

## SWISS Mark Mission Year

St. Gall (NC)—The Catholic First phase of the year's program in Switzerland has gone through its first year and launched a "Mission Year" to inform the people about the needs of the world, through the press, radio, and television throughout the world and the activities of the Catholic missions in underdeveloped countries.

The special year, which was first, The second phase consists officially opened. Mission of setting Advent aside as a Sunday, was placed under the period of special public and protection of Bishop Joseph's prayer for the missions Hesler of St. Gall by the Swiss and the missionaries throughout the world.

## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Dear Friends:  
The sum total of love in the world has been increased by your kindness to the poor, hungry and lame in Mission Land every time you make a day of MISSION SUNDAY. We want to make that poor and lame the rich poor in spirit. To feed a man's body without love him is to treat him as a beast; just to feed him and leave him, as you have done, is to enrich yourself with the blessing of God.

To receive a stranger's gift could be humiliating even to the poor who are accustomed to you and I of their personal dignity. But in response to our appeal, we sent your gift because of love and thus treated the poor and suffering as your friends. Whether you know it or not, behind them stands the Lord, and one day you will hear Him say: "I was hungry and you gave Me to eat; naked and you covered me; sick and you visited me."

God loves You for your sacrifice and for seeing that the burden of the poor and suffering in the Missions is their need, whereas the burden of us in America is our abundance. You have carried the need that weighs down the poor man, so now he carries the superfluity that weighed you down. By sharing a portion of his distress through love, you will enjoy a share in His privilege, which is to invoke God's blessing on your charitable heart.

Your sacrifice not in response to our MISSION SUNDAY appeal rejoices us, not just because you have seen the needs of the poor with the eyes of the flesh, but because with your inward eye you have seen Christ in them: "I was hungry and you gave Me to eat." Because Christ was poor and needy, it was right that He should enter into fellowship with those like Him; but it was also just that we who aid the poor should see Him as receiving our gift and therefore prepare for His love and blessing.

If we had asked merely for a gift you would have given what was YOURS; but because we asked for sacrifice out of love for God, you gave what you saw was HIS own. Thus you helped to remedy by returning their want, and you helped yourself by acknowledging that all gifts come from Him. I can THANK you for the double favor, but the Lord will BLESS you for both. Once it was shown to be God's cause, both your heart and your hand were ready. God Love!

Each decade of the WORLDMISSION ROSARY is a different color (Red, Green, Yellow, Blue, White), to symbolize each of the five continents and to remind you to pray for the suffering of the world. Your offering of \$2 and your request we will send you this WORLDMISSION ROSARY so that you can always help the poor of the world through your prayers.

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 Preparation of the Faith, 305 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y., or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, New York.

## A HOUSE ALREADY OLD

In 1900, was purchased the property by Catholics of the Capuchin Fathers in MINNEAPOLIS. Transformed into a church and rectory, it served as the Capuchin Catholic Cathedral from 1906 until 1932. When the new Cathedral was built in 1932, in the northern section of MINNEAPOLIS, the old make-shift one continued to serve as the parochial church for the inhabitants of the older part of the city. The Capuchin Fathers of MINNEAPOLIS numbered 200 and two parishes are served to care for them—the Cathedral parish in the northern section of the city and the old parish in the older section. The old "make-shift" is near old Lake and a new church and rectory have been built. \$400,000 will cover the cost of these two structures. The people will help raise some of this money themselves but outside help is needed to gather the complete amount.

## THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

GIVING THANKS at Thanksgiving-time fills the minds of most of us, at least briefly, with thoughts of all the good things that God has given us. We begin then, too, to think about what we will give others at Christmas-time.

GIVING GIFTS at Christmas-time, or at any time, externally manifests our love to those to whom we give the gifts. The feast of Christ's birth is especially the time of giving, for we more easily consecrate them than at any other time of the year, of God's love for man, acting as His Divine Son.

GIVING NECESSITIES to the Poor of the Holy Land has been the special concern of the CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION since the partition of Palestine, twelve years ago. Each Christmas since then, Palestinian families in camps and institutions of mercy sheltering aged, orphaned, sick and crippled Palestinians have received gifts made possible by our benefactors.

WE APPEAL to all of you, who will be thanking God for so much this Thanksgiving Day, to send us a gift for the PALESTINIAN REFUGEES, so that they will thank Almighty God for the material care He is giving them through you.

A GIFT of \$10.00 will help substantially in bringing food, clothing, shelter—the basic necessities—for the people of the Land of the First Christmas. Could you send a donation now, so that we will be able to supply these things at Christmas?

POVERTY OF SPIRIT, humility, compassion, justice, mercy, purity of heart, tranquillity, willingness to suffer—these were qualities of all the saints; possessed by their founders and followed by Christ, who would invite His disciples to do the same for these characteristics of saints. ANTHONY PUTHADATHY and THOMAS PUTHENPURAVAL, successors to SAINT JOSEPH'S SEMINARY, INDIA, and SISTER CLOTHILDA and SISTER PIUS MARIA, novices of the ALEXANDER BROTHERS who are working in INDIA, West Bengal, Bihar and Assam, these brothers are dedicated to the poor. If you could "adopt" a brother or a sister you will help continue to bring them up even on the, living by the motto, with their own community closer to Christ, spend in the end of making a contribution \$300 in the cost of running a service.

PLEASE REMEMBER GOD AND HIS MISSIONS IN YOUR WILL.

**Near East Missions**  
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Rev. Paul P. Tracy, Vice President  
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## Recaps At Random

# Every Vote Counts. Be Sure You Vote Tuesday

By GERARD E. SEMERY  
Editor, Central California Register

Next Tuesday, all eligible citizens of the United States will be called to the polls to make their choice of the next president of the United States.

It is a call made to every government under which we have freely chosen to live. It is a call made to us, strictly speaking, not by the people, but by the constitution which gives us all rights to choose. It is a call issued to us not frivolously, not carelessly, nor casually, but out of urgent necessity.

The American voter is one of the most powerful persons in the world. In his hands lies not only the future of his great Republic, but, probably, also, the future of freedom everywhere.

This coming Sunday is being observed in many places as "American Heritage Day." It is sponsored by the nonpartisan American Heritage Foundation and its purpose is to stress informed voting as a religious and moral obligation and the duty to preserving the spiritual values of our American Heritage.

There is no doubt that the heart of the nation is in the hands of the people of this great nation as we approach the election.

Our obligation in this regard is by no means light. It would be deplorable if we arrived at the stage where people in a democracy

are religious and moral concept—the supreme worth of the individual person created in the image and the likeness of God. We believe he has inalienable rights no power on earth can take from him. In the light of this, every vote counts. Be it from the mightiest or the most humble of our citizens. At the ballot box, everyone is equal. No one gets the better deal. Everyone has the same rights and the same duties to perform.

We Catholics, especially, have the obligation to vote. We also have the duty to vote the right way. This will exclude voting along religious lines—like, despite the obvious prevention by the Bishops in the last few weeks of this campaign.

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