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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,


Today we observe World Mission Sunday and proclaim in the words of Pope Francis, “everyone has a right to receive the Gospel.” In his annual message, the Holy Father reminds us that as baptized Christians, we are duty bound to announce the Gospel without excluding anyone. Through this worldwide Eucharistic celebration, all of us participate in the missionary movement of the Church with our prayers and activities, material offerings, our sufferings and our personal witness.

Reflecting on the theme for this year, “Hearts on fire, feet on the move,” Pope Francis invites us to kindle the fire of Christ’s love in our hearts and to actively share our joy. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring this Good News to all corners of the globe.

The World Mission Sunday collection, organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, contributes to the building up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and many too poor to sustain themselves. Our offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages and enable missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas. Through this collection, we support the Church’s efforts to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet moving as we are continually transformed through Renew My Church. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides life-giving aid to our brothers and sisters in the world’s most vulnerable communities. Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago