



A Newsletter from the Missions Office/Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States
Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Ohio

The Church is on Mission in the World

To monthly mission donors: Thank you for your support!

On behalf of His Excellency Robert Brennan, the Bishop of Columbus, and Very Rev. Father Andrew Small, OMI, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, I would like to thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and financial support for the missions.

The Vatican's Congregation of Evangelization of Peoples designates one Sunday each year for the missions called "World Mission Sunday". The goal is to give Catholics the opportunity to renew their commitment to participate in Christ's mission. This year, World Mission Sunday is on October 20 and the theme is "***Baptized and sent; the Church of Christ on Mission in the World.***"

Bishop Brennan will be the main celebrant at the 12:30 p.m. World Mission Sunday Mass at Saint James the Less Church in Columbus. The members of the Ethnic communities in the diocese, the international students at OSU, ODU and the Pontifical College Josephinum, and the exchange students in Catholic high schools are invited.

The Mass is in thanksgiving to God for sending missionaries to sow the seeds of the Catholic Faith in their country of origin.

They will be wearing their national attire and will process with Bishop Brennan. The liturgy - prayers and music - will have an international flair. After the Mass, there will be an international food festival and entertainment.

Across the world and especially in the rapidly growing Church in Africa, Asia and India, the young churches urgently need support. The World Mission Sunday collection helps support:

194,855 mission schools
5,246 mission hospitals
17,530 mission health clinics
577 mission leprosy centers
80,560 mission social and pastoral projects

These funds also provide operating costs for 1,150 Catholic mission dioceses around the world. As described by Saint John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give; as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" (Redemptoris Missio 81).

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith - an agency of the congregation - sponsors, organizes and promotes the World Mission Sunday celebration. The Society is the congregation's main agency to gather funds for the Church's missionary programs and

activities. It does not have savings and investments. All the contributions in a given year are distributed to the missions every year. In 2018, the Diocese of Columbus contributed \$85,913.50 to the World Mission Sunday collection.

On behalf of Bishop Brennan and the Very Rev. Father Andrew Small, OMI, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, I would like to thank you for all you do for the missions.

Currently, the diocese has seven missionaries working in the mission fields on our behalf. Let's pray for them.

Foreign Missions:

Sister Beverly Hoffman, SCN working in the mission in Belize

Brother Raymond Ronan, OFM Cap, working in the mission in Papua New Guinea

Sister Rebecca Spires, SNDde N, working in the mission in Brazil

Home Missions:

Father David Glockner, Glenmary, working in West Virginia Home Missions

Father Robert Goodyear, ST, working in Mississippi Home Missions

Brother David Henley, Glenmary, working as a Vocation Director for Glenmary

Sister Maria Giovanni Paolo Orsini, ST, working in New Mexico Home Missions

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ

On Sunday, October 20, we join with Catholic communities from around the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday, a Eucharistic celebration for all the missions of the world. Organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, it offers each of us the opportunity to demonstrate our solidarity in support of missions and the missionaries who serve them.

The proceeds of the special collection taken will be distributed, in the Pope's name, among the missions and missionaries worldwide. Our donations help fund missionary activities such as catechetical programs; seminaries; the work of religious communities; communication and transformation needs; and the construction of much needed chapels, churches, orphanages and schools.

The needs of our missions grow every day. With the creation of new dioceses in third-world countries, vocations to the priesthood and religious life are increasing, thereby increasing the need for new seminaries and houses of formation. In some areas where the Church was once persecuted or suppressed, it is now welcomed, increasing the need for chapels and churches. The involvement and commitment of us all is needed to foster and support this important work.

Let us unite with Catholics across the globe to pray and offer sacrifices and gifts for the missionary work of the Church.

Most grateful to you for your continuing generosity and support, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Robert Brennan, D.D.

Bishop of Columbus

Can God make good of our bad?

We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.
(Proverb 16:9)

We are prone to demand our own way, cut our own path, and hurt people in the process.

Can God make good of our bad?

God did with Paul.

On the road to Damascus, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him: "I have a job for you. I am sending you off to open the eyes of the outsiders so they can see. I am sending you off to present my offer of forgiveness".

Even before mercy was requested, mercy was offered.

Jesus transformed Paul, the murderer, into a champion for mercy.

Who would have thought? Yet who would be better qualified?

Paul could write letters of grace by dipping his pain into the inkwell of his heart.

He learned about love when Jesus paid him a personal visit on the Damascus highway.

A prayer to shine

Heavenly Father, work in my life in such a way that people will see You shining forth. Help me to break free from the selfishness and sin that prevent me from being conformed to Your image and expressing Your holiness. Amen.

A joke a priest can tell... LOL!

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "fried chicken".

She said I was not funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my Dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. They love animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, and I told her because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office.

He laughed and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admire most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders". Guess where I am now?

Pope Francis October Prayer Intention

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

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