

World Mission Sunday **October 23/24, 2021** **Sister Rose Hang Vu**

On the weekend of October 23/24, Catholics worldwide celebrate annual World Mission Sunday: every parish, organization and order celebrate our missionary spirit through prayer and financial donations.

This year, Pope Francis has offered the theme for World Mission Sunday in his World Mission Day 2021 message, “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). He further explains that this is a “summons to each of us to ‘own’ and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts.” World Mission Sunday supports over 1,150 struggling mission dioceses worldwide who answer this summons.

Sister Rose Hang Vu, of our archdiocese, has been highlighted as an example of someone who has devoted her life and followed her heart in mission, as the Pope’s message affirms for the World Mission Sunday celebration. This celebration supports the work of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Many areas of the country she serves have received support from this society.



Sister Vu was born Hang Thi Vu in Phuc Nhac, Ninh Binh, Vietnam, 71 years ago. This was located in North Vietnam and when Communists dominated North Vietnam, the family fled south. When she was 14, she met the Good Shepherd Sisters and at 16 joined the order. Sister Vu had been awed by their charisma to serve others, and in 1979 took her final vows.

Her desire to serve has never ceased. Sister Vu says, “Love of God fills my heart, how can I repay God? I want to be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve the poor and struggling.” Her path has taken her through Korea, Thailand, and working for the U.N. Today, she devotes her attentions to the suffering in North and South Vietnam. The many individuals she helps include: unwed mothers; street children; orphans; lepers; the elderly; and many more. She has also supported building chapels and helping to halt sex trafficking.

Sister Rose Hang Vu is a remarkable example of an individual from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, who is a “Witness of Life” serving in mission.

Please offer what you are able for World Mission Sunday and support struggling mission dioceses worldwide.