

**World Mission
Sunday 2025
October 19**



among the Peoples

What is World Mission Sunday?

“World Mission Day, which seeks to heighten awareness of the missions, as well as to collect funds for them, is an important date in the life of the Church, because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world.”

Pope St. John Paul II

World Mission Sunday is the annual, universal celebration when the entire Catholic Church comes together in prayer, reflection, and sacrificial giving for the missionary work of the Church. On that day, a worldwide collection is taken in every parish, diocese, and country for the support of the missions.

Established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, World Mission Sunday is coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. Its purpose is to sustain the young and growing Church in 1,124 mission territories.

What is the Society for the Propagation of the Faith?

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith provides support for pastoral and catechetical programs, church construction, healthcare, and education in mission territories.

Founded in 1822 by a young laywoman, Blessed Pauline Jaricot, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was created to support missionaries through prayer and small weekly offerings. Pauline’s vision was simple: ask friends to give a penny a week and pray daily for those bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Her model was adopted by the Church worldwide. In 1922, Pope Pius XI made the Society for the Propagation of the Faith “Pontifical,” placing it under the direct care of the papacy and giving it a central role in sustaining the Church’s universal mission.

As Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, former National Director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith (1950-1966), never ceased to say, the Church in the United States would never have grown as fast as it did without the support of the Society. Between 1822 and 1908, American dioceses received the equivalent of more than \$250 million in today’s dollars to build parishes, schools, and seminaries.

**The Pontifical Mission Societies are effectively the
“primary means” of awakening missionary
responsibility among all the baptized and
supporting ecclesial communities in areas where
the Church is young.**



Pope Leo XIV