



Catholic Diocese of Columbus – Missions Office Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States

Information from the Missions Office for Educators:

Over two thousand years ago, during Jesus' three years of public ministry, He taught His 12 disciples how to pray, how to think like He thought, talk like He talked, to do what He did and then He sent them on mission to spread the faith all over the world. Today, He does the same for us through His Word, the Sacraments, the Mass, and adoration. He continues to teach us and send us on mission.

In a similar way, you as educators, assist by instructing the young students in carrying out Christ's mission in the ways that they can. Encouraging them in the missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice. Raising awareness of the lives of their brothers and sisters in developing countries around the world and offering opportunities for them to provide support and solidarity. This has always been the focus of the *Missionary Childhood Association* (MCA) for over 175 years - "Children Helping Children".

Ways you can offer mission opportunities:

- Promote daily prayer for mission children and missionaries
- Encourage personal sacrifices during Advent or Lent for mission children
- One week during the month of October, World Mission Month, pray a World Mission Rosary* saying a decade each day of the week.
- As a school, sponsor a dress down day, raffle, walkathon, or Mission Market*.
- *Information for these, as well as other activities and resources are on our website at www.columbuscatholic.org/missions-education-resources
- As a class, request a Mass intention to be offered by a missionary priest. This shows the importance of the Mass and its benefits for the intention, while directly supporting a priest in his mission work. See www.columbuscatholic.org/request-a-mass for more details.
- Explore Missio for vetted Catholic mission projects at www.Missio.org Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) can be found at this link. www.missio.org/faq.aspx?localization=EN
- Missio also has a great resource page for the different liturgical seasons (Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Ordinary Time) and for the Extraordinary Mission Month of October. www.missio.org/resources.aspx?localization=EN

The Missions Office provides free rosaries and various recycled religious items and books upon request and as they are available. We sometimes get items/trinkets from religious solicitation mailings. These can make great teacher giveaways to students. If interested in these items or if we can assist you with any mission opportunities, please contact Gina Sergio at 614.228.8603 or gsergio@columbuscatholic.org .