



World Mission Sunday – Bulletin Article and Bulletin Announcements

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On October 21, we join with the Catholic Church across the globe to celebrate World Mission Sunday. This annual second collection provides critical support to communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world. Working with limited means, these local churches bear witness to the Gospel amid poverty and turmoil, addressing all forms of material and spiritual need. On World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with them through prayerful and financial support.

Who the World Mission Sunday Collection Serves:

- Approximately 75 percent supports efforts of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to help sustain over 1,000 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.
- Nearly 10 percent supports the work of 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 supports the operations of the Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago, which builds bridges of love and support between global missionaries and members of the Church in Chicago.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis states that, “No one is so poor as to be unable to give what they have, but first and foremost what they are.” Those serving in mission at the global peripheries, especially communities and individuals who follow the command to serve despite their own financial struggles, witness this message of service and self-sacrifice. By joining with them, we in turn bear witness to a message of love and compassion so needed in our world today.



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The Weekend Before World Mission Sunday

Next Weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. As Pope Francis reminds us, “the mission of the Church bridges the generations; our faith in God and our love of neighbor are a source of profound unity.” World Mission Sunday calls us to solidarity with communities of faith where the Church is young, struggling, or economically strained, particularly in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in faith and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

The Weekend of World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith – to share the Good News with the world! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the continued care and service of the global mission church, as it supports the priests, religious, and lay leaders who embody Christ’s mercy and presence among the most vulnerable communities of our world. For “the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mk 10:45) Thank you for your generosity.

The Weekend After World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday! Our parish raised \$_____ in support of communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world. Your gifts and prayers contribute to the ongoing effort of the universal Church in service and authentic global solidarity. As Pope Francis has said, “The Christian faith remains ever young when it is open to the mission that Christ entrusts to us. ‘Mission revitalizes faith.’”