



Proclaim It With Joy!

Catholic children world-wide are taught, as part of their faith formation, to heed the words of Jesus when he said, *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* MT 28:19-20

Missionary Childhood Association [MCA] members are asked to walk in faithful solidarity with children in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and remote areas of Latin and South America with prayer and sacrifice. This year we add one facet to the goal of MCA children in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and this is to do it **WITH JOY!** in honor of this year's World Mission Sunday theme: ***Proclaim It With Joy!***

We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 24th, the theme for this year comes from the Acts of the Apostles 4:20: *"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard."* This was spoken by John and Peter after healing and preaching in the name of Jesus. They had been threatened by the same Sanhedrin that arranged the arrest and crucifixion of Christ. John would spend the rest of his life sharing the Good News with others. Peter would lead the Church in its difficult early days, until he died for his faith. They gave up everything as our Lord asked. It took them time to grasp what it can mean to be a Christian. Now it is up to us to understand and accept everything our life of faith entails—*like a child with total trust in Our Lord.*

To be on Mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May His compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true Missionary disciples, especially during this Mission Month of October!

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**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD
ASSOCIATION**

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Proclaim It With Joy! During the Mission Month of October

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS:

- † October Mission Calendar [\[Pages 3-4\]](#)
- † Introduce students to two Missionary Saints during the Mission Month of October [\[Page 5\]](#)
- † Enter your Students in the 2021-2022 MCA National Christmas Artwork Contest! Display the 2020-2021 Archdiocesan Winners Artwork found in this resource [\[Page 6\]](#) to inspire your student's creativity. Entry form and guidelines [\[Pages 7-8\]](#)
- † Enjoy the World Mission Sunday Theme "About ME! I AM MISSIONARY!" Activity [\[Pages 9\]](#)
- † Distribute the "Mission Focus: Sacrifice for Mission Lands" [\[Page 10\]](#)
- † If you haven't already, create an area for a Mission Prayer Corner with photos, items like crosses, nativity sets, etc. Each month, include our [Mission Photo page](#) with photos from around the world in your corner [\[Page 11\]](#)

FOR SECONDARY & HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS:

- † This year, the *Pontifical Mission Societies* has taken a look back at our history and shared photos of the 1956 "Vistarama." This was, and may still be one of the largest gatherings of Missionaries brought together world-wide. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was the keynote speaker at this even. Have your students learn more about this historical event through the Catholic Historical Research Center or have them research information on famous Mission quotes or reflections by Archbishop Sheen.
- † Include the **Holy Father's October Prayer Intention for Missionary Disciples** in your morning prayer: FOR MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the Mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Make Rosaries during Rosary Month!

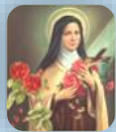
October is a perfect month to have your students make Rosaries for them to pray on their own and for the Missions. Have you had Miss Ali Holden out to your school or PREP program? With COVID19 Protocols still enforced, you can still participate in this safe and socially distanced activity! Each child will receive their own rosary, and set of beads to string for a perfect World Mission Rosary. Flexible to your schedule, the students can even make two rosaries, one for themselves to help them "Embrace the World in Prayer" and one for the Missions.



PROCLAIM IT WITH JOY! THIS MISSION MONTH

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Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Patroness of Missions. Guide us throughout this Missionary month.

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Feast of the Guardian Angels. The Angel Gabriel was Missionary as he announced the Good News to Mary, to Joseph and to the Shepherds. *What is the Good News that you can Announce to the world?*

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Feast of Saint Theodora Guerin, Missionary to the USA. Ask for her help with homework!

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Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Along with Pope Francis & his patron Saint, let us pray for the world to know the Gospel of love.

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Feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Missionary who worked with our own, St. John Neumann. Pray for the Redemptorists serving today.

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Let us pray for the Americas— may we become more and more Missionary in word and deed.

Reflect—1 John 3:18

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Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray the World Mission Rosary for all Missionaries.

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Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

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Let us pray for Oceania so that this myriad of islands recognizes the greatness of the Gospel and Mission.

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To be Missionary means to go out to those who are strangers and those who are different from us. Is there anyone in your class or school whom you could "go out" to?

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Peace is a gift of God. Let us pray for peace in our hearts, in our nation, and in our world!

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Let us pray for the children in Africa that they will receive the blessings we take for granted: education, clean water, health and food.

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Let us pray for the many orphans in the World. May they come to know the love of God as their Father & Mary as their Mother.

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Pray for the children of the Pacific Islands to be protected from frequent natural disasters that occur.

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Feast of Saint Theresa of Avila. Let us pray for Europe that it does not forget its Christian roots.



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Let us pray for Asia so that this vast continent may recognize the values of the Gospel and embrace the love of Christ.

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Feast of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, first to use the word Catholic to describe the universal Church.



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Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist. He wrote a Gospel & the Acts of the Apostles to share the Good News. *Whom can you write a letter to the Good News of God with?*

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Feast of SS. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues. Pray for Native Americans. May they allow an encounter between their traditions and the Gospel.

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Be Reminded—that everyone by their baptism is called to be a Missionary. Do a kind act to show this today.

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Let us pray for Africa so that this continent, with an increasing number of Christians, takes a more active role in the Mission of evangelization.

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Pray that the Holy Spirit puts a Missionary zeal in all our hearts.

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Let us pray for the children of China that they can practice their faith in freedom.

24 Today is World Mission Sunday!

Pray for the 1,111 Mission Diocese that the **Pontifical Mission Societies** supports.

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Pray that all members of **MCA** are united.



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Let us pray for the children in North America that wealth and materialism may not be the focus of their lives, but may they share their blessings with others.

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The Gospel tells us that Jesus came to serve and not to be served. As Missionaries, we are called to serve everyone.

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Feast of the Holy Apostles Simon and Jude. Pray that new apostles may proclaim the *Good News* to the world.

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Mary, the first Missionary of the New Testament, went to share the Good News with her relative Elizabeth. Learn to share Jesus, who is within us, with our family.

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All Hallow's Eve!
Who is your favorite Missionary saint?

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Pray with the Communion of Saints that every knee will bend at the name of Jesus. This brings World Mission Month to a close. Remember that Mission is a daily occurrence.



October Mission Saints

Saint Paulinus of York

In 601, Paulinus went from Rome to England as a member of the second band of Missionaries sent by Pope Saint Gregory the Great. He was consecrated Bishop on 625 and accompanied the Christian princess from Ethelburga to Northumbria, where she was wed to King Edwin.



Saint Bede tells us that Paulinus was an attractive man, *“venerable and awe-inspiring in appearance.”* He strove mightily to convert King Edwin. The King did stop his practice of worshipping idols, but would not commit to the Christian Faith. He asked his men to weigh in. Bede relates the pivotal speech an unnamed noble made in Edwin’s banquet hall. *“Human life,”* the man said, *“was like the flight of a sparrow who had entered the hall in the winter night: a brief respite from endless cold darkness. If, therefore,”* he concluded, *“this new doctrine contains something more certain, it seems justly to deserve to be followed.”* King Edwin was convinced, and at the following Easter Vigil, he received baptism from Paulinus. This dramatic conversion opened the door for the Bishop. In a few short years, he preached the Gospel all over Northumbria, converting many.

The pagan Mercians attacked Northumbria, and King Edwin fell in battle in 633. Paulinus withdrew from Ethelburga to Rochester, where he served as Bishop until his death. What Paulinus had started in Mission was later revived by the Irish.

Loving Father, through the intercession of Saint Paulinus of York, let your love be the one thing I count certain.

Feast Day: October 10



Saint John Jones

John Jones, born in Wales, joined the Franciscans and did his studies in France. At the time, Catholics in England and Wales were being suppressed. John approached the Pope for permission to return home *as a Missionary*. He made several trips to England, spending his time, preaching the Gospel in secret.

When chief executioner Richard Topcliffe finally got hold of him, he tortured him cruelly and then put him in prison. There, the *“quantity of the good he did was incredible,”* his contemporary, Father Henry Garnett, testified. Among those reconciled to the Church by John in prison was young John Rigby, who went on to die a martyr. At his trial, John denied that he was guilty of treason.

When it was pointed out to him that he had broken the law forbidding foreign-education priests from being in the country, John replied, *“If this be a crime, I must own myself guilty, for I am a priest and came over into England to gain as many souls as I could to Christ.”* Found guilty, he was ordered to be handed, drawn and quartered. When John was brought to the place of execution, he had to wait for an hour while the hangman looked for a rope. He used the time to preach to the gathered crowd. October 25th is Saint John’s Feast day in the company of the other five Welsh Martyrs.

Father in heaven, through the intercession of Saint John Jones, Help me see the needs of others and give myself for their good.

Feast Day: October 25





**Congratulations to the 2021-2021
National Missionary Childhood
Association Christmas Artwork
Contest Winners!**

The Winners will be awarded and their Artwork will be displayed at the Archdiocesan celebration of **World Mission Sunday** • October 24th and in the lobby of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center during Advent. They will be featured in the **Societies** annual Christmas card, communications and prominently in our coverage of Mission Sunday on our website at phillymissions.org.

NATIONAL WINNER! DEPICTION OF SAINT GABRIEL ANNOUNCING “GOOD NEWS” TO MARY

**Benjamin Robbins
Saint Theresa of Calcutta**

From Left to Right

Dashiell Greenawalt, Saint Peter the Apostle
Ellis Borrasso, Saint Laurentius
Fiona Gribbon, Saint Mary Magdalen



Gwyneth Seery, Saint Joseph/Saint Robert
Kiera Williamson, Saint Anastasia
Angelina Dang, Saint Jerome



Vincent Cipriani, Saint Eleanor Parish
Lucas Santoro, Maternity BVM
Thu Tran, Holy Innocents



Marguerite Somers, Saint James
Natalia Tomczak, Regina Coeli Academy



CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR ARTWORK FULL OF MISSION INSPIRATION



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ARTWORK CONTEST 2021- 2022

Artwork entries received by the [Missionary Childhood Association](#), Archdiocese of Philadelphia, by the January 28, 2022 deadline will automatically be considered for both National and Archdiocesan recognition.

Nationally, twenty-four winners will be selected from entries from dioceses across the United States. Winning artwork will be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent and Christmas 2022. Two grand prize winners will be selected and their artwork reproduced as the official Christmas cards of the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington. Contest winners will be notified in Spring, 2022. All winners receive a commemorative plaque.

Within the *Archdiocese of Philadelphia*, several entries will be selected for Archdiocesan recognition on World Mission Sunday, October 23, 2022. Winning artwork will appear on the website [phillymissions.org](#), and in publications of the *Pontifical Mission Societies* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. All winners will receive a certificate of award.

To enter, please complete this entire form and attach it *[with tape]* to the back of each student's entry. Please type or print. Artwork will not be accepted without this form. Please note, artwork cannot be returned. Artwork that does not conform to the guidelines will be disqualified.

Deadline for entries is January 28, 2022.

**Mail entries to: [Missionary Childhood Association](#), Archdiocese of Philadelphia
222 N. 17th Street, Room #823, Philadelphia, PA 19103**

STUDENT NAME _____

PLEASE CIRCLE: Boy Girl Grade _____

PLEASE CIRCLE: Catholic School Parish Religious Ed/CCD Home School

NAME OF SCHOOL OR RE/CCD _____

PRINCIPAL / DRE _____

PRINCIPAL / DRE E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL OR PARISH ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL OR PARISH PHONE # _____

STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN _____

STUDENT'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ARTWORK CONTEST

2021-2022 GUIDELINES

- Contest is open to young Catholics in Grades K-8. Entries must be postmarked or received by the *Missionary Childhood Association* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 222 N. 17th St– Room #823, Philadelphia, PA 19103.
- All entries become the property of the MCA Archdiocesan and national office, which reserves the right to depict all or part of the selected illustrations. It is not possible for the national office to offer any compensation for entries or to return them.

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

- Artwork must be on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of WHITE paper — no construction or lined paper. White card stock is permissible. Digital copies are permitted)
- The illustration must be depicted HORIZONTALLY.
- Students must illustrate one of the subjects listed under the heading "*Subjects.*"
- Acceptable media includes crayons, pastels, markers, tempera or watercolor paints.
PLEASE — NO LEAD OR COLOR PENCILS.
- Artwork must be the child's own. Tracings and direct copies of other art cannot be considered. Students selected as finalists will be asked to validate the originality of their artwork.

SUBJECTS

- *The Nativity (a manger scene, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, animals)*
- *Three Wise Men (presentation of gifts or following the star)*
- *Shepherds (with sheep, in fields, seeing the angel, or visiting the manger)*
- *Mother and Child (Mary with her infant son)*
- *Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem*
- *Newborn Jesus in manger*
- *The Angel Gabriel*

HELPFUL HINTS

- Use a lot of eye-catching color. Bolder colors reproduce best. Lightly colored artwork will not show up well if reduced.
- Be careful to erase or cover pencil outlines.
- Do not include text or lettering on the drawing.
- Fill up most of the page, being careful not to let the main parts of the drawing get too close to the edges of the paper.
- Make sure facial features on people and animals are bold (e.g. nose, eyes, lips, etc.) so they will reproduce well.

ABOUT ME! I AM *MISSIONARY*!

My name is _____. I go to _____.
Name School

I am in grade _____ and I am a _____. I am
Grade Your In A person Sent on Mission

always called to be a _____ but became especially one when I
A Person Sent on Mission

was _____. This month of _____ is Mission Month!
First Sacrament You Receive 10th Month of the Year

We celebrate the Missions this month to prepare for World Mission Sunday.

As a Missionary, it is most important that I _____ and
What It's Called When You talk to God

_____ for the Missions. As a member of **MCA**, we must also pray
To Give Something Up

one _____ each day. Let me tell you a little bit more about myself
Blessed Mother Prayer

and also about the Missions. My favorite food is _____ and my favorite
Food

hobby is _____. I learned that it is important to make sacrifices for
Hobby

the Missions to try and help them because there are children who are just like

me, who may not be able to enjoy their favorite things. Life in Mission

lands can be very difficult. Some families only live off of 2 dollars a week.

I will pray for the children in _____, _____,
Mission Area Mission Area

_____, _____, and _____.
Mission Area Mission Area Mission Area

because I know that they are praying for me too! I will ask God to help in any

way He can! And I will do the same as I, _____, am a *MISSIONARY*!
Your Name

Mission Focus: Sacrifice for Mission Lands with MCA



IN ASIA . . .
where more than
5.5 million
children receive
an education in
16,200
Church-run
Schools.

Education—in particular for young girls—in both primary school and in a vocation in sewing, is provided by Sister Catherine William and her fellow Sisters of the Dominican Sisters of Malta in in Pakistan. They also run a hostel for those children in the village from broken homes or who are abandoned. Sister Catherine says.

"In the evening, they say the Rosary and read the Bible, reflecting with them on God's great love."

Missionary Religious Sisters & Brothers, alike, help provide a better future for children. They need books, desks and lunch to do so.

\$100 supplies school materials for many children for a year.



IN EUROPE . . .

where permanent Churches need to be built.



After years of persecution and no Religious practices allowed to take place, times have changed and Churches are needed to welcome their rekindled faithful.

\$70 helps to buy lumber.



IN AFRICA . . .

where those who are sick are
provide loving care at 6,800
Catholic hospitals and clinics.

Access to healthcare services in rural communities is lacking throughout Africa. Some areas do not have a hospital within 20 miles or more. Health facilities in the Diocese of Onitsha in Nigeria are poor, outdated, understaffed or too expensive, and anyone with financial means actually leaves the country to receive care. Father John Ugobueze has been on a Mission to bring modern healthcare here. His dream is finally taking shape in the form of the Medical Hospital in Okoti-Odekpe, an impoverished area of Anambra. This will provide loving care to those most in need.

\$1-a-day/\$30 for a month provides some Medical treatment.



IN OCEANIA & ISLANDS . . .

\$10 feeds ten children a meal each day.

IN LATIN AMERICA . . .

where catechists travel to remote areas to bring the good news of God's love.

In Latin America and world-wide, with Sunday Mass usually only once a month and Mission priests ministering to over 30 or more small Church communities, lay catechists are essential. To form these lay leaders, however, may mean traveling to far distances to attend workshops in small, multi-purpose rooms with no education resources. Help a Mission priest teach his catechist. Help build a small classroom stocked with a few library shelves with books and resources to form community faith leaders.

\$40 purchases faith materials.



IN OCEANIA & ISLANDS . . .

where 3,500 Religious bring the Lord's mercy and peace; working in some 9,500 orphanages.

In the Missions, there has been a tradition that orphans are looked after by extended family. For some, this is not so. Without the Bilong Mipela Haus or "Our Home" in the Islands, the children would have nowhere to go. It is an amazing place that provides for so many children who would otherwise have to fend for themselves. As well as shelter, Catholic Religious throughout the Missions provide children with food, clothes and medical care. They pay their school fees, they play with them and they are also there to love them.





Across the globe, Missionaries are working hard to **Proclaim It With Joy!** to those who have not yet heard about the wonderful love of Christ. Here is how to say **Proclaim It With Joy!** in multiple Mission Languages.

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yawijuti bedesita!
Amharic • Ethiopia

Pwoklame Li ak
Kè kontan!
Haitian • Creole



Itangaze kwa Furahaa!
Swahili • Kenya



Tuyên bố nó với niềm vui!
Vietnamese



خوشی کے ساتھ اس کا اعلان کریں۔
Urdu • Pakistan



Proclamez-le avec joie!
French • Madagascar

ते घोषित करा आनंदाने ० OR
Tē ghōṣita karā ānandānē!
Marathi • India



Panuihia me te Koa!
Maori Fiji