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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Next weekend, October 11/12, parishes in the Diocese of Palm Beach will conduct a second collection for World Mission Sunday, observed October 19. The 2025 World Mission Sunday theme is “Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples,” which is inspired by the Jubilee of Hope. It is an invitation to bring Christ’s light and hope to the world, especially to communities where the Church is young, growing, and often struggling. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and share the love of Christ.

This annual collection supports more than 1,000 mission territories where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, courageously upheld despite persecution, or brought to communities still discovering Christ’s love. By supporting this initiative, we join with many others to assist these missionaries and provide help for some of the most vulnerable regions in the world.

As our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, told representatives of the Pontifical Mission Societies in May, “Our world, wounded by war, violence and injustice, needs to hear the Gospel message of God’s love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ’s grace.” Your financial support will increase the Church’s ability to “make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19).

With gratitude for your continued generosity and every prayerful wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito
Bishop of Palm Beach