



WORLD MISSION

October 24

"Faith is Strengthened When"



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My Dear Friends in Christ:

For 125 years, the people of this diocese have been reaching out to their brothers and sisters in many wonderful and beautiful ways.

The closing Mass of the General Synod renewed our local Church to a new spirit and commitment to serve one another.

Mission Sunday, October 24th, gives you and me an opportunity to go beyond our local Church and touch the whole world with our love.

As always, this celebration takes place as we come together to listen to the word of God and receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Nourished in faith ourselves, we are strengthened for the missionary task given to each one of us at Baptism.

On World Mission Sunday, we pray for all missionaries and those they serve; we pray that more men and women may be generous in answering the special call to leave family and country to help others know the Gospel and live in the new life Christ offers to those who believe.

On World Mission Sunday, we are called to sacrifice, to offer the most that we can, through the Propagation of the Faith, to help provide for the needs of the missions of the world.

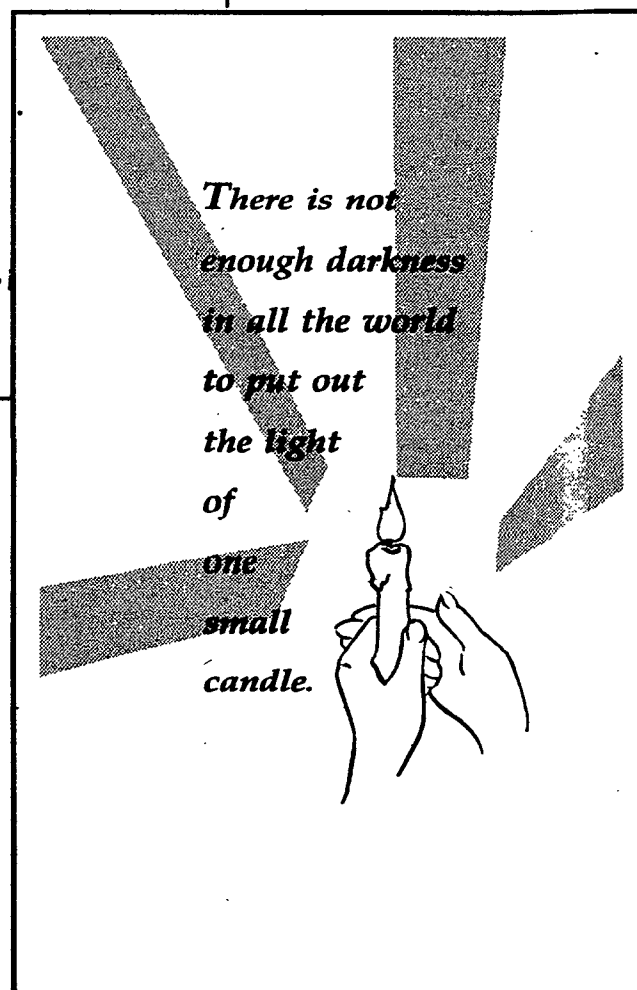
"Mission," Pope John Paul II reminds us, "is an issue of faith, an accurate indicator of our faith in Christ and his love for us." May the prayers and sacrifices that we in the Diocese of Rochester offer on World Mission Sunday be a true reflection of the faith with which we have been blessed.

Praying for you always, I am

Devotedly in Christ,

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