



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Sunday, October 18, the Church celebrates the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. On this day, Catholics throughout the world come together in unity to pray for the Church's missionary work. During Mass, there is a special second collection, with proceeds going to the Pontifical Mission Societies, directly sustaining over 1,000 mission territories in areas where the Church faces its greatest challenges. The Church is missionary by her very nature, and every baptized person has a part to play in this mission through prayer, witness, service and generosity.

For this significant anniversary, Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme "*One in Christ, united in mission.*" In his message for World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father offers the Church a beautiful reflection on what it means to be united in Christ and to share together in the proclamation of the Gospel.

Over the years, I have witnessed firsthand the generosity and missionary spirit of our Catholic faithful—through their prayers, their financial support, and their willingness to become personally involved in the mission of the Church. I am deeply grateful for this spirit of generosity, which continues to make a real difference in the lives of people and communities around the world.

I warmly encourage the faithful in the Diocese to reflect on the Holy Father's message, to participate in World Mission Sunday, to give generously, and to offer their prayers and support for the Church's missionary work.

May God bless all those who serve as missionaries for the Church, and may He strengthen us all in our shared mission to proclaim the Gospel.

Sincerely in Christ,

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