



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY LETTER (OCT 23, 2022)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 23, World Mission Sunday, we join Catholics worldwide in this annual Eucharistic celebration for the Church's missions.

Pope Francis reflects on this year's theme: "You shall be My witness" (Acts 1:8). He emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Beginning in 1822, the universal fund of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provided some \$7 million in help for the growing Churches in America. The work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith still continues to the present day. Last year our Diocese was able to fund world missions with over \$196,000 dollars in contributions. Your prayers and generous support enabled priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, **you** make it possible for the Holy Father to provide for the formation of seminarians and religious men and women. You assist in building the schools and orphanages that care for children in unique places in the world. Missionary priests can build churches in areas with scarce resources. Priests and religious Brothers and Sisters can buy food and the bare essentials that make it possible to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

You are called to be a missionary for a day on World Mission Sunday! Your prayers remain your greatest gift, and your vital financial support is life-giving to the world missions. If you have any questions about the work of the Propagation of the Faith, please call our Director, Msgr. Lofton or Helena Moniz, Associate Director at 843-696-9095 or visit the website at propagation@charlestdiocese.org

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune CS
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