Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday 2019

Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World

Four spiritual dimensions from the message of Pope Francis for the celebration of World Mission Sunday in Extraordinary Missionary Month 2019.

Personal Encounter with Jesus Christ Alive in the Church
“Celebrating this (Extraordinary Missionary) month will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism…. Through our communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we, together with so many of our other brothers and sisters, are born to new life…. This missionary mandate touches us personally: I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission…. Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God’s love…. From eternity (God) has destined each of His children to share in His divine and eternal life (cf. Eph 1:3-6).”

Witness of Missionary Saints and Martyrs
“How many saints, how many men and women of faith, witness to the fact that this unlimited openness, this going forth in mercy, is indeed possible and realistic, for it is driven by love and its deepest meaning as gift, sacrifice and gratuitousness (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-21)! The man who preaches God must be a man of God (cf. Maximum Illud).”

Catechesis in Missionary Discipleship
“The Church is on mission in the world…. A Church that presses forward to the farthest frontiers requires a constant and ongoing missionary conversion…. Our mission, then, is rooted in the fatherhood of God and the motherhood of the Church. The mandate given by the Risen Jesus at Easter is inherent in Baptism: as the Father has sent me, so I send you, filled with the Holy Spirit, for the reconciliation of the world (cf. Jn 20:19-23; Mt 28:16-20). This mission is part of our identity as Christians…. The missio ad gentes, which is always necessary for the Church, thus contributes in a fundamental way to the process of ongoing conversion in all Christians.”

Charity to Mission
“Charity, of which we have a foretaste in the sacraments and in fraternal love, impuls us to go forth to the ends of the earth (cf. Mic 5:4; Mt 28:19; Acts 1:8; Rom 10:18…. The Pontifical Mission Societies serve the Church’s universality as a global network of support for the Pope in his missionary commitment by prayer, the soul of mission, and charitable offerings from Christians throughout the world. Their donations assist the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches (the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith)…. In renewing my support for these Societies, I trust that the Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019 will contribute to the renewal of their missionary service to my ministry.”

Read the Holy Father’s complete message at this [Vatican website](https://w2.vatican.va/content/lateven/doc/en/wmp2019.html).