

Muslim Hails Missions Work

Sokoto—(RNS)—Sir. Abubakar, the Sultan of Sokoto, head of all West Africa's orthodox Muslims, has hailed the medical work of Christian missionaries in a goodwill message. Leprosy sufferers, afraid of the 195 patients discharged from the Sudan Interior Mission's Leprosy Isolation Center at Morogoro, Sokoto Province.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

If all the aims the U.S. gave last year to the Holy Father were distributed equally to each missionary in Africa, Asia and elsewhere on a day to day basis, how much would each one receive?

70c a day! With this he would have to live, travel, build churches, schools, leper colonies, orphanages, etc.

There are two ways of looking at this: one at the little bit of money the poor of the world receive; the other is at our spiritual condition. They are actually bound together like the concave and convex sides of a saucer.

Most love starts in intensity and then settles into peace, whether this be the love of husband and wife or the love of the soul and God. The beloved is gone, taken for granted; the Eucharist is there if we want to receive it; the husband or wife is there if the other wishes to manifest affection.

The problem is how to rise from mediocrity and dullness? The law is clear, no one rises from a lower to a higher degree of love without sacrifice. The Blessed Mother did not enter her love until she had passed through a Calvary; only then did she add to her title "Mother of Jesus" the glorious one of "The Mother of Mankind." Even the Love of Our Lord did not diffuse itself on Pentecost until after His Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension.

Our inner peace, our unity with the Trinity in our soul, our joys do not increase by novenas in which we ask for something; the increase comes from giving something—the suppression of our ego, the denial of some pleasure, even legitimate, the hacking away at our selfishness. Try it. The next novena you make, promise Our Lord to deny yourself something each day of the novena in order to send the equivalent to the Vicar of Christ. Instead of reading out of a little prayer book, speak to Our Lord in your own words: tell Him you want to love Him more; tell Him you are making a sacrifice for the Propagation of the Faith in order that you may empty yourself; beg Him to take over that extra little spark in your soul. By being thoughtless of self your request will be more readily granted. At the end of the novena, send your daily sacrifice to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. All you give goes to the Holy Father. He makes the distribution to the Missions.

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

OSAGE IS AMERICA

With his world-wide experience the bishop has probably changed his seminary slogan to "OSAGE IS THE WORLD."

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LITURGICAL NEAR EAST WEEK ST. BARBARA (Dec. 4), ST. SABBAS (Dec. 5) and ST. NICHOLAS (Dec. 6) remind us that the MOST IMPORTANT WORK of the missionaries who continue the work of the great Eastern Saints is the OFFERING OF MASSES. YOUR OFFERINGS HELP THEM TO HELP THEIR REFUGEE CHILDREN. A Mass in honor of OUR LADY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Dec. 8) would be a fine gift for a BIRTHDAY or for a SICK FRIEND.

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First Russian Rite Church Consecrated

Montreal—(RNS)—Clergymen who participated at the consecration in Montreal of the first Catholic Russian Rite church in North America are shown here. The Rite's other sanctuaries on this continent are all small chapels. On the extreme left is Archbishop Andrew Rogosh, chaplain to Russian Catholics in New York, and assistant secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, who officiated at the ceremony as the representative of Paul-Emile Cardinal Leger, Archbishop of Montreal. Father Paul Mailleux, S.J., of New York is at the extreme right. Photo was taken by Stephen Degian of St. Michael's Russian parish in New York.

Making Marriage Click

Holy Together

By MSGR. IRVING A. DeBLANC
(Director, Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C.)

"We generally hear that we should not violate certain commandments in married life. That is quite negative. . . . We belong to an organization of several hundred couples and use your column at our meetings. Can you give us more ideas which would help us understand and develop family holiness?" Ray and Eleanor.

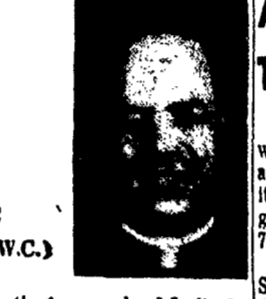
All over the U.S.A. couples are calling for more help in family holiness. Your plea, Ray and Eleanor, is a sign of our times. We will devote several columns to this subject.

You need to understand sanctity before you can live it, and so it is good that you clamor for faith based on reason. Spirituality must always be based on dogma or it becomes a fad. We will consider this spirituality as God's teachings. You obviously will never be satisfied with "poetry." You want straight truth from God and His Church.

Because of different problems in past times our theology books busily stressed the divine institution of marriage and defended the morals of wedlock. We can expect now to see the dogma and spirituality of marriage given new stress.

There is much in common between divine and human love. This link with God in a couple's life is a mystery. Reason alone will not give all the answers—in this we will move from reflection to contemplation, and often prayer, only ventures into this sphere.

There is a simple, compact



Aged Must Thank God

Vatican City—(NC)—Those who have been given the gift of a long life must thank God for it. Pope John XXIII said at his general audience held on his 78th birthday.

"Seventy years are a lot. Seventy-five years are a lot and dangerous. But poor John who has 78," he said. The Holy Father also said that there must be mutual respect between the young and old.

"The old must respect the young," he said, "and the young the old. . . . All are destined to search for and enter the gates of Paradise."

TV Program On Alcoholism

New York—(NC)—A study of alcoholism as a disease will be the subject of the Sunday, Dec. 8, "Lamp Unto My Feet" television program to be broadcast from 10 to 10:30 a.m. on WVEI-TV, Channel 10.

Richmond Tops \$4 Million

Richmond—(NC)—The goal of \$4,500,000 set for a diocesan fund campaign for construction of a minor seminary and parish assistance has been exceeded by \$190,642 before the drive is scheduled to end.

BOOK SHELF

They Look At Us

By SISTER MARGARET TERESA
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American Catholics: A Protestant-Jewish View, by Stringfellow Barr. M. Marty, R. McAfee Brown, Arthur Cohen, Rabbi Gilbert, and Alyn Robinson. Afterword by Gustave Weigel, S.J. Ed. by Philip Schaffer. With biogs. of the contributors. Sheed '59. 235 pp. \$3.75.

If there were a Book-of-the-Year award for a major contribution to the happiness and solidarity of American citizens, this book of Rev. Gustave Weigel's would be in line for it. If every public library and every school library had five copies and advertised the fact, the U.S.A. would benefit.

We can't maintain unneighborly prejudices and suspicions when we know the truth. Truth is a weed-killer.

Father Weigel, knowing that we are slower than European Catholics to engage in "the great conversation" on religion, asked these notable Protestants and Jews to tell us in charity just how we look to them.

This would clear the decks so to say; we'd see ourselves as "others" see us, and we'd see them from their point of view. He did this "for two solid reasons which no Catholic can ignore": one, that the greater mingling consequent on two world wars will only be fruitful and pleasant if we "correct any angularities" in our behavior toward these of other faiths; and the other, the urging of Pope John XXIII, his ecumenical action.

"He wants Catholics active in this movement. . . . We must know and be known. Mutual understanding is the indispensable basis for dialogue."

The persons called upon to write these chapters did not find it easy. "It would have been easier to refuse," Candor may hurt, and they have no wish to hurt. "They are friends of the Catholic community," says Father Weigel. "They do not claim to have God's view of us. . . . It has required courage and true friendship to accept this invitation."

THE CATHOLIC reader's first reaction is, I think, one of relief and real joy. He knows where he stands. He sees that if he's proud to be "spiritually a Semite," he can't expect a Jew to be glad of it; that if he looks in reverence on the Jews as cousin to the Most Important Person and longs to share that Person with him, he must face disappointment.

But he understands the Jew's

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ney Murray John La Farge, Walter Ong. He meets the Protestant view of natural law (about which John Sheerin, S.P., said recently in his column that "What is needed is for Catholic and Protestant theologians to engage in fruitful discussion of the very concept of natural law itself.")

Remember Your Dead

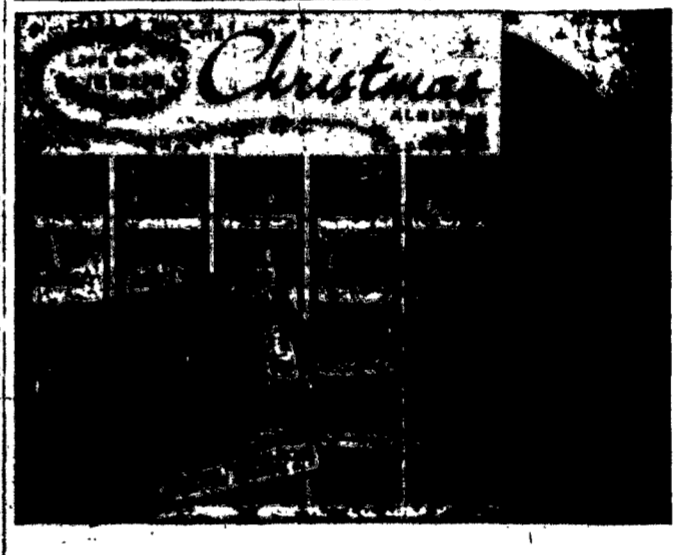
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