



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 1986 60th Anniversary



October 1986

My dear Friends:

World Mission Sunday is October 19th. On that day we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of this worldwide day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions.

This event coincides with the 60th Anniversary of our own Rochester Mission Office which was established by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, our second bishop, on April 22, 1926.

We know so well the needs of the Church in the Missions. Say India, and we think of a remote village rarely reached by a priest or religious. Say Sudan, and we think of the spiritual and physical suffering of thousands of refugees. Say Bolivia, or Bangladesh, or "Inner City, USA," and we think of the poorest of our human family in need of that fullness of life which is Christ.

We know, too, a special need of our own Church: the real need that we be missionary. We are all called, as individual Christians and as the Church of Rochester to proclaim to the world what we believe in our hearts, that Jesus is Lord.

Your contribution on World Mission Sunday through the Propagation of the Faith will help to further that work of world mission in the most impoverished of nations and in the poorest parts of our own country. It will also help you to fulfill your own personal responsibility in the world mission of Jesus.

I ask you, on World Mission Sunday, to offer a sacrifice that is very generous, one that reflects your gratitude for your own priceless gift of faith. Remember to pray that all our sisters and brothers in the human family may experience the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Gratefully in Christ,

+Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

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