

October is World Mission Month

Jesus' mission of creating a world where all can live a fully dignified life is still far from completion. Therefore, the Church dedicates the entire month of October to reflect on the central mission of the Church: spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

As part of Mission Month, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October in every Catholic church worldwide, from the grandest cathedral and smallest mission outstation. This year World Mission Sunday is celebrated on October 24, 2021.

On that day, Catholics of the world unite at Mass to recommit themselves to their vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries. We are called in a special way to stand up for our faith through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the missions. This year's theme set by the Holy Father is:

Proclaim it with Joy!

...we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)

World Mission Sunday was established by Pope Pius XI in 1926. He saw it as a way to "foster understanding of the greatness of the missionary task, encourage zeal among the clergy and the people, and offer an opportunity to make the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (a Pontifical Mission Society like the Missionary Childhood Association) ever more widely known and encourage offerings for the missions."

To read Pope Francis' message for World Mission Day 2021, visit

<https://www.sfarch.org/MissionsSF>

Why Mission?

All people should be able to experience the joy of being loved by God and the joy of His salvation! It is a gift that we cannot keep to ourselves – it must be shared.



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- The word 'mission' means to be sent out. A missionary is sent out to bring the blessings and Good News of Jesus to others.
- Missionaries not only tell people about God's care and love for them, but they also show God's love through their actions.
- Missionaries often go to far-off places, where people struggle every day to survive. They staff hospitals, schools, orphanages, and clinics. They run food programs and help people learn how to better care for themselves and their families. And, of course, they share their Catholic faith – all of their actions for others are motivated by God's great love for each one of us!
- Most of us are called to missionary discipleship right where we live—we are God's 'stationary missionaries'!
- Missionary activity is, a going out of oneself in love, a reaching out to bring God's love to everyone, especially the outcast and unloved.
- On World Mission Sunday, a special collection is taken up. Our donations, support missionaries throughout the world.
- Your parish celebrates World Mission Sunday, too! Look for this poster in your church.

