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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every October, World Mission Sunday invites all Catholics into one community of faith. At Mass this October 20th, we recommit ourselves to be missionaries through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the World Missions.

This year's theme is *"Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet"* (Matthew 22:9). In this parable, after guests refuse the king's invitation to the wedding banquet, he tells his servants to go out and invite anyone they find. We too are called to go out and invite others to the Lord's banquet, at the Eucharistic table. Pope Francis shares in his World Mission Sunday reflection:

Here it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself... since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church.

Together, we can invite all nations to experience the joy of Christ's message. Let us all support the proclamation of the Gospel, so more eyes are opened to Jesus in the Eucharist. Through prayer and generous gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Central and Eastern Europe, and Latin America, we support the life-giving presence of the Church.

Thank you for support of this mission and for helping more people discover Jesus. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this very important work on World Mission Sunday. May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay