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Mission Appeal

This weekend a visiting priest will be in our Parish doing the yearly Mission Appeal. The Catholic Church has always been missionary. Jesus was the first one to travel and preach the Good News; then He told the disciples: “Go and tell all the nations.”

Missionary priests, men and women religious and laypeople leave their families and countries of origin, to share God’s love with others. In the past, we considered missionary territories to be Africa, Asia, or Oceania. But today, with the migration of people all over the world, every place needs missionaries. Our Parish is a good example. Italian immigrants came to the United States, and with them, also the need to send missionary priests and religious to take care of them. Today many nationalities are welcomed in our Parish, and I consider myself a missionary priest.

But being a missionary Parish is more than that; it is a style to be constantly in a mission, the mission to share God’s love with others. Are you a missionary? Are you in a mission?

This weekend, we have the opportunity not only to contribute financially towards the missions but to renew our vocation and call as missionaries. “Go and tell all the nations.”

**God bless,
*Father José Félix***