

World Mission Sunday October 19, 2025

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE *among the Peoples*

World Mission Sunday is the second to last Sunday of every October. It was designated as a Sunday in which a universal collection is made to help support the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies around the world.

This year's theme is "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," reminds us that we are called to be beacons of HOPE everywhere we might be. The Hope we share is the Hope that God gives us. Through prayer and love, we can share God's hope with the whole world.

During this month there can be a special emphasis with the children about our baptismal call to participate in the mission of evangelization of the church. In the welcome packet this year we share some suggestions of what you can do to

promote the missions. Inviting a missionary speaker to your school or parish. Praying the World Mission Rosary or dedicating a mass for the missions. Celebrating the cultural diversity of the universal church and our own Archdiocese.

Mission Awareness Month
The month of October is the month of the missions. We celebrate World Mission Sunday, on which a universal collection is made for the benefit of the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

This month serves as an opportunity to involve all of the student body, including teachers, parents and the local community in mission awareness.

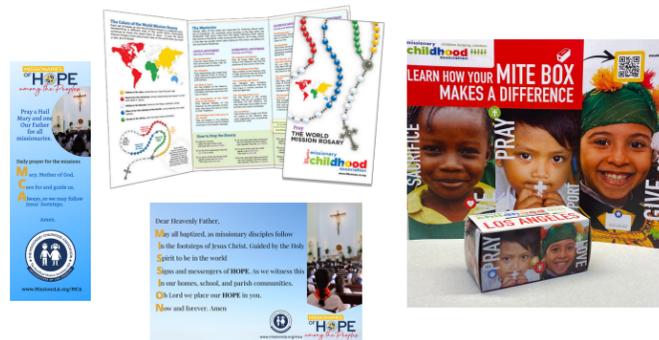
Throughout the month, you can share with others your experience and friendship with God, so they may too seek to know Him and follow Him.

"May all baptized, as missionary disciples of Christ, make His hope shine forth in every corner of the earth!"

- WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025**
Attend mass with your family at your local parish and give to help support the missionary work of the Church.
- MISSIONARY SPEAKER**
Invite a missionary speaker to your school or parish. We hope we hear of the missionary work being done and are inspired to support and imitate it here at home.
- MASS FOR THE MISSIONS**
Attend the MCA Youth Appreciation Mass on October 15, 2025 at 10am. Dedicate a mass for the missions in your parish.
- WORLD MISSION ROSARY**
Pray the world mission rosary. Each decade of the rosary can be represented by a prayer, devotion or in the color corresponding to the mission.
- UNIVERSAL CHURCH**
The Church is spread to almost all parts of the world. As such, we are a universal Church. Each of our cultures and traditions enriches our way of living our faith in our common mission. Share a dish or drink from your culture.

Pope Leo XIV being a missionary who worked in Peru for many years made a special request. In a meeting with the national directors of TPMS this May 2025, Pope Leo XIV encourage the National Directors from several countries to promote the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies and World Mission Sunday. Sharing **"that the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies "is indispensable to the Church's mission of evangelization, as I can personally attest from my own pastoral experience in the years of my ministry serving in Peru." (Pope Leo XIV's gratitude to the Pontifical Mission Societies: "Leaven of missionary zeal within the People of God", Agenzia Fides, 22/5/2025)**

Order MCA Resources Free of charge



MCA offers a variety of free resources, including bookmarks, prayer cards designed for children to pray for missions, and mite boxes that encourage kids to make sacrifices and provide financial support for other children in missions.

Introduce the World Mission Rosary to children using the pamphlets available from our office.

All these resources are provided at no cost and can be shipped to your school or faith formation office in your parish.

Fill out the material order form in the welcome packet or scan the QR code to fill-out the online form.



2025-2026 MCA WELCOME BULLETIN



Exec. Director: Msgr. Terrance Fleming

Director: Sabrina Lopez

Associate Director: Magdalena Arellano

MCA Mass 2025: Missionaries of Hope among the People

This year we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the MCA Mass. Our mass this year will take place on **October 15, 2025 at 10:00am in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.**

As in other years the theme for the mass comes from the World Mission Sunday theme set by the Pope. We are going to sharing activities and stories on how we are called to be missionaries of Hope. This year is extra special because we are also living the Jubilee Year of HOPE.

Save the date for the mass in your calendars and RSVP as soon as possible. You can scan the QR code and fill out RSVP form online.



Crafting Your Personal World Mission Rosary



We invite any school or parishes interested in participating in the MCA program or currently engaged with it. Our office would love to visit your school or parish to inspire the children to create their very own World Mission Rosary.

- We will bring all the necessary materials for making the rosaries.
- A brief presentation will be given to explain the significance of the World Mission Rosary.
- Children will have the opportunity to work alongside us to craft their own rosaries.

This initiative can take place at any time throughout the year. Please remember that October is the month dedicated to the Rosary, and May honors the Virgin Mary, making these months particularly special for rosary prayers. Therefore, scheduling a session before or during these months is also a wonderful opportunity for children to learn how to make a rosary.

Once the children have their rosaries, they can use it to pray the world mission rosary. Praying for other children and the Church all over the world.

For questions or to arrange a date for your school, please email us at mca@la-archdiocese.org.

SAVE THE DATE
10.15.25
MCA YOUTH APPRECIATION MASS

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
555 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
10AM
DOORS OPEN AT 8:30AM

LITTLE WAY GIVING DAY

Get your whole school involved in a national giving day for the missions. Kicking off the month of the Missions with this nationwide effort. It will allow us to celebrate the Patron Saint of the Missions St. Therese of Liseux and raise funds for MCA



Something can be done every day of the week leading to October 3, when everyone brings their donation for the missions.

More information and resources can be found in the welcome packet.

Join us in praying a Novena to the patron saint of the Missions: St. Therese of Lisieux



We are excited to share that the national office for the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States has partnered with the Hallow app to pray a novena for the missions. This is a great opportunity to pray for the missions. As Pope Francis shared praying is the very first missionary action that we can all take and one that we can all do.

Please be on the look out for the exact dates on which we are going to be praying the novena.

Mission Moderator "Meet and Greet"

We would like to invite the Mission Moderators to please join us for a "Meet and Greet".

**Monday, September 8, 2025
10am - 12pm (Lunch will be provided)**

If this is your first experience as a mission moderator or if you've participated in previous years, we warmly invite you to join us for a morning dedicated to discovering what's new with MCA. Additionally, **you'll have the chance to win a free bus for your school to attend the MCA Mass or free In-N-Out lunches for the MCA Mass or receive world mission rosaries for your school.**

RSVP to the Mission Moderator "Meet and Greet"

You can RSVP to the meeting using the mission moderator form in the Welcome Packet, by visiting our website, or by scanning the QR code.



We are now on Flocknote

We greatly appreciate everyone that has signed up for our newsletter email. We have transitioned to Flocknote. If you had already signed up, you received an email telling you about this change. If you are interested in getting updates please sign-up.

We will send notices when new material is available and other news from MCA.



Sing up for our newsletter on Flocknote scanning this QR code. Please provide both a phone number and email address.



MCA Christmas Artwork Contest

Local finalists for the 2024-2025 School Year:



2nd grade, Incarnation Catholic School in Glendale



8th grade, All Souls World Language Catholic School in Alhambra



6th grade, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School in Monterey Park



2nd grade, Beatitudes of Our Lord Catholic School in La Mirada



4th grade, St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Whittier



3rd grade, Incarnation Catholic School in Glendale



3rd grade, All Souls World Language Catholic School in Alhambra



6th grade, St. Mary Catholic School in Palmdale



2nd grade, St. Luke Catholic School in Temple City



8th grade, Resurrection Catholic School in Los Angeles



6th grade, St. Cornelius Catholic School in Long Beach



8th grade, Christ the King Catholic School in Los Angeles

The MCA Christmas artwork contest is one way for the children to participate in MCA. Sharing their God given talent to draw they can help evangelize others. Entries for this year can be submitted before January 30, 2026. This contest is for every child in grades K-8th grade at a parish or Catholic School.

The Pontifical Mission Societies in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will mail out a certificate of participation to every child who submits an entry to the contest.

It is with great pleasure that we share with you the local finalists selected last year and whose artwork will be on display at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels during the 2025 Advent Season.

We still have not received the results from the National Office regarding the entries we submitted for the last school year. This year the results are going to be shared with us at the end of August. As always, we hope that one of them might be selected as a national finalist or a grand prize.

Our national finalists for the 2023-2024 School Year from All Souls World Language attended the award ceremony hosted in Washington DC by our National Office during the Advent season of 2024. Here are a few highlights.



Los Angeles National Finalist with Alexandria Holden, MCA National Director, and Basilica Director of Pilgrimages, Msgr. Vito Buonanno



Los Angeles National Finalist, Anna Raibovsky with other national finalist.



Los Angeles National Finalist, Anna Raibovsky with her parents and sibling.



Los Angeles National Finalist, Anna Raibovsky, in front of artwork exhibit at Basilica with her artwork in the back.