

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.

Missionaries are 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, visiting our website or simply scan the QR code.



Sr Lisa Valentini is coming to Los Angeles



We are excited to share that Sr. Lisa Valentini will be coming to Los Angeles in September. She will be available to visit schools the week of September 23-27.

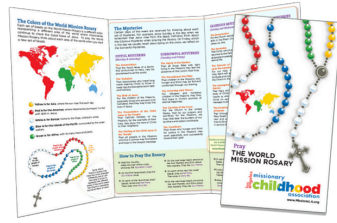
She will be in the Reseda and Ventura area. If your school is in that area and you are interested in having her come for a visit, please contact our office.

We also have other missionaries serving in Ethiopia, China and Japan that will be available.

These missionaries have given us specific dates to visit your school. A missionary from Ethiopia will be available Nov. 18- Jan 10. The missionary serving in China and Japan would be available Dec. 16-17, 19-20, Jan. 6-13, and also in mid-May of next year 2025.

If you are interested in welcoming one of these missionaries make a note on the speaker form.

Order MCA Resources Free of charge



MCA provides complimentary resources like bookmarks, prayer cards for children to pray for missions, and mite boxes to inspire children to make sacrifices and offer financial support to help other children in missions.

Introduce the World Mission Rosary to children using the pamphlets available from our office. Additionally, we can supply free rosaries for your students upon request via email at mca@la-archdiocese.org.

All these resources are provided at no cost and can be shipped to your school or faith formation office in your parish.

Fill out the material order form in the welcome packet or scan the QR code to fill-out the online form.



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Something can be done every day of the week leading to October 4, when everyone brings their donation for the missions.

More information and resources will be shared after the start of the school year with the mission moderator of your school.



THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

Los Angeles **missionary childhood** association
Children Helping Children



A PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

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Program Coordinator: Magdalena Arellano

2024-2025 MCA WELCOME BULLETIN

Jubilee 2025 “Pilgrims and Missionaries of Hope”

We will be celebrating the Jubilee Year in 2025. This is something that goes back about 725 years in our church history. The very first Holy Year was celebrated by Boniface VII in the year 1300. In the beginning it was celebrated every 100 years, then every fifty years and currently we celebrate it every twenty-five years. The Holy year is special in that we celebrate the special gift of grace, characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence.

As we approach the Holy Year, Pope Francis has repeatedly called upon the whole church to be “Pilgrims of Hope”. As a missionary church we are all on a pilgrimage in which we all accompany each other and share the Good News of the Gospel with others. In his message for World Mission Sunday, he tells us that “daily prayer and the Eucharist in particular make us pilgrims and missionaries of hope, journeying towards everlasting life in God, towards the nuptial banquet that God has prepared for all his children.”

As we journey with one another in our communities and with our families in our day-to-day life, we have the opportunity to evangelize one another transforming our lives and the lives of others as we each encounter the living Christ among us. “Through

the informal preaching which takes place in the middle of a conversation ... being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.” (EG 127)

As pilgrims and missionaries of hope, let us allow the desire and expectations of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring, to dwell in our hearts and flourish. In this way, we may enthusiastically share it with all those whom we might come across that are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could bring them happiness.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven may the **faith** you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of **charity** enkindle in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken us in the blessed **hope** for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when with the power of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May the same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



Mission Moderator "Meet and Greet"

We would like to invite the Mission Moderators to please join us for a "Meet and Greet".

Friday, September 13, 2024
10am - 12pm (Lunch will be provided)

Join us to connect with fellow Mission Moderators advocating for MCA. Acquire World Mission Rosaries for your school and gather inspiration on making the trip to the Cathedral for the MCA mass into a pilgrimage for children.



We will delve into our partnership with neighboring dioceses of San Bernardino, San Diego, Orange, and San Francisco to organize a virtual prayer service for missions for this year National "Little Way Giving Day". Student and school leaders' participation is essential in leading this prayer service.

RSVP to the Mission Moderator "Meet and Greet"

You can RSVP to the meeting using the mission moderator form in the Welcome Packet, by visiting our website, or by scanning the QR code.



LITTLE WAY GIVING DAY

Get your whole school involved in a national giving day for the missions. Kicking off the month of the Missions with this nationwide effort. It will allow us to celebrate the Patron Saint of the Missions St. Therese of Liseux and raise funds for MCA

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE MCA YOUTH APPRECIATION MASS 2024

WEDNESDAY 10/16/2024

10:00 AM

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
555 WEST TEMPLE ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

We would like to extend an invitation to our annual MCA Youth Appreciation Mass. This year, the MCA Mass will be on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. Our theme for this year's mass will be the same one as World Mission Sunday:

Go and invite **EVERYONE** to the **BANQUET**
cf. Mt 22:9



With the Eucharistic Congress happening this year and the anticipation of the Jubilee celebration next year, as a church, we return our focus to the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith. As we all gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we want to keep in mind what Pope Francis shared, "we cannot approach the Eucharistic table without being drawn into the mission."

During the summer, several missionary groups have been visiting the Archdiocese of Los Angeles sharing their mission experiences with all parish communities.

In collaboration for the MCA Mass, we are asking them to share how the sacrament of the Eucharist has strengthened them, given them courage and help them in difficult moments since they first received it. All of these stories will be shared with the students after the mass in the cathedral plaza.

You will find the RSVP form in the Welcome Packet, on our website, or simply scan the QR code.



Christmas Artwork



2023-2024 Contest Winners

Nationally

This year we would like to congratulate **Anna Louise Ralbousky from All Souls World Language School in Alhambra**. She was selected as one of this year's national finalists for the MCA Artwork Contest. We are very happy to see this artist grow and develop her gift of drawing to help share the faith with others.

Anna's artwork will be on display along with all the other national winners at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. during the 2024 Advent Season.



Locally

We have chosen local finalists from all the submissions we received, which can be viewed on our website. These finalists, along with the national finalist, will be showcased at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels during the 2024 Advent Season.

We encourage all students to participate in the contest this year.

The entry form can be found in the Welcome Packet, on our website, or by scanning the QR code for viewing and printing. Remember to secure the entry form to the back of the drawing using tape or a paperclip.



The artwork of the local finalist...



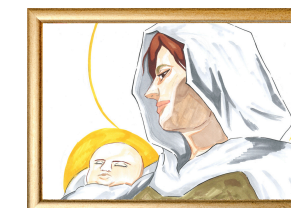
Cathedral Chapel in Los Angeles, CA



Incarnation in Glendale, CA



St. Gregory the Great in Whittier, CA



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St. Cyril of Jerusalem in Encino, CA



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All Souls in Glendale, CA



Resurrection in Los Angeles, CA



Our Lady of the Assumption in Claremont, CA



All Souls in Glendale, CA



Beatitudes of Our Lord in La Mirada, CA



All Souls in Glendale, CA



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