



It's a Small World

In our age of high technology, global communication and economy, the world does not seem quite as large as it used to be. The planet itself has not shrunk, but we are able to get around much faster than just a few years ago. Walt Disney came up with the concept "It's a small world" back in the 1960's and the display at Disneyland shows children of all countries interacting with each other. We truly are one family, despite social, ethnic and even religious differences. I mention this now because today we commemorate World Mission Sunday. This is the special occasion every year when we and Catholics all over the world are called to pray at Mass for the Church's mission to all peoples and offer financial assistance to support that mission. These offerings are distributed among the missions and missionaries of the entire world.

There are many people throughout the world who count on us to help them establish and maintain their churches. It is not that they are neglectful in setting aside funds to operate the church. It is that there is no money to be had. Poverty indeed takes a terrible toll. Because of your generosity, many people can experience the Good News of Jesus Christ as well as experience the joy of being a part of a faith community rooted in love.

Sometimes we can become too focused on our own local parish needs. This Sunday is a time for us to remember that we are one church throughout the world. Our church includes many cultures, yet we were all created by God who loves each and every one of us. It may be a small world, but nevertheless it is a precious world where we all have an obligation to help build up God's Kingdom wherever help is needed.

Father David

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My house shall be called a house of prayer, says the Lord:
in it all who ask shall receive,
all who seek shall find,
and all who knock
shall have the door opened to them.

—PRAYER FROM THE COMMON OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

