

# Bulletin Announcements

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**October 5, 2025**

## **Week 1: World Mission Month Begins**

### **World Mission Month: A Call to Hope**

Each October, the Church invites us to rediscover our missionary vocation. This year, **Pope Leo XIV**, following the inspiration of Pope Francis, calls us to become “Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples,” inspired by St. Paul’s words: “Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit” (Rom 5:5).

In the 50th anniversary year of *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, we are reminded that “modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers” (41). Through prayer, sacrifice, and giving, we too become witnesses—bringing the hope of Christ to those who long for love, justice, and peace. Let us begin this month with open hearts, ready to respond to the Church’s call to support the **1,124 mission territories** where the Church is young, growing, and often persecuted. Together, may we be bearers of hope where it is needed most.

**October 12, 2025**

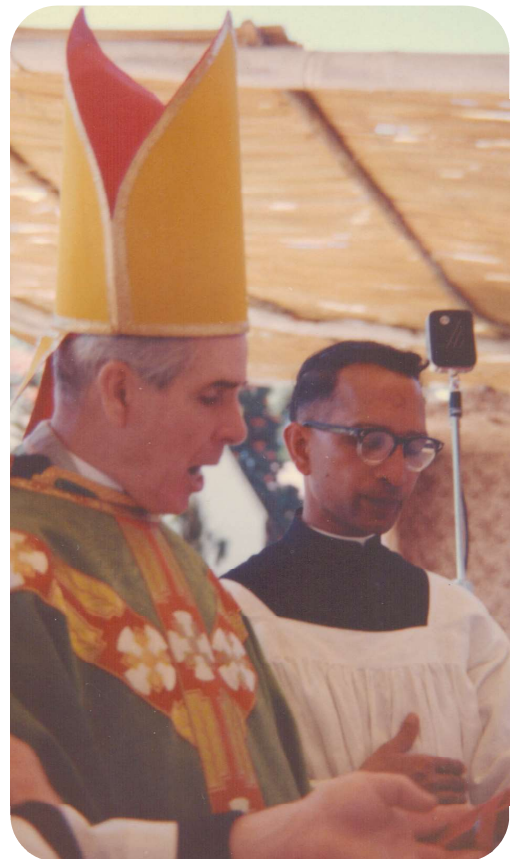
## **Week 2: Praying with the Mission Church**

### **United in Prayer with the Missions**

As World Mission Month continues, we are invited not only to give but to pray for the Church in mission territories. One powerful way to do this is by praying the **World Mission Rosary**, introduced by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in 1951. Each decade is a different color, representing a region of the world.

In *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, St. Pope Paul VI reminds us that prayer is the soul of all mission: “It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangelizer” (75). Through our prayers, we unite ourselves with missionaries bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Let us offer our rosaries and Masses this week for those who bring Christ’s love to the margins, often at great personal cost. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of hope in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.



**October 19, 2025**

### **Week 3: World Mission Sunday**

#### **Today is World Mission Sunday!**

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only **worldwide collection** mandated by Canon Law—**World Mission Sunday**. Your generosity today supports the **Pope's missions** in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

This year's theme—*"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"*—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.

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**October 26, 2025**

### **Week 4: Continuing the Mission**

#### **Mission Does Not End with October**

As we conclude World Mission Month, we remember that the Church's missionary work is ongoing. Our baptismal call to share the Gospel continues beyond this season, inviting us to remain engaged—through prayer, storytelling, and generous action.

The first World Mission Sunday was celebrated nearly a century ago in 1926. The need today remains urgent: missionaries still serve in remote villages, conflict zones, refugee camps, and urban slums. They bring more than aid—they bring Jesus Christ.

As St. Paul VI reminded us 50 years ago in his historic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: "The Church exists in order to evangelize" (14). We are grateful for your support this October—and we invite you to continue the journey. Subscribe to Mission Magazine, join us in praying the World Mission Rosary year-round, and stay connected to the Pope's missions through [www.pontificalmissions.org](http://www.pontificalmissions.org).

Hope does not disappoint—and the world still needs hope.

