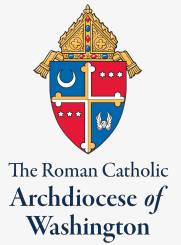


# Bulletin Announcements

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**Sunday, October 4, 2026**

**Week 1: World Mission Month Begins**

## **One in Christ, United in Mission**

Each October, which is World Mission Month, the Church invites us to reflect upon our missionary vocation. This year's theme, *One in Christ, United in Mission*, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal missionary identity overflows into the mission of the Church to bring all creatures into communion with God and us.

The highlight of World Mission Month is the annual celebration of World Mission Sunday, which this year will take place on Oct. 18. Pope Leo XIV has stressed how important World Mission Sunday is for the Church. He spent a large part of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru and has noted how dependent he was on the prayers and financial support of the universal Church through World Mission Sunday.

Let us pray this week for those missionaries who bring Christ's love to far-off places, often at great personal cost and risk. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle a zeal in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries, wherever we are.

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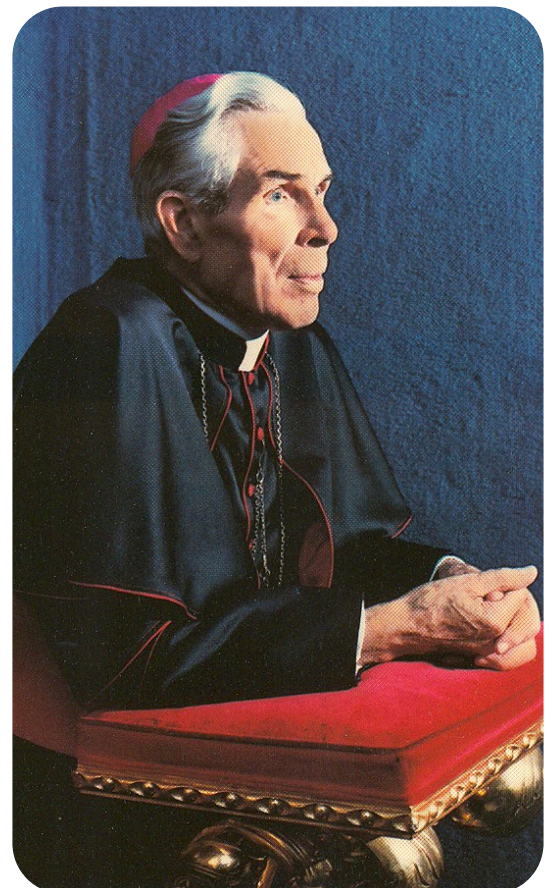
**Week 2: Praying with the Mission Church**

## **World Mission Sunday and Blessed Fulton Sheen**

The beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24 was a great gift to the Church in the United States. While many know him best for his TV presence, books, and charismatic eloquence, he repeatedly said, "My greatest love has always been for the missions of the Church."

He is the greatest National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the history of the Church, helping raise \$200 million (in today's money, \$2.1 billion) to support the growth of the Church.

Under his leadership (1950–1966), World Mission Sunday became a defining moment in the life of the Church in the United States. We can surely count on his intercession for World Mission Sunday 2026, which will take place next week on October 18, as we together reflect upon, pray for and take a collection to support the missions. Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!



**Sunday, October 18, 2026**

**Week 3: World Mission Sunday**

**We Celebrate 100 Years of World Mission Sunday!**

This World Mission Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926. This centenary is an opportunity to celebrate with renewed missionary zeal.

Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world: “Please help me help missionaries everywhere.”

That’s what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

We are all called to be a part of this missionary work and we have a singular means to do so: World Mission Sunday.

The second collection we take up today helps extend the Church’s evangelization work to missionary lands where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church barely exists, or is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself. Thank you for responding to Pope Leo’s call to help him help missionaries everywhere!

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**Sunday, October 25, 2026**

**Week 4: Continuing the Mission**

**The Mission is Far from Over!**

In his last words before ascending to heaven, Jesus told us, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Mt 28:19), and for 2,000 years the Church has been at work in this task.

Last week, we celebrated World Mission Sunday. We must never forget that 5.5 of the 8.1 billion people alive are not Christian, even now two millennia after Pentecost. The World Mission Sunday collection helps the Church to reach out to these brothers and sisters of ours who have yet to hear the message of Christ.

Prior to 1908, the United States was considered missionary territory. The Church in America grew thanks to the support of World Mission Sunday, which built many of the first churches on American soil. 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.

We are grateful for your support this October—and we invite you to continue the journey. To find out more about how to do so, please visit [www.pontificalmissions.org](http://www.pontificalmissions.org).



# Mass Announcements

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**October 4, 2026**

**Mass Announcement — Beginning of World Mission Month**



Good morning/afternoon/evening, everyone.

As we begin the month of October, the Church invites us to rediscover our missionary vocation. The month of October is World Mission Month, a sacred time dedicated to praying for and supporting the Church's mission around the world.

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the first pope from the missions since St. Peter, recognizes how important World Mission Sunday is for the Church, having spent many years as a foreign missionary to Peru.

In this Mass, let us remember to pray for all those who, like Pope Leo, have left their homes and countries to bring the light of the Gospel to all peoples!

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**October 11, 2026**

**Mass Announcement — Prayer and Preparation**



Good morning/afternoon/evening.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a day when we, together with all the Catholics around the globe, unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work.

This year's theme, One in Christ, United in Mission, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ through baptism and how our baptismal missionary identity overflows into the mission of the Church to bring all creatures into communion with God and us.

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This week, we invite you to pray the World Mission Rosary, promoted by Blessed Fulton Sheen. Each decade represents a region of the world, reminding us that we are one family in mission.

We can surely count on his intercession for World Mission Sunday 2026. Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!

October 18, 2026

**Mass Announcement — World Mission Sunday**



Good morning/afternoon/evening.

Today is World Mission Sunday. Last year, Pope Leo XVI made an appeal to us in a personal video. His request last year echoed around the world: "Please help me help missionaries everywhere."

That's what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories around the world.

World Mission Sunday is the best way we can help the Holy Father and share in the universal mission of the Church to spread the faith through prayer and sacrifice. We may not be able to GO to the missions, but we can SEND to the missions both our prayers as well as the material means they need so much.

Today's second collection will help the Holy Father to extend the Church's missionary work to places where the Gospel has never been heard before and where the Church is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself.

Thank you for your generosity and for being part of this global mission.

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October 25, 2026

**Mass Announcement — Thanksgiving and Invitation**



Good morning/afternoon/evening.

On behalf of **The Pontifical Mission Societies in our Diocese and across the United States**, thank you for your support of World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will make a real difference in mission territories across the globe. Together, we are bring the Gospel to places where it can finally be heard, sometimes even for the first time!

Prior to 1908, we in the United States were ourselves considered a missionary territory. Thankfully, the Church in America grew with the support of World Mission Sunday, which built many of our first churches. Now it's our turn to pay that generosity forward, as we care for the spiritual needs of our brothers and sisters across the globe.

Thank you again for your generosity!