

# FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**SACRA CONGREGATIO  
PRO GENTIUM EVANGELIZATIONE  
SEU DE PROPAGANDA FIDE**

July 16th, 1972

Your Excellency:  
When the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was founded one hundred and fifty years ago in France, the United States was a missionary country itself. How beautiful that in this anniversary year, the Church in your country is such a pillar of support for the present day Missions.

during the year 1971, the faithful of your country sent \$17,105,320.71 and \$773,730.53 to the Opus Sancti Petri respectively. Is it any wonder that Our Holy Father sent his gratitude for the faithful mission support of American Catholics in a personal letter to the President of the United States Conference of Bishops on February 22nd of this year?

This Sacred Congregation is also profoundly grateful for this expression of collegial concern for all of the Missions of the Church, as well as particularly grateful to your Excellency for the 1971 offering of the Church of Rochester, \$428,160.00 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and \$8,057.00 for the Opus Sancti Petri.

To our gratitude, we add the assurance of our personal and fraternal greetings and good wishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

*Agustín L. R. M.*  
Prefect

His Excellency,  
The Most Reverend Joseph L. Hogan, D.D.  
50 Chestnut Street  
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**THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON**  
118 BRADY STREET  
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29401  
June 1, 1972

Your Excellency:  
The missionary work of the Church moves on rather well here in South Carolina. We have advanced to 1.8% of the population of the state, than there were two decades ago. This is a tribute to the zealous bishops, priests, religious and laity who labored so tenaciously for an increase in the numbers of the faithful.

We face problems today of a decreasing number of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This is a true crisis elsewhere. We have hope for the future.

Likewise our financial burdens on the missions increase with inflation. I am ever aware of my responsibility to the people on the missions, but I can't always carry out my mission to them effectively because of a shortage of funds and apostolic workers.

When you select these missionary bishops who will share in your Missionary Cooperation Plan for 1973, I appeal to you for consideration of our financial and spiritual needs with fraternal good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
- Most Reverend Ernest L. Unterkoetler  
Bishop of Charleston

*Ernest L. Unterkoetler*  
I am grateful for the help from the priests & people of Rochester, N.Y.

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# THANKS TO OUR MISSION MINDED FRIENDS IN THE ROCHESTER DIOCESE

The Director,  
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Shored Heart Cathedral,  
P.O. Box 1044,  
Calabar, S.E. State,  
Nigeria, S.E. State,  
25th September, 1972.

Dear Fr. Reinbert, Request for Churches in 1973

His Lordship, Most Rev. B.D. Usanga, Bishop of Calabar has asked me to put before you some of the more urgent needs of the diocese in the hope that you may be able to assign some churches for appeal under the Missionary Co-operative Plan.

We are still struggling to repair the damage done to schools, hospitals and parishes during the civil war, many of which were damaged structurally and all of which were looted.

Added to this we are now faced with the problem of providing for 200 Junior and 50 Senior Seminars. Class-rooms and dormitories have to be built and equipped.

At the moment a great effort is being made to make the people realise that if the church is to survive it must be self-supporting. Nevertheless I do not think we could have survived 1972 were it not for the help received from the U.S.A., Germany, Ireland, England and other countries. We hope and pray this interest and generosity will continue to support us till the church here is self-supporting.

The St. Patrick's Fathers, 1347 S. Granville Ave., Chicago Ill. 60626 have agreed to make the appeal in any churches which you may allocate to this diocese.

Trusting our petition will be favourably and sympathetically considered,

I remain,  
Fraternally yours in Christ,  
*V. Hannigan*  
Rev. V. Hannigan, S.P.S.  
Diocesan Secretary.

**Diocese of Umtali**

28th July, 1972

Right Reverend and dear Monsignor,

In spite of all the efforts made at the Ecumenical Council, it is clear that for some years to come we missionary bishops will have to depend on the charity of our fellow Catholics in more developed countries for the help necessary to continue our work.

This is particularly the case in dioceses such as mine in which 99% of my people live at subsistence level and cannot contribute anything significant to the material support of the Church. May I therefore ask your generous consideration of this my request to be included in the Missionary Cooperative Plan of your diocese for the coming year, 1973?

I hope to come to the United States to make the appeal in person, but should other work make this impossible e.g. I am a member of the Secretariate for the Promotion of Christian Unity, or if my health were to prevent it, I could send one of the best speakers from among my missionary priests to act in my stead.

The present economic sanctions imposed on Rhodesia have resulted in considerable hardships for the diocese, and our normal financial help from the sterling area, - in our case, Ireland, - has been cut off. For this reason I would be most grateful if you could find a place for me in the Cooperative Plan for the coming year, 1973.

With much thanks to you and to your helpers for the work you all do for us, and with every kind regards,

Fraternally,  
*Donald R. Leeson*  
DONALD R. LEESON, O.C.M.  
BISHOP OF UMTALI.

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