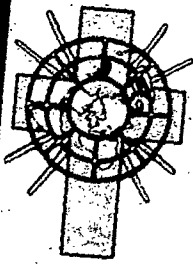


World Mission Sunday

October 18, 1998



"Go...make disciples of all nations... baptize them... teach them all I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20

The Society
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Diocesan Director:
Fr. Robert C. Bradler



A Message from the Diocesan Director

Father Robert C. Bradler, Diocesan Director
Society for the Propagation of the Faith

September, 1998

Dear People of God,

As we gather at the Eucharist this Mission Sunday, there are many millions of people who do not know that God loves them. They have not heard the promise of eternal life in Christ. They have not experienced the love of Christ, right here and now, through the service of mission priests, Sisters, Brothers, catechists. Pope John Paul II challenge us with these words: "To a certain degree, in fact, each of us is personally responsible, before God, for those millions of people who are "without faith."

Because we are followers of Christ, because we have received the Holy Spirit - the Spirit of mission - we are called and charged to be part of the Church's mission to all peoples and all nations. Today, in a special way, we can respond to our call, with our prayers and our help through the Propagation of the Faith.

Your contribution this World Mission Sunday will help to support the daily work of the Church as it offers Christ, in Word and in Sacrament, to more than two-thirds of our human family. Jesus wants them to know of His love for them; that He died for them.

Sincerely in Christ,

Robert C. Bradler

Rev. Robert C. Bradler
Diocesan Director



A Message from the Bishop

Most Reverend Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

September, 1998

My dear Friends in Christ,

On World Mission Sunday, October 18th, we are called in a special way - through prayer, personal sacrifice and participation in the Eucharist - to share our faith, to be missionaries, and to fulfill our Baptismal responsibility for the worldwide missionary task of the Church. Today, we who have "received" are challenged to "give."

In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, Pope John Paul II tells us that this celebration comes to "direct our attention to the marvelous undertakings of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be strengthened in our faith and that there may be, precisely due to the power of the Holy Spirit, a great missionary reawakening in the Church."

We know that today more than two-thirds of the world's people have yet to hear of the salvation offered only through Jesus Christ. On this World Mission Sunday I urge you to open yourself to the gifts of the Spirit so that through you, Jesus, the one Savior of the World, may be known and loved by all. On this World Mission Sunday, I ask that each one of you please renew your very generous support of the work of the Church in the Missions through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

With gratitude for all you will do this World Mission Sunday to share the gift of faith you have received from the Spirit, I am

Sincerely in the Lord

Matthew H. Clark

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