



# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2019

## BULLETIN ARTICLE

On October 20, we join with the Church around the globe to celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year, the Holy Father has declared the entire month of October an Extraordinary Month of Mission, through which we recommit ourselves to the mission of God in recognition that our faith in Jesus Christ and our relationship with the People of God are missionary by nature. Our faith is a treasure to be given, shared and proclaimed.

This celebration also presents an opportunity to support the global network of missionary commitment, known as the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, through prayer, the soul of mission and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. The annual World Mission Sunday second collection provides critical support to communities of faith in the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world. Working with limited means, these local churches bear witness to the Gospel amid poverty and turmoil, addressing all forms of material and spiritual need.

This collection serves:

- Approximately 75 percent supports efforts of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to help sustain over 1,000 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.
- Nearly 10 percent supports the work of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association to alleviate poverty, foster Christian unity and promote interreligious dialogue in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.
- About 15 percent supports the operations of the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which builds bridges of love and support between global missionaries and members of the Church in Chicago.

In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, Pope Francis states that, “The Church is on mission in the world...Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God’s love.” Those serving in mission at the global peripheries, especially communities and individuals who follow the command to serve despite their own financial struggles, witness this message of service and self-sacrifice. By joining with them, we in turn bear witness to a message of love and compassion so needed in our world today.



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## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **The Weekend Before World Mission Sunday**

Next weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday during this Extraordinary Mission Month. As Pope Francis reminds us, “Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see all things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God’s own eyes and heart.” World Mission Sunday calls us to solidarity with communities of faith that are young, struggling or economically strained around the globe. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in faith and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

### **The Weekend of World Mission Sunday**

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday during this Extraordinary Mission Month. Let us remember the mission at the heart of our Christian faith – to share the Good News with the world! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the priests, religious and lay leaders who embody Christ’s mercy and presence among the most vulnerable communities in our world. They have been charged to proclaim the Word persistently; when it is convenient and inconvenient. Let us pray and offer our support for the Church’s worldwide missionary efforts.

### **The Weekend After World Mission Sunday**

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday! Our parish raised \$\_\_\_\_\_ in support of communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world. Your gifts and prayers contribute to the ongoing effort of the Universal Church in service and authentic global solidarity. As Pope Francis has said, “Charity impels us to go forth to the ends of the earth. A Church that presses forward to the farthest frontiers requires a constant and ongoing missionary conversion.”