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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In the Gospel reading for World Mission Sunday, Jesus reminds us of His mission “to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Through *Renew My Church*, we embrace this mission in which He calls us to serve others and give new life in Christ. In celebrating World Mission Sunday, we as members of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago proclaim the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ throughout our world.

The World Mission Sunday collection, celebrated worldwide on October 21, provides vital assistance to over 1,000 economically poor dioceses responding to spiritual and material needs across Africa, Asia, and remote areas of Latin America and the Pacific Islands. It also resources churches and religious congregations that accompany people facing poverty, violent conflict, and displacement in the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe.

It is my hope that every parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago embraces World Mission Sunday as an opportunity to join with the global Church in making disciples throughout our world, as we are called to do during the *Renew My Church* process. May our witness inspire others in our Chicago community, especially young people, to embrace the call to love and follow Christ. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago