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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we approach World Mission Sunday on October 19, 2025, it is a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, the World Mission Sunday theme is *"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples."* It is especially meaningful that this World Mission Sunday will be the first under the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru, serving communities in the Andean highlands and rural villages, always with humility, joy, and pastoral closeness.

Your gift is more than a donation—it is a missionary act of love. It ensures that the light of Christ reaches every corner of the world, especially where the Church is young, struggling, or persecuted. It supports the formation of seminarians and religious sisters, training of lay catechists, education for children in Catholic schools, medical care in Church-run hospitals and clinics, construction and maintenance of churches and parish centers where the faithful can gather, worship, and grow in their relationship with Christ.

I encourage you to respond with a generous heart, knowing that your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. Let us go forth as Missionaries of Hope, bringing God's love and mercy to all people. Thank you for your support of this mission and for helping more people discover Jesus. May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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