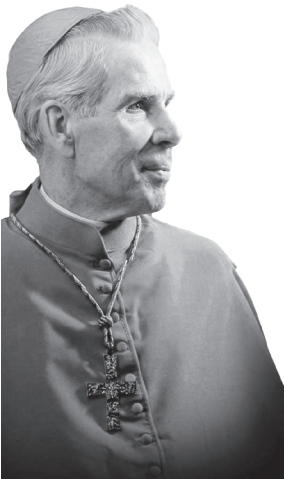


100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The year’s World Mission Sunday celebration is unlike any other in our lifetime for two reasons:



- This year’s World Mission Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its founding by Pope Pius XI. This centennial milestone should be celebrated with renewed Missionary passion.
- Blessed Fulton Sheen’s recent beatification reminds us of the importance of the Missions. While he is best known for his TV presence, books and charismatic eloquence, he repeatedly said,



“My greatest love has always been for the Missions of the Church.”

For 16 years, as National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Fulton Sheen poured all his talents into the Church’s Missions world wide. He reminded Catholics that we are not only responsible for our own parish or diocese, but for the spread of the Gospel to every people and every land.

“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, 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.” Blessed Archbishop Sheen

Your Generosity on
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
helps Support . . .



26 Million
Children
Educated



751 New
Churches
Built



843,780
Catechists
Trained



12,000
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in remote
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As we reflect on this centennial, we are reminded that in the beginning the United States was considered a Missionary area. The Church in America grew thanks to the support of World Mission Sunday, which helped build many of the first churches on American soil. In those early years, Catholics in Philadelphia benefited from the same collection we are today invited to support. Now, many years later, it’s our turn to pay that generosity forward, as we care for the needs of our brothers and sisters across the globe.



Through our prayers, sacrifices and generosity, we help the Church continue sending servants into the streets — helping Missionaries preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, care for the poor and invite others into the joy of Christ’s Kingdom. The invitation continues to go out, and every one of us is called not only to accept it, but also to help others hear it.

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Called to be Missionary . . . beyond World Mission Sunday

When we hear the word “Missionary” we often think of a priest, Sister or lay volunteer serving in a distant country.

Certainly, they deserve our prayers and support. But Missionary work in ongoing and belongs to the whole Church – it is a visible sign of the unity of the Church

This year’s World Mission Sunday theme to be “*One in Christ, United in Mission*” is not reserved for just some of us - it belongs to all of us by Baptism. Through prayer for the poor, solidarity with the needy, concern for those who do not know Christ, your life is lived close to Jesus.

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“Please help me help Missionaries everywhere.” Pope Leo XIV

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the first pope from the Missions since Saint Peter, recognizes how important World Mission Sunday is for the Church, having spent many years as a foreign Missionary to Peru. He has remarked on how dependent he was on the support of the Church universal through World Mission Sunday.

In his message for this centennial year, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that the Church’s Mission flows from our communion with the Lord and with one another. When we pray for the Missions, we enter into that communion in a profound way, becoming spiritually united with those who proclaim the Gospel in every corner of the world.

The World Mission Rosary, another gift for the Missions, developed by Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen, is a beautiful expression of this unity. Through it, we embrace the whole world in prayer, lifting up the needs of every people on every continent, and asking that all may come to know the saving love of Jesus Christ.

Continue to celebrate the Missions, pray for those most in need and your own intentions by joining us every Monday night at 8PM on Zoom. Give a half hour to envelop the world with prayer joining Missionaries and faithful families. Go to phillymissions.org for the link.

