



CHRIST THE SAVIOR: The missionary priest is Christ the Savior bringing his people to the waters of baptism and a new life in the Spirit. In this mission center, the new Christians celebrate this happy day by receiving the sacrament by the ancient tradition of full immersion. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports over 135,000 missionaries who look to Mission Sunday, October 21, with great hope and gratitude.



CHRIST THE CONCERNED: Christ cares for a leper in the person of Brother Henry Dunk, SVD, in Nandanagar, India.



CHRIST THE SERVANT: "Happy are those who are called to His service in this world the Bread of Life and the Love of God — the greatest and most generous gift through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. May your communion with all people in Christ, and may your prayer be a source of strength and joy."

Mission Sunday.

'Being Christ'

On Oct. 21, Catholics around the world will celebrate a common mission: as the People of God, they must be Christ to others, and as "catholic" Christians, they must be Christ to all people the world over. This is the message of Mission Sunday.

Nobody says that the people of the Third World countries do not need help. Poverty and its consequences strike at the heart of human dignity — socially, physically, spiritually. And this world of poverty is home today for an estimated two billion human beings — more than half of the entire race. Some of the symptoms of poverty: underdevelopment, disease, illiteracy, social injustice, affluent indifference, and inhuman living conditions.

In this unattractive picture of the world of the poor, however, there is hope — the "redeeming" force of missionaries at work. Through the priests, brothers, and nuns who are dedicating themselves, their lives, to the otherwise largely forgotten masses, Christ's truth is being heard.



CHRIST THE TEACHER: The missionary teaches God and their dignity and destiny as His children. He educates a class of deaf-mutes to the principles of the faith. He supports over 100,000 mission schools, as