

### Church Aid To Be Raised

Budapest — (RNS) — The ideological gap between the State and the Church is unbridgeable, this does not prevent the Roman Catholic Church in this country for 1961, Uj Ember, a Catholic paper, is editing the material required for the State to acknowledge the material requirements of the Church.

## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

The following facts are published without comment.

Last year the Protestants of the United States contributed \$157,400,000 for their foreign missions. This represents a Protestant per capita contribution of \$2.75 each, which is \$2.49 more than the Catholic per capita contribution to the Holy Father for all the Missions of the world.

The North American foreign missionary force numbers 7,219. The Catholic missionaries from the United States number only 7,000.

The Methodists send 1,580 members to their missions; the Seventh Day Adventists 1,385; the Southern Baptists 1,377; the United Presbyterians 1,356. The largest number of missionaries from any one Catholic religious society or institute in the United States is from among the Jesuits. They have 817 in Mission lands.

The Protestants are particularly generous in supporting foreign mission work. The Methodists, for example, gave in all about \$15,000,000; the Lutherans about \$15,000,000; the Presbyterians \$10,945,000; the Seventh Day Adventists \$12,000,000.

As regards supporting the Missions, the Seventh Day Adventists lead all Protestant groups. Their members number only 400,000, but each member contributed \$28. The Methodists gave \$8.52 each and the Evangelical Free Church \$14.40. We do not know how much each individual missionary society receives for its foreign mission work, but we do know how much the Catholics of the United States give to the Holy Father who asked that in missionary giving he be "first and principally aided." Last year he received 27 cents per Catholic or \$27.74 less than what each Seventh Day Adventist gave.

For those who have the Eucharist and the other blessings of the Faith and who would like to equalize differences in the name of Christ, send your offerings to the Holy Father through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

GOD LOVE YOU to Anon for \$2 "This is to help the poor of the world." . . . to M.H.H. for \$15 "This is in thanksgiving for the safe delivery of our new baby. Please use it to aid a baby in the Missions." . . . to A.S. for \$2 "I am in the sixth grade, and I earned this money by helping my mother. It was hard work and I think the missions should have the reward." . . . to Mrs. M.M. for \$5 "It cost me \$5 for remedies to cure a bad cold. I am enclosing the same amount to help furnish help for some poor person, who is suffering illness."

Aid to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is not to restrict itself to purely monetary offerings. The best kind of offering one can make is to combine sacrifice with prayer. Specially designed for mission prayer is the WORLD MISSION ROSARY, which employs a different color bead for each decade, the five decades representing the five major mission areas of the world. How much aid you will be giving the Holy Father's missionaries if you pray daily for them on this rosary! To obtain this you need only include your request along with a \$2.00 offering to Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

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

### INCREDIBLE BUT TRUE

Thirty six Sisters living in a house which was built for four! This house is HOLY NAZARETH CONVENT OF THE VISITATION SISTERS IN KOTTAYAM IN INDIA where these Sisters conduct a school. As the enrollment of boys and girls in their school increased the number of Sisters in their Community grew. Not wishing to turn any child away from the school the Sisters used what little money they could gather to enlarge the capacity of the school. Now it is imperative that a new convent be erected—Sister Diane, the superior, writes to tell us that sickness is frequent among the Sisters because of lack of living space; lately one of the nuns died of tuberculosis and there is danger that one or more of the other nuns might have contracted it and spread it through the entire group. \$4,000 will be of considerable help in building a new convent just outside the city. Can you help?

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NOT MERELY BY PREACHING but by the example of their lives devoutly lived, MOUFID AZER and NABIL SCANDAR will one day show their own countrymen to more holy living. They are now studying for the priesthood at the seminary of Saint Leo the Great in Egypt. As ordained priests they will channel to their flock, through the sacramental system of our holy Church, all the graces needed by the people under their care to lead holy and devout lives. It will cost \$600 to prepare each of these boys for the priesthood. Could you pay for the education of one of them?

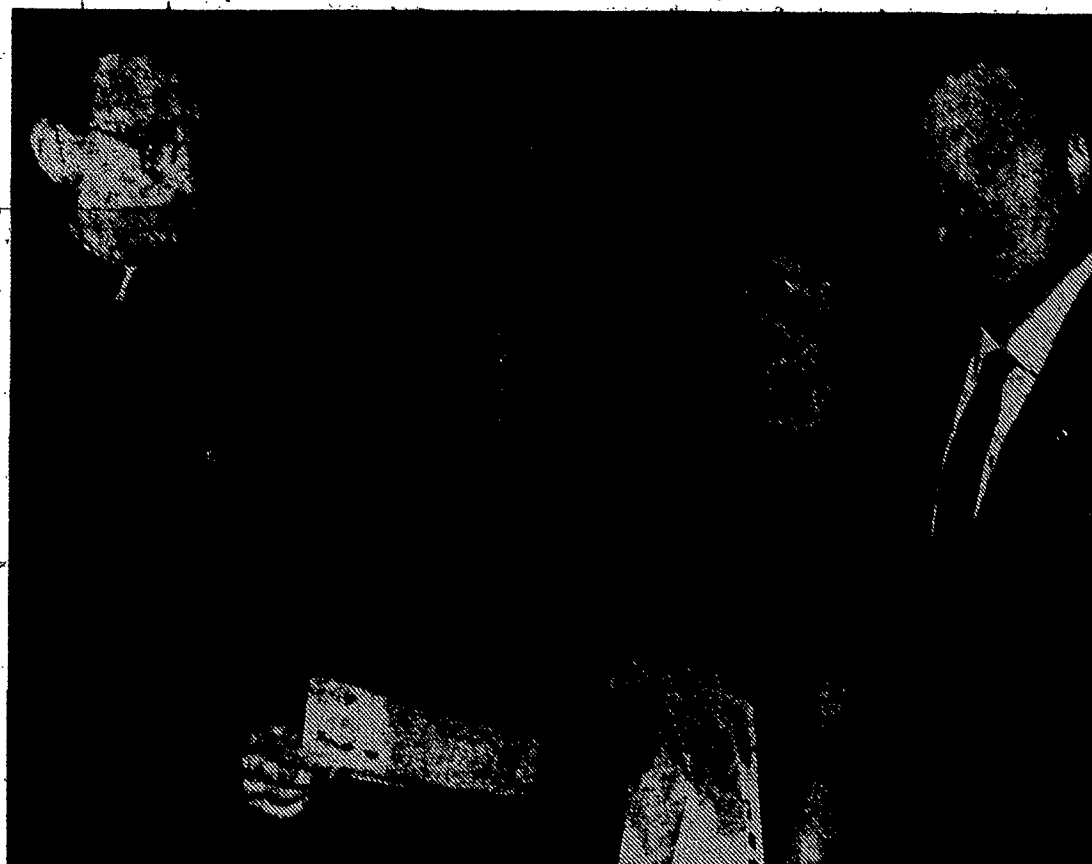
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GOD-MADE US both body and soul—and all of those who dedicate their lives to God as priests, sisters, and brothers, have an acute awareness of the needs of both body and soul. SISTER HILDA and SISTER VIOLET are novices of the MEDICAL SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH in INDIA. They will spend their lives in the care of the sick — by the care they take of sick bodies they will bring healing to many souls. It will cost \$300 to train each of them for their work as professional sisters. Could you assume the obligation of paying for the training of one of these girls?

THE MORE MEMBERS we have in each of our MISSION CLUBS, the more and better help goes regularly to the Missions. Will you consider joining one of these Clubs? The dues are one dollar a month.

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### Infinite Worth, Rights' Basis

Monsignor Donald M. Cleary, Catholic chaplain at Cornell University, told University of Rochester religion conference, "Any church has the right to stand before its people and present its principles but then it's up to the people to decide in their own conscience how to vote."

he is of "infinite worth because he is made to the image of God" demands he recognize every other man's rights as cause he too is made in the same image.

With Monsignor Cleary on Sunday night's panel was Quaker Charles C. Walker who said a man's belief that "religion demands we involve ourselves as ministers of reconciliation to heal the divisions among men caused by economic injustice, war and racial strife."

The two speakers in photo are Rochester University students Gary Rollman and Carol Boone, chairmen of the three day conference.

## Lay Congress To Follow Council

Vatican City — (NC) — The third World Congress of the Lay Apostolate will take place after the forthcoming ecumenical council at the express wish of Pope John XXIII.

The Americas were represented on the Board of Directors by Martin Work of the United States, executive director of the National Council of Catholic Men; Claude Ryan, national secretary of Canadian Catholic Action; and Juan Vasquez of Argentina, president of the International Federation of Catholic Youth. The three were present for the first time at a board meeting.

Previous world congresses were held in 1951 and 1957, both in Rome.

One of the main topics for consideration at the Second Vatican Council will be the role of laymen in the life of the Church. The council is expected to meet next year.

Announcement that the congress on lay action would meet after the ecumenical council came from the Permanent Committee of the International Congresses for the Lay Apostolate. The announcement followed Feb. 6 to 8 meetings here of the committee's Board of Directors.

San Francisco — (NC) — Latin America needs help and needs it now, a Catholic relief specialist said here.

Father Alfred Schneider said it will take an all-out effort to relieve spiritual and material poverty in Latin America, where one-third of the world's Catholics live.

Father Schneider is director of Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference activities for all South America, with headquarters in Rio de Janeiro. He was here to address a meeting of diocesan relief aides.

THE BOARD received a letter from Domenico Cardinal Tardini, Vatican Secretary of State, communicating the Pope's encouragement for its work and his wish that the third world congress take place after the ecumenical council.

This would serve as "a favorable opportunity for making known and putting into effect the prescriptions and directives of the council concerning the Catholic laity," Cardinal Tardini's letter said.

The date of the congress will depend on that of the council. Meanwhile, details of theme and program will be worked out by ecclesiastical authorities and various national bodies for the lay apostolate. This will be done on the basis of studies now under preparation by the Permanent Commission of the International Congresses for the Lay Apostolate.

CRS—NCWC already is feeding the hungry and helping the sick. Father Schneider in administering 19 separate programs channels \$18 million worth of surplus U.S. food and medicines through five ports of world's troubled spots for CRS entry.

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### Senate Counts 12 Catholics

Washington — (RNS)—Two appointments to fill vacancies in the 87th Congress change the religious composition of that chamber as reported earlier by raising the number of Catholics from 11 to 12 and reducing Presbyterians from 11 to 10.

Filling the vacant seats are two active Roman Catholic laymen. One is Sen. Benjamin A. Smith II (D-Mass.), who replaces President-elect John F. Kennedy, a Catholic. The other is Gov. Joseph Hickey of Wyoming, a Democrat who will fill a vacancy caused by the death of Sen-elect E. Keith Thomson (R-Wyo.), a Presbyterian.

The new Senate will now have 86 instead of 87 Protestants; 12 Catholics and 2 Jewish members. Protestants include 19 Methodists who outnumber members of any other religious affiliation, and 15 Baptists, 13 Episcopalians, 19 Presbyterians and 7 Congregational Christians.

### Burma To Vote On Buddhism

Rangoon — (RNS)—The Burma Parliament is scheduled to act at its February session on a recommendation to change the country's Constitution and make Buddhism the State religion.

Fast, Abstinence Rules for Lent		
IF YOU ARE	between 21 and 59	between 7 and 21 or past 59
AND THE DAY IS	You May Eat	You May Eat
Ash Wednesday and Fridays in Lent	One full meal No meat No snacks	Customary meals and between meals but no meat
Ember Saturday Feb. 25	One full meal Meat at full meal No snacks	Customary meals and between meals but meat at main meal only
Any other weekday in Lent	One full meal Meat at full meal No Snacks	Customary meals and between meals and meat anytime
Any Sunday or Feb. 22 or March 17	No Restrictions	

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