

NEAR AND FAR...

OUR CHURCH IS A COMMUNION OF LOVE



A Message from our Bishop

My dear friends,

With this letter, I am happy to proclaim the weekend of May 14th-15th as our fifteenth Diocesan Missions Sunday. This annual observance continues to be our way of supporting and encouraging our missionaries and mission projects away from home.

Our vocation is to belong to Jesus with the conviction that nothing and nobody can separate us from the love of Christ. Jesus has offered His lifelong, faithful, personal friendship in tenderness and love to each one of us. So now by our presence we must put that love into action. Our love in action is our prayers and support of our own diocesan missionary efforts in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Selma and our sister-diocese of Tabasco, Mexico.

There is so much love in us all, but we are often too shy to express our love and we keep it bottled up inside ourselves. We must learn to love, to love until it hurts and we will then know how to accept love.

We must be a channel of love. We must love until it hurts. We must be by Christ. We must not be afraid to reach out and help our brothers and sisters around the world.

I ask your prayers, support and love for our missions.

God is Love and He loves you and me. Let us love others as He loves us.

With every best wish, I am

Your brother in Christ,

+ Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark, D.D.
Bishop of Rochester



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