

ho are called to His supper." And happy are those who serve to give the od—the greatest service and love a missionary can give. May your ropagation of the Faith on Mission Sunday be a happy celebration of and may your prayers and sacrifices for them be a continued source of strength and joy.



CHRIST THE FRIEND: The missionary, be he priest, religious, or layperson, is Christ the Friend of the lonely; the Lover of the unloved; the Joy of children; and the Richness of the poor. Here a missioner visits a mission orphanage and takes time out to delight the children with tossing the football.

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Mission Sunday is the one day a year for all Catholics to accept this challenge, to "proclaim the mystery of faith" to the whole world, through the Church's own Society for the Propagation of the Faith. On this single day, Pope Paul VI begs us to help provide the yearly needs of the more than 135,000 missionaries presently serving in the name of Christ, the Church, and ourselves.

Through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Mission Sunday offerings will reach the most vital areas of missionary concern. With our gifts we share in the work of alleviating hunger, illiteracy and disease; we share in the formation and education of native priests and new communities of men and women religious; we share in the preaching of the Word of God and the celebration of the Eucharist; we share in the salvation and service of Christ active in today's world. And the photos on these pages show that He is active.

By our offerings we share the Christ within us with others. Just as missionaries are Christ to the world's poor — so are we:



he missionary teacher and catechist communicate to the poor the love of destiny as His children. Here a specially trained lay teacher-catechist intros to the principles of lip-reading. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith ission schools, as well as catechetical training centers, novitiates, and seminaries.



CHRIST THE HEALER: A missionary Sister serving in a medical clinic, a leprosarium, or medical relief center is Christ the Healer. Like this Sister, medical missionaries bring wholeness and well being to millions of sick, dying, undernourished, and disabled men, women and children in mission countries.