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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrate World Mission Sunday. On this day Catholics all over our world will join together in solidarity to fulfill the mission of Christ, to bring his Good News to the four corners of the world. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Once we experience the power of God's love, and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard."

Together we have been through much hardship these past months because of the pandemic that has infected our world. It has been difficult for our nation but it has been even more difficult for those nations that have struggled with poverty, injustice and poor health care. The pandemic has amplified the pain, the solitude and the poverty of so many people. The only light that can shine in this darkness is the light of Christ. The Gospel message of Christ is the beacon of light and hope in our world.

You are called to join together as the 'people of God' to bring the hope and joy of Christ to the many lands and nations in our world. This is especially important now that the pandemic is beginning to subside and life starts to return to normal. Missionaries can continue their vital work of bringing the Gospel message of hope and life.

Please be generous with your contributions and prayers so that the hopeless have hope, the suffering are lifted up and those burdened with difficulties know the easy 'yoke' of Christ. Together with Christ we can and will be 'salt and light' to the many peoples and lands of our world.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo  
Bishop of Charleston