

MISSION SUNDAY

October 24, 1993

"When It is Given to Others"



A Message From the Director

In his missionary encyclical, "The Mission of the Redeemer," Pope John Paul II reminds us of the "immense portion" of the human family that does "not know Christ": millions upon millions of men, women and children.

Think a moment who they may be: a frightened mother in Somalia, a work-worn father in a Bangladeshi village, an abandoned child on the streets of Nairobi, Kenya.

What difference would "knowing Christ" make to them?

Only in Christ can they know they are children of God and thus of immeasurable worth, owed, today, the justice and dignity due to each unique person created in God's image. Only in Christ can they know the gift of salvation, know their destiny of eternal life with God.

For the many millions of people who have not yet come to know Christ, each one of us is needed to respond to our baptismal commitment to share our gift of faith with others, those we meet in our daily lives and others far, far beyond our home, our workplace, our neighborhood. The person next to you at Sunday Mass is needed; the family in front of you is needed; the man behind you...

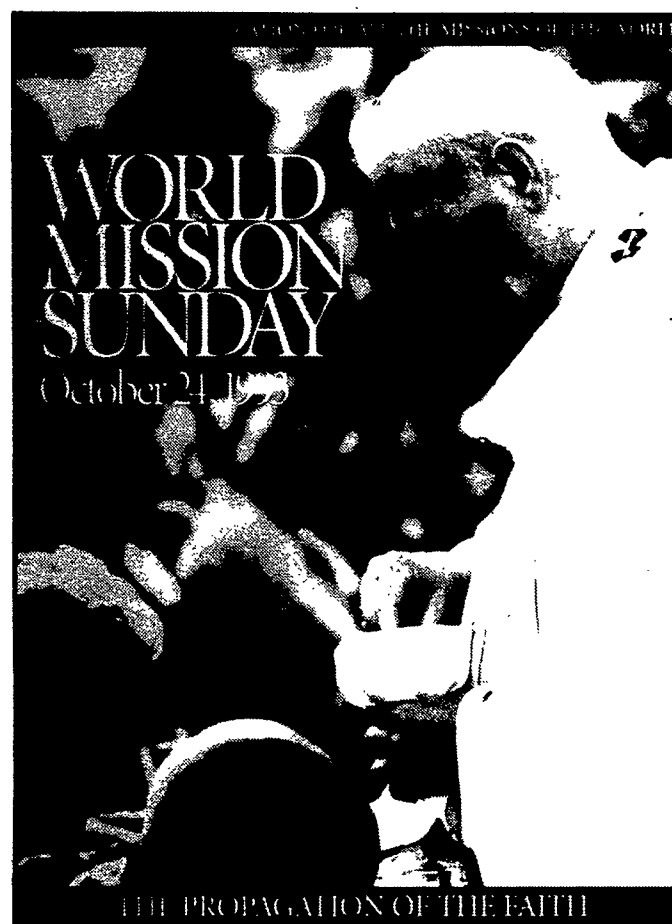
Sunday, October 24th is World Mission Sunday, the annual celebration of prayer and sacrifice for the Church's missionary work. On this day, as we come together at the Eucharist, the church reminds us of our responsibility through baptism and our privilege to take part in the worldwide mission of Jesus.

On World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, we are missionaries to the world as we pray that every person may come to know Jesus, as we offer our personal crosses - - our burdens, our anxieties, our pain - - in union with Christ for the redemption of each person and as we offer generous financial sacrifices through the Propagation of the Faith for those who "walk from village to village," as Jesus did, telling the Good News of God's love.

With your help this Sunday, many hundreds of mission dioceses around the world will receive urgently needed assistance.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done in the past, for all that you are doing today and all I know that you will do in the future for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Father Robert C. Bradler



Will You Help?

- ❖ **In Shillong-Gauhati, India**, Sister-novices need support as they prepare for a lifetime of bringing the "Good News" from village to village.
- ❖ **In Flores, Indonesia**, seminarians need help in their preparation for the priesthood.
- ❖ **In Awasa, Ethiopia**, village missions need aid for their daily spiritual and material service to the poor.
- ❖ **In East and West Africa**, help is needed for the Church's work among millions uprooted by war.
- ❖ **In Ecuador...Haiti...Peru...Bolivia**, lay catechists need support as they are trained to prepare their people for the Sacraments.
- ❖ **In our Home Missions**, migrant workers need loving, welcoming pastoral care.



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Sister Mary Ann MacRae, Medical Missionary of Mary, Abakaliki, Nigeria is a doctor in charge of a hospital that does extensive work in the field of leprosy and TB control; the hospital also has a busy maternity unit. Sister Mary Ann says her people teach her "something about joy...about acceptance of suffering...about hospitality...about generosity."

Today there are some 5,440 U.S. missionaries -- Religious priests, Sisters, Brothers, diocesan priests and lay men and women -- serving overseas, living their faith, sharing their faith, strengthened in their faith by the people they serve. On World Mission Sunday, we pray for them and for an increase in the number of men and women who will respond to Christ's call to this special vocation of "missionary to the nations."

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



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