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1. SOME MATERIALS TO HELP THE CELEBRATION OF THE MISSIONARY MONTH
2. SUSPENSION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RELATION TO COVID-19

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To the priests, religious and laity of the Diocese of Fukuoka

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

We are ending the month of September in which we have been invited to pray and work for the respect of Creation and the defense of life. We are going to start the month of October during which we celebrate the "world missionary day." We have all received with joy the announcement of the suspension of the state of emergency due to the decrease in COVID-19 infections. I want to communicate two important matters to you.

- 1. The month of October is the month dedicated to strengthen the missionary identity of each of the faithful and promote missionary activities.** The Pope has made public his message for the world missionary day. He has titled it "**We can't stop talking about what we've seen and heard.**" These are words from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. In the diocese of Fukuoka, to help living with greater intensity this missionary month, we have prepared some materials that we will post every week on the website of the diocese. Unfortunately, they are only in Japanese, but with the help of someone you can see how to use them.
- 2. I am sure that we have all been happy with the suspension of the state of emergency. From now on we can celebrate the Eucharist with the participation of the faithful and resume some of the pastoral activities.** I insist that the rules established to avoid the spread of the virus are strictly adhered to. Both the government and those responsible for public administration at various levels speak of a progressive reduction in the measures that limit some activities. As church we will adapt to the guidelines that will be given. I hope that we can gradually relax some of the measures that we were forced to take regarding the number of participants in the Eucharist and other activities. I ask that, in any case, the rules on the use of the mask, proper ventilation, etc. be observed.

May the Lord bless you all. Fraternally in Christ,



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