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Pope Leo XIV announce the 2026 World Mission Sunday theme: “One in Christ, United in Mission.”

The 2026 theme for World Mission Sunday has been released: “One in Christ, United in Mission.” Chosen by Pope Leo XIV, this theme carries deep significance as 2026 marks 100 years since the establishment of World Mission Sunday by Pope Pius XI. This centenary celebration will be held on the 18 October 2026, as a moment of gratitude and reflection for missionaries around the world, highlighting the Universal Church’s enduring commitment to support the life-giving work of mission.

Pope Leo XIV highlights the importance of unity in Christ as the foundation of our missionary calling.

“The theme of World Mission Day 2026, which in its first part recalls the motto chosen by the Holy Father for his Pontificate, ‘*In Illo uno unum*’, recalls the unity of believers in faith, based on the unity with Christ con the Father and the Holy Spirit, and the unity of mission, which is the foundation of our missionary calling.”