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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Here I Am, Send Me” is the theme for this year’s World Mission Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. While this theme was selected long before the COVID-19 pandemic, it seems especially well-timed as we witness so many examples of sheer courage by individuals and organizations extending the message of God’s mercy to those who are suffering.

“Here I Am, Send Me” stands as the Church’s response to the illness, fear and isolation of this time. We are challenged to step out of ourselves and take on the mission of charity and service to our sisters and brothers. This is the mission the Church received from Jesus to go everywhere and proclaim God’s love for all.

The World Mission Sunday collection is taken up in parishes every year around the world to aid with a variety of projects like supporting 15,000 Church run schools in Asia or caring for orphans in Sudan or even something small like purchasing a bicycle for a priest in Thailand. And now our resources are needed even more to bring healing to the sick. In each case your generosity brings the Good News of Jesus Christ and his message of healing, hope and love to someone in need.

Uncertain as these times are, may we prayerfully and generously respond to God’s question, “Whom shall I send?” – “Here I Am, Send Me.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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