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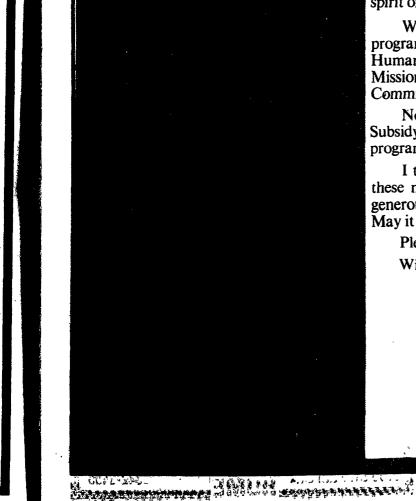
A Message from our Bishop

My dear People:

With this letter I am proclaiming the weekend of May 19 and 20 as the eleventh annual observance of our Diocesan Missions Sunday.

From my early days as your Bishop I saw the missionary vision of our diocese. I personally visited our mission out-posts in far-off Brazil, Chile and Bolivia, and I saw first-hand the dedication, courage and love being shared by our Sisters of St. Joseph, our Sisters of Mercy and our diocesan priests.

I also visited our Selma, Alabama, missions and I know the mission enthusiasm and



spirit of our Sisters here in our own country.

With your splendid cooperation and understanding we were able to expand our programs to include mission projects within our diocesan boundaries: the work of Human Development in rural areas, the support of the Spanish Apostolate and the Missionary Sisters of Guadalupe, the growing areas of concern proclaimed by the Commission for International Justice and Peace.

Now we are able to include yet another special project for the diocese: the Tuition Subsidy Program that will help so man of our children attend a Catholic school. This program will eventually be available to needy families throughout the diocese.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your many prayers and sacrifices for these mission efforts down through the years, and I challenge you once again to be generous in responding to the very special needs of our Rochester Diocesan Missions. May it never be said that we were found wanting in our service to one another.

Please help our Diocesan Missions Appeal on the weekend of May 19 and 20. With my gratitude and blessing, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

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+ Most Reverend Joseph L. Hogan, D.D. Apostolic Administrator Diocese of Rochester

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