



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

AT A GLANCE

Things you may not know about the day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions, held annually on the second-to-last Sunday of October.

World Mission Sunday is the Catholic Church's **only collection mandated** in canon law (Canon 791).



The proceeds fund the missionary work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies helping to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Funds raised in the US help **more than 1,130 mission territories** around the globe—reaching places where the Church barely exists yet, or where it is too young, poor, and persecuted to sustain itself.



The funds go to the missions **under the supervision of the Pope**. This collection is dear to his heart and helps missionary priests.

TPMS provide financial support for **2 out of every 5 seminarians around the world**. A full 41% of all Catholic seminarians study and work in mission dioceses. These seminarians live in mission dioceses and would not be able to study as they do now without this collection.

"I saw firsthand how the faith, the prayer, and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities."
— Pope Leo XIV (Oct 13, 2025)



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Equipping the Church to Carry the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth





ONE IN CHRIST, *United in Mission*

100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is the day on which the Catholic Church across the globe comes together:

To pray for the missions and missionaries.

To respond to Jesus' call to us in the Great Commission.

To focus on mission importance and our shared responsibility.

To fund Church growth in new, poor, or persecuted regions.

IMPACT

In 2025, the funds raised in parishes across the United States were used to:



Build 271 missionary churches



Support 87,977 seminarians



Train 844,000 missionary catechists

The Voice of World Mission Sunday

Archbishop Fulton Sheen oversaw this collection for the sixteen years he ran The Pontifical Mission Societies.

"Whenever money is needed, or a new hospital, or a new jeep, it is always to the Church of the United States that the missionaries look. There is something right and meet and just about this, for the Lord has blessed the United States as no other country in the world has been blessed. The superfluities of the United States are the necessities of the poor."

— Fulton Sheen

