

DIOCESAN MISSIONS SUNDAY



DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

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My dear Friends:

With this letter, I am happy to proclaim the weekend of May 19th and 20th as our twenty-second Diocesan Missions Sunday. This annual observance continues to be our way of supporting and encouraging our own Diocesan priests and sisters serving in mission areas.

Every Christian throughout the world is called to be a missionary. As soon as the seed of the gospel is planted and the Church is established on new soil, Christ calls that local church to share the Gospel with others.

Like the disciples, we must be ready, therefore, to share with others as well as to receive what they have to offer. The voice of Christ speaks to others through us, and it speaks to us through others, even those of vastly different background or culture.

In the simple act of sharing, we join others in their joys and suffering, and accompany them on their life's journey. By sharing the Gospel of Salvation and the bread of life, we accompany one another on our Christian journey to God.

Some of us are called to bring the gospel to other nations; others are called to remain at home and to pray, work and sacrifice for the world missions of the Church. When we listen to the Gospel and celebrate the Eucharist, we experience Christ present among us, inviting us to new life and giving us the spirit who transforms us into missionaries.

May I invite you to be a missionary here, today and especially this weekend by pledging your love and support to our own diocesan missionaries.

"To love another person is to see the face of God" - Les Miserables

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

Your brother in Christ,

+ Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester



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A Message From the Director:

With joy and love in your heart for Christ and His Church, I invite you to share your faith and spirit of giving as we accompany our brothers and sisters in the missions on our Christian journey to God.

"The Church ... strives to proclaim the Gospel to all people. The pilgrim Church is missionary by her very nature. For it is from the mission of the son and the mission of the Holy Spirit that she takes her origin..."

Vatican II - "Ad Gentes"

"The work of evangelization is not over ... so much remains to be done ... Not everyone is asked to leave home and loved ones for this task, but all are called to do their part."

Pope John Paul II



Many of our Diocesan priests and sisters have left their families and homes in order to share their gift of faith and service with the people in Africa, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Mexico. May all of you share your prayers and generosity this weekend to help our brothers and sisters on their journey to God.

I recently received word that the Diocese of Rochester, among one hundred and seventy-five dioceses in the United States, ranked eleven in total giving to the General Fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The amount given last year, excluding all special collections was \$1,003,588.00 - a truly remarkable gift. In the name of the countless missionaries I extend my deepest gratitude for your love and support.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Robert C. Bradler
Diocesan Director

TELEVISION MASS

Sunday, May 20th
8:00a.m. Channel 10
Celebrant: Fr. Robert Bradler

DIOCESAN MISSIONS COLLECTION IN YOUR PARISH MAY 19th AND 20th

May 20, 1990

DIOCESAN MISSIONS COLLECTION

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- \$5
 \$10
 \$25
 \$100
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