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## Mission Sunday

"Early in the sixties, Pope John XXIII opened the windows of the Church," said Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, as Mission Sunday, Oct. 21, approached.

"Our Pope John Paul II urges that we go a step further and open wide the doors for Christ," Father Reinhart continued. "We have taken this as the theme for our Mission Sunday campaign this year since it expresses so very well the way we see mission."

"A door takes two-way traffic. It is open for people to come in. But it is also open for us to go out and seek them as the Good Shepherd did."

"Christ never said, 'Find a spot for yourself and take care of the people who come to you,' good as this is," the missions director said. "Rather, Christ said, 'Go to all peoples . . . make them my disciples.' For this - the going and the bringing back - we need an open door. A wide open open door," he stressed, "for there are millions on the other side and they are in desperate need."

"More than a half a billion people in the mission world live at a level of absolute poverty, on \$50 or less a

### Bishop on TV

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will celebrate Mass and deliver the homily on the Mass for Shutins at 8 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 21, over WHEC-TV, Channel 10. The occasion is Mission Sunday and the bishop's homily will be in keeping with that theme.

"How can Christ speak to them if He does not come with food?"

"In the very near future, the number of unemployed people in the world will reach the one billion mark. How can Christ speak to them if He does not come with education and vocational training?"

"More than two billion people lack fresh, pure water and many suffer from parasitic disease," he continued. "How can Christ speak to them if He does not come to them with medical care and preventive know-how?"

"A great portion of the world suffers from hunger, unemployment and disease, but these people also suffer from ignorance, fear and despair, the tortures of the spirit. It is only Christ Who can touch their spirits as He

cares for their physical needs," Father Reinhart said.

"The Mission Church, acting in Christ's name, is striving to touch both the heart and the soul of man. This missionary work of the Church is the cause that must take first place among all, as Pope John Paul II said, because it concerns man's eternal destiny."

"What we ask," Father Reinhart said, "is that each person in the diocese resolve to take an active part opening the door to that other part of the world. The institutions to care for the poor are already out there in the missions. We have schools for the children, hospitals for the sick, relief centers for the hungry, camps for the refugee, parishes for the faithful, priests, sisters and brothers offering their lives to serve on every continent. What is needed, and needed desperately, is the partnership of millions on our side of the door who have the grace to share their prayers and means with their far-off neighbors."

"For them," Father Reinhart said, "we beg on Mission Sunday. It is no exaggeration to say that the vitality, the service and the work of the Mission Church depend on the support you offer through the propagation society on Mission Sunday."



Photos by Martin Toombs

Bishop Clark baptized Matthew S. Clark at St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, Sunday, Oct. 6. Above, the bishop, and Matthew's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clark, all smile approvingly at the conclusion of the ceremony.

## Doubleheader

### Bishop Baptizes Namesake, Says Grand Prix Mass

By Martin Toombs  
Southern Tier Editor  
Watkins Glen — Although the sun had yet to rise over the Grand Prix course, about 200 people gathered for Mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark there at 7:15 a.m. on race day, Sunday, Oct. 7.

Bishop Clark celebrated the Mass with Father Charles Latus and Father David Mura, who until recently was associate pastor at St. Mary of the Lake Parish.

Bishop Clark told the congregation that he didn't mind the early hour, as the day's schedule had been advanced because of television coverage of the pope's Mass in Washington.

Following the Mass,

Bishop Clark was given a tour of the pit and work area of the track by James Scaptura.

And then, in order to avoid difficulty with the thousands of people streaming onto the race course, he and Father Latus flew down to the village by helicopter, where they were picked up at the high school football field and taken to St. Mary's Church.

There, at 10 a.m., during the Mass that is broadcast each week from St. Mary's, Bishop Clark baptized Matthew S. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clark.

Bishop Clark commented that it was his "delight" to "welcome Matthew into this community."

A picture of young

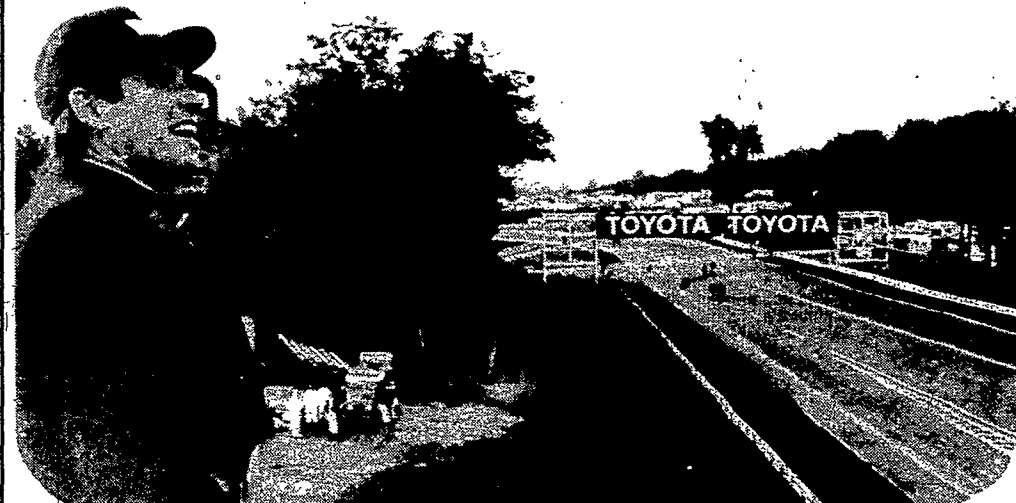
Matthew and his mother was printed in the Courier-Journal Aug. 8. The correspondence that resulted concluded the arrangement for Bishop Clark to baptize Matthew.

The Mass also was Bishop Clark's first visit to St. Mary's, and he celebrated with Father Latus, Father Mura, the parish priests, Father Andrew Kalafsky and Father Gerald O'Connor, and Franciscan Father Austin Budnik.

Both St. Mary's folk choir and children's choir participated in the Mass. Following Communion, Bishop Clark blessed some children in the parish who have health problems.



Father Joseph Reinhart, right, greets Cardinal Emmanuel Nsubaga, archbishop of Kampala, Uganda, during the cardinal's recent visit to the U.S. Cardinal Nsubaga visited Ugandan seminarians at St. Francis Seminary and Sacred Heart School of Theology in Milwaukee and St. John's Seminary in Los Angeles. He told of the great number of vocations to priesthood in Uganda but stressed that the need continues for more priests in that country which is 40 per cent Catholic. At the national missions office in New York City, Cardinal Nsubaga thanked Rochester supporters of the missions, through Father Reinhart.



Bishop Clark looking over the Watkins Glen Grand Prix course following the Mass he celebrated there Oct. 6. Surveying the course with him, from the top of the track's communications tower, is Father David Mura.