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EVERY DAY IN OCTOBER · 3:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

Daily World Mission Rosary

Sheen, a Century of Mission and a Story Still Being Written

In 1926, Pope Pius XI established World Mission Sunday so Catholics everywhere could pray and sacrifice together for the Church's missionary work

Through his leadership, Blessed Fulton Sheen formed the faithful to understand the Holy Father's appeal by bringing the missions into American homes and consciences.

A DAILY TRADITION

Every day at 3:00 p.m, under Fulton Sheen's direction, the staff of The Pontifical Mission Societies in New York City stopped their work to pray the World Mission Rosary together.

Seventy-five years later, we are taking up that prayer again — at the very same hour.

Join the TPMS network in this time of daily prayer and reflection by clicking on the link below.

[Sign Up to Receive the Link](#)

2026

**The TPMS-USA Retreat
& National Meeting**

Formed Formators Forming Missionary Disciples

November 9–13, 2026

Augustine Institute

St. Louis, Missouri

You Are Invited

Growing Together in Our Collective Mission

An annual week set apart for prayer, consultation, and decision-making to strengthen our work in leading the Church's mission *ad gentes* in the United States.

In St. Louis, diocesan directors and administrators will gather with National Office staff to be renewed and strengthened for our crucial work, sharing the practical wisdom God has given throughout the TPMS network

[**REGISTER NOW**](#)



Retreat Director

Father Paul Hoesing

Rector, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Father Hoelsing will lead the retreat, themed

Formed Formators Forming Missionary Disciples

- Retreat begins Monday evening and continues through Wednesday
- National Meeting follows through Friday lunch
(Optional Diocesan Director Orientation precedes the retreat)

Retreat & National Meeting

Learn More About the Gathering

Visit the full event page for details about the retreat, National Meeting, orientation, schedule, accommodations, and more.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



Reflections by Fr. Anh Nhue, OFM Conv., Secretary General, Pontifical Missionary Union

For the Sundays of World Mission Month in October 2026, we are pleased to share some of the meditations prepared for the month as part of a collaborative initiative involving the National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Italy, India, and the United States, along with the PMU International Secretariat.

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

According to the Gospel tradition, on the eve of His Passion, Jesus told the parable of the murderous tenants, in which He foreshadowed the dramatic event of His death. The liturgy of this Sunday presents it by highlighting one aspect of

His message, namely the fundamental dogma of Israel—its identity as the chosen people. Indeed, as the first reading, the text offers a passage from Isaiah with the allegory of the vineyard, which describes God’s love for this people, who, instead of remaining faithful, rebelled against Him: a betrayal that consisted essentially in violating the laws contained in the Decalogue, which formed the basis of the covenant between God and Israel. Without the practice of justice, the covenant could not endure, and Isaiah affirmed this, threatening the destruction of the vineyard.

Jesus takes up this theme, addressing, as Luke had emphasized shortly before, the chief priests and elders, that is, the guardians of the covenant. They considered themselves intermediaries between God and His people, and from this they derived honor, respect, power, and material advantage. By virtue of this prerogative, they interfered in the lives of the people, placing burdens on their shoulders that they themselves were unwilling to bear (cf. Mt 23:4). And to secure these privileges, they allied with the Romans and participated with them in the exploitation of the people. Against this instrumentalization of religion, Jesus had protested by driving out the dove sellers and money changers from the Temple, who acted on behalf of the priests. Now, He compares them to the murderous tenants who rebel against the owner of the vineyard, announcing their ruin and the transfer of His covenant to others.

If you like what you see, [click here](#) for the complete article.

World Mission Sunday - At a Glance



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

AT A GLANCE

Things you may not know about the day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions, held annually on the second-to-last Sunday of October.

World Mission Sunday is the Catholic Church's **only collection mandated** in canon law (Canon 791).





The proceeds fund the missionary work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies helping to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Funds raised in the US help **more than 1,130 mission territories** around the globe—reaching places where the Church barely exists yet, or where it is too young, poor, and persecuted to sustain itself.





The funds go to the missions under the supervision of the Pope. This collection is dear to his heart and helps missionary priests.

TPMS provide financial support for **2 out of every 5 seminarians** around the world. A full 43% of all Catholic seminarians study and work in mission dioceses. These seminarians live in mission dioceses and would not be able to study as they do now without this collection.



"I saw firsthand how the faith, the prayer, and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities."
— Pope Leo XIV (Oct 13, 2025)

Take Up the World Mission Sunday Collection!

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Equipping the Church to Carry the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth





ONE IN CHRIST, *United in Mission*

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is the day on which the Catholic Church across the globe comes together:

To pray for the missions and missionaries.

To respond to Jesus' call to us in the Great Commission.

To focus on mission importance and our shared responsibility.

To fund Church growth in new, poor, or persecuted regions.

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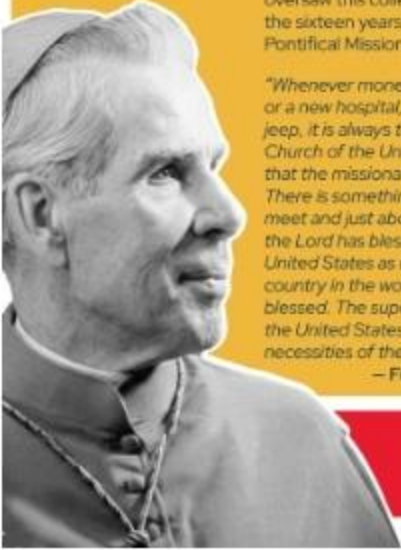
In 2025, the funds raised in parishes across the United States were used to:

-  Build 271 missionary churches
-  Support 87,977 seminarians
-  Train 844,000 missionary catechists

The Voice of World Mission Sunday

Archbishop Fulton Sheen oversaw this collection for the sixteen years he ran The Pontifical Mission Societies.

"Whenever money is needed, or a new hospital, or a new jeep, it is always to the Church of the United States that the missionaries look. There is something right and meet and just about this, for the Lord has blessed the United States as no other country in the world has been blessed. The superfluities of the United States are the necessities of the poor."
— Fulton Sheen



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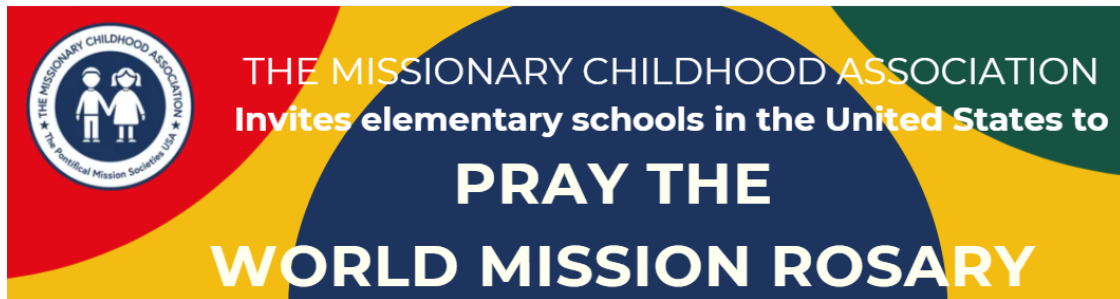
World Mission Sunday Materials

Updated Assets

Including Spanish Materials

World Mission Sunday 2026 materials are [available here](#). (¡En español, también!) The newest additions to the folder include a *WMS Introductory Presentation*, the 2026 posters and envelopes, Homily Helps, letter templates, WMS ads and articles, and the *WMS Content Brief*. Check the folder periodically, as it is frequently updated with new material.

A Special MCA Event



Join us on October 16th as children around the world gather to pray the World Mission Rosary in anticipation of World Mission Sunday!

1:00 PM ET | 12:00 PM CT | 11:00 AM MT | 10:00 AM PT

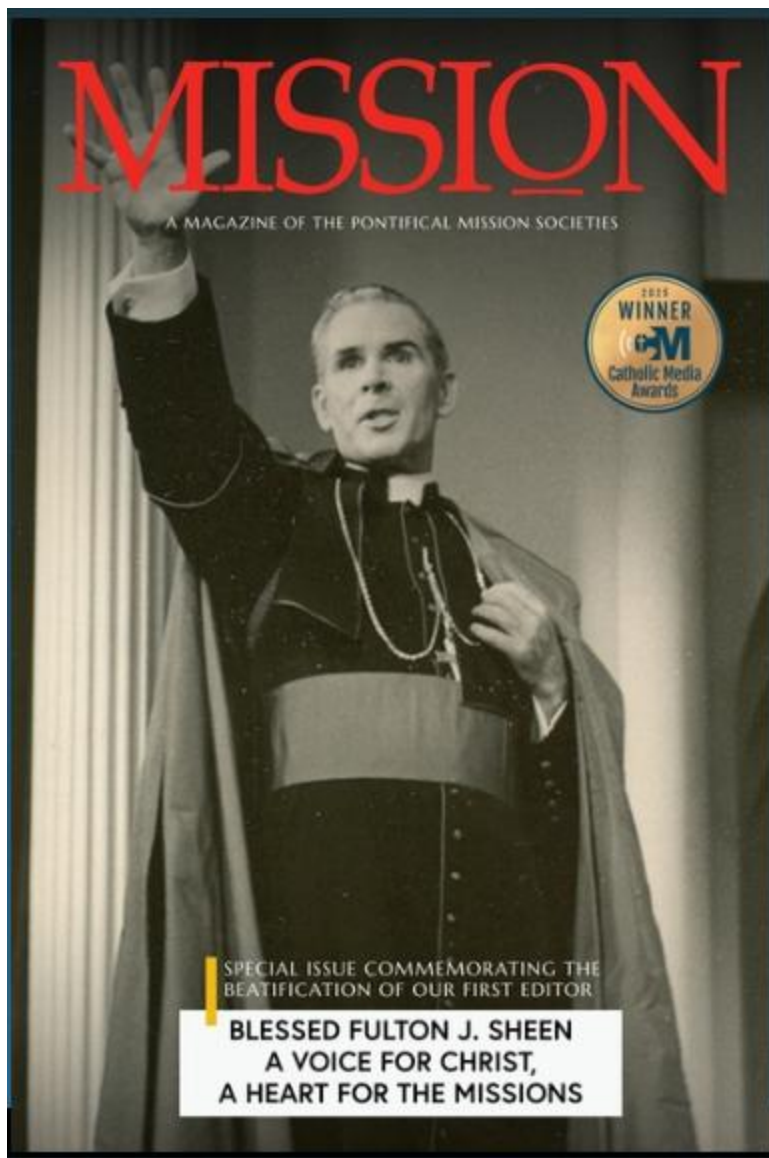
This year's theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," reminds us that although we live in different countries and cultures, we are all one family in Christ. Through prayer, love, and sacrifice, we can join together in the Church's mission to share God's love with people throughout the world.

The World Mission Rosary helps us pray for the whole world. As we pray each decade, we remember the children, families, and missionaries in each part of the world, asking God to unite us in prayer and mission.

Together, let us pray as one in Christ and United in mission!

[Flyer and Registration](#)

Discover Archbishop Sheen's extraordinary missionary legacy in Mission Magazine



The Fulton Sheen magazines- English and Spanish- are both in Yumpu now, and so is the [Gratitude Report](#), which will be arriving to bishops this week. The Fall edition of MISSION Magazine will be posted in Yumpu next week. [Here is the link](#) where it all awaits.

Pontifical Missionary Union

International Conference

The Universal Mission of the Church and the Service of the Missionary Union from its Foundation to the Pontificate of Leo XIV

- **Location: Pontificio Collegio Urbano, Via Urbano VIII, 16, Roma-Vaticano**
- **Date: October 29-31, 2026**
- **Participation in person or online via Zoom**

Dear Friends,

Grateful for and encouraged by Pope Leo XIV's blessing on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of the foundation of the Missionary Union, I would like to officially inform you, as previously announced, that the next **International Conference of the Pontifical Missionary Union** will take place from **29 to 31 October 2026** at the **Pontifical Urban College, Rome – Vatican City**. The program is attached in all five languages.

The Conference will be held in a **hybrid format**, both in person and online. The two working languages will be Italian and English, with simultaneous interpretation in Italian, English, French and Spanish via Zoom.

The Conference is open to everyone: bishops, priests, consecrated persons, seminarians and lay faithful interested in the Church's mission of evangelization and in ongoing formation in missionary spirituality in today's world.

Those wishing to participate, either online or in person, are kindly asked to complete the **registration form** by clicking on [**this link**](#):

Everyone is warmly invited to participate, either in person for those who will be able to attend, or online for those who will not be able to do so. **National and diocesan Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the responsables and collaborators of the Pontifical Missionary Union, members of missionary institutes and religious congregations, as well as participants in the various seminars and missionary formation courses, are particularly invited.**

Through the directors, we would also like to extend the invitation to bishops, particularly those involved in the mission of evangelization in their respective countries.

Thank you very much for your kind attention. I humbly ask you to accompany this preparation with your prayers and, at the same time, to help us spread the invitation to the Conference among all your collaborators, friends and acquaintances.

In communion of prayer and mission,

Fr. Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen

Secretary General

Check Out the TPMS Online Course

An interactive online course designed to equip diocesan directors with practical tools, strategies, and resources to strengthen mission awareness and engagement in their dioceses.

[Access the TPMS Online Course Here](#)



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