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world mission sunday

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

World Mission Sunday, October 23rd, is a great moment for the entire Church of Rochester to focus in on our missionary involvement. It is the annual day of prayer and sacrifice when all American Catholics are joined with Catholics throughout the world in a common effort to sustain the missionary vitality and growth of the Church.

Millions do not yet live in the light that is Christ. How can they believe in Him if they have not heard of Him?

We are all called to the missionary vocation of prayer and sacrifice in union with Christ for the redemption of the world. Can we do this? This is the

question Jesus asked James and John: "Can you drink the cup I shall drink or be baptized in the same bath of pain as I?"

— Mark 10:35-45

In other words, "Can you die to self and rise again, living totally in Christ, taking part in His mission with all the sacrifices that this entails?" I hope your response is a positive one.

Millions of our brothers and sisters live by the side of the road, needing to see, needing to believe. We ask ourselves, in the words of St. Paul, "How can they believe if they have not heard?"

Ask your greatest generosity on World Mission Sunday and your continuing

prayers that our sisters and brothers around the world may hear the Gospel, hear the news of God's love, hear the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Wishing you every blessing as our diocese strives to become more and more missionary and keeping you always in my prayers.



Most Reverend
Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

October 23, 1994

TV MASS

7:30 a.m. ♦ Channel 10
Celebrant: Fr. Robert Bradler

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In his encyclical "The Mission of the Redeemer" Pope John Paul II reminds us that Mission Sunday is an important date in the life of the Church. The day seeks to heighten our awareness of the missions, as well as to collect funds for them.

The Mission Sunday collection in the United States continues to give clear evidence of its unique importance in the minds and hearts of priests, religious and laity. We are aware, however, that there are also clear signs of a need for renewed energy and enthusiasm if Mission Sunday is to continue to fulfill its vital task.

Last year, the revenue from the Mission Collection showed a sharp decline of \$745,000 or about 4.1% from the

previous year. Hundreds of our brothers and sisters depend upon us for help; so I encourage you to put forth your best effort this year and renew your enthusiasm to aid our friends in the Third World.

It has never been easy to leave home and go to another culture to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. An important part of supporting the missions is supporting those men and women who go forth from our local church of the Diocese of Rochester to other countries.

Our mission office, together with the help of Fathers Peter Deckman and Charles Mulligan, hope to begin a newsletter which will be sent to all from this diocese who work in the missions. If

you have any information about a missionary's name, address and home parish, please forward it to our office at the diocesan Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624.



Fr. Robert C. Bradler
Diocesan Director
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The Society of the Propagation of the Faith World Mission Sunday ♦ October 23rd

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

My mission sacrifice: ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$5 ☐ Other \$ _____

or My special gift: ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ _____

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please be as generous as possible

