



ARCHDIOCESE OF CACERES
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP
PILGRIM CITY OF NAGA, PHILIPPINES

PASTORAL MESSAGE FOR 2020 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

“Here am I, send me.” (*Isaiah 6:8*)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every year, Catholics throughout the world celebrate World Mission Sunday. This is the penultimate Sunday of October, the mission month. This celebration was started by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

Our Archdiocese actively celebrates Mission Sunday. We renew our commitment to participate in the mission of Jesus. With the prophet Isaiah, we say, “Here am I, send me” (6:8).

As a missionary church, the Archdiocese has sent missionaries to different continents. Under the Caceres Mission Aid Program, some of our priests are sent to American Samoa, Canada, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Taiwan and the United States of America. In the same manner, the archdiocese is blessed with the presence of the different mission congregations that serve and help the poor. The permanent and temporary migrants, too, from the archdiocese leave the country and bring with them their faith in Jesus and devotion to *Ina*. These OFWs serve as witnesses to other Filipinos and to the people of their host countries.

Most of us do not need to cross boundaries to become missionaries. The following are ways to participate in bringing the Good News:

1. Through our prayers

We pray for the success of missions. We pray that our missionaries may truly be witness of Christ. We pray that people in the mission areas become agents of mission as well.

2. Through our sacrifices

We offer all the things we do for the glory of God. We try to live simply but meaningfully in solidarity with those who suffer. We accept our suffering with humility and love.

3. Through our financial contributions for missionary works

The material resources we share for World Mission is a big support for mission initiatives. Our contributions are signs of the blessings of God that we receive and share with others.

I am grateful to you- the pandemic has even made you more generous. May God bless you.

May Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Therèse of the Child Jesus, The Patrons of the Universal Mission, continue to inspire us. And, may *Ina*, Our Lady of Peñafrancia, who brought Jesus to the world for our salvation, intercede for us.

Viva la Virgen! Viva el Divino Rostro!


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