



## Looking Forward to ✠ World Mission Sunday ✠ (A DAY TO PAUSE AND REFLECT)

“The World Mission Sunday is not an isolated moment in the course of the year but rather a valuable opportunity to **pause and reflect** on whether and how we respond to our missionary vocation; **an essential response** for the Church’s life.” Beyond the “essential response” demanded by our missionary vocation, of which Pope Benedict XVI developed in his message for the World Mission Sunday 2011, lies the *ora et labora* that has sent labourers into the harvest for two thousand years.

More often than not, but perhaps not often enough, we emphasize the need for Priest-labourers (is God calling you? Call Father Arcoleo at (516) 378 – 0665 and find out). The need for lay-labourers however, is urgent as well. While the Priest brings Our Holy Redeemer to us at Mass, who will bring Him from Mass ...

- ✠ to the homebound and the shut-ins who cannot *come home* to receive Him;
- ✠ into Israel where they are still waiting for Him;
- ✠ into the United States Supreme Court to judge without reference to a person’s sex, colour, or religion;
- ✠ into the United States Congress to make laws that protect every human person: born and unborn;
- ✠ into the United States Oval Office to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States;
- ✠ into the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to welcome the stranger;
- ✠ into the Village of Freeport Fire Department and Police Department to serve with honour and dignity;
- ✠ into Dodd Middle School and Freeport High School to teach boys and girls how to respect one another;
- ✠ into South Nassau Communities Hospital to visit the sick;
- ✠ into Nassau County Correctional Facility to visit the imprisoned;
- ✠ into the various Sports arenas to exercise and promote fair play;
- ✠ into Hollywood to produce and act in films that promote Religious values and moral behaviour?

If after you “pause and reflect” and you realize that you have:

- ✠ failed to proclaim the Good News to the People of Our Holy Redeemer in the pews then call Father Arcoleo and become a Priest;
- ✠ failed to proclaim the Good News to the children of Our Holy Redeemer in the classroom then call (516) 546 – 1057 and become a Catechist;
- ✠ failed to proclaim the Good News to people when they *come home* to Our Holy Redeemer for Mass, then call (516) 378 – 0665 and become an Usher;
- ✠ failed to proclaim the Good News to the poor of Our Holy Redeemer then call (516) 623 – 3247 and volunteer at Our Holy Redeemer Thrift Shop in Memory of Janene Suchan.

The Church exists in order to evangelize (cf. Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, n. 14). If you are the Church (as the song goes) then that is why you exist too!