

October is Mission Month

October is the month when the missionary work of the church is highlighted.

During this month we encourage schools and religious education programs to celebrate mission awareness week. The week closes with World Mission Sunday, the universal church celebration which emphasizes our call to mission both spiritually and financially.

In the welcome packet you will find a flyer with suggestions on how to celebrate throughout the week. Later in September, we will share a detailed celebration booklet for this week.

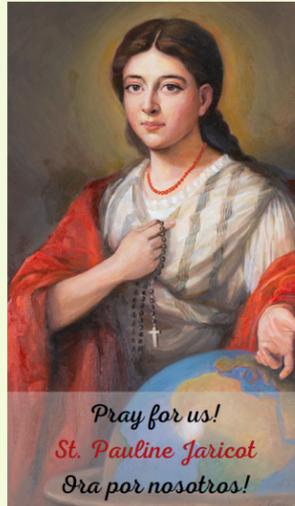
This year the theme is, "You shall be my witness" Acts 1:8. Pope Francis encourages everyone to share their testimony of faith. Each year during mission awareness week, a day is dedicated on how we give witness of our faith. In alignment with this year's theme, there will be a special emphasis on this day.

Mission Awareness Week

Monday, October 17, 2022-Sunday, October 23, 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY
PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE MISSIONS Gather for a prayer service for those who are abroad doing missionary work and us here at home to continue answering our call to be missionary disciples.	MISSIONARY SPEAKER Invite a missionary speaker to your school or parish. When we hear of the missionary work being done we are inspired to support and imitate it here at home.	MASS FOR THE MISSIONS Attend the MCA Youth Appreciation Mass on October 19, 2022 at 10am, or dedicate a mass to the missions in your parish or catholic school.	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY YOU shall be my Witness Acts 1:8
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	Attend mass with your family at your local parish and give to help support the missionary work of the church.
WORLD MISSION ROSARY Pray the world mission rosary with the student body. Each decade of the rosary can be represented by groups dressed up in the color corresponding.	UNIVERSAL CHURCH The church expands 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 as one family in mission. Share a dish or drink from your culture.	WITNESS Each of us is called to witness our faith. We do this without realizing every time we pray before a meal or when we share what we learn or know of our faith. Encourage children to share with their families one thing they did this week.	

Venerable Pauline Jaricot



Pray for us!
St. Pauline Jaricot
Ora pro nobis!

On May 22, 2022 we celebrated the beatification of Puline Jaricot. She was a young French woman that dedicated her life to help raise awareness of mission work and also to help raise funds in support of missionaries abroad.

Her vocation to mission led her to start the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This society was an association dedicated to raising funds for missionary work. This was the beginning of what we now know as the Pontifical Mission Societies, which include the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Society of St. Peter the Apostle, Missionary Union of Priest and Religious, and the Missionary Childhood Association. Her influence helped Bishop Charles de Forbin-Jason to create the Holy Childhood Association (Missionary Childhood Association as it is known now in the United States).

Her work and legacy continue to still influence how people view missionary work and the importance of helping to support missionaries. She inspired the four societies that now exist in support of the missions. This year, marked the 100 anniversary of all societies being declared Pontifical.

To Learn more about this anniversary, and to watch [a video of the life of Pauline Jaricot](#), visit our [website](#) and look for the 2022 Celebrations.



A PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

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2022-2023 MCA WELCOME BULLETIN



Thank you to all the students, parents and school staff that gave donations to help those who have been affected by the war in Ukraine. The generous outpour of donations allowed MCA to send \$ 31,779.04 to help in the relief efforts being carried out in Poland. These efforts are being carried out by different religious communities working with the displaced families affected by this ongoing conflict.

In a story published by the Agenzia Fides, they describe who received the aid and what the different religious communities in Poland are doing to help families displaced by the war.

In the article, the director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Poland mentioned that many of these religious institutions are working in a spirit of evangelical

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silence, welcoming displaced nuns and other religious communities into their convents. These communities are doing their best to help heal all type of emotional and physical wounds. They are also helping the displaced know they can find employment.



You can read the full story by [clicking on this link](#).

Christmas Artwork

2021-2022 Contest Winners

Nationally

From all the entries in the National MCA Artwork Contest for the 2021-2022 school year, Los Angeles had two national finalist. Their artwork along with the other 24 national finalist will be on display at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.



St. Gregory the Great School
Liliana Espinoza
6th Grade

All Souls World Language School
Violet Hsu
3rd Grade



Locally

Our office selected local finalists from all the entries we received and may be viewed on our website. They will also be on display along with the two national finalist at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels during the 2022 Advent Season.



We would like to encourage all students to enter the contest this year.

You will find the [Christmas Artwork entry form](#) in the welcome packet and on our website to view and print the form. Please use tape or paperclip to secure the entry form to the back of the drawing.

Mission Moderator "Meet and Greet"



Friday, September 16, 2022
10am - 1pm (Lunch will be provided)

If you are a new Mission Moderator and would like to meet other mission moderators or learn a bit more about what is the Mission Childhood Association, please join us for a "Meet and Greet".

Ideas will be shared about things that can be done with the student body to promote a missionary spirit. Every mission moderator attending will receive a large handmade world mission rosary.

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You can RSVP to the meeting using the mission moderator form in the welcome packet or [by clicking on this link.](#)

This year, we will be having a scavenger hunt for the students at the MCA Mass. During this "meet and greet", we will be sharing a bit more information about the hunt and how you can motivate your students to participate.

You can RSVP to the meeting

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE MCA Youth Appreciation Mass

Celebrated by Archbishop Jose Gomez and Msgr. Terrance Fleming

Wednesday
October 19, 2022
10:00 a.m.

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
555 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012



Once again we extend the invitation to all Catholic Schools to join us for the MCA Youth Appreciation Mass. This joyous event brings students and teachers together to give thanks and celebrate as one family in mission.

Would your school like to be the choir for the MCA mass? Please get in contact with our office.



This year's theme comes from Acts 1:8 and how we witnesses of our faith to others. We will have an interactive scavenger hunt for students participation.

More information will be shared with your school as we get closer to the mass.

As we continue the celebration, we will be recognizing our two national finalists from the Christmas artwork contest. In addition the Lay Mission Helpers will be presenting two student scholarships from their essay writing contest. The contest is open to all students in middle school, grades 6-8th, who attend a Catholic School. Please encourage your students to enter the contest. More information may be found in the welcome packet.

You will find the [RSVP form in the welcome packet to return to us or click on this link.](#)

Missionary Speakers

Invite a missionary speaker to share the work they do with your school. This is a great way to not only teach the children about sacrificial giving to the missions, but also to teach them how we are all called to be witnesses of the faith right where we are.

As Pope Francis shared, "we are called to bear witness to Jesus right where we live, in our families, at work, everywhere, even just by giving a light of a smile, a light that is not our own - it comes from Jesus."

Having the children hear from a missionary about the work they are doing allows them to ask questions and learn how our faith is lived in other parts of the world.



Sr. Lisa Valentini will be in the Oxnard area the week of September 12-16. She is a wonderful and engaging speaker. Call our office and let us know if you would like to have her come to your school.

Other missionaries are also available to speak to your school via zoom or in person. Please let us know if your school would be interested in receiving a speaker by using the form provided in the welcome packet.

There is also the option filling out the [form online by clicking on this link.](#)