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GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Have you ever thought of how many of us during the Christmas season worry about the presents we must buy for those close to us or those who expect one from us and how few of us ever think of giving just one present to someone too poor, too helpless to demand, too far away from our luxurious world, to expect anything? And yet, it is not in the giving of the unexpected gift of Christian charity that our Christmas becomes Christ-like. Numerous agencies provide ways for the generous to give an impersonal present to an unfortunate unknown, but our Lord has provided in His Mystical Body one very personal way—His own earth's mission fund, the Holy Father's Society for the Propagation of the Faith which aids the needy of the entire world. We cannot aid everyone with a gift, but we can aid him who can help everyone. In no other form of charity does your money go directly to the Holy Father and so adequately aid His Missions as by an annuity taken out with The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

In considering an annuity, you might ask yourself the following questions: 1) Am I giving it to an institution or a society that already has much, or am I giving it to the poor who have nothing? 2) Am I limiting it to one of the religious societies of the Church, many of whom help the Missions, or am I aiding all of them by allowing the Holy Father to make the distribution? 3) Am I giving it to someone who will invest it on a long-term basis or am I giving it to one, namely the Holy Father, who will allocate it the very year it is received to the hungry and needy people of the world? If you answer the three questions to the affirmative, you will want to know the many other advantages of an annuity with The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

What is an annuity? Why is it providing most adequately for Our Lord's poor when given to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith? An annuity is not for people who have extra money, collecting dust. It is for those who have adequate money but need it in trust. An annuity given this Christmas is not merely an outright present, but a legal agreement whereby in return for a cash gift you are provided with a sure and fixed income for life. The amount of your income returned to you semi-annually, depends upon your age and the amount you offer the Missions. Your gift benefits you here and now by adding worry-free days to your life and income tax savings to you now. By removing the annuity sum from your will, you avoid all estate tax consequences later. Your thoughtfulness now will provide for your spiritual as well as your temporal welfare. You will share in the good works, Masses and other prayers of 300,000 missionaries of every order and congregation. When God transfers you to heaven, your annuity gift is transferred to the Holy Father who transfers it to the poor of the world.

This Christmas when you are receiving Our Lord at Mass, He will be commemorating His birthday by suffering with two-thirds of the world who are lettered and starving. He will be hearing the agonies of eleven million lepers who still need treatment. A gift to those suffering in His Mystical Body, can bring far-reaching effects in your life, eternally and world. But, most important, through an annuity contract with the Holy Father's mission fund you invest in the greatest business of the world—God's business of saving mankind. By taking out an annuity to the SPOF, you are not merely giving to the starving. You are giving to Him, just as the Wise Men who came with gifts on that first Christmas.

If you wish to invest your hard-earned money securely for a guaranteed, worry-free income and gain spiritual benefits this Christmas, write for our manual on annuities, giving your date of birth. Our address is: Most Rev. Fulton J. Sheen, 366 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10001. God Love You!

GOD LOVE YOU, too! For \$50 "This is being sent as an act of love for God as an act of thanksgiving for His blessing and as an act of amendment for offending Him." To H. A. for \$100 "My husband just bought me a nice jacket for a Christmas gift. It made him very happy to buy it as it has been my observation that women who wear fur jackets seldom gave any donation. I don't wish to be one of those women. I plan to put aside \$1 each time I wear the jacket and to send it for charity as the amount reaches a worthwhile gift. To wear it in comfort I feel I must share it with the poor who have no warm coats."

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and mail it to: Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Avenue, N.Y. 10001, or to your Diocesan Director, Rev. John F. Duffy, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, New York 14604.

ISFSOCC
SWCNO

By MARY TINLEY DALY

In this day of initiated agencies and the like: SEC, FBI, NASA, NANA, PTA, and so forth—and—fifth—you might begin to wonder what the aforementioned lineup means: ISFS-OCCSWCNO.

Foregoing initials are attached to the newest of all societies, evolved just this past Christmas season. Only recently formed in this country, it has tentacles reaching throughout the world. Henceforth, according to the organizers, this newcomer will be known as the International Society for Suppression of Christmas Cards Signed With Christian Names Only.

To bring it into focus, we at our house, you at yours, undoubtedly received cards last year, and the years before, signed "Helen and Bill," "Gertrude and Pete" and multiplicity of "Mary and John."

(Ourselves being "Mary and John," perhaps this hit home more forcibly since over and over again we have signed notes—though not Christmas cards thus—with the egotistical thought that all of our friends would know that "Mary and John" meant us. If you can find two more common names in conjunction, go ahead and use 'em!)

THIS YEAR, the first card to arrive was signed simply "John." This caused us to pause. The Head of the House asked in pseudo-seriousness, "Do we know anyone named John?"

"Certainly," I answered. "Our dear friend, John W. W. Cummings, Admiral Cuming from Portsmouth, Va. But he always signs himself 'John C.' and nobody could mistake that definite, bold handwriting."

"I know a boy named John," Ginny mused. "But right now, I can't think of his last name. Besides, he wouldn't be sending a card to you anyway."

"Another card was from 'Mary.'"

"Well, it's a grand old name, of course," quipped the Head of the House, "but does she think she's the only Mary in this merry old world?"

We'd like to thank Mary for her card, if we only knew which of the many merry Marys we know.

While the Head of the House was enjoying the anonymity of this friendly "Mary" card, we were blushing silent, remembering the many times we have sent cards of all sorts, sympathy, get-well, bon voyage, congratulations—and signed them the same way, simply "Mary."

HOW MANY MARYS must our friends know? With the closest of course, they will recognize our signature—we think. However, most of the "in-people"—the ones we see most often, that is, seldom see our signature. We talk to them on the telephone, meet them as neighbors, friends, not correspondents, and our signature is not checked as it is at the bank.

Of course, when couples have Christian names not encountered every day, or unusual combinations and one knows them well, there is instantaneous recognition.

For instance, the Mallet-Prevosts hardly need sign their last name—Christian names Hildegarde and Marcel would hardly be repeated in anybody's hard. Same way with the Nees, Angélique and Dermot, and the Mechans, Veech and Bob.

And the other long-familiar, the almost-familial friends "Helen and Frank" brings an automatic response, "The Halls," "Marguerite and Dan"—of course, the Culharies... the "Helen and Ted" with a North Carolina postmark brings a warm glow that the Cooks are still remembering us.

But, with a long list of Christmas cards, it might be well to consider, as we sign them, that maybe not everybody on that list is too-attentive.

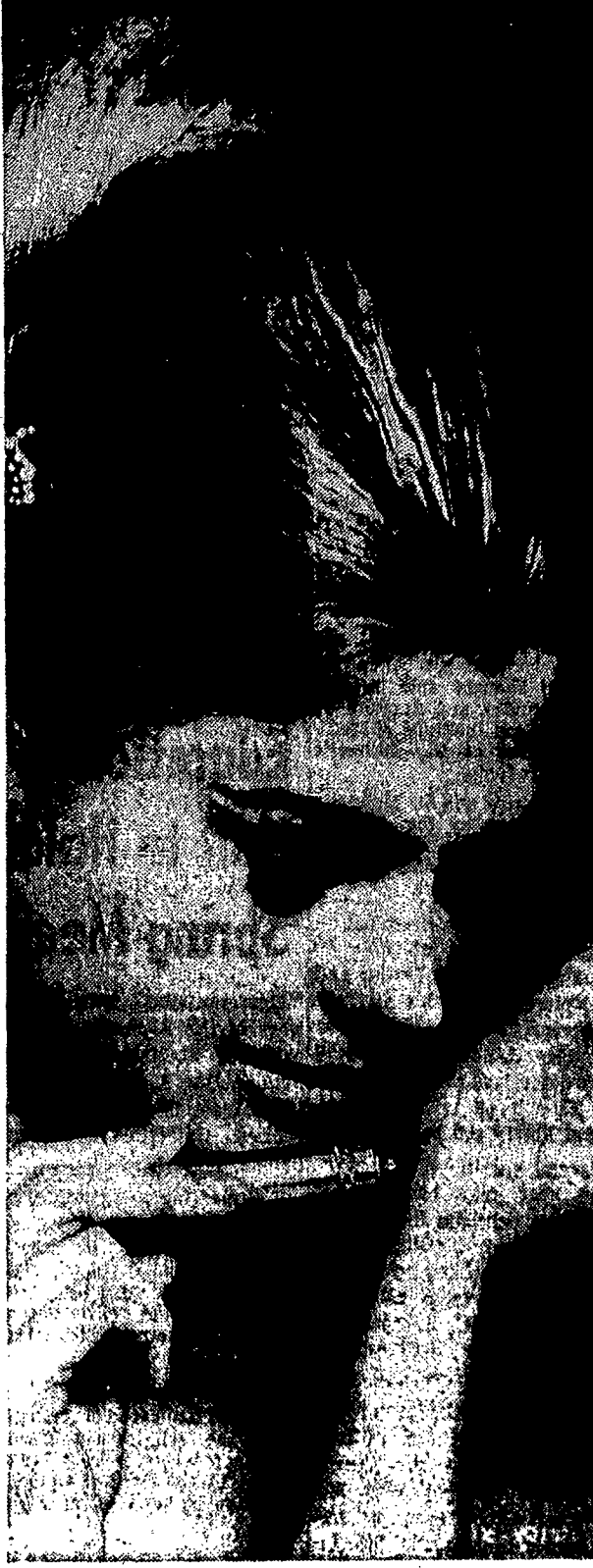
Rearers of that lowest common denominator name "Mary and John," we have become quite conscious of the value of signing our last name—and even that, Daly, is not too uncommon.

One of the classic models at our house, the mystery never discovered, was a card, a beautiful card, signed "Squeekie and Koo." We should remember this pair, if for nothing else than their unusual name. But we don't.

Will the real "Squeekie and Koo" please stand up and identify themselves?

That is why we are joining the new society, ISFSOCCSWCNO.

There's no need to go fishing for good reading. Ask your librarian to help you select books that are worthwhile the next time you visit your public library.



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Christmas Folk Music on TV

A lively television show in preparation for a life of work all over the world among the peoples of the developing nations. featuring Maryknoll seminarians will be televised over WOKR-TV, Channel 13 on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 12:30 p.m.

The half-hour program was created and produced by seminarians themselves and includes Christmas folk music from Africa and several Latin American countries.

The guitar players, trumpeters and singers are seminarians studying theology at Maryknoll.

Thru The Looking Glass
Christmas Surprises

By LOUISE WILSON

Louise Wilson is heard twelve times each week on WHAM, 9:10 and 9:25 A.M. Monday thru Friday; 9:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M., Saturday.

One of the latest memories of Santa Claus is that he was always so unexpected. You were never really sure that he'd leave the longest-of-bicycle instead of the threatened lump of coal in the toe of your stocking. Or that there would be a tree-sprite and tinsel-laden waiting in the living room on the morning of the 25th. Nowadays, the Merry Season is longer. It's been Christmas in the stores since the Halloween constables came down. As the season lengths, so do our lists, leaving very little time for the exhilarating surprises of Christmas.

This year, you can shorten your shopping time by choosing gifts of fragrances for almost every feminine personality on that evening-lengthening list. Instead of the obvious gift, add a bit of serendipity to your selection. Serendipity, coined by Horace Walpole in "Three Princes of Serendip" means a light and unexpected surprise. Remember how the princes were always discovering nice things for which they weren't searching? Adapting this charming method, why not give that teenage niece a grown-up perfume as well as the cologne she always gets?

Buy a matched set of cologne spray mist and a crown of matching perfume in Wind Song, Beloved, Prophecy or Stradivari? Or if you're a sister who wears sensible shoes and runs a local Thrift Shop, give her a most unusual gift: a bottle of perfumed bubbling bath salts and a big crown of scented soap? Other serendipitous ideas: a frivolous set of skin perfume and dusting powder for a busy mother of several small children. The sets are delicately tinted pastel with fluffy puff topping the dusting powder, green for Wind Song, pink for Stradivari, blue for Beloved and violet for Abano. Don't forget yourself, either! For you and other devoted, demanding friends, pre-season, a gifted apothecary jar containing fifty convenient Abano perfume bath oil capsules. Just think, fifty body-soothing, skin-pampering, fragrant tubs scented with a blend of herbs, bitter orange, flowers, pine and moss to see you through the joys and demands of the holiday season. Possibly, this is one of the most serendipitous ideas of the entire

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- GIFT SUGGESTIONS
- A STRINGLESS GIFT—Twice this year the Holy Father went overseas to see the missions for himself. Your gift "no strings attached" in any amount helps him to help where help is needed most.
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- NEW CHAPELS—In memory of your loved one, why not build a mission chapel all by yourself? We'll tell you where it's needed, and you may name it for your favorite saint. A small chapel costs \$1,800, payments to suit your wallet. Write to us.
- SACRED ARTICLES—Mission chapels need chalices (\$40), altars (\$75), vestments (\$50), statues (\$30), tabernacles (\$25), sanctuary bells (\$5). Like to give one in memory?
- NEW SISTERS—As your personal representative, train a native Sister. She will write to you, you may write to her, and you'll be part of the good she does for lepers, orphans, the blind. Her training costs only \$12.50 a month, (\$150 a year, \$300 altogether) payable at your convenience.
- NEW SCHOOLS—The Holy Father asks help to build a school (\$2,200 in eight villages which have no schools. You'll enable youngsters to become self-supporting.
- MISSION CLUBS—Help the missions all year long by joining and asking others to join, one or more of our mission clubs. The dues in each are \$1 a month. Tell us now which club (or clubs) you want to join: [] DAME DE CLERG (for lepers), [] BASILIANS (for mission schools), [] PALACE OF GOLD (for the aged), [] ORPHANS BREAD (for orphans), [] MONICA GUILD (for mission churches), [] CHRISTOSTOMOS (for native priests), [] MARY'S BANK (for native Sisters).

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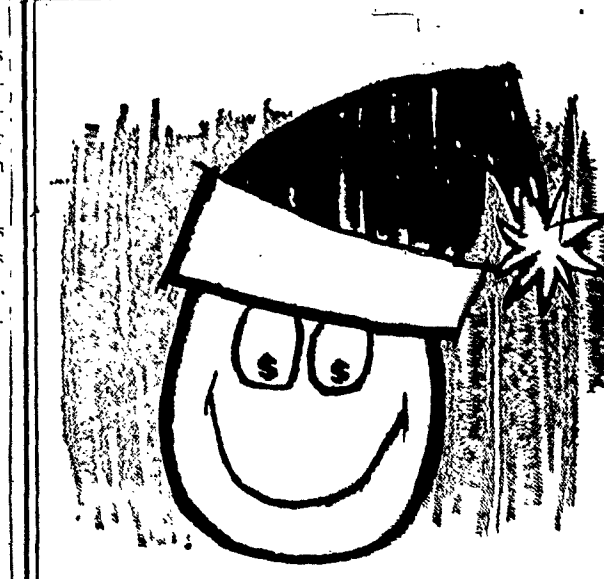


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