GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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While we were in South America preaching a mission, a bishop told us of a conversation he had with Father Mateo. Father Mateo was a well known and saintly priest who through the world preached the enthronization of the Sacred Heart in homes. It seemed that one day a nun came to him saying that she had had revelations from the Sacred Heart. Father Mateo thought he would test her by directing: "If this is so, ask Our Lord to tell you a sin of my youth."

A few weeks later, when the nun returned, Father Mateo inquired if the Sacred Heart had revealed to her a sin of his youth. The nun answered: "The Sacred Heart said: 'What I have forgiven I have forgotten. But there is one thing I shall never forget and that is that when Father Mateo was in the first year of the seminary, he had such an ardent love of Me that he burned in his breast My Holy Name'." It was true. Father Mateo had to admit, and the authenticity of her revelation was confirmed.

The number of small statues and colored pictures of the Sacred Heart one sees in the poor homes in Mission lands is a sign of hope for the world. They mean that the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord is the source of grace, redemption, blessing and resignation even among the trials of life.

How different is the hatred of God and redemption in a Khrushchev who at the United Nations meeting said that he was there "not by the grace of God." In that ugly cameo of negation is the spirit of hell.

In the face of this we wondered if we could not set up thousands of little chapels in Mission lands dedicated to the Sacred Heart. We can put up a chapel for as little as $2500. Do you know ten people who would make a sacrifice for the spread of the love of the Redemptive Heart of Christ? In South America we met one professor who received $50,000 from a foundation in the United States to spread Communist doctrine. Shall Baal have benefactors and Christ have none?

Help us in this placarding of the love of Christ in our Mission lands. We ask only that you allow the Holy Father to decide where the chapels will be built. OUR GOAL IS 260 CHAPELS IN HONOR OF THE SACRED HEART BEFORE JANUARY 1. May the Sacred Heart bless you for helping to save others and thus save yourself. Whatever you offer in sacrifice will be returned as a blessing upon yourself. Send your offering to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York.

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

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At Jesuit Rome School

Latest Research On Scriptures

By JAMES C. O'NEILL

Rome — (NC) — Two hundred priests are pouring over the texts of the world's best seller at the Church's largest and foremost center of advanced biblical studies here.

The Jesuit-operated Pontifical Biblical Institute has just passed its 50-year mark. Despite its short history, the Biblicum, as it is commonly known in Rome, occupies an important position in the international field of biblical studies.

The institute was established by Pope St. Pius X in 1909. The Pope wanted to erect an institution that would do two things: provide scientifically prepared professors and scholars of the sacred scriptures and work for the general improvement of the level of Catholic scholarship in the field of biblical studies.

In its first 50 years, the Biblicum has lived up to its expectations.

It is the largest single source of scriptural professors and scholars in the Church today.

The only other international biblical center conducted under Church auspices is the Dominicans' institute in Jordan. The Biblicum also maintains a center in the Holy Land, limited however to graduate students who have completed two years at the pontifical institute.

Housed in a somber, granite building next door to the Jesuit-conducted Pontifical Gregorian University, the Biblicum is a self contained unit.

About 30 Jesuits comprise its faculty. Its student body includes more than 200 priests from dozens of nations and more than 40 religious orders as well as many diocesan priests.

The institute offers two courses of studies. One is strictly limited to biblical studies. For this all candidates must have a degree in theology. The other part, specializing in ancient oriental studies, eliminates the theology requirement because it is more general in content.

Without going into the number of courses required of each student in strictly biblical subjects, one can gain an idea of the workload of the institute by examining the language requirements.

The institute gives courses in biblical Greek, Hebrew and requires students to elect one other ancient language, such as Akkadian, Sumerian or Coptic.

Besides these, the Biblicum requires its students to be examined in French, German and English. These languages are not taught at the institute but are expected to be acquired by the student on his own time since they are the primary languages in which most modern biblical studies are written.

Of course, all classes are taught in Latin, since it is the only common language that priests from Vietnam, Brazil, the United States and Italy have.

This year's curriculum requires students to take 18 hours of scheduled courses during the first semester. This is almost double the requirements of graduate schools elsewhere, but is necessitated by shifting faculty arrangements.

If the students face stiff demands, so does the faculty. Professors of the Biblicum are not expected only to teach. The institute expects of each of its men continued research with constant publication in learned journals. The institute itself publishes three reviews and its faculty yearly conducts a number of lectures, seminars and study courses outside of the normal academic schedule.

The stress on research and the exchange of ideas, theories and discoveries is particularly important in the field of biblical studies. For it is the field in which Catholic, Protestant and Jewish experts probably come most in contact in matters of faith.

Biblical scholars are few — particularly at the rarified level of the scientific expert — and as a result each article produced by a scholar is read critically and judiciously by his fellows.

Among the faculty of the Biblicum there are four American Jesuits: Fathers Mitchell Dahood of the New England province, William Moran of the Detroit province, Francis McCool of the New York province, and Robert North of the Missouri province.

In the past 50 years, the field of biblical studies has become immensely complicated and involved. Until recent studies little was known about the cultures and civilizations which surrounded the Bible's writing.

Today, modern scholarship has uncovered a tremendous wealth of up-to-now lost civilizations and a far greater knowledge of Jewish civilization itself. Among the greatest scholars of biblical civilizations is a Biblicum professor who unraveled the lost language of the Sumerians, who founded one of the world's first civilizations.

Another of the institute's graduates and professors is His Eminence Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J., who will be influential during the upcoming Second Vatican Council in reference to biblical matters.

Still another alumnus of the school is Dr. Sabatino Moscati, a Jew who studied at the Biblicum during the Mussolini regime which refused to allow Jews entrance into state controlled universities. Today Professor Moscati is head of the Semetic Department of the University of Rome.

As the demand for increased science and greater discipline in all fields continues to grow, the Pontifical Biblical Institute stands as the Church's foremost center of biblical knowledge.

Dr. Fisher To See Pope

LONDON — Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, is scheduled to have a private audience with Pope John XXIII early in December, the Anglican Church Information Office announced in London. The visit will mark the first time since the Reformation that an Archbishop of Canterbury has visited a Pope. (RNS Photo)

Munoz Holds No Grudge

San Juan — (RNS) — Governor Luis Munoz Marin pledged after his re-election that he would hold no grudges against the Catholic Church despite the fact that three of the island's bishops had told Catholics not to vote for him because of his party's "anti-Catholic" philosophy.

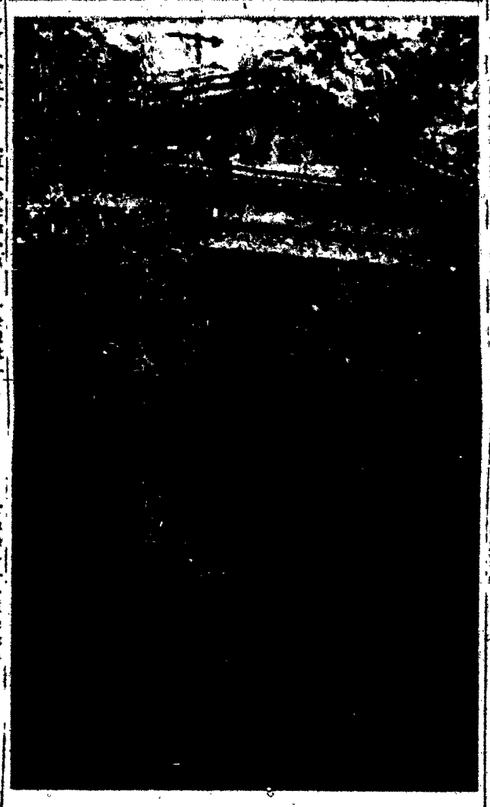
The Governor's Popular Democratic Party won an overwhelming victory, losing only one of the island's 83 precincts. The net result was another four years for an administration that has already been in power for 12 years.

PLEDGING no hard feelings, Governor Munoz Marin said, "I will continue to be the constitutional Governor of all the Puerto Ricans, whatever may be their party or their Church, as should be done in a good democracy like the Puerto Rican democracy."

Governor Munoz Marin's triumph saw the eclipse of the Christian Action Party, formed by Catholic leaders to protest against the government's policies which, it charged, encouraged birth control, sanctioned divorce, permitted sterilization of the mentally incompetent and opposed religious instruction in the public schools.

The party won only 65 per cent of the vote and thus failed to qualify as a recognized party for future elections. At least 10 per cent of the total vote is necessary to preserve official recognition.

However, the party's candidate for Governor, Dr. Salvador Perea Rosello, offered no comment except to say that the party was "only beginning" and that "the house of God never dies."



The President's Church?

Washington, D.C. — During most of President-elect Kennedy's 14 years in Washington, he has prayed in Holy Trinity Catholic church just a few blocks from the Massachusetts senator's Georgetown home. If the successful Democratic Presidential candidate continues to worship here, Holy Trinity will house America's first Catholic Presidential pew. Father Martin J. Casey, a former Jesuit chemistry teacher in the Philippines, is pastor. (RNS Photo)

Priest Averts Suicide Try

Berlin — (RNS) — Father Hugo Brecht, a Dominican priest, made headlines in the local West Berlin press for succeeding after 105 dramatic minutes to induce a juvenile delinquent to surrender the pistol which the youth, during the whole time, had pointed to his chest with the intention of committing suicide.

The scene of the drama was a West Berlin police station to which the young man, identified by police authorities only as Wolfgang T., had been taken after having been arrested for stealing a car.

When he was to be searched, he suddenly pulled a pistol out of his pocket, pointed it to his chest, and threatened to shoot himself if anyone would come near him. After the police officers failed to quiet the youngster, he suddenly called for a priest and said he wanted to confess and then die.

Racial Justice

Vatican City — (RNS) — An appeal to young Catholics, asking them to oppose racial discrimination and to support the Catholic inter-racial movement, made during a recent youth congress of the Third Order of St. Francis at the University of Notre Dame, was described by the Vatican Radio as "praiseworthy and desirable of general support."

Church In Apartment

Louisville — (RNS) — After three years of delay, a unique project — Trinity Towers — has been cleared for construction in downtown Louisville.

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The first two floors of the building will be occupied by what is now Trinity Temple Methodist church. There also will be a chapel on the roof.

Beatification In Year Seen For Tekakwitha

Vatican City — (NC) — The preparatory work for the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, 17th-century American Indian woman, might be completed within the next year.

Authorities of the Sacred Congregation of Rites revealed that the beatification procedure has been speeded up by beginning an examination of a second possible miracle said to have been granted through her intercession.

If the miracle is approved, they said, it could take less than a year to clear the way for declaring her "Blessed."

Approval of two miracles is required before the steps leading to beatification can be completed. One miracle performed through the intercession of Kateri Tekakwitha was examined and approved several years ago.

TEKAKWITHA was born into the Mohawk tribe in 1656 in what is now Auriesville, N.Y. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin. When the child was about four, her parents died of smallpox, and she was adopted by a pagan uncle. Her first real contact with Christianity came when she was about 11, when three French missionaries on a peace mission for Quebec spent several days at her uncle's lodge. She is said to have accepted Christianity then, and she lived the life of a virgin despite attempts to force her into marriage.

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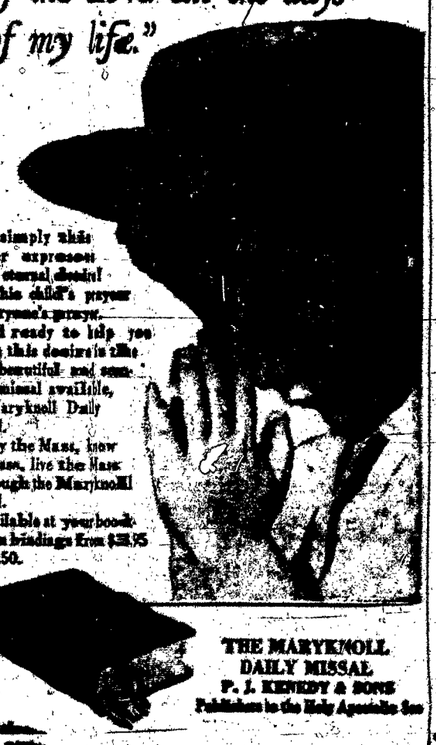

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