

For three-fourth of the world population, half the deaths are among children less than five years old.

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A Street Scene in Santiago

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Since 1926 the Diocesan Missions Office has promoted the mission works of the Church, especially through the Pontifical Societies, the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle for the training of native clergy, and the various other projects. To all of these our people have responded with enthusiasm, interest and support.

The Church of the Diocese of Rochester has carried out a traditional spirit of mission. Pope Paul defined that spirit when he asked us to present the Church to the modern world in such a fashion that it would always be seen as the instrument of both "salvation and service."

For two years we assumed a particular responsibility for the farthest mission-outposts of our own diocesan Priests and Sisters: two priests in the parish of St. Joseph the worker in La Paz, Bolivia, twelve Sisters of St. Joseph in Golas and Minas Gerais, Brazil and five Sisters of Mercy in Santiago, Chile.

Their total support has come from the two diocesan-wide appeals in May, 1969 and 1970 (\$107,000.00 in 1969 and \$106,000.00 in 1970).

Now Bishop Hogan asks us to involve ourselves more completely in the mission-spirit of the Church of Rochester.

Our Shepherd, having personally visited every mission area that we serve, now invites us to include our Sisters of St. Joseph, who have worked for almost thirty years in Selma, Alabama, and our own Diocesan Rural Apostolate.

We must continue the total support of Latin America; we hope to be able to contribute a fair share to Selma and to our Rural Apostolate.

Your support is what makes possible the Church's extraordinary contribution to the human development of people and to the relief of their material needs. We are proclaiming the Gospel message to those who have not heard it and we are caring for the Christian flock that has been committed to our love.

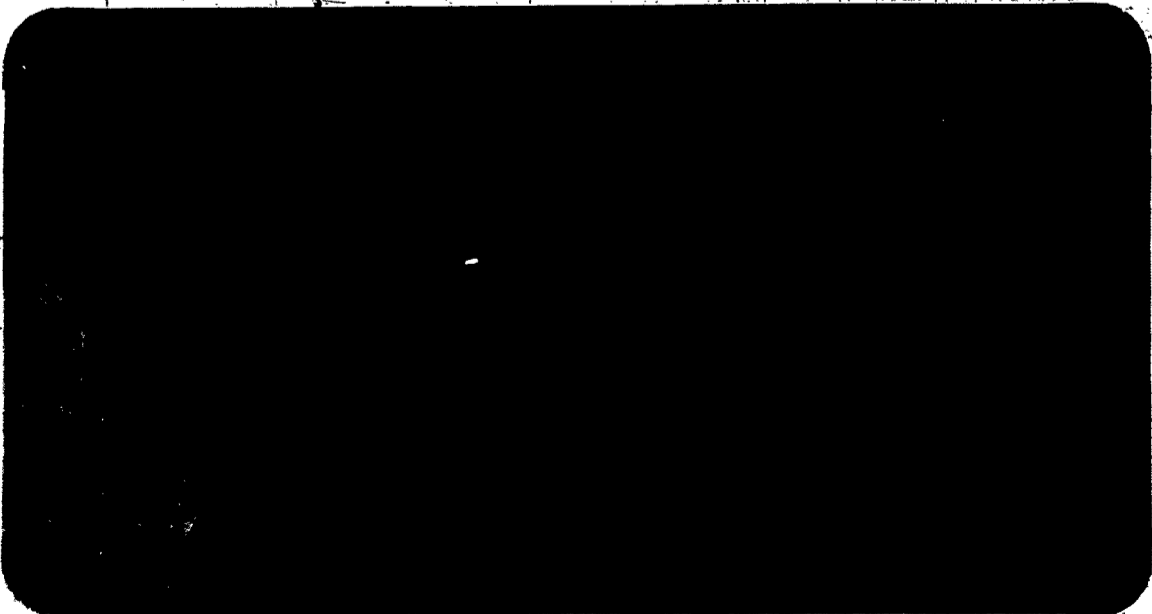
Diocesan Missions Sunday, then, attempts to keep alive the habitual awareness of the world-mission of the Church of Rochester—and Elmira, Corning, Auburn, Geneva—and every corner of our Diocese.

On this day we ask you to consider, in a spirit of faith and love, our relationship to the Missions of our Diocese and to make sacrifices and offer prayers in their behalf.

Diocesan Missions Sunday, 1971, might well be called the feast of the catholicity of the Church of Rochester, since its purpose is to make us keenly aware that the obligation of spreading the faith is imposed on every disciple of Christ.



The Bishop gets a sceptical look from one student.



Sisters of Mercy have a party in Santiago, Chile