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Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet !

October marks World Mission Month, an opportunity dedicated to the building support of mission in our lives and around the world. What then is mission and why should we care?

The call to mission is a universal call within the Catholic Church through our baptism. Church documents will tell us the Church is in its very nature "missionary". This call is not just for priests and religious or for missioners who go far and wide, it is for all of us. Even though it will look different for each.

Mission is something we are all called to do, but what it means has developed over time. Mission is about relationship, solidarity, and communion with others. Bishops from around the world have remarked, "No church is so poor that it has nothing to give; and no church is so rich that it has nothing to receive." This idea is profound when you think about it. Mission then, at its base is about walking with others where they are at. Sometimes that does mean going far and wide and sometimes it is more local. Mission is sharing faith, sharing our prayers, sharing ourselves and sometimes sharing resources.

That said, this year for World Mission Month these are our suggestions for helping support mission in your parishes and schools.

- Pray for the world and mission in Mass petitions
- Pray for our Missioners (included is a calendar with days dedicated to prayer for a specific missioner) and share the stories (These can be found on our website under newsletters, and global connections)
- Take part in our online auction to help build financial support for mission.

World Mission Sunday Oct 20th

During Mission Month, the Holy Father calls us all to give special remembrance and emphasis to Mission. With the theme "Go & Invite Everyone to the Banquet" he encourages us to work tirelessly, sharing the messages of God, entering into Communion with all men & Women and inviting them to his kingdom.

*To learn more look under WMS on our website or reference our WMS packet. (Let us know if you did not receive this).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY "GO and INVITE EVERYONE to the BANQUET" Mt 22:9



Online Auction

In celebration of Mission Month, from Monday, October 1st at 12pm to Thursday, October 31st at 12pm, our online auction will be open for bidding!

This auction will feature items such as quilts made by our local mission groups, fair trade items, and more!

The link for the auction can be found on our website, social media pages, and here: https://scmo.betterworld.org/auctions/mission-month-fundraiser-auction?

World Mission Rosary Day: Friday, October 4th

World Mission Rosary Day is a great way to encourage us and our communities to embrace the most basic form of Mission we can do; praying for the World! And even though it is just one day of the year, global solidarity is a



great addition to our prayers every single day. Even if you have not gotten your WMRs this year, don't worry! We will still send them out, and any day is a good day to teach the World Mission Rosary!

If you want more information on WMR and how to get them, contact the St. Cloud Mission Office!

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Words of Wisdom: " Don't turn away from what is in front of you· Show up and be fully Present" -Paula D'Arcy

Don't Forget: October World Mission Month

1st-31st—Online Auction
4th—World Mission Rosary Day
14th– Indigenous Peoples' Day
16th—World Food Day
17th– International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
20th—World Mission Sunday

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 Fr. Bob McCahill MMFB (Asia) | 2 Fr. Francis Shawa (Tanzania) | 3 Fr. Fred Timp SVD (Ghana) | 4 World Mission Rosary Day | 5 Fr. John Schweiters OSF Amazon (Brazil) |
| 6 Fr. Gabriel Joseph Ssenkindo OSB (Uganda) | 7 Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day | 8 Iris Prieto & Glahecer Baque (Ecuador) Franciscan Associates | 9 Jose and Celida Penate (Tijuana) | 10 Fr. Lawrence Otieno MHM (South Africa) | 11 Br. Loren Beaudry MMFB (Tanzania) | 12 Sr. Mary Dumonceaux OSF (Mexico) |
| 13 Monica Rudawski (Nicaragua) Franciscan Associates | 14 Indigenous People Day | 15 Peter Steele & Family (China) | 16 World Food Day | 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty | 18 Roberto Tonetto (China) | 19 Fr. Shaun Crumb MMFB (China) |
| 20 World Mission Sunday | 21 Br. Sylvester Kinney OSB (Mexico) | 22 Tom and Dr. Geetha Chitta (India) | 23 Fr. Kambale Sambya Zawadi OSC (Congo) | 24 Fr. Oswaldo Roche (Maracay, Venezuela) | 25 Mama Hellen Lotara (South Sudan) | 26 Franciscan Sisters |
| 27 Benedictine Volunteer Corp Missionaries (Worldwide) | 28 Benedictine Sisters, Brothers & Fathers | 29 Alan Lane & Nathalie Imanishimwe Rwanda | 30 All our retired Missioners | 31 All our deceased Missioners | | |