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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Before returning to the Lord, our beloved Pope Francis chose the motto for World Mission Sunday 2025: Missionaries of Hope Among All People. This motto reminds each of us as Christians, and the entire Church, of our fundamental vocation to be messengers and builders of hope.

Hope for our world is the ever-present person Jesus Christ. He was sent by the Father to bring life to a world filled with sin and death. It is his continuing presence that brings us life, joy and hope for everyone. This Good News must be proclaimed to all peoples, generation after generation, to the ends of the earth.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday on Oct. 19, I urge you to reflect on the Church's essential worldwide missionary work of bringing joy and hope to all God's people. We are blessed with a new pope, Leo XIV, who labored for many years in Latin America as a missionary priest and bishop. The Pontifical Mission Society supported his work, and it continues to support the work of missionary bishops, priests and religious in over 1,200 worldwide mission territories.

Your generous donations on World Mission Sunday to the Pontifical Mission Society are used solely for evangelization efforts, including the support of seminaries, religious sisters, catechists, Catholic education and healthcare centers that serve those most in need.

I personally extend my love and thanks to you for your dedication to Christ and his Church. And again, I plead for your continued support, and especially your prayers, for those missionaries who give their lives to bring life and hope to our world.

In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston