



DIOCESE OF LONDON

January 22, 2021

Missionary Sunday

World Mission Sunday has been celebrated since 1926 as a universal parish encounter to bring spiritual and material assistance to those who long for the love of Christ. This liturgical event reminds all baptized Catholics of their responsibility to share in the global missionary work of the Church through Eucharistic celebrations, prayers and collections.

The theme celebrated on October 18, 2020 emphasized a personal “calling” by Pope Francis in his World Mission Sunday message:

“In this year marked by suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: ‘Here am I, send me.’ (6:8)”

Parishioners of the Diocese of London have always generously supported this universal collection as mandated by the Holy Father for it promotes our unity as a human family enabling the life-giving presence of missionaries and of the Church among the suffering and the poor.

Due to COVID-19 conditions and restrictions, the Diocesan Mission Office has not been able to coordinate the 2020 World Mission Sunday collections in parish communities to enliven a spirit of mission and distribute materials provided from the Pontifical Mission Societies (posters, calendars, testimonies, prayers, and envelopes).

Donations to support the missions of the Holy Father are however still needed and greatly appreciated in mission churches that do not have the means to sustain themselves, especially through this pandemic.

Help us ensure Pontifical Missions get the support they need. Please send your mission support and donations **to your parish** and become a missionary disciple today! Please clearly mark on your cheque that funds support World Mission Sunday.

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