

**World Mission Sunday
Circular 2007-26**

To: All Parish Priests – Diocesan and Religious - in the Diocese

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is a day set aside for Catholics to recommit themselves to the 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.

Last year, after gathering all the remittances coming from World Mission Sunday, Holy Childhood, St. Petro Apostolo, Pro Negritis, Ecclesia Sanctae and Pontifical Missionary Union, the Pontifical Mission Societies – Philippines forwarded to Rome for the Pontifical Solidarity fund the total amount of Php 29,714,832.92. Out of this total amount mentioned above, Php 283,523.75 came from our Diocese of Novaliches.

This year World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 21, and the theme chosen by Pope Benedict XVI is **ALL THE CHURCHES FOR ALL THE WORLD**. Every parish priest should encourage their communities to assist in the mission of the Church in spreading the Gospel. Special emphasis is to be given in the liturgy and at least the homily should be about the missionary activity of the Church. A copy of the message of the Holy Father and homily guides will be made available to every parish. For further details about the liturgy and remittances please consult the Ordo 2007 and be guided accordingly.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 25th day of September in the Year of Our Lord, 2007.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

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