

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Pope Benedict XVI, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Benedict XVI and official teachings
of the Roman Catholic Church

“PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL”

The month of October, with the celebration of World Mission Sunday, offers to diocesan and parish communities, institutes of consecrated life, ecclesial movements and the entire People of God an opportunity to renew the commitment to proclaim the Gospel and to give pastoral activities greater missionary perspective.

“LIVE INTENSELY”

This annual event invites us to live intensely the liturgical and catechetical, charitable and cultural processes through which Jesus Christ summons us to the banquet of His word and of the Eucharist, to taste the gift of His presence, to be formed at His school and to live ever more closely united to Him, our teacher and Lord.

“CREDIBLE WITNESS”

Only on the basis of this encounter with the Love of God that changes life can we live in communion with Him and with one another and offer our brothers and sisters a credible witness, accounting for the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Pt 3:15).



MARY AND MISSION

...In many countries the various ecclesial activities are resumed in October, after the summer break, and the Church invites us to learn from Mary, by praying the Holy Rosary, to contemplate the Father's plan of love for humanity, to love her as He loves her. Is not this also the meaning of mission?

“SONS AND DAUGHTERS”

... The Father calls us to be sons and daughters loved in the beloved Son, and to recognize that we are all brothers and sisters in Him Who is the gift of salvation for humanity divided by discord and sin, and the revealer of the true face of God Who “so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).

“AWARENESS OF THE CALL”

... Awareness of the call to proclaim the Gospel not only encourages every individual member of the faithful but also all diocesan and parish communities to integral renewal and ever greater openness to missionary cooperation among the Churches, to promote the proclamation of the Gospel in the heart of every person, of every people, culture, race and nationality in every place.

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