



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"Jesus came to Nazareth and went to the synagogue. He was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah... (and) found the passage: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free.'"
(Luke 4:16-18)

The above words of St. Luke's Gospel clearly sum up Jesus' mission to the world. The celebration of World Mission Sunday, October 21st, clearly reminds us that Jesus' mission is our mission.

We each became a part of Jesus' mission at Baptism. That mission is the duty to be Jesus' witness to the ends of the earth, to do as he did, to go out to all the world to announce his Gospel. The celebration of World Mission Sunday, dedicated to prayer, catechesis and collection of funds to help the missions, reminds us in a special way of that duty.

On this World Mission Sunday, we must reaffirm our baptismal commitment to Jesus' mission. We must support, prayerfully and financially, through the Propagation of the Faith, the missionary work of the Church. Your contribution will help to fill the basic "bread and shelter" needs of the young mission churches, to help missionaries who, like Jesus, proclaim good news to the poor, open the eyes of the spiritually blind, free those who are oppressed.

With my gratitude and every good wish, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

+Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

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