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Dear fellow countrymen and countrywomen, I greet you with the words: Praised be Jesus Christ!

 As a preface to today's radio talk I am giving you two seemingly insignificant events. I walk our familiar Broadway in the aim of begging for alms for building a hospital. The air is frosty. The snow is no so anxious to come down. A thin layer of ice covers the street as well as the walkway. Since its preholiday time there are not too many people on the street. Half block ahead of me, I spot an elderly lady. In her right hand she lugs a bag filled with goods from the market. It seems a bit heavy for her and she passes the back to her left hand. Walking along, she shifts the bag again to the other hand - an action which she continues to shift the burden from one to the other when the bag becomes burdensome. - the second event: In the first days of December in Buffalo and nearby areas about four inches of snow had fallen. Tired and nervous because of several days at the desk I went to the farm, to spend at least one evening bereft of the ringing of the telephone and the banging of the Chancery bells. The bells no longer have any meaning. After meetings dealing with the business of the building of the hospital and the various topics after a while became tedious. The beginning of the meeting was willingly energetic. I went to the farm on this December afternoon. I went to the task of removing the snow from the front of the garage. Two of my friends came: six year of Jasiu and four year old Maggy. The little ones helped me along with their small shovels. It lasted several minutes. The beginning was willingly energetic. The snow was heavy and the shovels were still too big for the little shovelers. The children stopped and breathed heavily. I was observing them quietly. I know that with little ones a lot of talk and directions isn't as acceptable as the quiet approach is. Jasiu approaches me. "Uncle, Jasiu is tired, and I am going home." "Jasku , I said, "if you shift the shovel from the right hand to the left you will not get as tired." The little one looked at me with philosophical glance and said, "Can this hand pick up more than this one? Both are small and both are mine. The snow is heavy here and here. Uncle, you can shovel - Jaszek is going home. Uncle, I'm tired. In his little head, he had came to some conclusion that a weight is a weight and its difficult work no matter which hand shovels the snow. Now to continue the talk, entitled:

 "THE FAITHLESS BUG IN THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE"

 Permit me to bring to mind the principle I dwelt on with you several weeks ago, namely that: "Beyond God and Religion, there is no weighty incentive, there is no significant and possible way to lift the nation's spirit and keep it in a conscientious pursuit of its obligations at work, in patience, sacrifice, respect of the law, virtue and dedication. The means by which the angry and unknowing people want to get rid of religion are a bit blah and powerless. These means are purely human means to produce purely nations which are anemic, bloodless, dragging themselves out of breath and life, restless and sick, and they are always at the mercy of the first better despot who boldly promises resolution and a life without difficulties and troubles, a veritable paradise on earth. It is therefore necessary to bring God into the law, customs and public arrangements in society. Otherwise the world will not recover health, and nations will have to say goodbye to peace, governance, sustainability, lasting governments and freedom for the people.

 After removing God from society, there remains there a large bottomless emptiness. It has to be refilled because it is the source of misery. But with what should it be filled? After removing God, all that remains is matter and materialism, which carries with it indifference to spiritual matters and a total absorption in comfort and life's gladness; it is a giving yourself to fleshly concerns, ideals, and goals. And again, how can you speak of any kind of dedication or sacrifices? If the goal of life is consumerism, how can you talk about honor etc.? There are those who are so impudent as to supplant God with science. And here again science is based on contemporary discovery of human beings, which urges the human to unbridled consumption to produce more and more in order to hunger for more consumption; in order to take from nature everything which can add delight to humankind. That is the sole plan and aim of the new teaching. According to certain historian: "Maybe getting rid of God and virtue from this world, you may want to call on bliss. If you awaken all the lust and the removal of all brakes; if people are fed with what lowers the soul to the ground, while depriving him of everything that would help him rise to the sky, how could you be confident that society will not fall? The loftiness of thought, the beauty of emotion, the heroic greatness of character builds a nation. Freedom, philosophy, learning and religion refines and ennobles the nation. And without these, what? A slow dying and ultimately death.

 In current times many societies, the American included, become the voluntary offering of one passion - consumption. Small passion, but stubborn and unsatisfied, mixed with and stranded on some of the domestic virtues, love of family, and traditionally based, with respect for religious beliefs even with perfunctory beliefs following obligations of a certain faith, which is sincere still eliminates the heroism, and includes good people and poor citizens. Such is the general state of a nation. But altruism is insufficient. It needs passionate consumerism, and since money is required for this, it demands an excessive passion for it. Unchecked and unorganized the desire is great to have money which becomes the goal of life. The fever of advancement governs and does not admit humility, goodness, honor but only....money! Jobs are evaluated according to income. One forgets that wage growth diminishes personal independence. With wage growth contentment vanishes. Man, who always awaits something considers nothing of worth. He lowers himself and feels himself a slave and compares himself to others who are smarter. Life is short, so in the insane pace of modern life, time passes quickly, money is just about earned for subsistence and even the non earned money, creates want and not joy. An unheard of income changes the family. We see odd modes of clothing, costly furniture, pricey pottery, fads of the moment, antiques. When earning a lot, the wasteful always live in debt, not being able to stop the unnecessary spending. The do not change the scales of life. They upgrade them to lower them. They truly waste time. Why talk to these people about the holiness of marriage? About the homefire? About the goal of worth of life? For them, money is everything because he who has money is a master of his domain. In the mad race for consuming the intelligence melts. A glut comes by quickly. An eighteen year old is old and jaded. He knows everything about life and he despises all. Virtue, honor, love, friendship, fame, sincerity, in a word, everything which ennobles life - these are foreign to him. Cold, hard self love dims in him all higher passions, and clean, sacrificial love is an object to him of scorn and laughter. An age begun in indifference to religion end with indifference to family and country. In vain do people wallow in things and futility. What can these things do for the human soul? A kind of craziness envelops modern mankind. They reach out their arms to literature, to the theater calling out pleadingly,:"Give us more, find, invent something new, something more sensational to wake our senses." And for this end, on the streets, on buildings appear huge posters peddling the exiting, unrelenting scenes. One has to entertain the lived. With what? Deep revealing dresses, sexy poses, never encountered nudity. Crowds rush, come with great expectations. And the crowds leave not quite satisfied completely. Boredom has not been eliminated; senses remain dead. People seek; they still find. The old Romans had circuses, amphitheaters, animal fights, gladiator contests. Men, women, and children were thrown to the lions for food. And despite this, they complained of boredom among material exhibitions. They roared "Bread and Games!" That was the banner of the Roman spectators, ending in mud and blood. The same motto, that same greeting falls on contemporary societies, signifying moral depravity, a lack of noble aims, exclusive dedication to material needs and levels of desires. A writer puts it this way: "Change the direction of your way, knock down your idols of flesh and blood, and in their place put the unblemished altars of our creator-God in sight. Shut out the shaming philosophy of impassioned delight in the senses. Show contempt for its doctors, speakers and teachers. Throw away all that cheapens: theaters, romances, let the object of your response be disgust. Throw away your public conscience. Otherwise, although you would discover and invent and outshine everything that today is your pride. Unless you bring back in your soul, the honor or God, unless you bring back to your souls prayers, dedication, distaste for materialism - push into the abyss, half of blood and half of mud, lose yourself, society and the gone by generation will curse and bad-wish you. Is there any way to get help? Yes! When the upper classes, in the public arena and in visible society, the young, the warm hearted, full of wants, imagination, hope and renewal of the blood of the sick society. They need to be left God and faith. You took away the Creator God and faith in his love, goodness and justice. The result was that some wild envy is reawakened in their hearts. A bitter and ever greater complaint rips itself from the lips of the workers. Sometimes there is a bit in the mouth of the human race. God placed man on earth, not so that he would use the world but to work in it; so that he would progress with work, in order and in thrift and in virtue and not lessen himself in consumerism. In these times, more than in any other times we hear these acid remarks: "Why is there so much ?" Why is there so much poverty and misery? Why so much hunger? Why do so many live in affluence and others don't have a piece of bread to eat? Why do I have to suffer and not others? Where is there justice? Why do I have to work day and night and have just a small piece of bread to eat and others have almost nothing. Before when people had faith and religion, they had a satisfactory and peaceful answer on all those **questions**. The religion of the affluent, magnates was to have rule over the poor; they taught their youth why they were on earth, why the poor are in poverty, why they suffer and called for patience, justice, acts of love, to complete resignation to the will of God. And religion directed to believe in the justice of God, to believe in eternal reward. To some it proposed the image of the unhappy rich man; to others, Lazarus; to others, Job and ultimately the crucified Christ emaciated, with a crown of thorns around his head, with a ship lashed, bruised body, looking with pity and love and simpatico and the human race. And then the poor murmured: "I know that God watches over me and Providence did not abandon me. The sick said with weak voice: "I see my God in my own kind of flesh." All cried out with resignation, "Your will and not ours be done". And faith brought peace to the senses, to the heart and to the soul. Good, that's the way it was in the past. today it is different. Who believes what we read in the Old testament? Who followed the teachings of Christ. Besides, who know whether Jesus Christ actually lived on this earth? Because in our modern times few believe, doubt everything. Contemporize physicians, progressive teachers, discovered some kind of motto through which they wish to supplant religion, it is nice sounding. They announce to everyone: "You have the right to happiness." It is a pleasant sounding sentence - short, beautiful and just sounding. It is for society that which would be a barrel of dynamite under skyscrapers. "You have a right to happiness?" How do they translate that? Some say "You have a right to happiness and everything bad comes from authority, from spiritual authority, from secular authority, from bread givers, from owners. All has to be destroyed, and first those whose beginnings: the authority of God. We are to rule ourselves. The idea is "no authority". That is our salvation." Others say: "I have the right to be happy, and if I have it, it is because I go my way and competition is in my way. Unify all your work, products, and wares and authority is only capable of dividing them justly; so one must get rid of personal possessions. reduce all states and give the governing body the collective riches. And in this you will find that happiness to which you have a right . Lastly there are those who say: "You have a right to happiness. Christianity liberated the soul." But that's only part of the sentence. Now one must liberate the flesh. Earthly paradise is not behind us it is ahead. All passions are holy, all activity should be peaceful." Some spoke of collective possessions.

 The last added even the collective women. You can't argue taste. All accept the principle that the goal of man is temporal, that the happiness consists in owning material things; that possession is possible but the old society is old and broken and stands in the way. One has to turn it around and rebuild with collective ownership, a re-educated family, getting rid of the rest of religion.

 Anyway, if there is not God, if an immortal soul does not exist, if temporality is everything, and eternity with a heaven and a hell is a delusion, isn't it the greatest wisdom to say to yourself,"consume!" Beyond religion there is only reason that is able to induce a men to be happy with their lot, to bear the burden of daily patience and agreed to it. Oh,, I have already, often heard of the respect for the law and the obedience to the will of the nation. But that is if you believe in God from which your walls come with importance and authority. With the loss of religion the will of the nation is an oppression and a enslavement to greatness by a few tyrants. You maintain that "man is free. Good! But why not explain under what conditions he is free. You maintain: people are equal among themelves!" But you say nothing about the borders under which he is free. You further maintain that "man has the right to happiness." - But...you do not add when and how this happiness may be obtained.

 Put together misery, lust, pride, faithlessness, self-love and what do you have? A barbaric predatory animal. Add to that the weakness join the weakness of good, the effeminacy of the wealthy, scandal given by elite circles, the lack of neutrality, more social indifference, corruption and contempt of God and religion, and you will have a monster, who is destructive. Several weeks ago, I read an article of an Economics Professor of one of the Western Universities. Listen to what that thinker, said in regard to our society: "The soul of mankind needs enlightenment It needs ideals, otherwise it will engulf itself in matter. Where to get these ideals is the problem? How to indoctrinate the people with them? - By enlightening them. In this way, there will be healing of the temporary sickness of the age and strengthening forever the health of the human race. You will give the people healing and a foundation." Is that the truth? What will enlightenment do without religion? Perhaps it will bring up good mathematicians, astronomers, geologists, etc. But it is necessary to call in religion. Enlightenment of the people will not really help a people who has soured, is ill, and is envious. It needs a very special human light - education. It was more need now than it ever was. A religious people can more easily be without it, rather than a people with little or no faith. Furthermore although one does not read or write the soul is not devoid of ideals. It has the real light, it has consistent and reliable anchor. It has a gigantic source of ideals - faith. But a people without God or an education, a people without a faith in God and in humanity, loses the human character and changes into an animal. Man is then capable of whatever faith and is capable of being pushed into all kinds of criminal activity. However, you would be crazy, if you had imagined that sharing the light you would in the wrong. Once again, I repeat: people need a light in the world, the world of voluntary suffering and sacrifice, light or recognizing the rights and acceptance of desires. We need that light falling from above, which says to the child: "Learn and be obedient" Youth: "work and be virtuous. Adults: Be sincere" The elderly: "Have hope!" Take away that hope, then you can give him everything else, but the question is will the intellect of the people be enlightened? Will the heart be more peaceful, will character be more envious? Will the people in general be obedient, more respectful of the law? Your enlightenment gives him the capability of reading the works of dreamers, utopians, and demagogues. And instead of protecting them and yourself, you will hand over a intellectual atomic bomb into the hands of those who want to send society into the air. "Christianity lost the caesars but saved the people." It opened the huts to Christ's optimists. This did not relate to the very rich and powerful of the world. It related lot to the poor, about the word of peace for them. Christianity did that. And what did they do in the wake of so many hears those, who dug them under? They saw the it was why the poor survived with patience the squeeze of the powerful and the powerful same to the poor for he said to himself; "The rich and the powerful will squeeze me here on earth; but when they will want to enter heaven, I will be at the doors to accuse them before God. Faith gave them patience and might. Those who opposed Christ, the worldly people said to the poor and the oppressed: "You are patient and await the day of justice; there will be no such day and there is no such justice. You await the life after death to find reprieve there, but there is no after life."Gather the tears of you family, of your children and the tears of your wives in order that in the hour of your death you can lay them at the feet of God. Then you will know that there absolutely no God" Then the poor and suffering stopped crying, told their wives to keep quiet and your children to go with you, and straitening yourself up, knowing your potential will say to the powerful. "You who persecute me, the people, are bad people. You who cheered us up and promised, you lied; you cheated me; That's what the enemies of God, Christ and religion You taught the people, convinced the nation that there is no God, that religion makes not different, that priests lied and cheated, the strong steal, that all peoples have equal laws, that all should posses the same power, all goods should be divided, that power should be centralized...and now...what? Man, the people and the nation will rise and say: "All happiness is due to me here on earth for there is no other happiness. And for me on earth, since heaven does not exist." - Man vs. man, brother vs. brother, nation will wallow in a pool of human blood. Long ago between you and prosperous world always shaky and suffering numerous abuses and the world of the poor and oppressed - was God, the Gospel, and the cross to keep them at peace or at least keep them from oppression and hurt. In current times neither the world of the powerful or rich nor the world of the poor get rid of God, do not know the Gospel, and step on the Cross. Now what? What later. The entire sickness of social structures comes for these reasons: The governing class does not have God to restrain them from overstepping their power; In the class of subjects there is a lack of God and so a lack of respect and obedience to the ruling class; there is no God to refrain from the subect consumerism and for the poor class there is no God to keep them from anger and revenge. In order for society to be intelligent in their uses of resources; in order to enjoy a degree of happiness without war, they need to unify. This agreement and this unity and this togetherness never existed, no one has and never can be, without God. For years, the world has played a grim tragedy, all evil boding that religion went into darkness, fully or heavily strained and weakened, it provided for a shaken society; All authority had lost its charm. importance and influence in the family ties which dropped to zero; nations wallowed in suspicion and suffocating fumes, hatred and revenge, and finally the barbarians in 1939 laid the foundations for a war that shook the foundation of the world. You know the consequences. From years past, in two nations primarily, in the German Reich, composed of people who were arrogant, prideful, without heart, without noble feelings. God was put on chair of the accused, the people lost their goals and were without a conscience. The procurators of the government spit on the countenance of Christ. Pilate, Herod, Caiaphas and Judases. Jesus was looked upon simply as the invention of people. They made out Jesus to be a clever man, who is to be disregarded. The Neo-pagans said that the teaching of Christ was a stack of laughable dreams, naive, cramping the cramping the style of man and empty promises. Mockery and ridicule, the ugly and the blasphemous flowed in waves of dirt and decay from feverish minds and lips of the prosecutors. After a short, one-sided process, the verdict: There is no God. The hoards looked at the verdict and clapped. And so: Out with God and His commandments. Good bye to the Teaching of Christ. Yes, Out with Christianity and Catholicism. Out with all religion, and consequently out with the family, personal property and the social structure. God in Germany was substituted with Walhallem and Walkirs. Christ was replaced with some kind of miserable paper hanger, Schickelgruber. The tablets of Moses were replaced with a Decalogue of racism, arch-patriotism and mixed in the blood spattered fists of Mars. Over the nations of Huns and Teutons hung the banner of the broken cross. And what happened and what is happening in the nation of the mongols, asiatics, tartars, kozaks and other grafts. There, God, Christ, the Gospel, Christianity, and Catholicism takes the place of Judas. Over the nation flies the flag of the hammer and sickle and in the country there are camps, jails, slavery, hunger and poverty. The mind of the people is in darkness, exasperation of the heart, overbearing passion. The flood is coming; dams do not exist. Atheism joined with hatred in the heart with Godless ideals. Futures demonstrate the effect of throwing out God. The earth quakes. Years ago, in 1880 in Rome there was a public manifestation in honor of the French revolutionary Ludwik Michel. The freemason was the main speaker. The tenor of the speech was the praise of satan. Someone in the crowd shouted "evviva Satana". Long live satan. Over five thousand called out: There is no God. Long live satan." The orator called out: "we don't want God." We want to serve satan". In Genui, year after year at the birthday of Massini Giuseppe, the Italian politician, a aid to the fellow worker bandit, Garibaldi carried a black flag with a icon of Lucifer. On one occasion the president of society claimed: "our goal is to hang the flag of Satan on all the churches and on the Vatican." The day will come, when the prince of this world will triumph over Christ and will be regarded as the true God. In 1908 on the 28 of December, there was a tremor in the town of Messina in Sicily. In the space of 20 seconds they found more than 80 Italians dead in the rubble. There were two Reasons: physical and moral; the physical was the destructive materials; the other was a crime against God. In Massena a local rag blaspheming and jocular under the title, "Il Telefono." /telephone/ (sic) Everyone who could read, read it if they knew how to read; In spite of that the newspaper columns carried articles that blasphemed everything holy, and advocated obscenities and immorality. In a star issue of the paper cold be found verses in which the author, Migneco, asked of the Child Jesus, some kind of calamity on each day of a Novena, that Catholics celebrated to the Holy Child. The sixth stanza plainly asks the Holy Child that a earthquake be sent to the area of the earth. A literal example: "My dear Child, true man and true God, through the love of the cross, hear our prayer: you, who know that you are unknown, send an earthquake on all." The original: O bmbinallo meo, Vero nomo, vero dio, per amor della tua croce, Fa sentir la nostra voce; Tu, che sai, che non sie lignoto, Manda a tutti un terremoto!" - But that did not suffice. On a feast of Christmas a circle of atheists by the name of Giordano Bruno in Messina there was a gathering in which all religion was to be banished from Sicily. God heard the plea of blasphemers and carried out the wishes. They wanted to destroy God; God destroyed the city. The writer of the blasphemy lost his wife and children in the earthquake. He went insane from despair. The "Scintillo" newspaper wrote: A terrible catastrophe, which ruined Massina, was prophesied, "The stepping on tradition, blasphemies, school without God, but most of the Godless press which laughed at the Messina to tears. And I think that the acts of blasphemy and the inactive response of the Catholics further brought the anger of God. It had been foretold the destruction would come for the blasphemies. God nodded to the elements. The earth rose in anger. The waters fled in the ruins and flames rolled through the city, which was totally destroyed. So man ends up. So end up families, societies and nations whose lack of faith in God and remove God from their lives.