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GOD LOVE YOU!
 By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

There is no professional group in the world in which
 there exists a more immediate and deeper bond of fellow-
 ship than among priests. Distance, nationality, color and
 race all dissolve into nothingness in that Divine soluble
 of the Priesthood of Christ. There is nothing to live up to,
 nothing to live down; no preliminary introductions are
 necessary; no time is required for "feeling out" one another.
 It is a foretaste of heaven in which we know as we are
 known.

Perhaps therefore the priests in the United States would
 like to hear some reflections about our brother priests in Africa,
 after first hand contact with them.

1) Whenever they gather socially their unfailing topic of
 conversation is evangelization: where they opened a new mis-
 sion; how many new catechumens they found to instruct; how
 their methods of conversion could be improved; how they in-
 creased daily communions; how many new branches of the
 Legion of Mary were begun in their mission; how prepared
 they must be to live six months isolated in the "bush." To be
 with them is to share an apostolic frenzy; they are all disciples
 of Emmaus — their hearts burning with zeal in a veritable
 African Pentecost.

2) Many of them hear confessions all day Friday and all
 day Saturday — so many are the Faithful who desire to receive
 Communion on Sunday. On Sunday they may baptize as many
 as 150 at one time.

3) They are without any creature comforts, nor do they
 want any. But all through Africa there is only one cry, "Give
 us more priests." One priest in a "reserve" where 50,000 Afri-
 cans are crowded together in infra-human squalor has 200
 under instruction. He said he could convert 40,000 of them if
 he had seven brother priests and eight more chapels even though
 there might be only a tin roof or a floor that was a mixture of
 mud and cow dung.

"What is this to me?" you ask. You can help in several
 ways.

a) You can send Mass-stipends to the National Office
 of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, for we send
 them directly to the Bishop who makes the distribution to
 the clergy.

b) Perhaps your Bishop would let you volunteer for
 Africa for three years apostolate.

c) Maybe you could buy a "compact" car instead of a
 "big job" and send the difference to the Holy Father
 through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith for dis-
 tribution to the most needy areas of Africa.

d) Offer Mass for the Propagation of the Faith that
 vocations and conversions may multiply so that one day
 Africa will convert China.

e) Prove your brotherhood in Christ by any tiny sacri-
 fice for these glorious priests, such as an offering to edu-
 cate the African clergy.

Let us hear from you. In the name of Christ the Lord,
 thank you.

Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen
 National Director

GOD LOVE YOU, to M.E.W. for \$250.75 "This is my Christ-
 mas Check" . . . to Rev. E. E. "After giving to the Missions \$20,
 God has blessed my efforts with 20 converts." . . . to T.E.R. for
 \$25 "This is in thanksgiving for our sixth child who was born
 this year and in petition for our first child who began school
 this year."

Cut out this column; plan your sacrifice to it and mail it
 to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society
 for the Propagation of the Faith, 308 Fifth Avenue, New York
 17, N.Y. or your Diocesan Director, Rev. George S. Wood, 50
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The Cunard liner "Queen Mary" will take pilgrims across the Atlantic for a
 six weeks' tour of Europe. Pilgrimage will include visits to Paris, Rome,
 Switzerland, London and other centuries-famed cities and shrines. Tour
 starts April 19, ends May 30. Spiritual director is Rev. Henry Atwell, editor
 of the Courier Journal. Inquiries may be directed to him, 35 Scio St., Roch-
 ester, BAKER 5-6210.

Hawaiian Hit Parade

Self-taught Priest Composer
 Honolulu — (RNS) — As the poverty and no musical train-
 ing. Records distributed by the
 Theresa Cecilia Music Assoc-
 iation, Maui, Hawaii. The firm's
 newest recording, "Christmas
 in Hawaii," made the hit par-
 ade in the Islands.
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 George Donn, the Rev. Greg-
 ory Shea, S.S.C., writes the
 of Honolulu who has a vow of
 music and lyrics for Halekaha

BOOK SHELF

St. Catherine
 By SISTER MARGARET TERESA
 Nazareth College

Lay Siege to Heaven: A Novel of St. Catherine, by Louis
 de Wohl. Lippincott '61. Catholic Book Club choice.

A Partridge in a Pear Tree: Arranged by Neville Bry-
 brooke. Newman '60. 147 holiday selections, 195 pp.

Louis de Wohl's Saint Cath-
 erine is undeniably a living
 human being, a girl with "only
 one fetch in her" (God), but
 endowed with all the qualities
 that endear a daughter, a sis-
 ter, a sweetheart. Her nature,
 she said once, was fire — and
 it instantly kindled others to
 apostolic activity, beginning
 with themselves.

If de Wohl disappoints at all,
 it is in becoming so possessed
 by this delightful character
 that he takes her appearance
 and effect in certain situations
 too much for granted as the
 story goes on — with the re-
 sult that Catherine sounds per-
 emptory and self-assured, rather
 than humble and divinely
 assured.

Perhaps the finest value of
 the story is the understanding
 it brings of the Church's bad
 times: a recognition that the
 wasting of Rome and the cor-
 ruption of the Church during
 the time of antipopes was not
 the perspective of two thousand
 years; and the realization that
 in those terrible days, despite
 their long-lasting consequences
 of a divided Christendom,
 praise went up to God from
 the lives and hearts of many
 saints known and unknown.
 God's Will was done.

All kinds of "white, tinkling
 holiday mornings"! Hope you
 were the lucky recipient of this
 anthology — stories too — and
 didn't get just sit-on-the-shelf
 when you could have had a
 gray drawing of Lord Byron
 and a still crazier Christmas
 letter of his to Tom Moore,
 and a hundred other nice things
 all in one book! One of the
 modern poems goes:
 "Christ, sing the voices like
 uplifted candles,
 is born again in memory's dim
 manger,
 warmed by the friendly in-
 cense of the oxen;
 miraculous and immaculate as
 snow."

It's the prettiest, gayest pack-
 age of surprises-in-literature to
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Father Shea's "Let Day in
 Hawaii" was chosen the official
 May Day song of Hawaii in
 1960. Other songs by him in-
 clude "My Walkiki-Wahine,"
 "Ave Maria Ave.," "Whispering
 Waves," "My Angel was Sing-
 ing Hawaiian," "My Little
 Brown Baby," "White Sands of
 Makena."

By their cooperation U.S.
 Catholics can make the prayer
 crusade "an act of spiritual
 solidarity with Latin Ameri-
 cans," declared Richard Card-
 inal Cushing, Archbishop of
 Boston.

Cardinal Cushing, chairman
 of the Episcopal Committee for
 Latin America of the National
 Catholic Welfare Conference,
 noted that the Canadian prayer
 campaign is being conducted in
 conjunction with a Marian Year
 proclaimed by Mexico's Catho-
 lic Bishops.

The Mexican Marian Year
 marks the 50th anniversary of
 Pope St. Pius X's action in
 naming the Blessed Virgin pa-
 troness of Latin America under
 her title of Our Lady of Guada-
 lupe. The shrine of Guadalupe
 is in Mexico City.

As part of the prayer cam-
 paign a spiritual bouquet of
 Masses, Communions, Rosaries
 and other prayers, and sacri-
 fices by Catholics will be col-
 lected throughout 1961. Next
 December 12 a document re-
 cording the total number of
 such acts will be placed on the
 altar at the shrine of Guada-
 lupe.

Nottingham — (NC) — The
 children of Nazareth House re-
 ceived a 35-pound Christmas
 pudding from the Dried Fruit
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 tralia.

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 law from begging in Turkey, the **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE**
POOR in ISTANBUL find it extrame-
 ly difficult to maintain the Home for
 the Aged which they founded there
 in 1892. No Catholic Sister is afraid
 of, or ashamed of, hard work and
 those Sisters, being no exception, la-
 bor long hours in caring for their
 charges. The rule of life of the **LIT-
 TLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** re-
 quires that they beg the money need-
 ed to support their institutions of
 mercy; in every country where they
 have their Homes they beg the ne-
 cessary money locally but since they
 are unable to do this in Turkey they
 help. Their Home in ISTANBUL is in
 very bad need of repairs and
 they particularly need a new kitchen for
 the more economical preparation of
 food. It will cost \$4,000 to remodel
 the building which houses them and
 the old people. We, and they, would
 appreciate any financial help that you
 might give.

FROM THE SISTERS OF CHARITY NOVITIATE in LEB-
 ANON many of the newly professed Sisters go out each year to
 begin their life's work in a school, an
 orphanage or a hospital, in either Be-
 lehem or Nazareth or Jerusalem. **SISTER**
CECILE and **SISTER YVONNE** are nov-
 ites at this novitiate in Lebanon — one
 day in the not too distant future they
 may be fortunate enough to go on
 of these Holy Places on their first Mis-
 sion assignment. You will share in the merits
 of their work if you pay for their training. The cost is \$300 and
 it may be paid in installments.

WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR in the East and have come to
 adore Him . . . and opening their treasures they offered Him
 gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The generosity of the
 Magi has been imitated many thousands of times since the first
 Epiphany by devoted people who have seen the Redeemer, not
 with their physical eyes but with the eyes of their Catholic
 faith—they have opened their treasures to Christ by their sup-
 port of His Church and all its activities. At the beginning of
 this New Year we wish to thank once again all our benefactors
 —truly they are imitators of the Magi.

THERE ARE IN THE WORLD 60,000 Catholics of the Syrian
 Rite, most of them in the Middle East; also living in this area
 are 90,000 dissident Christians of the Syrian
 Rite, known as Jacobites. Lately the Jaco-
 bites have shown a tendency to return to
 the Church and all Syrian Catholics are praying
 for re-union. **EDMOND FARAJ** and **ELIAS**
TABE are students for the priesthood at the
SYRIAN PATRIARCHAL SEMINARY in
 LEBANON—on these boys and on others like
 them rest the hopes of bringing back the
 Jacobites. It costs \$600 to educate such a boy for the priest-
 hood. Could you finance the education of one of these boys?

The beginning of a new year gives most of us pause as we
 look back and wonder where the time went. As year follows
 year and we get older we take more and more interest in ar-
 rangements for our care in old age. In our day of longer life-
 spans we are pleased to see the number of Congregations of
 Sisters specially dedicated to the care of the aged. All of these
 Communities of Nuns need financial help to carry on their
 work. To aid such Sisters in the Middle East in caring for old
 people we have established a **PALACE OF GOLD CLUB**. The
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