

## World Mission Sunday 2022

Dear Monsignors and Pastors,

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated this year on the weekend of October 22-23.

This year's theme is: "You shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8). As Cardinal McElroy has shared, "Pope Francis in his World Mission Sunday message, emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit".

Pope Francis also points to the example of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, as a way to respond to that missionary call, through prayer and charity. Your parishioners' prayers and sacrifices on World Mission Sunday will support priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay pastoral leaders who are proclaiming the Gospel, building the Church, and serving the poorest communities in territories covering more than half the globe. They must know how their practical help and devoted prayer enable missionaries to work and witness to Christ, as it enables each one of us to be the Lord's witnesses, as reflected in this year's theme: "You shall be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

You have received materials like posters and envelopes to assist you in celebrating this World Mission Sunday. You can also find these and much more on our website [www.sandiegomissionoffice.org/resources](http://www.sandiegomissionoffice.org/resources). Please do not hesitate to call us for any further information or clarification. We want to thank you and acknowledge your continuing support and assistance to the Missions Office.

After October 23, please return the completed World Mission Sunday envelopes and/or a list of the donors' names and addresses to the Missions Office so that we can send them ongoing updates about the Missions such as our monthly Newsletter etc.

As your partner in helping your parishioners "be the Lord's witnesses" through the celebration of World Mission Sunday, I thank you for all you do for the missionary work of the Church, every October and throughout the year.

Gratefully in the Lord,  
Rev. Soney Sebastian, SVD  
Director, Office for the Missions