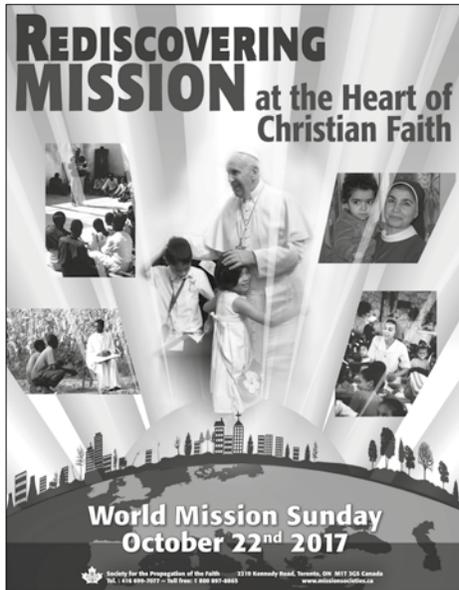


Rediscovering Mission at the Heart of Christian Faith

The theme for *World Mission Sunday* 2017, chosen by Pope Francis, invites us to understand more than ever that **mission constitutes an essential aspect of the Christian faith**; we are sent to our brothers and sisters in order to bear witness of our faith in Christ and to proclaim his Gospel. Beginning with the Second Vatican Council, the Church has worked to restore the essential importance of every baptized person's missionary dimension.

Pope Francis exhorts us repeatedly to go out of the temple's sacred walls and to make sure that our Church becomes a Mission Centered Church. In order to understand this issue better, let us not simply say that the Church has a mission, but that the mission depends on the Church to continue. This assertion encourages us to make a reflection: God, who has the mission of saving the world, uses the Church as an instrument to achieve it!



We are currently experiencing a real **missionary shift** across the country. We are witnessing a growing awakening of the missionary spirit that will support our pastoral conversion and the revival of our Christian communities. Looking at the new Areopagus, the new meetings taking place and the subsequent experience gained from these encounters will result in new ways to transmit the faith and the New Evangelization.

What if we develop a passion for mission and we commit ourselves even more in the joy of the Gospel and the Evangelization? To achieve a missionary revival, we must enter into the dynamism of a continuous conversion to the Gospel, the sacraments, the fraternal and missionary communion. It is a complex program but also one that is highly attainable.

Our Missionary Kit offers you different tools for a pastoral animation throughout October, which represents mission month, and your pastoral year. The website presents to you many resources for your children, young people and adults. You will not only wish to initiate them to the sacraments, but to the Christian life as well, which is supposed to be missionary in today's world that is waiting for the Good News.

Have a great animation and especially,
a fruitful mission!

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