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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As members of the Catholic Church, we are called to renew our commitment as missionary disciples on World Mission Sunday. Like *Renew My Church*, mission *ad gentes*, or proclaiming the Gospel to those who do not know Christ, reminds us that we have a responsibility to those outside our parish boundaries, our Archdiocese, and even our nation. When we support our world missions together, we build bonds among each other, sustaining of life in Christ and we are transformed through service and solidarity as Christ's missionary disciples.

The World Mission Sunday collection, held here on October 21-22, and executed by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on behalf of Pope Francis, is a global effort to provide for 1,111 mission dioceses across four different continents. This weekend's collection supports those with the greatest needs and the missionaries who evangelize and accompany them through the Sacraments while providing pastoral care, education, basic health care, and safe housing.

Let this celebration of World Mission Sunday also be a day to honor the many ways we commit to missionary discipleship. God is persistent and generous with the call to go forth. I pray that every parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago uses World Mission Sunday as an opportunity to be renewed in our commitment to prayer, testimony of life, and the sharing of our gifts. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
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