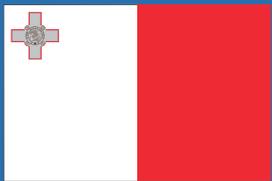


# THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION



*October 2019*

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# EMM2019 FACTS



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## What is EMM2019?

October is already established in the minds and hearts of the universal Church as Mission Month. This year, however, it will have even greater significance. The Holy Father has announced October 2019 as the **Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019)**. EMM2019 will be an extra-special month of prayer and action to help strengthen and grow God's Mission and the Church.

## The Four Focus Areas & Aims

The Holy Father has announced four focus areas:

1. A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in his Church: in the Eucharist, in the Word of God, and in personal and communal prayer.
2. Testimony: missionary saints, martyrs, and confessors of the faith as an expression of the Church scattered throughout the world.
3. Missionary formation: biblical, catechetical, spiritual, and theological.
4. Missionary charity.

## Therefore EMM2019 Aims...

1. To encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer.
2. To look to, and learn from, the actions and sacrifices made by our saints, martyrs and living missionaries.
3. To rediscover and renew our understanding of overseas mission (*ad gentes*).
4. To financially support overseas mission.

## Is EMM2019 Replacing Mission Sunday?

The Extraordinary Month of Mission and Mission Sunday are two separate events that complement each other. Aims 1 - 3 cover the formation and strengthening of faith. However, Mission Sunday responds to the fourth aim of EMM2019: 'To financially support overseas mission'.

*This year Mission Sunday takes place on Sunday 20th October, with the theme 'Together We Are Mission'.*

## Who is Coordinating EMM2019?

EMM2019 will be coordinated by Missio Malta (The Pontifical Missions Societies). However, it will be through the actions and planned events of Catholics the length and breadth of Malta and Gozo that EMM2019 will be realised. Schools, organisations, orders, congregations, dioceses, parishes, communities and individuals are all being asked by the Holy Father to get creative and get behind this worldwide Church initiative.

## When does the EMM2019 Start?

October is the focus month of EMM - however some orders have already begun to support it. Missio Malta is aware that contemplative orders are praying the EMM prayer daily, and mission congregations have begun promoting EMM2019. Supporting and highlighting mission is never time sensitive, and many will celebrate this extraordinary occasion until the end of the year.

**EMM2019 marks the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud* on overseas mission. Pope Francis describes *Maximum Illud* as 'a milestone in the evolution of the Church's missionary work.' *Maximum Illud* repeats the biblical instruction to 'go to the ends of the earth and preach the Gospel', while recognising the importance of training people who come from and live in local communities.**

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## What Resources are Available?

By working in collaboration with their international offices, Missio Malta have created physical and digital materials to support EMM2019 celebrations. More details of these are found within this pack and also at [www.missio.org.mt](http://www.missio.org.mt). However, people are welcome to create their own themed events and materials.

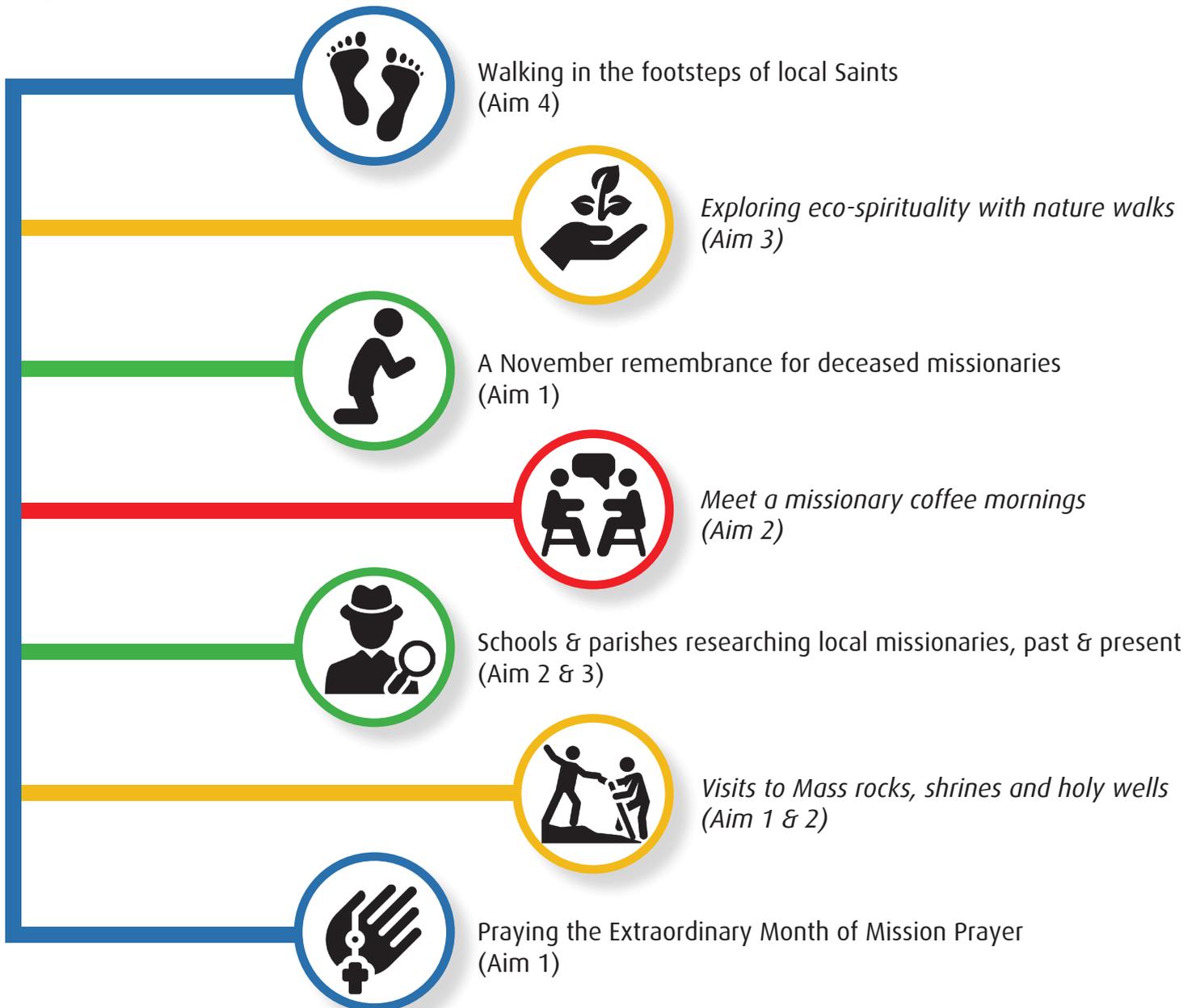
## What is Your Part in EMM2019?

As mentioned, it will be only be through a collective, group effort that EMM2019 will be realised. Schools, organisations, orders, congregations, dioceses, parishes, communities and individuals are being encouraged to develop their own initiatives & materials - with absolute freedom and creativity - to help bring the aims of EMM2019 to life.

**EMM2019 theme is,  
'Baptised and Sent:  
The Church of Christ on  
Mission in the World'**

## EMM2019 Event Inspiration at Local Level

As mentioned, EMM2019 celebrations have already begun. Below are some confirmed examples to help inspire...



# EMM2019 WORLDWIDE CAMPAIGN

Missio Malta (The Pontifical Mission Societies) is part of a global network of over 120 offices. Together they support thousands of dioceses and communities. To gather the collective energy this network can make towards EMM2019, a worldwide campaign will begin in August - and they want everyone to get involved!

## The EMM2019 worldwide campaign consists of four elements:

1. Social Media Campaign (#MyMission | #OurMission | #EMM2019)
2. The Extraordinary Month of Mission Prayer
3. Universal Prayer Chain
4. EMM2019 Hymn ('Baptised and Sent')
5. EMM2019 Official Video ('Baptised and Sent')

## 1. SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN - HOW IT WORKS

### The EMM2019 worldwide digital campaign has two aims:

1. To celebrate that no matter where you are, our faith connects us with millions of others as one Church family.
2. To highlight that, both individually and collectively, as Catholics, we are called to share God's love with everyone.

### #MyMission

The concept is simple. Starting on 1st August individuals are asked to use their Facebook and Twitter profiles to share their own personal mission and include the hashtags #MyMission #EMM2019.

#MyMission is asking you to proudly step-up and let the world know how you, just like our missionaries overseas, are reaching out and sharing love. #MyMission could be a simple act of kindness, such as visiting an elderly neighbour. Or a bigger gesture, like deciding to volunteer with a local charity.

### #OurMission

On Tuesday 1st October, the campaign moves from an individual level, to group. Similarly as before, groups are being asked to share their mission on social media channels and include the hashtags #OurMission #EMM2019.

#OurMission is looking for schools, organisations, orders, congregations, dioceses, parishes and communities to step-up and let the world know what your collective mission is. Perhaps your community is a contemplative congregation and your mission is to pray the official EMM2019 prayer. Or perhaps your school's mission is to make everyone welcome, supported and included.

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Go to  
[www.missio.org.mt/emm](http://www.missio.org.mt/emm)  
Print #MyMission or  
#OurMission template  
Alternatively use an  
A4 piece of paper



On the template,  
write your mission.  
Hold the A4 page up,  
and take a picture  
or video



During Aug & Sept post  
your picture or video  
to Facebook or Twitter  
NOT forgetting  
#MyMission #EMM2019



During Oct post your  
group picture or video  
to Facebook or Twitter  
NOT forgetting  
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## 2. THE EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION PRAYER

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Heavenly Father,  
when your only begotten Son Jesus Christ  
rose from the dead,  
He commissioned His followers  
to 'go and make disciples of all nations'  
and you remind us that through our Baptism  
we are made sharers in the mission of the Church.  
Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
to be courageous and zealous  
in bearing witness to the Gospel,  
so that the mission entrusted to the Church,  
which is still very far from completion,  
may find new and efficacious expressions  
that bring life and light to the world.  
Help us make it possible for all peoples  
to experience the saving love  
and mercy of Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever.

*Amen*

Both The Extraordinary Month of Mission Prayer and hymn 'Baptised and Sent', were specially commissioned.

The prayer was proposed by the Holy Father on announcing EMM2019. It has been adapted from Latin to English by Missio Malta, and other English speaking Missio offices.

## 3. UNIVERSAL PRAYER CHAIN

When we pray together, we share in God's love. As a result we're inspired to make the world a better place. As an act of solidarity and love for all people, Pope Francis is inviting everyone to join the EMM2019 Universal Prayer Chain during the month of October. This worldwide prayer chain will connect the whole Church family, and hopefully give us a little extra strength to live out our mission as Catholics.

- WHO** Everyone, everywhere, all over the world is invited to pray the official EMM2019 prayer
- WHEN** Every Friday after the Angelus, throughout the month of October
- WHY** Through praying together we'll revitalise and reawaken our missionary spirit

Even though the Prayer Chain happens each Friday in October, Missio Malta invites everyone to pray The Extraordinary Month of Mission Prayer as often as possible.



## 4. EMM2019 HYMN 'BAPTISED AND SENT'

In this field we can all be workers  
Sow the seeds of Heaven's love  
Let the rain caress the seedlings  
Till they reach the skies above

Let us spread the word to every corner  
let the weak be strong again  
we are called and we're invited  
*we are called during this harvest\**  
to help the work of Jesus' hands

Though the years may pass remember  
Still the message is the same  
Reaching out to all who listen  
It resounds with Jesus' name  
*spelling out our Saviour's name\**

Baptised and sent, Baptised and sent  
To share the joy in every continent  
*all that is broken we are called to mend\**  
God is our friend

Baptised and sent, Baptised and sent  
We'll bring hope where there is just despair  
Show that we care, His love has no end

Now our life can be a mission  
In this plan to play a part  
All it takes is one decision  
To bring about a change of heart

Let's bear witness through our actions  
They can speak louder than words  
Lay a path for all to follow  
*make the message loud and clear\**  
So our voices can be heard

With our help there'll be a future  
Help the fallen rise again  
Faith is stronger than injustice  
This we'll help them understand

Baptised and sent, Baptised and sent  
To share the light in every continent  
*To share the joy in every continent\**  
God is our friend  
Baptised and sent, Baptised and sent  
We'll bring hope where there is just despair  
Show that we care, His love has no end

We are the ones to make it happen  
We are the seeds, in love we grow  
We'll be like clay so we'll be moulded  
By His Hand so the world will know...

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### Lyrics

Rita Pace, Malta

### Composer

Mark Spiteri Lucas, Malta

### Producer

Mark Debono, Malta

The Missio Malta office was invited to create the official hymn. Choirs are encouraged to sing the EMM2019 hymn during October.

The score can be found on [www.missio.org.mt](http://www.missio.org.mt)

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As part of a global network of 168 offices, together they're responsible for the coordination of EMM2019.  
under the coordination of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Rome.