

DIOCESAN MISSIONS SUNDAY



DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

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My dear Friends:

The annual observance of our Diocesan Missions Sunday will be on the weekend of May 18th and May 19th. By coincidence it is also the Feast of Pentecost which serves as a very appropriate reminder of the missionary nature of the Church which received its charter and its life-giving principle, the Holy Spirit, on the first Pentecost.

When the Spirit of God descended upon the Apostles, one of the many gifts was the gift of tongues. Men and women, gathered from every nation under heaven, marveled to hear the Apostles speak in voices understood by all as they proclaimed the wonderful works of God.

The Diocese of Rochester has been keenly aware of its responsibility to share the love and fire of Pentecost with our brothers and sisters in every part of the world. For many years we have labored in Latin America sharing the talents of our own dedicated Sisters, Priests and laity with the Church of Brazil, Chile and Mexico, and Sisters in Alabama and Mississippi. These missions of mercy and love still merit our support.

Our mission labors must continue. Clothing the naked, feeding the hungry and instructing the ignorant remain ongoing human needs which today have reached desperate proportions. Our mission is one of justice and not of a condescending handout to beggars. We must respect the dignity of our brothers and sisters as we strive to help them help themselves.

Please be generous in your prayers and sacrifices for our Diocesan Missions Appeal on the weekend of May 18th and 19th.

With my gratitude and blessing, I remain

Your brother in Christ,

+ Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester



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A Message From the Acting Director:

On this weekend, May 18th and 19th the faithful of our diocese have the opportunity to recommit themselves to the mission of Jesus by reaching out with love to our brothers and sisters served by our own dedicated diocesan missions.

Help us achieve solidarity
with the men and women
of our Mission areas.

Help us share their hunger
and thirst after justice as
we and they strive to build
God's Kingdom on earth.

Help us work with them to
achieve their full Human
and Christian Freedom.



In the name of all who will receive hope and comfort through offering prayers and material assistance, I express my gratitude for your generosity.

Sincerely yours,

(Rev.) Kevin E. McKenna
Acting Director

DIOCESAN MISSIONS COLLECTION IN YOUR PARISH MAY 18th and 19th

May 19, 1991

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 \$10
 \$25
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