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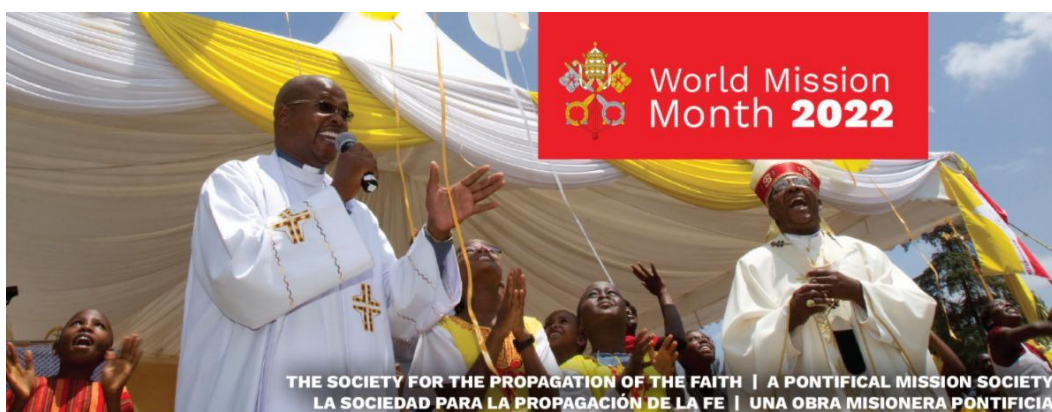
DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Weekly E-Newsletter

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World Mission Sunday is Oct. 23

*Bishop Bambera to celebrate Pontifical Mass at
Cathedral of Saint Peter at 12:15 p.m.*



**“YOU SHALL BE MY
WITNESSES”**

OCT. 23, 2022

“PARA QUE SEAN MIS TESTIGOS”

PRAY AND GIVE GENEROUSLY | ORAR Y DAR GENEROSAMENTE

World Mission Sunday is quickly approaching. A Pontifical Mass in celebration of this important date will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Peter at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022.

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Father Brian J.T. Clarke, Diocesan Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, will concelebrate.

CTV: Catholic Television will provide a live broadcast the Mass. The Mass will also be livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and across all Diocesan social media platforms.

[Read Bishop Bambera's Message for World Mission Sunday 2022](#)

Pope Francis' World Mission Sunday Message: Ordinary people are called to be extraordinary Christian witnesses



Living out and proclaiming the Gospel are inseparable aspects at the heart of an authentically Christian life and witness, Pope Francis said in his message for World Mission Sunday.

“Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ,” the pope wrote in his message for the celebration, which will be held Oct. 23.

The theme chosen for the 2022 celebration is taken from the Acts of the Apostles: "You will be my witnesses."

In his message, the pope reflected on three key "foundations of the life and mission of every disciple," beginning with the call to bear witness to Christ.

[Read More about Pope Francis' World Mission 2022 Message](#)

What work is done by the Pontifical Mission Societies?

ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

– A FIRST-HAND LOOK AT YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK IN GHANA –

In August 2022, a Diocese of Scranton delegation, led by the Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, visited the Diocese of Sunyani in Ghana, Africa. They saw first hand how your donations are helping to build churches around the world, feed the poor and aid missionaries who share the Gospel worldwide.

When you contribute to the World Mission Sunday collection, you make it possible for the Pope to provide mission support to:



258,540

RELIGIOUS
SISTERS CARING
FOR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES

8,750

HOMES FOR
ORPHANED
CHILDREN AND
THE ELDERLY



12,000

CLINICS
CARING FOR
THE SICK AND
DYING

38,140

SEMINARIANS
PREPARING
FOR THE
PRIESTHOOD



844,000

CATECHISTS
TEACHING THE
FAITH



26 Million

CHILDREN IN
PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Are you ready to #Leave a Mark?
Young people needed for Mass on Nov. 6



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Leave
a
Mark
2022

**A gathering of young adults
(18-40) with Bishop Bambera**

11/6/22

5:00PM Mass

Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

Social to follow: Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Ave. Scranton, Pa. 18503

Food trucks, music, corn hole, and more!

For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

Young people from around the Diocese of Scranton will come together on Sunday, Nov. 6 for the annual #Leave a Mark Mass, which will celebrate its seventh anniversary in 2022.

The Mass will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton and there will be a reception featuring live music and a food truck immediately afterward.

The idea for the #Leave a Mark Mass came after Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims at World Youth Day 2016 in Poland.

The Pope said, “Dear young people, we didn’t come into this world to ‘vegetate,’ to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark.”

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as principal celebrant of the Mass. Father Ryan Glenn, Assistant Pastor, Saint Matthew Parish, East Stroudsburg, will serve as homilist.

[For More Information About #Leave a Mark 2022](#)

Pope announces a second session for Synod of Bishops assembly



Saying he did not want to rush the process of discerning how the Holy Spirit is calling the church to grow in “synodality,” Pope Francis announced that the next assembly of the Synod of Bishops would take place in two sessions.

The synod assembly, with mostly bishops as voting members, will meet Oct. 4-29, 2023, as previously announced, the pope said, but the assembly will have a second session in October 2024 as well.

Pope Francis made the announcement Oct. 16 at the end of his Angelus address. He had met Oct. 14 with the synod leadership.

The pope and local bishops kicked off the listening and discernment process for the “synod on synodality” in October 2021, and by November the synod secretariat is expected to release a working document for continental assemblies.

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'Forgive Me, Father': Vatican seminar looks at why people avoid confession



Every year, for more than three decades, the Vatican tribunal dealing with matters of conscience has offered a course to help priests in their “ministry of mercy” as confessors.

The huge number of participants, from 500 to 800 ordained and soon-to-be ordained men, who attend the course sponsored by the Apostolic Penitentiary each year attests to the importance and need for adequate formation concerning the sacrament of reconciliation, particularly when confession, as well as “the sense of sin,” is in crisis, Pope Francis told participants in 2019.

It is a crisis on both sides of the confessional screen.

Priests need better formation so that those seeking God's forgiveness truly experience "a real encounter with salvation in which the Lord's embrace can be perceived in all its strength, capable of changing, converting, healing and forgiving," the pope had said.

And the laity need to understand better the importance and joy of confession, according to the Apostolic Penitentiary, which decided to respond by offering a special seminar specifically for laypeople. The seminar was held in Rome and online Oct. 13-14.

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Pope: Seeing God at work in small things helps one recognize God's call



Reviewing one's life is an essential step in discerning God's call because it helps one see places where God was at work, even in small things, and also helps one recognize "toxic" thoughts of self-doubt, Pope Francis said.

A daily review of one's actions and feelings is not mainly about acknowledging one's sins — “we sin a lot, don't we,” the pope said. Instead, regularly reviewing the day educates one's perspective and helps one recognize “the small miracles that the good God works for us every day.”

At his weekly general audience Oct. 19 in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis continued his series of audience talks explaining the key steps in spiritual discernment, focusing on how a daily practice of review and introspection trains a person how to look at the bigger picture of his or her life in order to discern God's call.

Learning to see that God was at work even in small things, “we notice other possible directions” that can be taken and that “strengthen our inner enthusiasm, peace and creativity,” the pope said. “Above all, it makes us freer from toxic stereotypes,” such as thinking, “I am worthless” or “I will never achieve anything worthwhile.”

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Support the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal!

*"Sometimes it is the **only meal** that they have for the day"*

- Susan Lingg
Parishioner of St. Boniface, Williamsport



Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal go to support **Social Justice Grants** given to dozens of parishes each year to fund much-needed local projects.

Saint Boniface and Saint Lawrence Parishes in Lycoming County received a Social Justice Grant this year to help provide weekly meals at Sojourner Truth Ministries in Williamsport. Parish volunteers help cook and serve the meals each Friday.



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