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Dear Monsignors, Fathers and Parish Teams,

World Mission Month – Catholic Mission

As we prepare for this year's World Mission Month, we warmly invite the parishes of our diocese to unite with the Holy Father in the Church's universal mission.

In his message for the 100th World Mission Sunday, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that we are "One in Christ, United in Mission." It is a timely reminder that every parish, no matter its size or location, shares in Christ's mission to proclaim the Gospel and accompany our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

Here in Australia, Catholic Mission serves as the Pope's official mission agency, supporting the work of the local Church in more than 160 countries and over 1,100 dioceses. By working with and through local bishops, priests, religious and lay leaders, Catholic Mission helps form seminarians, catechists and future Church leaders while supporting projects that strengthen communities through education, healthcare and pastoral care.

This year, World Mission Month shines a light on Kampira, Malawi, where families continue rebuilding after Cyclone Ana. Together with the local Church, Catholic Mission is supporting the construction of a primary school so that children can learn, grow and look to the future with hope.

Over the coming weeks, your parish will receive resources to assist with the celebration of World Mission Month, including liturgical materials, bulletin notices, videos and other resources that we hope will help your community reflect on the beauty of our shared missionary calling.

I pray that this World Mission Month be an opportunity for all of us to deepen our communion with the universal Church and to walk ever more closely with our brothers and sisters throughout the world.