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My dear Friends:

With this letter, I am happy to proclaim the weekend of May 20th - 21st as our twenty-first Diocesan Mission Sunday. This annual observance continues to be our way of supporting and encouraging our missionaries and mission projects in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and our sister-diocese, Tabasco.

Before He returned to the Father, Jesus, himself a missionary, sent the Church to continue His mission:

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21)

He commissioned the Church and its members:

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes even to the ends of the Earth." (Acts 1:8)

The celebration of this weekend presents us with a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge will be to examine how we, as baptized Christians, are fulfilling the responsibility we share for Jesus mission "to the ends of the earth" and the opportunity to share a portion of our material gifts in the special Mission collection.

Jean Vanier in his book "The Broken Body" encourages us not to run away from people who are in pain or who are broken, but to walk towards them, to touch them. Then you will find rising up within you the well of love springing from the Resurrection of Christ.

As partners of Christ in building God's kingdom may we go forth signed with the Blessed Trinity to pray and sacrifice for our missions.

With grateful appreciation for all that you are doing for God's people, I remain

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

God's Love Endures Forever



Sister Anne Curtis R.S.M., with Roberto in the Poblacion, Chili.

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With joy and love in your heart for Christ and His Church, we invite you to be partners with Him in building God's kingdom.

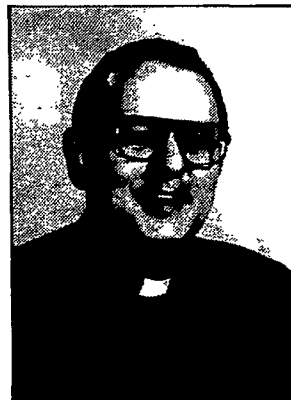
Our missionary priests, brothers and laypeople of the Diocese of Rochester share one purpose: to continue Christ's mission. They leave home, family and friends to deliver, in word and deed, the Gospel message of love, hope and salvation.

These remarkable missionaries are putting their lives on the line for Christ in building God's kingdom. Please show your support this weekend with your prayers and gift.

*Lord, help me to be one of those
who give wholeheartedly so that
all the world may feel the healing
warmth of your love.*

This weekend also inaugurates our diocesan-wide campaign entitled "Bishop Clark's Call to Priesthood." We urge you to pray daily for the success of increasing the number of candidates to the ministerial priesthood in our diocese. We encourage you to clip the printed official prayer which appears on the facing page.

Robert C. Bradler
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Diocesan Director



Father Charles Mulligan presiding at Baptism at Emanuel Chapel, Santiago.

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