

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO JOIN YOUR
COMPANION CATHOLICS THROUGH OUT THE WORLD
IN CELEBRATING
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCT 20 and 21, 2018
THROUGH
YOUR PRAYERS, INTEREST, CONCERN, AND
GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
to declare your merciful love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your works,
at the works of your hands I sing for joy. (Ps 92:1-4)

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce. Then will your barns be filled with grain, with new wine your vats will over flow.” (Proverbs 3:9-10)

The offerings collected on World Mission Sunday enter a common fund distributed in the Pope's name by The Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the world in the poorer and poorest areas of the world.

EVERY LIFE: CHERISHED, CHOSEN, SENT

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION

In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples.

By embracing the mission entrusted to him, St. Juan Diego helped bring Christ's transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death.

Today, we again see the dignity of human life disregarded. Unborn children are destroyed through abortion, and ill people are encouraged and assisted to take their own lives. How do we respond?

The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is *cherished*.

God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is *chosen*.

We are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. Every person is *sent*.

Like St. Juan Diego, let us embrace our daily mission to help others encounter God's transforming, life-giving love.

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