

God Love You

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The only time in the Gospel Our Lord is recorded to have sung a song was the night He went out to His Death. He spoke most on the subject of joy, the same night as the darkness of Gethsemane and the shadows of the Cross were already falling across His Path. Referring to His Sacrifice on the Cross and the necessity of being united to Him, He added. "These things have I spoken," John 15: 11.

He wants us to have His Joy. But what was His Joy? Loving, self-sacrificing service for others. His Joy will be in us, He said, on the same condition, namely, a deep sense of otherness. As selfishness is the root of all unhappiness, so sacrifice for others is the source of all joy. Not just a spasmodic sacrifice but a sacrificial spirit.

Each day make an act of self-denial. Mortify your eyes or your ears; deny yourself a half hour of radio or television, for example, just to train yourself not to give way to every impulse. As you do so, say: "Dear Jesus I do this to purchase the light of faith for pagans in Africa, and the learning of the word of God in Burma or India. Give up a soft drink, or the purchase of a paper, or walk a few blocks instead of taking a bus. Put the money saved in a special pocket — (we have a mission pocket in our clothes). As you do so say: "This hurts my lower nature, but I do it in union with you O Christ because you gave up your life on the Cross for my salvation and the souls of the world."

GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. M. "Enclosed please find twenty dollars for your Missions in thanksgiving to Our Lady for a very special favor." . . . to A. M. K. for \$1,000. "Money earned for extra work after going on pension. In thanksgiving for many favors and petition for the welfare of relatives who are very ill." . . . to I. E. G. "Here is \$2.00 I saved out of my allowance by not buying candy and bubble gum so that a little orphan girl my age (9 years) may have something to eat." . . . to M. D. H. for \$3.00. "The attached card of dimes represents the sacrificing of 'sweets' for 'energy' for those who haven't bread for sustenance." . . . to J. L. H. for \$25.00. "I have just opened a checking account. I am sending you check No. 1 for two favors I received." . . . to the P. children for \$2.00. "We staged a show for the Missions this summer." . . . to V. G. for \$7.00. "I pledged the first days earnings to the Missions that I was able to earn after a foot injury." . . . to M. R. I. for \$10.00. "In thanksgiving to Our Lord that I have the necessities of life. Wish I could do more for those who have not." . . . to T. E. B. for \$200.00. "The enclosed is money I saved for poor while I was in the army." . . . to C. G. "This \$10.00 was earned by baby-sitting this summer. Please accept it for the people in China and in other foreign lands who are not so fortunate as we."

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Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 366 Fifth Ave., New York 1, New York or to the Very Reverend George E. Lynch, Box 1949, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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Level Knowledge Of Religion, Other Studies: College Men

CLEVELAND — Members of a college social fraternity for Catholic men were told here they must keep their knowledge of Catholic doctrine on the same level as their knowledge of the studies they pursue.

This is necessary, said Auxiliary Bishop John J. Krol of Cleveland, "because of the great many professors who try to interpret all reality in terms of their own particular area of learning."

Bishop Krol warned that "we live in an age which is prone to attach infallibility to all scientific procedure, an age in which we are willing to worship at shrines of everything to which science is attached."

He pointed out that theology and philosophy "lend meaning to all other sciences." God expects each person to increase his knowledge of Him, the Bishop said, so that it can be translated into action for the individual's benefit and that of others.

The Bishop said that it was regrettable that knowledge of God cannot be acquired in the state school system. But he expressed the hope that "American ingenuity will find some way, without prejudice to anyone, to make religion a part of our educational system."

Religion Is Alive If Families Keep Religious Customs

LONDON, Ont. — Two lay speakers at the North American Liturgical Week stressed the importance of family religious customs as an overflow from the Mass and other liturgical rites of the Church.

Robert Rambusch of New York said the liturgical movement can "do much to stimulate interest in the redevelopment of a Christocentric family life" through the development of a "family liturgy."

Marceil Saddy of Sarnia, Canada, urged Catholic families to start with the religious customs they know from childhood and then develop some of their own practices.

He pointed out that most national groups in the United States and Canada brought over and retained family religious customs. The new generation, in trying to be too quickly "Americanized" or "Anglo-Canadianized," have thrown over many of the non-Canadian, non-American customs. In so doing they have thrown away Christian family customs.

Mr. Rambusch, who is associated with Rambusch Church Decorators, Inc. in New York, said the development of parochial education has had one undesirable by-product. He described that by-product as the "tendency to relegate the home to a secondary position as the well-spring in the child's religious education and spiritual formation."

"The indispensable role of the Catholic parent," he continued, "can never be replaced by the school, because the actual graces of the sacrament of Marriage as well as its explicitly stated primary end deal with the parental education of children."

"As Catholic families," said Mr. Rambusch, "we have a great heritage from the Old Testament families in the field of ritual, instruction and spiritual formation in the home. The Jewish family ritual was prescribed; The Catholic family ritual within the limits of orthodoxy is adaptable from the seasons and feasts of the liturgical year, national customs and individual family needs."

Vatican Daily Gets Sarcastic Over Beauties

VATICAN CITY — In a rare display of sarcasm, L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican daily newspaper, has attacked "the intellectual misery" of the Miss Italy beauty contest at Rimini.

Promoters of the contest, according to the paper, have attempted to lift the events from pure vulgarity to a combination of intellectuality with beauty. The outcome was just the opposite, L'Osservatore said.

Who were Romulus and Remus? Who was Enrico Fermi? Who was the author of Italy's famous novel of the 19th century? Questions simple enough for an Italian school girl, said L'Osservatore Romano, but the beauties at Rimini exchanged the founders of Rome for Greek twins, the atomic scientist for a soccer player, and they had forgotten Manzini's name.

Had the girls passed the examination of their knowledge of things cultural, continued L'Osservatore, "these feminine fairs would have distinguished themselves from the equine, bovine and canine shows by demonstrating that which God gave only to man, namely intelligence and the desire to know and cultivate the things of culture for the refinement of the spirit."

Boycotted Obscenity, Newsboys Praised

MELBUORNE, Australia — Catholic newsboys who recently refused here to distribute obscene publications, "showed themselves to be manly, decent and courageous," Archbishop Daniel Mannix of Melbourne declared.

Referring to the boycott which reportedly put a deep crimp in the sales of pandering paperbacks, the Archbishop said:

"They took it upon themselves to assist the Customs Department in saving Australia, and especially the young people, from a very objectionable flood of papers."

Stressing that the boys did not think of themselves or their own financial interests, the 92-year-old prelate said: "Seeing the evil that was being done by the distribution of dangerous literature, they took it upon themselves in a heroic and Christian spirit to do their part."



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