

**World Mission Sunday
Circular 2005-20**

To: All Parish Priests

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is a day set aside for Catholics to recommit themselves to the Universal Church's missionary activity. It is celebrated in every country, in every diocese, in every parish – whether in a remote chapel out in the African bush or in a predominantly Muslim or Hindu area of Asia or perhaps in a poor village in Latin America. We are indeed citizens of the world, members of the One Body of Christ.

We have to be impressed by the fact that every country, even the poorest, gives to the mission needs of the Church worldwide. For many it is a great testimony of the power of the widow's mite. We Filipinos are generous in giving support for the missions. Among those which submitted its collections last year, The Philippines -- poor as it is -- ranked 25th in the world. In the Philippines, Novaliches ranked 47th for the same year. **It is my hope that in the future every parish of Novaliches will learn to give its entire collection for The World Mission Sunday because of the importance of its cause.**

This year World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 23, and in line with the Year of the Eucharist, the theme is MISSION: BREAD BROKEN FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

In his message for the World Mission Sunday 2005 the late Pope John Paul II says that *“We who nourish ourselves with the Body and Blood of the crucified and risen Lord, cannot keep this "gift" to ourselves; on the contrary we must share it... In this way, while the Eucharist helps us to understand more fully the significance of mission, it leads every individual believer... to be "bread, broken for the life of the world." Humanity has need of Christ "broken bread.”* Pastors should encourage their communities to assist in the mission of the Church in spreading the gospel.

For further details about the liturgy and remittances please consult the Ordo 2005 and be guided accordingly. Envelops are available in each vicariate.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 5th day of October, in the Year of the Lord, 2005.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by,

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara
Chancellor