

MISSION SUNDAY

October 20, 1991

"... given to others!" — Pope John Paul II



A Message from the Director

On this Mission Sunday, I would like to express a sincere thank you to all of our good people of the Diocese of Rochester for your great love and generosity to the Missions during the past year.

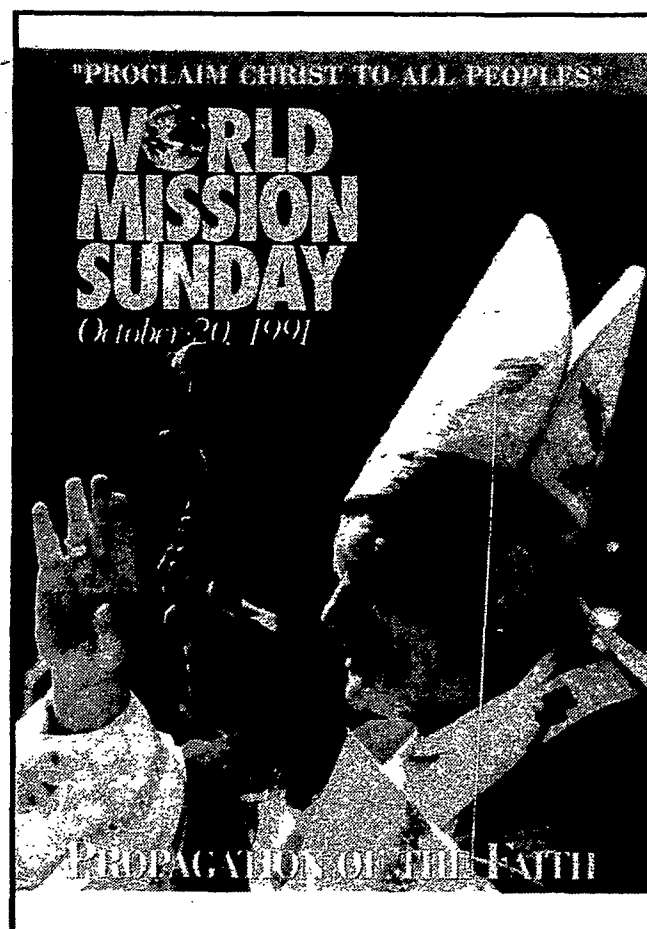
"I wish to thank all those who make sacrifices and contribute to the work of the missions. Their sacrifices and sharing are indispensable for building up the Church and for showing love."

— Pope John Paul II
"Mission of the Redeemer"

Earlier this year during my sabbatical in Rome, I had the privilege of being present for a Papal Mass celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Pontifical Missionary Union. In his homily the Pope said, "Before going up to heaven, the risen Lord entrusts His disciples with this missionary mandate: Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. This command of Christ is so urgent and contemporary today. Go and proclaim, be heralds of my truth, be witnesses of my love, give my teachings to everyone. He calls every believer to work with Him and to continue this same mission of His."

Each of us then, through our Baptism, is responsible to participate in the Church's mission to "proclaim Christ to all peoples." On this Mission Sunday, I invite you to share in the Mission of Jesus by sharing the Good News of the Gospel; by reaching out to peoples of other lands as a bridge between different races, cultures and religions; by promoting human dignity among the poor and forgotten people in a broken and divided world, through prayer, financial support and personal commitment to life in mission.

Father Robert C. Bradler



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Children in Catholic school in Togo, Africa

These young people gather in the early morning for school in Togo in West Africa. Most village missions have a primary school, a chapel and a health clinic. One month's support: \$100. This World Mission Sunday, October 20, won't you offer your prayerful and financial support, through the Propagation of the Faith, to support such village missions where priests, Religious and lay catechists work day-after-day to proclaim Christ to all peoples?"

TV Mass

8:00 a.m., Channel 10

Celebrant:

Fr. Robert Bradler

Homilist: Father Symon Peter Ntaiya

WHAT SACRIFICE CAN YOU MAKE FROM YOUR LIFE ... FROM YOUR FAITH ... FROM YOUR LOVE?

Are you a family? Perhaps you would offer a sacrifice equal to the cost of a day's food so that another family might be nourished in spirit.

Are you single and working? Perhaps you could give the equivalent of a day's wage so that someone might know the promise of salvation.

Are you retired? Perhaps you could offer a portion of your Social Security so that others may live in the faith that supports us at every moment.

Are you a student? Perhaps you would sacrifice the cost of a textbook so that another young person might learn to see with the eyes of faith in a mission school.

Are you ill...in pain...confined to home? Perhaps you would offer your suffering to the Lord so that those who suffer without knowing the consolation of Christ might come to experience Him in their lives.



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World Mission Sunday Oct. 20

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

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