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One in Christ, United in Mission Gathered Around and Strengthened by our Priests

Fellow Missionaries,

On April 2nd, Holy Thursday, Catholics around the world will gather to celebrate the Supper of the Lord, to give thanks for the gift of the ministerial priesthood, and to commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist - Christ's gift of Himself to His Church. As supporters and friends of the Pontifical Mission Societies, you and I know and deeply understand that God has given us a great gift in the priesthood.

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

The theme for World Mission Sunday, selected by Pope Leo XIV, is *One in Christ, United in Mission*. This unity and mission are made possible thanks to the priesthood. That is why the theme of this fundraising campaign is: *One in Christ, United in Mission - Gathered Around & Strengthened by our Priests*.



Thankfully, today thousands of young men from new or emerging dioceses around the world are responding to the call to the priesthood. In Africa, for example, vocations are growing at an inspiring pace. While we give thanks to God for vocations here in Canada, we know that those in mission dioceses are equally important and often require our aid due to many financial constraints.

"Young people are willing to give themselves to the Lord," says Father Joseph Mary Sehwinyah, who teaches at the seminary in the Archdiocese of Kampala, Uganda. "But parents can hardly afford to sponsor their son's education."

According to a recent article in Zenit News (Rome), one in three Catholic seminarians worldwide is African.

Please join us in whatever way you can – prayers, financially or with your volunteer advocacy and endorsement among family and friends. Together, we can help ensure future priests for the benefit of the entire world – and our children's children.

Bishop John A. Boissonneau
National Director

Will you join us this year in supporting the formation of priests in the young and emerging new Churches?

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