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Dear School Principal,

Greetings from the Missionary Childhood Association! We are looking forward to working with you, your students, and faculty this 2022-2023 school year. As a Pontifical Mission Society MCA fosters a missionary spirit in all children, bringing attention to their relations and 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.

Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday 2022 reminds us that just like the twelve disciples "every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness of Christ... bringing the Gospel to the entire world." 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. In addition to ordering prayer cards, bookmarks, posters, mite boxes, or coin cards, your school can also order pamphlets on how to pray the World Mission Rosary for all the students.

Our annual MCA Youth Appreciation Mass celebration will be Wednesday October 19, 2022, at 10 am at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. We are pleased to announce that Archbishop Jose Gomez will be celebrating the mass. On this day, we will also be recognizing the annual MCA Christmas artwork contest national winners.

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 by 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.

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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