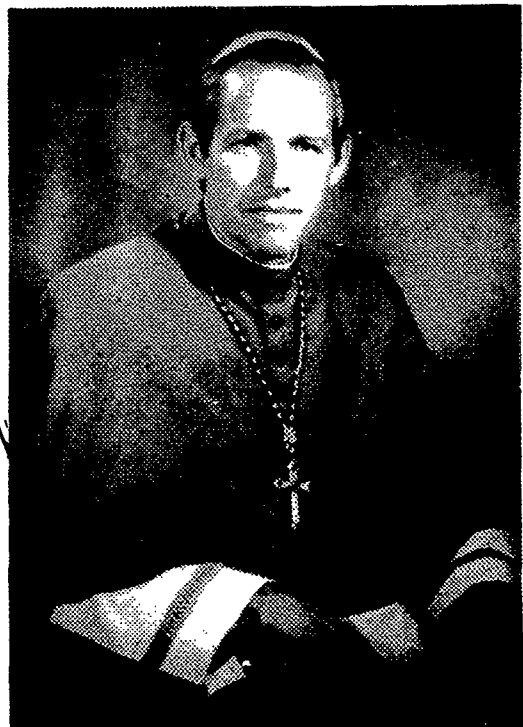


WORLD MISSION SUNDAY October 21, 1984



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My dear Friends:

World Mission Sunday on October 21st is a great moment for the entire Church of Rochester to focus in on our missionary involvement. It is the annual day of prayer and sacrifice when all American Catholics are joined with Catholics throughout the world in a common effort to sustain the missionary vitality and growth of the Church.

The theme of Mission Sunday, 1984 is taken from St. Paul's question to the Romans, "How can they believe if they have not heard?"

Today there are millions of people who are not Christian, and in suffering or in joy cannot invoke the name of the Saviour because they do not yet know it. If we want to be authentic Christians, we cannot but desire fully to share the marvelous gift of the Redemption with those persons. We need your helping hand.

We all know how important it is to provide for the services of our local parishes and diocese. With your generosity we are striving to meet our own needs.

But we cannot take full satisfaction in serving our own. We are not true disciples of Christ unless we are serving others, especially the poor, and inviting them to share our life in Christ.

So I urge your great generosity for the universal Church on World Mission Sunday. I ask you to offer a gift to the Propagation of the Faith that represents your day-by-day answer to the Lord's call to each of us to be his witness to all the world.

I join with you in prayer that, through us, the poor of the Missions will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ because how can they believe if they have not heard?

Devotedly in Christ,
Matthew H. Clark
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