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Rochester Missionaries . . .



*Your Way To
Extend A Friendly,
Helpful Hand To
Those Less Fortunate*

Once a year you are asked to join your hands with the hands of our Rochester missionaries, priests, Sisters, lay people in reaching out to our Brother and Sisters in South America, Selma, Alabama and in our own rural and urban apostolates.

Your generous assistance will make it possible for them to continue to work in Christ's missions for another year.

A True Expression of Christianity

Please be generous in your support of the Missions on Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19.

Our Bishop's Personal Concern for the Missions:

April 29, 1974

My dear Friends of the Missions,

The topic 'Evangelization' will be the focus of the attention of the Bishops of the United States in their regional meetings this Spring, and sole agenda item for the 200 bishops from all parts of the world gathered for the Roman Synod in September. Their common concern will be this: how best proclaim to the world the Good News, how best make the Church an effective and healing presence in our society, how best fulfill her mission as Light of Nations that Vatican II spoke of.

I have been proud to be the Shepherd of a Diocese that has been deeply committed to the Mission of Evangelization. We have an acknowledged record of sensitivity to Mission at home and far from home. I am pleased, then, to make this appeal if only to keep that sensitivity alive and healthy.

Our Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Selma, Alabama for over 30 years and in Brazil for 10 years. Our Sisters of Mercy have ministered to the needs of the people in Santiago, Chile for 9 years. Diocesan priests, recently aided by one layman, have cared for the Parish of St. Joseph the Worker in La Paz, Bolivia for 8 years.

For several years we have been expanding our local urban and rural mission efforts through the Office of Human Development and the Spanish Apostolate.

We have now reached an exciting moment in the history of our diocesan mission concern: our Sisters of Mercy are able to hand over to a local team one of the parishes they have developed in Santiago, Chile; our priests are able to do the same in La Paz. At this very moment we are entering into new agreements with the Archdiocese of La Paz, transferring the Parish of St. Joseph the Worker into the hands of trained native Bolivians, lay and religious, who will continue what we have done in that area of La Paz over the last 8 years.

This story of mission success and accomplishment is a story of total involvement by the Diocese of Rochester — including all of our magnificent priests, Sisters and laymen and laywomen who have continually responded to our mission call.

We turn to you, however, and remind you that our work is not yet finished. Our missionaries will move on to other projects and other areas. They still need our interest and support. We must remain committed to the areas where local teams will function without our physical presence. They need the promise of our continued moral and financial assistance.

So, we ask you to be more generous than ever before in helping these worthy mission causes.

Inspired by no earthly ambition, the Church seeks but a solitary goal: to carry forward the work of Christ. We fervently pray that this will be our common goal. May an awareness of our mission responsibility be one of the giant steps leading us into the Holy Year!

With gratitude and my blessing, I remain
devotedly yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend Joseph L. Hogan, D.D.
Bishop of Rochester

