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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year we remember in a special way our Baptismal call to mission as we celebrate WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, this year on October 23/24. On this Sunday, we recommit ourselves to giving generously to our brothers and sisters around the world through the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year reflects on the theme: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). He reminds us that, "as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves," as we "recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel."

On World Mission Sunday, we join our Holy Father in supporting the church's missions. As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish and school throughout the world. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each one of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

Thank you for your generous support of our brothers and sisters in need on this World Mission Sunday.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee