

'The Whole Church is Missionary'

My dear people: Next Sunday, October 23rd, is Mission Sunday.

Pope Paul and the Bishops of the Vatican Council emphasized that "the whole Church is missionary, and the work of spreading the Gospel is a basic duty of all the People of God."

The Council did not leave this "basic duty" as a vague exhortation, but told us very realistically that we are to "spend our forces in the work of spreading the Gospel." This is accomplished primarily through

our prayers and works of penitence and charity. We should be our material neighbors in keeping with our means and ability.

Our active membership in the Society for the Propagation of the Faith enables us to capture the spirit of the Council's teaching in our daily lives through our devotion to the mission work of the Church.

Pope Paul and the Bishops of the Council have entrusted the missionary task of the People of God to the care of Mary, Queen of the Apostles. And in like manner, I entrust the success of Mission Sunday

in the Diocese of Rochester to our Lady, Queen of the Apostles and also Queen of the Rosary.

With a blessing, I am
Your devoted Shepherd
in Christ,
Joseph E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

P.S.—The Collection is to be taken up on Mission Sunday, Oct. 23.

Midget Missionaries Rite at Pius X Church

A Departure Ceremony of Midget Missionaries will take place at St. Pius the Tenth Church on Chili Avenue this Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23. The Midget Missionaries are children, 26 of them, from the second grade who will be dressed in the various orders of the Church and will be given their assignments to foreign lands. The colorful ceremony follows an afternoon Mass at 5:00 p.m. at which Dominican Father Michael O'Sullivan will deliver the sermon. Father O'Sullivan is a Rochester Dominican priest on leave from his mission in Kenya. He is on the faculty of the Aquinas Seminary in Nairobi where all the students are native.

"A presentation of this kind, repeated for the past ten years, may speak in children's hearts the desire to become missionaries. It doesn't dramatize the distant places where missionaries go," said Father Donald Murphy, pastor.



Brother Simeon Norton with Korean nuns in dispensary he operates.

Constant Battle

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There are so many things to be done here and so little with which to do them," wrote our fourth missionary in the Far East, Fr. Francis Xavier, in a letter from his mission in Korea. He said: "I had to sell my motorcycle to get money for transportation. It doesn't seem like much, but it makes a big difference. What could be accomplished in a short time becomes an all-day affair."

Despite the setbacks and disappointments, despite the seemingly insurmountable odds, all our missionaries, the priests and sisters and the brothers, never seem to give up hope.

There is always a certain spirit detected in the words of Fr. Vezells in speaking of his program of catechesis: "Adults and children here do not benefit from the modern teaching techniques used elsewhere. Even trying to help the people on a purely natural level is difficult. But we keep trying with the hope that somehow we'll make some progress."

The battle for souls goes on not just in war-torn areas but in missionary outposts around the world. And sometimes the struggle is even more difficult in places where the missionaries meet with coldness and contempt.

It is our task to forget the weapons for this battle so the Church will ultimately attain victory. Let us be encouraged and commanded us to win—the weapons are fashion by our prayers and aims.

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Doc Pho, So, Vietnam — Bishop Dominique Hoang-Van-Doan, O.P., of Qui Nhon is shown in bottom photo accepting the deed to the Capt. Ronald F. Rod Memorial Orphanage in Duc Pho, Vietnam. The deed was presented at dedication ceremonies by Col. William V. Ochs, Jr., senior advisor in the Quang Ngai sector. He represents the U.S. In top photo, orphanage staff, dressed in native Vietnamese costume, stand outside the new home. The orphanage was built with contributions from people of New Orleans, La., and elsewhere in a drive launched by the Clarion Herald, weekly of the Catholic New Orleans archdiocese.

The Army for Souls

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Sr. Mary Norbert Gutacker, S.S.N.D., St. Boniface, Rochester, Puerto Rico.

Sr. Mary Godfrey Hamel, S.S.N.D., St. Boniface, Rochester, Puerto Rico.

Sr. Rose Alma Hayes, S.S.J., St. James, Waverly, Brazil.

Sr. Mary Emery Kavanagh, S.M.I.C., St. Augustine's, Rochester, Bolivia.

Sr. James Mary Kenrick, R.S.M., Immaculate Conception, Itasca, Chile.

Sr. M. Isaac Jognes Kircher, S.M.S.M., St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, New Guinea.

Sr. Annice Kloster, S.S.J., St. Anne, Rochester, Brazil.

Sr. Mary Perpetua Knuth, S.S.N.D., St. Boniface, Rochester, Puerto Rico.

Sr. M. Joan Korn, R.S.M., Sacred Heart, Rochester, Chile.

Mother Virginia Marie Langhe, O.S.U., St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, Thailand.

Sister Jane LeFrois, S.S.P.S., St. Boniface, Rochester, Ghana.

Sr. Mary Georgia Lindner, S.S.N.D., St. Michael's, Rochester, Chile.

Sr. Ruthanne Manning, S.S.J., St. James, Waverly, Brazil.

Sr. Ellen Marchner, S.S.P.S., Holy Trinity, Webster, Taiwan.

Sr. Jognes McWay, S.S.J., St. Monica's Rochester, Brazil.

Sr. Mary Thaddaeus McTeague, B.V.M., St. Louis, Pittsford, Ecuador.

Sr. M. de Perres Nelson, R.S.M., St. John the Evangelist, Rochester, Chile.

Sr. Laurence Marie Nolan, O.P., St. Ambrose, Rochester, Japan.

Sr. John Edward O'Brien, O.S.F., Brazil.

Sr. Inez Marie Petruno, O.P., St. Mary's, Auburn, Caroline Islands.

Sr. Mariana Pilot, S.S.J., St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester, Brazil.

Sr. Michael Marya Popowich, S.S.J., Corpus Christi, Rochester, Brazil.

Sr. Anne Martin Robonie, O.S.F., St. Ambrose, Rochester, Jamaica.

Sr. Louis Suter, S.S.J., Holy Spirit, Rochester, Brazil.

Sr. Mary Tutuila Schield, O.S.F., Sacred Heart, Rochester, Jamaica.

Sr. Loyola Schmitz, S.S.J., St. Alphonsus, Auburn, Brazil.

Sr. M. Canisius Speleicy, R.S.M., St. Anne, Hornell, Chile.

Sr. M. Jean Stroh, M.H.S.M., Holy Redeemer, Rochester, Venezuela.

Sr. M. Thomas Aquinas Sullivan, F.M.M., St. Augustine's, Rochester, Malaysia.

Sr. M. Magdalena Urlicher, O.P., Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester, Taiwan.

Lay Missionaries
Miss Bernadine Foley, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, E. Africa.

Mr. Richard A. Rauner, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jamaica.

Miss Francine Wilkes, St. Ambrose, Rochester, Indonesia.

Fr. TIME
Fr. William C. Caccamise, M.D., St. Louis, Pittsford, India.
Dr. Paul S. Leland, D.D.S., St. Rose, Sohus Point, Ghana.

The Constant Battle for Souls



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Diocesan Director Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Asia? Africa? Latin America? Where should the Church stress her missionary work? Does any one continent take precedence over another?

All agree that the task of bringing Christ to every man is equally important in every land. But often in the same breath these very people who stress equality will then ask that the spotlight of attention be focused on a particular area.

The urgent needs of the Church in Latin America were recently brought to our attention by Pope John. This has now become a special project for the Church in the United States. And also recently the African missions seemed to command a particular interest because of the racial unrest—a problem not unlike the one we have here in the United States.

The expansion of the Vietnam conflict, however, and the growing menace of Red China has drawn the attention of all Americans to the Far East.

In over thirty homes in the Rochester Diocese, news bulletins and reports from Asia are read with more than casual interest. From these homes have gone forth missionary priests and brothers, missionary sisters and lay people, seeking to fill the vacuum left in the wake of wars, revolutions and violence. These missionaries, with the help of St. Francis Xavier and St. Isaac Jogues endeavor to relieve the hunger of soul and body.

TYPICAL OF our Rochester Missionaries in the Far East are: Fr. Francis Xavier, O.S.F., in Korea; Don William C. Caccamise, an eye surgeon making periodic visits to the Patna mission in India; Maryknoll Brother Simeon Norton, living in the very shadow of North Korea; and a Sister who must remain nameless for reasons of political prudence.

That a missionary should want her work to remain unknown to the outside world might seem strange. But this Rochester-born Sister in the Far East has written: "Our missionary work here in the East is particularly in the most obscure places. It is in the hidden heaven in the dough."

The words of our missionary sister in the Orient remind one of the statement in the Council's Decree on the Missions: "Circumstances are sometimes such that the possibility of spreading the Gospel directly and forthwith. Then, of course, missionaries can and must at least bear witness to Christ by charity and by works of mercy, with all patience and prudence."

The welfare of these unsung heroes and the success of their efforts merit the prayers of all the Children of God.

The increasingly vital importance of the work of the July 1966 Missionary Week is the theme of the section entitled "Cooperation." There one can read: "Let laymen gladly offer socio-economic cooperation to people on the way of development."

A Vietnamese child wonders how a cold stethoscope will make her healthier. U.S. doctors have joined missionaries in efforts to heal the ravages of war.

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Holy Family Hospital in Kurji, Bihar State of India, periodically is the site of the eye surgery of Rochester's Doctor William C. Caccamise. Of

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A narrow stretch of water, only four miles in width, separates another of our Rochester missionaries from the Communist-held territory north of the 38th Parallel. Brother

Simeon Norton, stationed at the Blessed Andrew Kim Memorial Clinic in Pyongyang, looks out his bedroom window and see the Red-held territory. Over one hundred orphans, twenty old folks, a sixty bed hospital and a YB Clinic keep the Maryknoll Brother busy within the shadow of the 38th Parallel. (Continued on Page 4A)

An Army from our Diocese

Names make news, it is said.

And here are the names of the priests, brothers, nuns and lay people of the Rochester Diocese who are on the front lines of the faith in distant mission outposts.

Their life of service to souls around the world is evidence that the Catholic faith is still able to take hold of the hearts of young people and send them out on bold adventures.

THEIR LIVES also demand a response on our part too, our prayers and aims on Mission Sunday, Oct. 23.

The following list of missionaries includes, besides the names of their religious order, present mission assignment. The list is as up-to-date as information is available at the diocesan office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Priests
Rev. Bonaventure A. Balsam, O.P., Our Lady of Victory, Rochester, Nigeria.
Rev. Howard Bieber, M.M., St. John the Evangelist, Greece, Philippines.
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Father Vezells from St. George parish, Rochester, a missionary in Korea, had to sell his motorcycle to support his mission charges.