

# Bulletin Announcements for *World Mission Sunday* 2011

## ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

### 'Celebrate The Hope That Saves'

Highlights of Pope Benedict's World Mission Sunday message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The universal mission involves all: all things and always. The Gospel is not an exclusive possession of whoever has received it but a gift to share, good news to communicate. And this gift-commitment is not only entrusted to a few but on the contrary to all the baptized, who are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Pt 2:9), so that they may declare his wonderful deeds.

Evangelization...entails various elements. Among them missionary animation has always paid special attention to solidarity. This is one of the objectives of World Mission Sunday which, through the Pontifical Mission Societies, requests aid in order to carry out the tasks of evangelization in mission territories. It is a matter of supporting institutions necessary for establishing and consolidating the Church through catechists, seminaries and priests, and of making one's own contribution to improving the standard of living for people in countries where the phenomena of poverty, malnutrition — especially among children — disease, the lack of health care and education are the most serious.

May World Mission Sunday revive in each one... the joy of "going" to meet humanity, bringing Christ to all. In his name I impart the Apostolic Blessing to you and, in particular, to those who make the greatest efforts and suffer most for the Gospel.

† Pope Benedict XVI



## WE MISSIONARIES

Do you know the date of your Baptism?

Well, on that day, you became a missionary, called by our Lord to share your faith with those around you – and to be part of the Church's mission to the world.

We are not all able to travel to foreign lands as St. Francis Xavier did. However, we can all make effort in our daily lives – through prayer and sacrifice – to support those men and women who are called to leave their homeland and preach the Good News of the Lord in a foreign land.

On World Mission Sunday, we have the opportunity to be part of the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands through our prayers and generous help offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

### MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Just as our young church here in the United States received support in the 19th century from the Catholics of Europe through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, so too the growing churches in the Developing World today also require financial help. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference around the world!

- \* A gift of \$15 is a week's support of a young man in a mission seminary.
- \* A gift of \$20 helps to purchase a desk and books for a student in a catechetical class in a parish in the mountainous region of northern Vietnam.
- \* A gift of \$75 provides support for religious Sisters in Zambia serving at a mission hospital there.
- \* A gift of \$125 will help toward food, shelter, clothing, medical care and an education for one of the 45 young girls in the care of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand.



### THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

66 BROOKS DRIVE, BRAINTREE, MA 02184 TEL 617.542.1776 FAX 617.542.1778  
[info@propfaithboston.org](mailto:info@propfaithboston.org) [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org)