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World Mission Sunday
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This year, World Mission Sunday is scheduled for October 9 & 10 in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. This is a change from the traditional weekend of October 24, 2010. Watch for additional information at your parishes.

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Going and Giving:
The Many Faces of Mission
By Deacon Mickey Friesen

There is a saying about missionary work: "Some give to the missions by going. Others go to the missions by giving. Without both, there is no mission."



This axiom speaks an important truth. The Church's mission is invariably a cooperative venture. Many gifts, one spirit. And, this same missionary spirit is still calling us.

This year marks 75 years of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis "going and giving" to mission. In 1935, the

Archdiocese, under the inspiration and patronage of the Pontifical Mission Societies, established its own Society for the Propagation of the Faith office and joined a movement dedicated to supporting the universal mission of the Church as a single, worldwide effort – "All the Church for all the world."

The universal mission movement was inspired by the efforts of Pauline Jaricot, a 19th century young French woman who gathered a group of women to pray, share mission stories and make financial sacrifices for missions around the world. This rhythm of prayer, sharing faith

and making sacrifice has grown into a global movement reaching 120 countries around the world.



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Mission today also includes the growing number of face-to-face contacts between the Church here and abroad. Parish mission immersions, exchanges of personal, ongoing sharing, and sister relationships help us to realize and experience the center of our faith.

The face of mission today makes clear that the need for evangelization is apparent on every continent – including our own. Today, like no other time in history, we have many avenues to participate. There are many ways to give of our time, talents and treasure to advance God's Kingdom on earth.

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I give thanks for all the ways that you have responded to God's invitation to go and give to Christ's mission. And for the ways that God's missionary spirit calls us, let us trust in the great missionary legacy given to us and go forth to love and serve the Lord.



Celebrating 40 years of relationship building in Venezuela by Kay Mottaz

In 1970, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis began a commitment to mission in the Diocese of Ciudad Guayana, Venezuela in response to the call of Pope John XXIII to cooperate with the Church in Latin America. 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the mission and a celebration to honor this milestone is planned for September 18th.

The original goal of this mission initiative was to share Archdiocesan priests who ministered in parishes of the Diocese of Ciudad Guayana. Eventually they were joined by the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls and lay volunteers. Over the past 40 years, many gifts have been shared and a relationship has grown which benefits both dioceses. Now a steady stream of individuals and groups visit Ciudad Guayana annually to experience the faith and culture of their Venezuelan brothers and sisters and share their gifts and talents. In turn, groups from the Venezuela Mission parish have visited the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis to do the same.

Each fall, Fr. Greg Schaffer, pastor of Jesucristo Resucitado since 2002, brings youth from Venezuela to parishes and schools within the Archdiocese to share their culture through songs, dances and presentations. "We come to bring awareness of the mission with the hope of planting seeds to come visit us," said Schaffer.

One such parish is St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waconia, Minnesota. Parishioners have visited the mission numerous times since they first met Fr. Schaffer and the youth on a tour eight years ago.



The Venezuelan Mission ministry has become an important part of their parish social justice program. "The St. Joseph youth help to raise monies to sustain their projects for the mission, like the hydroponics project in a local barrio, by holding fund raisers and bagging groceries," explained parishioner Dean Hilgers.

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In addition to parish visits, opportunities to participate in the work of the mission are made available several times a year for



groups of high school, university and seminarian students within the Archdiocese. This past summer, a group of seminarians visited the Venezuelan Mission parish in addition to a group of students from Cretin-Derham Hall High School who went last spring. The economic reality of these people cannot help but change one's perspective. It is the hope



of Fr. Schaffer that through this personal "mission" experience and seeing the faces of God everywhere, a conversion takes hold and evangelization begins when they return home.

Seeking the Face of God

2010 Conference Thursday, November 4, 2010

This conference, organized by the Center for Mission, will be an enriching, motivating day of prayer, learning, and sharing as we consider the connections between mission and prayer. Keynote speakers and workshops will explore:

- How we meet God through connections in our daily life and with others in the world
- How prayer leads to mission and mission to prayer
- How prayer, sacraments, and worship animate our engagement

with the pain and conflict in this wounded world For more information and registration, go to www.centerformission.org. Or call 651-222-6556. Don't miss this opportunity as we seek the face of God in others throughout the world.

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Kitui, Kenya Partnership Trip: June 28 - July 12, 2011

Red Lake, MN (High School youth): July 17 - 22, 2011

El Salvador - Immersion trip for educators and parish leaders: June, 2011

Maryknoll Lay Missioners Friends Across Borders

San Salvador, El Salvador - Pilgrimage Trip: November 15 - 22, 2010 www.friendsacrossborders@mkmlm.org

GATE (Global Awareness Through Experience) - through the FSPA Sisters of La Crosse WI

Chiapas, Mexico: January 5 - 16, 2011

Oaxaca, Mexico: January 29 - February 6, 2011

Venezuela, South America: February 20 - March 2, 2011

Guatemala Holy Week: April 13-23, 2011

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