

Mission Sunday 'Challenges'

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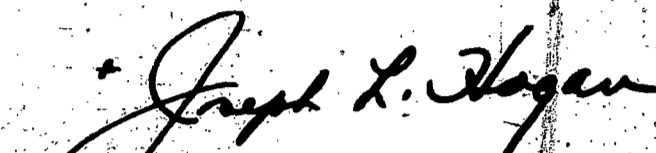
My dear Friends of the Missions,

Modern scientific progress has shrunk our world. People and events that a few years ago seemed so removed from our daily concerns are now within easy reach of us. Yet the same blessings of the world of communication and travel which unite the human family physically, serve also to accentuate the sharp inequities that divide it. We can no longer say that we have never heard the pleading voices of the hungry and the homeless, that we have no idea of the extent of the injustices that each day erode the spirit of so many of our brothers and sisters. The reporting from all corners of the

earth is almost instantaneous and is delivered to our very firesides.

Mission Sunday is a day that challenges us to examine our personal response to the pleas of God's poor who walk this earth. We should consider it a grace to be asked occasionally to give an accounting of the stewardship of our possessions. Why do we have the light of our faith while others walk in darkness; why do we have enough of earthly goods to live securely and with dignity while others live in insecurity and want? These gifts are ours to share with those whose hands and hearts are empty. There is no other answer.

Let us thank God, then, for the grace of this Mission Sunday. May it be a day on which we pledge, in gratitude for our own daily blessings, our prayerful and financial support of the Missions of the Church.



Bishop of Rochester

The Art Of Listening

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan begins a new series this week. In *The Art of Listening* the Bishop decries the fact that "monologue" seems to be the rule of the day. He explains why dialogue is so necessary and reminds that listening is at least half of the definition of true dialogue. Pastoral Perspective on PAGE 3.

Archbishop Jorge Manrique of LaPaz, Bolivia, visited Rochester last week and had some comments to make on the plight of the poor in South America. PAGE 2.

In Geneseo, a special Children's Mass had for its theme I'm Special, I'm Me. A photo report is on PAGE 28.

And this year marked the opening of Blessed Trinity School in Auburn the result of a consolidation of three schools. Correspondent Mary Ann Ginnerty and photographer Father Enrique Loera provide a word and picture story on PAGES 14 and 15.

Father Charles Erb, SVD, 67-year-old missionary from Rochester, who's been serving in Ghana for the past 26 years, is back in town. Staff writer Charles Randisi talked with him about the country he calls home, at Holy Family rectory, his temporary residence. PAGE 2.



Pope Paul VI has always shown concern for all the people of the world.

Bishop's TV Mass Pope Tells Jesuits: Shun Experiments

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will celebrate the televised Mass for Shutins on Sunday, Oct. 21, Mission Sunday, 8:30 a.m. on WHEC-TV, Channel 10.

Rome [RNS] — Pope Paul VI, while praising Jesuits for trying to adapt their life-style to the modern world, warned them against indulging in "hazardous experimentation."

In a letter to the Jesuit Superior General, the Very Rev. Pedro Arrupe, the Pope mentioned in particular the Jesuit vow of obedience, which, he said, was the key to the "vigor" of the "religious discipline" of the Society of Jesus.

"There must be no attempt," the Pope declared, "to introduce new methods of deliberations and decision-making that would not only undermine the very notion of (religious) obedience, but also change the authentic character of the Society."

The papal letter, dated Sept. 15, was released at Jesuit headquarters here on Oct. 9. It was a response to an an-

nouncement by Father Arrupe that he was convoking the Society's 32nd General Congregation in Rome on Dec. 1, 1974.

The congregation, which is the highest authority and only legislative body for the 30,000-member order, last met in 1966.

Pope Paul called on Jesuits to maintain their traditional "fidelity to the Holy See" in all fields of their far-flung apostolate, especially in education, writing, and publishing.

"We are not ignorant of the fact," he said, "that over the past few years in several parts of the Society, certain tendencies of an

intellectual and disciplinary nature have arisen, which, if continued, could lead to grave and possible irreparable damage to the essential structure of the Society."

In addition to fidelity to the Roman Pontiff, the Pope urged Jesuits to be faithful to other "principles" of "renewal" espoused by the Second Vatican Council.

These included, he said, diligent application to prayer, austerity and simplicity of personal life; recognition of the values of community life; and total observance of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience — "the distinctive sign of the Society of Jesus."