

## Saint of Charity

Monsieur Vincent, by Henry Daniel-Rops, translated by Julie Kerman, Hawthorn, 1961, illus., \$3.95.

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There is a belief prevalent Joan of Arc had done two long among Church historians that centuries before.

great saints do not appear by Daniel-Rops in his vivid his chance in time and circum-tory of this great saint. Mon- stance but that their presence, Monsieur Vincent, often calls to is closely linked to the deep mind the fact that Vincent de needs of their times. The mes-Paul was, indeed, a great mys- sage they bring is one which tic, but was also a man of ac- has been anxiously awaited, tion, and it is the latter side of Such a man, according to Henri the man that Daniel-Rops Daniel-Rops, was St. Vincent de stresses. The earlier part of Vin- Paul. Son of a peasant, destined cent de Paul's life is an excit- to live in the courts of kings, ing adventure story. Born in Vincent de Paul sought to re-1581 of a poverty-stricken peas- store the West to true Catho- ant family, de Paul decided to licism after centuries of decad- use his genius in the priest- ence. At a time when Europe hood, since, at the time, this was suffering and threatened was an excellent means of per- with destitution, he sought to sonal advancement. His educa- restore a truly Christian re- tion ran his course, but in 1605, lition of love. Founder of the when de Paul was returning Ladies of Charity, the Daugh- from collecting an inheritance, ters of Charity, missions, sem- his ship was captured by the Inarries, schools, hospitals, an Barbary pirates and he was sold orphanage, and even foreign as a slave by the Turks. He services, the character of Vin- soent the next two years in cent de Paul permeates the first, Tunis, but good fortune was half of the seventeenth century with him, and employing his in France, just as the spirit of tremendous powers of persua-

## GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Shakespeare once said, "The evil men do lives after them." It might be truer to say that the evil men do finds its way into the columns of the press and the mouths of newscasters. Take a pencil and mark each news item with the number of the Commandment it has broken, that is, write "5" above all stories of murders and muggings, "6" over all items concerning divorce and remarriage, "7" above all robberies and "8" after all the dirty names politicians call one another and the speeches of Khrushchev. You'll have a page full of numbers.

How the good, the saintly, the patient are ignored! We thank God daily that it is our lot to see the sheep rather than the wolves, to correspond with those who are sealed with the Cross rather than those who are all crossed-up, to be inspired by those filled with the Spirit of Christ rather than the spirit of the world "which is at enmity with God." Would that this side of the world could be known by all.

First of all, over 200,000 missionaries (6,000 of whom are from the United States) are "social martyrs"—they leave family and country to court persecution and blood martyrdom in other lands. Then there is the vast army of the faithful who have such a tender love of the Holy Father that they think of him "first and principally" when they make sacrifices for the missions. There is so much egotism in each of us that the temptation is strong to make ourselves decide where our sacrifices will go. But the hundreds of thousands of faithful who conquer this natural selfishness to make an act of faith in the Vicar of Christ are one of the marvels of virtue in the twentieth century.

No, the world is not as evil as the press records it. Virtue is hidden—hidden as Christ was hidden, in homes like Nazareth, on mountain tops in Galilee, in darkness on a Cross of pain. If ever you become discouraged about the world, come to our office and see the volumes of letters from the faithful expressing humble sentiments like this: "I know The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father's own society to aid all missionaries and all areas. Kindly give this to His Holiness for he knows better than I the needs of the mission world." When humility is associated with sacrifice there is goodness to an eminent degree!

Look not, then, to the broken Commandments in the press—they are only a record of the world's evil. Look to the faithful united to Christ in sacrifice and to His Vicar in love. Part of the world is growing more evil—yes! But a part of it is also growing more saintly. Each Sunday we read Mass for you who read this column, whether you sacrifice for the Holy Father or not. But you will get more out of Calvary represented in the Mass if you do sacrifice for his Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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sion, he brought his master back to God, and together they departed for France. It was by this strange turn of events that St. Vincent de Paul's truly ecclesiastical career began its memorable course. Providence and a dynamic personality enabled Monsignor Vincent to render his lasting effect in the hearts of France and the world.

Daniel-Rops traces the psychological development of the great saint, man of action, man of charity, man of love, who was by no means born a saint but whose strange career was to fashion him into one of the Church's greatest heroes. Written in the lucid prose style of Daniel-Rops, the brief novel is a simple exposition of the events of de Paul's life. Readers from the early teens to readers of adulthood could equally enjoy this amazing character study. The reader may become momentarily bogged down in a maze of dates and events but even this indicates the whirlwind activity of the mind and body of St. Vincent de Paul.

With striking illustrations on every page and a twenty page section devoted to photographs and paintings of the habitat of St. Vincent, and of some of the lasting effects of his work, the book will hold the reader's visual interest and enable the reader to actually see, as well as understand, admire, and love the dynamic little saint, the active mystic, who was known as Vincent de Paul.

## Seek Aid

Winnipeg — (NC) — The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League has urged that the Manitoba provincial government implement school aid for parochial and private schools, as recommended by the Manitoba royal commission on education.

Stars Predict  
Man On Moon

New Delhi — (RNS) — India's Communists have turned to astrology in an effort to gain recruits to communism and to create the impression that astrology forecasts a tide of victory for the nation's Reds.

The Communists' interest in astrology is relatively new — and surprising, since over the years their publications have ridiculed its followers. However, when a number of Indian astrologers said that the "conjunction" of light planets in February, 1962 would have "startling consequences" for the world, the Communist leaders shifted position to take advantage of the resulting flurry of excitement.

Coincidentally, February, 1962 is also the month in which India's next general elections are to be held. The "startling consequences" forecast by the astrologers is now being interpreted by the Reds as a Communist victory at the polls in India, great prosperity in the Soviet Union and Russian victory in the race to the moon.

Three New  
Votive Masses

Vatican City — (NC) — The Holy See has published the texts of three new votive Masses to be used in connection with religious vocations.

The Masses are to be offered on the occasion of the profession of Sisters, and for the increase of religious vocations. They were published by the Sacred Congregation of Rites for insertion in the Roman Missal.



## Cross, Flag in Moscow

Moscow — (RNS) — Father Joseph Richard, A.A., of New Bedford, Mass., the new resident Catholic chaplain in Moscow, holds an American flag in his chapel in the Soviet capitol. The flag was once flown over the capitol building in Washington, D.C. and was sent to Moscow at his request.

Erring Catholics  
Forfeit Benefits

Miami Beach — (RNS) — Church and legal problems caused by marriages between Catholics and Non-Catholics were tackled by some 200 priests — administrators and teachers — at the 23rd annual meeting here of the Canon Law Society of America.

Experts on canon law considered such questions as: "Is validity?"

No definite answers were given to these and similar queries by the society which makes no recommendations on church law. Members of the society are dedicated to the study of, and research in, canon law, and merely exchange ideas on how the law has been applied in various situations.

While agreeing that a contribution would be proper, depending on circumstances, the priests stressed, however, that it would be wrong to attend such a wedding. To do so, they emphasized, would imply approval of the wrongdoing on the part of the Catholic marrying outside the Church.

The experts also devoted their attention to the problems of marriages involving the mentally disturbed. Discussed were such questions as: Are such people entitled to marry? Can they be prevented from marry-

Hong Kong Trappists — Hong Kong — (RNS) — Three Trappist Cistercian monks from California arrived here to join the community of 17 Chinese and 1 American in the Trappist monastery of Our Lady of Joy on Lantau Island.

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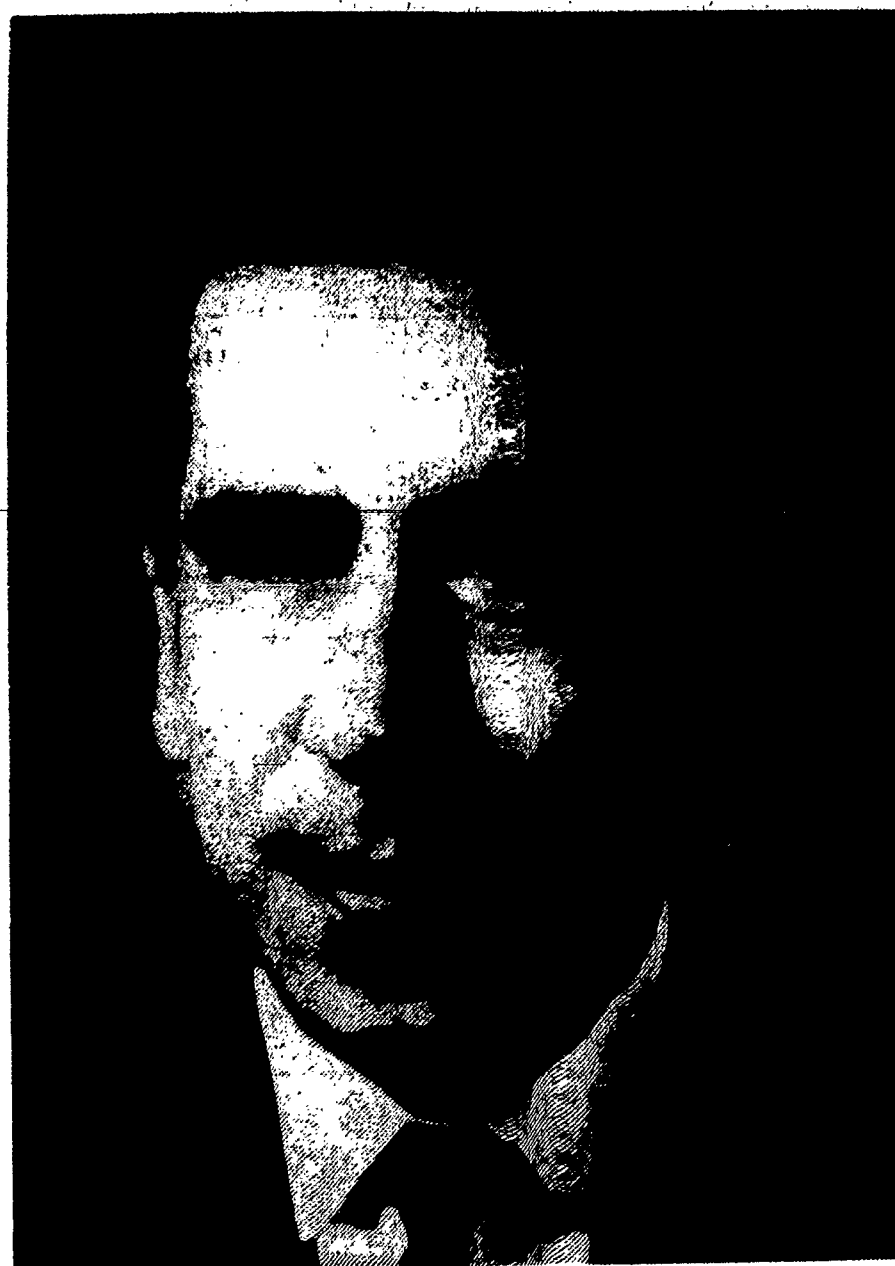
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