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To: Clergy, Religious and Laity in the Archdiocese of New Orleans

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mission Sunday will be celebrated throughout the world on October 21.

Pope Francis invites all of us to see World Mission Sunday as a special moment to live out the mission we share through baptism as God's children, that is to bring the Gospel of Christ to the whole world. He encourages us to be a "voice for mission" through our prayers and through the help that we are able to give in support of the priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders who work tirelessly, day in and day out. They faithfully proclaim the Gospel, make Christ present, and serve the poor in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe.

The prayers and gifts you give on Mission Sunday directly supports the missionaries in their ministry. They remain grateful for your support and active participation in their ministry.

May your commitment to the missionary work of the Church be a blessing in your life. Please know of my personal gratitude for your generous response on this special day for the entire Church as we pray and make sacrifices for the missionaries and the people they serve.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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