

**Sunday, September 29, 2013, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

October is coming soon; it is World Mission Month! Let us be accompanied by St. Therese of the Child Jesus, patron of the missions, whose feast day is on October 1st and let us begin the month of prayer for the missionaries in Africa, Asia, Oceania, America and Europe with a wide and open heart towards Christ's mission. This year, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith suggests the following theme: *“Enliven the gift of God within you, become a witness to the ends of the earth.”* This month is given to us, in order to live intensely our missionary vocation as baptized people, to pray and support the missions. *“Every Christian, in particular us, more than others, are called to carry this message of hope that gives serenity and joy; the consolation of God and his tenderness towards all”* (Pope Francis). During this missionary month, let us help our brothers and sisters; let us become the witnesses of God's love and tenderness.

**Sunday, October 6, 2013, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

*“Enliven the gift of God within you, become a witness to the ends of the earth.”* What changes life, it's the decision to welcome the word of God. It is certainly the meaning of this Sunday's Gospel that prepares us for World Mission Sunday taking place on October 20th. Despite the burden of our wealth or our poverty, the Lord opens the path towards conversion for all of us, and He can still give meaning to our lives. Let us put together our hope and enjoy this month of missions, in order to show solidarity with our poorest brothers and sisters of the suffering Church in Africa, Asia, Oceania, Europe and South America.

**Sunday, October 13, 2013, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

*“Enliven the gift of God within you, become a witness to the ends of the earth”*

*“Increase our faith”*. Together, let us make this request to the Lord and let us realize that we are not always able to forgive when life is too difficult to live, when the ordeals are too big and we do not assume our responsibility as disciples. Today, let us enliven our faith and let us become living witnesses of Christ. Let us show solidarity with the poorest churches in Africa, Asia, Oceania, Europe and South America. Thank you for your generosity and missionary solidarity. This week, I take time to prepare my donation.

**Sunday, October 20, 2013, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

*“Enliven the gift of God within you, become a witness to the ends of the earth”*

Today, in all the parishes of the world, in Africa, Asia, Oceania, America and Europe, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. It is the Sunday of solidarity and sharing with our poorest brothers and sisters of the Universal Church. Today, we celebrate our vocation as missionaries sent to proclaim the Good News. For the 1250 dioceses which are still under the responsibility of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, let us be generous so that they can achieve their pastoral projects to the poorest by the realization of more than 6,000 projects supported through the unique collection of that Sunday. Thank you very much for your generosity.

**Sunday, October 27, 2013, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Thank you! The Church is missionary throughout the year and it is every day that we are missionaries. Once again, we have proof that our people are generous. The Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith thanks you for your great generosity. This year, it managed to raise ..... \$. It commits itself to pay in full the donations collected on World Mission Sunday of October 20<sup>th</sup> to the sister churches from Africa, Asia, Oceania, South America and Eastern Europe. Once again, your generosity is undeniable. Thank you!