

EIRINN THE LAMB LAUNCHES THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

Globally people are being urged to put their faith into action

With a little help from Eirinn the lamb, the team at World Missions Ireland have officially launched the Extraordinary Month of Mission campaign. To highlight that October is an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019), and to gather the energy of the Universal Church, people across the globe are being urged to put their faith into action throughout August, September and October.

In collaboration with its international offices, World Missions Ireland has created some simple ways to help individuals, schools, organisations, dioceses, parishes, communities, orders and congregations to celebrate this historic event.

As part of the social media campaign, #MyMission and #OurMission, individuals and groups are invited to share their mission on either Facebook or Twitter. Like the actions of missionaries overseas, the #MyMission and #OurMission campaign is asking people to step-forward and let the world know how they too are reaching out in kindness.

In addition to the digital campaign, an official hymn and prayer have been commissioned. Choirs are encouraged to sing the hymn 'Baptised and Sent' (created by World Missions Ireland sister charity Missio Malta) throughout October. The Extraordinary Month of Mission Prayer will also play a part in the EMM2019 Universal Prayer Chain. As an act of solidarity and love for all people, Pope Francis is inviting the entire Universal Church to pray the Extraordinary Month of Mission Prayer, after the Angelus, every Friday during October.

In his World Mission Sunday 2019 message, Pope Francis said that, 'as far as God's love is concerned, no one is useless or insignificant.' He added that our 'divine life is not a product for sale but a treasure to be given, communicated and proclaimed: that is the meaning of mission.' World Missions Ireland invites the faithful of Ireland to act on Pope Francis' words by sharing their mission in celebration of the Extraordinary Month of Mission 2019. For more information, and how to get involved go to www.wmi.ie/emm

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NOTES TO EDITOR

- - Media Contact, Eimear Larkin eimear@wmi.ie / 01 497 2035
- - World Missions Ireland is part of a worldwide network of offices, found in over 120 countries, all of which are coordinated by the Pontifical Mission Societies in Rome. Together they form the Church's official charity for overseas mission.
- - They are the only Catholic charity which supports the 40% of the Universal Church that is too new, young or poor to support itself.
- - Since its announcement as a papal collection in 1926, World Missions Ireland has been entrusted with the coordination of the World Mission Sunday collections in Ireland.
- - Together, World Missions Ireland, its global offices and the faithful of Ireland are helping to secure the future of the Church by providing over one thousand struggling, young dioceses, in over 157 countries, with the tools and abilities they need to become self-sufficient.