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Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Office of the Bishop

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year, something special happens on the next-to-last Sunday of October. **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Divine Liturgy that Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to our baptismal call to mission by saying, "Here I Am, Send Me." This is the mission that all Christians have received, and God gives us the grace to live it out wherever we may be.

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. Together, through our prayers and financial support, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

With grateful hearts for your mission solidarity!

Sincerely yours in Christ-God,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
Bishop of the Eparchy of St. George

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