

Church's Worldwide Mission Program Depends on Alms, Prayers of Catholics

Mission Concern Belongs To All

My dear People:

Mission Sunday for 1962 comes while the Second Vatican Council is again in session and therefore it is very appropriate to recall something that the First Vatican Council said back in 1869. Nearly one hundred years ago, that Council spoke of the "scandalous religious situation of the world," pointing out that only about 20% of the world's population was Catholic.

Yet had to say the picture is worse today. For, although the Church has grown in the last hundred years, it can now claim only 17% of the total world population, and hardly four million of these are born Catholics. Our present rate of 17% is continuing to decrease rapidly.

The Bishops of the Second Vatican Council are very conscious of these facts. Only too well do they know the command of Christ: "Teach ye all nations!" But the responsibility rests not only upon the successors of the Apostles and upon the missionaries of the world. It falls upon all of us.

Your response to Christ's command can take the form of a generous offering on Mission Sunday. Please give serious thought to "an added sacrifice for the Missions" as the envelope suggests. This would be something in addition to your regular membership offering in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. You may even find it possible to make an offering of five dollars.

My response to your generosity will be but a re-echo of the gratitude of 250,000 missionaries throughout the world.

With a blessing, I remain
Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

John E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

The Church in Need

A Panorama Of Struggle

Missionary bishops, priests and sisters beat a path to the door of the Diocesan Office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith at 60 Chestnut St. "Almost all have something in common," according to Father John F. Duffy, diocesan director, "they are seeking admission in the Missionary Cooperation Plan for the following year."

Each year the diocesan director reviews approximately 175 applications, and of these only twenty-nine can be honored by the Diocese. For the 153 parishes of the Diocese are grouped into twenty-nine sets, each set having five parishes on the average. In 1962 approximately \$3,046 was realized by each group.

"There is no doubt about the merit of the various requests; all are worthy of support," points out Father Duffy. "The question is — which mission groups the Diocese will admit."

As the diocesan director reads applications, two points seem to emerge as being most noteworthy. One is the expansion of activities that characterizes so many of the missionary sending societies here in the United States. The other is the discouraging picture in certain regions of the world.

"I have heard many tales of discouragement," observed the diocesan director, "but perhaps the most appalling this year came from a diocese in northern India."

To make its diocesan boundaries coincide with the territorial boundaries, the Holy See in 1959 cut off part of the Archdiocese of Delhi in India. The newly established diocese, almost as large as the State of California, has more than eight million non-Christians and only thirty-five hundred Catholics, most of whom are relatively new converts. To serve the people of this area there are only sixteen secular priests.

The present bishop of the infant diocese first came to the area as a chaplain in the Royal Air Force in World War II. Today as bishop, he has a diocese so poor that he has no home of his own. He depends on the hospitality of some kind Christian Brothers for his living quarters, study and chancery office. As for a cathedral, this 20th century apostle finds that he has a school hall in which to offer Mass.

From a modest beginning of five mission units, each with a chapel and living quarters, this Indian diocese has grown so that today there are now twelve mission units. But the real problem lies in the more than forty visiting areas where there are no churches, nor even land that the missions own. In these cases the

Prayers

Alms Asked For Souls

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese will bolster the Church's world-wide mission program by offering their prayers and contributions this Sunday, Oct. 20; Mission Sunday.

Pope Paul VI 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, asks for an offering of "an extra dollar or two" to help support our home and foreign missions.

He pointed to the needs of 25,000 missionary priests, 2,000 brothers and close to 70,000 nuns — the Church's vast army engaged in spreading the Gospel of Christ.

Rev. John F. Duffy, diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith Society, said Catholics who enroll in the paper 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 "imperative" collect prayer from the Mass for the Propagation of the Faith to be recited following the regular Sunday collect.

Each parish is also authorized to schedule one Mass in purple vestments, the votive 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 century-old program is the conversion to Christianity of 1,500,000,000 pagan people, most of whom 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 sky-rocketing 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 raising native priests in both Africa and Asia to be bishops in scores of dioceses to succeed white missionaries and prelates. These bishops are now attending sessions of the Vatican Council with prelates of nations long identified with the faith.

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.

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Pope Paul VI — Shepherd of the World's Missions.

64 from Diocese in Foreign Mission Work

The Catholic Church's worldwide apostolate to win souls for Christ includes more than fifty missionaries from the Rochester Diocese.

Priests, brothers, nuns and lay people make up that brave group who range from Singapore to Saigon, from a remote jungle village near the equator to the frozen wastes of the arctic.

More than a hundred other missionaries are engaged in projects for souls within the United States but their work is far from a "home mission" situation. They have given up the comforts of their own homes, the consolation of friends and relatives to bring the Gospel's message to mountain towns, wester reservations and humid southern villages.

Following is a list of the foreign missionaries from the Rochester Diocese as compiled by the local Propagation of the Faith Office. The home missionaries will be listed at a later date.

Names are listed alphabetically according to family name, parents and parish send present mission assignment:

Sister Helen Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bauman, of Holy Rosary parish, Rochester, Maryknoll, Hawaii.

Rev. Harold Theodore Bieber, son of Mr. Harold Bieber and the late Mrs. Bieber, of St. John Evangelist parish, Greece, Maryknoll, Philippines.

Sister Camille Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duncan Black, of St. Patrick's parish, Danville, Maryknoll, Guatemala.

Sister Frances, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. August Bott, of Holy Redeemer parish, Rochester, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit, New Guinea.

Sister Mary Sylvina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Brien, of St. Peter & Paul parish, Rochester, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Puerto Rico.

Rev. Bernard Brown, son of the late Mr. Frank Brown and Mrs. Brown, of St. Thomas Apostle parish, Rochester, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Canada.

Dr. William C. Caccamise, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Caccamise, Blessed Sacrament parish, Rochester, India.

Sister M. John Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron, of St. James parish, Rochester, Marist, West Indies.

Rev. Gilbert J. De Ritis, son of the late Mr. Vincent De Ritis and Mrs. De Ritis, of St. Augustine parish, Rochester, Maryknoll, South America.

Sister Christina Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mariano de Ycaza, of Immaculate Conception parish, Ithaca, Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Puerto Rico.

Rev. Carl Doerner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doerner, of St. Ann parish, Rochester, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Japan.

Sister Miriam David, daughter of the late Mr. Thomas

Donovan and Mrs. Donovan, of St. Mary parish, Auburn, Maryknoll, Hawaii.

Rev. Louis Joseph Dowd, son of Mr. Louis J. Dowd and the late Mrs. Dowd, Blessed Sacrament parish, Jesuit, Taiwan.

Rev. John J. Drexel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Drexel, of St. Helen parish, Rochester, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Brazil.

Rev. Charles G. Erb, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William J. Erb, of Holy Family parish, Rochester, Divine Word Missionaries, Ghana.

Sister Pierre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Fischette, of St. Francis Xavier parish, Rochester, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Ghost, Ghana.

Sister Mary Sulpicia, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Gardner of Holy Redeemer parish, Rochester, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Puerto Rico.

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Rev. Justinian Gilligan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gilligan, of Holy Apostles parish, Rochester, Passionist, Philippines.

Rev. Walter J. Gleason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gleason, of St. Francis parish, Phelps, Maryknoll, Tanganyika.

Sister Ethelreda, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green, of Sacred Heart parish, Rochester, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit, New Guinea.

Sister Mary Norbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gutacker, of St. Boniface parish, Rochester, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Puerto Rico.

Rev. Charles Hilbert, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Hilbert, SS Peter and Paul parish, Rochester, Maryknoll, Formosa.

Rev. Bertrand Hodes, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Hodes, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, Rochester, O.F.M., Costa Rica.

Rev. Richard Kraft, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Raymond Kraft, of St. Charles Borromeo parish, Rochester, Divine Word, Philippines.

Mother Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Langis Sr., of St. John Evangelist parish, Rochester, Ursuline, Thailand.

Dr. Paul S. Lalonde, D.D.S., son of the late Mr. Wilfred Lalonde and Mrs. Lalonde, Our Lady of Victory parish, Rochester, Medical Missionaries of Mary, Tanganyika.

Rev. Bernard J. LeFroid, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John LeFroid, of St. Margaret Mary parish, Rochester, Divine Word, Philippines.

Sister Jane, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John LeFroid, of St. Margaret Mary parish, Rochester, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters, Ghana.

Rev. Gerard Leicht, son of the late Mr. John Leicht and Mrs. Leicht, of St. Charles Borromeo parish, Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Hawaii.

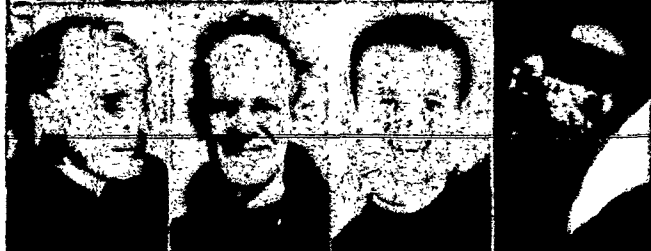
Rev. Albinus Leach, son of the late Mr. Frank Leach and Mrs. Leach, of St. Mary parish, Auburn, Passionist, Philippines.

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RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Mission Sunday*	\$110,965.24	Foreign Missions	\$117,353.45
Gifts	60,695.54	Designated Gifts	110,707.42
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Mass Stipends	42,236.69	Mass Stipends	42,236.69
Missionary Plan	88,357.75	Missionary Plan	88,357.75
Leper	12,567.84	Leper	12,567.84
Holy Childhood Association	60,718.20	Holy Childhood Association	60,718.20
Missionary Union	385.00	Missionary Union	385.00
Medals	24.00	Catholic Near East	1,957.86
Rosaries	33.00	Office & Promotion Expenses	27,233.08
Statues	18.60	Medals	49.00
State Tax Dividend	5.35	Rosaries	12.00
		Statues	33.00
TOTAL	\$468,714.03	TOTAL	\$468,714.03

*RECEIPTS: Mission Sunday receipts include Ordinary Memberships, \$43,164.22; Special Memberships, \$19,164; Perpetual Memberships, \$8,124; Collections, \$21,772.98; Donations, \$18,740.04.



Father Dowd

Father Schomski

Brother Norton

Father Vezelis



Sister Helen Marie

Sister Ethelreda

Sister Frances

Sister Aquinas



Father Quetschbach

Father Brown

Father Stradski

Father Kavanaugh

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