

OCTOBER 2017

MISSION MONTH CALENDAR

Rediscovering Mission at the Heart of Christian Faith

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Feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus, the patroness of missions. Guide us throughout this missionary month.



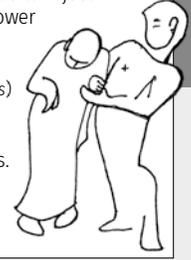
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Feast of the guardian angels. The angels were missionaries by announcing the Good News to Mary, to Joseph and to the shepherds. What is the Good News that we bring to the world?



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The Gospel tells us to reject the idolatry of power and success. (54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations) As missionary disciples, let us try to be servants.



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Jesus and the Pope washed the feet of others. To be a missionary, it is to be a servant to everyone.



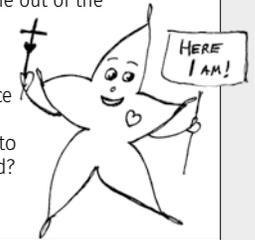
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Let us pray for Africa so that this continent, with an increasing number of Christians, takes a more active role in the mission of the evangelization.



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The missionary disciple must be able to come out of the church and go towards the world to experience the Gospel. Am I ready to get involved?



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Pope Francis asks for shepherds, missionaries with the "odour of the sheep". (The Church of mercy) Let us get closer to those who need mercy.



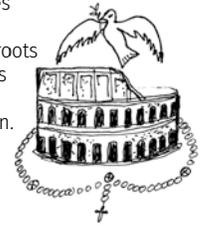
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Feast of St Marguerite d'Youville, first saint born in Canada. She is known as the mother of the divine mercy. Let us pray for the poor and the sick and let us take greater care of them.



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Let us pray for Europe so that it does not forget its Christian roots and embraces a new evangelization.



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World Mission Sunday
GO!



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Let us pray for South America, the continent that has the largest number of Christians. May it become more and more missionary.



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To be a missionary disciple is "being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love." (Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2017)



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Mary, the first missionary of the New Testament, went to share the Good News with her relative Elisabeth. Let us learn to share Jesus, who is within us, with our family.



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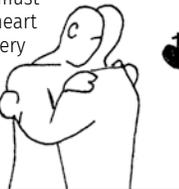
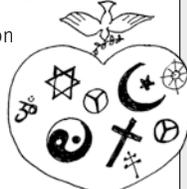
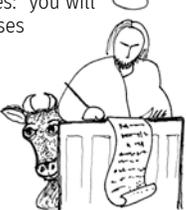
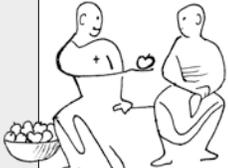
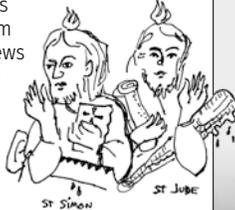
As Jesus did with the disciples of Emmaus, let us accompany those who have a weak faith and are discouraged.



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Let us pray for Oceania so that this myriad of islands recognizes the greatness of the Gospel and mission. This brings World Mission Month to a close. Let us remember that mission is a daily occurrence.



<p>4</p> <p>Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Along with Pope Francis and his patron saint, let us bring the Gospel of love to the world.</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1: 8)</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>"The Church is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the heart and mind of every person." (Bull of indiction of the extraordinary jubilee of mercy, n. 12)</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Let us pray for all the missionaries. May Mary support them.</p> 
<p>11</p> <p>Let us pray for the aboriginal peoples throughout the world. As Saint Kateri Tekakwitha did, may they allow an encounter between their traditions and the Gospel.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Let us be generous missionaries each according to their potential, knowing that Jesus will multiply our efforts.</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Let us pray for those who believe in God, no matter their religion. Interreligious dialogue is an essential missionary action of our time.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>"Go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel." (For the 90th WMS)</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>Feast of St Luke, the Evangelist. He wrote in the Acts of the Apostles: "you will be my witnesses to the ends of the world". (Acts 1: 8)</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Jesus, Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt. To be a missionary, is to go and meet other people, especially those who are strangers and those who are different from us.</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>From the earliest days, missionaries like Paul and Barnabas were sent out to proclaim the good news. (Acts 13: 1-5) Let us accept the calling to be sent out...</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Let us pray for Asia so that this vast continent may recognize the values of the Gospel and embrace the love of Christ.</p> 
<p>25</p> <p>Let us pray for North America so that wealth may not be a cause of egoism and withdrawal, but rather a greater source of solidarity and sharing.</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19) Inspired by Christ's last words before his ascension, let us accept the challenge of making new disciples.</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>We proclaim the risen Christ. Our joy's radiance will bear witness of our faith in the resurrection.</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Feast of the holy apostles Simon and Judas. Let us pray that new apostles may proclaim the Good News to the world today.</p> 

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