

**October 17, 2021**

**From Fr. Jim. . .**

**World Mission Sunday** – Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. There is a special envelope in your box of envelopes for this collection and the second collection today will help support missionary activity throughout the world. The Church throughout the world needs our support. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati upon its founding in the 1800's needed the support of the greater church throughout the world and we, at St. Leo, especially understand the support and generosity of all of our brothers and sisters in Christ in order to do the Lord's work and carry-on the mission of Jesus Christ.

Through the work of lay people, religious sisters and brothers and priests, the World Mission Sunday Collection helps support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith: schools; hospitals, health clinics; leprosy centers; social and pastoral projects. These funds also provide operating costs for Catholic Mission Dioceses around the world. In many ways, because of the diverse nature of our parish community, we stand in strong solidarity with missionary activity throughout the world. I strongly encourage your participation in this appeal. Thank you for your generosity. May God be blessed and praised. May the Gospel be preached and lived here, throughout the United States and the entire world.

**Reminder and Invitation:** Please be sure to check [beaconsaoc.org](http://beaconsaoc.org) to learn more about the Beacons of Light Process and offer your input, concerns, and suggestions about the pairings of parishes to become families of parishes. If you wish to comment, October 20 is the final day to do so. Online, you will find pertinent information to help you such as: statistics that explain why this process is necessary now, the intended outcomes from this process, what this process is not about, and guiding principles. If you are not able to go online and want to learn about the process and offer comments, contact the parish office and arrangements will be made to get you printed materials and a response sheet for you to write your answers. Our office will be responsible for sending your written comments to the Archdiocese. Thank you for your participation.

**The Synod:** Pope Francis is calling for a Synod of Bishops and he opened this process this past Sunday in Rome. It is entitled: *"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission"*. The intended outcome of the synod is "to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission." The diocesan phase of the process is October 2021 – April 2022. Opportunities for participation are forthcoming. This pastoral initiative is not in conflict with the Beacons of Light pastoral initiative in our Archdiocese. The two initiatives are complementary and we in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati have an opportunity to embrace the synodal process at an opportune time. Both initiatives are motivated by the desire to "journey together". The Archdiocese as Families of Parishes will be well-informed by the theology of synodality. Also, beacons of light initiative will be enriched by the synodal process. Deeper communion, more robust participation,

and strength for mission are mutual outcomes. Let us keep both pastoral initiatives in our prayers.



**Collection Envelopes-** If you are new to the parish or would like to receive collection envelopes please call the parish office at 513.921.1044 or sign up at the back of church on the sign-up sheet. If you already receive collection envelopes yours are automatically renewed.

**Sunday Mass: 10:30am, limited seating available, or join Fr. Jim as he livestreams Sunday Mass at 10:30am at:** RCC St. Leo Church Cincinnati

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You can **read the Sunday bulletin** at: [www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/StLeoSundayBulletin)

You can **read Fr. Jim's letter** at:

[www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim](http://www.saint-leo.org/Publications/FromtheDeskofFrJim)

We would love to receive gift cards to help with our everyday needs, please consider Staples, Amazon, Kroger, or Home Depot when donating. You can see our latest needs on our Amazon Wish List Link

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1Y6S276N39W08?ref_=wl_share). **Please call the office at 513-921-1044 if you have questions or would like to donate these items.**

**COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES"** – Make sure your voice is heard! **Beacons of Light**, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at [www.BeaconsAOC.org](http://www.BeaconsAOC.org). Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

**Next weekend, October 24<sup>th</sup>** please support our fellow Catholics in 1,100 mission dioceses worldwide through the collection for the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. The needs this year are higher than ever due to the pandemic. Please use your parish envelope to make your donations. If you wish more information about supporting missionary work or about becoming a missionary yourself, please visit the website for Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office at [www.catholicaoc.org](http://www.catholicaoc.org)

**SAVE THE DATE- March for Life 2022- January 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> in Washington D.C.** This trip gives you the full March for Life experience with the march itself, the opportunity to meet with Ohio representatives and opportunities for prayer, processing and learning. More information to come on trip details and sponsorship.

Don't miss Cincinnati Right to Life's Evening for Life Event! Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sharonville Convention Center; social starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner and program 6:30 p.m.; featuring emcee Anna Mitchell and guest speaker George Dennehy. Reservations are required at [www.CincinnatiRightToLife.Org](http://www.CincinnatiRightToLife.Org).