



World Mission Sunday 2025

Dear Monsignors and Pastors,

We are once again in the Mission Month when we celebrate the World Mission Sunday. This year it is celebrated on the weekend of October 18-19. I want to express my gratitude for your wonderful participation and the generous contribution each year.

This year's theme, *"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples,"* (cf. *Bull Spes Non Confundit*) reflects the heart of our faith and the vision of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who spent much of his priestly ministry as a missionary in the remote regions of Peru. He calls us to participate actively in the Church's evangelizing mission through our witness of life, prayer, sacrifice, and generosity.

Our parishioners' responses have been always commendable with a spirit of love, service, and generous sacrifice. Their willingness to support the universal mission of the Church shows their passionate commitment to Christ and His teachings.

Their contributions will greatly assist in spreading God's message of love, hope, and peace to all His children – especially the less fortunate, those suffering persecution for their faith, and those who are yet to experience the redeeming power of the Gospel. It directly supports seminaries, future religious sisters, catechists, Catholic schools that provide essential education, and basic medical care, embodying the love of Christ over 1,124 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East.

I urge you to encourage our parishioners to respond generously as always. Let us unite in prayer for the success of the Church's missionary activities and for the missionaries who dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel, often endangering their lives.

You can find liturgical aids like parish bulletin announcement, homily and universal prayer help and posters on the Missions Office website (<https://sdcatholic.org/missions/world-mission-sunday/>). We have sent World Mission Sunday envelopes to assist you in the collections.

Once more, I express my sincere thanks for all you do annually to foster World Mission Sunday in your parish. Thank you for nurturing a missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among our parishioners. Let us be *"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"*. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and know that the recipients of these offerings are also praying for you in gratitude.

Gratefully in the Lord,

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