



Missioner Father Charles Erb, SVD, Rochester-educated Father James Duah-Agyeman of Kenya, and Father Joseph Reinhart, director of the local office of the Propagation of the Faith, shake hands for the camera prior to a recent celebration of the Mass.

MISSION SUNDAY

Sharing Love with the World

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"Exactly 50 years ago, an extraordinary event happened. St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, was named patroness of the missions although she had never been a missionary nor even visited the missions."

Father Joseph F. Reinhart, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, noted, however, "no more fitting person could have been chosen as special protectress and intercessor before Christ for the missions, for

she loved them so greatly. True, she had a vocation to the contemplative life, but even within the cloister, the whole world was in her heart and through quiet prayer and sacrifice she did much to bring the world to Christ."

Father Reinhart noted that "we all have special vocations and our own tasks to accomplish. But at the same time we can and must keep the whole world in our hearts, especially those parts of the world that are poor and suffering and badly in need of the light of Christ."

For more than 150 years, he noted, the Propagation of the Faith has been helping people "share their love with all the world."

He said the society, which has pontifical sanction, gathers money from all over the world and then disburses the funds "in the fairest and most equitable way" to mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, Oceania and Latin America.

He stressed that many times such monies are the only financial support a mission bishop has to meet

the needs of his people. "The ability of the Church to serve the poor of the missions in Christ's name truly depends on the generosity of millions of people who like St. Therese, love the missions from afar."

The priest, whose office is located at 123 East Ave., said that each year, the pope sets aside a special Sunday when Catholics the world over are asked to give to the missions. This year that Sunday is Oct. 23. He said that more than half of

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We Must Be Compassionate

My dear People:

Sunday, October 23, 1977 is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist on this day of special significance to the Missions, we pray that we may be given fresh insight into the final command of Christ - the mandate to His Church just before His Ascension to His Father in heaven: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).

Jesus came "to light a fire on earth" (Luke 12:49). At the sight of the crowds, His heart was moved with pity. He told His disciples: "The harvest is good but laborers are scarce. Beg the harvest master to send out laborers to gather the harvest" (Matthew 9:37).

We, too, must be moved with compassion for the multitudes waiting for laborers to gather the harvest of God's love. Multitudes around the world are still waiting - over 60% of the world's population (over two and a half billion people) have not yet received Christ in faith and Baptism!

The Church of Christ is for all men and women: it is catholic, it is universal. Yet, of today's Church membership 85% live in Europe and the Americas where we find 30% of the world's population, while only 15% of our fellow Catholics are in Asia, Africa and Oceania, which holds 70% of the world's total population.

Again, this October, I come begging your prayers and financial sacrifices in a special way on WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. Let it be for all of us a true sign of love for Christ, our beloved Missionaries and those they serve. Let it be a day when we LIGHT THE WORLD WITH CHRIST!

With every best wish, I remain
Devotedly yours in Christ,

Mission Sunday Mass on TV

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will celebrate the Mass and preach the homily for the television Mass broadcast on Mission Sunday, Oct. 23. The liturgy is carried by Channel 10, at 8 a.m.



Family Jogging

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

The children in the primary unit at Our Mother of Sorrows School have finally convinced their parents that jogging is not only good exercise but can be fun, too. From left to right, Danette Eckert, Heather Walsh, Suzette Eckert, Mrs. Barbara Walsh, John Eckert and Mrs. Cathy Eckert. The children have been exercising twice a week in a program led by their teacher, Miss Susan Monagan.

School Task Force Reports

By JOAN M. SMITH

Since 1975 when the Urban Vicariate was created and put under the direction of Msgr. George Cocuzzi, its Urban Catholic School Task Force has been confronting the urban school crisis in trying to find alternatives to the one by one closing of Catholic schools due to lack of finances, full utilization of facilities and services. Recently, their job completed, the Task Force issued a list of 19 recommendations accompanied

with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's positive responses.

In a letter which was released along with the list to pastors, principals and to be shared with parish councils the Bishop stated, "I believe that the recommendations of the Task Force are a step in the direction of offering a method of planning for the ministry of Catholic schools and for effective ministries of the Church within the city. The recommendations are not answers nor

solutions in themselves - they are a means toward which more cooperative operations between and among parishes can be realized to strengthen the role of the Church throughout the city - and indeed, throughout our diocese!"

Based on this premise the Task Force's recommendations are evolving into a working process with important focus being directed to the first two: begin with the present

parishes and move toward inter-parochial cooperative groupings, move toward a more systematic clustering that would extend to all ministries in the Urban Vicariate.

Sister Roberta Tierney, superintendent of diocesan schools, in discussing the recommendations emphasized that the Bishop's supportive response does not mean he is demanding or forcing school consolidation. He is, instead,

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