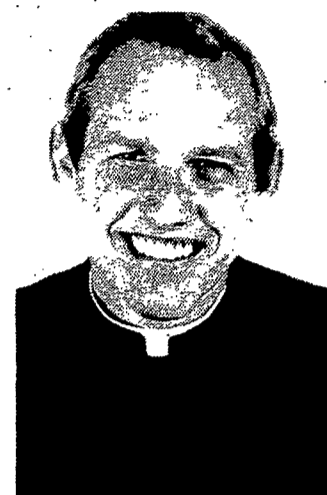




WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



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My dear Friends:

Sunday, October 18th, is World Mission Sunday, the special day on which the Holy Father asks us to share the joy of our faith in Christ with the Missions.

In many areas of the Missions today, the Church is already built on a strong faith: the Eucharist is the center of parish life; schools are attended by children whose parents want them to be educated in the faith; young men and women are offering their lives as priests and Religious. It is a Church deeply committed to the Gospel Message of Christ. What makes it still a Mission Church is that it cannot "go it alone" financially.

In other areas, the Church is missionary in the traditional sense of being newly planted: it is just beginning to reach out to its neighbors with the Good News of God's love.

In still other areas of the world, the Church works under oppressive governments, hampered in its efforts to speak of peace and God's love.

All these different parts of the Church are one with us, especially on World Mission Sunday when, together, we pray and sacrifice for those in greatest need.

Through your prayers, you will be an unseen source of strength to 138,000 missionaries active on every continent. Through your sacrifices, you will support parishes, schools, hospitals, and every sort of apostolate that speaks of Christ.

Please join together this Mission Sunday to share the joy of your faith in Christ with the Missions. So many of our sisters and brothers depend on your generous response.

Your brother in Christ,
Matthew H. Clark
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