

MISSION SUNDAY

October 18, 1992

of Faith We Have Received''



A Message from the Director

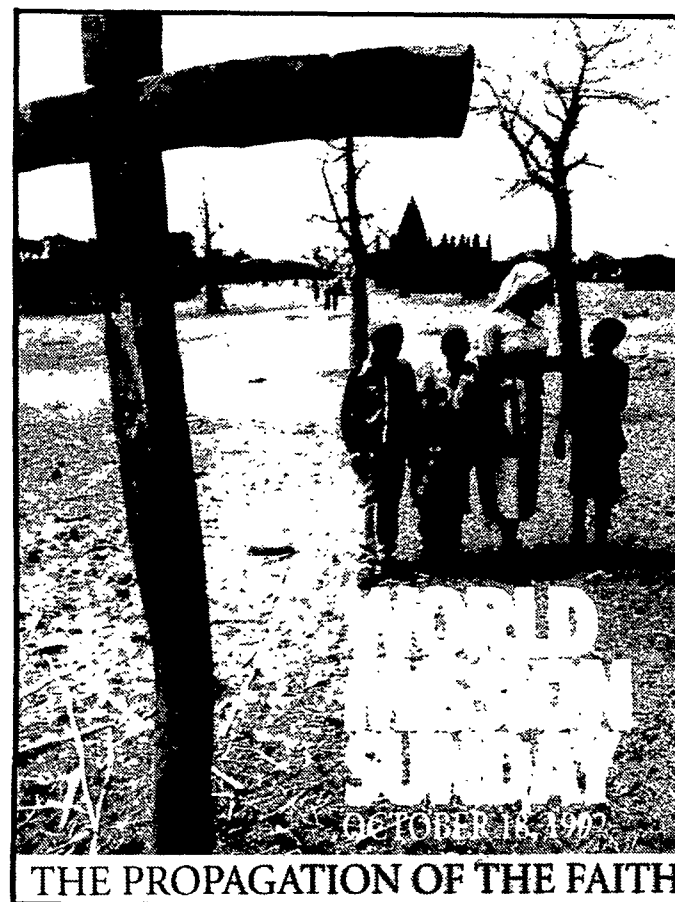
On this Mission Sunday, I would like to express a sincere thank you to all you good people of the Diocese of Rochester for your great love and generosity to the Missions during the past year. Among the nearly one hundred and seventy-five dioceses throughout the United States, the Diocese of Rochester ranks number thirteen in total contributions to the General Fund of the Propagation of the Faith and to the Society of St. Peter Apostle. \$945,173 was given to the General Fund and \$25,991 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.

World Mission Sunday calls each one of us to a renewed commitment to spread the Gospel message. We cannot remain indifferent when we think of the millions of people who, like us, have been redeemed by Christ, yet still do not have sufficient knowledge of God's love. No believer in Christ, can withdraw from this duty of proclaiming Christ to all people. Today two-thirds of humanity do not know Christ; they need Him and His message of salvation.

The Lord calls us to go beyond ourselves to share with others the blessings we have received, beginning with the gift of faith, which cannot be considered as a private privilege but must be seen as a gift to be shared with those who have not yet received it. Such activity will benefit faith itself since faith is strengthened when it is shared.

As we celebrate the Quincentenary of the Gospel's first being preached in the Americas "we are reminded of the European missionaries who brought the Gospel to the people they found on those shores," writes Pope John Paul II in his Message for World Mission Sunday. "While not all are called to the life-long missionary vocation, all must pray for and foster a missionary spirit both in their hearts and in their faith community."

Father Robert C. Bradler



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Catechist in Ghana, Africa

This Catechist in Ghana, Africa, is as poor as the children with whom he shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. Yet each day, gathered under the shade of a tree, it is joy that characterizes his lesson to these youngsters; it is a joy that flows from the 'newness of life' he has found from his faith in Jesus, a 'newness' that has transformed his life. On World Mission Sunday, October 18, your offering of prayer and sacrifice through the Propagation of the Faith helps catechists throughout Africa, Asia, the Pacific Island and Latin America, as they share the gift of faith they have received, witnessing to Jesus in word and through the example of their lives.

TV Mass
7:30 a.m., Channel 10
Celebrant:
Fr. Robert Bradler

What Sacrifice Can You Make? We Depend Upon You

Liguna parish is in a remote area of Tanzania with no medical dispensary nearby other than its own. Support is needed for the Sisters who serve there.

Bishop Armido Gasparini, 79-year-old missionary in Ethiopia, must provide for the education of 11 major seminarians, saying: "I need priests badly."

Some 15 mission primary schools in the Diocese of Baroda in India need aid to provide basic education for village children.

Catechists in Ecuador...Haiti...Bolivia...Peru count on help as, daily, they bring the Gospel to life among their people.

Men and women who minister to migrant workers in our own Home Missions need support to bring the Good News to the poor.



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World Mission Sunday October 18th

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