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“Each one has a mission to fulfill, a mission of love. At the hour of death when we come face to face with God we are going to be judged on love, not how much we have done, but how much love we have put in the doing.”

- Mother Theresa of Calcutta

Dear Members of the Holy Spirit Missionary Association,

This month the Church is going to celebrate **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. The third Sunday of October was dedicated to explore the deeper meaning of the Church's mission. Oftentimes we hear the passage from Matthew's Gospel known as "missionary mandate." "Make disciples of all peoples" - Mt 28:19. This message was not restricted only to some individuals who are called to direct involvement in missionary work in countries where the Good News has not been proclaimed. Jesus, on the mountain from which He ascended into heaven, instructed the Apostles and through them all of us, to act according to our ability to make His message known in the whole world.

Pope Benedict XVI says that, "The goal of the Church's mission is to illumine all peoples with the light of the Gospel as they journey through history towards God, so that in Him they may reach their full potential and fulfillment. We should have a longing and a passion to illumine all peoples with the light of Christ that shines on the face of the Church, so that all may be gathered into the one human family, under God's loving fatherhood."

The Church's mission of bringing the light of Christ to all people should be also the mission of each one of us who was baptized and thus, committed herself or himself to spreading the Good News of God's love. There is no better time to celebrate the **MISSION SUNDAY** than during the month of October in which we also honor Mary. Reflecting on her life we can call her the first missionary because she was the one who brought to us Jesus our Savior. She was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and was able to carry on the task to which she was called. The same Holy Spirit is still present and active in the world encouraging many young men and women to pursue their missionary calling and go beyond their comfort zones to make the message of God manifest throughout the world.

As stated in *Redemptoris Missio*, "Missionary zeal is a sign of the vitality of the Church" (2). I would like to encourage all of you to pray to the Holy Spirit to instill in all of us the readiness to proclaim that the Kingdom of God is the Kingdom of Love, Peace and Justice. Through our prayers let us support each other in our efforts to make our world a place where everyone is welcome and loved. In particular let us remember those who left all behind to follow the promptings of the Spirit and to go into frontier situations to make God's love visible and for young people who discern their readiness to this service of love.

"May we be guided in our missionary activity by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of New Evangelization, who brought Christ into the world to be the light of the nations and to carry salvation 'to the ends of the earth' (*Acts 13:47*)" - Pope Benedict XVI.

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REMINDER: Our next Recollection Day is November 14, 2009. Begins at 10am, ends 3pm.