

World Mission Sunday

October 22, 2000

JESUS CHRIST THE ONE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD



A Message From The Bishop MOST REVEREND MATTHEW H. CLARK Bishop of Rochester



In this Jubilee Year of 2000, World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 22, with the theme, "Jesus Christ, the one Savior of the world." Pope John Paul II, in *The Mission of the Redeemer*, noted:

"World Mission Sunday...is an important date in the life of the Church, because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world."

On World Mission Sunday, each of us is asked to take our part in the Church's witness and work among all peoples. We can do this, first and foremost, through prayers and through our participation in the Eucharist. "It is from the Eucharist," our Holy Father notes, "that the Church and every believer draw the indispensable strength to proclaim and bear witness before all to the Gospel of salvation."

"Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the servant of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as ransom for many."
Mk 10:44-45

I invite you...no, I urge you to serve your brothers and sisters in our mission countries with the same generous support that you have given in the past. See with the eyes of your faith! Give generously with your prayers and financial gift to help speed the day when the whole world will share faith in the one Lord, Jesus Christ.

A Message From The Diocesan Director FR. ROBERT C. BRADLER Society for the Propagation of the Faith

October 22 is a special day for all of us who are called, by Baptism, to be involved in the missionary work of the Church: It is World Mission Sunday.

Pope John Paul II in his message for World Mission Sunday this year asks that his words, may "be an encouragement for all those who have missionary activity at heart. Celebrating the Jubilee of the Holy Year 2000, 'the whole Church is even more committed to a new missionary advent. We must increase our apostolic zeal to pass on to others the light and joy of the faith, and to this high ideal the whole people of God must be educated' (*The Mission of the Redeemer* 86)."

On this day of such importance of our mission family and to our own growth in faith, I ask your most generous gift of prayer and the offering of your personal sacrifices, your

personal crosses, in union with the sufferings of Christ on the Cross for the redemption of the world. I ask also for your financial help for the work of the Church among two-thirds of our human family.

As our Holy Father notes in his message for this year's celebration of World Mission Sunday, "No one, in fact is so poor that they have nothing to give."

Thanking you for your help on World Mission Sunday and for your continuing prayers for this most important work of the Church.



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