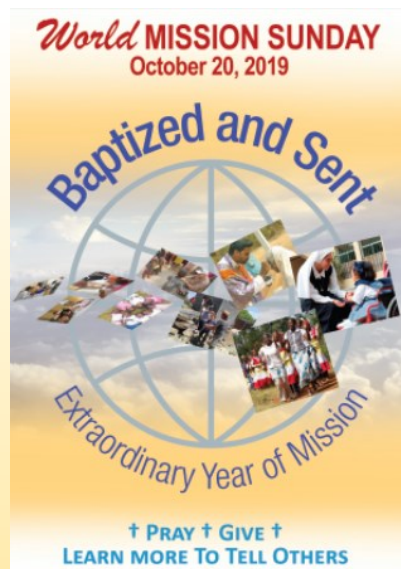


EXTRAORDINARY YEAR & MONTH OF MISSION

THE WHY • FROM THE BEGINNING

OCTOBER is the culmination of our Archdiocesan Celebration of the **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION**. “*Baptized and Sent: Called to be Missionary.*” has been the message for the **YEAR** and is integrated into the celebration of the international *Extraordinary Month of Mission*, called for by Pope Francis. To awaken awareness of the *missio ad gentes* and reinvigorate the sense of responsibility for the proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm, are the reminders for each and every Catholic. The reminders combine the pastoral concern of Pope Benedict XV in his Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, published 100 years ago, with the Missionary vitality expressed by Pope Francis throughout his papacy and in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*: “*Missionary action is the paradigm of every work of the Church.*” EG 15



† **By your Baptism You are called to be Missionary** We are all called to take part in the Church’s Missionary work. While we may not travel to another country to do so, we need to go beyond our daily concerns, and offer our prayers and gifts – so that others may come to know and to believe in Jesus Christ by:



1. PRAYER One Hail Mary or a Rosary Daily for Missionaries and the people they Serve.

2. SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES

- **\$1** a day for a month gives much-need medical treatment to an adult or child for a month in Manila, Philippines—one of over 15,000 clinics in Mission lands
- **\$10** provides a meal for 10 children per day one of the over 9,500 orphanages supported by the **Societies**



3. LEARNING MORE TO TELL OTHERS Visit us online phillymissions.org on Facebook, [Instagram.com/missionsphilly](https://www.instagram.com/missionsphilly) or [Twitter.com/missionsphilly](https://twitter.com/missionsphilly)

† In 1822, yes, over 197 years ago, the first collections from the **Pontifical Mission Societies** supported the diocese of Louisiana, which Philadelphia was a part of. Missionaries brought the **fire of faith** to Philadelphia — help us bring the faith to other Dioceses in the world on October 19 & 20—**World Mission Sunday**.

† Your prayers and help are needed to build up the local Church, especially where Christianity is new. These Catholic Dioceses are in some of the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s Missions. With your help, the **Pontifical Mission Societies** care for and support these Churches until they are able to be self-sufficient. During the month of October, take time to pray for Missionaries and the people they serve in 1,111 Dioceses.

† October 19 & 20, *World Mission Sunday weekend*, is the culmination of the Archdiocesan-wide celebration of the **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION**. Please keep the Pope’s missions in your prayers and be as generous as your means allow on this weekend.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY October 19 & 20:

Celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - *to bring the Gospel to all!* Help Missionaries and the people they serve on **World Mission Sunday**. This help ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, Religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s message and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions.

