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"Who is my Neighbor?"

"Quem es mi Proximo?"

"Quem sao meus Proximos?"



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My dear Friends:

With this letter, I am proclaiming the weekend of May 18 and 19 as the seventeenth annual observance of our diocesan Missions Sunday.

In the 23 years since the beginning of the Second Vatican Council there have been great insights into the role of the Church in the continuing work of Christ. None perhaps with such far-reaching potential as our own self-perception that we are the Church and we are a Church involved in universal mission.

In the Eucharist, we find both motive and strength to reach out to our neighbors throughout the world with Christ's message and with His love.

At the Eucharist this weekend we are invited to become a more faithful, more effective community of disciples, actively continuing the mission of Christ to our neighbors in Alabama, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Mississippi.

Today, we are aware that economic and political situations are not stable, nor life supporting in the countries that our missionaries serve. Their needs are so great. May I challenge you to be generous with your prayers and financial support this weekend in reaching out to our neighbors.

With sincere gratitude and blessings, I am

Your brother in Christ,

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