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**Tuesday, October 16, 2024**

# MCA Youth Appreciation Mass

Go and invite  
**EVERYONE**  
to the **BANQUET**

cf. Mt 22:9

**Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels**

Main Celebrant: Archbishop Jose Gomez  
Concelebrant: Monsignor Terrance Fleming

# WELCOME

Good morning and a heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you! It is truly a joy to see all of you gathered once more for the Missionary Childhood Association Youth Appreciation Mass! This occasion is a vibrant celebration dedicated to you and the countless children who are part of the MCA family across the globe.

Founded in the year 1843, MCA stands as one of the four esteemed pontifical mission societies. This international fellowship comprises children from Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs, uniting young hearts from every corner of the world. Authorized by the Vatican, and in collaboration with the United States Catholic Council of Bishops (USCCB), we joyfully share mission education materials and inspire acts of sacrificial giving within Catholic Schools and religious education programs throughout the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The primary goal is to help children recognize their baptismal calling to participate in the church's mission of evangelization. As members of the church, and through your contributions to MCA, each of you is a MISSIONARY!

Thank you for responding to your mission call!

*Reverend Monsignor Terrance L. Fleming*  
Archdiocesan Executive Director



**CHOIR:** ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT SCHOOL  
IN BELL GARDENS

**DIRECTOR:** MR. JULIO J. HERNANDEZ

## **PRELUDE**

### **PIANO INSTRUMENTAL**

#### **BE NOT AFRAID**

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#### **BLEST ARE THEY**

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#### **HER I AM, LORD**

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## **GATHERING**

### **COME TO THE FEAST**

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#### **Refrain**

Ven, ven al banquete. Ven a la fiesta de Dios.  
Here the hungry find plenty, here the thirsty shall drink.  
Ven a la cena de Cristo, come to the feast.

## GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### LORD HAVE MERCY

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Lord have mercy(2)  
Christ have mercy (2)  
Lord have mercy(2)

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Galatians 5:18-25

...The word of the Lord: ***Thanks be to God***

*(Proclaimed by Catalina Lozano, Our Lady of the Assumption School in Claremont )*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM- Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Arranged by: Julio J. Hernandez

**Refrain:** *Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.*

Blessed the man who follows not  
the counsel of the wicked  
Nor walks in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the company of the insolent,  
But delights in the law of the LORD

and meditates on his law day and night.

**R. Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**

He is like a tree  
planted near running water,  
That yields its fruit in due season,  
and whose leaves never fade.  
Whatever he does, prospers.

**R. Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**

Not so the wicked, not so;  
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.  
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,  
but the way of the wicked vanishes.

**R. Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 11: 42-46

The Lord said: "Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God. These you should have done, without overlooking the others. Woe to you Pharisees!

You love the seat of honor in synagogues and greetings in marketplaces. Woe to you! You are like unseen graves over which people unknowingly walk."

Then one of the scholars of the law said to him in reply,  
"Teacher, by saying this you are insulting us too."  
And he said, "Woe also to you scholars of the law!  
You impose on people burdens hard to carry,  
but you yourselves do not lift one finger to touch them."

The Gospel of the Lord: ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

**HOMILY** Rev. Frederick Byaruhanga

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

Spoken Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*(Proclaimed by Deacon of the Word and students. Keidy Magaña from Our Lady of the Rosary School in Paramount, Ethan Santiago from All Souls World Language School in Alhambra, Angelica Valencia from St. Alphonsus School in East LA, Leilani Morales from St. Gregory the Great in Whittier)*

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**COLLECTION FOR MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION  
PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR & PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

### **ONE BREAD, ONE BODY**

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#### **Refrain**

One bread one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

## **HOLY HOLY/SANCTUS**

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Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of Host.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

## **MEMORIAL ACLAMATION**

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

## **AMEN**

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Amen, amen, amen.

## **LAMB OF GOD/CORDERO DE DIOS**

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Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us. (2)

Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins  
of the world,  
grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

### MANY AND GREAT

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#### Refrain

The wheat grows from spring-time to fall; the  
wine flows; in Christ we recall the sharing of our  
lives with one and all.

### UBI CARITAS

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#### Refrain

Ubi caritas est vera, est vera; Deus ibest.  
Deus Ibiest

### BREAD OF LIFE

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Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to you.  
Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Transform our lives a new.  
Open our eyes so that we might see your presence in one another.  
Your life, poured out in love today, unites us all in you.

Loving Lord, Creator God, open our eyes to see  
the good that lives in each of us, that called the world to be.  
And we fail to see the good, when friendships falter and crumble,  
give us the courage to forgive the way we may live in peace.

Living Word, O Son of God, your love shows us the way  
that we may live in harmony, and from you never stray.  
Wipe all oppression from our midst; give us a love for all people.  
Your song of justice sing in us, to live for peace today.



# RECESSIONAL

## CITY OF GOD

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Awake from the slumber! Arise from your sleep!  
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light.  
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

### **Refrain**

*Let us build the city of God  
May our tears be turned into dancing!  
For the Lord, our light and our love  
Has turned the night into day!*

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of  
day.

The One who has loved us has brighten our way  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light  
for his people to set their hearts free.

God is light; in him there is no darkness.  
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.  
O comfort my people; make gentle our words.  
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

O city of gladness, not lift up your voice!  
Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!



The Missionary Childhood Association extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the students, parents, teachers, principals, and mission moderators within our Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs. Your efforts play a vital role in nurturing children's sense of vocation as missionary disciples through their involvement in MCA.

We cannot thank enough the children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Their prayers and generous contributions are making a difference. Thanks to your support, MCA can continue its mission of helping children around the globe grow in their faith. Please remain committed to the MCA motto: "Children praying for children, children evangelizing children, children helping children worldwide."

We would also like to express our appreciation to Archbishop Jose Gomez, our main celebrant, along with all the priests who concelebrated with us today. Especially to all the pastors of schools in attendance at the mass today.

A special thank you goes to the choir from St. Gertrude the Great School and the dancers and drumline from Transfiguration School for enhancing our celebration with joy. To all the students who participated in the procession thank you. We are blessed to have the help of the students in Salesian High School and Sacred Heart Highschool helping today as well.

We are grateful to the Cathedral staff and the mission office team for their invaluable support. With gratitude we acknowledge our mission partners, all the missionary

God Bless You

groups who came today as exhibitors: Salesian Family Youth Center, Mission Doctors, Lay Mission Helpers, and Dalit Solidarity.

Lastly, we thank everyone who contributed to making this Mass possible and everyone who attended.

THANK  
YOU

Thank you to the Lay Mission Helpers, for joining us in our celebration and for sponsoring the Msgr. Anthony Brouwers Essay Contest. Their support encourages children to reflect on how they are answering their call to mission.

Founded in Los Angeles by Msgr. Anthony Brouwers in 1955, the Lay Mission-Helpers Association (LMH) creates opportunities for lay Catholic professionals to share their gifts and witness their faith in



mission dioceses around the world. LMH is proudly partnering with the Missionary Childhood Association to promote mission awareness among Catholic school students by sponsoring the Msgr. Brouwers Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Each winner receives \$500 towards their Catholic education. For more information, visit [www.laymissionhelpers.org](http://www.laymissionhelpers.org).

From all the entries in the National MCA Artwork Contest for the 2023–2024 school year, Los Angeles had one national finalists.



Congratulations to **Anna Louise Ralbovsky** from **All Souls World Language School** in Alhambra. The artwork of all national winners will be on display during the Advent season of 2024 in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

The artwork of all the local finalist for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will be on display at a chapel in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles during the 2024 Advent Season. We are very proud of them and hope that they continue to use their artistic talents to answer their call to missionary discipleship.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FOR NEXT YEAR'S MCA MASS ON OCTOBER 15, 2025!**

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