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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual collection for World Mission Sunday will be held on October 24, 2021. This year's theme, "**We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard**" is found in the Acts of the Apostles, as Peter and John declare before the Jewish leaders their faith in the Lord Jesus. Their Spirit-filled declaration is the same Spirit that compels modern missionaries to proclaim the Gospel around the world today.

Pope Francis invites us, "As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church's evangelizing mission finds outward fulfillment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation . . . The theme of this year's World Mission Sunday . . . is a summons to each of us to own and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts."

Our spiritual and financial sacrifices are joined with those from every diocese around the world to support those men and women who resolutely leave home and family to bring the Gospel to all those places and people longing for its saving message.

By virtue of your Baptism, you too are called to carry out the mission of Jesus, to make God's mercy known. Your support of the annual World Mission Sunday collection recognizes your gratitude for the faith that has been shared with you, that you just can't keep to yourself. Thank you for your contributions to the World Mission Sunday collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles C. Thompson".

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