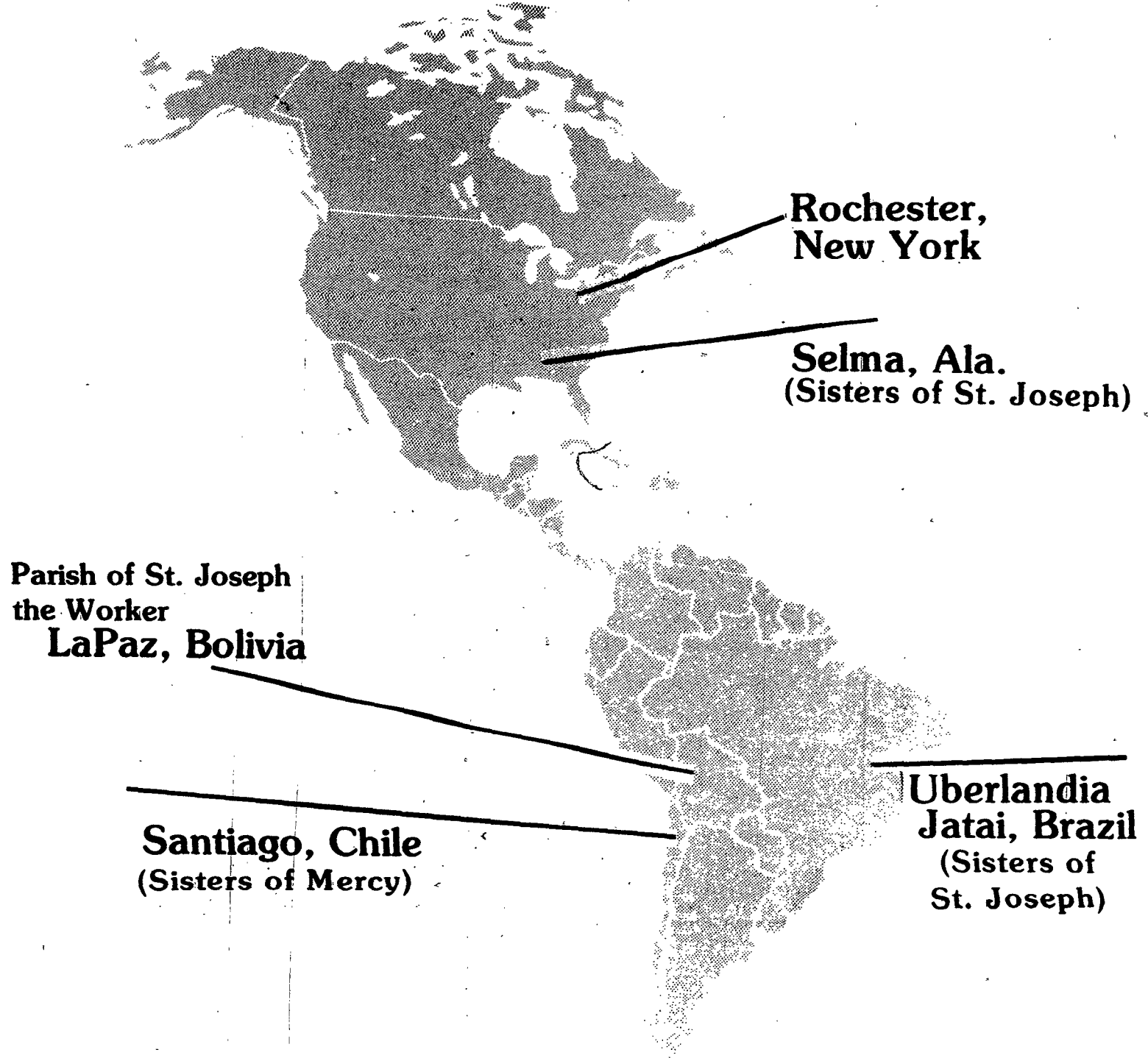




10th ANNUAL DIOCESAN MISSIONS APPEAL



Rochester,
New York

Selma, Ala.
(Sisters of St. Joseph)

Parish of St. Joseph
the Worker
LaPaz, Bolivia

Santiago, Chile
(Sisters of Mercy)

Uberlandia
Jatai, Brazil
(Sisters of
St. Joseph)



April 20, 1978

My dear People:

With this letter I proclaim the weekend of May 20 and 21 as the tenth annual observance of our Diocesan Missions Sunday.

During my recent "ad limina" visit to Rome I was able to present to the Holy Father the record of the Church of Rochester for the past four years. One of our Diocese's finest accomplishments has been your response to the many mission concerns placed before you from year to year. In the name of the Church and in the name of the missionaries, I thank you sincerely for your generosity.

We are all missionaries. Should there ever be a doubt, should there ever be a question in your mind about the real meaning of "mission," I ask you to recall the servant in the parable who did not use his talents productively. He wrapped them in a napkin and buried them in the earth. When he presented them with no additional gain, they were taken from him and he was condemned. May it never be said that we were found wanting in our service to one another.

And so, this is mission: "to go and find the others!"

I am asking you to share this responsibility of "mission" with all of our diocesan missionaries, whether they are near or far, whether in Selma, Alabama, in Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, or in the mission areas of our own Diocese of Rochester.

Please be generous in your prayers and sacrifices for our Diocesan Missions Appeal on the weekend of May 20 and 21.

With my gratitude and blessing, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,
+ Most Reverend Joseph L. Hogan, D.D.
Bishop of Rochester