



WORLD MISSION

October 20

"Faith is strengthened when it is given to"



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My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

World Mission Sunday, October 20, 1991, is an important date in the life of the church. It gives us an opportunity to renew our "yes!" to the missionary call of Christ that we first accepted at baptism.

"You will be my witnesses even to the ends of the earth." — Acts 1:8

Pope John Paul II states that missionary activity is a "matter for all Christians", that "no believer in Christ can avoid this supreme duty to proclaim Christ to all peoples."

We bishops, in our World Mission Pastoral, "To the Ends of the Earth," also emphasized this personal responsibility for the church's mission to the world: "This mission to the peoples of all nations must involve all of us personally..."

On this World Mission Sunday, I urge you to renew your personal commitment to the Missions and to offer your prayers and financial sacrifices for those missionary efforts through the Propagation of the Faith. Your contributions will help to fill the great needs of the young mission churches: to educate increasing numbers who wish to study for the priesthood or religious life; to train catechists who walk miles to share the good news, preaching by the example of their lives as well as through their words; to build churches and chapels as visible signs of a vibrant faith and as instruments of evangelization; to support hospitals and schools, where the gospel is shared in a subtle, yet powerful way.

Please know that your generous response in our diocese this Sunday will benefit not only the people of the missions but also the people of our local church, putting mission where it should be: at the heart of our life as church.

Your brother in Christ,

+Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

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Dear Lord,
my faith in You sustains me.
You comfort me in sorrow;
You hold me when I am afraid,
You put Your hand upon my pain.

For those who do not know You,
I offer my prayer and sacrifice.

Use me to tell the poor
You love them.

Use me to call the children
to You, and give peace to
hearts worn by work and years.

Use me to reach the furthest and
poorest with the Good News of
Christ.

Then will I truly share the joy of my
faith in You with all the world.