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## EDITORIAL

*“...The Missionary Societies, which in time became a network spread throughout the world, mirror in their own configuration the variety of accents, situations, problems, and gifts that characterize the life of the Church in the various parts of the world. This plurality can serve as a safeguard against ideological homogenization and cultural unilateralism. In this sense, the PMS reflect the mystery of the universality of the Church, in which the incessant work of the Holy Spirit creates harmony from different voices, even as the Bishop of Rome, in his service of charity, exercised also through the Pontifical Mission Societies, safeguards unity in faith...” (Message of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Pontifical Mission Societies, the 21st of May 2020)*

The Annals, part of the tradition of the Holy Childhood Society since its origins, were initially intended to encourage correspondence and knowledge of what happened in mission territories and in every country where the Society was present, in the reporting not only of the activities, but also of the offers collected in order to support projects for children.

Today social media help us a lot in this sharing and knowledge, in any case I consider it useful to have a single text in which all the national Offices are presented together as well as their pastoral contribution to the evangelization of the Church, thus obtaining a universal vision and discovering the richness and beauty of how much the creativity of the Holy Spirit produces when it finds open and available hearts.

In this new issue of the Annals concerning the year 2017, information relating to the Universal Solidarity Fund of the Society are at the end and no longer at the beginning of the volume and this is because the material cooperation to the mission of the Church is the result of constant and appropriate animation and formation in each particular Church.

This edition will also be in digital format and available in four languages on the [www.ppoomm.va](http://www.ppoomm.va) website.

I am grateful to each National Office and their staff who collaborate with this Secretariat, also by sending the necessary pastoral and financial reports each year for the preparation of the Annals.

***Called to proclaim your Word, help us, Lord, to be instrument of your peace!***

*Sr. Roberta Tremarelli  
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*Bishop Charles Auguste de Forbin-Janson, Founder of the Holy Childhood Society (Paris 1785 - Guilhermy 1844)*

# I

## THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

### A. HISTORY

In the mid-nineteenth century, a French bishop, **Msgr. Charles de Forbin-Janson**, was deeply moved by the news coming from the French missionaries in **China** about the **children who were dying without having received Baptism**.

Regretting that he could not personally leave as a missionary, he asked for advice from Pauline Jaricot, the foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Their exchange of ideas was enlightening and the Bishop De Forbin-Janson got the idea to involve the children of France so that through prayer and material cooperation, they could help the Chinese children of their same age. "One Hail Mary a day, one small coin a month" was the commitment made by every child from the first moment. This was **May 19th in 1843**, and through this initiative the seed was sown from which the Society germinated. Years later, the motto would be coined, "children helping children", which sums up well the founder's intuition and the Society's charisma.

**Making children protagonists of the life of the Church was a revolutionary idea.**

In a short time, many countries joined in the initiative and the Society spread from France to Belgium, Spain, Italy and many other nations.

On May 3, 1922, mindful of the Society's great contribution to the missions for nearly eighty years, Pope Pius XI made it his own and

recognized it as Pontifical. On December 4, 1950, Pope Pius XII created the World Day of the Holy Childhood and declared the day of the Epiphany as the date for its celebration, but leaving each nation free to adapt the date to local needs.

Today the Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood has put down roots in more than 120 countries and the motto has been enriched: **children evangelized children, children pray for the children, children helping children.**

## B. SPIRITUALITY OF THE ASSOCIATION

Mons. De Forbin Janson named the Association of the Holy Childhood, as such, because he desired that the missionary journey of children followed in the footsteps of Jesus son of God, who made himself a little child. From the first rules edited by the founder, it is evident that:

- The association is placed under the protection of the Child Jesus;
- The Virgin Mary is the principal protector of the association, along with the guardian angels;
- All the baptised children can be members of the association.
- The association is organized in groups of 12 members, in honour of the 12 years of the childhood of Jesus, imitating him in simplicity, silence, joy of living, total availability, his trust in Mary and the docility toward his foster father, and the desire to work for the things of his Father;
- The children are admitted from a tender age till they receive Holy Communion.
- Littleness is a spiritual category employed in the spread of the Kingdom.
- According to the charism of the Association the formative itinerary must give the children a new awareness. With baptism the child becomes a bearer of Divine grace in which it finds the fullness of the Spirit. Baptism is a free gift that

belongs to the individual but the abundance of grace that derives from it belongs to the universality of the brothers and sisters to whom we are united by the same Father. For this reason was born the Association because Mons. De Forbin Janson could not accept that millions of children would remain outside of the true source of life. The missionary work is born out of baptism and it not just about the adults. The children, in as much children, are missionaries through their prayers and small sacrifices, always in waiting for the time when they can themselves become missionaries in the fullness of the term, making the gift of their lives when they are adults.

- The Bishop of Nancy, thanks to the Association, reinstated the children in a privileged place of sanctification: the infancy of the Son of God.

### C. MISSION

The Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood proposes today to help the children in developing a spirit and a missionary leadership, it drives them to share the faith and material benefits, especially with children who are most in need.

It promotes, encourage and supports missionary vocations ad gentes.

It is an instrument for growth in faith, also from the perspective of vocations.

**Today what exactly do the missionary children and adolescents do to contribute to the salvation of their peers?**

**Prayer, offering and sacrifice** are the three keywords of the Pontifical Mission Societies, even of the Holy Childhood.

- **Prayer:** The children of the Missionary Childhood pray every day for the other children and for the spread of the Gospel message.
- **The Collection:** This is the fruit of the missionary children's sacrifices and all those who want to give the world's children a



better future. These “gifts” are collected by the National Directions present in the respective countries and sent to the Missionary Childhood Universal Solidarity Fund to be redistributed to millions of needy children in every corner of the world. Thanks to this aid, many children can, above all, know Jesus and the Gospel, but also eat, study, have a roof over their heads where they can sleep, take care of themselves.

- **Missionary witness:** Through their behaviour and their message, the missionary children are witnesses and a life example for their peers and the whole community.

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**III**

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES**

(Rome, 29<sup>th</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017)

**A. HOLY FATHER'S ADDRESS TO THE PMS NATIONAL  
DIRECTORS (3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017)**

Dear Cardinal,  
Dear brothers and sisters,

I welcome you with joy at the end of your General Assembly and I thank Cardinal Fernando Filoni for his words. With him I greet all the Superiors, the General Secretaries, the National Director and all of you present here.

You well know my concern about the Pontifical Mission Societies, very often reduced to an organization that collects and distributes, on behalf of the Pope, economic aid for the neediest Churches. I know that you are seeking new ways, more suitable and more ecclesial methods to carry out your service to the universal mission of the Church. Let us allow ourselves to be sustained, in this process of urgent reform, also by the intercession of the Saints Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs of Uganda, whose liturgical memory we celebrate today.

To renew ardour and passion, the spiritual motor of the apostolic action of countless missionary saints and martyrs, I have very favourably received your proposal, formulated together with the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, to announce an extraordinary time for prayer and reflection on the *missio ad gentes*. I will ask all the Church to dedicate the month of October of the year 2019 to this aim, as in that year we will celebrate the centenary of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum illud*, of Pope Benedict XV. In this very important document of his Magisterium on the mission, the Pope recalls how necessary the holiness of life is to the efficacy of the apostolate, he recommends, therefore, an ever stronger union with Christ and a more convinced and joyful involvement in his divine passion for announcing the Gospel to all, loving and employing mercy towards everyone. Men and women, “distinguished by zeal and holiness”, are increasingly necessary to the Church and to the mission. “May he who preaches God be a man of God”, exhorted Benedict XV (cf. Apostolic Letter *Maximum illud*, 30 November 1919; AAS XI [1919], 449).

Renewing oneself requires conversion, and it requires living mission as an ongoing opportunity to proclaim Christ, to let Him be encountered by bearing witness and making others participants in our personal encounter with Him. I hope that your spiritual and material assistance to the Church makes it increasingly based upon the Gospel and the baptismal involvement of all the faithful, lay and clerical, in the single mission of the Church: bringing God’s love to every man, especially those most in need of His mercy. The extraordinary month of prayer and reflection on the mission as first evangelization will serve for this renewal of ecclesial faith, so that the Easter of Jesus Christ, the only Saviour, Lord and bridegroom of His Church, always be and remain in her heart.

May the preparation for this extraordinary time dedicated to the first proclamation of the Gospel help us always to be a Church increasingly in mission, following the words of Blessed Paul VI, in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii nuntiandi*, magna carta of the post-Conciliar missionary effort. Pope Montini wrote: “The Church is an evangelizer, but she begins by being evangelized herself. She is the community of believers, the community of hope lived and communicated, the community of brotherly love, and she needs to listen unceasingly to what she must believe, to her reasons for hoping, to the new commandment of love. She is the People of God immersed in the world, and often tempted by idols, and she always needs to hear the proclamation of the ‘mighty works of God’ [41] which converted her to the Lord; she always needs to be called together afresh by Him and reunited. In brief, this means that she has a

constant need of being evangelized, if she wishes to retain freshness, vigour and strength in order to proclaim the Gospel”.

In the spirit of the teaching of Blessed Paul VI, it is my wish that the celebration of the centenary of *Maximum illud*, in the month of October 2019, be a favourable time for prayer, the witness of many saints and martyrs of the mission, biblical and theological reflection, catechesis and missionary charity to contribute to evangelizing, first and foremost, the Church, so that having rediscovered the freshness and zeal of the first love for the crucified and risen Lord, she may evangelize the world with credibility and evangelical efficacy.

I bless you all in this day before the Solemnity of Pentecost. I ask the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Apostles and Mother of the Church, always to inspire us with the testimony of her faith and the reassuring guarantee of her motherly intercession. May the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, the holy martyrs Carlo Lwanga and his companions, and Blessed Paolo Manna never cease to pray to God for all of us, His missionaries.

FRANCISCUS

## **B. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD**

Your Excellency Mr. President,  
Dear friends of the Superior Council,

even this year we are gathered here to end a year of work aimed at supporting the spiritual and material life of so many children of the five continents. It is with great joy that I see so many friendly faces and with the same pleasure I greet those I meet for the first time. To both, I will never get tired of repeating that the International Secretariat of Missionary Childhood is at Your disposal.

Synergy, mutual collaboration, these are the key concepts I hope you always have in mind. This Secretariat needs You to explain to children, with words and initiatives which are appropriate to the local context, the importance of spiritual and material sharing. However, for this sharing to become effective, we need concrete projects that are sent to us and are studied. You and Us, in fact, are closely linked. In addition, in order to improve the work of animation, this synergy must expand and become a concrete collaboration also among National Offices, an exchange of materials, ideas and experiences.

Therefore, since mutual enrichment takes place through collaboration and dialogue, I invite You not to be afraid to express your doubts and your questions - for a clearer vision makes work simpler and beneficial, always bearing in mind the reason that animates our work: to announce to the younger the joy of the Good News, to teach them that through prayer and sacrifice they can become small missionaries and share, in joy and sorrow, in abundance and in famine, making the world better every day.

In the light of what has been said so far, on my behalf, as Secretary General of Missionary Childhood and spokesperson of the International Secretariat, allow me to spend a few words on the aspect of our work.

This Secretariat receives about 3.200-3.300 requests annually, ranging from projects to catechesis, to more focused projects on food, building structures with various destinations but always and exclusively for children aged between 0 to 14. This year, of these requests, 2.937 were acceptable and, unfortunately, 354 were put in dilata (pending) due to lack of funds or incompleteness. The projects proposed for the approval of this Assembly for 2017 are therefore 2.583.

Requests are thoroughly studied by the persons responsible for the sectors who follow the project from the moment they receive it to its granting, subsequently checking the arrival of utilization reports and soliciting the sending. As you may recall from the past years, without receiving the report of the previous subsidy a new request is put in dilata (pending).

This criterion also applies to the ordinary subsidy and, in this regard, I would like to remind you that this subsidy is not automatic and if the Bishop does not submit a request, the Society cannot grant it.

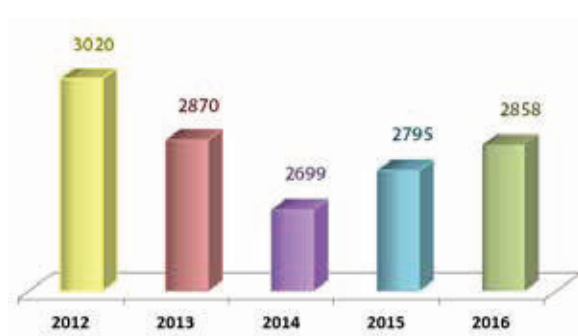
Here too, I would like to emphasize the importance of the collaboration between the Secretariat and the National Offices. Since this year, every e-mail requesting lacking information addressed to applicants, is also sent to the National Office of the country involved.

Below you will find two diagrams summarizing the amount of subsidies that this Society has delivered over the last 5 years and the number of projects supported. As you can see, by observing the total amount distributed, a slow, but constant decline is evident. For this reason, we are also trying to address applicants to self-sufficiency projects, which lead to greater autonomy. These types of projects are more educational and, at the same time, more accurately reflect the charisma of the Society as they make it possible to participate in the universal solidarity fund, and therefore encourage mutual assistance.

### SUBSIDIES GRANTED FROM 2012 TO 2016



### PROJECTS SUPPORTED FROM 2012 TO 2016



Another aspect of the collaboration between You and us is clear when one of the National Offices asks for projects to be used as means of animation or as objects of the annual campaign. This is particularly the case for Western National Offices that often, by carrying out animation activities in schools, during special masses, or through

magazines, or on special days/periods, or after on-site visits, choose a country or a specific project in order to raise children's awareness of the needs of their peers.

In this regard, I am sure that in the campaign You will remind children that the motto of the Society is not one-sided: a member of Missionary Childhood must give and receive regardless of his material wealth. Although the most visible aspect of donating is the material aspect, economic wealth does not necessarily mean spiritual wealth. A body without a soul is incomplete, and one has to take care of the soul just like one takes care of the body, making it shine of beauty through prayer and good deeds. It is necessary to teach the "rich" child or those who come from "rich" countries that he also can receive, if not money, which he does not need, teachings, love, prayers for his soul. On the other hand, the "poor" child, in situations of poverty, must not only stretch his hand to receive, but has much to give also in his material misery.

Here too, the exchange of ideas between National Offices can be useful: in many of the beneficiary countries, animation activities are carried out, among other things, through visits to the sick, the elderly, the orphanage, the cleaning of streets, whereas in the West the social aspect of fundraising for the "poor" prevails.

So why not fulfill here an exchange of ideas? Western animation could make full use of the good "humanitarian" actions of the beneficiary countries, and the latter could raise their children's awareness through concrete examples of aid projects.

However, I would like to make a clarification on the use of a country witness of the campaign: the Church is universal and the help the Pontifical Missionary Childhood Society provides should also be universal. This is the principle that our Secretariat seeks to implement whenever possible at the time of payment. Therefore, in Your requests for funding of specific projects or in the choice of the country object of animation campaign, please do not forget the countries that make less uproar, which are less in the mouth of public opinion, and that, unfortunately, suffer so much like the others and are torn apart by wars, weakened by calamities that now seem endless.



Allow me, before going to the technical part, to give you three examples of solidarity worth more than a thousand words.

The first example is older than a hundred years and dates back to the foundation date of the Society. The protagonist is an 8-year-old boy from the Diocese of Bordeaux who heard the pastor talk about the need to pray and give an offer to save Chinese children and, when he returned home, he told his mother. The woman replied that, unfortunately, they were very poor and had no money. Then the child pointed at a box containing family savings, and his mother replied that the money was for bread, which if they had donated they would have been left without bread. The child replied with a teaching inspired by the goodness and charity of his heart: “Can we lack bread when we give it in the name of the Good Lord?”

The second example was narrated by His Holiness Pope Francis to the children Confirmed during his pastoral visit to Milan on 25 March:

*[...]I do not want to bore you; I will tell you something that I encountered in Buenos Aires. A mother was at lunch with her three children, who were six, four and a half and three years old; then [...] Her husband was at work. They were having lunch and were eating cotolette alla Milanese [...] and each child had one on his plate. There was a knock at the door. The eldest went to open the door, looked, and said, “Mama, there is a poor man, he is asking for something to eat”. And the mother, wise, asked the question; “What shall we do? Shall we give something or not?” “Yes, mama, let’s give him something!”. There were other cutlets there. The mother said, “Ah, good, let’s make two sandwiches: each one can cut his own in half and we’ll make two”. “But mama, there are the others!” “No, those are for dinner”. And the mother taught them solidarity, but that which costs, not what is left over! [...].*

Therefore, both episodes call for “difficult” solidarity, which does not free itself from the superfluous, but renounces to donate, which presupposes an effort.

Finally, I would like to conclude with an episode that shows us how a single confident child can move so many other children. We are

in Australia where an 8-year-old student raised more than \$ 850 to buy a water pump for children in Madagascar because he loves God and God wants him to help the children in Madagascar, so that they have clean water. Nishan and his friend dreamed of a trip to Madagascar since the moment they saw a movie and were shocked to learn that water was making children sick. A campaign of the Australian National Office, posted at the local parish, urged the child to help those children who have worms because of dirty water. And therefore, when his mother told him that, unfortunately, their family did not have enough money to cover the purchase of a water pump, the child turned to his schoolmates, giving every student a glass and offered them dirty water contained in his bottle. All the children said the water was disgusting, saying they would not even drink it on a hot day. At the end of last year, the children had raised \$856.55, more than what was needed to purchase the pump. "I am so happy to know that we will be able to buy the pump for the children of Madagascar and they will be able to drink clean water and perhaps even brush their teeth!" said Nishan. "Now my sister prays every night for the children in Madagascar".

These examples show us with how much simplicity and immediacy children welcome the positive messages that are offered to them and how often they can teach many things to us adults.

Let us not forget, and I will never get tired of repeating it, the special place the children in the Gospel occupy, and the importance that Jesus Himself gives them - let the children come to me; do not prevent them (Mk 10: 13-16 ). They are the children who praise him in the temple by shouting Hosanna to the Son of David! (Mt 21:15); Jesus puts a child in the center and becomes a model for his disciples (Mt 18: 1-11) - because children embody the evangelical logic, they are naturally and spontaneously Christians, their gestures are aligned with those of Jesus. They love and they serve, they are not schemers, they donate, forgive, they have trust, and share. If faith shows the invisible, only children are in direct contact with God and their angels always see the face of the [my] Father who is in Heaven. (Mt 18: 1-10). The gospel vision of the child as a favorite witness of the divine message is also sustained by Mary, who entrusts her secrets to some children, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these (Mc 10: 13-16).

So let us give children what belongs to children, give them confidence, give them voice, let us listen to their spontaneity and simplicity, let us get

them involved. Today's children, who grow up in a hurry, need examples to follow. As a newly born child learns by imitation, the example of parents, family, teachers, educators, and community is fundamental to educating the values of unconditional generosity, spontaneous solidarity, the love that comes from the heart.

At this point, I would like to briefly move to more technical aspects.

More and more National Offices have begun to address, rightly so, International Secretariats to ask for help for the ordinary annual spending on animation and running of their office (such as printing of material, organization of courses, seminars for animation, etc.). I would like to remind you that this Society also contributes to the payment of these expenses, and therefore also the usual animation activities for POSI fall within the annual budget for office expenses that you can submit at the end of the year to all 4 Societies. Do not forget, too, that Holy Childhood grants, on request, the ordinary subsidy that is destined for the promotion of the Society, and therefore the Bishops' participation to the expenses regarding child-related animation is desired.

As part of the collection, however, while knowing the difficulties that some countries are facing, let me remind You that Holy Childhood is a Society of its own and therefore should also benefit from a separate collection. This can happen through a special day dedicated to Missionary Childhood animated by specific initiatives ... remember that You address children and therefore, in order to touch their hearts, any activity should be child-friendly, should make them authentic and true protagonists of the mission.

The following diagram exemplifies the tendency of collections over the last 5 years.

OFFERINGS FROM 2012 TO 2017



Lastly, I am particularly pleased to announce the publication of the Annals regarding the activities carried out by the National Offices from 2009 to 2013, thanks to the efforts of my staff, despite being few. You will shortly receive the paper version, while the electronic version is already available online on the site of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The years 2014-2016 are in preparation and we hope to be able to publish the next volume as soon as possible. In this regard, I would like to remind You once again of the importance of sending us the pastoral report because, as I said at the beginning, the exchange of documents and ideas between You and us, between National Offices, can only be profitable and, maybe, inspire animation activities that will also reach those children who, until now, do not know the joy of sharing, do not know they can be great missionaries in their family, their community, and the Church as a whole.

Baptistine RALAMBOARISON  
Secretary General



**IV**

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES**

(Rome, 7<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017)

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARY  
CHILDHOOD**

Your Excellency,  
Reverend Fathers,

I am pleased to join You on the occasion of this Special Assembly of PP.OO.MM, which is also the first Assembly in which I participate and I thank You for your attention.

My communication will be short and will report what has been done by our International Secretariat in the intermediate period between the General Assembly and the present.

Regarding the ordinary administration, under the guidance of Dr. Baptistine, following the General Assembly, the payment orders for the distribution of funds were prepared on the basis of the availability of funds and of the projects approved; letters were sent to the paying National Offices, to the Apostolic Nunciatures and to the individual beneficiaries of the subsidies.

With regard to this, allow me to point out that at the beginning of October, when I started my mission here in the Missionary Childhood, some National Offices had not yet paid the subsidies approved at the General Assembly, while others had not communicated the remaining sum at the

disposal of our International Secretariat for the subsidies of November. I remind you that, in the letter sent for the payment orders, it is requested to inform us of the date of payment and any residual sum for November. As you already know, the Apostolic Nunciatures normally wait for the arrival of all the sums before proceeding with their distribution and, for this reason, the excessive delay of some National Offices makes it difficult to send the subsidies to the final recipients, who are waiting, together with the children, for our support!

Regarding the extraordinary administration activities, I would like to inform You that in the month of May, Dr. Baptistine participated in CEME Committee in Malta, gathered to prepare the next meeting to be held in 2018.

The International Secretariat is finalizing the Annales for the years 2014-2016. Also in this case, for some National Offices we have had difficulties in collecting material for the lack of Pastoral Reports, photos and informations on the activities carried out with children. Sometimes we had to search for the news from the magazines or even from the websites of the National Offices. I invite you to send, always and constantly, any kind of material that may be interesting to share at an universal level, in order to be all part of a single family. This is an opportunity to stimulate each other with new proposals and activities.

Next year will be the 175th anniversary of the birth of this Society, for this occasion I request every National Office to highlight this important date in the celebration of the Missionary Childhood Day and in the various animation activities proposed in the year 2018.

At the Superior Council of next May, our International Secretariat will provide you with indications to realize an initiative at universal level, inspired by the anniversary of POSI and in preparation for the Extraordinary Missionary Month of October 2019.

I thank You for your kind attention and I remind You that me and the staff of the International Secretariat are at your disposal for any need.

Sr. Roberta Tremarelli  
Secretary General

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**ACTIVITIES  
OF THE  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

**YEAR 2017**  
*(January - December)*

During the year, various activities for the promotion of the Society took place which saw the participation of Ms. Baptistine Ralamboarison and new Secretary General, Reverend Sister Roberta Tremarelli, A.M.S.S., at the head of Missionary Childhood since 1st October this year:

- On January 19, Ms. Ralamboarison gave an interview to Cadena COPE (Spanish radio) on the occasion of the celebration of Missionary Childhood Day in Spain.
- From January 26 to 29, Ms. Ralamboarison flew to Mexico to participate at the VXII CONIAM entitled “*Discípulos misioneros en salida, anunciemos el Evangelio de la Vida*” in San Luís de Potosí.
- From 30 January to 5 February she participated in the 1st Continental Meeting of the national Directors of French-speaking, Lusophone and Spanish-speaking Africa in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, under the theme “*The Mission dans un monde en mutation*”.
- Finally, from 22 to 25 April she participated in the preparation meeting in Malta C.E.M.E. to be held in 2018 in the Country.



- On November 18, new Secretary General, Sister Roberta Tremarelli, gave a speech on the theme: “*The minors’ condition in the world. Urgencies and missionary challenges*” at the formation meeting organized by the Missionary Cooperation Center of the Diocese of Rome, at the Pontifical Roman Major Seminary.



**1ST CONTINENTAL MEETING OF  
THE NATIONAL DIRECTORS OF  
FRENCH-SPEAKING, LUSOPHONE  
AND SPANISH-SPEAKING AFRICA  
OUAGADOUGOU  
BURKINA FASO**



**VXII CONIAM  
SAN LUÍS DE  
POTOSÍ  
MEXICO**





**VI**

**ACTIVITIES AND WITNESSES  
OF THE  
MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD  
IN THE WORLD**

**YEAR 2017**



## NOTES TO THIS EDITION

This publication reports on the activities and the most specific, significant initiatives carried out by the National Offices in 2017. For further information, please consult the website, if available, or contact the Office in question directly.

“Ordinary animation activity” means the organization of courses for missionary animators (SOMA etc.), the celebration of Masses animated by children, pilgrimages: in a word, all the animation initiatives addressed to children.



CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

## AFRICA







## ANGOLA and SÃO TOME'



There are about 10,000 children and adolescents in the Country registered with Missionary Childhood groups. In some parishes it is organized as missionary childhood from 5 to 9 years of age, and missionary adolescence from 10 to 14 years of age.

**Archdiocese of Saurimo:** in the municipality of Dala from 20 to 22 May a Missionary Childhood Training course was conducted at the end of Missionary Childhood Day.

In **october**, the National Director, on the occasion of the visit of the Secretary General of PMU, met with the Direction of the Pauline Sisters regarding the publication of the book on the Missionary Childhood **"40 Encontros de Formação para a Infância Adolescência Missionária"** written by Father Jerónimo Domingos of the Diocese of Ndalatando.



<http://ompangola.blogspot.it/p/infancia-missionaria.html>

# BENIN



The Missionary formation of children takes place during catechesis with reference to liturgical times and other specific activities. For the animators there is a training school at the Comboni center in Pahou.

## GALILEE MISSIONNAIRE

ARCHIDIOCESE DE COTONOU  
ŒUVRE PONTIFICALE  
DE L'ENFANCE MISSIONNAIRE  
GALILEE MISSIONNAIRE 2017



Thème : « Dieu L'a ressuscité, ce Jésus, nous en sommes témoins » Acte 2,32

### LA DECISION !

*Que choisit-tu ?*

- ☐ Prendre part à la JMM avec moi
- ☐ Commencer le catéchisme
- ☐ Aller désormais à la messe
- ☐ Adhérer à un groupe d'enfants

*Puis est fier de ton choix !*

ŒUVRE PONTIFICALE DE L'ENFANCE MISSIONNAIRE  
GALILEE MISSIONNAIRE 2017



Archidocèse missionnaire  
Cotonou au service de la vie

## BURKINA FASO and NIGER



**Theme of the year:** “*Enfant, recherchons l’unité par le lien de la paix*”, included in a geopolitical and cultural context. Various activities were carried out for the spiritual and integral well-being of children through a synergy of action between the PMS and the different dioceses. The Episcopal Conference also gives particular importance to the pastoral care of children.

Attention is paid to the formation of both the animators and the children and, thanks to the help of ordinary subsidy, the Dioceses were able to carry out the missionary formation of the children through conferences, biblical formations, material, meetings, etc. Diocesan structures and the support of lay people also contribute to the missionary awakening of children. Parental participation is still limited.

The realization of the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK** at the end of January foresees several phases:

an animation dossier was proposed and a great awareness-raising work was also carried out through radio and letters. The week was spent at a local, parish or diocesan level, with various initiatives to train children with a missionary spirit, both spiritually (missionary rosary, masses, catechesis...) and at a human level (visits to the sick



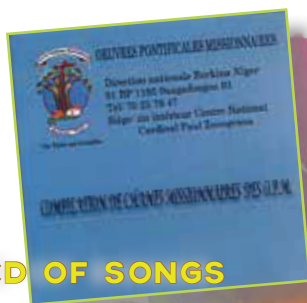
and the elderly, days of cleaning, collecting wood to heat the elderly ...).

**WORLD MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on January 29th.

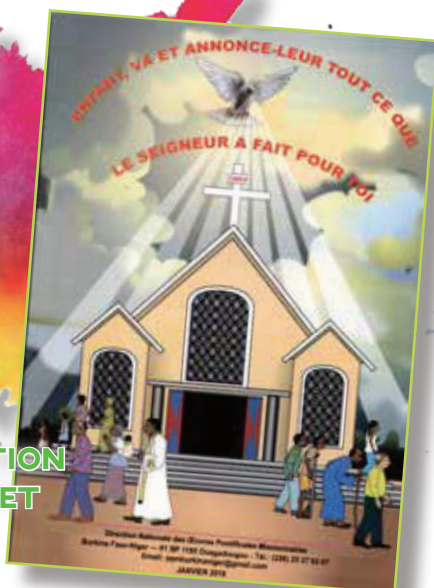
The funds raised in the dioceses have increased and this testifies the vitality of missionary action among children.

Both catechists and the Episcopal Conference recognize that Missionary Childhood is really a pedagogical tool that opens the spirit of children to the Gospel and mission. Furthermore, the so-called “catéchistes titulaires” are an example of courageous missionaries and evangelizers in Burkina Faso.

CD OF SONGS



ANIMATION  
BOOKLET



# NIGER



The Diocese of Niamey celebrates **THE ANNUAL MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK** and the theme normally also takes its cue from the context and the need to train children and young people to peace, forgiveness and unity. During the week there are various types of activities: sports, cultural, spiritual (for example the prayer of the rosary, the celebration), also formative for daily life (cooking, sewing, welding)





## BURUNDI



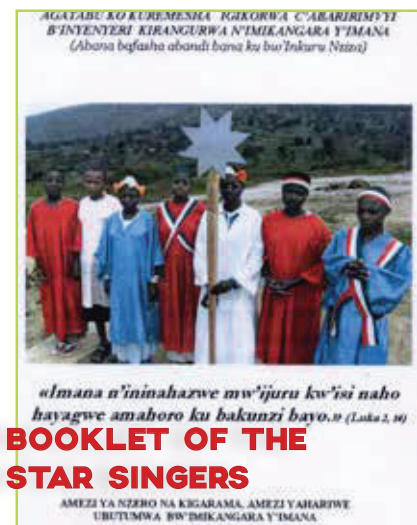
The Church in Burundi was founded in 1898 with the construction of the first parish in Muyaga. Currently 65% are Christians, divided into 8 dioceses with indigenous bishops. Pastoral care focus on the framework of the “*Living Ecclesiastical Communities*”.

**Animation theme:** “*Les enfants missionnaires, fortifient la Foi dans l'Eglise famille*”. Production of an annual booklet to encourage children to imitate Jesus’ compassion for the sick, the poor, the hungry etc. Organization of small activities for children, including pilgrimages, games and competitions. Visits to the sick and orphans etc. In addition, during the year, the different groups of Missionary Childhood visit

each other to exchange experiences, accompanied by animators, priests and parents.

Before celebrating **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** the **activity of the Star Singers** who proclaim the Good News is carried out. For the Day, material is distributed, such as the image of the Founder of the Society, the prayer of the child from Burundi, the booklet of the Star Singers activity, the stars to be pasted on the doors, missionary rosaries.

Missionary animation is very dynamic and is present in almost all the 200 parishes in the country.



Collaboration with diocesan directors is good and in each parish the children who are members of the Missionary Childhood continue to increase as well as the animators and the influence that children and young people have on adults, involving them in expressing their missionary spirit. The common project is to create mission animation structures that have a national animation team. The same will be for diocesan and parish animation teams.

Since 2015, in some Dioceses, the animators of Missionary Childhood have created groups of Missionary Childhood in the **Basic Ecclesial Communities**, and meet once a week to pray the Rosary and meditate on some passages from the Bible. These meetings have been called “Mission Vigils” and are bearing good results since it has been noticed that numerous children of Christian families join. The rest join M.C.

The National Office encourages the groups are present to adopt this initiative. In order to relaunch this activity, a program has been created that the dioceses can follow to better understand children.

A new instrument of missionary animation is the **National Missionary Concert**, which allows to live an important moment of information, training, awareness and gathering especially with young people and children. In this way, the missionary awareness of adults can be awakened. It was carried out on September 30, in the A.D.

of Gitega, to solemnly enter the missionary month and to talk about the PMS through songs, theater and traditional culture involving adults and young people. A missionary child’s speech opened the celebrations. The initiative was highly appreciated by the bishops

Dioceses in which these







also because it makes Christians understand that every baptized man and woman is an active subject of evangelization.

**NOVELTY:** creation of “Missionary Youth” groups to bring together children over 14 years of age who leave Missionary

Childhood groups.

The National Office has created a team of 10 people who animate the transmissions to **Radio Maria Burundi** once a week. Even the children of Missionary Childhood talk about their missionary experience and this encourages families to enroll their children in the Society.



## CAMEROON



The Episcopal Conference collaborates with the National Direction. It is improving the work of the Diocesan Directors who collaborate more with all the other children's movements and sensitize adults.

Animation **theme**: "*Enfant Missionnaire: protège le monde*". Many activities have been carried out at a diocesan, scholastic level, in Missionary Childhood groups of parishes and in orphanages.

**Diocese of Obala**: particular attention is given to Missionary Childhood and there are groups of **COP MONDE** in all parishes. These groups, recognized by the Episcopal Conference of Cameroon since the 1960s, have the integral development of the child as their purpose in all areas and foresee the evangelization of children through other children. The groups include the two movements, male and female, Cœurs vaillants and Ames vaillantes. The Diocese organizes a *family Christmas party* where children are encouraged to donate to help other children around the world.

**Diocese of Doumé Abong-Mbang**: raising children's awareness of generosity towards the most disadvantaged through parents. Support from the A.C.E.COP-Monde.

Celebration of the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: on January 6, 2018. Parents carried out a collection on Sunday, January 4, while school activities were organized on January 6. Among other things, the children sold the small calendars packaged by the National Office at a symbolic price, to support Missionary Childhood also locally. Posters could not be produced.

**NOVELTY**: The National Office published a missionary animation manual and distributed it to Diocesan Directors.

As for the formation of animators, some sessions were organized, but they are needed in all the dioceses to give all the animators the same knowledge.

**Website:** the National Office is waiting for the inauguration of the Episcopal Conference website where some pages will be dedicated to the PMS.



## CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



**Theme of the year:** “*Enfant, je vis ma mission en disciple missionnaire*”.

The **WORLD MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**, was celebrated on January 29th with the participation of children from different parishes in Bangui. The **"bale ko" operation** was proposed to allow children to do something for the less fortunate - each parish brought what was collected during the offertory. There was also a lot of training for animators at a diocesan, parish and ecclesial base communities level and the National Office continues the publication of the bulletin

**MBETI TI AITA-KWE.**

**NEW INITIATIVE:** a caravan for social



cohesion was organized.

**BULLETIN  
MBETI TI AITA-KWE**

## CHAD



The National Council of Missionary Childhood-Chad took place in Lai, with the main purpose of finding new ways of animation. There are two groups in the country that should be the cornerstones of missionary animation:

- The Basic Ecclesial Communities (**CEB**), made up of several families in the same neighborhood, which have the purpose of making each Christian understand the missionary mandate that derives from Baptism, the importance of announcing the Gospel in one's daily reality. While catechists also move to remote villages to evangelize, some lay people, such as teachers, often want to go only to villages near cities.
- Consecrated persons and priests, but they still take care little of missionary animation.

The main problems of many dioceses, in terms of animation, are caused by the lack of means of transport, by the instability of the leaders of some parishes, by the political situation in the country.

Missionary animation is carried out starting from the **booklet** prepared by the National Office and sent to all the parishes which, in the BEC, serves to raise awareness among children and adults about the charisma of Missionary Childhood. This year's **theme** was "*Enfant du Tchad, témoin de la miséricorde de Dieu*".

In the **Archdiocese of N'Djamena**, the « Ecoles Catholiques Associées (ECA) » *have integrated the animation of M.C. in their school curriculum for many years*

It is an educational activity of mutual help that each teacher does



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according to the booklet intended for this purpose. At the end of the activity, a collection is carried out.



booklet of the  
DAY OF  
MISSIONARY  
CHILDHOOD



OPM-TCHAD

## DEMOCRATIC REP. OF THE CONGO



From January to March, as decided by the bishops members of CENCO 5 years ago, all the promotional activities of Missionary Childhood are carried out. The theme chosen in 2017 was “*Enfants missionnaire en RDC, fais des amis pour Jésus*”. In view of the 175th anniversary of the Society, “*En marche vers le Jubilé de l’Enfance Missionnaire 1843-2018*” was also chosen as the **theme**.

Mission camps for children and adolescents are organized at CENAM (National Missionary Animation Center OPM-DRC) in Kinshasa, but also in other ecclesiastical provinces.

The National Council instructed the Diocesan Directors to bring together the animators and children of the respective dioceses to ensure regular missionary catechesis on the objectives of Missionary Childhood.

Exchanges were organized between Dioceses, a public reading competition for the Bible and the booklet “*Mon Petit Ami*”, as well as visits to sick children, prisoners, etc. A special celebration was also organized from



23 to 26 February 2017 in Bondo, **Province of Kisangani** with the theme “*En marche vers le Jubilé de l’Enfance Missionnaire 1843-2018*”.

**Ecclesiastical**

## NOVELTY

**Missionary children of the Chapel of Saints Pierre and Paul the Apostles:** the chapel, linked to the CENAM center in Bibwa, gathers a good number of Catholic Christians, families and children during the week and every Sunday. Within this small community there is a group of MC children, who also form a multilingual choir and an office that will coordinate the pastoral and missionary initiatives of the children of the country's dioceses

**Petit Collège Mgr de Forbin Janson, Kinshasa-Bibwa:**

close to the CENAM center inaugurated in 2016, there is a small kindergarten and a primary school with almost a hundred pupils

With the help of the President of the Episcopal Commission, a national platform for training pastoral agents and evangelization was created



## EGYPT



The National Office animates the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** in different dioceses.

A three-day training session was organized, from 25 to 27 January 2018, which was attended by 35 people from all over Egypt. Among the various activities, a day was organized with the Sisters of Mother Teresa, who look after elderly women and orphaned children. For the first time the participants experienced these sad realities.



## EQUATORIAL GUINEA



**NATIONAL MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated for the first time in the country this year under the theme "*Aunque soy pequeño, misionero quiero ser*". The program was sent to all the bishops, together with the missionary child manual (animation materials provided by the National Office of Spain) with the request to motivate the collaborators of the parishes and organize the event.

Thus, on **January 21, 2018**, the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD NATIONAL DAY** was **officially launched in all the Dioceses** while on the following Sunday each parish celebrated World Missionary Childhood. In some parishes, Missionary Childhood activities were inaugurated between October and December 2017.



## ETHIOPIA



A national team was formed, composed by the National Director, members of the female and male religious congregations, representatives of young people, lay people and priests, with the support of the Episcopal Conference of Ethiopia. Animation activities for Missionary Childhood and for the Propagation of the Faith take place together and differentiate according to specific needs.

Due to the country's ethnic tensions and conflicts, the theme of the year urges unity *"I came so that they might have life and have it to more abundantly"*.

Celebration in Addis Ababa in the presence of the Metropolitan Archbishop of the **2009 Ethiopia Calendar Children's Day** (Children's Day 2009 according to the Ethiopian calendar). For the occasion, posters and banners were sent to all 12 Ecclesiastical Provinces.

All the material of the year was focused on diversity. There are animation activities also in some parishes.



## GHANA



Missionary animation is strengthening, but the percentage of Catholics slightly exceeds 13%. Pentecostal sects are growing rapidly and are attracting young people, some Dioceses are under threat from Islam. In each diocese there is a person who takes care of the 4 Societies and a nun or lay person who in particular coordinates the activities of Missionary Childhood. They work closely with the National Office and the bishop's office. In addition to training programs at a diocesan and parish level, general catechesis programs are proposed to fortify small Christian communities.

The National Office promotes the Society through the radio and is creating the website.

A week is dedicated to each Society and posters, flyers etc. are produced and distributed to parishes, seminaries and houses of formation.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated from 4 to 11 February 2018 and the theme was *"Young people: the hope of mission"*. The collection in favor of the Universal Solidarity Fund is carried out during the celebrations.



## IVORY COAST



**Diocese of Katiola:** There is the will in children to witness their love for mission through their spirit of creativity in announcing and discovering the beauty of the Gospel (mimes, sketches, dances, concerts) The Diocese has a Missionary Childhood office and organizes a mission week in view of the Day dedicated to the Society with significant participation of the children (6,500). Through the training activities, Christian values are transmitted for a human and social growth of children, so that they too can take part in the work of evangelization.

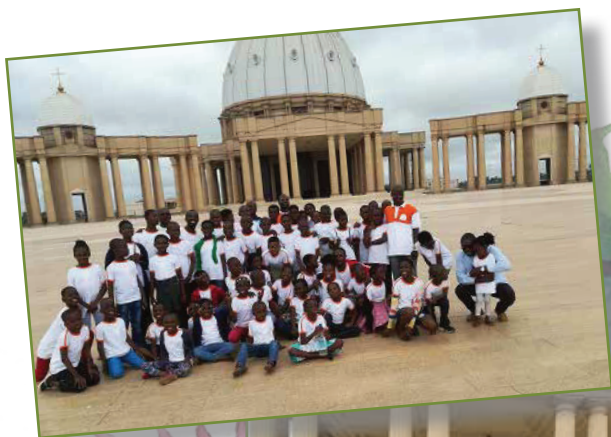
**Diocese of Bondoukou:** The week of Missionary Childhood and the diocesan pilgrimage are a favorable occasion and much appreciated by children.

**Diocese of Agboville:** The activity of the Star Singers takes place. The singers announce the Good News through songs and drawings both in churches and visiting families in traditional clothes. **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**, is celebrated on February 5, trying to sensitize children to mission.

**Diocese of Grand Bassam:** the culmination of the various initiatives for children was the diocesan celebration of **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**, on 11 February 2017. All the children of the diocese met in the Saint Esprit parish of Mockeyville with the bishop and animators for the celebration of mass, a concert and various games.



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## KENYA

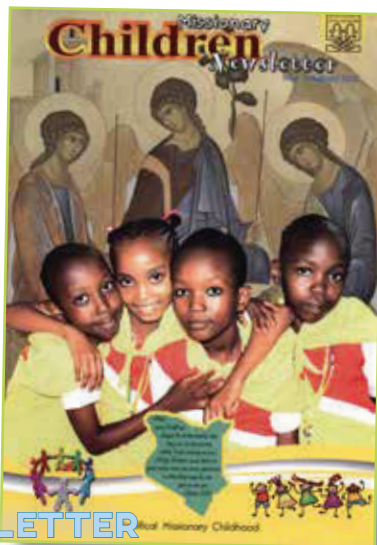


Missionary Childhood continues to grow in the country. It is present and active in all 26 dioceses. Children are well formed in the Catholic faith and are protagonists of local churches, schools and parishes. A great help is given by the ordinary subsidy that the bishops use for the promotion of the Society, which has made the Society strong and structured thanks to the constant animation programs supported by the subsidy. Many **radio** stations broadcast the activities of Missionary Childhood and it is the children themselves who speak. In addition, every Saturday, there is a program dedicated solely to Missionary Childhood on Radio Waumini.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is celebrated on Epiphany Sunday.

Two booklets are used as teaching aids and, moreover, there is a guide for animators called «**Together to Jesus**». Every year a calendar of activities for children is published and every 4 months a Newsletter is published which collects the testimonies from the Dioceses.

The **theme** of the year was “*May they be one*”, inspired by the difficult situation of internal division of the nation on the



**NEWSLETTER**

eve of the elections. For the occasion, **peaceful marches** were also organized during which the children were able to interact with people of various confessions. A **SONG** was created for the unity of the nation.



Various initiatives were carried out this year to expand the Society, such as courses in seminaries, activities in primary schools and in the Church's boarding houses.

In addition, a **spiritual pilgrimage** was made from 26 September to 2 October 2017.



[www.pmskenya.org](http://www.pmskenya.org)



## MADAGASCAR



**Theme of the year** “*Enfants catholiques avec Sainte Marie, invitent ses amis à suivre le Christ*”.

There is a good collaboration between the Diocesan Directors and the Bishops and the celebration of Missionary Childhood Day on the day of Epiphany expands more and more in the Dioceses. Long before Christmas the National Office sends the preparation material that is used by parents, animators and educators to cultivate and concretize the missionary spirit in children.

Missionary Childhood groups continue to collaborate with the movements of the Catholic Action. Radio programmes are broadcasted.

In the **Diocese of Morondava**, a new children's park called « **Parc des enfants missionnaires** », was inaugurated by the Apostolic Nuncio, symbol of the charism of



Missionary Childhood, that is, sharing and solidarity.

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## MALAWI



**Theme** of the year “*Christian Family a Missionary school for Children*” which emphasizes the role of family and home in the education of children. Animators were encouraged to organize meetings in their parishes and small Christian communities to seek support from parents and family in the work of animation. The National Office organized sessions to sensitize priests and nuns to give support to animators and is developing a manual which is common to all the Dioceses. The **NATIONAL DAY OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** took place on 7 January 2018 in the Diocese of Dezda and *first time* this year the *envelopes for the collection* were introduced.

In collaboration with Radio Maria Malawi, a **NATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL** was launched, which will take place in September 2018, in which choirs are asked to compose a song on the theme of the year.





## TESTIMONY

**KONDWANI  
14 YEARS**

**MEMBER OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD**

Parents often do not encourage children to go to church and participate in Missionary Childhood activities and they do not pray with them. They also want them to work at home on Saturdays and therefore not go to class. Sometimes children are sent to the market to sell small items.

Parishes often do not have toys, such as balls to play with, and this disorganization results in children being attracted to Muslims who, on the other hand, are well organized and give them food and materials to play with during lessons.

There are no books to read and pray with, many children come to church without food and do not have decent clothes. There is no exchange with other parishes because there is no money for transport and thus they cannot exchange experiences. Many children are unable to pray, read, write and go to school.



**Pontifical Missionary Societies Malawi**

## MALI



**Theme of the year :** « *Les enfants contribuent à l'entente et à la communion dans la famille, l'Eglise et la société* ».

The National Office, with the help of the Diocesan Directors, is trying to make the population even more aware. Diocesan Directors work with collaborators in the parishes where there are parish committees. The Director communicates all information through a **Newsletter** in order to encourage a greater and assiduous animation with more initiatives at a diocesan level. Awareness also occurs through radio and television programs and personal telephone contacts.

To strengthen animation in favor of Missionary Childhood, some Dioceses celebrate not only the **THE WEEK OF MISSIONARY**

**CHILDHOOD**, around the Epiphany with the culmination of the celebration on Epiphany Day (World Missionary Childhood Day), but also the following week. Pastoral agents (catechists, priests, men and women religious) are sent to the communities to celebrate this Day.



To make the Diocesan Directors more responsible, the decision taken was to choose a person to be responsible at a national level for each society - for Missionary Childhood it is the Diocesan

Director of the Diocese of Ségou. The National Office noticed a slight increase in the collection and, to encourage solidarity, would like to present a chart with the collections for each diocese and parish to the faithful, as well as the contribution to the Universal Solidarity Fund.



In the **Diocese of San** a *chain of friends of the PMS* was launched. Each child who joins the chain has, as a mission, to find at least one friend in order to allow him/her to better know Missionary Childhood.

In the same Diocese, the custom of the Rosary prayer animated and carried out completely by children in many families and in the neighborhoods of the villages during the week before and after the Epiphany is being increasingly strengthened.



## MOROCCO



**Theme of the year:** « *Ma vocation missionnaire comme enfante dans l'Eglise* ».

Training activities continue through children's films, catechesis, theater, collection.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on January 28, 2017.

Missionary prayers for children in mission countries, painting contest, missionary songs, missionary games to get to know mission countries.



## MOZAMBIQUE



**Theme of the year:** « *Deixem as crianças passar, e não as impeçam de chegar até mim, pois o reino do diabo pertence-lhes.* ».

During the year there were conflicts, calamities and social upheavals in all the Dioceses that limited the possibilities for animation. However, each Diocese carried out activities on the subject.

The missionary animation work of children falls within the ordinary pastoral care of dioceses and parishes. In fact, every urban parish has a well organized and active Missionary Childhood group.

There is a desire to move the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD FESTIVAL**, currently celebrated at Epiphany, to June, because it is conceived as a

month for children and in that period children are at home and do not go to school, therefore outside their usual environment.







## NAMIBIA



Collaboration and support of bishops and great interest of the children for the weekly meetings of Missionary Childhood groups during which they listen to stories from the Bible, play ball, make puzzles, color, watch video clips on Christian themes and through which they learn the values.

**WORLD MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY** in Namibia is always the first Sunday of February, as decided by the Episcopal Conference, which has chosen a date far from school holidays.

For the **NATIONAL DAY OF THE SICK**, however, children are taken to visit hospitals and nursing homes, where they sing or help to clean.

The National Office receives and uses material from Kenya, Zambia, Nigeria and Uganda.

**Vicariate of Rundu:** the Diocesan Director is very active and organizes many programs for children, also producing material suitable for local conditions.



## NIGERIA



**Theme of the year:** « *Blessed Virgin Mary is my Mother* ». The same theme was celebrated during Missionary Childhood Day from 1-3 August, dates chosen by the Nigerian Episcopal Conference, in Benin City. About 300 children and their animators from 45 dioceses in Nigeria participated.

Courses for animators were held and various activities were organized for children, including missionary rosary, talent show, quizzes etc.

Many **PUBLICATIONS** for animators and children.



## RWANDA



The National Director works in collaboration with the Diocesan Directors, who deal with the Societies in their Dioceses and collaborate with other structures, such as the commission for the pastoral care of children. However, animation is still weak due to the lack of structures at a national and diocesan level and the lack of resources.

The Episcopal Conference of Rwanda established that **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** should be celebrated on the third Sunday of February, this year on February 19. To prepare for the celebrations, an animated message is sent some time before; that of 2017 is « *Enfants, préparez-vous à célébrer le jubilé de cent ans du sacerdoce au Rwanda* ».

**Diocese of Byumba:** there are two refugee camps where children are cared for through health care, school supplies and activities during the holidays. The Diocese tries to include them in the normal activities of Missionary Childhood to foster inter-community and intercultural relationships, as well as testify their brotherly love. The missionary pilgrimage made on foot, which normally follows the celebration of Christmas and Easter, has the purpose of sensitizing children not to close themselves up but to open themselves to others, experiencing the uniqueness of the Church. Missionary Childhood day is celebrated in August during the holidays. It is also an important occasion for the participation of refugee children. Children are invited to undertake the mission of evangelization and proximity. Visits to families, hospitals and refugee camps are planned.

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## SENEGAL and MAURITANIA



The **theme of the year** was « *Disciple, Missionnaire* ». Catechesis is carried out mainly in Catholic schools and parishes, especially through Catholic Action, CV/AV and Les Enfants de Choeur movements.

The National Office distributes prayer booklets, posters and images.

A very important event is the **annual pilgrimage** of children to the Marian shrine.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on Epiphany Day in all the Dioceses.





## **SOUTH AFRICA BOTSWANA and SWAZILAND**



As in previous years, events dedicated to children were held in the Dioceses of Cape Town and Bethlehem, such as special days during which children collect food and money for the less fortunate. Pilgrimages are also organized.

The “Children of Mary and Boys of Ikhewi”, children of the Diocese of Witbank, have a special devotion to Mary and meet once a month. An annual congress also takes place in the pastoral center of the diocese during which, for a weekend, 12 parishes and 600 children share and praise the Lord together with the Bishop.

**Teaching aids:** a Comboni Sister began the translation of material from Latin America.



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## TANZANIA



The **theme of the year** was “150 Years of Evangelization - the Joy of the Gospel” as Tanzania celebrated **150 years of evangelization** on this year. Many activities were organized, also through national media.

A **NEW INITIATIVE** was the creation of the **Missionary Childhood medal** for the promotion of the Society and that the member children wear on special occasions. The medals were minted with the help of the National Office of Poland.



### MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY

is celebrated on December 28 or on Epiphany day.



**SAINTS  
INNOCENT  
MARTYRS  
FEAST**

## TESTIMONY



In the **DIOCESE OF MOSHI**, **Children's cells** were founded to strengthen and support the Society, which are formed within the basic Christian communities. Thus, children from various communities form a cell. These communities choose animators who look after children. The idea was inspired by an action by the missionary children of the Diocese who, taken to visit places, discovered an abandoned house where an elderly unmarried and childless woman lived. The woman was sick and weak, without medicine, food or company. The children were moved, washed her, washed her clothes, prepared food and ate with her and socialized. They continued to visit and help her until she improved her health conditions. **Upon learning this story, the Diocese of Moshi decided to create children's cells to spread this behavior among other children and adults.**





## MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD CONGRESS IN MBEYA



## ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAY THE ROSARY

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# TOGO



Each Diocese organizes the animation following the indications of the National Office, but adapting it to their needs and culminating with the celebration of **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** in January around Epiphany. A national meeting is organized once every three years.

**Theme of the year :** « *La Mission au cœur de ma foi d'enfant et de jeune* ».

**Testimony :** the children of various Catholic movements formed groups to visit the different schools and share with them the sub-theme « *Les jeunes, espérance de la Mission* ».

## ANIMATION MATERIAL



## UGANDA



All 19 Catholic Dioceses have diocesan directors who work in harmony with the coordinators of Missionary Childhood and with the National Office.

The **theme of the year** was: «*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat*» and **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on 9 July in all dioceses. Missionary posters were printed.



[www.pmsuganda.org](http://www.pmsuganda.org)

## ZAMBIA



The theme of the year was « *Missionary Children Source of Joy* » to animate and encourage children to share their joy with other children.

The theme was also used for **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** celebrated at Epiphany.



Chitenges and T-shirts were produced by Missionary Childhood and organized the celebrations, at a deanery level, of the 175th anniversary of the Society.

**POSTER  
MISSIONARY  
CHILDHOOD  
DAY**

**CHITENGES  
AND T-SHIRTS  
OF MISSIONARY  
CHILDHOOD**





**NEW INITIATIVE** : the National Office is planning to introduce the activities of Missionary Childhood in Catholic schools and pre-schools and train animators in each school. This is a good opportunity to train children whose parents have never spoken about the Church.



**MISSIONARY  
CHILDHOOD DAY  
SOLWEZI  
DIOCESE**



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CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

# AMERICA







## ANTILLES



In 2017 there was no common theme for animation.

Diocesan directors focused on the Youth Biblical Evangelization. In some Dioceses Missionary Childhood is very active, in others less.

**Trinidad and Tobago (AD of Port of Spain):** there is a large group of animators and very well organized. Each year, young people gather for the Missionary Childhood Rally. For the animation, a **booklet** was created that offers guidelines: prayer (missionary rosary), sacrifice (donate your time, help children with their homework) and money (collected for charitable causes). They use material from the National Office of Canada.

**St. Lucia (AD of Castries):** Missionary Childhood celebrated its 30th anniversary last year (2016). The Archdiocese encourages «**First communion classes**», a tool to increase the number of member children.



The annual rally with mass is organized.

## MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD GROUPS IN SAINT GEORGES

**Grenada: (D. of St. George's):** 18 groups of Missionary Childhood from the 23 Catholic schools of the Diocese. In October, the children were encouraged to implement the Missionary Childhood motto in different ways: visiting the sick, preparing food for children who do not have it, visiting disabled children. During Lent the children make a collection.

**Dominica (Diocese of Roseau):**

Missionary Childhood has 660 members and families are involved in the activities. Children are asked to create a corner at home with the Bible and the missionary piggy bank.

**Jamaica (Diocese of Kingston and diocese of Mandeville and Montego Bay):** Missionary Childhood here needs stronger impetus. Collection for Epiphany.

**Suriname (Diocese of Paramaribo):** animation for Missionary Childhood is linked to the First Communion and Confirmation programs.



MISSIONARY  
CHILDHOOD  
GROUPS IN  
GRENADA



Pontifical Mission Societies in the Antilles

## ARGENTINA

**Theme :** “*Con servicio y oración, construimos la misión*”.

Various activities on the theme throughout the year but, especially, in August, the month of Missionary Childhood. On the fourth Sunday of the month, **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD NATIONAL DAY** is celebrated in all dioceses.



**IGLESIA  
MISIONERA  
HOY**



Organization of SOMA and meetings at a regional level of Missionary Childhood animators, instead of a more expensive national meeting and to strengthen the animation teams at a national level.

The Direction continues missionary animation in particular through the **IMH (Iglesia Misionera Hoy)** magazine.

**CONGRESSIST**

**BOOKLET** for

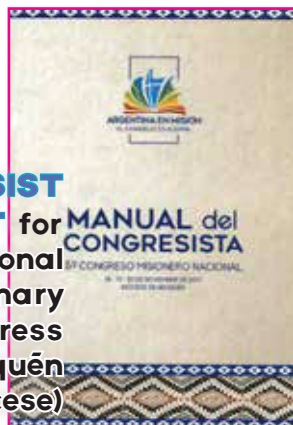
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## BOLIVIA



There is a growth of Missionary Childhood groups and a strengthening of the "Adolescencia Y Jóvenes Misioneros" (who were previously members of the Missionary Childhood).

Great support of the animators, collaboration and good coordination with the Episcopal Conference of Bolivia.

Various materials were prepared to animate **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**, always with the help of the diocesan directors and, for the first time, the Piggy Bank was used.

The publication of the magazine **MISIONERHITOS** continues.

**Difficulty:** In some sectors of the Church they do not know the Societies. Sometimes Missionary Childhood groups do not have the support of parishes.



## CANADA (ENGLISH-SPEAKING)

**Theme of the year:** « Reconciliation ».

The National Office cooperates with the National Office of French-speaking Canada.

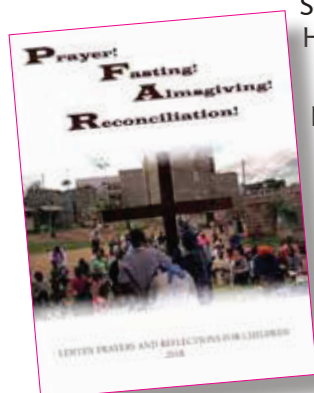
**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** generally celebrated on the first Wednesday of May, but members are free to celebrate it when they can. The National Office attended the celebrations in Vancouver this year.

Annual conference of Diocesan Directors in May.

Through Newsletters, materials and guidelines for children (three levels), teachers and catechists were sent to those who were unable to participate.

The **educational program** follows the academic year and is divided into two periods: autumn (September-December) and winter (January-June). During the year, therefore, the files with the facts relating to two countries are presented. This year

South Africa and Haiti.



In addition to the **Newsletter**, the **Mission Today** magazine publishes the Missionary Childhood activities three times a year.







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## CANADA (FRENCH-SPEAKING)

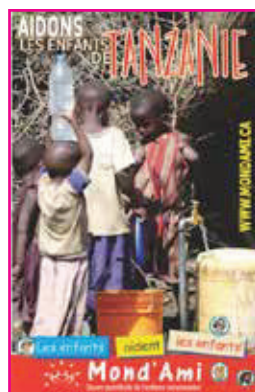
There is no annual theme but **witnesses, LES GENTILS PIRATES MISSIONNAIRES**, who travel from one country to another to discover a great treasure: the hearts of the world's children.

At the beginning of the year, a **magazine** was published containing a lot of information. The bishops propose the path of catechesis.

This year the National Office tried to find Catholic schools in Québec and Ontario that would accept to receive them in order to propose Missionary Childhood.

The animation follows the school calendar and the presentation of the **Projet-Partage** extends for two years (from September to June). Until June 2017, the country that gave witness to the campaign was Peru with a project to finance a school canteen. The National Office visited the places and then showed the children two videos. Furthermore, posters, explanatory leaflets,

prayer books and piggy banks relating to the country are produced. Tanzania was the witness country since September 2017 (financing for solar water pump). Fundraising takes place around Epiphany, but not all dioceses do it in this period. They cannot talk about mission in the schools.





# PAPILLONS D'ESPOIR:

butterflies continue to fly with the messages of Canadian children who are brought to mission countries by the National Director during his visits.



## BOOKLET MOI MISSIONNAIRE? FOR CHILDREN, PUBLISHED FOR THE MISSIONARY MONTH

**Website** in two sections: animators/ adults and children.

Each diocese functions independently with regards to the celebration of **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:**

- Sept-Iles: collection for the Epiphany
- Some schools in the west and Ontario present a Projet-Partage during Lent
- Some parishes make small projects with catechesis groups, such as sales of handmade items.

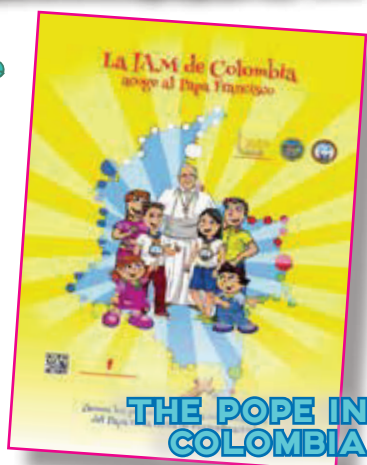


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## COLOMBIA

Animation also takes place through the magazine **Enfance et Adolescence missionnaires**, which publishes 6 issues per year and serves as a tool for the animators to explore the proposed themes.

The 2017 training was oriented on the topic «Paz y reconciliación». The magazine's September-October issue was dedicated to the Pope's visit to Colombia, inviting the children to peace and reconciliation.



### Theme of the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD NATIONAL DAY:**

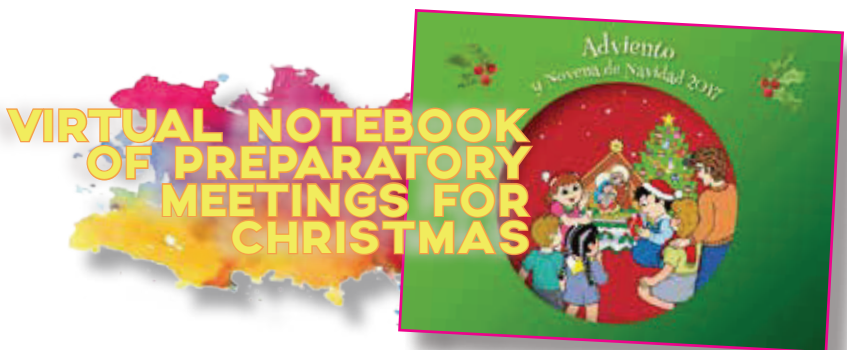
« Niños, niñas y adolescentes Misioneros:  
Semillas de reconciliación y paz».

The Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May and is generally preceded by 4 weekly meetings (some parishes, for organizational reasons, celebrate it on another Sunday, also in May). The National Office supplies posters, piggy banks and other animation material. Families are often involved in parish activities and in the celebration of the Day.

Some virtual material was prepared for Pope Francis' visit to Colombia.



**PLANEADOR  
MISIONERO  
WHICH HELPS PLAN  
MEETINGS WITH  
CHILDREN**



**VIRTUAL NOTEBOOK  
OF PREPARATORY  
MEETINGS FOR  
CHRISTMAS**



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<http://ompdecolombia>

## COSTA RICA



The Society grows in the country, both at the level of children involved and animators and is present in all 8 Dioceses. The number of formation courses for animators and the coordination with the other Missionary Societies also increases. **Animation material** was created and visits to public and private schools were planned for missionary animation.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is celebrated on the first Sunday of March.

A **NATIONAL DRAWING COMPETITION** was organized.



## DRAWING COMPETITION

## CUBA



The National Office has re-started the publication of the magazine **Huellas misioneras**.

**Missionary week:** taking advantage of the school holiday week in April, the Missionary Childhood organizes an intense mission week to visit the villages and spread the message of the risen Christ door to door. This year they visited Sola, a country village. This initiative is slowly being proposed as an action at a national level.

**NATIONAL MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is celebrated in May.

In October, Cuban children participated in the **MISSIONARY ROSARY FOR UNITY AND PEACE**, while the **CABALGATA**, the proclamation of the Gospel on the streets, singing in the evenings between 25 December and 7 January was included in the Christmas program.

Furthermore, the correspondence between Cuban and other missionary children continues (**Puente Misionero**).



## DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



The **theme** of the year was : «*Si los niños participan la misión se vivifica*». On January 29, **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated with the participation of the children of colleges and catecheses. Furthermore, animation courses and meetings were held for children from different parishes and colleges.

**Diocese of Bani:** more than 120 children attended.

**Diocese of Mao-Montecristi:** created workshops for children with the aim of being animators of other children through the typical tools of Holy Childhood.



## ECUADOR

The year, with the **theme** « *A evangelizar con alegría* », was dedicated to children and young people, hope of the mission.

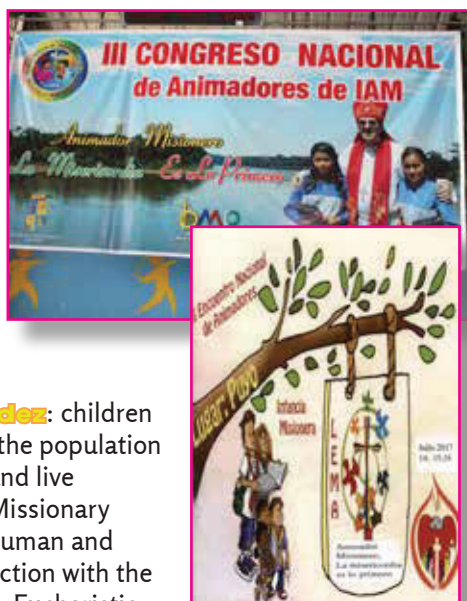
The goal was to highlight that mission is shared with joy, and it is a service to humanity because having Jesus in the heart and sharing his message of love with others is a reason for joy.

### The **III NATIONAL MEETING OF ANIMATORS OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD**

was held entitled: « *Animador misionero, la misericordia es lo primero* » from July 14th to 16th in the Apostolic Vicariate of Puyo. The meeting revitalized the work of the animators. Material was prepared for the occasion.

**M.C. DAY** is celebrated in January.

**Apostolic Vicariate of Mendoz:** children and adolescents represent 51% of the population of the Morona Santiago province and live largely in the rural area. Through Missionary Childhood we try to enhance the human and spiritual dimension and the connection with the Church through meetings, retreats, Eucharistic celebrations, games, activities. It is the children who participate in Missionary Childhood who bring their parents to the parish. These children become missionary disciples in their environment.



**Apostolic Vicariate of Napo** : the territory is very extensive, there is a lack of drinking water and medicines. There are 20 parishes, 13 of which with Missionary Childhood groups. From 4 to 7 years of age the children are animated by Missionary Childhood and subsequently proceed with catechism. The activities of the Society are also an opportunity to involve parents. As for the celebration of the day of Missionary Childhood, this takes place throughout the month of January and the various animation activities during the year take place in an itinerant way between the 6 pastoral areas.

**Apostolic Vicariate of Sucumbios**: The proposals offered by Missionary Childhood are welcomed by thousands of children from the Amazon: 717 girls and 567 boys are enrolled, with 95 Missionary Childhood groups and 106 animators.

The objective of Missionary Childhood activities is to prepare and strengthen children in missionary spirituality and their integration in the ecclesial community.





## EL SALVADOR



The goal of the year was to revitalize missionary formation in diocesan communities. For this purpose, visits to the Diocesan Secretaries was developed and a booklet with guidelines on how to organize the Missionary Childhood at a parish and diocesan level was developed.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on January 29th. The theme was « *Soy discípulo Misionero en formación* » and the slogan « *Niños y adolescentes en formación, fuerza para la misión!* ». A poster was created.

The National Office made visits to the bishops to present the activities of the Missionary Childhood in the country and in the dioceses, promoting collaboration. Some parishes showed interest in the “School with Jesus”, leading to the inclusion of the educational program in the pastoral work in some Dioceses.



<http://www.elsalvadormisionero.org/>

## GUATEMALA



The first group of Missionary Childhood was founded in Colonia Coti6 de Guatemala in 1985. In 2001 the Episcopal Conference of Guatemala and the National Office decided to celebrate the **NATIONAL DAY OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** on the third Sunday of July. Missionary adolescence also started in 2002.

The country is very poor and most of the population, especially children, is malnourished. Many children are mistreated and feel lonely and abandoned. Furthermore, many people are indifferent to the activity of the Church. There are transport problems from one parish to another and this does not help animation. The country is fertile but, for example, in Ciudad Quetzal there is a lot of violence and, at times, it is difficult to meet with the participants in the parish formation. There is, however, a group of lay professionals of various kinds who offer their time and material goods to make the Society known throughout the country.

A lot of work is being done to create a missionary conscience and, in the **Diocese of Zacapa**, the **EVANGELIZATION ON THE MOVE project** began, where Missionary Childhood groups



are formed and they gather and educate animators. Due to the limited means of dissemination and promotion, few priests still know the Society and the existence of Missionary Childhood Day. Added to this

is the high cost of organizing events with all children.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** celebrated on July 16 in 8 different places, with the participation of 13,200 children. The theme was: “*En alegría, paz y oración los niños hacen la misión*”



## HAITI



The soul of the parishes in the country are children aged 5 to 14 who actively participate in all activities.

The National Office invited all the Diocesan Directors of the PMS, the religious and the animators to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Society on the first Sunday of February in which Missionary Childhood Day is generally celebrated. The proposed theme was « *L'enfant au centre* » and the National Office composed a prayer, *The prayer of the child*. Radio interviews were released and this made it possible to make the history of the Society and its purpose better known.

The National Office also proposed the usual annual pastoral plan, guided this year by the theme « *La mission au cœur de la foi chrétienne* ». Already in January, 20 people gathered to prepare for this year of Childhood, discussing strategies and problems. In some parish communities it is necessary to relaunch the Society and intensify training, increasing the number of people who work for children.



**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**, the first Sunday of February, is an opportunity to animate all the children of the country and to visit primary schools. **Posters**, and **preparation booklets** were printed and distributed and a **prayer** was composed for the occasion.

For the **feast of the Holy Innocents**, according to the directives of the National Office, each Diocese organized a Eucharistic celebration, followed by a good catechesis and a cultural presentation.

**SUMMER CAMPING**: the National Office encourages the Dioceses to organize it because it is a good occasion from an anthropological, psychological, community, spiritual and missionary point of view. In addition, on the occasion of Mother's Day, each Diocese brings together, on the last Sunday of May, some children to underline the importance of the maternal figure.



## HONDURAS



Much animation was made in preparation for the **VI NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** entitled « *En mi familia casa y escuela del amor; soy un niño misionero con fervor*», which however could not take place due to the national social conflicts.

One works a lot with families to involve parents and help them create a loving and peaceful atmosphere for children's lives. The National Office aims to form and organize missionary families in which parents are in harmony with the national Church. In this sense, animators also need to be trained to evangelize new families. The National Office also tries to bring the Society to dioceses where it does not yet exist.

Collaboration with the seminarians of the Mayor Seminary of Nuestra Señora de Suyapa to carry out animation.



## MEXICO

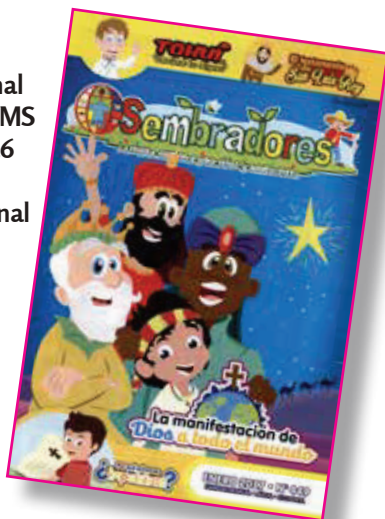
This year was characterized by natural disasters and earthquakes that affected mainly some Dioceses. Many people continue to live in difficult situations, but there is great support from community pastors and generous people.

In general, courses were organized for animators, communities, children, etc. throughout the year in various Dioceses with different animation purposes depending on the situation of the Diocese. Some aimed to present the Society to educators, parents, catechists, others had to improve the service of those already engaged in catechesis or encourage children to share their faith and their material goods, especially with children in the poorest areas.

National Congress of the Missionary Childhood in San Luis de Potosí from 26 to 29 January.



The 2nd Regional Meeting of National Directors of the PMS took place from 26 to 28 September and of the National Secretaries of Missionary Childhood of North America, Central America and the Caribbean.



# MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD NATIONAL CONGRESS

SAN LUIS DE POTOSÍ

26 - 29 JANUARY





## NICARAGUA



Missionary Childhood and Adolescents is one of the Societies that grows in parishes and dioceses and is well organized. The Missionary Action Plan was developed for the journey from childhood to adolescence which includes meetings, camps, days, animations and missionary training workshops.

Efforts are being made to strengthen national teams.

**Theme of the year:** « *Criaturas del Señor, Benecid al Señor* »

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Nativity of the Virgin (8 September).

**NOVELTY:** a National training camp for Missionary Childhood animators was organized and a Day of Prayer for children from other continents.



**NATIONAL TRAINING CAMP  
FOR MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD  
ANIMATORS**

Publication of a lot of animation material for both animators and children.

## THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD



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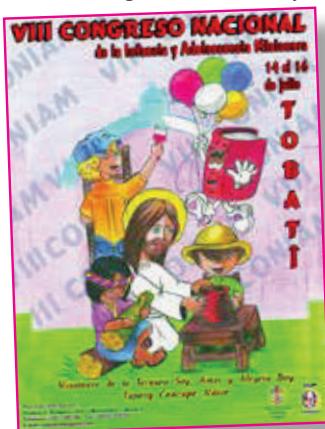
## PARAGUAY

**Theme of the year:** «*En el abrazo de Jesús, descubro mi misión*».

Campsites for teenagers were organized as well as **Diocesan Meetings** entitled “*Abrazos gratis*” which took place in the city center to show affection among brothers and friends of Jesus. In the parishes, communities and schools where there is the Society there is a group piggy bank, in which each child puts an offer every month.



**NATIONAL MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY (JONIAM):** celebrated on the first Sunday of August, the month of the child in Paraguay. All the celebrations that took place in the different dioceses resulted, before the date, in a week of prayer for the child's pain, a walk of love, a day with songs of missionary animation and, finally, Holy Mass.



**VIII CONIAM** (National Congress of the Missionary Childhood): held from 14 to 16 July in Tobatí. The slogan was «*Misionero de la Ternura soy, Amor y Alegría doy*».

The animation material is shared with the national group of animators through the Facebook page of the National Office.

# VIII CONIAM

JONIAM



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THEATRE

Infancia Y Adolescencia Misionera PARAGUAY





## PERU



This year there were major difficulties caused by **hurricane El Niño**, which devastated many villages in the north of the country. This led to a delayed start of schools (a month later) and a decrease in the collection. In addition, many parish priests do not deliver the material they receive and do not campaign for the Missionary Childhood or the collection.

**Theme of the year:** « *La palabra es luz y alegría, compartela!* ». Courses were organized for animators on the theme of the year and Missionary animation days for children in every parish and educational center where the Missionary Childhood is located. On the last Thursday of the month, the animators gather to plan and elaborate material for the children (**LPM – Le Petit Missionnaire magazine**) which is being elaborated and edited by the National Office and the National Secretary of the Missionary Childhood.



The **Seeders Day of Stars** was celebrated on January 6 in Lima, while the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD NATIONAL FESTIVAL** is celebrated in April.



In the 44 ecclesiastical jurisdictions of the country there are diocesan and zonal directors who collaborate with the National Office. Courses on Missionary Childhood were carried out in the Departments of Chiclayo, Arequipa, Trujillo, aimed at the Zonal directors of the PMS. Each parish and every school in which the Missionary Childhood exists carries out its Missionary Animation Day trying to increase groups. On the occasion of the Catholic holidays, the National Secretariat of Lima proposes and organizes the consecration of the Holy Childhood.

**Apostolic Vicariate of Iquitos:** the organization of Missionary Childhood in the vicariate has the main objective of living and spreading the missionary spirit. This goal is present in all meetings and events and the fruit of this spirit can be perceived in every activity that has been carried out. At the end of each pilgrimage, meeting, festival organized by Missionary Childhood the bishop himself intervenes addressing not only the children but also the parents, animators and catechists on the importance for every Christian of being a missionary, regardless of age, proposing as an example those who have walked on the way of holiness.



## PUERTO RICO



The majority of Missionary Childhood members are the result of the animation and missionary formation work in the Colleges.

Two hurricanes brought the country to its knees this year. The total devastation affected the lives of families and the community.

**Theme of the year:** « *Puerto Rico en Misión, el Evangelio es Alegría* ». The campaign was supported by animation materials.

**DOMINF Day:** is the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** and is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. The title of this eleventh day was « *Niños misioneros con Cristo, a Puerto Rico y al mundo entero* ».

The promotional material was sent to the parishes of the island and to the Catholic colleges of all the Dioceses. It consisted of 3 cycles of missionary formation equivalent to 12 Missionary Childhood meetings with the following themes: *We are responsible for the mission, the roots of our mission, our mission in the church and our missionary project, our missionary journey, we share our project with the parish priest, the mission of the adolescent in the world, a missionary bridge.*

In this way the National Office offers animation courses to catechists and religion teachers, inviting them to incorporate the Missionary Childhood in colleges and parishes, telling their story, their charisma and how it helps children in orphanages, schools, hospitals etc.

## URUGUAY

The **theme** of the three-year period 2015-2017 was:

« Soy una misión en esta tierra y para eso estoy en el mundo ». To work with children, the theme «Soy Misión, somos Misión» was chosen.

The reality of the country is highly secularized, there is a disintegration of families and an indifference towards religion. Missionary Childhood groups are almost a miracle in this context. We must awaken, revive, nourish and support the personal and community encounter of children with Jesus to bring about friendship in faith and missionary cooperation.

A Missionary Childhood initiation "**Cuadernillo**" with **basic material** is being created for the training, both for the animator and for the child.

Furthermore, the visual identification of the Society is very important to be easily recognized and, therefore, children and animators should bring handkerchiefs or identical T-shirts.



OMP Uruguay

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## VENEZUELA

The country is experiencing a moment of crisis and material and spiritual poverty has increased. This year is 54 years since the foundation of Missionary Childhood in Venezuela and 15 years of CENTIMISION.

The theme of the year and **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is : « Llenando la Tierra de la Misericordia del Señor ».

**The Missionary Childhood National Assembly**, which takes place annually, brings together the leaders of the country's ecclesiastical circumscriptions and serves to evaluate the work done during the year and to plan the following year. The culmination of the Assembly is on Missionary Childhood Day, which is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of January. The celebrations are organized by diocesan coordinators together with the Mission team led by the Director of the Missions in every ecclesiastical circumscription in the country.



Since 2016, training days for teachers have also taken place through the School Animation Service (SAME). These days serve to direct the teaching, management and administrative staff of Catholic schools on how ecclesiastical, cultural, academic and evangelical centers are to be conceived. Many schools apply Escuela con Jesús.



DOMUND



**PENCIL  
CAMPAIGN  
FOR THE 2017  
MISSION**

The National Office uses all social networks and, especially this year that some publications have had to be suspended due to lack of funds, it offers them in digital format through the web page.

The only printed material (poster and missionary animation aid) this year was the one for the two great days, that of Missionary Childhood and DOMUND.



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## ASIA





## BANGLADESH



The National Assembly on the theme “*Mercy and Joy in Christian Family*” was held in the Pastoral Center of Mymensingh, which was attended by 180 members from all the Dioceses.

The National Office organized Missionary Childhood seminars.

Publication of the **quarterly magazine SHANTIR BARTA** (*The messenger of peace*) containing the **Bible Quiz**.

Celebration of **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY** on January 29 with the theme “*Children’s formation in Family Love*”.

Publication of bilingual **posters**, envelopes for offerings, banners, festoons etc.



## INDIA



The theme of the year was "*Little Missionaries*". All missionary activities are carried out as **family activities**: family and parents are the first animators of children in missionary education and cooperation.

In addition to the parents, the animators include educators, catechists, lay collaborators, young people, nuns and priests. These teach children to juggle and take responsibility. Overall, the National Office has a good structure, most of the Diocesan Directors are aware of their responsibilities and the number of Missionary Childhood groups has

grown. By increasing secular collaboration and with the help of social media, the new evangelization can expand.

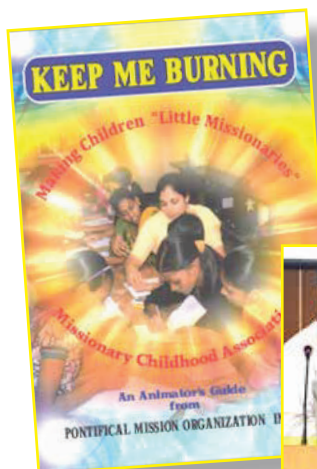
During the **Regional Meeting**, the importance of **storytelling**

as an **animation methodology** was highlighted, among other things. A missionary, explaining his work in schools, stressed the importance of stories as a method for sowing faith and capture the interest of children.





This year a “ **Keep me burning**” guide for animators launched by the President of the PMS was published on the occasion of the 2018 national symposium which took place at the St. John’s National Academy of Health Sciences in Bangalore.



A lot of animation material is also published, translated into 8 languages (posters, prayer booklets, labels for notebooks, piggy banks, calendars, pocket calendars, envelopes for the collection, bookmarks etc.)



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## INDONESIA

**Theme of the year:** *"The Missionary Star, Shining and Sharing"*.

Missionary Childhood Day was celebrated this year on January 8. Dioceses that were not been able to celebrate, did it later.

A lot of **JAMBOREES** are organized because they are a way of living the identity of the Church by creating a communion of communities and bringing together many children who assimilate the charism of Missionary Childhood through education, songs and games. In the case of the **Archdiocese of Palembang**, Jamboree is also a way to develop self-confidence in Missionary Childhood children, given that it is a predominantly Islamic area.

Publication of the periodical **MISSIO KKI**.



## KAZAKHSTAN



The majority of the population is Muslim and 26% of Christians are mostly Orthodox.

The National Office encounters many difficulties also because **the missionaries come from various parts of the world**, have different types of training and for various reasons (climate, health, etc.) they leave the position shortly after.

Efforts are being made to build an animation system across the country. For the moment there is great collaboration with the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, Diocese of Almaty.

**TWO NEW MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD GROUPS WERE FOUNDED IN THE VILLAGES OF KORNEEVKA AND TONKOSHUROVKA (NORTHERN PART OF THE DIOCESE OF ASTANA).**

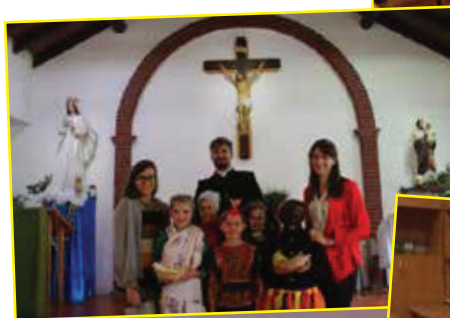
As a type of activity, the National Office organized **SUMMER CAMPS** for about 80 children and during Lent and Advent, children help others, collecting toys and small gifts for children with disabilities and visiting them announcing the joy of the Gospel.



**For the moment there is still no official date of the celebration of Missionary Childhood Day, but the National Office proposed January 6.**

In **October**, as part of the World Mission Day celebrations, missionary children dressed in costumes from 5 continents and visited the parish of Kapshagay, supporting the missions with prayer and donations.

Community involvement to help children who, at Christmas, feel like they belong to a large family.



**WORLD  
MISSION  
DAY**  
Kapshagay  
Parish



## KOREA



**Theme of the year:** « *Rejoice in the Lord always* ».

The usual **MISSIONARY CAMP** related to the theme was organized, which was attended by 269 children. During the camp the stories of 4 children in mission territories were presented. Through their participation, the children gain Missionary Childhood experience, mutual help, cooperation and prayer for missionaries in the world.



Publication of the bimonthly **Gyohwangcheong Gumnameo** (**The Pope's children**) with testimonies, prize quizzes, stories of Saints.

The National Office presented the PMS

to the heads of Sunday schools in each parish.



## MISSIONARY CAMP



## LAOS and CAMBODIA



**CAMBODIA:** The **Apostolic Vicariate of Phnom Penh** celebrated **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** for the first time. It was a moment of joy, to awaken in Catholic children the sense of being missionaries among Buddhist children. In fact, the Vicariate includes 9 pastoral centers whose activities are carried out in areas that are not Catholic but Buddhist and concern: education, moral formation and social commitment. The activities that the Vicariate carries out with children have a significant impact in the places where Catholics are present.



**LAOS :** The **Apostolic Vicariate of Savannakhet** is implementing various projects for the formation of children, establishing missionary groups, thus also helping them to understand the universal dimension of the Catholic Church and to recognize that they themselves are missionaries today, with prayer and sacrifice, sharing their faith and love for Jesus with other children, especially for peace and social justice in their communities and around the world.





## LEBANON



The collaboration with the Secretary General of the Catholic Schools of Lebanon continues in order to meet the directors of the schools and present some activities.

Two pages of the

**HALLELUIA**

**magazine** of the Oriental Research Studies Center are dedicated to Missionary Childhood.

World Mission Day in October is celebrated in many schools.

Collaboration with the media also continues, which helps spread missionary activities.

Unfortunately, the war affects parishes and citizens.



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## MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, BRUNEI



**Theme of the year:** « *Children helping Children* ».

**Paper piggy banks** were distributed to all the dioceses and the children were encouraged to pray and save from October to Epiphany, the day on which their offerings are brought to the altar during mass.

**3-DAY ANNUAL CAMPSITE** called **Camp Gideon** which aims to teach children to be warriors, witnesses of the faith and love of Christ just like Gideon.

## MYANMAR



**Theme of the year:** « *We are one in Mission* ».

The percentage of Christians in the country is 5%. 70% of Catholics are farmers who practice rotational cultivation and more than 70% of the total population lives in extreme poverty. Most of the 16 dioceses are very extensive and mountainous with difficulties in terms of connections, telephone communications and the Internet which is practically non-existent. Despite the agreement to end conflicts between the state and armed ethnic groups, economic, social and cultural marginalization remains. The government, the army and armed ethnic groups over-exploit natural resources for their benefit.

The National Director continues to travel among the Dioceses to make the Societies known and guided the children in the prayer of the Missionary Rosary. Missionary children participate in the World Mission Sunday celebrations. **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** instead, was organized by the National Office and celebrated on December

28 in the **DIOCESE OF LASHIO** with the participation of 510 children. There are **more than 400 Missionary Childhood groups** for a total of 8454 boys and 8819 girls, and 740 animators.







**THIS YEAR THERE WAS THE APOSTOLIC VISIT OF THE HOLY FATHER FROM 27 TO 30 NOVEMBER AND THE CHILDREN OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WELCOMED POPE FRANCIS AT THE AIRPORT**

## PAKISTAN



The **DIOCESE OF MULTAN** celebrated the Year of the Family and, therefore, the central animation program was the fundamental role of the family. **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was held on April 29 in the Auditorium of the La Salle Secondary School in Multan and students from 12 schools attended. There were about 400 of them with their teachers. Bishop Msgr. Benny Mario Travas suggested to the children how they can become a powerful tool of evangelization and play a significant role in their families by following the values of the Gospel and through prayer.

In the **DIOCESE OF HYDERABAD**, on the second Sunday of February, there was a well-articulated and deeply felt annual celebration of Missionary Childhood in the Immaculate



Conception Church, Kotri. The children were involved in various activities, sang hymns, watched presentations of the Societies and answered questions and presented Missionary Childhood themselves through songs, sketches.

## SRI LANKA



**Theme of the year:** « Come Friends,  
Let us tell the loving story of Jesus ».

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** – called  
the Sunday of Missionary Childhood –  
was celebrated on January 29.

The material in preparation for the Day  
was sent to the 12 Diocesan Directors  
to be distributed to the parishes of the  
respective Dioceses. In his speech to  
the children the National Office named  
**St. Joseph Vaz**, Sinhalese saint to



whom

the animation of the year was  
dedicated, saying that the saint, as a  
child, bore the name of "Little Saint",  
who loved the stories of saints and  
told his relatives and acquaintances  
what he learned from them. He thus  
urged the children to take him as an  
example in announcing the Gospel  
and in being missionaries. The  
National Office publishes animation  
material.

During the meeting of the Diocesan  
Committees of the PMS, in March,

important decisions were taken such as, to propose the **booklet**  
**RADIANT LIGHT** to the Missionary Childhood children, organize



## YEAR PLANNER

feeding programs for children and sporting events to encourage them towards peace and create children's societies.

On July 29, a large children's meeting was organized for the first time to celebrate the **30th anniversary of the founding of Missionary Childhood in Sri Lanka**. For the occasion, a **CD** of songs was recorded. Each participant was given a gift package containing a colored hat, an embroidered bag for the occasion, a key holder etc.

At the end of September, a retreat for children aged 8 to 12 and their families involving 12 dioceses and 600 participants was organized at **St. Anne's Shrine, Talawila**. The title was "*The holiness and family life in St. Joseph Vaz*". Separate and joint lessons were organized for children and adults in Sinhala and Tamil.

The Holy Childhood Rally was held on October 7 in the **Diocese of Kurunegala** to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Society in the Diocese. A delegation of 20 people from Thailand attended.



## THAILAND



**Theme of the year:** « *The youths who proclaim the Good News* ».

Various activities were organized on the topic (for example, Bible study camps, ethical camps...) and most of the Dioceses celebrated Missionary Childhood Day with this theme.

The **ARCHDIOCESE OF THARAE** has a Missionary Childhood Visiting Team Mobile, a group that visits members in their churches in order to share experiences and also to help others.

In the summer, the **DIOCESE OF CHANTAEURI** organized sessions to animate the missionary spirit of the children who were preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation.

Every Sunday, after mass, the priest or nun who teach the values of Missionary Childhood take the children to visit the sick and the elderly who cannot go to church.



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## THE PHILIPPINES

**Theme** of the year: «*With the Young People, We Proclaim the Gospel to All*».

In addition to natural disasters, the country continues to suffer from various problems, among which a tense relationship between the government and the Church.

Despite this, the members of the Society are growing and so are the groups and associations that support it. **The National Director no longer uses only Catholic radio and television stations for mission animation and formation, but also national private broadcasters such as CNN Philippines.**



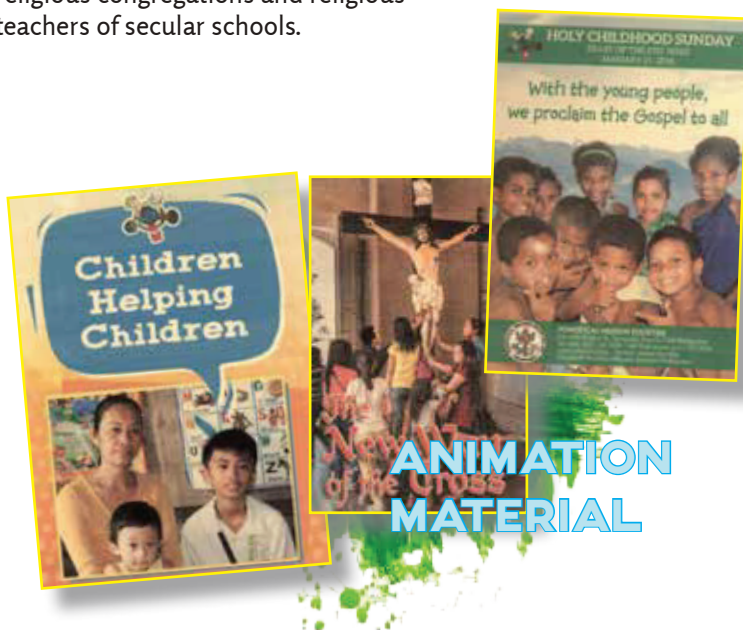
Many inter-school and diocesan meetings are organized and children listen to the word of God together. Missionary Childhood groups are growing. The activities of Missionary Childhood are carried out in schools. Missionary Childhood day is celebrated in late January.

Celebration of **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: the National Office, in collaboration with the Mission Education Commission, organized a missionary assembly on 20 January 2018 in **MANILA**. For the occasion Fr. Jose Sibug, OP, promoter for the missions of

the Dominican Province of the Philippines took the floor. He urged participants to proclaim the gospel in schools, their families and communities.

**MISSIONARY ANIMATION EVENING:** organized on February 21, 2018 at the Filipino Club in San Juan City to tell people that they too are missionaries and can help expand the Word of God. The meeting was held to the sound of the acronym AKMA! which, in Filipino, means suitable, appropriate, and stands for "Ako'y Kristiano, Misyonero Ako" - I am a Christian, I am a missionary.

**MEC:** Mission Education Team, made up of representatives of religious congregations and religious teachers of secular schools.









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## EUROPE





## AUSTRIA



The publication of the children's magazine **ON MISSION** as an integration of « Alle Welt » continues six times a year.

**ON MISSION YEARBOOK:** this year focused on Kenya and the situation of children in the Turkana region, victims of drought.

**ON MISSION BEGLEITHEFT:** an "accompanying" notebook, a work supplement.

**MISSIOTHEK** magazine: distributed to teachers and students, it is published twice a year. This year it also focused on Kenya.

There are few parishes involved in the animation, but sometimes they have many children.



## ANIMATION MATERIAL



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## BELGIUM



Missionary Childhood groups are essentially made up of  
“**CHANTEURS DE L'ETOILE**”.

In the Flanders region there are 60 groups for a total  
of 1200 children and in the Liège region 300  
groups with about 9000 children.

These carry out their activities exclusively in the  
period between Christmas and the Epiphany.



### TESTIMONY OF AN ANI- MATOR OF A GROUP OF "CHANTEURS"

Children realize that  
visiting homes brings  
happiness to lonely people.  
Generally people are  
welcoming and kind. The  
children are happy that the  
sums collected are useful for  
other children less fortunate  
than them.



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## BOSNIA - HERZEGOVINA



In some Dioceses there are few children and many families have moved out of the country in search of other opportunities. Of the faithful left, only 10.30% regularly attend the Church.

The theme for 2017 was « *The mission in the heart of the Christian faith* ».

Many children are part of **FRAMA – Franciscan Youth groups** – and others of the Star Singers groups. Despite the small number of children, the National Office provides for the creation of missionary groups and missionary animators and offers various missionary animation activities in which Orthodox, Muslim children and those who come from non-believing families also participate.



Animation follows the school year and at the beginning of September the projects that will contribute to greater awareness of the missions and to arouse missionary love are already prepared. In agreement with the Headmasters, the National Office can visit the various schools for missionary promotion.

**Collaboration with the National Office of Croatia**, with which the monthly magazine **RODOSNA VIJEST** (*The Good News*) and the **promotional material** (mission calendar, missionary books, crowns, small prayers, bracelets, pendants, crosses, stickers of San Cristoforo etc.) are published.





The **ADVENT CALENDAR**, a great animation tool, this year focused on the children of **ZAMBIA**.

**FACES FULL OF HOPE**: film about children and young

people, with particular attention

to school education in Benin. Filmed in collaboration with the National Office of Croatia and with the **Catholic University of Zagreb**.

In Advent, **SMALL BOXES** are distributed to collect offers for missions.

The portal [www.missio.ba](http://www.missio.ba) publishes important news about missions, proposals projects, missionary letters, events etc.

Interviews at various radio stations and articles in other newspapers.



### **OLIVE TWIGS - MIVA ACTION**

**the National Office continues to collect the offers of the faithful for the missions, in exchange for an olive branch provided free of charge by the regions where olive trees grow**

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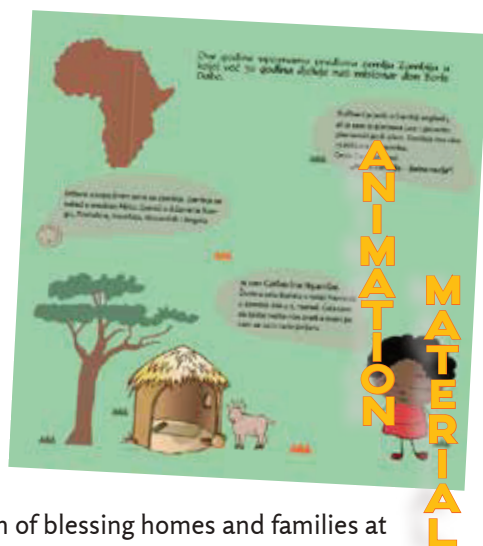
## CROATIA



The National Office headquarters are located in the building of the Croatian Bishops' Conference in Zagreb. The work takes place with the help of two employees and many volunteers, that are generally university and high school students. School teachers and religious educators also collaborate in missionary animation, helping with National Office projects and animation materials. In accordance with the seminary in Zagreb, this year three seminarians went to make an experience in the National Office to learn more about the missionary activity of the Church.

On the day of the Epiphany, more or less all the Dioceses celebrate **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**. One of the main activities are the **STAR SINGERS**. However, they encounter difficulties because in the country there is the custom of blessing homes and families at Christmas.

This year the National Office was called by the schools to organize seminars and activities for Mission Day. All classes had the theme "missions" that day, so as to show children other cultures and encourage them to solidarity.



The publication of the magazine **RODOSNA VIJEST** (*The Good News*) continues, which connects missionaries with friends, associates and benefactors, as well as the monthly broadcast of one hour on Radio Maria with missionary themes.

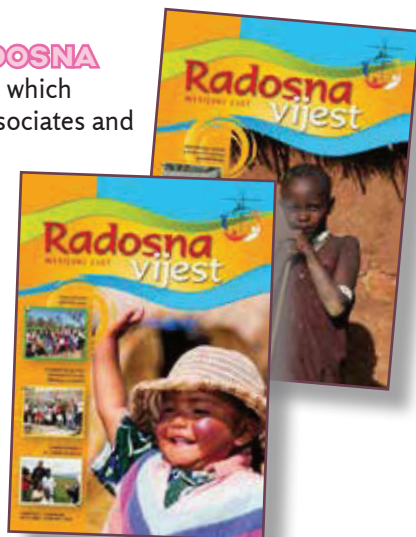
The **OLIVE BRANCH OPERATION**, which takes place on Palm Sunday, is also always adopted. The coastal parishes of the country send olive branches to the in-land parishes, and the faithful make donations for the needs of the children in the missionary countries.

### MISSIONARY PIGGY BANKS

remain very popular among children, as are the crowns of the Missionary Rosary and the bracelet-shaped Rosary, more suitable for them. While the missionary **BRACELETS** of 5 colors are now also offered in Braille.

The **PRAYER BOOKLET FOR CHILDREN** has, as an introductory prayer, the prayer of the little missionary.

This year, the **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS BROCHURE** with ideas for animation focused on Zambia, with facts about the country, maps and mission stations created by the Croatian missionary Boris Dabo.



### ADVENT CALENDAR POSTER

The **OLYMPIAD OF CATECHISM** in schools among elementary and middle school children also continues. In the 2016/2017 school year the theme was « *Mission in the Church* ».

**Missionary film ILIJA BARISI**  
**- FROM ROME TO CONGO:**  
lasts 45 minutes and traces  
the life of one of the oldest  
Croatian missionaries who  
left for the Democratic  
Republic of Congo in 1972



**FACES FULL OF HOPE**  
Krivoslav Novak's film,  
in co-production with  
the Catholic University  
of Croatia. It lasts 30  
minutes and talks about  
the difficulties of educating  
children and young people  
in Benin

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## CZECH REPUBLIC



The **theme of the year** was « *From whole heart* ».

The work is promoted through charitable activities, organization of days, pilgrimages and with the support of donors.

One of the typical activities for children is the **LITTLE MISSION CLUBS** which, to date, are 212 with 2,612 members. Through them, children learn creatively and with various activities to support missions.

At a diocesan level, each diocese has its own activities while, at a national level, there are many consolidated initiatives such as, fairs, markets, pilgrimages where the Society is presented.

The most significant events of 2017 were:

- The National Office attended the **Family Day** in Olomuc in August during the National Youth Meeting. There they presented the Societies to participants and pilgrims through stands.
- **Mission Ball for You**: fundraising dance on November 26 with the screening of a film by cameraman Martin Rýznar on projects in Tanzania.
- The **Missionary fair in Česká** with the sale of handmade items and food also addressed the collection to the village of Kondoa in Tanzania for the purchase of medicines, food and school supplies.





## THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD

- **One extra present for children in Africa:** for Advent and Christmas. Aid went to a rehabilitation center in Kenya this year.
- **Missio Magazine** television program: regular one-hour program broadcast once a month with news and information on missions and documentary films on various countries.

For the animation material, a cartoon calendar for children is regularly published, on the occasion of World Mission Sunday and Advent.



**CALENDAR  
2017**



**MISSION DAY  
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**ANIMATION  
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## ENGLAND and WALES



Missionary Childhood, here known as **MISSION TOGETHER**, works following the academic year, since most of the activities are carried out with and in schools. The National Office prints a lot of animation material and also proposes it on the website. Volunteer animators are trained each year to visit the schools. The **Newseletter** is sent to them to keep them informed of the material ordered by the schools and the donations of their diocese.

The animation is divided into two periods of the year and, therefore, into two main themes. From January to August 2017 the theme was “Together in Kenya”, with the story of Eunice, 7 years old, who lives on a coffee plantation. From September



2017 to

August 2018 the theme was “Together in Sri Lanka” with the description of the life of Ajay and his family on a tea plantation.

### DAYS OF MANY COLORS

celebration on June 29th. The National Office sends material and liturgy to schools.

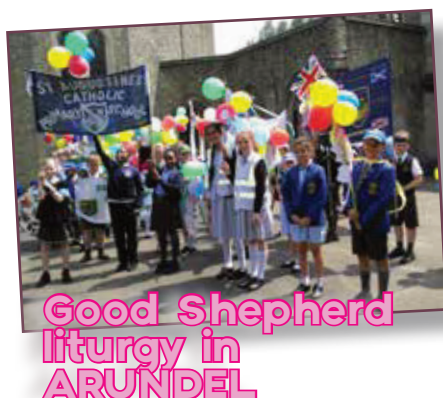
Mission Together Suggested activities for your Day of Many Colours			
DATE	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	LINKS/RESOURCES
21.01.2018	Prayer Assembly	Use our Day of Many Colours assembly to introduce your Day of Many Colours.	Global Communities, RC, POFCC, Diocese, Geography
22.01.2018	Flag Activity	Use our Flag Challenge where children design a Mission Flag using the colours of the Mission Society.	RC, English, D&T
23.01.2018	Morning Book	Read the children to play a game that children play worldwide (Jumbled). Games from around the World!	
24.01.2018	Continental Continuity	Each child to find their own country, use compass to find it, and an map, after names, indigenous art, and in the world, and in the world.	Geography, IT, English, RC, Global Communities, World Technology, D&T
25.01.2018	Readable Prayer (Story / Activity)	Use the story of Noah's Ark and our related activity to make promises of hope.	RC, English
26.01.2018	Photo Launch	Have each child to arrange a photo launch to the school hall. This encourages children to think about how around the world and don't have school balls, but in a world of hope.	
27.01.2018	Sports Activities	For each colour, children use the Mission Society colours to arrange your teams.	PE
28.01.2018	Celebration and making a flag or story	Get together as a school, using your Mission Flag as a parade. Use our Day of Many Colours story or prepare a school assembly using the Mission Society for our Continuity.	RC, POFCC
29.01.2018	Colours Bazaar	Ask parents/children to bring in items of the colours of the Mission Society and sell them in a Colours Bazaar.	Geography, RC, English

### ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY OF MANY COLORS



## MISSION TOGETHER

**ANIMATION DAY:** 80 children from the schools of the **Diocese of Clifton** gathered to work together to build the Kingdom of God. They made the “bracelets of the glad tidings” together.



During the summer, 1,500 primary school children met with their bishops for the Liturgies of the Good Shepherd and celebrate their missionary being, in the Archdiocese of Cardiff and Southwark and in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.



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## GERMANY



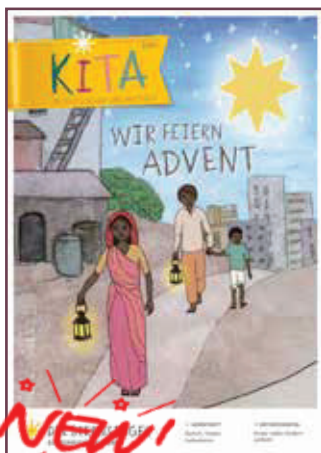
The **60th** campaign of the **Song of the Three Kings** set up in the parishes during 2017 had the slogan « *To bring the blessing and to be blessing : together against the work of minors in India and all over the world* ». The country at the center of the campaign was **INDIA** with the highest number of working children.

The **STAR SINGERS** are very famous in Germany and every year they visit the European Parliament, are received by the Chancellor, participate in the offertorial procession of Epiphany and the Pope's New Year Mass.

The **online shop was redesigned in September**, because the teaching

materials for catechists, educators and volunteers, dedicated to kindergarten and elementary school children and teenagers ( **STERN SINGER MAGAZINE** ), are being ordered more and more.

The educational material for the elementary sector was enriched by the **KITA INITIATIVE** – in Germany and in the world, modules for a party in



kindergartens for a Unique World through creative ideas for the celebration and concrete commitment to help children in need.

The editorial staff of Sternsinger magazine has established, in collaboration with schools and groups, a **GROUP OF STERNSINGER-REPORTER**, which have enriched the magazine. This initiative will be developed in the future.

As for the **FEAST OF ST. MARTIN**,

the focus was on the theme of light «*Being light like St. Martin*» while the “Christmas in the world” initiative in favor of fair trade continues.

For World Youth Mission Day, which takes place under the slogan “*Children help children*”, the National Office sent parishes, kindergartens and schools, in addition to educational publications, a **NATIVITY SCENE** depicting a slum in India.



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**NATIVITY SCENE SLUMS IN INDIA**



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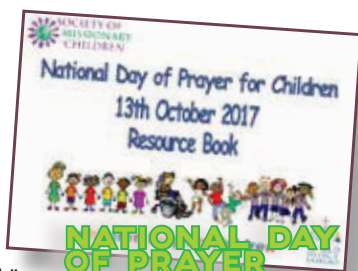


The **theme** of the year, in view of the “World meeting of the Families” in August 2018, was, « *Let's be Family!* ». The members of the Society were urged to pray, not only for the children in the world, but for families, for those who go to a new country, for those who leave Ireland, for those who are no longer there, for those who leave the family to go on a mission.

Visits to schools and the sending of the **NEWSLETTER** continue.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHILDREN:** celebrated in schools and parishes on the second Friday of October. Publications are distributed for the occasion, including the "National Day of Prayer Resource Book".

According to the theme of the year, the children were encouraged to draw their families and then bring their drawings during the mass held in schools or parishes. These drawings were collected by the National Office and then exhibited during the 2018 World Meeting of Families.



**ALBUM WITH THE DRAWINGS FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES**



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** : took place on December 21st. The Celtic Tenors sang together with school choirs. It was preceded by an explanation of the work of the National Office and of the Irish missionaries.

Publication of much material also downloadable via internet.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT CELTIC TENORS



## ANIMATION MATERIAL

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## ITALY



The **theme** of the year was « *Wholeheartedly* ».

As every year, facts from the world and testimonies from the Dioceses were published in

the magazine **IL PONTE D'ORO**.

Attached to it is the section

**PLANET MISSIO BOYS**.

A further publication is the

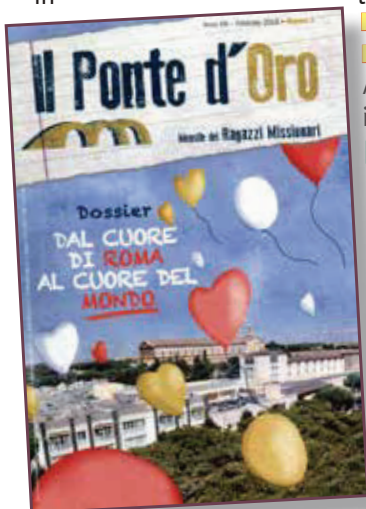
**Missionary Animator**,

an animation tool with animation proposals for various ecclesiastical groups. The

processing of the

weekly newsletter **IO VANGELO** continues.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: is celebrated in most dioceses on January 6 at a parochial, diocesan and sometimes inter-diocesan level. The collection is not mandatory.



During the advent weeks a **MISSIONARY COMET** is proposed to pray for the 5 continents and the **CHRISTMAS NOVENA** to accompany the children towards Christmas.





## MALTA



**Theme of the year :** « *I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness* ». The National Office launches the new theme of the year in October and continues it until September of the following year. The animation generally takes place with the visit of the schools where missionary animation sessions are organized, promoting the **MAGAZINE TFAL MISSJUNARJI**. The missionary coordinator held animation lessons in secondary schools, which took the place of religious studies lessons.



**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is celebrated on Mission Sunday.



The **#MISSIOFEST** initiative continues, during which the coordinator of Missionary Childhood above all encourages secondary schools to participate in this marathon by organizing activities to help the missions. 6 schools attended this year.

[www.missio.org.mt](http://www.missio.org.mt)

## NETHERLANDS (THE)



**Theme of the year:** « A sincere heart will always be answered » with a focus on the Church in Burkina Faso.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is generally celebrated on the first weekend of October, this year on 7 and 8 October. Animation materials were developed for the Day, focusing on Burkina Faso (Children's newspaper, Booklet with suggestions for the Day's liturgy, small piggy bank).

There is no training of animators because the schools are not interested, in fact, only 50 Catholic schools welcome the Society.

Website dedicated to children aged 6 to 12 [www.missiokids.nl](http://www.missiokids.nl).



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## POLAND



The animation follows the school year and the **theme** of the year was «*It's mission time*». Children were taught to organize the time to reach their goals, to appreciate it, to live it wisely and to give it, to announce the Gospel.

Every month there are 4 meetings that make children meditate on various aspects of the year's theme.

Preparation for the Action of the **STAR SINGERS** begins in December and on January 6 **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is celebrated, organizing, among other things, the procession of the Three Kings through the streets



of the city. This initiative started from Catholic schools and the National Office joined together preparing missionary material for children and promoting the Society during the parade. Some groups, in agreement with the organizing schools, collect money for the Missionary Childhood and for a specific country. This year the collections were made for Lebanon and Syria.

10% of the offers collected come from monthly or weekly personal offerings, 40% from children of first communions and the other 40% from Christmas offerings.



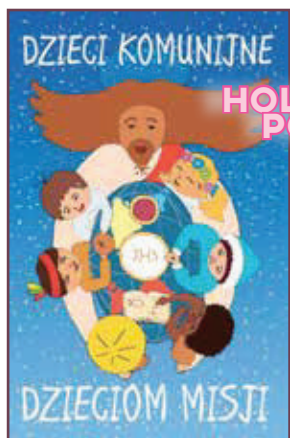
## THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD

The National Office offers educational material for the missionary animation of the children.

**STAR  
SINGERS  
POSTER**



**HOLY WEEK  
POSTER**



**GROUP OF  
COMMUNICANTS**



**CAROLING FOR  
THE CHILDREN OF  
THAILAND**



Papieskie Dzieło Misyjne Dzieci

[www.missio.org.pl/pdmd](http://www.missio.org.pl/pdmd)  
[www.pdmd.missio.org.pl](http://www.pdmd.missio.org.pl)



## SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES

(Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden)



The situation is difficult, especially in Denmark, Finland and Iceland. In Denmark, 8 churches closed between 2015 and 2016.



**DENMARK:** the National Director visited the congregations talking about the PMS. The National Office sells **GMB-LABELS**, the labels to stick on the doors during the Christmas period. All the material is published on the website.



**FINLAND:** The animation is concentrated during the Epiphany period in which masses are held and **GMB-LABELS** are distributed with explanations relating to the missionary aspect of the Church.



**NORWAY:** the National Office promoted the feast of the Epiphany by sending letters to all priests. Each parish has **GMB-LABELS**, however, there is not enough promotional material.



**SWEDEN:** like other years, Missio Sweden celebrated and carried out the collection during the Epiphany through promotional material and **GMB-LABELS** sent to parishes, convents, chapels and schools.



booklet about  
SAINT MARTIN

[www.missio.dk](http://www.missio.dk)

## SCOTLAND



Most of the animation takes place through the **VISIT OF THE SCHOOLS** and the presentation of the Society. Relationships with bishops and collaboration with some of them to organize any special initiatives are also very important. **For two years the bishop of the Diocese of Paisley has been promoting Missio as the charitable foundation of reference for donations on the occasion of First Communions and has agreed to present the new resources developed in his Diocese.**

The National Office makes extensive use of the media. In addition to the National Office which, during its visits to schools, ensures the faithful the success of donations, all stories related to the funded Projects are published, also online, in the magazines Scottish Catholic Observer and Flourish.

**INSTAGRAM:** used to share photos of school visits, events and projects.

**YOUTUBE:** through the account the National Office shares videos on its work, on the support project for Mission Sunday, on the animation initiative "Get Involved Globally", on the collection "Miles for Mission" and on missionary travel.

**FACEBOOK:** used to share a prayer, missionary reflections etc. weekly.



**THIS YEAR THE LOGO WAS CHANGED AND THE WEBSITE DESIGN RENEWED**

## GET INVOLVED GLOBALLY

in 2016 the pilot project started, namely the visit of a group of students from the John Ogilvie High School in Hamilton, together with the Secretary of Missionary Childhood and to the National Office of the PMS in Zambia, to learn about the country and the missionary aspect, by visiting schools, clinics, orphanages, hospitals. The project was hugely successful and the young people returned enthusiastic

The National Office tried to involve children in launching campaigns, such as **MILES FOR MISSION** and new educational resources

### such as **LIVES OF THE MISSIONARY SAINTS**,

a book launched in Catholic primary schools with the support of Scottish Catholic bishops, to be used above all linked to the sacrament of Confirmation. The book consists of a selection of stories from missionary saints from 5 continents and is accompanied by a notebook for activities. The package also includes a booklet with small theatrical stories related to the saints, to be represented in schools.



## LIVES OF THE SAINTS



## COLLECTION OF THE ST. FERGUS' PRIMARY SCHOOL IN PAISLEY

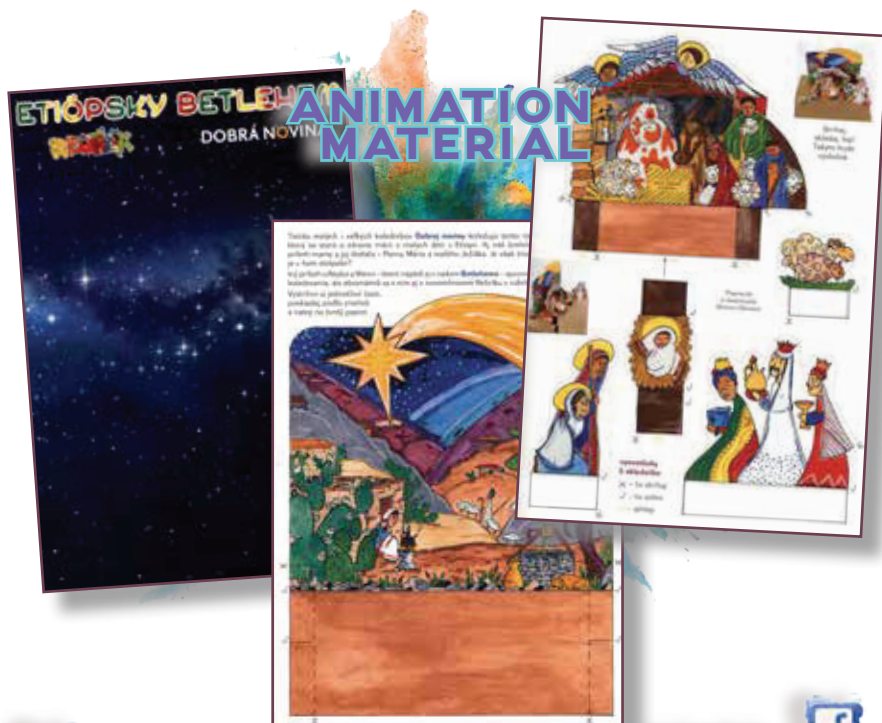
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# SLOVAKIA



The animation focused on the **day of prayer and fasting in memory of the missionary martyrs**. This year the National Office told the story of the Slovak nun Veronika Ráckova SpSS, who died in South Sudan in 2016.



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[www.misijnediela.sk](http://www.misijnediela.sk)

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[www.misijnediela.sk](http://www.misijnediela.sk)

## SLOVENIA



In Slovenia, a Missionary Childhood Day is not celebrated, but the activity of the **Advent calendar** and **Christmas carols on the streets** are held.

The **Advent missionary calendar** consists of 32 pages with colored illustrations that present a story related to the "tasks" theme, or an act of charity to be accomplished. Together they are given a cardboard piggy bank to build. It is distributed to catechism groups in parishes to take home to involve families. In addition, during the Advent period, the Catholic radio station broadcasts the reading of the day taken from the calendar.

This year's theme for **Advent Actiont** was "Jesus Christ - the Center of Time". The theme was also illustrated through the testimonies of the missionaries and former missionaries regarding the concept of time as it is conceived and used in mission places. It was



exciting to find that in most cases it is used to create relationships and friendships, rather than for money or entertainment and, therefore, despite the poverty, people in mission countries appear happy. The conclusion of the Advent journey was that the best way to spend time is to dedicate it to our brothers and sisters and to God.

The activity of the **Christmas carols** on the streets engages half of the parishes and runs from 26 December to 6 January. During this activity, collections are made for specific projects of Slovenian missionaries around the world. Booklets are prepared, describing the year's project. Even if it is not a proper Missionary Childhood activity, it serves to make children and young people aware of the work of their missionaries.



## THE CALENDAR

## THE MAGAZINE



## SPAIN

The National Office continues with the usual animation activities and with the training schools for small missionaries in collaboration with the Dioceses. The activity of the

**STAR SOWERS** and the **MISSION TRAIN** continue and a comic competition **CONCURSO DE CÓMIC** was

organized this year entitled "Atrévete a ser misionero", which takes place from the beginning of December

until the celebration of **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**.



**POSTER FOR THE DAY OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD**

The publication of the magazines **SUPERGESTO** and **GESTO** continues, which this year celebrates its fortieth anniversary.



## SWITZERLAND



The National Office prepares the animation material by making it available to the parishes.

The work is mainly concentrated in the Advent period in which various initiatives are organized to publicize the Society. Two large rollable panels have been printed this year to make Missio more visible when attending children's and youth events in churches and schools.

This year's campaign was in favor of **India** and was entitled: «M'approcher de Toi avec mes 5 sens», following the slogan «Prier, Partager et Participer», the three “p” that summarize how children

can help other children.

Even the usual

**DRAWING COMPETITION** focused on the country witnessing the campaign.

A **GAME** of 12 photos was created illustrating the projects supported and a special issue of the **NOTEBOOK ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**, created in collaboration with the



Catholic Action, on the occasion of the 20 years of Rights in Switzerland.

The annual **MILAMI** children's magazine has been made easier for children to read and has become free.

The activities of **ROMANZA SWITZERLAND**, also continue, with the same theme, always through **family masses**, the animation material and the **Action of the Star Singers**.

There are no real Missionary Childhood groups. The parishes choose a Sunday to be dedicated to Missionary Childhood in which the Mass of families is celebrated. It is usually preceded by an afternoon dedicated to children to get to know the countries and prepare the celebration. The same is true for **GERMAN-SPEAKING SWITZERLAND**, where the most important role is played by the Action of the Star Singers (Sternsinger-Aktion). The publication of the children's

magazine **JUMI** continues.









CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

## OCEANIA





## AUSTRALIA



**Theme of the year:** « I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full» (Jn 10: 10), focused on Uganda. Interactive tools were used for schools and **interactive workshops** were held in the classrooms.

October is celebrated as world missionary month and, in schools, the Wednesday following missionary Sunday is **CHILDREN'S MISSION DAY**. There are downloadable resources on the web page with prayers, liturgy, stories, activities to be done in the classroom.



### DISCOVER MISSION IN 360°



**NEW INITIATIVES:** 360° virtual reality (**DISCOVER MISSION IN 360°**) was introduced in the educational context.

### LOGO AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:** in  
December 2017 of the AD of Sydney.  
Global immersion programs continue.



**MC CARTHY'S COLLEGE  
WALK-A-THON FOR  
FUNDRAISING**



**ST. JOSEPH'S  
PRIMARY SCHOOL'S  
COLLECTION FOR  
CAMBODJA**



**ANIMATION  
MATERIAL**

[www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)

## PACIFIC ISLANDS (CEPAC)



The National Director cannot visit all the dioceses every year due to the large distances and difficult connections. This is why collaboration with Diocesan Directors is even more important. The area is often hit by natural disasters and, in 2017, especially

### TONGA

was hit hard by the tropical cyclone Gita.

The National Director

visited **SAMOA-APIA** and **KIRIBATI**.

In **KIRIBATI**, she had the opportunity, in his home village, to help a kindergarten teacher and to help the wife of the catechist who takes the children for Sunday schools. In this way the Director was able to teach children some prayers from the **BOOKLET** « *Everyday prayers for the little ones of the earth* ».

The children were happy to receive the booklet and to pray together. These booklets were also distributed in schools in Fiji and in the parish near the headquarters of the National Director, where community members help prepare children for their first communion.



### SAMOA-APIA



### GUAM





## PAPUA NEW GUINEA and SOLOMON ISLANDS



**Theme of the year:** « *Mission at the heart of Faith* ». This theme is connected with the pastoral program of the local Episcopal Conference, that is “*Go tell everyone*”, and, as an object, “*Our Children; caring, Protecting, Handing on out faith*”. The program, carried out by all dioceses and parishes, touched on the cultural aspects of children from the point of view of their care by families, schools and communities. Each diocese and parish organized its own activities related to this theme of child care. All collaborators, both at a diocesan and parish level, are volunteers. Furthermore, given the great difficulties with the connections, the National Direction tries to create a good system of coordinators for children in order to contact them through the so-called **MISSION MAIL**, the delivery of the animation material through itinerant missionaries who leave it at the diocesan offices.

As every year, the formation took place in two periods, August, with the **MONTH OF THE BIBLE** and the study of the latter, and October, with the initiatives related to the participation of children in the Missionary Month.

In fact, **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is officially celebrated on October 1st and the children collaborate in the preparation of the missionary month, on the eve of which they pray the “**Missionary Chain of Prayers**”.

The National Office is strengthening the structures of Missionary Childhood in dioceses, parishes and schools. Each Diocese presents different projects for the well-being of children (construction of bathrooms, nourishment, help for street children, school fees, etc.).







# VII

## FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION

### 2017

#### A. OFFERINGS COLLECTED IN 2016

*List of the National Directions and amounts collected in 2016 and put at the disposal of the Higher Council of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood for the year 2017.*

#### AFRICA

Algeria	Dinar	14.000,00	= US\$	127,27
Angola <sup>1</sup>	Kwanza		= US\$	31.563,00
Benin	CFA Fr.	9.155.443,00	= US\$	15.375,55
Burkina Faso <sup>2</sup>	CFA Fr.	19.651.376,10	= US\$	32.954,16
Burundi	Fr.	34.100.000,00	= US\$	20.000,00
Cameroon	CFA Fr.	39.177.287,00	=US\$	65.793,20
Cape Verde	Escudo		=US\$	
Central Afr.Rep.	CFA Fr.	3.382.871,00	= US\$	5.681,50
Chad	CFA Fr.	6.952.440,00	= US\$	11.657,80
Congo RDC	Fr.		=US\$	155.000,00
Congo (Rep.)	CFA Fr.	10.314.675,00	=US\$	17.295,30
Egypt	Egyptian £	108.000,00	= US\$	6.000,00
Equatorial Guinea	CFA Fr.	1.429.825,00	= US\$	2.418,90

<sup>1</sup> National Direction which also includes São Tome' and Principe.

<sup>2</sup> National Direction includes: Burkina Faso and Niger.

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Eritrea	Nakfa	29.520,80	=US\$	1.411,86
Ethiopia	Birr	10.899,63	= US\$	495,44
Gabon	CFA Fr.	4.587.190,00	=US\$	7.692,43
Ghana	Cedi	117.373,87	=US\$	27.946,16
Guinea	Fr.	34.494.135,00	=US\$	4.066,13
Guinea Bissau	CFA Fr.	257.324,00	=US\$	431,51
Indian Ocean <sup>1</sup>			= US\$	7.520,00
Ivory Coast	CFA Fr.	8.711.950,00	= US\$	14.609,41
Kenya	Shilling	4.461.933,00	=US\$	43.744,44
Lesotho	Loti	30.680,00	=US\$	2.600,00
Liberia	Dollar		= US\$	4.656,00
Madagascar	Ariary	29.398.088,00	=US\$	9.366,17
Malawi	Kwacha	7.569.077,45	=US\$	10.441,00
Mali	CFA Fr.	2.258.650,00	=US\$	3.787,61
Morocco	Dirham	16.200,00	=US\$	1.611,00
Mozambique	Metical	188.790,60	=US\$	2.817,77
Namibia	Dollar	68.325,04	=US\$	5.251,73
Nigeria	Naira	25.730.350,00	=US\$	79.660,53
Rwanda	Fr. Rw	9.825.050,00	=US\$	11.559,00
Senegal <sup>2</sup>	CFA Fr.	2.419.478,00	=US\$	4.057,32
Sierra Leone <sup>3</sup>	Leone		= US\$	4.185,00
Southern Africa <sup>4</sup>	Rand	1.109.005,00	= US\$	86.438,00
Sudan	£		= US\$	
Tanzania	Shilling	73.789.146,00	=US\$	32.971,02
Togo	CFA Fr.	10.443.306,00	=US\$	17.511,64
Tunisia	Dinar	2.000,00	= US\$	815,00
Uganda	Shilling	80.922.406,00	=US\$	22.354,26
Zambia	Kwacha	135.482,96	= US\$	13.282,64
Zimbabwe	Dollar		= US\$	5.978,68
<b>Africa Total:</b>			<b>= US\$</b>	<b>791.128,43</b>

## AMERICA

Antilles <sup>5</sup>	= US\$	43.316,37
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1 National Direction includes: *Comoro Islands, Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles.*

2 National Direction includes: *Senegal and Mauritania.*

3 National Direction includes: *Sierra Leone and Gambia.*

4 National Direction includes: *South African Republic, Botswana and Swaziland.*

5 The territory of the Antilles corresponds to the territories that depend on the Antilles Bishops' Conference and include: *Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dutch Antilles,*

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Argentina	Peso		=US\$	9.237,00
Bolivia	Boliviano	182.446,33	= US\$	26.213,55
Brazil	Real	1.184.478,66	= US\$	364.454,97
Canada ( <i>English Sp.</i> )	Dollar	490.991,00	=US\$	367.316,00
Canada ( <i>French Sp.</i> )	Dollar	80.000,00	=US\$	61.130,68
Chile	Peso		=US\$	
Colombia	Peso	65.820.936,00	=US\$	22.852,58
Costa Rica	Colón	2.004.375,51	= US\$	3.558,06
Cuba	Peso		= US\$	
Dominican Republic	Peso	1.059.605,41	= US\$	22.075,11
Ecuador	US\$	10.666,74	=US\$	10.666,74
El Salvador	Colón		= US\$	4.280,49
Guatemala	Quetzal	193.529,22	=US\$	25.977,08
Haiti	Gourde	69.000,00	= US\$	1.000,00
Honduras	Lempira	23.736,34	=US\$	1.005,77
Mexico	Peso	1.900.314,90	=US\$	86.377,95
Nicaragua	Cordoba	6.483,40	= US\$	220,00
Panama	Balboa	2.300,00	=US\$	2.300,00
Paraguay	Guaraní		= US\$	
Peru	New Sol	446.880,00	=US\$	133.000,00
Puerto Rico	US\$	59.000,00	=US\$	59.000,00
United States of America	US\$	1.873.000,00	=US\$	1.873.000,00
Uruguay	Peso	427.765,00	=US\$	9.520,00
Venezuela	Bolívar F.	2.515.953,15	=US\$	628,99
<b>America Total:</b>			<b>= US\$</b>	<b>3.127.131,34</b>

## ASIA

Bangladesh	Taka	350.701,00	=US\$	4.496,00
East Timor	US\$	2.647,00	=US\$	2.647,00
Holy Land <sup>6</sup>			= US\$	12.000,00
India	Rupee	32.756.842,00	=US\$	511.826,00
Indonesia	Rupiah		= US\$	475.084,80

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*Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Cayman Islands; Dominica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, French Guyana, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nives; Santa Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadine, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos, British Virgin Islands.*

6 National Direction includes: Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine.



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Iran	Rial	12.997.000,00	= US\$	341,00
Japan	Yen	79.000.000,00	=US\$	678.169,79
Kazakhstan	Tenge	78.750,00	= US\$	250,00
Korea	Won	126.756.041,00	=US\$	108.125,94
Laos <sup>1</sup>	Kip		=US\$	500,00
Lebanon	Libanese £		=US\$	13.500,00
Malaysia <sup>2</sup>	Ringgit	137.664,03	=US\$	32.014,90
Myanmar	Kyat	23.809.676,00	=US\$	17.404,73
Pakistan	Rupee	1.189.785,00	=US\$	11.680,59
Philippines	Peso	8.016.997,17	=US\$	145.763,58
Sri-Lanka	Rupee	3.490.896,47	=US\$	22.094,28
Syria	£		= US\$	
Taiwan	Dollar	2.482.332,00	=US\$	78.310,00
Thailand	Baht	1.264.389,00	=US\$	35.121,92
Turkey	Lira	1.765,00	=US\$	460,00
Viêt-nam	Dông		=US\$	48.700,00
<b>Asia Total:</b>			<b>= US\$</b>	<b>2.198.490,53</b>

## EUROPE

Austria	€		= US\$	
Belgium	€	599.668,61	=US\$	659.635,47
Bosnia Herzegovina	Marka	75.866,61	=US\$	42.668,98
Croatia	Kuna	686.103,06	=US\$	101.644,90
Czech Rep.	Koruna	8.659.393,99	=US\$	344.501,67
England and Wales	£	149.977,00	=US\$	186.241,00
France	€	279.000,00	=US\$	306.900,00
Germany	€	3.239.241,09	=US\$	3.500.000,00
Greece	€		=US\$	
Hungary	Florin		= US\$	
Ireland	€	26.000,00	=US\$	27.820,00
Italy	€	871.935,60	=US\$	959.129,16
Luxembourg	€	118.947,18	=US\$	130.841,90
Malta	€	98.116,00	=US\$	107.927,60
Monaco	€		= US\$	
Netherlands	€	125.921,00	=US\$	138.513,10
Poland	Zloty		=US\$	419.298,52
Portugal	€	26.284,54	=US\$	28.912,99

1 National Direction includes: *Laos and Cambodia.*

2 National Direction includes: *Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.*

## FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION

Romania	Leu		= US\$	385,00
Scandinavian countries <sup>3</sup>	Krone		= US\$	60.414,20
Scotland	£	46.280,00	=US\$	58.044,38
Slovakia	€	65.405,57	=US\$	71.946,13
Slovenia	€	86.179,03	=US\$	94.796,93
Spain	€	2.170.408,75	=US\$	2.387.449,63
Switzerland	Franc	1.290.522,33	=US\$	1.307.640,53
<b>Europe Total:</b>			<b>= US\$</b>	<b>10.934.712,09</b>

### OCEANIA

Australia	A. Dollar	753.000,00	= US\$	537.857,00
New Zealand	NZ Dollar	206.133,16	=US\$	145.530,01
Pacific (CEPAC) <sup>4</sup>	FJD		= US\$	46.773,77
Papua-N.G. <sup>5</sup>	Kina	37.127,39	=US\$	11.880,76
<b>Oceania Total:</b>			<b>= US\$</b>	<b>742.041,54</b>

Total collections from N.D. for the year 2017:	US\$	17.793.503,93
Collection from Djbuti Diocese:	US\$	400,00
Collection South Sudan:	US\$	157,00
Collection from Albania:	US\$	158,00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>17.794.218,93</b>

<sup>3</sup> National Direction includes: *Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.*

<sup>4</sup> The territory indicated here under the name "Pacific" includes CEPAC regions: *Mariana Islands, Guam, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia (=Carolines), Marshall, Nauru, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Tokelau, Wallis and Futuna, Western Samoa, American Samoa, Vanuatu (formerly New Hebrides), Fiji, Tonga, Niue, Cook, French Polynesia, New Caledonia.*

<sup>5</sup> The amount available at the National Direction of Papua New Guinea also includes the collections of the Solomon Islands.

**B. NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2017**

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total
Pastoral care of children (ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses)	274	20	128	0	7	429
Missionary animation and formation	59	15	18	2	0	94
Christian formation	243	5	67	5	6	326
Pre-school education	100	4	56	3	3	166
Scholastic education	514	27	612	3	12	1168
Protection of life	410	19	265	8	3	705

## C. DISTRIBUTION TABLE OF SUBSIDIES APPROVED IN 2017 (IN US\$)

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total	%
Ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses	2.192.000	160.000	1.024.000	0	56.000	3.432.000	19,53
Extraordinary subsidies	8.183.260	365.500	5.193.100	62.100	195.300	13.999.260	79,67
Subsidies for National Directions	74.161,22	34.490,00	20.710,60	11.000,00	0	140.361,82	0,80
Total	10.449.421,22	559.990,00	6.237.810,60	73.100,00	251.300,00	17.571.621,82	100
%	59,47	3,18	35,50	0,42	1,43	100,00	



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