

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD
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Congratulations

Ann Menna

Deputy Secretary for Catechetical Formation

Recipient of the
2019 World Mission Ambassador Award Winner
and the Outstanding Mission-Spirited Educators

Sister Rosalie Federici, SSND
Saint Peter the Apostle

Sister Barbara Jude Gentry, IHM
Saints Simon & Jude

Madelyn McBride
Saint Francis of Assisi

Maureen Rilling
Ancillae-Assumpta Academy

Sister Shaun Thomas, IHM
Saint Ephrem

These educators were honored at the 2019 World Mission Dinner on October 24th. The awards were presented by Bishop Timothy Senior, Monsignor Arthur Rodgers and Mission Students from their school or PREP

Resources for Mission Prayer & Sacrifice during November:

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS:

- † Extraordinary Month of Mission [\[Page 2\]](#)
- † Mission Saint Spotlight and National Vocations Awareness Week [\[Page 3\]](#)
- † Thanksgiving Mission Prayer for those who go hungry in Mission Lands [\[Page 4\]](#)
- † Distribute the **"Mission Focus: Vocations"** Pray with your students for Seminarians and Religious in Mission lands, during this Vocation Awareness Month. [\[Page 5\]](#).
- † Add the Thanksgiving Prayer to the Mission Prayer Corner for the Month of November [\[Page 6\]](#)

FOR SECONDARY & HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS:

- † For National Vocations Awareness Week, [CLICK HERE](#) for an **Inspire Vocations Activity and Prayer Service**
- † Include the Holy Father's November Prayer Intention Universal: *That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.*

November marks the end of the EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION and October, the *Extraordinary Month of Mission*. We would like to highlight and thank all those who participated, truly making this year and month **EXTRAORDINARY!**



World Mission Banners, of which three were inspired by students of Our Mother of Consolation, Philadelphia, debuted at the Archdiocesan World Mission Sunday Mass *[above]* Children at Saint Eugeenes, Primos and SS Simon and Jude, West Chester, making World Mission Rosaries throughout the Month of October *[left]*

On **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, October 20th, the 2018-2019 National Christmas Artwork Contest Winners were recognized during the Archdiocesan Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul. The Mass was followed by a reception with international foods! Thank you to all schools who participated and we look forward to seeing all the beautiful artwork that your students will make this year.



Click [HERE](#) to print an entry form for the 2019-20 **MCA NATIONAL CHRISTMAS ARTWORK CONTEST**.

Congratulations Missionary Children!

Saint Charles Borromeo : *Patron of Bishops, Catechists, Cardinals, Seminarians & Spiritual Leaders*



Even though Saint Charles Borromeo isn't considered a Missionary Saint, his legacy affects many Missionaries today who are being taught at the Seminary institutions that are named in his honor.

Saint Charles Borromeo was Roman Catholic Archbishop of Milan [1564-1584], who became a Cardinal. Together with Saint Ignatius of Loyola and Saint Philip Neri, he played a leading role in the Counter-Reformation combat against the Protestant Reformation.

Feast Day: November 4th

Patron of: Listed Above

Birth: October 2, 1538

Death: November 3, 1584

Beatified: May 12, 1602

Canonized: November 1, 1610

Saint Charles was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church, he believed that abuses in the Church arose from ignorant clergy. Among his most important actions, he established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. In addition, he founded the fraternity of Oblates of St. Ambrose, a society of secular men who were not ordained, but devoted themselves to the church and followed a discipline of monastic prayers and study. They provided assistance to parishes where ordered by the Church. His efforts for catechesis and the instruction of youth included the initiation of the first "Sunday School" classes [PREP] and the work of the Confraternity for Christian Doctrine [CCD].

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

November 3rd – November 9th, 2019



FUN FACT: Did you know that there are young men from Mission lands studying for the priesthood here in Philadelphia?

Pictured above are seminarians from Mission Lands who attend St. Charles Borromeo Seminary at this year's World Mission Dinner.

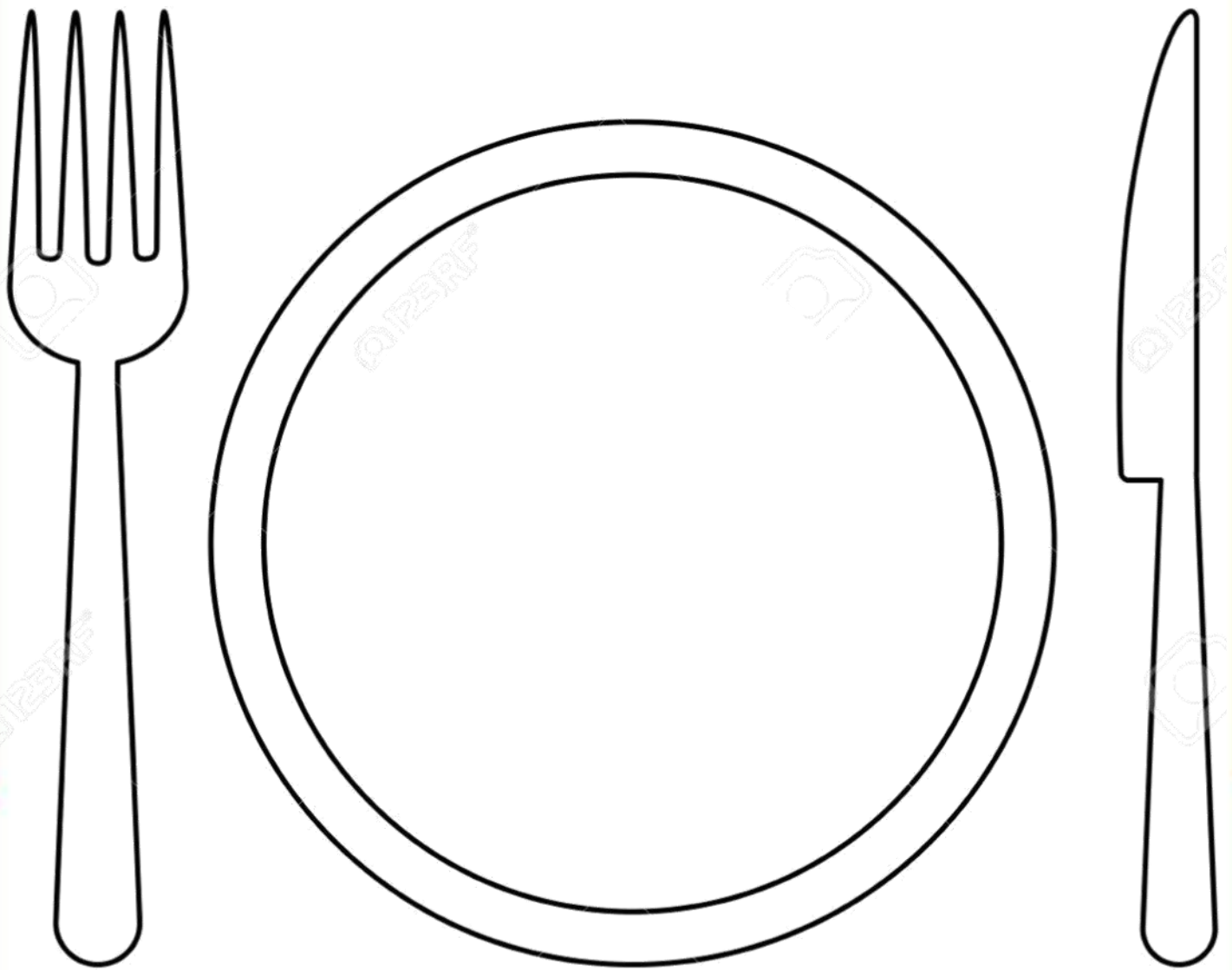
Missionary Vocations Prayer

God of all nations, we are most grateful for the first Catholic Missionaries and explorers who came to Philadelphia.

As strangers in a strange land they brought with them countless skills, talents and traditions, but their greatest treasure was their faith.

May the good News of Jesus Christ, which molded and shaped their lives, continue to mold and shape our lives today. Bless our Archdiocese with men and women who will follow in their footsteps to serve the Church as Religious Brothers, Sisters, priests, and deacons.

AMEN



Thanksgiving Day is a National holiday celebrated on varying dates in the United States, Canada, some of the Caribbean islands and Liberia. There are similarly “*festival*” holidays which occur in Germany and Japan. It began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and for the preceding year.

In the United States, many American families celebrate with large feasts of food. As **Missionaries**, we need to recognize how blessed we are to have food on the tables in front of us and pray for those who are going hungry in Mission lands.

On the plate above, write your own Thanksgiving prayer, praying for those **who may not have breakfast, lunch or dinner!** Display this plate on your Thanksgiving table as a reminder of how **blessed YOU and YOUR FAMILY** are and the need to pray and sacrifice for children and their families in Mission lands.



NOVEMBER: Vocation Awareness Month

National Vocation Awareness Week [NVAW] is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the US to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support those who are considering one of these vocations.

Vocation Stories from the Missions

Mbeya, Africa

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, elevated the Catholic Diocese of Mbeya to an Archdiocese. With this change, a robust number of Seminarians accepted the call to love and serve God. Now that they have answered this call, they need assistance to meet their basic needs. In Mbeya, a project is underway to show support. Please help Seminarians in this Mbeya Archdiocese in Tanzania. Seminarians need supplies to continue their studies and pastoral obligations. Please help sustain their will to learn and share the Gospel with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

A sacrifice of \$25 [or \$1 dollar from each student] helps buy textbooks and paper in the Missions



Seminarians from the Archdiocese of Mbeya

San Pablo City, Philippines

Sister Marcelina is raising money for her Religious Community, the Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters [LIHM] in San Pablo City, Philippines to build a house of formation for those interested in joining this missionary Community.



The LIHM Sisters promote Eucharistic devotion and the Sacramental Life of the Church and they have a special dedication to helping young families grow in the faith. Religious formation includes studies in Church Doctrine and the Community's charism, community life, prayer life and apostolic life. Support for these Sisters ensures that they can continue their work among the poor throughout the Philippines and beyond.

A sacrifice of \$10 Buys two bags of cement and \$20 Helps buy wood and drywall

During November, National Vocations Month, encourage prayer for Seminarians. You and your students daily prayers are important to all those considering a Religious vocation. And know, Mission Seminarians and Religious, are praying for you and your students too!



Will *your students* say a Hail Mary for Seminarians from Mission Lands living in Philadelphia?

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for all Missionaries



*God of all people of the world,
You sent your Son to show us the path to yourself.*

*We thank you for the Missionaries
who came to our land and lived here
to bring us the Good News of Jesus
and continue to do so in other lands.*

*We thank you for the Missionaries
who taught people, who healed them and worked beside them.
Help us to honor each of them by living our lives
as People who bring the Good News of Jesus to others.*

*Help me, Lord, to be Your Missionary,
wherever I am, by my Words and Actions.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.