



## A Message from the Director

On this Mission Sunday, I would like to express a sincere thank you to all you good people of the Diocese of Rochester for your great love and generosity to the Missions during the past year. Among the nearly one hundred and seventy-five dioceses throughout the United States, the Diocese of Rochester ranks number eleven in total contributions to the General Fund of the Propagation of the Faith and to the Society of St. Peter Apostle.

\$1,003,588 was given to the General Fund and \$52,690 in support of mission seminarians through the Society of St. Peter Apostle. These two figures plus the many other contributions to the Missions during the year give witness to a strong faith and a deep sense of commitment to serve God's people. I am truly proud of the great generosity of the people of the Diocese to the Missions.

Today Jesus' mission is our mission, and these are not just words!

In Baptism and Confirmation, we receive the power of the Holy Spirit, who impels the Church to announce the Gospel to the world. In the Eucharist, as Christ shares His very person with us, we take on His life ... we take on His mission. In fact, as our bishops remind us in their Pastoral on World Mission, "To the Ends of the Earth," we who gather for the Eucharist "have no choice but to proclaim the Gospel to all."

On this World Mission Sunday, the church urges us to commit ourselves in prayer and sacrifice to the worldwide mission of Jesus. Through the Propagation of the Faith, the Church calls us to take on Jesus' mission so that the blind might see, and see with eyes of faith; the lame might walk, and walk in the path of truth; the lepers might be cleansed, and cleansed of bitterness and fear; the dead might be raised, raised to new life in Christ ... and the Good News might be preached to the poor.

*"Each of us has a mission to fulfill, a mission of love. At the hour of death when we come face to face with God, we are going to be judged on love, not how much we have done, but how much love we have put into the doing."*

Mother Theresa

May we love now, while there is still time.

Father Robert C. Bradler

# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 21, 1990



PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

In one year, Americans spend on average \$3,012 billion on personal goods and services. That grand total includes spending for:

- automobiles, \$347 billion, plus \$77 billion for gas
- furniture and other home furnishings, \$65 billion
- clothing, accessories and jewelry, \$222 billion
- eating out, \$165 billion
- tobacco products (cigars/cigarettes), \$36 billion
- admission to specific amusements, \$11 billion: \$4 billion to motion pictures, \$3 billion to spectator sporting events, \$4 billion to theater/opera
- fitness and recreation, \$677 million on volleyballs, soccer balls, footballs, baseballs, softballs, basketballs, bowling balls, tennis and golf balls; the leader: golf balls, \$234 million for 190.8 million balls
- sports clothing, \$13 billion; the leaders: the average participant spent \$88.74 to enjoy downhill skiing; \$45.48, for golf.

Sources: The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1989; U.S. News & World Report articles (8/21/89; 10/9/89)



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 21st



Fr. Bradler with Sisters Alida, Domitila, Leonia and Silvestra

### TV Mass

8:00 a.m., Channel 21

Catchment

By: [unclear]

Nation	Per Capita Income	Equivalent in U.S. Goods/Services
Bangladesh	\$113	a mattress
Indonesia	\$560	brass bed
Ghana	\$420	air conditioner
Kenya	\$322	VCR
Peru	\$940	a vacation cruise
India	\$150	10 compact disc recordings

Source: The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1989

According to a recent Gallup survey:

- On average, Americans spend \$300 for a color television-that translates into one year's\* educational support for a Religious Sister or Brother in the Missions.
- Americans spend approximately \$30 for a pair of shoes-that amount could support two catchists in the Missions, each for one month.
- A new automobile can cost \$12,000-that money could be joined with contributions from the people in the African nations of Benin and Mali to build three chapels, each of which would be a sign of the vibrant faith of the people there and an instrument of evangelization.

Source: U.S. News & World Report (7/3/89)



## THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

... all of us committed to the world mission of Jesus.

### World Mission Sunday Oct. 21

Your gift today will help bring the Gospel to the poor here at home and around the world.

My mission sacrifice:  \$100  \$50  \$25  \$10  \$5 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 or My special gift:  \$250  \$500  \$700  \$1,000 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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