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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis has chosen, “Go and invite everyone to the banquet” (c.f. Mt. 22:9), as this year’s theme for the annual worldwide celebration of **World Mission Sunday, October 20, 2024**. In conjunction with the annual collection, we are asked to actively share in the mission of the Church of bringing others to Christ.

This theme reminds us that World Mission Sunday is more than just another special collection. We are all called to do our part to spread the Gospel and serve others. That may mean we pursue missionary service by physically going abroad. That may mean we serve local missionary endeavors among the poor or disadvantaged in our community. That may mean we are called to witness to Jesus right in our own families. Wherever we are called we serve with joy and dedication as members of the Body of Christ, each with our particular role.

The World Mission Sunday Collection is an explicit way for us to advance missionary activity by supporting thousands of seminarians, religious sisters, and catechists who are teaching and witnessing the Church’s faith in Jesus. These missionaries rely on our prayers and contributions to win more souls. Our generosity is a necessary part to fulfilling Jesus’ desire to “Go and invite everyone to the banquet.” I urge you to be as generous as you can this year to the World Mission Sunday Collection.

With prayers and expressions of my gratitude for your sacrifices I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Charles C. Thompson'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a small blue cross.

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
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