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By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

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Now and then, an experience makes us realize how much we are one with the persecuted and hungry members of Christ's Mystical Body of the Church. The last week of the Council we were in a store in Rome which sold Church vestments and overheard the following conversation between a bishop from a persecuted land and the shopkeeper:

Bishop: "But I do not know whether or not I can ever pay more than $50."

Shopkeeper: "We will take a chance on your ability to pay the rest."

Bishop: "But I could be sent to a concentration camp or martyred on my return to my country."

Shopkeeper: "In that case, we would forget the debt for the glory of God."

Bishop: "But I am not sure whether or not I can even make a $50 down payment."

At that point, we interrupted the conversation, and the Bishop told us that he was buying $500 worth of Pontifical vestments for his cathedral. Someone in the store offered to pay the cost, for which there was much thanking of God on the part of the Bishop. We then asked the Bishop how he could get the vestments into his persecuted land. He said that he would drag them on the floor, cover them with dust and dirt, wrinkle them up into a ball and put them into a suitcase with rags and old clothes in the hope that he could bring them safely to his cathedral.

Hundreds of thousands of Catholics would love to have an opportunity to make a sacrifice for this Bishop, or any of the hundreds of bishops who live either under persecution or in great poverty. There is no want of willingness on the part of Catholics to help their suffering brethren. It is only a question of opportunity, namely, how to do it. Where are these bishops and priests? How can we reach them? How can we put something into their hands? Pope John gave us an answer to this: "He does much good who aids one in need, but he does a greater good who helps one to aid all." This was his reference to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is now Pope Paul VI who allocates all the sacrifices we send him. He distributes according to his superior knowledge and world-wide interest. Now that we are back from the Council let us hear from you with a sacrifice for the Wounded and Suffering Christ living in the Church today.

GOD LOVE YOU to J.L. for $10 "In thanksgiving for a happy home and a country of plenty." . . . to Mrs. J.S. for $5 "My nine year old grandson saved his pennies and asked me to send them to you for the starving people in the world." . . . to Anonymous for $10 "A little sacrifice from a priest in thanksgiving." . . . to J.W. for $10 "Everytime I catch myself feeling sorry for myself I'll donate something towards those who really need my pity."

Send us your old gold and jewelry—the valuables you no longer use but which are too good to throw away. We will resell the earrings, gold eyeglass frames, flatware, etc., and use the money to relieve the suffering in mission lands. Our address: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10001.

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, N.Y., 10001, or your Diocesan Director, Rev. John F. Duffy, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester, N.Y. 14604.

Annual Christmas Party Attracts 100 In Geneva

Geneva—One hundred members of St. Anthony's Society of St. Francis de Sales parish attended the annual Christmas party recently in the school hall. A highlight of the program was the recitation of the Rosary led by Bishop Kearney in a diocesan-wide religious service over the radio.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward K. Ball, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish, was present for the annual holiday party and spoke briefly to the group.

During the evening a letter was read from the Rev. Anthony Valente of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, formerly assistant at St. Francis de Sales Church. Father Valente expressed his thanks for a gift from the society which was enclosed in a letter from the St. Anthony Society president, Mrs. Filomena Gizzi.

Father Valente expressed his thanks and appreciation for the gift and hoped his letter would arrive in time for the annual Christmas party of the club. He sent an inspirational message to the club members and Christmas greetings.

Rosary beads of aurora borealis were presented to the outgoing president, Mrs. Gizzi, by the group in appreciation for her five years of leadership. She in turn thanked the members and introduced the new president, Mrs. Mary Serrett, and other officers.

"Santa Claus" distributed gifts to the members and also brought gifts from the society to the St. Francis de Sales convent for the Sisters.

Piano solos were played by Joseph Sagliembeni and carols and other music by stereo phonograph provided by Mrs. William Constable.

Thanks was expressed to Mrs. Eleanor Augustine, chairman of the party and to her committee.

2 Insurance Men Sell Million Plus

Joseph S. DeFazio, 94 Bradford Rd., Pittsford, and Angelo L. DiNieri, 264 Springfield St., Rochester, have earned membership in the 1964 Million Dollar Round Table, the life insurance industry's 3,500-member elite international organization of million-dollar-a-year sales producers.

Membership in the select association is limited to members of the National Association of Life Underwriters, or its foreign counterpart, who sell at least one million dollars of new life insurance each year.

De Fazio is an agent of New York Life. He first became a member of the Round Table in 1961, and has been in life insurance nearly 7 years.

DiNieri is an agent of John Hancock with 42 years in the life insurance profession. He first became a member of the Round Table in 1954.

Ecumenism In Ireland

Carlow, Ireland—(NC)— An interfaith meeting here addressed by a priest-expert of the ecumenical council was commended by an Irish Protestant leader as a "step in the right direction."

Father Gregory Baum, O.S.A., director of the Church Unity Center in Toronto, told the clergymen of various denominations at the meeting that Catholics were now charged by Pope Paul VI to take the initiative in the movement toward Christian reunion.

Chancellor S. A.G. Willis an editor of an Irish Protestant publication, proposed a vote of thanks to St. Patrick's College here which sponsored the meeting. He also noted that he had attended a world Anglican congress in Toronto at which Father Baum was a Catholic observer.

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Talk It Over

Dates

By ANNE CULKIN

Dear Miss Culkin:

What time do you think a 17-year-old girl should be home from a date? My mother is so strict that she makes me so unhappy and spoils so much of my fun. It makes no difference where I'm going. I have to be home by 11:30! During the Christmas holidays (December 21) our school is having its junior prom.

The dance is not over until midnight, but this makes no difference to my mother. I must leave the dance at 11:00 if I am to be home by 11:30. All the girls I go around with are going to a restaurant to have something to eat after the dance. I am so sick about not being able to go with them or to stay until the dance is over that at this point I am sorry I invited a boy to go to the prom with me.

My mother is always reading your column and telling me to mind everything you write. If you answer my letter, she will know I am the one who wrote it and will go along with what you say. Even if you write that you agree with her, I will not be angry, but please, please answer soon.

Waiting

Dear Waiting:

Your mother is the one to make the decision as to the time she expects you to be at home. My feeling concerning a curfew is simply this: the time is not so important as where that time is to be spent. If a girl goes out at eight o'clock in the evening, I would consider nine o'clock late if I didn't know where she was. But one o'clock could be considered early if she were, for instance, at a dance that was properly supervised, as apparently your junior prom will be.

Dear Miss Culkin:

There is a drugstore where the boys from our school and the girls from another school meet after school. Usually we spend 10 to 20 cents. This we can afford, but we can't afford to pick up the checks for three or four girls. Because we can't do it, the boys sit at one table and the girls at another and we keep yelling back and forth from one table to another.

One of the girls who is always there is a neighbor of mine. She told me that the girls can't understand why we don't sit with them. I told her it was because we didn't have enough money to pay for their checks. She said that the girls didn't expect us to pay for their checks. Is it right? Is there a rule of etiquette about this? I always thought that the boy pays for the girl. Who is right?

Unusually broke

Dear Usually broke:

If a boy invites a girl to join him for a coke, he is the one who pays. However, the situation you describe does not force you to adhere to the rule. The girls, without your inviting them, appear in the same drugstore. Apparently they are interested in visiting with you. This you can do. After the conversation is terminated, the boys take their checks, you take yours, and pay them knowing that this is all that is expected according to any rule of etiquette. Incidentally, you will no doubt be doing a favor to those in the restaurant who are not interested in overhearing your comments "yelled back and forth from one table to another."

Dear College Student:

When walking through a train to a dining car, the boys goes first in order to open the doors between the cars. This is one of the exceptions to the rule that the woman precedes the man when walking single file.

Dear Miss Culkin:

What do you do if you slap a boy because he's fresh and he slaps you back!

C.L.

Dear C.L.:

It is difficult to imagine that a boy, who has any pretense of being a gentleman, would strike a girl regardless of the provocation. The standard of civilized behavior for men simply leave no room for such action. May I assume hopefully that this incident ended your association with the junior caveman!

As for you yourself, C.L., why strike a boy? Women young and old have not influenced history, national or private, by physical violence. Men are neither pleased nor impressed by a feminine show of muscle, but tears are quite another matter. They have a way of swiftly subduing masculine rage and the fact that they are expected of women, aids rather than diminishes their power. Remember that time when your father was determined to discipline you and you richly deserved it? He found it more difficult, didn't he, when he saw that you were crying.

My point is not to urge you to look at all life's problems through a veil of tears. But when a boy has deeply offended you, your feelings are poorly expressed by striking out at him. Your action is physically awkward, even revolting—worse it is unfeminine and somehow cheap. So you are miserable, you feel like crying—cry! Then your boy will be more miserable than you.

Dear Miss Culkin:

How old do you think a young man should be before he is allowed to take the family car alone at night? Several of our son's friends are given permission on weekends. It is, therefore, becoming increasingly difficult for us to refuse our son permission to do the same. I should appreciate your writing something on the subject of teenagers and the driving of cars.

A Concerned Parent

Dear Concerned Parent:

The fact that your son is old enough to have a license does not necessarily mean that he is mature enough to be allowed to use it. Only you who are his parent can determine from your son's past performance whether or not he has a sense of responsibility, is given to "show-off" impulses, etc. These are a few of the factors that should be taken into consideration in making your decision. How many of your son's friends are doing what he wants to do is irrelevant. I suggest that you write to Liguorian Pamphlets, Liguori, Missouri, for the pamphlet, "Teen-Agers and the Automobile." (10c). It is most informative and should be helpful to you.

Dear Miss Culkin:

Are girls supposed to stand when men of our father's age come into our home?

Marjorie

Dear Marjorie:

When you are in your own home, you stand when a guest enters the room. Under these circumstances, the age or sex of the person has no bearing on your conduct. Courtesy requires you to extend every grace to a guest and this includes rising when he or she joins you.

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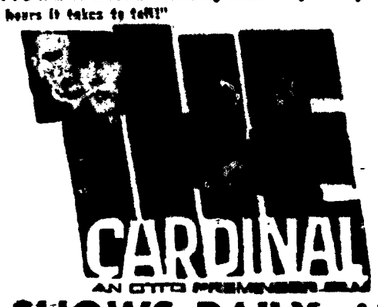

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