

Don't Forget to Give for Missions This Sunday

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\$180,970 raised here in October of '67.

What can one say to plead for cash-generosity equal to the needs and for concern equal to the sacrifices being made daily by body and spirit of unsalaried missionaries so far from home?

A lawyer once came to Our Lord and asked: "Who is my neighbor?" The man expected the answer that the neighbor was the family who lived next door or in the same community, or belonged to the same set.

To answer the question, Our Lord upset all concepts of neighbor. He said the neighbor was not the one who was closest to us, but the one who was farthest away. The neighbor-to-be-loved, He indicated, was not necessarily a friend or one of the same tribe; he might conceivably be an enemy. In the story of the Good Samaritan, Christ tells us that the neighbor we must care about does not belong to our nation or class; he is rather the ONE WHO NEEDS US.

But in facing the mission needs of the world, it is not pity we must stress, but help—practical, persevering, adequate and even sacrificing to the point of some pain for ourselves. If the mission story stirs compassion for the miseries of the world but no action ensues, our pity would be as unblest as a sigh into the air. In these times it's cold cash given with a warm heart that will make the difference between life and death for many missionaries' problems.

Suppose that in the midst of your enjoyment of dinner, the walls of your dining room parted and through the yawning opening a missionary Sister brought in an abandoned child from a Korea slum, or led to your table a starving mother from India, or showed your family a sick family from Peru. Would you offer them only the left-overs of your dinner? Could you be satisfied that a few dollars pressed into the Sister's hand would satisfy this misery—and leave you peaceful in conscience?

Last year the average U.S. donation per Catholic for the missions of the Church was less than 50¢—that's for a whole year and for the whole 48 million of us! But if just four of us gave to the Holy Father for the education of a native priest in Africa as much as we spent on entertainment last year we could keep that seminarian in school for a year or so.

How many of us can even remember dollars spent on expensive meals-out in the past year? How many of us could recount the packs of cigarettes which went up in nervous smoke, or the unnecessary drinks we have bought, or the already-forgotten magazines we paid for and tossed away? These pleasures were not intrinsically selfish but they become



A Sister passes out food and a little love at an Oriental mission.

so if our neighbor suffered somewhere last year because we never shared more than pennies with him.

In dealing with our families or friends isn't it true that no kindness

or concern can ever pass from us to another without some loss to ourselves? Our Lord himself had to suffer to be a medium of healing the world's soul. No fires are ignited without the sharing of the flame.

This Sunday make a sacrifice of money so great that you will feel the "pain" of it more than a few days. Your neighbor — the missionary and his people — need what only you can give.

Religious Agencies Send 2,890 Tons Of Aid to Biafra

New York — (N.C.) — American Protestant and Catholic overseas aid agencies disclosed here that during September and the first week of October more than 2,890 tons of food and medicines were flown into blockaded Biafra by church-sponsored airlifts from the island of Sao Tome.

Church World Service and Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. Protestant and Catholic overseas aid agencies, respectively, said 200 flights were completed during September and 50 flights from Oct. 1 to 7.

Pastor Viggo Mollerup of Denmark arrived here to confer with CRS and CVS representatives and officials of UNICEF, the United Nations organization, about relief operations for the starving Biafran population in the blockaded eastern region of Nigeria.

Pastor Mollerup reported medicines are drastically short in supply in Biafra and appealed to American voluntary agencies to increase shipments of antibiotics, drugs and other medicines.

Reports Distorted, Nigeria Claims

United Nations, N.Y. — (RNS) — Nigeria categorically rejected claims that the fate of the Ekos in Biafra was a concern of the international community.

Foreign Minister Okoi Arikpo told the U.N. General Assembly that the international press, radio and television have tended to "dramatize in raw fashion incidents and situations out of their historical contexts, perspectives and proportions."

He argued that the rebels in Biafra were motivated by "narrow, selfish interests, and supported by foreign economic and neo-colonialist interests."



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Father Peter Deckman, left, and Father Paul Freemessor, Rochester diocesan priests, work in a mission area of La Paz, Bolivia.

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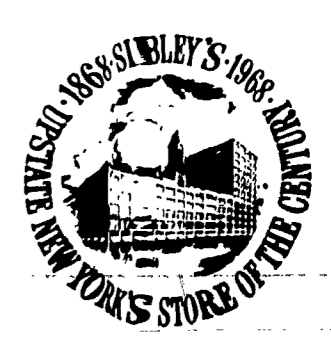


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