



August 8, 2023

Dear Mission Moderators,

Welcome to the Missionary Childhood Association! Thank you for accepting the responsibility of being your school's Mission Moderator. MCA is one of the Pontifical Mission Societies created under special Papal approval to continue promoting and supporting the mission work being done all over the world. MCA works with children and its main goal is to foster a missionary spirit by answering the call to missionary discipleship that we all receive at our baptism.

In the Welcome Packet you will find useful information to help promote MCA in your school and parish. All resources are free of charge. Please take a moment to go through it.

The following items will help you promote the missions at your school:

- To help understand your role as mission moderator, we have included a **Job Description**.
- The **Welcome Bulletin** provides a small preview of MCA throughout the year.

Tab 1: Forms

- The **MCA Youth Appreciation Mass RSVP** will provide information on how to RSVP to attend and participate in the MCA Mass on October 17, 2023 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. This year's theme is "**Hearts on fire, feet on the move.**"
- The **Material Order Form** provides a list of all available materials free of charge that will be sent to your school two weeks after ordering.
- Consider having a missionary come and speak to your students by filling out the **Missionary Speaker Request Form** as this provides wonderful and inspiring firsthand experiences of missionary work.
- A **Christmas Artwork Contest Form** needs to be filled out for each student participating in the annual contest sponsored by our National Office. The contest offers students the opportunity to express their faith through artwork. Last year we had two national finalists.
- Use the **Remittance Form** when sending your school's collected funds for MCA.
- Please make sure you or your principal return the **Mission Moderator Form** with your contact information to receive all material in a timely manner.

Tab 2: MCA Resources

- The **MCA Brochure** explains what MCA is, while the **MCA Campaign Card** gives ideas on how to be involved with MCA all year long. Please keep them by your desk.
- **Mission Corner Ideas** will help you create and designate a special place at your school for the missions.
- **Mission Awareness Week information** outlines ways to celebrate with mission minded activities during the month of the missions, October.

Tab 3: MCA Monthly Material

- **Monthly Material**, via email and website accessible download, for grades K-2nd, 3rd - 5th, and 6th - 8th. This includes a Saint of the Month, Monthly Calendar, Student Activities and Prayer Service. In this summer mailing you will find a prayer service and student activity for the student body.

The MCA office is here to help you with anything you might need to promote the missions in your school. Please feel free to contact me at (213) 637-7416 or via email at marellano@la-archdiocese.org. I am happy to answer any questions or to assist you in any way I can.

Yours in Christ,

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