



# World Mission Sunday 2021

## Bulletin Article and Announcements

### BULLETIN ARTICLE

#### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

“We cannot help but speak about what we have seen and heard.” (Acts 4:20)

On October 24, we join with the Universal Church to celebrate World Mission Sunday. As the global pandemic continues to cause suffering and loss both at home and around the world, we as sisters and brothers in faith pause to pray and be in solidarity with our neighbors a world away. Through this celebration we actively participate in the mission of Jesus Christ to “go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)

The annual World Mission Sunday second collection provides critical financial support to missionaries and communities of faith in the most economically disadvantaged regions of the globe. Working with limited means, these local churches bear witness to the Gospel amid scarcity, conflict and instability. The Church’s missionaries address all forms of material and spiritual needs to build up the church, affirm human dignity, alleviate poverty, encourage dialogue and inspire hope.

The World Mission Sunday collection provides:

- Approximately 75 percent to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which helps sustain over 1,000 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands.
- About 9 percent for 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 to the basic operations of the Global Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which facilitates, resources, and supports efforts to reach out in love and solidarity globally.

In his message for World Mission Sunday Pope Francis says, “As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church’s evangelizing mission finds outward fulfillment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.” Let our celebration reinvigorate us to continue to walk with one another in this ongoing pandemic and transform our world with Christ’s compassion. If you are able, place a donation to support mission dioceses in the collection basket, or you can make a donation online at [WeAreMissionary.org/wms](https://www.WeAreMissionary.org/wms).



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Weekend Before World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis tells us, “Once we experience the power of God’s love, and recognize his presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share *what we have seen and heard.*” (Acts 4:20) World Mission Sunday is one way to proclaim and share the Good News with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. Please be generous in the collection to support over 1,000 mission dioceses. Remember to pray for our family of faith especially during this global pandemic. Place your donation in the collection basket or you can make a donation online at [WeAreMissionary.org/wms](http://WeAreMissionary.org/wms).

### The Weekend of World Mission Sunday

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis tells us, “as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church’s evangelizing mission finds outward fulfillment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.” The collection today, which supports both the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, supports missionaries and the most vulnerable faith communities in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the Pacific Islands. Let us transform our world and care for all of creation. Please pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary efforts and give generously. Place your donation in the collection basket or you can make a donation online at [WeAreMissionary.org/wms](http://WeAreMissionary.org/wms).

### The Weekend After World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for World Mission Sunday last weekend! Our parish raised \$\_\_\_\_\_ in support of mission dioceses that struggle with conflict, poverty and instability around the world. Your gifts and prayers will go out to the peripheries of our world to share the Good News of Christ’s Love. As Pope Francis says, “it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others.” You can still make your donation by dropping it into the collection basket using the World Mission Sunday envelope or make a donation online at [WeAreMissionary.org/wms](http://WeAreMissionary.org/wms).