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Christ Needs You To Love!



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My dear Friends,

With this letter, I am proclaiming the weekend of May 17 and 18 as the eighteenth annual observance of our Diocesan Mission Sunday.

The local Church cannot pursue its life in isolation, unconcerned for the life of other people, as human beings, created by the Father of all, as disciples of Jesus who now is Lord of all, and as Christians who have received the Spirit of Pentecost, we are united with all human beings wherever they may be. This union shapes our attitudes and moves us not only to respect other peoples and their cultures but to make their concerns our own and to share with them the riches we have received.

The readings of Pentecost remind us of the great spirit of sharing as found in the early Church: "the community of believers were of one heart and mind." Acts 4: 32-37.

The Church is renewed today under the powerful breath of the Holy Spirit, who orders us to go out from the Cenacle and undertake our mission of love and concern for all. "Christ needs you to love," is our theme, may I challenge you this Pentecost Sunday for your prayers and financial support for our diocesan missions in Alabama, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Mexico.

With sincere gratitude and blessings, I remain

Your brother in Christ,
Matthew H. Clark
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Bishop of Rochester

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