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My dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

World Mission Sunday on October 18th is a great moment for the entire Church in the Diocese of Rochester to focus upon our missionary involvement. It is the annual day for prayer and sacrifice when all Catholics in the United States are joined with Catholics throughout the world in a common effort to sustain the missionary vitality and growth of the Church.

In his message for World Mission Sunday this year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to our baptismal call to mission by saying, "Here I Am, Send Me." This is the mission that all Christians have received, and God gives us the grace to live it out wherever we may be.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than one hundred eleven dioceses.

As the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rochester, I urge you to serve your brothers and sisters in the Developing World with the same generous support that you always have given in the past. Your prayers and financial gift will advance the day when the whole world will share the faith in the one Lord Jesus Christ.

Renewing my deep gratitude and assuring you of my prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Salvatore R. Matano
The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester

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