



THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES



October 2023

Dear Pastors, Associate Pastors, Administrators, Parish Life Directors and Business Managers,

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated worldwide on October 22. From the humble chapel in Khandamal, India, to your parish, Catholics around the globe participate in this moment of universal solidarity.

This year's message from Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," is inspired by our Lord's encounter with the disciples on the Road to Emmaus found in the Gospel of Luke (24:13-35). In choosing this theme, Pope Francis has reaffirmed that World Mission Sunday is a privileged opportunity to foster missionary support on both the spiritual and material levels.

We kindly ask you to hang the accompanying poster in a prominent place in your parish to remind your parishioners of our shared missionary vocation and to learn about the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



Resources and promotional content such as pictures and videos, parish and bulletin announcements, homily assistances and mass intercessions to share with your parish community and liturgy coordinators can be found at www.missionsla.org/worldmissionsunday. **Envelopes have already been sent to you to display within your parish.**




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October 22nd

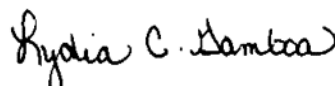


We are all responsible for praying for the Church, where Christ's redeeming message has yet to be heard, forgotten, rejected, or shunned. Tens of thousands of missionary women and men, priests, religious and laity, rely on our prayers every day, not only on World Mission Sunday. These missionaries are building churches, educating children, and healing the wounds caused by war, cruelty, oppression, terror, and despair. **With our daily prayer and our generous donation on World Mission Sunday, we all bear witness to the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, making Him present in every continent, country, city, family, and heart.**

Were your eyes opened and is "your heart on fire" after encountering Jesus in the Eucharist? Will you accept the challenge of inviting your parish community to walk together on the path of peace and salvation this World Mission Sunday?

Thank you in advance for your support with this most special appeal.


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