

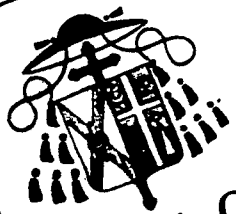


# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

## October 23, 1983



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**Bishop's Office**

My dear Friends:

As World Mission Sunday approaches on October 23, we are reaching the mid-point in this Holy Year of gratitude for our Father's great gift of Redemption in Jesus Christ.

Mission Sunday takes on special significance in such a year of growing closer to Christ because the more intimately we take on His life, the more seriously we accept a share in His mission which we know is to the whole world.

The theme of Mission Sunday, 1983 is "alive together with Christ." The Propagation of the Faith chose this theme from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians because it is both an expression of your faith and an expression of the mission of Jesus: that all the world be one with Him and with the Father.

Mission Sunday is primarily a day of prayer. The Liturgy in each parish on Mission Sunday will direct our prayer to the Father for the salvation and holiness of all the human family, especially the poor of the Missions.

Mission Sunday is also a day of sacrifice. By offering a generous portion of our sustenance so that others may come to know and love God, we share in the act of Redemption, in the great sacrifice of Christ.

I feel there is no better way that we can express our gratitude for His sacrifice than to pass on the Good News to the Missions through our own sacrifice on Mission Sunday.

I urge you, my brothers and sisters, to be generous next Sunday in Prayer and Sacrifice, remembering that in sharing with the people of the Missions, we are sharing with Christ.

Your brother in Christ,  
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