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Dear Pastor/Administrator,

We at the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago express our heartfelt gratitude to you for observing World Mission Sunday, either on or near the weekend of October 20, 2019. This global celebration and annual second collection supports the efforts of the Pontifical Mission Societies, which, as the Holy Father reminds us in his *Message for World Mission Day 2019*, "serve the Church's universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world."

Enclosed, you will find the following resources to help encourage participation among the faithful of your parish community (these items and more are also available electronically at WeAreMissionary.org/wms).

- The Cardinal's letter to quote or insert in the bulletin, reference in the homily, and post on the parish website.
- Copies of a poster to display near the main entrance of your church (note that additional bulletin images can be found at www.WeAreMissionary.org/wms).
- A packet of parish and liturgy resources which includes a bulletin article, announcements and universal prayer.
- A World Mission Sunday Liturgy of the Word for children.
- The gray collection remittance card and return envelope for the business manager.
- The Parish Preference Form for the 2020 Summer Missionary Cooperation Plan.
- A flier with information about the Global Mission Mass and Celebration scheduled Sunday, October 27.

This October marks an especially important moment for the Church in global mission, as the Holy Father has called for the celebration of an Extraordinary Mission Month in the life of the Church. You can learn more about this global celebration and how you can participate at www.wearemissionary.org/emm.

Thank you for your support of the global Church!

Sincerely in the Mission of Jesus,

Handwritten signature of Kevin Foy in black ink.

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