



September 10, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Every year, **World Mission Sunday** reminds us of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," is particularly moving because, even though it was chosen by Pope Francis, it reflects both the heart of our faith and the vision of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru.

The example of Pope Leo encourages us to recognize our vital role in sustaining the life and growth of the Church in over 1,124 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and parts of Europe and the Middle East. These areas where the Church is young depend on our prayers and financial support.

This year, World Mission Sunday will be observed on the weekend of October 18 and 19, 2025. Our prayer and financial contributions are signs of our communion with the global Church. They support the formation of seminarians, religious sisters, and catechists; the building of chapels, schools, and clinics; and the ongoing evangelization of peoples who may be hearing the Gospel for the first time.

I encourage you to offer your joyful prayer, and financial support, according to your ability, during this year's celebration of World Mission Sunday. Please know of my gratitude for all that you do.

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

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