

**FOR WE
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SPEAKING
ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE
SEEN & HEARD**

ACTS 4:20

**MISSION SUNDAY
31 OCTOBER 2021**



Students from Bereina Catholic School
in Papua New Guinea. MISSIO-NZ
helped build their school.

Our Mission Sunday 2021 Poster is a statement more audible than words. Pope Francis visited and held the hands of Iraq's most prominent Shia Muslim religious authority Grand Ayatollah Ali Al-Sistani. It was a meeting to call for unity. Indeed, a landmark event in modern religious history and a milestone in Pope Francis' effort to deepen dialogue with other religions that people may realise that we are all brothers and sisters.

"Peace does not demand winners or losers, but rather brothers and sisters who, for all the misunderstandings and hurts of the past, are journeying from conflict to unity."

"This is true religiosity: to worship God and to love our neighbour."

Pope Francis in Iraq

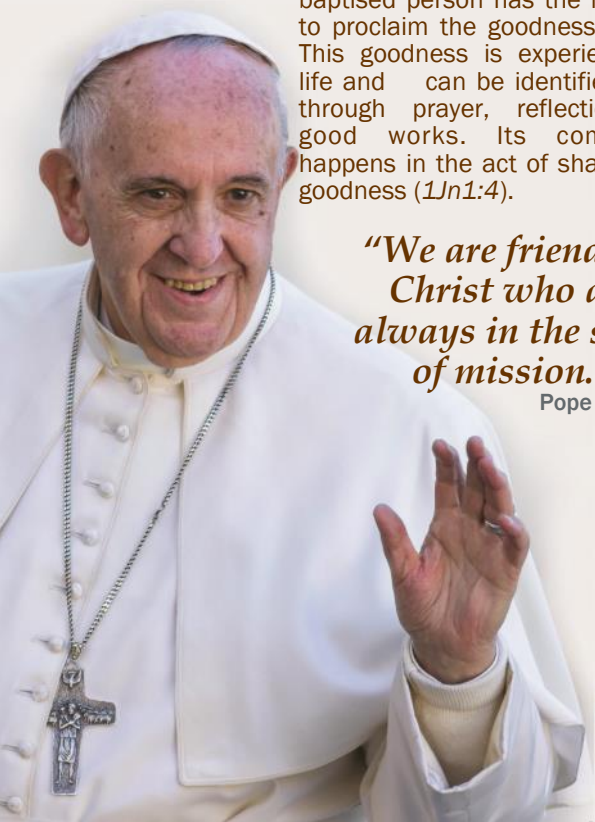
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MISSION SUNDAY is a day to celebrate our being active agents in realising the Mission of God (*Missio Dei*) today. Each baptised person has the mandate to proclaim the goodness of God. This goodness is experienced in life and can be identified in joy through prayer, reflection and good works. Its completion happens in the act of sharing this goodness (1Jn1:4).

*"We are friends of
Christ who are
always in the state
of mission."*

Pope Francis



The Prophets, in the Scriptures, describe their experience of the proximity of God in their lives as one consuming awareness that impels one to mission, regardless of the sacrifices and misunderstandings it may entail (*Jer 20:7-9*). This is the same spirit that makes our missionaries today go forth to bring the friendship of God to peoples wherever they are sent. Love is always on the move and inspires missionaries to share a wonderful and hope-filled message that echoes the revelation that made the first disciples proclaim, ***"We have found the Messiah (Jn 1:41)."***

"The love of God discovered is the very Spirit that empowers one with certainty that all those who entrust themselves to God will bear good fruits."

Pope Francis

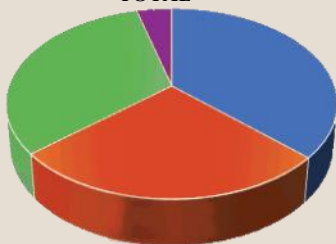
The pandemic accentuated and amplified the pain, solitude, poverty, and injustices experienced by so many. The discouragement, disillusionment, fatigue, and growing negativity stifle hope. In these conditions, the powerful message of life echoes in our hearts that we need to proclaim is ***"He is not here but has risen!"*** and he wants us to live. There is an urgent need for a mission of compassion and missionaries of hope.



MISSIO-NZ MISSION COLLECTION

\$449,751

TOTAL



MISSION TODAY FOR THE CHILDREN

\$144,588 - 32%

MISSION TOMORROW FOR SEMINARIES

\$120,555 - 27%

MISSION TOGETHER DIOCESAN PROGRAM

\$166,108 - 37%

MASS STIPEND

\$18,500 - 4%

Missionary Children - Holy Childhood

Country	Diocese	Projects	Donation	Recipients
Syria	2	10	\$29,403	10,610
Philippines	8	13	\$52,782	3,220
Papua New Guinea	4	6	\$62,403	9,735

Society of St. Peter the Apostle

Country	Diocese	Seminary	Donation	Seminarians
Congo	5	6	\$116,477	403
Myanmar	2	2	\$4,078	51

Society of the Propagation of the Faith

Papua New Guinea	Diocese	Projects	Donation
Ordinary Subsidies**	2	3	\$69,518
Extraordinary Subsidies*	2	6	\$96,590

* Extraordinary Subsidy are special project for building chapels, clinics, etc

**Ordinary Subsidy are dedicated to diocesan administration and catechism

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS with given stipends for priests who celebrate the Masses.

Country	Stipend
India, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Malawi, Tanzania	\$18,500

For details of the projects supported, please see www.missio.nz



Pauline Jaricot founded the *Propagation of the Faith* in 1820. It is the first of the four societies founded that now compose The Pontifical Mission Societies. Mission Sunday can trace its beginnings to her. Pope Francis has announced her beatification can already be published.

Your donations to MISSIO-NZ build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools to orphanages, clinics, and dispensaries. It creates a hub from which the young Church can spread the Good News of the Gospel, minister to the faithful, and deliver essential services in health and education.

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