

## Directs Girls Town in Italy

# Nun in Modern Dress

## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

The concern we have for the poor in other parts of the world depends on our own unworldliness. Separation from the spirit of the world is the first rule of service. No one can possibly be interested in the missions in the Congo or Korea if he is concerned principally with the pleasures which surround him at home.

When Moses petitioned Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of slavery in order to sacrifice to the Lord, the diabolical Pharaoh made many counter proposals. One of the four that Pharaoh stipulated was that Israel should sacrifice to the Lord "in the land"; they were not to go out of Egypt. Moses knew very well that the people would not sacrifice as long as they were possessed by the spirit of worldliness of Egypt. Hence, he said: "We will do what the Lord bade us do, go out three days march into the desert and offer Him sacrifice there."

The essence of all religion is separation. St. Paul said to the Corinthians: "The Lord says to us, separate yourselves from them." The spirit of the world is at enmity with the Spirit of Christ. What is the distance the Scriptures recommend to us? Nothing less than "three days journey." What a beautiful symbol we have here of the deliverance afforded us by the Death, Burial and the Resurrection of Our Blessed Lord.

We can never induce you to make an offering to the Holy Father in order to bring Christ to Africa, Asia and Oceania unless we have first spiritualized your soul. That is why we never ask you to give; we ask you to sacrifice. We do not want to help the Holy Father and his society for the propagation of the Faith without helping you. We do not want to separate you from your money unless we have first separated you from the world and united you to Christ. Your response to this appeal will be a token of whether or not you have gone "three days journey" from the fleshpots of Egypt.

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Rome — (RNS) — Msgr. John Patrick Carroll-Abbing, founder and director of Boys' Towns of Italy, has established a similar home here for orphaned girls between the ages of 10 and 18.

Aided by a nun, Mother Dominic Ramacciotti, he has opened Italy's first Girls' Town in an imposing villa on the Via Trionfale. The institution is rapidly gaining the reputation of a smart finishing school.

Mother Dominic, once a faculty member of Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and dean of the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore, Md., received a special dispensation from the Vatican to forego wearing the habit of her order when she became the head of Girls' Town. She believed that wearing modern clothes would make the girls feel closer to her.

RECEIVING visitors at the institution, she usually dresses in tailored suits and smart shoes. Her manner is warm and engaging.

Housing a maximum of 40 girls at a time, the home trains its charges to become high-paid governesses and nurses. After four years of study and one year of practical experience, the older girls leave the institution speaking a foreign language and acquainted with literature, painting, music, and domestic and conversational arts. They study psychology, pedagogy and child care as well.

As in the Boys' Towns, the girls elect their own Mayor, Deputy Mayor and a student council. The object is to have the girls learn the art of self-government and to develop a sense of responsibility.

"I have to move with the times," Mother Dominic said. "I help to give the girls a dress sense. They will always respect someone who thinks in the modern way. If I have been to a fashion show, I tell them about it afterwards and give them my reactions. They enjoy that immensely."

"The only thing I regret is that we have not more room to take in far more children in our little republic," she added. "Every year we take in 12 new girls, and the place is getting a bit crowded. According to our plans, we should start turning out hostesses, secretaries and receptionists too. But we can't as long as we haven't got a larger place."

Similar to the Boys' Towns, her institution is supported by private contributions, mainly from the U.S. The first Boys' Town was founded by Msgr. Carroll-Abbing in a cellar refuge in Rome during Christmas, 1944. Since then, eight other such centers for orphaned and homeless boys have been opened in various parts of Italy.

## Noted Educator Dies In Holland

The Hague — (RNS)—Msgr. Francis Op de Coul, a pioneer in Catholic education, died here at the age of 66 after suffering a stroke at Casablanca in June.

The Monsignor, director of the Catholic Central Office of Education in Holland and president of the Catholic International Education Office at the Hague, was stricken during a strenuous trip through Africa where he had engaged in talks with various prelates and educational authorities on opportunities to promote Catholic education there with UNESCO assistance.

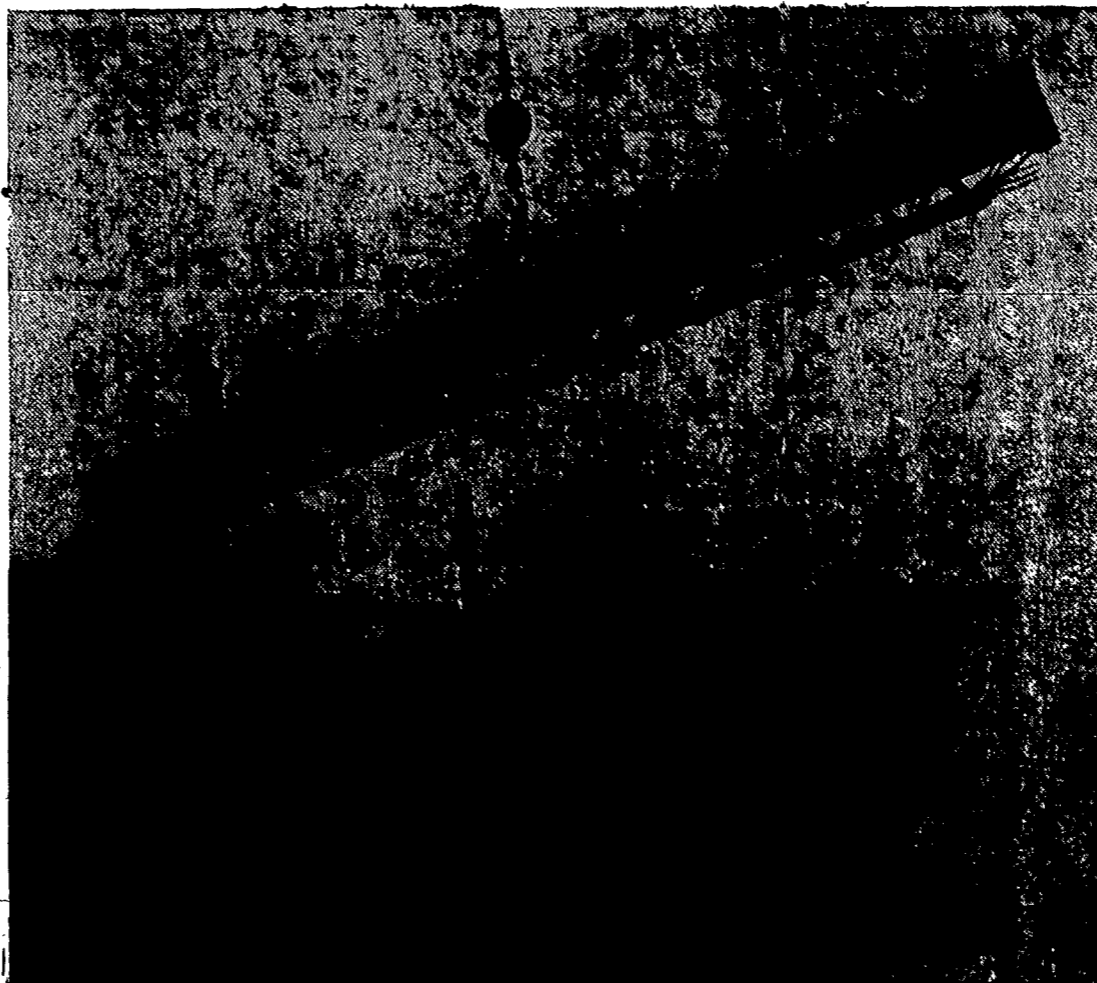
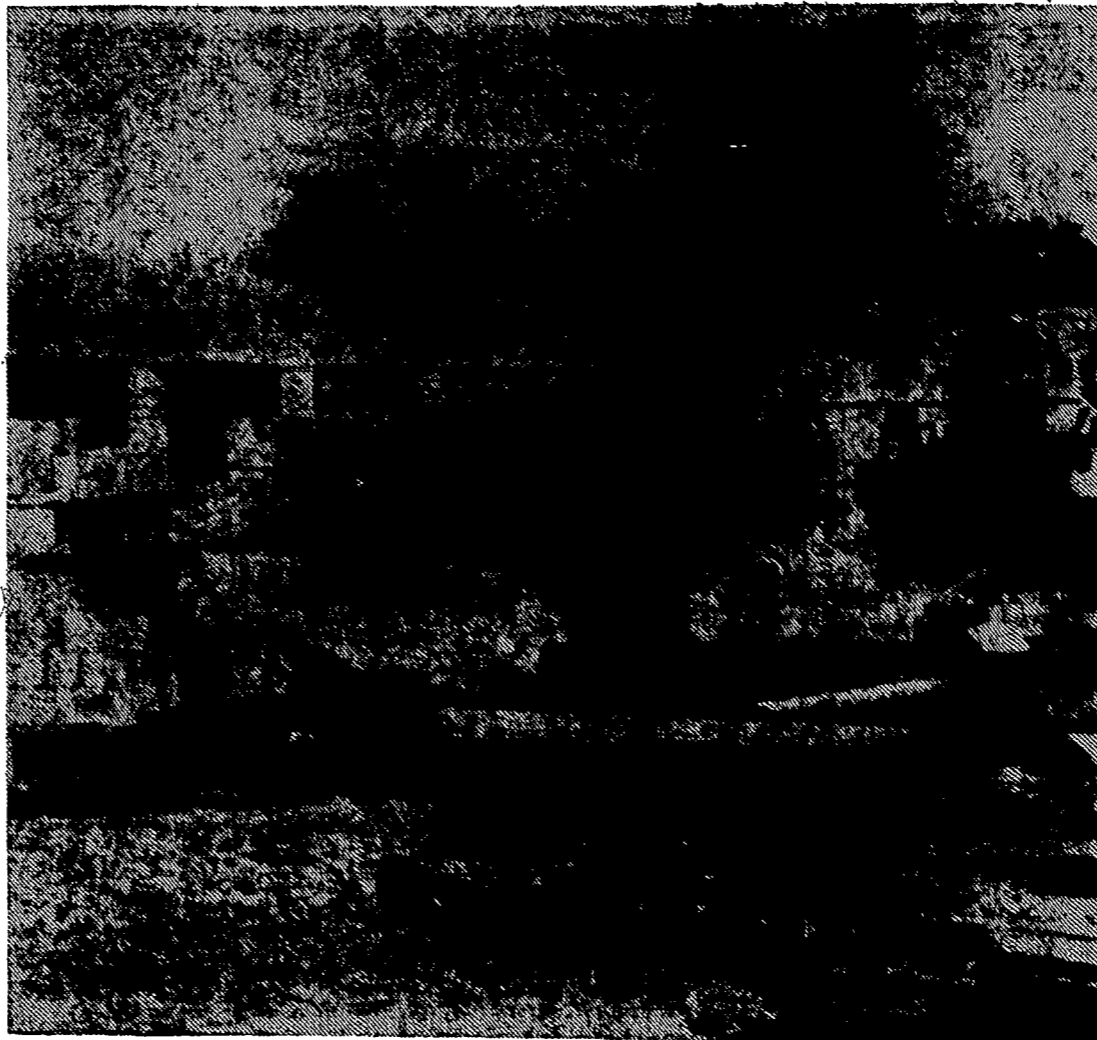
Msgr. Op de Coul was made a Protonotary Apostolic recently on his 40th anniversary in the priesthood. He had devoted his life to the cause of Catholic education in Holland and abroad. Within recent years, he traveled in the U.S. and last May attended the Pan-African Education Conference at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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## Carmelite Nuns Flee Penniless From Cuba

Miami — (NC) — Eleven Spanish. The youngest is Sister Mary Immaculate, a native of Cuba, their monastic life completely disrupted by the Castro regime, have arrived here with only a few personal belongings.

The nuns, most of whom have been living within cloistered walls for at least 25 years, are still somewhat dazed and confused by modern living and conveniences.

Now resting at a Miami convent here, they have accepted the invitation of Bishop Coleman P. Carroll of Miami to establish a foundation in a monastery that will be erected for them in south Florida.

Eldest of the nuns is Mother Theresa, a native of Valladolid, Spain. She was stolen from a locked car here.

They said that their properties in Cuba, which consisted of farmlands and rental homes, had been seized by the Castro regime many months ago, leaving them with no means of support.

Relics Stolen  
Liverpool — (NC) — Relics of Blessed Cuthbert Mayne and of Blessed John Southworth, martyrs under Queen Elizabeth from a locked car here.

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## Sr. Madeleva To Retire

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Poet and author, Sister Madeleva has published 18 books of poems and essays. Her biography, "My First 70 Years," was a Catholic best-seller, and in 1959 she was awarded the annual Cambron Award of the Catholic Book Club for her "long and distinguished service in the cause of Catholic letters." Her latest book, Conversations with Cassandra, will be published by Macmillan in the fall.

During her 27-year tenure as president, St. Mary's College tripled enrollment, teaching staff and buildings. She gave new stimulus to the liberal and fine arts as well as to science and mathematics. Sister Madeleva encouraged her students toward foreign study and service abroad.

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