how many priests will read this column, but in a future column to priests we will tell you how many sent a sacrifice of at least a dime to the Holy Father, and how many promised prayers. Your sacrifice, as you know, goes to the Holy Father; that is what happens to all the money sent to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU to M.R.R. for \$5 "Honoring the Souls in Purgatory of my family, and also to thank God for a great favor obtained and asking for another" . . . to Mrs. R.K. for \$9 "This and a rosary Novena for the Missions hoping it will help the nine members in our family spiritually" . . . to J.S. for \$25 "I do oil painting as a hobby and received this money for a portrait I painted. It is a thrill to see how with each stroke of your brush the resemblance of the person gradually appears before you on canvas. However, that thrill cannot be compared with the satisfaction of knowing that the enclosed will help bring the likeness of Christ into the souls of the poor" . . . to J.S.F. for \$10 "I just received my driver's license after several lessons to the tune of \$5 per hour. For each lesson I am going to send an equal amount to your Mission fund. Enclosed are the first two lesson installments, more to follow" . . . to W.R.K. for \$5 "This is truly a sacrifice because I've been on strike from the steel mills for three months" . . . to Mr. J.P.W. for \$5 "My good deed for the day" . . . to Mrs. R.E. for \$1 "Please accept it for God's Work."

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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 1, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

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Braves Schoendienst Meets Cardinal

New York—(RNS)—Milwaukee Braves second baseman Red Schoendienst, who recently recovered from tuberculosis, shakes hands with Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at the prelate's residence. Red's wife holds an autographed baseball which was a gift to the cardinal. The popular infielder is honorary chairman of the 1959 Christmas seal campaign of the National Tuberculosis Association.



Parish Calls In Germany Factory

Munich—(RNS)—Father Melnar Kaiser talks to a group of workers in a small factory near Munich. The 44-year-old priest has spent the last six years in an effort to bring religion closer to the common laborer. During that time, Father Kaiser has joined the workers in small industries in the Bavarian Forest, speaking to them during lunch hour, holding Mass at a construction site or amid factory machines, and hearing confessions.

LA Smut Fight In Top Court

Los Angeles—(NC)—Los Angeles City Attorney Roger Arnebergh disclosed here that he quoted a Catholic bishop in asking the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold a Los Angeles ordinance against the sale of obscene literature.

"WHY SHOULD we not keep poison away from minds as well as from stomachs?" was the quotation from Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York that Mr. Arnebergh, a Presbyterian, used.

The city attorney recently argued before the Supreme Court in Washington that a city has the right to protect its moral as well as its physical health.

The case, on which decision is still pending, is Eliazar Smith vs. the people of the State of California. Mr. Smith is a bookseller here.


Mr. Arnebergh argued that the city ordinance is constitutionally sound in holding a bookseller responsible for the contents of the books he sells.



You'll Have New Mom, Dad

Kansas City—(RNS)—A little boy named Mike and a little girl named Mary Angela, who are "alumna" of St. Anthony's Home for Infants in Kansas City, Mo., listen as Sister Mary Plus, head of the home, tells how they were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Magers of this city. This picture was taken on the 60th anniversary of the home when the Magers, and other foster parents and children returned for a visit.

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Rabbi Deplores Profane Sabbath

Miami Beach—(RNS)—Synagogues have become the victims of the five-day week, one of the nation's leading rabbis said here.

"The temple, where services are held on Friday evening, must compete with the theater, the movies, concerts and the bowling alley," observed Dr. Maurice N. Eisenrath of New York, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Clergy Warned On Politics Role

Leopoldville—(NC)—The Bishops of the Belgian Congo have issued a statement forbidding all priests to take part in political meetings or to hold political office.

The statement was issued as the campaign preceding this African nation's first general election in December got under way.

As a first step toward eventual independence Congress will vote in December for members of territorial and communal bodies. Later provincial councils will be set up and in 1960 two legislative and an executive assembly will be established as the central government of the Congo.

Pope John's Vatican revolution

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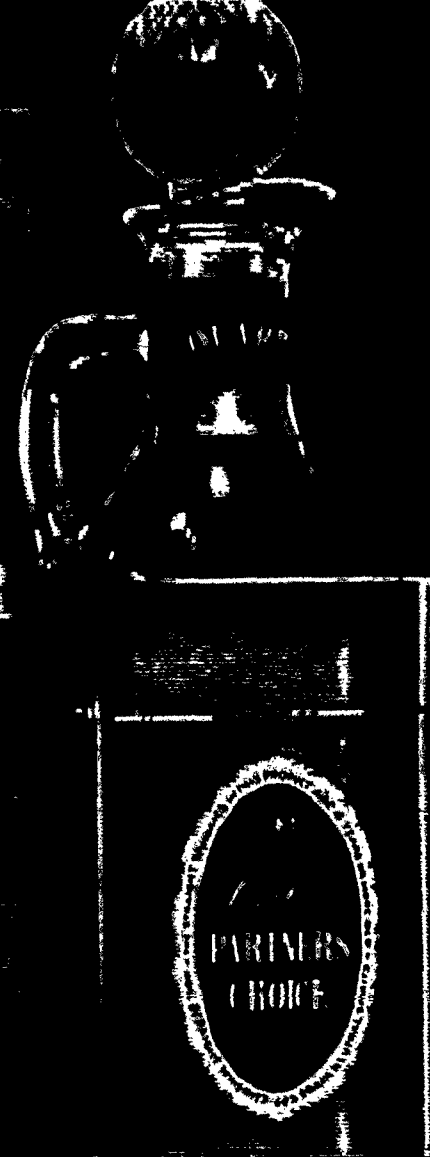
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