

bers of his family through Baptism.



Hunger for education is no less real than hunger for food.



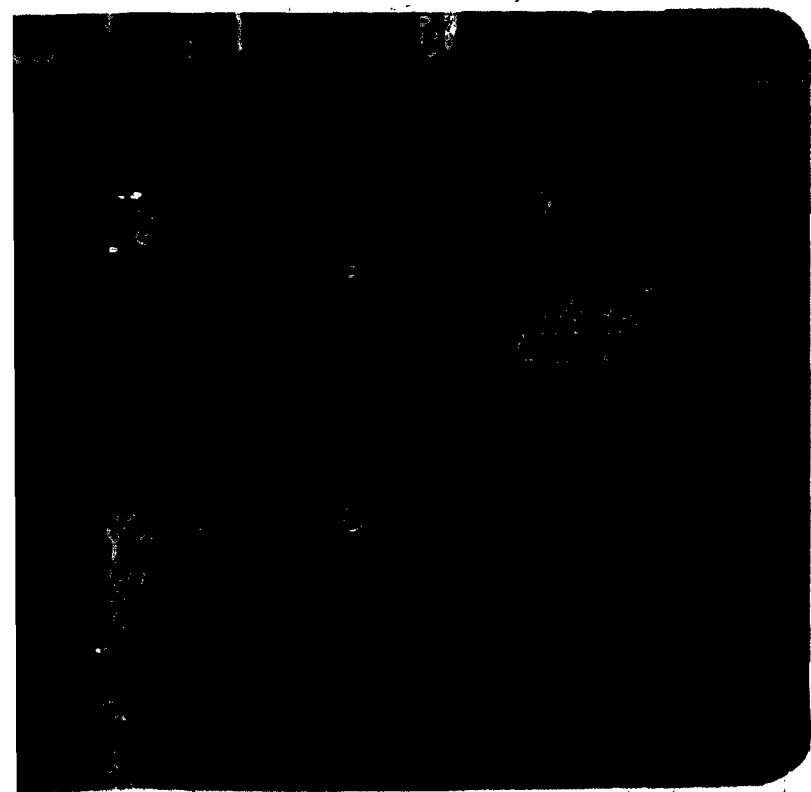
A missionary sister looks to the health of the destitute.



erves to heal, give the help- o be loved.



Christ teaches carpentry to a young Ghanian through an American missionary.



Even a sore eye gives a chance to serve.

Bishop Hogan Asks Your Help For the Missions

My dear People,

Mission Sunday provides a great blessing and a grace to all of us to reflect on the gifts we have received from a generous Providence and to assess our measure of responsible stewardship of our legacy.

The greatest treasure of our inheritance, the pearl of great price, is the faith that enriches our lives with the Gospel—the good news of salvation—the mystery of faith which each Eucharistic liturgy challenges us to proclaim by word and deed to all mankind. Mission Sunday reminds us in a special way that we cannot bury this treasure but must let it be as visible as a city on a mountaintop or a light set on a candlestand. As a matter of fact, we cannot preserve our own faith with vigor, unless we will to share it with others.

There is a process involved in preaching the good news, in sharing our faith with others, which our Blessed Lord demonstrated so often. Jesus ministered first to the material needs of people before He preached the Gospel. Only after He had healed broken bodies, did He touch the spirit of man. This divine example assures us that a humanity that is forced by impoverished material circumstances to consume its feeble energies for mere survival, provides poor soil for evangelization.

Pope Paul VI has spoken of the Church's Mission as one of Salvation and Service to humanity. These two form her total missionary activity. And that is why we beg today for your prayers and material gifts to support our generous missionaries whose lives are a total and consecrated dedication to the proclamation of the Gospel in its full dimensions.

It is my hope and prayer that this Mission Sunday will manifest again your traditional generosity to the missions. Let your response be an expression of gratitude for your own priceless treasure of faith.

With a blessing, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rochester