

Charity

By ANNE CUKIN

This column has always offered a quiet place for the expression of charity. During this Christmas season, when expressions of love for one another are expressed more obviously, when once again we are strongly reminded that Christ was born out of love for all mankind and how great is our personal responsibility to love Him in return, the following excerpt from "My Way of Life," Confraternity of the Precious Blood, is printed for your consideration.

"We might say that the growth of man's love for God in this life will start with the avoidance of sin, on to the pursuit of good and end with the desire for union with God in heaven. The reckless youth who has been living a dissolute life in love with a good woman, first of all his love leads him to turn his former irresponsible way of living. To gain the approval of his loved one he avoids his former dissolute companions.

"He struggles against his own impotence. Then he begins to seek a good way of life. He settles down, goes to work, starts to save money, finally he seeks union with his beloved in marriage. The story of man's love of God will follow the same path. When a man begins to love God, first he seeks to avoid sin and the indiscreet power of concupiscence which would separate him from God. Then he begins to cultivate virtue, to work for happiness. Finally he desires to live with God always.

"Love is also capable of decline. Purely human love can grow less and less until it perishes altogether. When a man begins to think less and less of his wife, he is less thoughtful of her welfare, he does fewer things to make her happy, then his love for her is falling. When he does something evil to her, his love ceases. Charity—man's love for God—can also fail, though not in precisely the same way. Charity will not fail simply because a man thinks less often of God. It will not even fall through venial sin.

"Venial sin is concerned only with the means that lead to the goal. It does not destroy a man's basic tendency to God in charity. But mortal sin destroys charity completely. Charity is the love of God above all things. But in mortal sin man prefers some created thing to God. Hence mortal sin drives charity out of the soul of man. In a certain sense venial sin can lead to the loss of charity. Since all sin is not in accord with the will of God, the venial sinner is gradually disposing his will to give up God. The cause he has not followed, the will of God in all things, when some crisis arises in his life, he may give up God for some temporary created good.

"If we were to regard charity as if it were only a purely human love, we might be tempted to think that charity is a love that makes man poor instead of rich. Or we might think that God is a jealous lover who resents the thought or affection that his friends give to anyone or anything else. In one way God is a jealous lover. He wants men to love Him above everything else, even above themselves.

"But this divine jealousy is not at all like the painful jealousy of the neurotic human being who makes his beloved unhappy by his unlimited demands for attention and service. Human jealousy, when carried to extremes, is a force that impoverishes the object of its affections. The jealous man will rob his wife of her parents, relatives and friends, her children, her work and her hobbies.

"He wants her to love nothing but himself. But the divine jealousy is a love that enriches.

Legion of Decency

The following are the titles of the films reviewed this week to be used in their respective classification of the Legion of Decency. The last complete listing appeared in the Dec. 6 issue. Clip both and save.

Class A, Section 1: Misadventures of Merlin Jones. The Who's Minding the Store.

Class A, Section 2: Man from Galveston, The.

Class A, Section 3: Victors, The.

Class B: Niara Tahiti.

Notice of change in classification: Because of substantial changes effected in the treatment, this film formerly classified "C" (Condemned) is now re-classified "B" (Morally objectionable in part for all). Suggestiveness in costuming and low moral tone are the bases for the objection.

man, God asks for man's love through charity not in order to take any good things away from man, but in order to give all good things to man. For through charity, man attains God, and in God he finds all good both in this life and in the next. Charity is a share in divine love.

"But it is the love of God which is the source of all good in this life and in the next. It is love, the divine love, which has created the world and all the good things in it. It is God's love which has made man himself and the world in which man is to seek for and to find happiness. When a man loves God more than everything else, he finds everything else in God, everything else that can really make him happy."

Dear Reader:

It is my sincere wish that everything good be yours in 1964. It is near the close of the calendar year that we hear so much about New Year's Resolutions. The past is reviewed and the future is looked forward to. In making our resolutions this year, it would prove beneficial for each of us to recall what we learned long ago. For it five, ten or even 25 years to the questions listed in that ago, we memorized the answers: little catechism of our that gave to us the true blueprint for life and eternal happiness.

1. Why did Jesus Christ teach us the Beatitudes?

Jesus Christ taught us the Beatitudes because He wants us to be happy both in this life and hereafter.

2. Say the Beatitudes.

1) Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2) Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

3) Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall be filled.

4) Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

5) Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

6) Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

7) Blessed are you poor in spirit!

I am poor in spirit when having much or little wealth, I am detached from the things of earth.

8. When are you meek?

I am meek when I am gentle, courteous and patient no matter what is said or done to me.

9. When are you clean of heart?

I am clean of heart when I not only avoid mortal sin, especially impurity, but when I keep, as far as possible, even from venial sin, especially immodest thoughts.

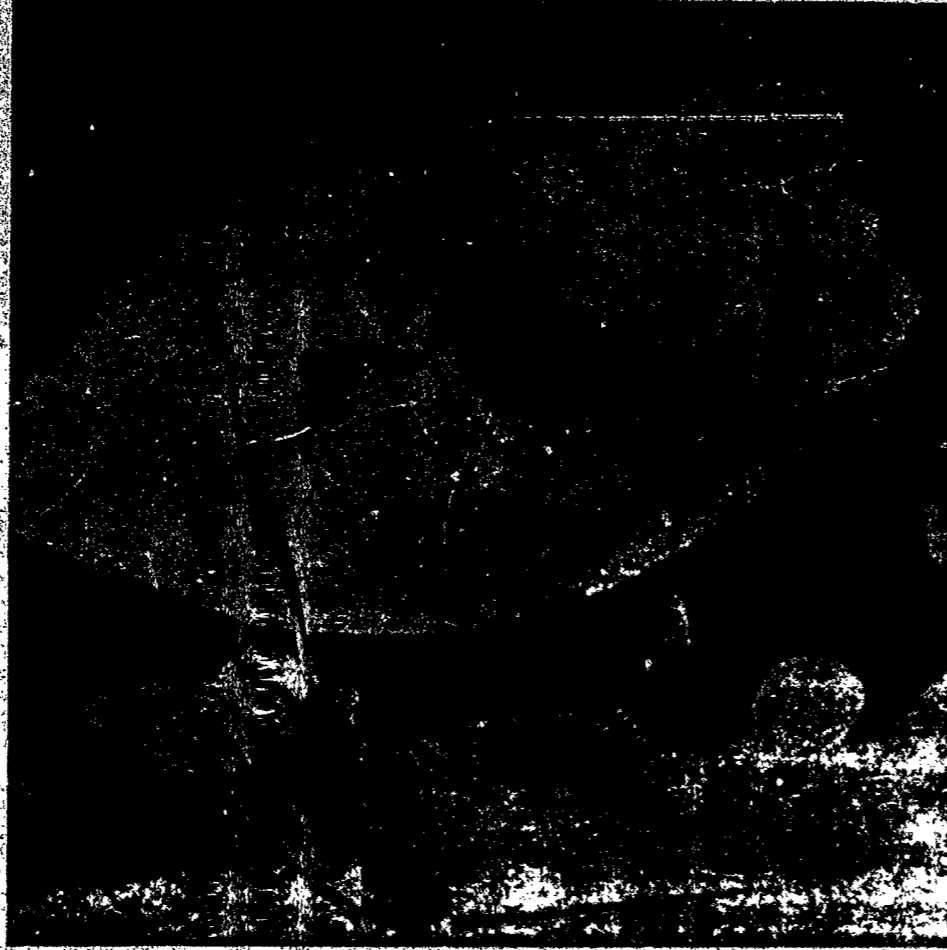
10. When do you hunger and thirst after justice?

I hunger and thirst after justice when I strive to make daily progress in doing God's Will on earth.

11. When do you suffer persecution for justice's sake?

I suffer persecution for justice's sake when I patiently bear persecution for love of Christ.

"Blessed are you when they shall revile you and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you untruly, for My sake. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in Heaven." St. Matthew, 5:11-12.



The Nun Who Composed Dominique

Ficherment, Belgium — (RNS) — Sister Sourire, the smiling Sister who is the top popular recording artist in the U.S. today, is shown at her desk in the Dominican convent at Ficherment, Belgium. The nun, whose real name is Sister Luc-Gabrielle, makes the recordings of her songs at the convent. Sing in French her folk-type songs now lead the best-seller list in America. The most popular of the 12 songs in her album, "The Singing Nun," is "Dominique," a joyful ballad about the founder of her order. On a single disc, it has sold more than 750,000 copies since October. Proceeds from the records' sale have gone into a special fund for Dominican missionaries. The nun will be a guest on the Ed Sullivan TV show this Sunday evening.

Ovid, Romulus Women Choral Club Hold Yule Party Meeting To Entertain

Ovid — Following the Choral Club and Benediction at Holy Cross Church on Wednesday, Dec. 4, Mrs. Arthur Vincent, president, opened the business meeting of the Ovid, Romulus Women Choral Club.

The program will include "Twelve the Night Before Christmas" and "The Wondrous Story," a Christmas cantata, in addition to other holiday music.

Marie Keber Burbank is director, and Violetta Jolley, accompanist.

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4 1/2 Dividend Report Made To Board

First report on the record-making 4 1/2% per year rate which Community Savings Bank is paying was made by Charles E. Carson, president at the monthly meeting of Community's Board of Trustees Dec. 11.

"For the three months, September through November, Community Savings Bank's dividend was \$2,070,904. This quarterly dividend figure represents \$1,973,088 at 4% and an additional \$97,816 at the extra 1/2% per year on one-year savings," Carson reported.

"It is interesting to note," Carson added, "that the 1963 dividend for the September through November quarter is \$2,070,904 more than for the same quarter when the dividend rate was 3 1/2% per year and the quarterly dividend amounted to \$1,606,242."

Factions of the program will include scenes from the musical "The Sound of Music" and "The Sound of Music Live!" and "The Sound of Music Live!"

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." St. Luke 9, 23.

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Nurses List Choral Concert

A choral concert in the School of Nursing auditorium for parents and friends of student nurses at St. Mary's Hospital will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at 8:30 p.m.

THE CHOIR, all freshmen students attending the School of Nursing, will present their concert before their holiday recess.

As the "Belles of St. Mary" directed by Mrs. Mary Anne Connors, they will sing many of the Christmas favorites. On Wednesday evening they will tour the halls of the hospital to care for the patients. Also they were chosen to care at Midtown Plaza on Thursday evening, Dec. 19 at 9 p.m.

Before their concert on Tuesday, there will be a brief Parents' Association meeting in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

Family Rosary Radio Program

Friday, Dec. 13 — Armand Palms accompanied by Third Order of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Saturday, Dec. 14 — Nicholas Downs, Holy Cross accompanied by St. Patrick's Fraternity, Third Order of St. Francis.

Sunday, Dec. 15 — Victor DeSimone accompanied by Rochester General Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus.

Monday, Dec. 16 — Dr. Francis Regan, St. Louis, Pittsford.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 — John Suter, St. Charles Borromeo accompanied by Holy Cross College Alumni.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Clarence Young, Holy Ghost, Coldwater.

Thursday, Dec. 19 — Samuel Travaglini, St. Charles Borromeo accompanied by Laymen's Retreat League of that parish.

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Nativity Film Set At Museum

A beautiful film, in color, telling the story of the "Nativity of Jesus Christ" will be featured on the family program at Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m.

The development of baroque music, including the Messiah will be shown in the second film on the program entitled "Handel and His Music"

'Hand In Hand' Film Discussion Planned

Friendship between a little Catholic boy and a little Jewish girl and the reactions of adults are the themes of "Hand in Hand," a film to be shown as part of the Y.M.C.A. sponsored film series at the Jewish Young Men's and Women's Association, corner of Andrews and University, Sunday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m.

Robert Smett, news editor of The Catholic Courier-Journal will lead a discussion following the film. Members of the audience are welcome to remain and join the discussion. Tickets may be purchased at the doors.

A drama of great warmth and beauty, "Hand in Hand" has won the praise of many civic and religious organizations. Among the accolades given the film are: "So blithely, so charmingly developed that it becomes irresistible." . . . New York Herald Tribune.

"Hand in Hand" is a winner of Parents' Magazine's Family Medal Award and of the Edinburgh Film Festival Award.

Other films in the JY Film Series are: A Nous La Liberté, Sunday, Jan. 19, Death of a Salesman, Sunday, Feb. 16, A Raisin in the Sun, Sunday, March 22, and Border Street, Sunday, April 5.

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