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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, the Holy Father reminds us that amid the suffering of the global pandemic, “God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love.” Now more than ever, the world looks to us as people of faith to meet the spiritual, physical and economic challenges of our time as witnesses to the saving love of Jesus. In celebrating World Mission Sunday this year, we join with the Universal Church in bringing much needed hope and healing to the areas of our world most afflicted by poverty, instability and the current global health and economic crisis.

Celebrated worldwide on October 18, the World Mission Sunday collection provides charitable support to over 1,000 mission dioceses through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. These local churches struggle with limited material resources to serve the faithful and spread the Good News of Jesus across Africa, Asia and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. The collection also assists local churches and congregations witness the love of Jesus in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe through the Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

Together, we can make World Mission Sunday a moment of hopeful solidarity with the Church throughout the world. While the global pandemic presents our own archdiocese with many challenges, we remain steadfast in our mission to make disciples, build community and inspire witness. The local churches that benefit from the World Mission Sunday collection share in this mission and inspire us in their diligent and joyful service to the Lord. With every wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago