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RENA WELCH Indian Missions; REV. CHARLES HILBERT Formosa; SISTER MARY CHRISTINE 'In Sister Land'; DR. PAUL LALONDE Tanganyika

76 From Diocese In Missions

When Catholics give their contributions to this Sunday's Mission collection, they can keep in mind that more than 75 priests, nuns and lay people of the Rochester Diocese are giving their lives in outposts of the Church's far flung mission work.

These missionaries from this Diocese range from a young monk to be given his first assignment in rites at Elmira tomorrow to veterans who are still haunted by the memory of Communist jails and threats of death.

The list also includes nuns in southern areas of this country and nuns in India, Africa and Hong Kong.

LAY PEOPLE have also answered this call to bring to pagan nations the message of Christ's redemption and are enrolled in the Church's crusade in turbulent Africa, stirring Indo-China and in home missions for western Indians.

The following tabulation, admittedly incomplete, is graphic proof that the "mission spirit" has a long and strong tradition in the Rochester Diocese.

Earlier this year, Rev. George Wood, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith Society, queried all 150 pastors seeking names of missionaries once members of local parishes. Notices in parish bulletins and announcements from pulpits provided this list of names:

- Behind each name is a person — someone who took to heart the Saviour's command, "Go into the whole world..." For each, this has demanded sacrifice, sometimes heroic courage and, in at least a few cases, "dying martyrdom in the stench and loneliness of a Communist prison cell."
- Father Wood said, "We want a complete 'honor roll' of our diocesan missionaries. If anyone who reads this list knows somebody we omitted, we'd very much like to be informed."
- These are the 37 missionary priests and lay brothers listed according to home parish, religious order and mission station:
- Rev. Walter J. Gleason, St. Francis, Phelps, Maryknoll, Tanganyika.
- Rev. James P. Courneer, St. Augustine, Rochester, Maryknoll, Bolivia.
- Rev. Gilbert J. DeRitis, St. Augustine, Maryknoll, home mission work.
- Rev. Leo F. Dunn, St. Augustine, Redemptorist, Brazil.
- Rev. Charles F. Hilbert, St. Augustine, Maryknoll, Formosa.
- Rev. Michael F. Kavanagh, St. Augustine, Jesuit, India.
- Rev. James R. Wickes, St. Augustine, Maryknoll, Chile.
- Rev. James J. Heigvern, St. Margaret Mary, Appalachicola, Virginian, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Rev. Pasquale Schmalz, St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen, Pallotine, home missions.
- Rev. R. Felix White, St. Stephen, Geneva, Maryknoll, Clark Summit, Pa.
- Rev. Bernard Hodcs, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Conventual, Franciscan, Costa Rica.
- Rev. Conrad Schomake, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Franciscan, Japan.
- Rev. Patrick H. Cleary, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, Maryknoll, Valley Park, Mo.
- Rev. Joseph McCormick, St. Anne, Palmyra, Maryknoll, Korea.
- Rev. Edward Bleher, St. John's, Greece, Maryknoll, Philippine Islands.
- Brother Ignatius DiSanto, St. John, Clyde, Divine Word, New Guinea.
- Rev. Bernard Casper, St. Alphonsus, Auburn, Gardiner, Colo.
- Rev. Stanley Maluszewski, St. Stanislaus, Rochester, LaSalette, Olivet, Ill.
- Rev. Richard F. Wagner, St. Monica, Josephite, Xavier University, New Orleans, La.
- Rev. Alberts Leach, home parish not given, Passionist, Union City, N.J.
- Rev. James J. Sharpley, Oratoflan, Rock Hill, S.C.
- Rev. Carl Donagan, St. Anne, Rochester, Graymoor, Japan.
- Rev. Charles Erb, Holy Family, Rochester, Divine Word, Africa.
- Rev. Raymond Quetchenbach, Holy Family, Divine Word, Philippines.
- Rev. Eugene Scheg, Holy Family, Oblate.



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- Rev. Valentine Welker, Holy Family, Puerto Rico.
- Rev. Robert Embury, Sacred Heart, TOR, South Dakota.
- Brother Thomas Cahill, Sacred Heart.
- Rev. Paul Sheehan, St. Mary, Elmira, Jesuit, Philippine Islands.
- Rev. Remigius Richardson, St. Mary, Elmira, Franciscan, Brazil.
- Brother Conner (Francis Swenny).
- Rev. Bernard Brown, St. Thomas, Irondequoit, Oblate of Mary Immaculate, Alberta, Canada.
- Rev. Thomas Ryan, St. Thomas, Oblate of Mary Immaculate, Brazil.
- Rev. Joseph Le Foy, St. Thomas, Josephite.
- BASILIAN Fathers, Rochester natives, working in the Korean missions of Korea include the Rev. Robert Ritz, St. Margaret Mary; the Rev. Richard Jeffrey, Holy Rosary; and the Rev. Robert Hall, St. John the Evangelist.
- LAY PEOPLE of the Diocese enrolled in mission work are: Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, dentist, Tanganyika; Mariette Wickes, social worker, Rwanda-Urundi; Frances Wikee, teacher, Indonesia; Rena Welch, missionary aide at Wall, Mississippi; Judith Walker and Sully Delbridge, Oklahoma.
- MISSIONARY NUSS, 35 of them, are listed according to their home parish, religious order and mission station:
- Sister Rosalia Kraft, Holy Family Church, Rochester, Notre Dame, India.
- Sister Helena Marie Yockel, Holy Family, Holy Ghost nuns, Africa.
- Sister Domitilla Russler, Holy Family, Maryknoll, present assignment not given.
- Sister John Mary Spillane, Holy Family, Maryknoll, assignment not given.
- Sister Perpetua Knuth, home parish not known, Maryknoll, home missions.
- Sister Paul Joseph Sheehy, St. Anne, Rochester, Sisters of the Atonement, Woodland, Calif.
- Sister Christine Hoyack, Holy Family, Glenora, U.S.
- Sister Berchman Bissack, Holy Family, order not known, Negro Mission in Belmont, S.C.
- Sister Augustina Rehnart, Holy Family, order not known, Negro Mission in Belmont, S.C.
- Sister John Francis Cameros, St. James, Irondequoit, Marist Missionary Sisters, awaiting overseas assignment at Marist Motherhouse.
- Sister Robert Jacques Hanlon, St. Alphonsus, Auburn, Maryknoll, Topsfield, Mass.
- Sister Mary Bonaventura Passarello, parish not known, Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Child, Williamsville, N.Y.
- Sister Miriam Anthony Donovan, parish not known, Maryknoll, St. Louis, Mo.
- Sister Miriam David Donovan, parish not known, Maryknoll, Hawaii.
- Sister Louis Bertrand Dixon, St. Vincent de Paul, Coming Sisters of St. Joseph, Good Samaritan Hospital, Selma, Ala.
- Sister Mary of the Blessed Sacrament, St. Morris, order not known, Canada.
- Sister Mary Christopher Brown, Assumption, Fairport, Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Divine Child, Crystal Lake, Tex.



Medical missionaries of many provide on-the-spot dental aid in Angou "bush diocese." Nuns have been helped by contributions from Rochester Diocese Catholics.

Diocese Rates In Top Quarter

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese are rated in the top quarter of per capita contributions to missions this past year, according to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

This Diocese is listed 3rd of 135 U.S. dioceses. Average local donation is 50 cents.

St. Louis archdiocese is highest with a \$1.54 average. Total amount given to the Church's mission work from the Rochester Diocese is \$422,519.26.

This is a drop of approximately \$10,000 from the previous year's record sum of \$250,611.

Father George Wood, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith Society, said donations in all categories were "up" except gifts sent directly by local people to Bishop Sheen's New York office.

Last year's Mission Sunday collection totaled \$143,938. Missionaries making appeals in parish churches reported \$230,768 given for their work. Children of the Diocese contributed \$49,824 through the Holy Childhood Association.

The Society's American Home Mission fund is listed at \$20,038. These four totals are all above the 1959 figure. The amount sent directly to the Society's national office in New York this past year is \$19,911 — compared with \$7,844 the previous year.

MISSIONARIES who visited parishes of the Diocese to make their personal appeals represented 78 religious orders and mission territories. These include the Pallotine Fathers, Salesians, Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa, Clerics of St. Victor, Medical Missionary Nuns of Mary.

Trinitarian Sisters, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Missionaries of St. Peter and Paul, Society of the Divine Word, Redemptorist Fathers, Sisters of St. Joseph.

Minor Fathers, the First Franciscan Missions of Japan, Maryknoll Fathers, Sacred Heart Fathers, Basilian Fathers, Lasalle Missionaries, Discalced Carmelite Fathers.

American Jesuits in China, Redemptorist Fathers, AID — a lay apostolate group, and the dioceses of Salt Lake City, Rapid City, Charleston in this country; Prince Rupert, British Columbia; Helsinki, Finland; Port Elizabeth, South Africa; and Lyallpur, Pakistan.

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You Have the Faith Others Have Not

My dear People: Mission Sunday, which occurs this year on October 23rd, again reminds us of the Church universal. Over the whole world there are 700 areas, all of them in mission territory, and each of them manned by devoted missionaries. Over 25,000 priests, more than 1,000 brothers, and nearly 70,000 sisters are spreading the Gospel of Christ.

This group is the responsibility of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith under the direction of the Holy Father himself. For this reason, His Holiness turns to the faithful once a year begging for assistance in the form of prayer and sacrifice.

We must remember that only because of the missionaries we have in our Church, the majority of us have the faith today. Because you have the faith and others do not, because you have Christian education for your children and others have not, because you have the intercession of Our Lady and the Sacraments and others have not, the Holy Father has Mission Sunday to help bring the Faith to the heathen in Korea, the heathen in India, the refugees from Communism in China, the millions in Asia who walk in the darkness of paganism, and in our own home missions, the "no priest areas" of America.

You have received a Mission Sunday envelope. May I suggest that you return it next Sunday with an offering of at least two dollars to help support our home and foreign missions? The Holy Father needs your personal help to maintain all the mission areas under his care.

Thanking you for your continued cooperation and, deeply grateful for your zeal in promoting the mission Christ entrusted to His Church, I am

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,
+ James J. Sheen
Bishop of Rochester

Prayers, Aims Asked

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will bolster the Church's world-wide mission program by offering their prayers and contributions this Sunday, Oct. 23, Mission Sunday.

Pope John XXIII has asked Catholics of the world to join the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Vatican's own mission aid organization, often called the Pope's Community Chest.

Bishop Kearney, in a letter read at Masses this past Sunday, asked for an offering of "at least two dollars to help support our home and foreign missions."

He pointed out the needs of 25,000 missionary priests, 6,000 brothers and close to 70,000 nuns and described them as a "vast army engaged in spreading the Gospel of Christ."

Rev. George S. Wood, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith Society, said Catholics who enroll in the papal organization by using the envelopes given them by their pastors will receive the monthly magazine "Mission" published by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, national director of the Society.

The magazine carries reports of mission progress and serves as a reminder to pray for the missions throughout the year.

SPECIAL PRAYERS will be said at all Masses this Sunday for the missions. These include an "intention" required collect prayer from the Mass for the Propagation of the Faith to be added following the regular Sunday collect.

Each parish is also authorized to schedule one Mass in purple vestments, the color of Mass for the Propagation of the Faith. Text for this Mass is published in the back of most missals.

The faithful are also urged to receive Holy Communion, say their Rosary and other prayers as well as offer their Mass for the Church's mission work.

Goal of this centuries-old program is the conversion to Christianity of 1,500,000,000 pagan people. Most of these are in Africa and Asia. Mission programs are also urgently needed in Latin America where the heritage of faith is threatened by critical shortages of priests and nuns and skyrocketing populations.

Mission experts agree the Church needs to step up its apostolate for souls especially in Africa where newly independent nations are under strong Soviet pressure to adopt Communism rather than Christianity, long considered in the natives' minds as "the white man's religion."

Pope John dramatically sought to dispel this notion by naming Tanganyika's African Bismarck of Hutuba to the rank of Cardinal. Afty this year, Native priests in both Africa and Asia were named as bishops in scores of dioceses to succeed white missionary prelates.

Church officials are quick to explain that this trend does not mean congregations in these areas are able to take care of themselves. "Widespread poverty makes these people still dependent on European and American aid."



Father Mooney, Father Wood, Monsignor Randall

Mission Promoters

Three Rochester priests can claim a major share of credit for the wide diocesan interest in and support of the Church's mission program.

All three have taken their turn as head of the diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith, official mission organization of the Vatican.

Father Leo Mooney, now pastor-emeritus of St. Patrick's Church, Rochester, was appointed by Archbishop Thomas F. Hicks, Rochester's second bishop, to organize the Society locally.

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72 Mile Hike, Missed Bus

Mogoro — (NO) — Imelda, her heavy wooden suitcase balanced ponderously on her head, walked securely up the road to Marian College. The 16-year-old girl was a week late for the new term, but she had walked 72 miles to get here.

Imelda told the Maryknoll Sisters who staff the college, Tanganyika's only secondary school for Catholic African girls, that heavy rains had washed away the roads to her village. No bus would or could take her to the railway station. She and her father, a primary school teacher, set out by foot.

They finally found a bus for Dar-es-Salaam. Imelda took the bus, and then a train from Dar-es-Salaam to Mogoro.

Her father walked home — 72 miles.

Pope Ponders 'Other Shore'

Vatican City — (NS) — Pope John XXIII, who will be 78 on Nov. 25, confided at a general audience attended by some 10,000 persons that he is thinking more and more of death and of the reward in heaven.

"It is my personal experience," he said, "that as a person grows older with faith in his heart, he feels increasingly familiar with those who have preceded him. Looking to the other shore where there are so many of his friends."

The Pontiff added that "what little of one's life is left is made heavy by the thought that the Lord is awaiting us with the promised reward for good works."

Report—Propagation of Faith Society

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Mission Sunday	\$104,732.25	Foreign Missions	\$79,112.00
Wills	25,322.25	Home Missions	26,545.14
Rosaries	76.06	Catholic Near East	1,926.51
Medals	23.00	Rosaries	37.00
Statues	42.00	Statues	28.00
Designated Gifts	110,258.27	Designated Gifts	110,258.27
Mass Stipends	51,713.87	Mass Stipends	51,713.87
Missionary Union	386.14	Missionary Union	386.14
Missionary Plan	76,819.53	Missionary Plan	76,819.53
Leper	10,861.06	Leper	10,861.06
Annually	480.00	Annually	480.00
Holy Childhood Association	48,524.23	Holy Childhood Association	48,524.23
Miscellaneous Income	599.28	Office & Promotion Expenses	24,519.30
TOTAL	\$444,221.52	TOTAL	\$444,221.52

*RECEIPTS: Mission Sunday receipts include Ordinary Memberships, \$40,306.45; Special Memberships, \$19,028.00; Perpetual Memberships, \$9,330.00; Collections, \$21,422.77; Donations, \$17,577.44.