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Dear School Principal,

Greetings from the Missionary Childhood Association! As always, we are looking forward to working with you, your students and faculty this 2021-2022 school year. As a pontifical mission society MCA fosters a missionary spirit in all children, making them more attentive to how they relate to others and the impact they have on the world when they live their faith and baptismal call to mission. We encourage them to pray for others, practice sacrificial giving, and commit to live a mission minded life. We show them that answering this call to missionary discipleship is what all baptized Catholics receive as members of the body of Christ.

This year Pope Francis invites us to renew our zeal for mission, to be like the first apostles to go and tell all of what they had witnessed and renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel.

*“Once we experience the power of God’s love and recognize his fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen.” (Message for World Mission Day 2021, Jan 6, 2021).*

In line with the Holy Fathers invitation, this year’s MCA theme will be “Proclaim it with Joy.” Just like the first disciples we will proclaim with joy what we have seen and heard. We invite the students at your school to engage in the mission of the church sharing what we know and give witness of their faith with joy and love for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

MCA offers, free of charge, bilingual material and resources that can be used by teachers to instill a mission minded lifestyle in the children throughout the school year. Our monthly material includes activities, a calendar, a prayer service, and the life of a saint. In October, the month of the missions, we offer resources to celebrate a mission awareness week, culminating with World Mission Sunday. Your school can not only order our office prayer cards, bookmarks, posters, mite boxes, or coin cards for sacrificial giving to the missions, but also pamphlets on how to pray the World Mission Rosary for all the students. Next year, May 2022, we will be celebrating the 200-year anniversary of the Society of the Propagation of the faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. At the same time, we are looking forward to highlighting the 100-year anniversary of the Pontifical Mission Societies being declared Pontifical.

Also, back in-person this year, is our annual MCA Youth Appreciation Mass celebration taking place on Wednesday October 20, 2021, at 10 am. We are pleased to announce the attendance of our newly appointed National Director for the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States along with Archbishop Jose Gomez. During this special mass, we will also be recognizing the annual MCA Christmas artwork contest national winners.

Many great things are coming up and we cannot wait to share!

As we look forward to our missionary collaboration with your school this coming year, I encourage you to take a moment to assign a faculty or staff member to act as the Mission Moderator for your school by filling out the enclosed Mission Moderator Form found inside this welcome packet. This person will be the point of contact for all future correspondence between our office and your school. You or the Mission Moderator may also be able to download the Welcome Packet scanning the QR code on the folder.

If you or the Mission Moderator have any questions, contact MCA Coordinator, Magdalena Arellano, at (213) 637-7416 or via email at [marellano@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:marellano@la-archdiocese.org).

We look forward to working with your school as we share this missionary nature of love and generosity. May God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

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