

Dear Parish Family,

Greetings in the Lord as we celebrate Mission Sunday 2020!

Our annual observance on behalf of the Lord's mandate to "Go and Make Disciples of All the Nations" reminds us of our commitment to be a Church in 'permanent mission' as spoken by Pope Francis. May our prayers and sacrifices build up the faith of those places throughout the world who are receiving for the first time or in a 'new' expression and ardor the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May Our Lady of the Missions with St. Francis Xavier and St. Therese of Lisieux, patron and patroness of the missions, intercede for our intentions.

Congratulations to our Catholic School children who were named in the top three categories for donation and participation in mission support this past year. St. Joseph School received a special recognition and gift from our Bishop this past week attended by myself and our principal, Joanne McKnight.

Please read our Bishop's letter copied in the bulletin in regards to the upcoming national elections and our prayerful participation as responsible citizens with our faith, our duties, and our vote.

By now most of you have received my correspondence appealing for any assistance through a one-time donation in order to recoup from our months of suspended Masses in March, April, May and June. Blessings to any and all who could respond and thank you for simply receiving the message in prayer and understanding. I understand there is just one more follow up letter scheduled to arrive in the mail at end of the month, for your information.

May we soon arrive at a vaccine for this virus and feel confident in resuming our daily and weekly routines.

In the Lord,

Msgr. John