



September 27, 2022

Dear Pastor/Administrator,

This year, we mark the annual **World Mission Sunday Celebration** on the weekend of October 22/23. We join with Catholics around the world to pray and offer our support for the missionary life of the Church. It also gives us the opportunity to renew our own missionary call according to our own state in life.

This year's theme is, **"You Shall Be My Witnesses (Acts 1:8)**. Pope Francis asks us to consider the missionary journey of the whole Church. Each of us is missionary by our Baptism and called to give witness to Christ by our lives. Together, we are part of a universal witness that transcends many borders. The Holy Spirit strengthens us to take our place among the great cloud of witnesses. This year is unique as it marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith and its founder, Pauline Jaricot, who was beatified in 2022, as they guide us together to pray, to share and the serve God's mission to the ends of the earth.

This World Mission Sunday gives us a chance to learn about the mission church today and consider how we can participate in the Church's evangelizing mission. We have the opportunity to reach beyond ourselves and beyond our borders to embrace God's mission around the world.

I offer you the enclosed materials to enhance your special World Mission Sunday celebration and support of efforts of more than 1,100 mission dioceses in over 100 countries. And this year, please consider a 4-week mission celebration as enclosed. These materials and more are located on our Website for your use at [www.centerformission.org/downloads](http://www.centerformission.org/downloads). **Thank you for all you will do to prepare your parish for the fullest celebration of World Mission Sunday.**

May you be blessed in your ministry to serve God's mission of Love to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Mickey Friesen  
Director