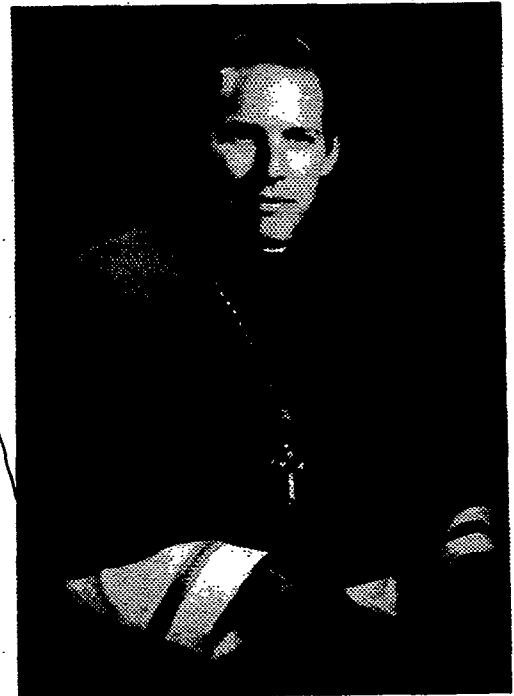


# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



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My dear Friends:

Sunday, October 24, marks a most important event in the life of our Community of Faith, the celebration of World Mission Sunday.

Mission Sunday is designated by Pope John Paul II and by all the bishops of the church as a day of prayer and sacrifice so that the Person of Jesus Christ may be known by all people. The theme chosen by our Holy Father, "The World Needs Christ," reflects our commission to be a Pilgrim Church, ever eager to spread the name of Jesus everywhere.

We are especially reminded in this Sunday's Gospel that as Church, we must be faithful witnesses to Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, who did not come to be served but to serve.

What we have come once again to understand very plainly is that we are, indeed, called to seek ways of helping others come to know Him. That is, we need to find approaches for serving those who do not know Him yet, or who knowing Him are left without ministry.

Therefore, we are all called to be that Good News, if not by our actual presence in mission lands, then by our prayers and sacrifice.

I urge you, my brothers and sisters, to be generous next Sunday in sharing God's generosity in your lives with those in our world who still need to be touched by that Good News.

With my prayers for all of you, I remain  
Your brother in Christ,  
*Matthew H. Clark*  
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