

September 7, 2011

Dear Catholic Educators,

We invite you and/or whomever you believe is an appropriate person in your school community to participate in a Symposium on Global Mission to be held

Sunday, October 2, 2:00-4:00 pm

in the LeRoux Room of the Seattle University Student Center.

Father Roger Schroeder will be the keynote speaker at the symposium. A Divine Word Missionary who is chair of Catholic Mission Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago (see reverse), he will address the meaning of global mission today.

Following Father Schroeder's presentation, symposium participants will have an opportunity to engage in small group discussions on mission-related questions such as:

- ❖ What is the most pressing reality in mission today?
- ❖ The world has changed so much since Maryknoll was established 100 years ago. How does the current global reality impact mission today?

We will conclude the afternoon by providing you with reference tools and contact information to help us all to be more effective missionaries in a global context.

The symposium is being held in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of the Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers, the largest missionary society in the United States. Maryknoll members, supporters and friends will observe the society's centenary at the noon Mass on Sunday, Sept. 25, at St. James Cathedral. Archbishop Peter Sartain will celebrate the Mass with a reception following immediately in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome.

Meanwhile, please let us know at your earliest convenience who will be representing your school at the **Oct. 2 Symposium on Global Mission**. Kindly RSVP online at <http://maryknoll.us> or by calling 206.322.8831. Space is limited, so please RSVP as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you and/or other leaders from your community at the symposium at Seattle University on October 2.

Yours in Christ,

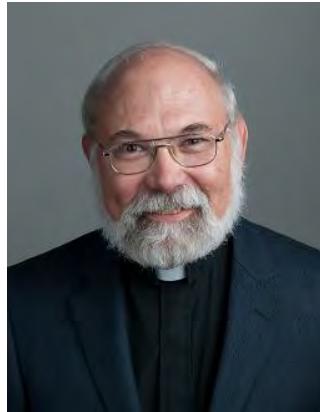
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Rev. Roger Schroeder, SVD



Rev. Roger Schroeder, SVD, is a renowned religious author and professor. Ordained to the priesthood in 1979 as a member of the Society of the Divine Word, Fr. Schroeder spent six years as a missionary and teacher in Papua, New Guinea. In 1990, he earned a Doctorate in Missiology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. For the past twenty-one years, he has taught in the Department of Intercultural Studies and Ministry at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In 2007, he was appointed holder of the Bishop Francis Ford, MM, Chair in Catholic Missiology. Currently, Dr. Schroeder serves as the president of the American Society of Missiology.

Dr. Schroeder has given talks and workshops in Australia, China, Hong Kong, Ireland, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, South Africa, Taiwan, the United States, and Vietnam. His written works on mission include *Constants in Context: A Theology of Mission for Today* (co-authored with Stephen Bevans, SVD), *What is the Mission of the Church? A Guide for Catholics*, and *Prophetic Dialogue: Reflections on Christian Mission* (co-authored with Stephen Bevans).

The Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, Missions Office of the Archdiocese of Seattle, and Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers are pleased and honored to host Fr. Schroeder, speaking on the topic, “Mission in the Global Context.”