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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

World Mission Sunday celebrates the mercy of God as we extend His loving heart to our neighbor half a world away, through our prayer and sacrifices. At Mass that Sunday, we are invited to “go out” as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God’s tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. We recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries.

Together with our brothers and sisters in the Missions we offer our prayers, sacrifices, and participation in the Eucharist so others may come to know Jesus...and to experience His mercy as we express our merciful concern for those in greatest need! In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries!

In our Diocese, this collection includes the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father’s chief missionary arm. It provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized to 1,111 mission dioceses all over the world.

Grants from the Latin America collection help participants feel loved by Jesus, to know a God that is alive, and to carry their burden each day with love, patience and strength through workshops and seminars. The Collection to Aid the Church in Eastern Europe helps to restore the Church and build the future in these regions that struggle from the effects of Soviet rule, as they try to live lives of Faith.

Please support the work of the mission Church and make a generous gift on World Mission Sunday. Your gift supports the poorest communities with a message of hope and healing, mercy and peace. Let us share the joy of the Gospel and help the poor by our fervent prayer and generous hearts. Thank you and God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay