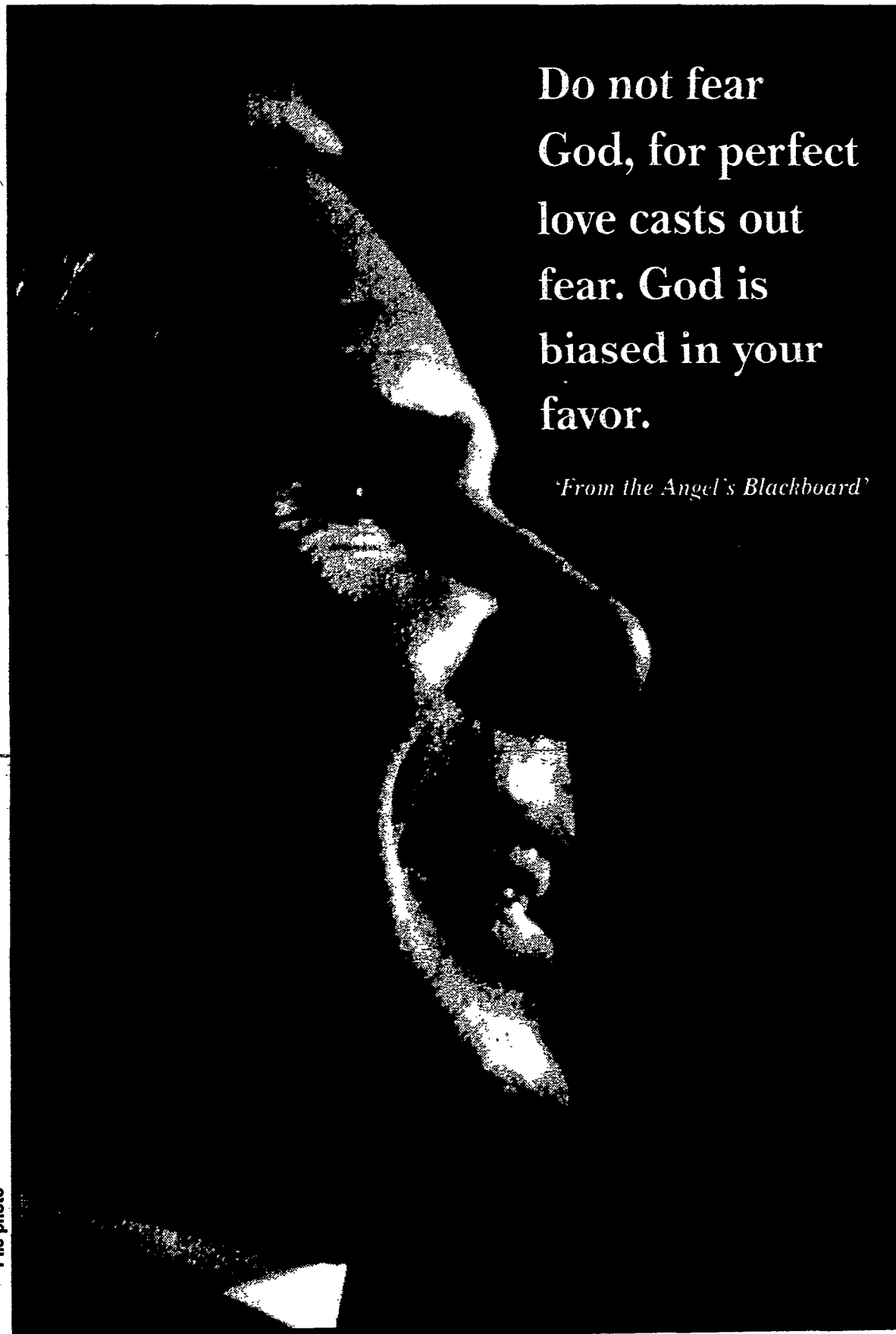


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A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Do not fear
God, for perfect
love casts out
fear. God is
biased in your
favor.

'From the Angel's Blackboard'

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Book aims to give archbishop a new audience

Perhaps only the throngs who gather to listen to Pope John Paul II or Billy Graham have equaled or surpassed the numbers who have heard the preaching of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, bishop of Rochester from 1966 to 1969.

From 1930 to 1952, the eloquent cleric reached millions via radio on his "Catholic Hour" program. Television brought him into even more living rooms from 1952 to 1957, when he hosted the "Life is Worth Living" series.

In addition to hearing him speak in person or on tape, millions more read his words through columns in both the secular and Catholic press, and in about 70 books published during his lifetime, which ended in 1979.

Now, in the 100th anniversary of his birth, a liter-

ary representative of the Sheen estate has presented a sampler of his writings in the hope that the late archbishop can yet reach a new audience.

Patricia A. Kossmann, executive editor of Triumph Books for Liguori Publications, has put together a selection of 53 excerpts from Archbishop Sheen's writings. The official publication date is May 8, the date of his birth in 1895, but in an April 11 interview Kossmann said the book

would be in the stores the week after Easter.

Its title, "From the Angel's Blackboard: The Best of Fulton J. Sheen," refers to a famous prop he used on his television program. Holding the attention of his audience without elaborate stage settings, bands or celebrity guests, Archbishop Sheen used only a blackboard as a visual aid. While the camera was

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