

Witch Doctor Baptized

Asia — (NC) — The most reverend by a lay apostle. A large "witch doctor" of the congregation, scion of Bishop Munya Kruh district, in this Bevora is the house of the church. He has been baptised with water for the solemnity by Bishop Joseph G. Bevora. Baptism ceremony.

EV. D. of Asia — The Bishop performed the other villages in the Manava area in the village of Djemch Kruh area and confirmed over where the witch doctor was confirmed 600 persons.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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The Holy Father is in his private chapel every morning at four o'clock. From then until eight, he is at prayer, meditation, spiritual reading and Mass. Scripture says that "he who seeks Me early will find Me." A man of prayer relies more on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit than on the suggestions of men. After his busy morning, when the audiences with congregations and officials and visitors are finished, there is a brief visit to the Blessed Sacrament and after lunch, a Rosary said aloud with his secretary; then Vespers and Compline.

When the afternoon work is completed, another visit to the Blessed Sacrament is made and another Rosary is said aloud after dinner, more work and study, and then another hour or more is spent in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, at which time a third Rosary is said. One gets the impression of tremendous "Incarceration sanctity"; that is, of Divinity working through humanity; of God using man as an instrument of guidance and direction.

Perhaps never even on the face of a mother looking into the face of her new-born babe was there ever such love, affection and maternal pride as one sees in a recent photograph of His Holiness embracing one of the Negro bishops from Africa. A woman who brings forth a child has joy, but greater is the joy of the Vicar of Christ who has brought forth a bishop.

With such kindness and guidance bestowed on us, should we not as Catholics do a little better than the 27 cents a year we give to His Holiness for all the Missions of the world? If the Missions of Africa and Asia do not merit your help, at least his sanctity does. Whatever you send the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Father's own mission society, will be sent directly to him.

GOD LOVE YOU to "An Adept Listener" for \$2. This contribution is for a favor received by myself and my husband. He is not a Catholic," . . . to G.B. for \$1. Our Lord has blessed me with a religious vocation and the means to pursue it. I hope this dollar will in some way help another less fortunate seminarist fit his goal" . . . to F.A.R. for \$1. "I am still collecting newspapers for the Missions. Here is another dollar. I will continue to send the proceeds for the poor of the world" . . . to E.M. for \$5. "I know this \$5 is not much with all those poor people needing help, but perhaps you can help one child or older person with it. I am eighteen years old and was born in Germany. I remember little about the war except that the food we had to eat was what is fed to dogs here. Now that I am in this country, I want to help someone. I want someone to share my happiness with."

The suffering in China, the homeless refugees in Vietnam, the sick and poor in Africa are yours to pray for on the decades of a WORLDMISSION ROSARY. Each decade of this rosary is colored to represent one of the major missionary areas. At you pray, your spirit intentions travel from green for Africa, to white for Europe, blue for Oceania, yellow for Asia and red for the Americas. To receive this rosary, send a \$2 offering along with your request.

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.

MANY VILLAGES IN INDIA,

where there are Catholic populations of substantial size, lack Churches. The Bishop of Trichur realising the financial impossibility of having a Church in each one of these villages, is trying, whenever and whenever he can, to erect one Church to serve two settlements.

FULINKARA and **CHAFFANKKUERI** are two adjacent towns where he would like to have such an arrangement. In these two communities there are about 1400 Catholics. \$2000 would erect a suitable Church for them. If each one of these people was able to give the equivalent of one dollar and a half in our money, there would be more than sufficient funds to build such a primitive, however, that they have no money. Would you help to erect a Church in this particular town, with a donation of any size?

A SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE IN THOUSANDS OF MASSES, either in the "memento of the living" or in the "memento of the dead"—this is given to all members of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Why not enroll yourself, or a relative, or a friend?

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Caledonia

St. Columba's 75th Jubilee

St. Columba's Church with its gold cross sparkling in the blue sky was filled with parishioners and guests to mark the parish's 75th jubilee Sunday, June 12.

Bishop Kearney offered the 8 a.m. anniversary Mass and gave the sermon.

HE DESCRIBED the parish tabernacle as a "magnet which has drawn men to God" for 75 years. He termed the quiet church atop the hill as the "cathedral of Caledonia" where the Saviour in His Eucharistic Presence aids souls in their quest for heaven.

Rev. William J. Devereaux, pastor, paid tribute to his people for the faith and piety characteristic of the parish.

St. Columba's began as an "Irish church" in the center of an area with strong Scotch traditions.

Southern from Perthshire settled the Caledonia area as early as 1790. The Irish immigrants began arriving in the late 1830s but Catholics had to travel to nearby Scottsville, Mumfordville, until Rev. George J. Elsler, Scottsville pastor, built the Caledonia church in 1853.

The cornerstone was put in place June 10 and the dedication of the completed structure was held Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day, with Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, Rochester's first bishop presiding.

The parish patron, St. Columba, was the apostle of old Caledonia (Scotland) and, like most of the parishioners in new Caledonia, Irish by birth.

For four years, St. Columba was a mission church of the Scottsville parish but in 1859, Father Elsler was named Caledonia's pastor. He was also given charge of St. Patrick's Church, Mumford, the little frame building erected in 1854 and still serving Catholics in that village.

Father Elsler—a German pastor with an Irish flock—established the traditions of the parish and served the people for a quarter of a century, from 1859 to 1923. He was called away to St. Bernard's Seminary to serve as pro-ctor from 1901 to 1903 but then returned to his Caledonia parish.

Father Bernard Gommeringer was the interim pastor. When Father Elsler returned to Caledonia, he arranged for the purchase of additional property to expand the parish cemetery. He also added a wing to the rectory, originally built in 1866, added a vestibule, baptistery and three porches to the church in 1912 and a larger sacristy in 1917. He also wanted to build a parochial school, a dream still unrealized.

For seven years, 1907 to 1914, the pastor edited a monthly paper, Our Parish Register, which recorded significant events of the parish and guided the people in the practice of their faith.

In the 1890s Italian immigrants began to settle in the Caledonia area and Father Elsler, unable to speak their language, brought Italian-speaking priests to St. Columba's for sermons, missions and confessions.

In its 75 years, St. Columba's has had several organizations for the laity, including a Piaro Club, but the two with the largest number are the Holy Name Society for the men and the Rosary Confraternity for the women.

Father Elsler was firmly opposed to cigarette smoking which he considered harmful but not sinful and excessive drinking, a widespread evil of that era. He spearheaded a community program to outlaw sale of alcoholic drinks in both Caledonia and Mumford.

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Pope Wants His Picture

Detroit — (NC) — According to the appointment book, Tony Spina's picture-taking audience with the Pope was to take at least five minutes, but not more than 10.

It lasted 105 minutes.

Aided by a letter of introduction from Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit, Mr. Spina was granted the special audience with Pope John XXIII at the Vatican. Mr. Spina is the chief photographer for the Detroit Free Press.

The privilege of taking photographs inside the Vatican Palace is ordinarily restricted to the Pope's personal photographer.

As he was leaving the Pope bid the photographer with a gesture and said: "Would you

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Bishop Kearney designated Father Selingen to compile a diocesan honor roll, a task he continued when he was transferred to be chaplain of the Craig Colony at Seneca in 1944. He died soon after, the war ended, Oct. 12, 1945.

Rev. William Devreux, present pastor, was named to the Caledonia and Mumford parishes in 1944. He counts over 700 Catholic families in Caledonia and one of his chief tasks is the religious instruction of the children. In this he is assisted by parishioners and, during the summer months, by two Sisters of St. Joseph who conduct a special vacation school.

A burial vault has been constructed in the cemetery, the rectory redecorated and the church extensively remodeled.

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