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## **EDITORIAL**

"I would like to invite you, one by one, calling you by name, as Jesus does each day. For you know that your names are written in heaven (Lk 10:20), in the heart of the Father, that Merciful Heart which is the source of all reconciliation and kindness."

His Holiness Pope Francis, Message for the Jubilee of Mercy for young boys and girls, January 6, 2016

The tradition of printing the Annals of this Society dates back to the year 1846 and it was interrupted only a few times, for example, on the occasion of World War II. Therefore, again today with joy I would like to present this last issue which contains the years from 2008 to 2013 in one volume.

Since the year of its foundation the Society has grown, gotten stronger and modernized, and this volume, which appears with a completely new format, is the fruit of the new means of communication and printing. The more concise information and the presence of many images make this publication simpler and more direct.

As always, in addition to the first institutional part, the content of the second part has been compiled thanks to the pastoral reports sent by the National Offices. If a more in-depth examination were necessary of the activities of the National Secretariats of the Missionary Childhood around the world, reference can be made to their web pages that are indicated, when present, inside this issue which this year, for the first time, will also be present in an online browsable version.

Also, a third part has been added to this volume which contains a small sample of the projects financed through the economic generosity and the spiritual solidarity of the children who are members of the Society and the adult benefactors.

For despite the world economic crisis, children always keep the spirit of solidarity alive in their hearts. In fact, the missionary children are increasing every day, and with their enthusiasm they are protagonists and an active part of the Society in 117 countries around the world since in these past years the seeds of the Society have also sprouted in Kazakhstan, Laos and Cambodia and Vietnam.

In conclusion, in taking up the Holy Father's words again which open this editorial, I would like to thank one by one the children, the animators, the benefactors and the National Offices for the support and the solidarity shown in these years. The pages that follow aim at make up for the human impossibility of thanking each one personally and of showing all the activities – which are really so many – which the National Offices, thanks also to their collaborators and supporters, have achieved with great devotion and commitment on the five continents.

With God's help, I hope that they will continue to follow this path with the same dedication and enthusiasm.

Baptistine Ralamboarison Secretary General

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## THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

#### A. GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE SOCIETY

In 1843, H.E. Monsignor de FORBIN-JANSON, Bishop of Nancy, founded the Association of the Holy Childhood in the wake of Pauline JARICOT, who in 1822 had launched the Association of the Propagation of the Faith from Lyons. His great intuition was to entrust children with a specific missionary role to build up, as it were, a Propagation of the Faith suited to their needs.

The main purpose of the Association was and still remains:

- to make children aware of the universal mission of the Church with particular reference to evangelization, human educa-tion, and the moral as well as physical protection of other children throughout the world, and to stimulate their prayer and generosity through information adapted to their capacity.
- 2. To help in Mission countries those concerned with children (maternity hospitals, nursery centres, dispensaries, primary schools, catechetical work, vocations and apostolate among the children).

With time, the methods of the Holy Childhood - also called Missionary Childhood - may have changed. But its twofold purpose, educational and charitable, remains the same.

The Superior council is composed of the following

members:

- the president;
- the secretaries general of the four Pontifical Mission Societies;
- the under-secretaries of the Section for Relations with States of the Secretariat of State, of the Congregation for Bishops and of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches;
- the national directors of the PMS (*Statutes of the P.M.S. 2005 edition, Art. 34*) who examines the documentation on requests for aid and draw up proposals for the granting of subsidies.

The Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood is at the service of the local Churches, to assist educators to awaken and gradually develop in both children and adolescents a worldwide missionary consciousness, in order to guide them towards a spiritual communion and material sharing of their resources with children of other Churches, especially those in difficulty. Everyone has something to give and to receive and their motto is: children helping children (*Statutes 2005, art. 13*).

With the development of the mass media and the circulation of information in the modern world, it is easier to urge children of one country to be open-minded to the needs of children of other countries and to develop in them a true missionary spirit.

## B. STATUTES OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD OR MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD<sup>1</sup>

Art. 13. The Society provide assistance to particular Churches with the following objectives:

• to assist educators to awaken and gradually develop

<sup>1</sup> Extrat from the Statutes of the P.M.S. 2005 edition, pages 25-27.

in both children and adolescents a worldwide missionary consciousness, in order to guide them towards a spiritual communion and material sharing of their resources with children of other Churches, especially those in difficulty. Everyone has something to give and to receive and their motto is: children helping children<sup>2</sup>.

- to contribute towards promotion and development of missionary vocations;
- to prepare missionary animators who will accompany children in their journey towards a more mature missionary conscousness. This is fulfilled through heir direct involvement in ways suitable for each country, so that children become missionaries in their own way. To this end, structures at both local and regional level should be established and suitable activities for such involvement should be created.Art. 14. The Society, having a profound educational role, must take into account both in its methods of missionary formation and in its appeals to generosity, those pedagogic principles best suited to awaken the missionary awareness of children. Its educational activity must be appropriate to their age, mentaliry, environment and abilities. Whether using its own means or other existing catechetical structures, the Society should always be integrated into the general pastoral work of Christian education, to which it brings a missionary dimension.

Art. 15. Every year the Society organises a Worldwide Day, on which it brings children's attention to the spiritual and material need of children throughout the world. Children are encouraged to affer to other children of the world their assistance in terms of prayers, sacrifices and offerings, and are encouraged to discover in them the face of Jesus. Whilst drawing attention to the needs of children who are materially

<sup>2</sup> Cf. Cooperatio Missionalis, 4.

poor, the riches of their spiritual values must not be overlooked. By opening themselves to one another, children will come to know and love each other as brothers and sisters, and in this way are enriched by mutual giving.

Art. 16. Because the education of children must be carried out through methods suited to them, it is essential that those responsible for the Society, at national and diocesan level, have the required theological and catechetical competency.

Art. 17. The age of children and adolescents addressed by the Society is established by the National Council, with the consent of the Episcopal Conference and following the guidelines of the Superior Council.

Art. 18. The subscriptions and contributions of children from the various continents together constitute the universal solidarity fund of Holy Childhood to assist institutions and activities for the benefit of children in the mission territories.

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7 Appointed 16/12/2011.

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10 Appointed 27/09/2012.

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 14
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26 Appointed 01/04/2009.

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46 Appointed 25/10/2013. 47 Appointed 03/12/2011.

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<sup>48</sup> Appointed 08/04/2013. 49 Appointed 23/10/2009.

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<sup>54</sup> The territory indicated here under the name "Pacific" includes CEPAC regions: Mariana Islands, Guam, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia (=Carolines), Marshell, Nauru, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Tokelau, Wallis and Futuna, Western Samoa, American Samoa, Vanuatu (formerly New Hebrides), Fiji, Tonga, Niue, Cook, French Polynesia, New Caledonia.

<sup>55</sup> Appointed 27/11/2009.

<sup>56</sup> Appointed 15/04/2013.

<sup>57</sup> Appointed 31/10/2012.

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- 58 Appointed 30/01/2009. 59 Appointed 05/04/2013. 60 Appointed 26/02/2011.
- 61 Appointed 17/03/2009.
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62 Appointed 21/10/2010. 63 Appointed 12/07/2011.

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65 Appointed 06/05/2011.
66 Appointed 22/01/2010.

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67 Appointed 23/03/2011.

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70 Appointed 27/11/2009. 71 Appointed 04/03/2011.

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72 Appointed 08/06/2012.

73 First National Director appointed 04/06/2010.

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- 75 In charge until 14/04/2010.
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- 77 In charge since 01/06/2010.
- 78 In charge since 01/03/2011.
- 79 In charge until 17/10/2011.

<sup>74</sup> Appointed 01/12/2010.

## III

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

(Rome, 11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009)

## **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** (May, 2009)

Your Excellency, the President of the Higher Council, Distinguished National Directors and other Members of the Higher Council, Dear friends from the General Secretariats, Dear Friends,

Well, this is a very emotional moment for me, because after ten years service as Secretary General of Holy Childhood it is time to move on and experience new horizons.

I started attending these General Assemblies in May 1991. That was my first General Assembly and at that time I was the National Director in Ecuador of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The May Meeting of 1999 was my first General Assembly as Secretary General of Holy Childhood. So, I thank God that since May 1991 I have never missed an Assembly. I thank God for giving me the health and strength and enthusiasm to be present during all these years. This, therefore, is my 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

These have been wonderful years and they have given me the opportunity to visit many of your countries and to promote the projects of Holy Childhood.

Every job, every life, has it ups and downs. I have known many personalities during these years. I pray for all those with whom I have worked and I will continue to ask God to bless all the effort being used on behalf of the Church's missionary activity.

I will not delay long with this report. In these few days I will have the opportunity to speak personally with most of you. I would just like to finish now by thanking Cardinal Dias and Monsignor Vacchelli, my superiors at this particular moment, to thank also the present staff of Holy Childhood and those who have come and gone in these ten years and, of course, I wish to thank all the National Directors present and past who have collaborated with me in these last ten years. May God bless us and guide us and may His Mother Mary be our constant companion in Faith.

Many thanks.

Let us turn now to the economic report.

### ECONOMIC REPORT

Offerings received in 2009

As of May 3rd 2009, the P.M.S. National Offices placed at the disposal of the Universal Solidarity Fund of Missionary Childhood offerings in the amount of US\$ 11.505.519,21 and Euro 6.600.344,21.

The total offerings received are distributed by continent as follows:

Offerings from AFRICA	318.315,83 us\$	82.585,13 €
Offerings from NORTH AMERICA (USA and Canada)	2.081.308,14 us\$	-
Offerings from LATIN AMERICA and THE CARIBBEAN	652.105,50 us\$	-
Offerings from ASIA	1.196.451,70 us\$	-
Offerings from EUROPE	4.925.505,48 us\$	6.517.759,08 €
Offerings from OCEANIA	2.331.832,56 us\$	-
Total Offerings from the NATIONAL OFFICES	11.505.519,21 US\$	6.600.344,21 €
Balance of the MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD SOLIDARITY FUND	4.885.698,59 us\$	3.194.076,17 €
TOTAL AMOUNT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE MC SOLIDARITY FUND	16.391.217,80 us\$	9.794.420,38 €

Proposal for the distribution of funds in this Assembly:

TOTAL AMOUNT AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE MC SOLIDARITY FUND US\$ 16.391.217,80 AND EURO 9.794.420,38 From the total of the funds available we must deduct the following:

Estimated expenses for the functioning of the General Secretariat	110.000 US\$
Contribution towards administrative expenses	923.000 us\$
Estimated expenses for covering currency exchange	50.000 us\$
Estimated contribution to expenses of the General Assemblies and Regional Meetings	160.000 us\$
Reserve for emergency aid	300.000 us\$
Reserve for subsidies of the National Offices	300.000 us\$
Donation to the Holy Father	50.000 us\$
Subsidy to the Pontifical Commission for Latin America	70.940 us\$

TOTAL

# Having deducted the sums held in reserve, we therefore have AVAILABLE FOR SUBSIDIES TO BE ALLOCATED DURING THIS YEAR A TOTAL OF US\$ 14.427.277,80 AND EURO 9.794.420,38

1.963.940 us\$

The total of the "SUBSIDY PROPOSALS" considered by the General Secretariat and indicated in our Subsidy Book is of US\$ 24.895.990 distributed as follows:

For AFRICA For LATIN AMERICA For ASIA For EUROPE For OCEANIA TOTAL

14.940.450 us\$ 861.300 us\$ 8.445.040 us\$ 180.100 us\$ 469.100 us\$ 24.895.990 us\$

Thank you for your kind attention.

Fr. Patrick BYRNE Secretary General

### IV

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

(Rome, 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2011)

### A. HOLY FATHER'S ADDRESS TO THE PMS NATIONAL DIRECTORS (May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011)

Your Eminence, Venerable Brothers in the Episcopate and in the Priesthood, Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to address my cordial greeting first of all to the new Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, Archbishop Fernando Filoni, whom I warmly thank for his words on behalf of all. To this I add my fervent good wishes for a successful ministry. At the same time, I express deep gratitude to Cardinal Ivan Dias for his generous and exemplary service in these years to the missionary Dicastery and to the universal Church. May the Lord continue to light the way of these two faithful workers in his vineyard.

I greet Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai, Secretary, Archbishop Piergiuseppe Vacchelli, Adjunct Secretary and President of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the collaborators of the Congregation and the National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies, who have gathered in Rome from their various particular Churches for the Annual General Ordinary Assembly of the Superior Council. An affectionate welcome to you all.

Dear friends, with your precious work of animation and missionary cooperation you remind the People of God of "the need in our day too for decisive commitment to the missio ad gentes" (Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Verbum Domini, n. 95), to proclaim the "the great hope", "the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety" (Encyclical Spe Salvi, n. 31). Indeed, new problems and new forms of slavery are emerging in our time, both in the so-called first world, well-off and rich but uncertain about its future, and in the developing countries, which, partly because of a globalization often characterized by profit ends by increasing the masses of the poor, emigrants and the oppressed, in which the light of hope fades.

The Church must constantly renew her commitment to bring Christ, to prolong his messianic mission to bring about the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of justice, peace, freedom and love. It is the duty of the entire People of God to transform the world according to God's plan with the renewing force of the Gospel, so "that God may be everything to every one" (1 Cor 15:28). Thus it is necessary to continue with renewed enthusiasm the work of evangelization, the joyful proclamation of the Kingdom of God, who came in Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, to lead all men and women to the true freedom of children of God against every form of slavery. It is necessary to cast the nets of the Gospel into the sea of history to bring human beings towards the land of God.

"The mission of proclaiming the word of God is the task of all of the disciples of Jesus Christ based on their Baptism" (Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Verbum Domini, n. 94). However in order that they may be a decisive commitment to evangelization, it is necessary that individual Christians and communities truly believe that "the word of God is the saving truth which men and women in every age need" (ibid., n. 95). If this conviction of faith is not profoundly rooted in our own lives, we shall not be able to feel the urgency and beauty of proclaiming it. In fact, every Christian must make his or her own the pressing need to work for the edification of the Kingdom of God. Everything in the Church is at the service of evangelization: every sector of her activity and also each and every one, in the various duties that they are called to carry out. All must be involved in the missio ad gentes: bishops, priests, men and women religious and lay people. "No believer in Christ can feel dispensed from this responsibility which comes from the fact of our sacramentally belonging to the Body of Christ" (ibid., n. 94). It is therefore necessary to ensure that all the sectors of pastoral work, catechesis and charity are characterized by the missionary dimension: the Church is mission.

A fundamental condition for proclamation is to let oneself be completely grasped by Christ, the Word of God incarnate, because only those who listen attentively to the incarnate Word, who are intimately united to him, can become his heralds (cf. ibid., nn. 51, 91). The Gospel messenger must remain under the dominion of the Word and must draw nourishment from the Sacraments: it is on this vital sap that their existence and missionary ministry depends. Only if we are rooted profoundly in Christ and in his word are we capable of withstanding the temptation to reduce evangelization to a purely human, social project, hiding or glossing over the transcendent dimension of the salvation offered by God in Christ.

It is a word that must be witnessed to and proclaimed explicitly, because without a consistent witness it proves to be less comprehensible and credible. Even if we often feel inadequate, poor, incapable, let us always preserve our certainty of the power of God who places his treasure "in earthen vessels" precisely so that it may appear that it is he who acts through us.

The ministry of evangelization is fascinating and demanding. It requires love for proclamation and bearing witness, a love so total that it can even be marked by martyrdom. The Church cannot fail in her mission of bringing Christ's light, of proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel, even if this entails persecution (cf. Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Verbum Domini, n. 95). It is part of her very life, as it was for Jesus. Christians must not be afraid, even if "Christians are the religious group which suffers most from persecution on account of its faith" (Message for the World Day of Peace 2011, n. 1).

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St Paul said that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:38-39).

Dear friends, I thank you for your work of animation and missionary formation which, as National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies, you carry out in your local Churches. The Pontifical Mission Societies which my Predecessors and the Second Vatican Council have promoted and encouraged (cf. Ad Gentes, n. 38) remain a privileged instrument for missionary cooperation and for a useful sharing of personnel and financial resources among the Churches. Nor should the support that the Pontifical Mission Societies offer to the Pontifical Colleges here in Rome be forgotten. At these Colleges, priests, religious and lay people — chosen and sent by their Bishops — are formed for the local Churches in mission territories. Your work is essential for building the Church, destined to become the "common home" of all humanity.

May the Holy Spirit, the protagonist of the Mission, guide and support us always, through the intercession of Mary, Star of Evangelization and Queen of Apostles. To all of you and to your collaborators I warmly impart my Apostolic Blessing.

**BENEDICTUS P.P. XVI** 

## **B. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** (May, 2011)

Your Excellency, the President of the Higher Council, Distinguished National Directors and other Members of the Higher Council, Dear friends from the General Secretariats, Dear Friends,

THANK YOU. These are the first words that I wish to pronounce in my new role as Secretary General, addressing them to Your Excellence and to you, dear friends, for the trust that you have placed in me and that I will try to merit during my term. They are also in grateful response to all the messages of well wishes that I received.

First of all please permit me to address a wholehearted thought of friendship and recognition to my predecessor, Father Patricio Byrne, who, for more than ten years guided the Society of the Missionary Childhood with Irish dynamism, as all those who knew him will surely recall. All my sincerest and best wishes along with those of the whole team from the Pontifical Mission Society for the Holy Childhood for your new mission.

I also wish, as Secretary General, to impart a warm welcome to you all and especially to the recently appointed directors, assuring them of our desire to maintain and wherever possible improve the friendly collaboration that already exists with the National Offices.

This new responsibility that has been entrusted to me may perhaps be the opportunity to realize a desire I have long held (since I began working at the General Secretariat), that of allowing even more room for children to speak, of being able to listen to them, because this Society belongs to them. You all know as well as I do that children have much to teach us, not just because they are innocent but because they are also creative. The topics and messages, even those more delicate and difficult, that are transmitted by children are accepted more easily and reach even the hardest hearts. We adults often have ideas – if you will permit the expression – "interestingly" polluted. Given that it is of children that the Society requests a participation of faith and of material resources, it seems logical to me that we must give them a prominent place that they are not often given, reading your pastoral reports. Naturally, the presence of an adult is necessary to guide and not to impose. Give them guidance and do this in a manner that achievements are the fruit of their creativity. The word "mission" should be pleasing to them.

We have a good opportunity to put all this into practice: in 2013 the Society will celebrate its 170th anniversary, a date which deserves to be emphasized a little more in favor of Missionary Childhood than is usual for your celebrations and regular events. Currently I have only one proposal to present to you: to the children who already know the Society we could pose the question: "What would you like to do with Missionary Childhood?" The response may be a picture, the means of preferred expression by children, but also the universal language understood by all. I also do not see why the picture couldn't be accompanied by a few words. Any adult intervention, in any form, should not be allowed. Each National Office may select the two best answers which will be published as part of a collection by the General Secretariat to recall this anniversary. Would this not be an attractive way to get to know better, to be a part of and to experience the universal dimension? All your ideas, suggestions and comments are warmly welcomed.

Activities of the General Secretariat:

- 1. Trip to Benin, in February, at the meeting for National Directors of French-speaking Africa, on the theme: "Gospel fraternity, key to solidarity among pastors, religious, for the success of missionary promotion".
- 2. Preparation of the Society's Annuals: these annuals are the history of the Society. It is necessary to receive printed material.
- 3. Accuracy in all the work of the Secretariat; study of projects,

distinction between ordinary and extraordinary subsidies.

4. Future prospects: publication of the history of Missionary Childhood in every country, an opportunity for promotion by the National Directors.

I now come to the administrative part.

### The total amount at the disposal of the Missionary Childhood Solidarity Fund is of US\$ 21.738.778,55

The total of the subsidy proposal considered by the General Secretariat and indicated in our subsidy book is of US\$ 18.994.110, distributed as follows:

For AFRICA	11.098.900 us\$
For LATIN AMERICA	812.400 us\$
For ASIA	6.712.310 us\$
For EUROPE	80.000 us\$
For OCEANIA	290.500 us\$
TOTAL	18.994.110 us\$

The Secretariat needs your friendly assistance to work together for the development of the Missionary Childhood, this gift from God, and I express to you our gratitude on behalf of the all the children thanks to whom and for whom this Society exists.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Baptistine RALAMBOARISON Secretary General

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# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

(Rome 7<sup>th</sup>, - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012)

### A. HOLY FATHER'S ADDRESS TO THE PMS NATIONAL DIRECTORS (May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012)

Your Eminence, Venerable Brothers in the Episcopate and in the Priesthood, Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I extend my cordial greeting to all of you, starting with Cardinal Fernando Filoni, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, whom I thank for his kind words and information concerning the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies. I express a grateful thought to Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai, Secretary, to Archbishop Piergiuseppe Vacchelli, Adjunct Secretary and President of the Pontifical Mission Societies, to the National Directors and to all collaborators, as well as to those who devote their generous service to this Dicastery. My thoughts and all of yours go at this time to Fr Massimo Cenci, PIME Undersecretary, who died unexpectedly. May the Lord reward him for all his work done on mission and at the service of the Holy See. Today's meeting takes place in the context of the Annual Assembly of the Supreme Committee of the Pontifical Mission Societies, to which is entrusted the missionary cooperation of all the Churches in the world.

Evangelization, which is always an urgent matter, in these times is compelling the Church to work more expeditiously along the paths of the world, to lead every human being to the knowledge of Christ. Only in the Truth, in fact, can humanity discover the meaning of existence, and grow in justice and peace. Every man and woman, every people, has the right to receive the Gospel of Truth. In this regard, your role in the celebration of the Year of Faith, already close at hand, assumes a special kind of meaning, to reinforce commitment to spreading the Kingdom of God and the knowledge of the Christian faith. This requires from those who have already encountered Jesus Christ "an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world" (Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei, n. 6). Christian communities "too need to hear anew the voice of the Bridegroom, who invites them to conversion, spurs them on to bold new undertakings and calls forth their commitment to the great task of the 'new evangelization'" (John Paul II Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Ecclesia in Europa, n. 23).

Jesus, the Incarnate Word, is always the centre of proclamation, the reference point for the sequela and for same methodology of the mission of evangelization, because he is the human face of God who wants to meet every man and woman to allow them to enter into communion with God, into his love. To walk the highways of the world to proclaim the Gospel to all peoples of the earth and lead them to the meeting with the Lord, (cf. Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei, n. 7) therefore requires the announcer to have a personal and daily relationship with Christ, to know him and to love him deeply. Today the mission needs to renew trust in the action of God; it needs intense prayer so that His Kingdom will be done on earth as in heaven. We need to invoke light and strength from the Holy Spirit, and to commit ourselves with determination, decision and generosity to usher in, in a sense, "a new era of proclamation of the Gospel... because, after two millennia, a major part of the human family still does not acknowledge Christ, but also because the situation in which the Church and the world find

themselves... is particularly challenging for religious belief" (John Paul II, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation Ecclesia in Asia, n. 29).

I am therefore very pleased to encourage the project of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and the Pontifical Mission Societies in supporting the Year of Faith. This project provides for a worldwide campaign, which, through the prayer of the Holy Rosary, will accompany the work of evangelizing the world and, for many of the baptized to rediscover and deepen the faith.

Dear friends, as you know only too well, the proclamation of the Gospel on not a few occasions has entailed difficulty and suffering; the growth of the Kingdom of God in the world, in fact, often comes at the cost of the blood of its servants. In this phase of economic, cultural and political change, where often the human being feels alone, in the grip of anguish and despair, the Gospel messengers, even though they proclaim hope and peace, continue to be persecuted as was their Master and Lord. But, despite the problems and the tragic reality of persecution, the Church is not discouraged, she remains faithful to her Lord's command in the awareness that "throughout Christian history, martyrs, that is, 'witnesses', have always been numerous and indispensable to the spread of the Gospel" (John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio, n. 45). The message of Christ, today, as in the past, cannot adapt to the logic of this world, because it is prophecy and deliverance, it is the seed of a new humanity that is growing, and which only at the end of time will have its full realization. To you is entrusted in a special way, the task of supporting the ministers of the Gospel, helping them to "preserve the delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow" (Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Nuntiandi, n. 80). Your special commitment is to keep alive the missionary vocation of all Christ's disciples, so that each of you, according to the charism you have received from the Holy Spirit, can take part in the universal mission given by the Risen Lord to his Church. Your work of animation and missionary formation is the soul of pastoral care, because the missio ad gentes is the paradigm of all the Church's apostolic action. Be increasingly a visible and concrete expression of the communion of people and means between the Churches, which, like communicating vessels, live the same vocation and missionary zeal,

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and in every corner of the world work to sow the Word of Truth in all peoples and cultures. I am sure you will continue to commit yourselves, so that the local Churches assume, always more generously, their share of responsibility in the Church's universal mission.

May the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Missions, accompany you and support all your hard work in promoting awareness and missionary cooperation. With this hope, which I always keep in my prayers, I thank you and all those who cooperate in the cause of evangelization, and I cordially impart the Apostolic Blessing to each of you.

**BENEDICTUS P.P. XVI** 

## **B. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** (May, 2012)

Your Excellency, Dear Friends of the Superior Council,

While extending to all of you the cordial greetings of the staff of the General Secretariat, I avail myself of this opportunity to express, in the name of the Pontifical society of the Holy Childhood, my best wishes to all the new National directors as they assume their new task. I want to assure you of our friendship and the availability of our Secretariat to accompany you in reawakening in the children their commitments to the service of the Universal Church in your respective countries.

I take this opportunity also to renew my sentiments of sincere thanks to all the National Directors who have welcomed me with great cordiality and friendship when I visited your countries. Those visits have been precious occasions and a true enrichment for the task that has been given to me.

In this Report, I wish to call your attention to the importance of organizing the Annual Missionary Childhood Day so as to inculcate a missionary spirit in the children. Perhaps not all of you know that this annual event of celebrating the Holy Childhood all over the world, was initiated by His Holiness Pope Pius XII on 4th December 1950, in order to give a fresh impulse to the development of the Society. In the International Year of the Children, His Holiness Pope John Paul II (now Blessed) underlined the significance of this day to renew a solidarity always more attentive and efficacious. At every Angelus Prayer of the Epiphany, His Holiness Benedict XVI, referred to this with words of great affection.

The Annual Day of the Holy Childhood is the logic crowning of a process of faith and missionary role of the children, in families, in parishes,

in schools and in movements worldwide. In this the child must feel him/herself totally the protagonist. Only in this way the spiritual and material union shines forth in the child. This can only come as a result of genuine love of fantasy and initiative, generated entirely by their conscience, thanks to a respectful formation the child can take an active and responsible role in the Church. This role is a right which has to be protected and promoted, just the same as that of adults. If the material sharing is not the fruit of the child's action, but just a portion taken from the offerings of World Mission Day, an important occasion is lost to open the children's hearts to the real sense of the Universal Mission.

We must always keep in mind that the Missionary Childhood prepares the ground for the Pontifical Societies of St. Peter Apostle and for the Propagation of the Faith. It is important that we cultivate the ground well so that it bears fruit.

Before passing on to the proposals of subsidies, allow me to add a few words on the following two points of an organizational character:

- Drawing competitions designed to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Society. I ask you please, to send to the General Secretariat two drawings chosen before February 2013, so that we can publish them in good time.
- Ordinary subsidies: the subsidies are meant to promote the work of the Society. It is important to remind the Bishops that the subsidies granted serve only to finance the initiatives aimed to develop the Society.

In the context of ACTIVITIES which I have been able to attend outside the Office, representing the International Secretariat, I have participated in the following events:

#### 2011

• 22 June Annual Assembly R.O.A.C.O., Rome

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• 27-28 August	First Meeting of the Holy
	Childhood and Missionary
	Adolescence at La Rioja. The
	theme was "United in Jesus,
	missionaries of Life" – Argentina
• 29 Aug./3 Sept.	2° Meeting of the PMS in
	"Bolivarianos" countries and visit
	to some dioceses - Peru
<ul> <li>3 November</li> </ul>	Senate of the Republic: an
	International Conference on the
	theme "The world's children and
	the abuse of their rights"organized
	by Telefono Azzurro. – Rome

#### 2012

• 26 Jan. / 2 Feb.	XV CONIAM on the theme "With
	Jesus in the Heart connected to
	the Mission" - Mexico
<ul> <li>25 February</li> </ul>	Meeting of the Diocesan Workers of
	"Missio Ragazzi" – Rome
• 4-11 March	8° Continental Meeting of the Directors of
	the PMS in America – Porto Rico
• 18-21 March	Meeting of the C.E.M.E. – Luxemburg
• 17-19 April	National Meeting of PMS in Miami – U.S.A.

### I now come to the ADMINISTRATIVE PART:

The total amount at the disposal of the Missionary Childhood Solidarity Fund is of US\$ 22.576.859,26 The total of the subsidy proposal considered by the General Secretariat and indicated in our subsidy book is of US\$ 19.710.620, distributed as follows:

For AFRICA	11.505.520 us\$
For LATIN AMERICA	668.900 us\$
For ASIA	7.228.900 us\$
For EUROPE	63.500 us\$
For OCEANIA	243.800 us\$
TOTAL	19.710.620 us\$

Thank you for your kind attention.

Baptistine RALAMBOARISON Secretary General

### VI

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

(Rome 13<sup>th</sup>, - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013)

### A. HOLY FATHER'S ADDRESS TO THE PMS NATIONAL DIRECTORS (May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

I am particularly glad, dear brothers and sisters, to meet for the first time the National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies who have come from all over the world. I cordially greet Cardinal Fernando Filoni, I thank him for his service as Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, as well as for the words he has addressed to me on your behalf.

Cardinal Filoni has an extra task in this period: he is a teacher. He comes "to teach me the Church". Yes, he comes and he tells me: this Diocese is like this or like that.... I am becoming acquainted with the Church thanks to his lessons. They are not lessons I pay for, he gives them free of charge. I also greet the Secretary, Archbishop Savio Hon Tai-Fai, the Adjunct Secretary, Archbishop Protase Rugambwa, and all the co-workers of the Dicastery and of the Pontifical Mission Societies, priests, religious and lay people. I would like to tell you that you are particularly dear to me because you help me to keep ever alive the activity of evangelization, the paradigm of every work of the Church. Mission is a paradigm of every Church institution; it is a paradigmatic attitude. In fact, the Bishop of Rome is not only called to be a Pastor in his particular Church but also in the whole Church so that the Gospel may be proclaimed to the very ends of the earth. And in this task the Pontifical Mission Societies are a privileged instrument in the hands of the Pope who is the source and foundation of the unity and universality of the Church (cf. Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Dogmatic Constitution, Lumen Gentium, n.23). Indeed, they are called "Pontifical" because they are directly responsible to the Bishop of Rome, for the specific purpose of acting to ensure that the precious gift of the Gospel may be offered to all.

They are fully up to date, indeed they are still needed today because there are so many peoples who are still not acquainted with Christ and have not yet encountered him. It is urgently necessary to find new forms and new ways to ensure that God's grace may touch the heart of every man and of every woman and lead them to him. We are all simple but important instruments of his; we have not received the gift of faith to keep it hidden, but, rather, to spread it so that it can illumine a great many of our brethren on their journey.

2. The mission that awaits us is of course challenging but with the guidance of the Holy Spirit it becomes an exciting one. We all experience our poverty, our weakness in taking the precious treasure of the Gospel to the world, but we must constantly repeat St Paul's words: "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Cor 4:7). It is this that must always give us courage: knowing that the power of evangelization comes from God, that it belongs to him. We are called to open ourselves more and more to the action of the Holy Spirit, to offer our unreserved readiness to be instruments of God's mercy, of his tenderness, of his love for every man and every woman and especially for the poor, the outcast and those who are distant.

Furthermore, for every Christian, for the whole Church, this is

not an optional mission it is not an optional mission, but essential. As St Paul said: "if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16). God's salvation is for everyone!

3. I repeat to you, dear National Directors, the invitation that Paul vi addressed to you almost 50 years ago, to jealously guard the universal breadth of the Mission Societies, "which have the honour, responsibility and duty to support the mission [to proclaim the Gospel], to administer the necessary aid" (Discourse to the Pontifical Mission Societies, 14 May 1965: aas 57, 1965, 520). Never tire of teaching every Christian right from infancy, in a truly universal and missionary spirit, and of sensitizing the entire community to support and help the mission in accordance with the needs of each one (cf. Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Decree Ad Gentes, n.38).

Make sure that the Pontifical Mission Societies follow in the wake of their centuries-old tradition, in order to enliven and form the Churches, opening them to a wide dimension of the evangelizing mission. The Pontifical Mission Societies are also rightly subject to the Bishops' concern that they may be "rooted in the life of the particular Churches" (Statutes of the Pontifical Mission Societies, n. 17). However, they must truly become a privileged tool for education in the universal missionary spirit and for an ever greater communion and cooperation among the Churches for the proclamation of the Gospel to the world. In the face of the temptation of communities to withdraw into themselves - withdrawal into self is a very common temptation, very common taken up with their own problems, your task is to recall the "missio ad gentes", to witness prophetically that the life of the Church and of the Churches is a mission, and it is a universal mission. The episcopal ministry and all ministries are certainly for the development of the Christian community, but they are also at the service of communion among the Churches for the evangelizing mission. In this context, I invite you to pay special attention to the young Churches, which all too often work in an atmosphere of difficulty, discrimination and even persecution, so that you may support them and help them to witness to the Gospel with word and deed.

Dear brothers and sisters, as I renew my thanks to you all, I encourage you to continue your commitment to seeing that the local Churches assume ever more generously their share of responsibility in the Church's universal mission. As I invoke Mary, Star of Evangelization, I make my own the words of Paul vi, which are as timely as if they had been written yesterday. This is what the Pope said: "may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the Good News not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ, and who are willing to risk their lives so that the Kingdom of God may be proclaimed and the Church established in the midst of the world" (cf. Apostolic Letter, Evangelii Nuntiandi, n. 80).

To you, to your co-workers, to your families, to all those who are dear to you, and to your missionary work, I impart my Blessing.

FRANCISCUS

## **B. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** (May, 2013)

Your Excellency, Dear Friends of the Superior Council,

A cordial welcome to all of you dear directors and, in particular, to you new directors of the Pontifical Mission Society family. As of now I assure you of the complete and total cooperation of this Secretariat to support your work of evangelization!

This year marks the 170th anniversary of the foundation, in 1843, of the Pontifical Society of Holy Childhood. Although 170 is an unusual number to celebrate, for children every opportunity is good to celebrate so it is with great pleasure that I offer each of you this small gift: a collection of children's drawings of the five continents.

As you may have understood by now, I like to give voice to the children therefore, in the first part of this report, I have collected some of the many testimonies read in your Pastoral Reports or in those of the beneficiaries and show us how many amazing things children can do and how they can be real missionaries. These small stories, which I am pleased to offer you, can also serve as a starting point for the animation activity.

"We are more than 120 missionary children and we increase in number every Sunday. We thought that in addition to raising money for poor children and praying for those children who do not know Jesus, we can do even do small sacrifices for Jesus and Mary, with the intention of practicing the virtues all week. This year we donated our small sacrifices and offers to the children of Tajikistan."

"We are a group of missionary children and we live in a children's home. With our modest gifts we help the children of Africa, where a nun works. Our mission began thanks to the nuns who run our orphanage and to a letter published in a monthly Catholic which helped us to understand that with a small gift, given from the heart, we can help those who need it. So, we decided to use \$1 food vouchers that we receive on a daily basis for snacks to buy the cheapest sandwiches. As soon as we get home from school, we put the pennies we saved in a missionary piggy bank which, day by day, gets heavier. Often we take it in our hand to feel the weight. When the piggy bank is full, we hand it over to the Missionary Centre, where the money will be used to purchase at least one bag of rice to cheer up the poorest children."

"I am thirteen years old. What motivated me to become a part of Missionary Childhood was to know that there I would have got to know Jesus, God, Mary and the Bible more closely. Since 2005 I have been part of the Missionary Childhood of my parish. I am glad to be part of it because there I have found love, happiness, peace, friendship and especially my best friend, Jesus. It is nice to be able to share this with the children of my age and of all other ages and to be able to speak of God with them. I had the opportunity to share experiences with children from different cultures and I realized that God loves us all equally. I visited orphanages, where there are children without parents, abandoned children, or with so many problems. I brought my testimony there. I would like to be able to be in the Missionary Societies for all the life that God wants to give me."

"We children of Missionary Childhood of this parish, have organized several activities, including visits in nursing homes for the elderly, health centers in our neighborhood, in the prison of the area, etc.. We have had the opportunity to preach Jesus in all these visits."

"Every month we all missionary children contribute a little bit to help poor children through Holy Childhood. When I get home from our meetings I teach the children of the village to be clean, to love Jesus and I help them to abandon their bad habits. Through me the members of my family learn the Word of Jesus and believe in Him."

"In our area, we children did "good deeds " to the children of other areas. Each of us looked for another child with whom we never talked
or played, and spent some time with him. After that, our group met and everyone gave a summary of his "mission" and all together we decided what to do to help our new friends."

"My name is Oskar and I am 12 years old. I go to school and participate in Missionary Childhood.

I think that it is God who has given me faith and made me a missionary. I am very happy to belong to Missionary Childhood. I know how to be a missionary and how to help other children. I know that children can be missionaries and can help others. I can open my heart to others just like Jesus. Do you want to know what I do in Missionary Childhood? First, I pray every day for the children in the world. I pray for the Pope and for all the families in the world. I think we can be missionaries in every place and at all times. Often we forget the people we cannot see. But we children of Missionary Childhood, must be ready to remember every "invisible" child including the youngest and the most needy, whether near us or in other continents. Because we are a family of God. We must try to have eyes, ears and hands outstretched to help, share, give and pray."

"We are little missionaries and we gather each week to pray and to raise money for needy children in the poorest countries. We want to become like saints, and for this we make small sacrifices."

"I attended a musical organized by Missionary Childhood. It was about a nun who was sent on a mission to work with street children. I played the part of a rebellious child in the orphanage where the nun worked, and refused to join the rest of the children, because I was very proud. In the end, seeing the happiness of the other children, I decided to join them. It was a great experience for me because I was been able to catch up with old friends and new ones. In addition, we raised funds for the children, who as the child in the story that I played, did not have anything to eat or where to sleep."

"With the belief that faith gives us, nursery school teachers motivated us to be generous with the children on World Day for Missions. During Missionary October we did the "Living Rosary". In May, we collected food for the poorest older people of our parish. In any moment of prayer we pray for all the missionaries in the world. We also visited a poor village in the jungle, where children contributed, in spite of their poverty, in the missionary collection. During Missionary Childhood Day we organized a march through the streets of the city with slogans and placards expressing our faith and our missionary commitment."

"We are children of Missionary Childhood. Despite our poverty we visited other children who live in absolute poverty, orphans and abandoned. We visited AIDS patients, to whom we brought water and wood, especially to those who live alone. We also cultivated small gardens and fruit trees to share these fruits with other children ... "

"We children have to share God's message with other children who do not yet know him. Children of different races, possibility, etc.. show us that, in reality we are all equal and that we must evangelize others because many people do not know God. I would like everyone to know God, because the love that He has for us is infinite and we must listen to His word. I entered Missionary Childhood when I was 7. Now I am 12, and I have realized that God is wonderful. God is happiness and love and loves us all. We must pray and be persistent. I go to Mass every Sunday. It is good to have some time for God. I would love to help many people, because God is always here.

"We are missionary children. A few months ago a new priest arrived in the parish, he returned after six years of missionary work in Africa. We were very surprised when he told us that he was himself a member of Holy Childhood. He told us that his desire to become a missionary was born thanks to the participation in the meetings of his Missionary Childhood group when he was a child."

"I am an animator and my experience in Missionary Childhood helped me to reflect on how little we do for others. Looking at myself, I realize how little I give to others, not only as a Catholic, but as a person who has the ability, and therefore the obligation to help others. This year has been a year of spiritual growth and as an animator I participated in the organization of meetings and in their development. I felt more engaged with the Society, with the community and, especially with children and adolescents. Although I feel that there is so much to do in the education of boys and girls I think we did a good job. I strongly believe that Holy Childhood has helped me as a person, not because I thought I was a bad person before, but because I felt an obligation to be coherent in what I try to convey, since if it were not so I could not be a true animator. When I entered Missionary Childhood I had my doubts, I was afraid to engage in a responsibility that I might not have been able to fulfill. Today, when I reflect on why I stay in IAM, I see that beyond the joy of sharing life experiences with a beautiful group, my commitment has become a need to bring God in every place. "

"Pauline lived in a small village. She was only 13 when the Lord called her to Himself. She suffered from muscular dystrophy, but did not complain. Despite her illness, she felt happy, as she often said. She was always thinking of others. She liked to help her mother. After reading a number of the magazine "Missionary World," Pauline chose to enter Holy Childhood Society. In her parish there was no Holy Childhood aroup. So she wrote a letter to the national secretary of the society. asking to part of it. So she became the first missionary animator of her parish. She willingly talked about missions to her school friends. She shared the missionary material and invited people to prayer. In her letters to the national secretariat she wrote with great missionary enthusiasm and joy following the example of St. Therese of Lisieux, patroness of the missions. Pauline loved Jesus, she loved Jesus' mother, Mary, she loved St. Teresa, St. Faustina, the Blessed Children of Fatima, St. Francis and many other saints ... Every day she "talked" with these friends. Every day, until her health allowed her to do so, she recited the whole rosary. She would put other rosaries in the courtyard where she prayed, so that other children would pray with her."

If you allow me, I would now like to focus on some important points for the resolution of which, as always, I need your valuable help:

I. ORDINARY SUBSIDY: I would like to once again reiterate that the ordinary subsidy is intended to promote the Society and is not granted automatically, but according to a report that demonstrates the pastoral work of the diocese in favor of Missionary Childhood. Among these activities there are for example the costs of participation of Diocesan Directors at meetings at a national level, or the various projects of missionary animation that, often, are given to us in the form of extraordinary subsidy. I would, therefore, like to emphasize that to obtain the ordinary subsidy it is necessary to ask for a new one each year and that the new request must be clearly separated from the report on the use of the previous subsidy. Many bishops still do not have this distinction. In this regard, you will find a reminder in the folder.

2. PAYMENT OF SUBSIDIES: Certainly for valid reasons, this year some payments were made late. One should find a solution so as not to allow the receiver to wait long, so as not to penalize the children.

3. REPORT OF THE USE OF THE SUBSIDY: Please be our eyes and watch carefully to ensure that the subsidy is used for the project for which it was allocated. Although this Secretariat recalls the beneficiary every rime the need to send a usage report, you would do us a favor if you could confirm this need to beneficiaries so that we do not "forget".

4. MAINTENANCE PROJECTS: The Society supports a number of projects for maintenance. Let me suggest to urge the institutions to submit self-financing projects, which are more "educational" than a simple assistance. A self-financing project would be more in line with the charism of the Society because it would gradually make the beneficiary Body autonomous, teaching children and teenagers to roll their sleeves up, making them proud to improve their situation with their own efforts. In this way, it would also increase their contribution to the universal fund of solidarity and, as well as beneficiaries, they would become the biggest supporters; and their sense of responsibility would grow and they would feel encouraged to contribute more to the collection. This, of course must take into consideration the local context.

5. PASTORAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTIONS: Unfortunately many of you again this year did not send the Pastoral Report. Allow me to stress the importance of making a record of Your activity that is very useful for us to understand the context of the country and to better assess the applications for aid. You will find in the folder the scheme for the preparation of the report, which highlights the key points to be developed.

And now, let us talk about the financial part.

#### The total amount at the disposal of the Missionary Childhood Solidarity Fund is of US\$ 21.765.823,67

The total of the subsidy proposal considered by the General Secretariat and indicated in our subsidy book is of US\$ 18.690.000, distributed as follows:

For AFRICA	10.820.100 US\$
For LATIN AMERICA	659.300 us\$
For ASIA	6.848.800 us\$
For EUROPE	87.500 us\$
For OCEANIA	274.300 us\$
TOTAL	18.690.000 us\$

Thank you for your kind attention.

Baptistine RALAMBOARISON Secretary General

# VII

# SPECIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

(Rome, 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013)

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

Your Excellency, Dear Friends,

In the period from the Superior Council of May and the Special Assembly in November the General Secretariat carried out fundamental works of ordinary administration, such as:

- the allocation of the payment of subsidies to National Offices, taking into account any preferences which are indicated to us in time by the Offices to facilitate their animation activities
- sending of payment orders to the National Offices
- preparation of the letters to the Pontifical Representatives for information, but also to redistribute the subsidies to the beneficiaries

- sending of letters to beneficiaries to inform them of the subsidies granted
- sending of letters to the Bishops to inform them of the subsidies granted to their dioceses

This year's news:

- every Bishop was asked, when missing, to send reports of use of subsidies granted in their jurisdictions for the years 2010/2011/2012
- the letter model to the Bishops (as requested by the National Directors during the last Assembly) was sent to the National Offices and the Nunciatures
- a new system on trial, so that in the future, any documents sent to the Secretariat, will be scanned upon arrival. This innovation will make it easier to send any projects required by the National Offices.

Please, also pay special attention to the following points, which are vital for our work and for our young beneficiaries. It is essential:

- 1. that each National Office should pay subsidies granted as quickly as possible, so as to avoid penalizing beneficiaries
- 2. should always communicate the date in which the payments were carried out
- 3. should inform us immediately on the total amounts remaining at the disposal of the Restricted Superior Council of November
- 4. should express any preferences in the allocation of the payment of subsidies by May.

### Proposal for animation:

I am pleased to anticipate that by the end of the year I will propose to the National Offices a "piggy bank" as an animation tool to relaunch the idea of our Founder "a Hail Mary every day, a penny a month". It would be nice if the National Offices managed to raise children's awareness in this regard so that on the occasion of next May's Superior Council we could exhibit the "piggy banks" in the world. Proposal for the distribution of subsidies November 2013:

1. Balance at the disposal of MC for distribution (by October 31st 2013): US\$ 2.676.940,16

2. Proposal for the distribution of subsidies:

For AFRICA	1.106.080 us\$
For LATIN AMERICA	97.000 us\$
For ASIA	882.600 us\$
For OCEANIA	8.000 us\$
TOTAL	2.093.680 us\$

3) Balance

US\$ 583.260,16

Thank you for your kind attention.

Baptistine RALAMBOARISON Secretary General

# VIII

# FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION 2009 - 2013

### A. OFFERINGS COLLECTED IN 2008

List of the National Directions and amounts collected in 2008 and put at the disposal of the Higher Council of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood for the year 2009.

#### **AFRICA**

Algeria	Dinar	7.400,00	= US\$	100,00
Angola <sup>80</sup>	Kwanza		= US\$	30.662,00
Benin	CFA Fr.	5.441.937,00	= US\$	11.631,62
Burkina Faso <sup>81</sup>	CFA Fr.	6.158.683,50	= US\$	13.144,39
Burundi	Fr.		= US\$	3.750,00
Cameroon	CFA Fr.	18.037.614,00	= US\$	38.553,68
Cape Verde	Escudo		= US\$	
Central African Rep	CFA Fr.		= US\$	
Chad	CFA Fr.	3.266.591,00	= US\$	6.971,85
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	Fr.		= US\$	39.624,84
Congo (Pop. Rep.)	CFA Fr.	1.332.715,00	= US\$	3.173,14

80 National Direction which also includes São Tome' and Principe.

81 National Direction includes: Burkina Faso and Niger.

Egypt	Egyptian £	55.000,00	= US\$	10.000,00
Equatorial Guinea	0.1	,	= US\$	40,48
Eritrea	Nakfa	14.737,50	= US\$	864,97
Ethiopia	Birr	8.011,00	= US\$	800,00
Gabon	CFA Fr.	1.554.630,00	= US\$	3.318,00
Ghana	Cedi	23.422,00	= US\$	16.265,00
Guinea	Fr.	,	= US\$	1.156,13
Guinea Bissau	CFA Fr.	295.500,00	= US\$	591,00
Indian Ocean82		,	= US\$	9.091,60
Ivory Coast	CFA Fr.	8.785.110,00	= US\$	20.189,67
Kenya	Shilling	1.400.000,00	= US\$	17.391,30
Lesotho	Loti		= US\$	2.777,78
Liberia	Dollar		= US\$	2.328,00
Madagascar	Ariary	18.856.639,00	= US\$	9.790,57
Malawi	Kwacha	533.442,83	= US\$	3.678,91
Mali	CFA Fr.		= US\$	1.366,68
Morocco	Dirham		= US\$	
Mozambique	Metical	51.537,50	= US\$	1.982,21
Namibia	Dollar	28.271,69	= US\$	2.975,97
Nigeria	Naira	11.172.352,00	= US\$	74.482,34
Rwanda	Fr. Rw	1.560.608,00	= US\$	2.681,00
Senegal <sup>83</sup>	CFA Fr.	3.854.803,00	= US\$	8.227,24
Sierra Leone <sup>84</sup>	Leone		= US\$	1.057,00
Southern Africa <sup>85</sup>	Rand	761.796,00	= US\$	76.332,00
Sudan	£	3.418,00	= US\$	1.536,00
Tanzania	Shilling	13.742.870,90	= US\$	11.033,31
Togo	CFA Fr.	7.826.281,00	= US\$	16.702,43
Tunisia	Dinar		= US\$	
Uganda	Shilling		= US\$	1.500,00
Zambia	Kwacha		= US\$	2.100,00
Zimbabwe	Dollar		= US\$	
Africa Total:			= US\$	447.871,11

<sup>82</sup> National Direction includes: Comoro Islands, Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles.

<sup>83</sup> National Direction includes: Senegal and Mauritania.

<sup>84</sup> National Direction includes: Sierra Leone and Gambia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> National Direction includes: South African Republic, Botswana and Swaziland.

### AMERICA

Antilles <sup>86</sup>			= US\$	64.784,53
Argentina	Peso	13.335,00	= US\$	3.843,00
Bolivia	Boliviano	71.432,60	= US\$	10.204,66
Brazil	Real	645.759,57	= US\$	274.791,30
Canada (English Sp.)	Dollar	766.750,00	= US\$	621.857,25
Canada (French Sp.)	Dollar	50.000,00	= US\$	40.633,89
Chile	Peso	3.182.250,00	= US\$	5.000,00
Colombia	Peso	38.728.810,00	= US\$	15.121,29
Costa Rica	Colón		= US\$	4.500,00
Cuba	Peso		= US\$	280,00
Dominican Republic	Peso	481.583,00	= US\$	13.016,00
Ecuador	US\$	6.590,97	= US\$	6.590,97
El Salvador	Colón		= US\$	2.500,00
Guatemala	Quetzal		= US\$	12.988,50
Haiti	Gourde	200.000,00	= US\$	5.000,00
Honduras	Lempira		= US\$	
Mexico	Peso		= US\$	103.734,91
Nicaragua	Cordoba		= US\$	
Panama	Balboa	1.700,00	= US\$	1.700,00
Paraguay	Guaraní		= US\$	1.000,00
Peru	New Sol	450.300,00	= US\$	150.100,00
Puerto Rico	US\$	50.000,00	= US\$	50.000,00
United States of				
America	US\$	1.418.817,00	= US\$	1.418.817,00
Uruguay	Peso	50.848,00	= US\$	2.240,00
Venezuela	Bolívar F.		= US\$	47.000,00
America Total:			= US\$	2.855.703,30

#### ASIA

Bangladesh Taka 17	79.309,00 =	= US\$	2.598,00
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86 The territory of the Antilles corresponds to the territories that depend on the Antilles Bishops' Conference and include: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dutch Antilles, 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.

East Timor	US\$		= US\$	
Holy Land <sup>87</sup>			= US\$	9.000,00
India	Rupee	17.690.000,00	= US\$	353.800,00
Indonesia	Rupiah 1.	493.207.601,00	= US\$	123.917,64
Iran	Rial		= US\$	
Japan	Yen	52.000.000,00	= US\$	541.700,00
Korea	Won	63.758.942,00	= US\$	41.028,92
Lebanon	Libanese £	16.250.000,00	= US\$	10.833,00
Malaysia <sup>88</sup>	Ringgit	109.067,63	= US\$	30.296,56
Myanmar	Kyat	8.338.499,00	= US\$	7.251,00
Pakistan	Rupee	403.943,00	= US\$	5.049,28
Philippines	Peso	2.407.313,36	= US\$	49.330,19
Sri-Lanka	Rupee	1.106.255,66	= US\$	9.536,68
Syria	£	190.000,00	= US\$	4.000,00
Taiwan	Dollar	2.044.761,00	= US\$	60.495,88
Thailand	Baht	881.188,00	= US\$	23.817,86
Turkey	Lira	2.233,00	= US\$	1.300,00
Asia Total:			= US\$	1.273.955,01
EUROPE				
Austria	€	52.987,76	= US\$	74.182,86
Belgium	€	470.289,21	= US\$	658.404,89
Bosnia Herzegovina	Marka	58.208,68	= US\$	41.666,27
Croatia	Kuna	1.167.632,53	= US\$	205.207,83
Czech Rep.	Koruna	7.423.430,92	= US\$	357.586,80
England and Wales	£	64.388,00	= US\$	93.363,00
France	€	456.000,00	= US\$	638.400,00
Germany	€	2.688.896,03	= US\$	3.500.000,00
Greece	€	3.171,85	= US\$	4.440,59
Hungary	Florin		= US\$	
Ireland	€	193.000,00	= US\$	247.040,00
Italy	€	1.722.783,06	= US\$	2.411.896,28
Luxembourg	€	130.088,63	= US\$	182.124,08
Malta	€	93.490,00	= US\$	125.000,00
Monaco	€		= US\$	

87 National Direction includes: Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine.
88 National Direction includes: Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

Netherlands	€	64.188,00	= US\$	86.500,00
Poland	Zloty	1.348.535,55	= US\$	374.593,20
Portugal	€	65.628,76	= US\$	91.880,26
Romania	Leu		= US\$	
Scandinavian				
countries <sup>89</sup>	Krone		= US\$	
Scotland	£	84.017,71	= US\$	120.512,60
Slovakia	Koruna	2.699.233,00	= US\$	125.437,37
Slovenia	€	80.848,95	= US\$	113.188,53
Spain	€	3.051.277,01	= US\$	4.271.787,81
Switzerland	Franc	1.160.939,93	= US\$	1.062.297,98
Europe Total:			= US\$	14.785.510,35
OCEANIA				
Australia	A. Dollar	3.439.762,00	= US\$	2.241.564,00
New Zealand	NZ Dollar	36.945,00	= US\$	21.779,00
Pacific (CEPAC)	<sup>90</sup> FJD	91.191,46	= US\$	50.638,62
Papua-N.G. <sup>91</sup>	Kina	50.681,26	= US\$	17.850,94
Oceania Total:		,	= US\$	2.331.832,56
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		For the year 2009:	US\$	21.694.872,33
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	Albania:		US\$	2.602,65
Collection from	Albania:		US\$ US\$	,
Collection from <b>TOTAL</b>	Albania:			2.602,65

89 National Direction includes: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

90 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.

91 The amount available at the National Direction of Papua New Guinea also includes the collections of the Solomon Islands.

# **B. OFFERINGS COLLECTED IN 2009**

List of the National Directions and amounts collected in 2009 and put at the disposal of the Higher Council of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood for the year 2010.

#### **AFRICA**

Angola $^{92}$ Kwanza= US\$34.213,BeninCFA Fr. $6.306.867,40$ = US\$13.480,Burkina Faso $^{93}$ CFA Fr. $7.378.454,75$ = US\$15.747,BurundiFr. $7.676.832,00$ = US\$6.166,	<ul> <li>32</li> <li>73</li> <li>13</li> <li>13</li> <li>79</li> <li>33</li> </ul>
Burkina Faso <sup>93</sup> CFA Fr. $7.378.454,75 = US$ \$ 15.747,	73 13 13 79 33
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Burundi Fr. 7.676.832,00 = US\$ 6.166,	13 79 33
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Cameroon CFA Fr. 20.007.040,00 = US\$ 42.763,	33
Cape Verde Escudo = US\$	33
Central African Rep. CFA Fr. 731.630,00 = US\$ 1.563,	
Chad CFA Fr. 3.434.229,00 = US\$ 7.340,	
Congo (Dem. Rep.) Fr. $=$ US\$ 47.654,	00
Congo (Pop. Rep.) CFA Fr. $1.718.630,00 = US$ \$ $3.668,100 = US$ \$	35
Egypt Egyptian £ $55.000,00 = US$ \$ 10.000,	00
Equatorial Guinea CFA Fr. = US\$	
Eritrea Nakfa = US\$ 1.010,5	30
Ethiopia Birr 1.800,00 = US\$ 150,0	00
Gabon CFA Fr. 1.135.397,50 = US\$ 2.423,	25
Ghana Cedi 33.600,00 = US\$ 22.400,0	00
Guinea Fr. $=$ US\$ 2.578,9	96
Guinea Bissau CFA Fr. 348.333,00 = US\$ 690,	34
Indian Ocean <sup>94</sup> = US 5.913,0	00
Ivory Coast CFA Fr. 6.461.120,00 = US\$ 13.789,5	87
Kenya Shilling 1.400.000,00 = US\$ 18.158,	23
Lesotho Loti 14.000,00 = US\$ 1.918,0	00
Liberia Dollar = US\$ 2.819,	00
Madagascar Ariary 18.401.122,00 = US\$ 9.056,0	00
Malawi Kwacha = US\$	
Mali CFA Fr. $=$ US\$ 821,9	80

92 National Direction which also includes São Tome' and Principe.

93 National Direction includes: Burkina Faso and Niger.

94 National Direction includes: Comoro Islands, Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles.

Morocco	Dirham		= US\$	
Mozambique	Metical		= US\$	
Namibia	Dollar	47.941,52	= US\$	6.435,10
Nigeria	Naira	12.016.895,90	= US\$	80.122,63
Rwanda	Fr. Rw	3.196.121,00	= US\$	5.707,00
Senegal <sup>95</sup>	CFA Fr.	3.262.890,00	= US\$	6.963,94
Sierra Leone96	Leone		= US\$	1.789,00
Southern Africa97	Rand	695.677,00	= US\$	90.819,00
Sudan	£	21.170,00	= US\$	274,57
Tanzania	Shilling	15.743.908,50	= US\$	11.360,63
Togo	CFA Fr.	7.124.584,00	= US\$	15.204,91
Tunisia	Dinar		= US\$	
Uganda	Shilling		= US\$	2.200,00
Zambia	Kwacha		= US\$	3.590,00
Zimbabwe	Dollar		= US\$	2.733,18
Africa Total:			= US\$	491.691,17
AMERICA				

Antilles <sup>98</sup>			= US\$	71.602,30
Argentina	Peso	24.910,33	= US\$	6.504,00
Bolivia	Boliviano	63.357,00	= US\$	9.051,00
Brazil	Real	614.794,10	= US\$	307.397,05
Canada (English Sp	.)Dollar	414.888,00	= US\$	403.863,00
Canada (French Sp	.)Dollar	80.000,00	= US\$	74.941,00
Chile	Peso	2.535.500,00	= US\$	5.000,00
Colombia	Peso	26.971.530,00	= US\$	14.224,37
Costa Rica	Colón		= US\$	4.000,00
Cuba	Peso		= US\$	385,00
Dominican Republic	Peso	755.567,00	= US\$	20.420,00

95 National Direction includes: Senegal and Mauritania.

96 National Direction includes: Sierra Leone and Gambia.

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

<sup>98</sup> The territory of the Antilles corresponds to the territories that depend on the Antilles Bishops' Conference and include: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dutch Antilles, 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.

Ecuador	US\$		= US\$	
El Salvador	Colón		= US\$	3.053,00
Guatemala	Quetzal	39.262,00	= US\$	4.853,15
Haiti	Gourde	726.900,00	= US\$	3.172,50
Honduras	Lempira	5.450,00	= US\$	293,17
Mexico	Peso	1.512.994,34	= US\$	108.000,00
Nicaragua	Cordoba		= US\$	
Panama	Balboa	2.000,00	= US\$	2.000,00
Paraguay	Guaraní		= US\$	2.120,00
Peru	New Sol	460.200,00	= US\$	156.000,00
Puerto Rico	US\$	55.000,00	= US\$	55.000,00
United States of				
America	US\$	1.209.773,00	= US\$	1.209.773,00
Uruguay	Peso	66.070,00	= US\$	3.353,00
Venezuela	Bolívar F.		= US\$	49.000,00
America Total:			= US\$	2.514.005,54
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ASIA				
Bangladesh	Taka	204.311,00	= US\$	2.961,00
East Timor	US\$	,	= US\$	,
Holy Land99			= US\$	8.000,00
India	Rupee	18.000.000,00	= US\$	382.980,00
Indonesia	Rupiah 1.	943.713.792,00	= US\$	211.273,24
Iran	Rial		= US\$	
Japan	Yen	50.000.000,00	= US\$	526.316,00
Korea	Won	92.997.650,00	= US\$	74.398,12
Lebanon	Libanese £		= US\$	12.000,00
Malaysia <sup>100</sup>	Ringgit	106.649,38	= US\$	32.318,00
Myanmar	Kyat	9.641.088,00	= US\$	9.545,63
Pakistan	Rupee	330.283,00	= US\$	3.796,36
Philippines	Peso	3.265.879,48	= US\$	68.039,16
Sri-Lanka	Rupee	1.503.324,00	= US\$	12.959,68
Syria	£	230.000,00	= US\$	5.000,00
Taiwan	Dollar	4.484.020,00	= US\$	140.125,62
Thailand	Baht	775.709,00	= US\$	23.364,73

99 National Direction includes: Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine. 100 National Direction includes: Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

Turkey Asia Total:	Lira	2.533,00	= US\$ = US\$	1.640,00 1.514.717,54
EUROPE				
Austria Belgium Bosnia Herzegovina	€ € Marka	42.442,80 598.105,69 55.355,32	= US\$ = US\$ = US\$	59.419,92 837.347,97 39.623,82
Croatia Czech Rep. England and Wales	Kuna Koruna £	851.504,18 7.786.700,72 56.570,00	= US\$ = US\$ = US\$	163.773,30 411.233,20 87.118,00
France Germany Greece	€ € €	455.000,00 2.429.543,25 3.227,06	= US\$ = US\$ = US\$	637.000,00 3.500.000,00 4.517,88
Hungary Ireland Italy	Florin € €	195.000,00 1.680.847,30	= US\$ = US\$ = US\$	272.730,00 2.353.186,22
Luxembourg Malta Monaco	€ € €	124.996,83 169.582,00	= US\$ = US\$ = US\$	174.995,56 237.414,80
Netherlands Poland Portugal	€ Zloty €	142.522,00 1.319.099,85 66.879,56	= US\$ = US\$ = US\$	199.530,80 454.862,01 93.631,38
Romania Scandinavian countries <sup>101</sup>	Leu Krone		= US\$ = US\$	75.143,16
Scotland Slovakia Slovenia	£ € €	61.988,94 95.010,16 75.723,70	= US\$ = US\$ = US\$	92.363,52 133.014,22 106.013,18
Spain Switzerland <b>Europe Total:</b>	€ Franc	2.897.813,72 1.357.396,56	= US\$ = US\$ = US\$	4.056.939,21 1.269.187,99 15.259.046,14

# OCEANIA

Australia	A. Dollar 3.34	8.841,00 = US	2.938.357,00
New Zealand	NZ Dollar .	= US\$	30.315,00
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101 National Direction includes: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

#### ANNALES OF THE SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

Pacific (CEPAC) <sup>10</sup>	<sup>2</sup> FJD		= US\$	50.887,53
Papua-N.G. <sup>103</sup>	Kina	48.644,36	= US\$	18.898,34
Oceania Total:			= US\$	3.038.457,87
Total collections	from N.D	. for the year 2010:	US\$	22.817.918,26
Collection from.	Albania:		US\$	154,00
Collection from	Serbia:		US\$	297,30
TOTAL			US\$	22.818.369,56

<sup>102</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>103</sup> The amount available at the National Direction of Papua New Guinea also includes the collections of the Solomon Islands.

# C. OFFERINGS COLLECTED IN 2010

List of the National Directions and amounts collected in 2010 and put at the disposal of the Higher Council of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood for the year 2011.

#### **AFRICA**

Algeria	Dinar	17.500,00	= US\$	240,00
Angola <sup>104</sup>	Kwanza		= US\$	38.031,00
Benin	CFA Fr.	6.243.262,75	= US\$	12.391,20
Burkina Faso <sup>105</sup>	CFA Fr.	8.467.449,25	= US\$	16.781,11
Burundi	Fr.	6.250.000,00	= US\$	5.000,00
Cameroon	CFA Fr.	20.375.446,00	= US\$	40.439,82
Cape Verde	Escudo		= US\$	
Central African Rep	CFA Fr.	2.640.542,00	= US\$	5.233,10
Chad	CFA Fr.	5.413.243,00	= US\$	10.728,17
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	Fr.		= US\$	20.175,00
Congo (Pop. Rep.)	CFA Fr.	3.206.073,00	= US\$	6.353,10
Egypt	Egyptian £	55.000,00	= US\$	9.215,00
Equatorial Guinea	a CFA Fr.		= US\$	
Eritrea	Nakfa		= US\$	1.640,60
Ethiopia	Birr	2.857,00	= US\$	168,00
Gabon	CFA Fr.	3.384.186,00	= US\$	6.706,87
Ghana	Cedi	40.329,50	= US\$	25.525,00
Guinea	Fr.		= US\$	2.303,70
Guinea Bissau	CFA Fr.	253.075,00	= US\$	501,55
Indian Ocean <sup>106</sup>			= US\$	5.961,00
Ivory Coast	CFA Fr.	11.393.210,00	= US\$	22.579,48
Kenya	Shilling	1.700.000,00	= US\$	20.300,63
Lesotho	Loti	19.500,00	= US\$	2.785,71
Liberia	Dollar		= US\$	2.550,00
Madagascar	Ariary	25.050.876,01	= US\$	12.740,94
Malawi	Kwacha		= US\$	
Mali	CFA Fr.		= US\$	994,50

104 National Direction which also includes São Tome' and Principe.

105 National Direction includes: Burkina Faso and Niger.

106 National Direction includes: Comoro Islands, Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles.

Morocco	Dirham	5.000,00	= US\$	617,22
Mozambique	Metical	60.980,25	= US\$	1.920,64
Namibia	Dollar	42.869,43	= US\$	6.124,20
Nigeria	Naira	14.537.525,35	= US\$	96.916,83
Rwanda	Fr. Rw	3.504.054,00	= US\$	5.830,00
Senegal <sup>107</sup>	CFA Fr.		= US\$	13.691,87
Sierra Leone <sup>108</sup>	Leone		= US\$	1.802,00
Southern Africa <sup>109</sup>	Rand	686.729,00	= US\$	98.104,00
Sudan	£		= US\$	310,00
Tanzania	Shilling	13.389.275,65	= US\$	8.716,97
Togo	CFA Fr.	8.028.733,00	= US\$	15.910,60
Tunisia	Dinar		= US\$	
Uganda	Shilling		= US\$	4.000,00
Zambia	Kwacha		= US\$	5.300,00
Zimbabwe	Dollar		= US\$	4.000,00
Africa Total:			= US\$	532.319,81
AMERICA				
Antilles <sup>110</sup>			= US\$	70.728,93
Argentina	Peso	29.817,92	= US\$	7.499,00
Bolivia	Boliviano		= US\$	10.377,84
Brazil	Real	860.563,66	= US\$	491.750,66
Canada (English Sp.	)Dollar	416.132,00	= US\$	415.467,00
Canada (French Sp.	)Dollar	80.000,00	= US\$	80.442,43
Chile	Peso	3.814.282,00	= US\$	8.150,00
Colombia	Peso	50.555.664,00	= US\$	26.700,14

Cuba	Peso		= US\$	142,00
Dominican Republic	Peso	603.494,00	= US\$	15.474,00

= US\$

3.200.00

107 National Direction includes: Senegal and Mauritania.

Costa Rica Colón

108 National Direction includes: Sierra Leone and Gambia.

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

<sup>110</sup> The territory of the Antilles corresponds to the territories that depend on the Antilles Bishops' Conference and include: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dutch Antilles, 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.

Ecuador	US\$		= US\$	
El Salvador	Colón		= US\$	4.085,12
Guatemala	Quetzal	48.987,43	= US\$	6.445,71
Haiti	Gourde		= US\$	2.250,00
Honduras	Lempira	19.836,45	= US\$	1.042,38
Mexico	Peso	1.452.476,57	= US\$	111.000,00
Nicaragua	Cordoba		= US\$	
Panama	Balboa	2.000,00	= US\$	2.000,00
Paraguay	Guaraní		= US\$	2.781,00
Peru	New Sol	462.000,00	= US\$	165.000,00
Puerto Rico	US\$	80.000,00	= US\$	80.000,00
United States of				
America	US\$	1.424.963,00	= US\$	1.424.963,00
Uruguay	Peso	38.147,00	= US\$	1.900,00
Venezuela	Bolívar F.		= US\$	44.000,00
America Total:			= US\$	2.975.399,21

## ASIA

Bangladesh East Timor	Taka US\$	219.078,00	= US\$ = US\$	3.175,00
Holy Land <sup>111</sup>			= US\$	7.000,00
India	Rupee	18.860.000,00	= US\$	410.000,00
Indonesia	Rupiah 2.	037.376.456,00	= US\$	233.912,33
Iran	Rial		= US\$	
Japan	Yen	45.000,000,00	= US\$	555.555,00
Korea	Won	98.561.686,00	= US\$	85.705,81
Lebanon	Libanese £	21.000,000,00	= US\$	14.000,00
Malaysia <sup>112</sup>	Ringgit	137.142,52	= US\$	45.714,20
Myanmar	Kyat		= US\$	12.629,28
Pakistan	Rupee	585.553,00	= US\$	6.654,01
Philippines	Peso	4.191.794,25	= US\$	91.125,96
Sri-Lanka	Rupee	2.046.053,21	= US\$	17.947,84
Syria	£	267.920,00	= US\$	5.700,00
Taiwan	Dollar	5.175.058,00	= US\$	164.287,55
Thailand	Baht	917.729,25	= US\$	29.134,26

111 National Direction includes: Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine.
 112 National Direction includes: Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

Turkey Vietnam	Lira Dong	2.160,00	= US\$ = US\$	1.363,00
Asia Total:	- 0		= US\$	1.683.904,24
EUROPE				
Austria	€		= US\$	
Belgium	€	857.512,55	= US\$	1.114.766,32
Bosnia Herzegovina	Marka	57.967,60	= US\$	38.530,45
Croatia	Kuna	642.562,69	= US\$	113.480,71
Czech Rep.	Koruna	6.265.636,10	= US\$	359.268,12
England and Wales	£	59.361,00	= US\$	94.978,00
France	€	633.000,00	= US\$	822.900,00
Germany	€	2.430.386,78	= US\$	3.505.000,00
Greece	€	2.456,00	= US\$	3.192,80
Hungary	Florin	2.275.831,00	= US\$	12.000,00
Ireland	€	201.000,00	= US\$	275.565,00
Italy	€	1.357.759,92	= US\$	1.765.087,90
Luxembourg	€	171.972,71	= US\$	223.564,52
Malta	€	76.832,00	= US\$	99.881,60
Monaco	€		= US\$	
Netherlands	€	147.862,00	= US\$	192.220,60
Poland	Zloty	1.197.228,85	= US\$	412.836,53
Portugal	€	52.325,83	= US\$	68.023,58
Romania	Leu		= US\$	
Scandinavian				
countries <sup>113</sup>	Krone		= US\$	43.160,12
Scotland	£	76.525,06	= US\$	122.644,26
Slovakia	€	83.155,55	= US\$	108.102,22
Slovenia	€	77.132,27	= US\$	100.271,95
Spain	€	2.445.072,54	= US\$	3.178.594,30
Switzerland	Franc	1.245.680,65	= US\$	1.229.975,50
Europe Total:			= US\$	13.884.044,48

<sup>113</sup> National Direction includes: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

#### FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION

#### OCEANIA

Australia	A. Dollar	3.209.678,00	= US\$	3.080.280,00
New Zealand	NZ Dollar	75.750,00	= US\$	56.826,00
Pacific (CEPAC) <sup>1</sup>	<sup>14</sup> FJD		= US\$	26.335,60
Papua-N.G.115	Kina	36.296,84	= US\$	13.157,60
<b>Oceania Total:</b>			= US\$	3.176.599,20
Total collections	from N.D. f	US\$	22.252.266,94	
Collection from Albania:			US\$	416,00
Collection from	Serbia:		US\$	220,44
TOTAL			US\$	22.252.903,38

<sup>114</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>115</sup> The amount available at the National Direction of Papua New Guinea also includes the collections of the Solomon Islands.

# D. OFFERINGS COLLECTED IN 2011

List of the National Directions and amounts collected in 2011 and put at the disposal of the Higher Council of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood for the year 2012.

## AFRICA

Algeria	Dinar	19.500,00	= US\$	260,00
Angola <sup>116</sup>	Kwanza		= US\$	40.087,21
Benin	CFA Fr.	5.736.968,75	= US\$	11.386,35
Burkina Faso <sup>117</sup>	CFA Fr.	10.048.179,80	= US\$	19.913,79
Burundi	Fr.	18.559.956,00	= US\$	13.191,00
Cameroon	CFA Fr.	24.785.042,00	= US\$	49.191,69
Cape Verde	Escudo		= US\$	
Central African Rep	CFA Fr.	2.276.582,00	= US\$	4.511,79
Chad	CFA Fr.	6.587.901,00	= US\$	13.055,29
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	Fr.		= US\$	75.426,00
Congo (Pop. Rep.)	CFA Fr.	3.288.604,00	= US\$	6.516,90
Egypt	Egyptian £	65.000,00	= US\$	10.779,00
Equatorial Guinea	aCFA Fr.		= US\$	
Eritrea	Nakfa	28.534,00	= US\$	1.613,30
Ethiopia	Birr	7.000,00	= US\$	411,00
Gabon	CFA Fr.	4.936.358,00	= US\$	9.797,35
Ghana	Cedi	45.528,41	= US\$	26.317,00
Guinea	Fr.	17.343.480,00	= US\$	2.428,12
Guinea Bissau	CFA Fr.	275.770,00	= US\$	546,00
Indian Ocean <sup>118</sup>			= US\$	4.659,00
Ivory Coast	CFA Fr.	10.735.955,00	= US\$	21.275,51
Kenya	Shilling	2.100.000,00	= US\$	25.210,08
Lesotho	Loti	15.000,00	= US\$	2.142,86
Liberia	Dollar		= US\$	2.410,00
Madagascar	Ariary	29.980.487,00	= US\$	13.636,91
Malawi	Kwacha		= US\$	

116 National Direction which also includes São Tome' and Principe.

117 National Direction includes: Burkina Faso and Niger.

118 National Direction includes: Comoro Islands, Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles.

Mali	CFA Fr.		= US\$	2.964,00
Morocco	Dirham		= US\$	
Mozambique	Metical	74.971,55	= US\$	2.723,26
Namibia	Dollar		= US\$	5.321,27
Nigeria	Naira	16.274.074,50	= US\$	101.712,97
Rwanda	Fr. Rw	4.797.869,00	= US\$	7.865,00
Senegal <sup>119</sup>	CFA Fr.		= US\$	
Sierra Leone <sup>120</sup>	Leone		= US\$	2.205,00
Southern Africa <sup>121</sup>	Rand	660.839,00	= US\$	88.822,00
Sudan	£		= US\$	362,00
Tanzania	Shilling	22.841.300,30	= US\$	14.114,81
Togo	CFA Fr.	8.259.982,00	= US\$	16.368,87
Tunisia	Dinar		= US\$	
Uganda	Shilling	20.311.795,00	= US\$	8.141,00
Zambia	Kwacha		= US\$	6.496,13
Zimbabwe	Dollar		= US\$	
Africa Total:			= US\$	611.862,46

#### AMERICA

Antilles <sup>122</sup>			= US\$	71.597,78
Argentina	Peso	39.070,00	= US\$	9.034,00
Bolivia	Boliviano	76.241,15	= US\$	10.954,19
Brazil	Real	908.368,31	= US\$	493.678,43
Canada (English	Sp.)Dollar	376.458,00	= US\$	376.759,00
Canada (French	Sp.)Dollar	100.000,00	= US\$	101.010,00
Chile	Peso	6.760.000,00	= US\$	13.000,00
Colombia	Peso	31.138.414,00	= US\$	17.696,50
Costa Rica	Colón	1.224.518,76	= US\$	2.410,47
Cuba	Peso		= US\$	

119 National Direction includes: Senegal and Mauritania.

120 National Direction includes: Sierra Leone and Gambia.

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

<sup>122</sup> The territory of the Antilles corresponds to the territories that depend on the Antilles Bishops' Conference and include: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dutch Antilles, 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.

Dominican Republic	Peso	674.008,00	= US\$	17.150,00
Ecuador	US\$		= US\$	6.740,93
El Salvador	Colón		= US\$	4.500,00
Guatemala	Quetzal	126.152,00	= US\$	16.598,94
Haiti	Gourde		= US\$	2.587,50
Honduras	Lempira	36.792,89	= US\$	1.931,39
Mexico	Peso	1.479.926,34	= US\$	113.840,49
Nicaragua	Cordoba		= US\$	350,00
Panama	Balboa	2.000,00	= US\$	2.000,00
Paraguay	Guaraní		= US\$	3.100,00
Peru	New Sol	402.000,00	= US\$	150.000,00
Puerto Rico	US\$	80.000,00	= US\$	80.000,00
United States of				
America	US\$	1.996.973,00	= US\$	1.996.973,00
Uruguay	Peso		= US\$	2.500,00
Venezuela	Bolívar F.		= US\$	35.791,76
America Total:			= US\$	3.530.204,38

### ASIA

Bangladesh East Timor	Taka US\$	310.907,00	= US\$ = US\$	4.145,00
Holy Land <sup>123</sup>			= US\$	7.000,00
India	Rupee	20.746.000,00	= US\$	406.784,00
Indonesia	Rupiah 2	2.338.950.926,25	= US\$	258.447,62
Iran	Rial		= US\$	
Japan	Yen	46.000.000,00	= US\$	550.503,00
Korea	Won	101.480.348,00	= US\$	90.365,40
Lebanon	Libanese £		= US\$	15.000,00
Malaysia <sup>124</sup>	Ringgit	142.130,82	= US\$	44.415,88
Myanmar	Kyat	11.316.952,00	= US\$	13.801,16
Pakistan	Rupee	840.966,00	= US\$	9.190,88
Philippines	Peso	3.112.832,08	= US\$	70.746,18
Sri-Lanka	Rupee	2.550.956,16	= US\$	20.407,64
Syria	£	249.000,00	= US\$	3.000,00
Taiwan	Dollar	5.140.626,00	= US\$	169.218,00

123 National Direction includes: Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine.
 124 National Direction includes: Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

Thailand Turkey Vietnam <b>Asia Total:</b>	Baht Lira Dong	982.789,50 1.900,00	= US\$ = US\$ = US\$ = US\$	31.199,67 1.079,55 1.695.303,98
EUROPE				
Austria	€		= US\$	
Belgium	€	860.736,56	= US\$	1.118.957,53
Bosnia Herzegovina	Marka	68.144,68	= US\$	45.295,06
Croatia	Kuna	645.148,18	= US\$	111.647,06
Czech Rep.	Koruna	7.335.126,19	= US\$	395.424,59
England and Wales	£	115.344,00	= US\$	182.163,00
France	€	484.000,00	= US\$	629.200,00
Germany	€	2.601.456,82	= US\$	3.500.000,00
Greece	€	2.045,04	= US\$	2.658,55
Hungary	Florin		= US\$	
Ireland	€	165.000,00	= US\$	223.190,00
Italy	€	1.364.958,15	= US\$	1.774.445,59
Luxembourg	€	137.397,53	= US\$	178.616,79
Malta	€	66.792,82	= US\$	86.830,67
Monaco	€		= US\$	
Netherlands	€	64.912,00	= US\$	84.385,60
Poland	Zloty	1.552.044,36	= US\$	492.712,49
Portugal	€	22.314,47	= US\$	29.008,81
Romania	Leu		= US\$	
Scandinavian				
countries <sup>125</sup>	Krone		= US\$	64.165,40
Scotland	£	65.072,67	= US\$	101.676,05
Slovakia	€	83.211,50	= US\$	108.174,95
Slovenia	€	95.435,50	= US\$	124.066,15
Spain	€	2.263.091,24	= US\$	2.942.018,61
Switzerland	Franc	1.235.161,18	= US\$	1.314.969,72
Europe Total:			= US\$	13.509.606,62

<sup>125</sup> National Direction includes: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

### OCEANIA

Australia	A. Dollar	3.428.600,00	= US\$	3.440.265,00
New Zealand	NZ Dollar		= US\$	53.575,00
Pacific (CEPAC) <sup>126</sup>	FJD		= US\$	64.347,95
Papua-N.G.127	Kina	44.127,49	= US\$	20.166,26
Oceania Total:			= US\$	3.578.354,21
Total collections	from N.D. f	US\$	22.925.331,65	
Collection from Djbuti Diocese:			US\$	300,00
Collection from Albania:			US\$	160,00
Collection from	Lybia:		US\$	500,00
Collection from Laos:			US\$	1.200,00
Collection from	Nepal:		US\$	5.264,00
TOTAL	-		US\$	22.932.755,65

<sup>126</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>127</sup> The amount available at the National Direction of Papua New Guinea also includes the collections of the Solomon Islands.

# E. OFFERINGS COLLECTED IN 2012

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### **AFRICA**

Algeria	Dinar	18.000,00	= US\$	225,00
Angola <sup>128</sup>	Kwanza		= US\$	42.794,50
Benin	CFA Fr.	7.104.563,00	= US\$	14.100,66
Burkina Faso <sup>129</sup>	CFA Fr.	11.905.788,50	= US\$	23.595,34
Burundi	Fr.	11.250.000,00	= US\$	7.500,00
Cameroon	CFA Fr.	25.912.647,00	= US\$	51.429,68
Cape Verde	Escudo		= US\$	
Central African Rep	.CFA Fr.	1.936.270,00	= US\$	3.837,60
Chad	CFA Fr.	6.043.514,00	= US\$	11.976,38
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	Fr.		= US\$	96.411,00
Congo (Pop. Rep.)	CFA Fr.	4.421.713,00	= US\$	8.762,00
Egypt	Egyptian £	70.000,00	= US\$	10.294,00
Equatorial Guinea	aCFA Fr.		= US\$	
Eritrea	Nakfa	28.997,00	= US\$	1.639,30
Ethiopia	Birr		= US\$	
Gabon	CFA Fr.	5.547.110,00	= US\$	10.993,46
Ghana	Cedi	59.109,60	= US\$	26.868,00
Guinea	Fr.	23.484.700,00	= US\$	3.318,01
Guinea Bissau	CFA Fr.	688.300,00	= US\$	1.365,00
Indian Ocean <sup>130</sup>			= US\$	7.748,00
Ivory Coast	CFA Fr.	11.229.175,00	= US\$	22.254,39
Kenya	Shilling		= US\$	27.333,60
Lesotho	Loti	20.000,00	= US\$	388,79
Liberia	Dollar		= US\$	2.800,00
Madagascar	Ariary	23.421.811,71	= US\$	11.217,28
Malawi	Kwacha		= US\$	2.220,70

128 National Direction which also includes São Tome' and Principe.

129 National Direction includes: Burkina Faso and Niger.

130 National Direction includes: Comoro Islands, Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles.

Mali	CFA Fr.		= US\$	3.234,40
Morocco	Dirham		= US\$	
Mozambique	Metical	75.638,00	= US\$	2.541,38
Namibia	Dollar		= US\$	
Nigeria	Naira	20.083.007,21	= US\$	125.518,79
Rwanda	Fr. Rw	5.207.204,00	= US\$	8.266,00
Senegal <sup>131</sup>	CFA Fr.	3.400.000,00	= US\$	6.738,25
Sierra Leone <sup>132</sup>	Leone		= US\$	2.856,54
Southern Africa <sup>133</sup>	Rand	727.955,00	= US\$	80.794,00
Sudan	£		= US\$	362,00
Tanzania	Shilling	37.959.466,00	= US\$	22.936,23
Togo	CFA Fr.	8.096.488,00	= US\$	16.044,87
Tunisia	Dinar		= US\$	1.200,00
Uganda	Shilling		= US\$	15.924,82
Zambia	Kwacha		= US\$	6.687,01
Zimbabwe	Dollar		= US\$	1.220,00
Africa Total:			= US\$	683.396,98

#### AMERICA

Antilles <sup>134</sup>			= US\$	52.868,17
Argentina	Peso	54.587,48	= US\$	6.823,00
Bolivia	Boliviano		= US\$	13.895,26
Brazil	Real	947.704,18	= US\$	462.294,72
Canada (English Sp	.)Dollar	358.044,00	= US\$	347.649,00
Canada (French Sp	)Dollar	110.000,00	= US\$	107.653,00
Chile	Peso		= US\$	15.000,00
Colombia	Peso	31.971.898,00	= US\$	17.451,90
Costa Rica	Colón		= US\$	2.601,16

131 National Direction includes: Senegal and Mauritania.

132 National Direction includes: Sierra Leone and Gambia.

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

<sup>134</sup> The territory of the Antilles corresponds to the territories that depend on the Antilles Bishops' Conference and include: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dutch Antilles, 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.

Cuba	Peso		= US\$	
Dominican Republic	Peso		= US\$	17.668,39
Ecuador	US\$	6.384,81	= US\$	6.384,81
El Salvador	Colón		= US\$	4.750,00
Guatemala	Quetzal	190.046,44	= US\$	24.056,51
Haiti	Gourde		= US\$	2.175,71
Honduras	Lempira	30.480,49	= US\$	1.494,87
Mexico	Peso	1.502.125,24	= US\$	115.548,10
Nicaragua	Cordoba		= US\$	
Panama	Balboa	1.000,00	= US\$	1.000,00
Paraguay	Guaraní		= US\$	2.500,00
Peru	New Sol	403.058,00	= US\$	158.000,00
Puerto Rico	US\$	110.000,00	= US\$	110.000,00
United States of				
America	US\$	1.006.921,00	= US\$	1.006.921,00
Uruguay	Peso	47.508,00	= US\$	2.500,00
Venezuela	Bolívar F.		= US\$	
<b>America Total:</b>			= US\$	2.479.235,60

# ASIA

Bangladesh East Timor	Taka US\$	272.432,00	= US\$ = US\$	3.585,00
Holy Land <sup>135</sup>			= US\$	5.000,00
India	Rupee	25.776.306,00	= US\$	495.698,00
Indonesia	Rupiah 3	.576.634.765,60	= US\$	367.210,96
Iran	Rial		= US\$	
Japan	Yen	45.000.000,00	= US\$	473.286,00
Korea	Won	103.812.330,00	= US\$	91.365,40
Lebanon	Libanese £		= US\$	16.100,00
Malaysia <sup>136</sup>	Ringgit	126.397,07	= US\$	42.132,36
Myanmar	Kyat	14.181.038,00	= US\$	15.756,70
Pakistan	Rupee	867.575,00	= US\$	8.262,62
Philippines	Peso	4.064.261,70	= US\$	96.768,14
Sri-Lanka	Rupee	2.607.443,57	= US\$	20.370,65

135 National Direction includes: Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine.
 136 National Direction includes: Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

Syria	£		= US\$	
Taiwan	Dollar	3.083.773,00	= US\$	102.587,26
Thailand	Baht	1.057.441,50	= US\$	35.248,05
Turkey	Lira	1.565,00	= US\$	888,96
Vietnam	Dong		= US\$	
Asia Total:			= US\$	1.774.260,10

#### EUROPE

Austria	€		= US\$	
Belgium	€	707.656,50	= US\$	919.953,45
Bosnia Herzegovina	Marka	69.613,85	= US\$	46.271,59
Croatia	Kuna	646.434,45	= US\$	110.588,87
Czech Rep.	Koruna	7.849.858,98	= US\$	399.077,73
England and Wales	£	102.747,00	= US\$	157.203,00
France	€	951.793,24	= US\$	1.237.331,21
Germany	€	2.674.614,09	= US\$	3.500.000,00
Greece	€	1.758,60	= US\$	2.286,18
Hungary	Florin		= US\$	4.000,00
Ireland	€	96.500,00	= US\$	125.450,00
Italy	€	1.225.546,65	= US\$	1.593.210,65
Luxembourg	€	109.295,28	= US\$	142.083,86
Malta	€	56.750,83	= US\$	73.776,08
Monaco	€		= US\$	
Netherlands	€	131.475,00	= US\$	170.917,50
Poland	Zloty	1.436.254,62	= US\$	423.673,93
Portugal	€	44.206,37	= US\$	57.468,28
Romania	Leu		= US\$	
Scandinavian				
countries137	Krone		= US\$	66.723,15
Scotland	£	59.094,81	= US\$	89.380,90
Slovakia	€	84.111,25	= US\$	109.344,63
Slovenia	€	90.276,60	= US\$	117.359,58
Spain	€	2.185.669,06	= US\$	2.841.369,78
Switzerland	Franc	1.286.835,45	= US\$	1.353.496,23
Europe Total:	_		= US\$	13.540.966,60

137 National Direction includes: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

#### FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION

#### **OCEANIA**

A. Dollar		= US\$	3.659.245,00
NZ Dollar	54.188,41	= US\$	44.689,20
<sup>38</sup> FJD	81.645,91	= US\$	45.770,70
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		= US\$	3.778.602,90
from N.D. for	the year 2012.	US¢	22.256.462,18
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Djbuti Diocese	e:	US\$	300,00
Albania:		US\$	361,00
Serbia:		US\$	188,50
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<sup>138</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>139</sup> The amount available at the National Direction of Papua New Guinea also includes the collections of the Solomon Islands.

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total
Pastoral care of children (ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses)	311	30	139	1	17	498
Missionary animation and formation	40	15	25	9	ο	86
Christian formation	169	15	91	11	11	297
Pre-school education	138	8	52	2	1	201
Scholastic education	534	35	647	5	18	1.239
Protection of life	364	25	331	۷	9	233
G. NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2010

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total
Pastoral care of children (ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses)	306	28	148	o	15	497
Missionary animation and formation	20	14	26	4	ο	64
Christian formation	186	12	65	7	11	281
Pre-school education	49	7	47	2	0	105
Scholastic education	492	27	540	6	13	1.081
Protection of life	455	49	296	6	6	815

H. NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2011

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total
Pastoral care of children (ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses)	282	27	148	0	14	471
Missionary animation and formation	29	12	16	1	1	59
Christian formation	195	24	80	5	7	311
Pre-school education	122	6	Şб	2	1	190
Scholastic education	519	29	625	5	13	1.191
Protection of life	426	40	316	TT	۷	800

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I. NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2012

J. NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2013

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total
Pastoral care of children (ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses)	283	27	128	0	9	447
Missionary animation and formation	11	6	16	1	о	37
Christian formation	187	15	84	2	9	297
Pre-school education	119	3	39	3	0	164
Scholastic education	<u>5</u> 16	23	634	3	8	1.184
Protection of life	373	28	322	£τ	3	6£1

K. DISTRIBUTION TABLE OF SUBSIDIES APPROVED IN 2009 (IN US\$)

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%	15,62	83,70	0,68	100	
Total	3.984.000	51.340.190 83,70	173.010,26	200.991,00 477.100,00 25.497.200,26	100,00
Oceania	136.000	341.100	-	477.100,00	1,87
Europe	8.000	172.100	20.891,00	200.991,00	o,79
Asia	1.112.000	7.448.040	18.735,81	15.275.338.45 964.995,00 8.578.775,81	33,65
America	240.000	<i>677.3</i> 00	47.695,00	964.995,00	3,78
Africa	2.488.000	12.701.650	85.688,45	15.275.338,45	16,92
Projects	Ordinary subsidies for mission diceses	Extraordinary subsidies	Subsidies for National Directions	Total	%

Change Euro 1 = US\$ 1,30

# FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION

L. DISTRIBUTION TABLE OF SUBSIDIES APPROVED IN 2010 (IN US\$)

%	20,75	78,22	1,03	100	
Total	3.976.000	14.984.600 78,22	197.466,58	277.700,00 19.158.066,58	100,00
Oceania	120.000	157.700		277.700,00	1,45
Europe	0	118.900	şo.627,50	169.527,50	o,88
Asia	1.184.000	4.998.800	28.500,00	6.211.300,00	32,42
America	224.000	817.400	25.570,00	11.432.569,08 1.066.970,00 6.211.300,00	5,57
Africa	2.448.000	8.891.800	92.769,08	11.432.569,08	59,68
Projects	Ordinary subsidies for mission diceses	Extraordinary subsidies	Subsidies for National Directions	Total	%

#### ANNALES OF THE SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

M. DISTRIBUTION TABLE OF SUBSIDIES APPROVED IN 2011 (IN US\$)

%	18,28	80,98	0,05	0,69	100	
Total	3.768.000	16.689.610	10.000	142.001,60	328.000,00 20.609.611,60	100,00
Oceania	112.000	214.500	-	1.500,00	328.000,00	1,59
Europe	0	80.000	-	-	80.000	6£'o
Asia	1.184.000	6.128.910	-	26.060,00	7.338.970,00	35,61
America	216.000	741.700		43.036,00	11.861.905,60 1.000.736,00	4,86
Africa	2.256.000	9.524.500	10.000,00	71.405,60	11.861.905,60	<i>\$</i> 5'£\$
Projects	Ordinary subsidies for mission diceses	Extraordinary subsidies	Emergency subsidies	Subsidies for National Directions	Total	%

Urgent subsidies were granted to the following countries: Madagascar

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%	16,62	82,58	0,80	100	
Total	3.656.000	18.167.390	176.411,60	267.800,00 21.999.801,60	100,00
Oceania	120.000	147.800	-	267.800,00	1,22
Europe	o	63.500	25.714,00	89.214,00	0,40
Asia	1.176.000	6.804.500	21.550,00	8.002.050,00	36,37
America	176.000	598.900	53.500,00	12.812.337,60 828.400,00	3.77
Africa	2.184.000	10.552.690	75.647,60	12.812.337,60	58,24
Projects	Ordinary subsidies for mission diceses	Extraordinary subsidies	Subsidies for National Directions	Total	%

ANNALES OF THE SOCIETY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

O. DISTRIBUTION TABLE OF SUBSIDIES APPROVED IN 2013 (IN US\$)

%	17,26	82,42	0,32	100	
Total	3.576.000	17.073.780	65.683,66	100.500,00 282.300,00 20.715.463,66	100,00
Oceania	72.000	210.300	-	282.300,00	1,36
Europe	0	87.500	13.000,00	100.500,00	0,48
Asia	1.024.000	6.694.700	12.323,00	7.731.023,00	37,32
America	216.000	540.300	21.600,00	777.900,00	3,76
Africa	2.264.000	9.540.980	18.760,66	11.823.740,66	57,08
Projects	Ordinary subsidies for mission diceses	Extraordinary subsidies	Subsidies for National Directions	Total	%

#### FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION



Baptistine Ralamboarison<sup>140</sup> New Secretary General of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood

<sup>140</sup> Appointed 01/12/2010.

# IX

# ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT 2009 - 2013<sup>141</sup>

#### **YEAR 2009**

(January - December)

The Secretariat took part in the following events to promote the Society's charisma, represented by the Secretary General, by Dr. Baptistine Ralamboarison and the entire staff:

- From March 2-6, Rev. Patrick Byrne participated in the "Continental Meeting of the National Directors of the PMS" which took place in Bogotá, Colombia.
- From April 24 to May 6, Rev. Patrick Byrne was in the United States to attend the yearly "*Meeting of the Diocesan Mission Directors and Coordinators*" in St. Louis, Missouri, on the theme "*Telling Our Stories*". On this occasion he received the "Founder's Award for the Holy Childhood Association".

<sup>141</sup> This section includes activities undertaken by the General Secretariat outside its headquarters in Rome, taking into account its mission of animation, motivation, and information as requested by the National Offices of the Missionary Childhood.

- On May 30, the HC staff took part in the meeting of European missionary boys and girls with His Holiness Benedict XVI and in the Holy Mass in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Ivan Dias. The event was organized by the Italian National Direction in collaboration with this Secretariat and represented a fundamental opportunity, precisely at the close of the Pauline Year, to reiterate the centrality of children as heralds of the evangelical proclamation.
- On November 15, Rev. Vito Del Prete, Secretary General of the PMU, and Dr. Baptistine Ralamboarison were invited to take part in the program "Christianity" broadcast by RAI International on the occasion of the opening of the World Summit on Food Security in Rome.

Also, the Society, represented by Dr. Ralamboarison, participated as it usually does in the yearly Assemblies of the ROACO (Reunion of Aid Agencies for the Oriental Churches) in the offices of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

# YEAR 2010

#### (January - December)

The Secretariat took part in various events to promote the Society's charisma represented by Dr. Baptistine Ralamboarison and the entire staff:

- On January 16, the entire International Secretariat of the Missionary Childhood attended the re-opening ceremony of the International Center for Missionary Animation (CIAM).
- On March 4, the Secretariat received a delegation from the National Office of Germany and, on that occasion, Dr. Ralamboarison described the International Secretariat's specific activities and answered questions.
- From March 7-10, Dr. Ralamboarison represented the Society in Luxembourg at the meeting of CEME which had as its theme: "*Mission: dare to live one's baptism*".
- During the General Assembly in May, Dr. Ralamboarison was interviewed by the workers of the National Office of the Czech Republic. The interview, which is available on DVD, focused among other subjects on the Society's activity, the importance of missionary work, and the number and type of projects financed by the Missionary Childhood.
- On June 10, Dr. Ralamboarison went to Paris to take part in the celebrations for the renovation of the Chapel of the Holy Childhood on the occasion of the ninetieth anniversary of the transfer of St. Paul Techen's relics there.

• At the end of September, a delegation from the National Office of Nigeria visited the International Secretariat's offices on the occasion of the festivities for the 25th jubilee of the Pontifical Mission Societies' presence in Nigeria. In this regard, Dr. Ralamboarison made an intervention illustrating the Missionary Childhood's charisma and the Secretariat's functioning.

Also, the Society, represented by Dr. Ralamboarison, participated as it usually does in the yearly Assemblies of the ROACO (Reunion of Aid Agencies for the Oriental Churches) in the offices of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

Lastly, an important innovation in the Secretariat was the appointment on December 1st of Dr. Ralaboarison as Secretary General of this Pontifical Society.

The number of National Offices of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood located around the world rose to 116 after the creation of the National Direction of Vietnam this year.

#### ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT



Celebrations for the renewal of the Chapel of the Holy Childhood in the Basilica of Notre Dame on the occasion of the ninetieth anniversary of the transfer of St. Paul Tchen's relics Paris, France

# YEAR 2011

#### (January - December)

Outside the offices of the International Secretariat, Dr. Baptistine Ralamboarison, HC Secretary General, took part in the following initiatives:

- From February 7-12, she represented the four Pontifical Societies at the VI Regional Session of the National Directors of French-speaking Africa held in Cotonou (Benin) on the theme: "Evangelical fraternity: key to the solidarity among religious for the success of missionary animation".
- On February 19, she gave an interview to Maltese television.
- On June 22, she took part in the yearly Assembly of ROACO at the offices of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.
- From August 27-28, she participated in the First National Meeting of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence of Argentina which took place in La Rioja on the theme: *"United in Jesus, missionaries of life".*
- On August 31, she attended the Second Meeting of the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Bolivarian countries (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela) held in Lima, Peru, from August 29 to September 3. In the following days, she visited some of the country's dioceses.
- On October 13th, she granted an interview to the Fides Agency concerning the role of the children who belong to

the Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood.

• On November 3, acting as the delegate of the Dicastery for the Evangelization of Peoples, she took part in the International Conference on the theme, "The world's children and the abuse of their rights", organized by "Telefono Azzurro" in Rome at the headquarters of the Senate of the Republic.



First National Meeting of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence of Argentina, La Rioja

# YEAR 2012

#### (January - December)

Outside the offices of the International Secretariat, Dr. Baptistine Ralamboarison, HC Secretary General, took part in the following initiatives:

- On January 9, she attended the opening ceremony held in Lyon of the Jubilee Year on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Venerable Pauline Jaricot death. On that occasion, she also gave an interview to the KTO French TV network.
- From February 2-5, the Secretary General took part in the XV CONIAM, the National Congress of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence, entitled "With Jesus in our hearts, connected to the mission", held in Puebla, Mexico, and visited some centers and parishes where the Missionary Childhood is active.
- On February 25, she attended the Congress of the Diocesan Leaders of MISSIO RAGAZZI which took place in Rome.
- From March 4-11, she flew to Puerto Rico to attend the Eighth Continental Meeting of PMS Directors of America. On that occasion the 6oth anniversary of the Pontifical Mission Societies of Puerto Rico was celebrated.
- From March 18-21, she attended the meeting of CEME in Luxembourg entitled: "To grow in faith with the children".
- From April 17-19, she took part in the yearly National Meeting of the Pontifical Mission Societies of America

held in Miami, Florida.

- On May 26, she flew to Warsaw to attend the National Congress, "Let us build a missionary bridge with Blessed John Paul II", convened by the National Office of the PMS of Poland. She received a large check from the Polish missionary children for their peers around the world. Approximately 1,700 children from the different dioceses of Poland took part in the meeting.
- From June 19-21, together with the Secretary General of the Pontifical Mission Society of Saint Peter Apostle, she participated in the "National Council of the French-speaking PMS" in Montreal, Canada.
- From June 28 to July 2, she was present at the Sixth National Congress of the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence held in Bucaramanga, Colombia. For the occasion, the Secretary gave various interviews to local television networks and conversed with the 1,800 missionary children present and their animators.
- From October 16-24, she flew to the Antilles for the 25th anniversary of the Holy Childhood in the Archdiocese of Castries, St. Lucia, which was launched at the time by Msgr. Henri Bodet. Also on this occasion she was able to visit schools, parishes and orphanages where the Society is present.



National Congress "Let us build a missionary bridge with Blessed John Paul II", Warsaw, Poland



25th anniversary of the Holy Childhood in the Archdiocese of Castries, St. Lucia, Antilles

## YEAR 2013

(January - December)

In 2013, the 170th anniversary of the Society's foundation was celebrated, and in light of this event, many initiatives were organized outside the main offices which the HC Secretary General, Dr. Baptistine Ralamboarison, attended:

• On January 9, she went to Madrid to attend the award ceremony for the drawing contest announced by the National Office of Spain and launched by the PMS General Secretariat to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Society's foundation. The ceremony was held in the Royal Palace of Spain in the presence of the Princes of Asturias. The Secretary General also took part in a press conference in preparation for the Holy Childhood Day in Spain.

From January 23-29, she went to the Philippines to take part in two events:

- On January 26, in the San Juan Gymnasium, San Juan, the Mission Congress of Children, with the theme: "Children of God: Called to Radiate the Word of Truth" where she delivered an address of encouragement.
- On January 27-28, in St. Scholastica's Spirituality Center, Tagaytay City, the Intercontinental Gathering PMS National Directors in Asia, with the theme: "Exchange of Experience, Building Closer Collaboration".

The voyage enabled the Secretary General to visit centers for street children, schools and orphanages.

- From June 3-5, she was in Paris, France, to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Society's foundation with the National Office of the French PMS. For the occasion, a pilgrimage was organized from the Cathedral of Notre Dame of Paris to the Picpus Cemetery to visit the founder's family tomb after the recent restoration.
- From October 10-15, Dr. Ralamboarison took part in the "Missionary Children's National Day of Prayer" held in Dublin, Ireland. She visited the Glenalough Monastery, the most important one in Ireland, and the Basilica of Knock, which has been declared an official place of pilgrimage after the local inhabitants declared that the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and Saint John the Evangelist appeared to them in that place. During her stay the Secretary General also visited some schools.



Award ceremony of the drawing contest announced by the National Office of Spain and launched by the PMS General Secretariat to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Society's foundation Madrid, Spain

#### ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT



Visit to the Philippines on the occasion of the Mission Congress of Children and the Intercontinental Gathering PMS National Directors in Asia



Visit to St. Joseph's N. S. School Milltown Malbay, Ireland

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# ACTIVITIES AND WITNESSES OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD

YEARS 2008 - 2013

# NOTES TO THIS EDITION

This publication reports on the activities and the most specific, significant initiatives carried out by the National Offices between 2008-2013. 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





# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The country is almost exclusively Muslim, and there are very few faithful in the 4 Catholic dioceses. The activities for children are difficult to carry out, but thanks to the active dialogue between Muslims and Christians, there are activities aimed at handicapped, sick or hospitalized children, as well as help with schooling the poorest ones.



A small summer center for children with few means Ghardaia, Diocese of Laghouat ANNALES OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The MC and the LIGA (Missionary Youth) are present on the national level in all the dioceses of the country, but suitable formation material is lacking.

# YEAR 2009

Meeting for the formation of MC animators in Kunene.

In Lwena, a meeting between animators and children presided by the Bishop.

Visit of the National Director of Brazil and the Secretary of the Brazilian Bishops' Conference.

# YEAR 2010

Preparation of missionary October on the theme: "The child and the family" and "Mission without borders and the borders of the mission" with the distribution of a guide for Missionary October, an aid for children's

formation courses, and a practical handbook for formation to be used by the Diocesan Directors.

Restructuring a multipurpose hall, purchasing furniture, a video projector, uniforms and books for some children of the Diocese of Uije, Angola



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

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - BENIN



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity. Schools for missionary animators and MADEB children's movements (*the Children of Benin's Apostolic Movement*).



The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** in Cotonou brought together 3,700 children. The Day of the African Child was also celebrated.

# YEAR 2009

Special formation of animators on the theme: "We have left everything to follow you".



**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** The theme of the Day was "Christ' Fidelity – A Priest's Fidelity", a reflection on the Year for Priests.



**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** Meeting with Pope Benedict XVI on the occasion of his visit and the Mass he celebrated in the Saint Rita of Cotonou parish on November 19th. The children of the Diocese of Parakou took a special collection for their peers in Haiti, victims of the earthquake.

These little missionaries made collection boxes in clay, wood or metal which were sold during the regular diocesan pilgrimage from December 27-28

#### ANNALES OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD



**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: On the occasion of the regular diocesan pilgrimage from December 27-28, the children of the Archdiocese of Cotonou made a panel based on the 170th anniversary of the Missionary Childhood.



The animation activities revolved around the theme of faith.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** It was celebrated on the Epiphany and was very popular in all the dioceses which celebrate it in different ways (theatrical plays, dances, sketches, children dressed as Magi or angels, etc.).

In the Marie Auxiliatrice parish in the Archdiocese of Parakou, more than 2,000 children took part. In the Diocese of Lokossa it was celebrated with a diocesan pilgrimage and every child received a printout of the Nicene Creed in order to understand it and learn it.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: A Day of choir formation for the children from the Archdiocese of Parakou during which the children, based on the bishop's booklet, "*The art of celebrating*", were taught how to take care of the Eucharistic celebrations through the choice of songs for the Mass. The role of those who play an instrument was explained better so they would not play too loudly. It was also stressed that the choir's role is to help the faithful to pray better and be in communion with God. Sacred song is a means of evangelization, and teaching it to children means forming their missionary spirit.



#### 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MADEB (THE CHILDREN OF BENIN'S APOSTOLIC

**MOVEMENT):** (From July 31 – August 5, 2013). The movement, which arose in the Diocese of Porto-Novo, brings together the greatest number of children in the country. The event was launched in the Cathedral of Porto-Novo and concluded in the Holy Family parish of Adjarra.

Flier for the World Mission Day THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - BURKINA FASO and NIGER



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation courses for the animators.

The **Missionary Childhood week** takes place between the end of January and the beginning of February and culminates in the Missionary Childhood Day for which an animation booklet is usually prepared for the liturgical services.



The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: The theme chosen was: "Children of the Church-Family, nourish yourselves with the Word of God and work for justice and peace". The children invited their Muslim peers to take part.





### The MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:

"Children of the Church-Family, let yourselves be reconciled by the Word of God". The children prepared spiritual, charitable and sociocultural activities and demonstrated their great creativity. A DAY WITHOUT QUARRELING in a school of the diocese of Maradi

#### ANNALES OF THE PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD



## The MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:

The theme chosen was: "Children of the Church-Family, with your community support vocations". The Day's liturgy was entirely entrusted to the children. Some diocesan radio programs organized games on the theme of reconciliation, justice and peace.





The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: "Children of the Church of God, through your faith in Christ transform your living conditions". In the diocese of Matadi, the Missionary Childhood week was called the "Week of Solidarity". In the schools, awareness is built in the classes, and every child brings gifts (soap, clothing, shoes, school kits) for the less fortunate ones. Also, visits are organized to prisons with the parents' participation so that they are involved too. In **NIGER**, the Muslim children, the Taleban, also took part in this day with the Christian children.





**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK:** "You, child, through your works show your faith" from January 27 – February 3, 2013.

Missionary excursions were organized as well as sports competitions and the projection of missionary films (The Miracle of Marcelino, The Life of Saint Maria Goretti, The Ugandan Martyrs).

The festivities culminated on February 3rd with the celebration of the World Childhood Day. This was preceded by *"children's weekends"*, which consisted of children's meetings in the parishes and pastoral centers from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon.
### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CAMEROON



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation courses for animators. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on January 6th. Annual publication of posters, pocket calendars, handbooks and key rings.



The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: Little calendars were prepared and sold in all the dioceses at a symbolic price, and the final version of the Handbook for missionary animators was published.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** The CANA youth group organized an evangelization camp-vacation with songs and shows for children from 6-14 years of age on the theme, "*Children Missionaries in Saint Paul's footsteps*" inspired by the year's theme.



The theme of the animation was: "*The Priest's Ministry Among Children*" with children's gatherings and games-contests. In August, a camp with 200 children took place in Mekalam in the Diocese of Ebolowa.



The theme of the animation was: "Let the children come to me".

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: in many dioceses, the Bishops themselves directed and took part in the Day.



Implementation of the previous year's initiatives in follow up to the chosen theme: "We need them and they need us". Organization of days for friendship, and visits to orphanages and centers for the handicapped and the deaf.

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: Some other topics were added to the year's theme such as: "A child is a gift of God", "I am a Christian and proud to be with the other children" and "To be a leader of the mission among the children".



The theme of the animation was: "The place of catechesis in a child's formation".

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: A diocesan meeting of 1,500 children in the Diocese of Abong-Mbang in January for prayer and sharing. In the Diocese of Garoua a campaign was launched on reading the Bible in the family.

YEAR 2013

The theme of the animation was: "Be missionaries of God's tenderness".

# PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES: In the

**Archdiocese of Garoua** the golden Jubilee of Catholic Action was celebrated which brought together 1,500 children.

**NEW INITIATIVES**: Key rings and **small pocket calendars** were produced with the year's theme. Also, in many dioceses, it is becoming more and more



customary to celebrate Christmas in the family (**Noël en famille**) with the children. Some dioceses, such as Bafoussam, give gifts to the poorest children.



THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany.

Two reviews are printed, **Aita Kwe** (review of formation 2011-2012) and **Mbeti ti Aita Kwe** (which describes the children's activities for children).

The educational material consists of animation booklets, posters with the logo and the theme chosen for the Missionary Childhood feast, and stenciled copies of the talks dealing with the Society's history and objectives.



YEAR 2009

Theme for the animation: "Children of Central Africa, let us live as children of light".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** The National Direction sent all the parishes an educational booklet, and every local radio made a weekly broadcast about the Holy Childhood with the participation of children.



The theme of the animation in 2010 was: "Let us welcome Jesus around the world".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: Among the various initiatives, Radio Notre Dame and Radio Central Africa broadcast a statement about a child's role in society and in the Church. Also, missionary animation was introduced into the private Catholic schools where the children are ready to become "little missionaries".



The theme of the animation was: "Happy are the peacemakers".

**NEW INITIATIVES**: The children from different religious confessions and movements (Protestant and Muslim) were invited to take part in the Missionary Childhood Day and so it was called the "Day of peace".

In the Diocese of Alindao, a missionary camp for children was organized, while in the

Diocese of Bangassou biblical courses for missionary animators were given.

(EAR 2012



(Missionary Childhood Day, testimony of a child from the Holy Mary Mother of God parish of Congbo, Diocese of Alindao)





Theme of the animation: "Children, be messengers of hope".

**NEW INITIATIVE:** The children of the Diocese of

Alindao took part in the drawing contest announced by the International Secretariat. Printing of "*Mbeti ti aitakwe*", the bulletin of the *aita Kwe*.

Mr. Paín, the Secretary General of Catholic Associated Education in Central Africa, was surprised: ever since his daughter changed schools, she no longer asked for a Bic pen every week. The little girl explained to him that in the Saint Theresa school they do not steal, and if you lose a pen and your companions find it, they give it back to you



Animation theme: "Let the children come to me".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** Many dioceses did not celebrate it because **the people were in the woods hunted down by the "Séléka" rebels.** It was celebrated in Bangui on another date and brought together children from the parishes of Saint Jean de Galabadja. Prayers for peace in the country and for the other Central African children who are dying of hunger and disease in the woods.

**NEW INITIATIVES:** The children from the "*children's village*", the Marseille Center for Central African solidarity created by the Spiritan Fathers, and from various movements in the Bangui parishes met in Saint Jean de Galabadja to pray for the children of the diocese occupied by the rebels. 12 children from the parish of the Holy Martyrs of Likwanga in Bangui wrote poems about the 12 Apostles.

In many dioceses it was not possible to carry out the formation courses for animators because of the critical situation: burnt villages, looting of religious communities, lack of security on the territory. However, every parish organized meetings to exchange ideas with its animators. Before the rebels came, the national team was in the Dioceses of Bossangoa and Berberati (February 2013). When they returned to Bossangoa in September, they saw the children's suffering with their own eyes.

Neeting with the displaced people of displaced

by the Séléka



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Every year the National Direction organizes the Missionary Childhood week. There are many children's movements in the country and children of all confessions are involved in every activity.

Printing the review **Balafon** and the **booklet Kemkogi**, a children's Catholic Action movement, which means "only one heart" in the local language.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** The year's theme was: "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel". Five meetings were organized to indicate the areas where children can evangelize adults (family, school, movements, parishes and the outside environment).

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** in the **Diocese of Loï** the diocesan radio station EFFATA broadcast a program prepared by the children.



The year's theme was: "Priest, what is your mission?".

A booklet for children was printed in which the subject of "vocation" is explained and young people are encouraged to support their priests.

# **PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: The archdiocesan radio of N'Djamena "Rainbow" broadcast the animation in the different scholastic institutions.



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CHAD

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**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** The theme this year was: "Building unity is the key to the mission". All the activities were included in a booklet to be distributed in the parishes. There was a great increase in Muslim and Protestant children's participation.





booklet "Kemkogi" and the review "Balafon"

YEAR 2012

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: The theme of the year was: "Children, make the word of truth shine".

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** In the Diocese of Mongo, skits were organized about playing hooky from school in order to make the children understand the importance of school for them and for the country's future. A good deed by the children of N'Djamena for the children from other neighborhood. Each child chose a peer he did not know in order to "evangelize" him and report on his progress to the group. In this way some children got enrolled in school

In N'Djamena, during the Missionary Childhood week, the students of the Sacred Heart high school present a country for which their solidarity is earmarked. Every year they organize the "follow the heart" operation in favor of children in difficult situations



The theme of the year was: "Children, make the word of truth shine around you".

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** In the **Diocese of Moundou** a "*friendship camp*" was held that brought together 1,520 children led by 90 youths and 4 instructors. This was the seventh camp held during the year and the National Director's presence was very encouraging for many children and the members of the PMS Diocesan Commission.

In the **Diocese of Laï** the children are very active, especially those from the Kemkogi movement (publication of the bulletin "*Kemkogi echoes from La*ï"), those from the Associated Catholic Schools and other institutions of the Catholic Church, such as the handicapped children from the Talitakum Center of Laï and the vulnerable children from the Bayaka Center.

In the **Archdiocese of N'Djamena**, under the supervision of Sister Maya, the person in charge of the Young Lebanese Mission, the Saints Felicity and Perpetua parish of Atrone welcomed a group of Lebanese youths. They visited some Basic Ecclesiastical Communities, bonded with the young people of the parish, spent time in families and did some little jobs. Also, from the same parish, one youth from Chad left for the mission in Lebanon in August to give witness to his country's missionary



### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CONGO (DEM. REP. OF THE)



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity with formation sessions for animators on the international, national and diocesan levels. Difficulties with communication because of the great distances between the communities.

Every year the Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated.



Creation of a website.



In Kinshasa the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was commemorated through a Eucharistic celebration that filled the large local stadium with children.



In Manono, the city with the same name as the diocese, more than 1,200 children, many of whom came on foot from all the villages of the diocese, took part in a meeting with the Bishop and organized a collection that amounted to 300 dollars to be given to the world's children.



The year's theme: "Thanks be to God for the 170 years of the Society of the Missionary Childhood 1843-2013". Missionary animation material was prepared related to the Society's 170th anniversary, such as T-shirts, polo shirts, little flags and CDs. Also, in the Bulletin entitled "You too go to my vineyard", a section was dedicated to the Missionary Childhood describing the different dioceses' initiatives for the Society's 170th anniversary.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** The Bishops and Archbishops accepted the National Director's proposal to celebrate the 170th anniversary between January 5th and the end of February in order to make it possible for them to be present in some dioceses at the celebrations. In many dioceses it is customary for the Bishop to meet with the children on the Epiphany, while in others the Diocesan Day of Missionary Childhood was organized for the first time.

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THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CONGO (REP. OF THE)



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** Celebration in the St. Peter Claver cathedral in Ouesso of the "**Children's Christmas**" which is open to all children with no distinction on December 29th. During the Mass of thanksgiving the children collected 10,000 CFA francs for their peers around the world. There were games, contests and dances, visits to different localities and the distribution of gifts. This is the second "*Children's Christmas*" celebrated in Ouesso to stress the importance of sharing and understanding with regard to others.



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. Every year the theme chosen is presented to the schools and in the parishes of Cairo and the related booklets are printed for the current year.



Following contacts with the Sudanese Church, between July and August 19 young people took part in a **missionary camp in Khartum**, in Sudan. They attended meetings in 6 elementary and middle

schools and the themes they dealt with were explained, "*Openness to Others*", and "*Unity in Diversity*". They came into contact with more than 2,000 students from the scholastic centers.



The theme chosen for the animation, "You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world", was followed up in the schools and parishes of Cairo as well as by the Sudanese children in Egypt.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** In the Diocese of Suhag (Upper Egypt) a special day was organized in which 300 children, youths and priests took part. Also, on February 12th in the Our Lady of the Apostles school, an event was prepared on "*The missionary child – salt of the earth and light of the world*" for the local and the Sudanese children.



"You are a friend and you win friends for Jesus": this was the year's theme developed in the schools and parishes. Around this theme of the missionary child the February 25th feast was prepared in the Salesian church in Cairo.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - EGYPT



The theme for the year was: "Yes, Lord, send me". It culminated in the festivities on February 10th in the Holy Mary Our Lady of Egypt cathedral, and in Assiout (Upper Egypt) on February 17th for 300 children from 4 parishes.



**Sixth Festival for the Missionary Childhood** with the title, "*I believed and so I spoke*", for the children of the Diocese of Assiout on January 18, 2013 in the School of Our Lady of the Apostles. 250 children, 50 animators and 7 churches took part in it. The program for the schools and parishes of Cairo and for the Sudanese children in Egypt was carried out around this theme. Also, a Congress was organized entitled, "*As the Lord sent me I too send you*" for the children of Upper Egypt – Diocese of Assiout from June 14-16, 2013 with the participation of 300 children and 8 churches. **PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** For the fifth time a **service camp for** 

**the female students** of the Franciscan Missionary School of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was held with the participation of the missionary animator from Alexandria. The camp took place in the poorest villages of the Delta from January 30 to February 2, 2013.



Festival for the Missionary Childhood entitled "*Faith and Mission*" for the children of the Diocese of Assiout on January 17th in the School of Our Lady of the Apostles (NDA) with 300 children and 50 animators from 7 churches. On the same theme the Missionary Childhood program was carried out for the schools and parishes of Cairo and for the Sudanese children in Egypt.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** The sixth service camp for female students of the Franciscan Missionary School of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The camp took place from January 27-31, 2014 in the poorest towns of the Delta and got very positive feedback.



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity.



The country's situation is critical, but the National Direction, as always, carried out animation in the religious orders and institutions. Given the poor relations with Ethiopia and the new trade rules, the price of food has risen by 100%. The people cannot make it and so they flee, sometimes dying tragically. Despite all this, again this year the Pope's message was translated into the local language. The National Director gave a talk to the diocesan seminarians and the students of the religious orders.

# THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ETHIOPIA



The Missionary Childhood is not present very much in the country. In 2010, a collection was taken in the Apostolic Vicariate of Soddo.



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation courses for the animators. Printing of posters for the Missionary Childhood Day and animation material. Holy Hour, vocation camps, theatrical performances, pilgrimages.



The animation centered around the theme: "Aim to be saintly and religious". The activities also involved Muslim children.

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: It was celebrated on February 3rd after a week full of activities and enthusiasm. Posters were prepared, prayer booklets, brochures and envelopes for the collection of offerings. The Archbishop of Tamale charged the children with visiting the homes, blessing them and marking them with a cross.





The theme "Onward Christian Children" was the fulcrum around which the whole year's program of catechesis and animation revolved: meetings with children, with parents, vacation camps, pilgrimages and retreats, dramatizations of biblical episodes.

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK**: This was celebrated from January 25 to February 1, 2010. For the occasion, the catechetical material was renewed.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** In the Archdiocese of Cape Coast a summer camp for children was held.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - GHANA



"Children as Christ's Ambassadors of peace, love and unity" was the theme for the year. The MC children are considered examples for all the others in terms of education, respect for elders and aid to their weaker or sick peers.

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK**: Again this year, a week of catechesis from January 24-31, 2011 preceded the Missionary Childhood Day.



The theme for the year was: "Making Christ visible".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK:** It took place from February 6-13, 2012. Some children who made their First Communion endeavored to be present at Mass every day before going to school.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: Again this year a vacation camp was held in the Archdiocese of Cape Coast.

Three visiting missionaries, together with the National Director, explained to the children how the world is open to the work of missionary children who later performed the traditional dances to entertain the guests.

In the little city of Saboba, Diocese of Yendi, a sick little girl rejected by her family because she was considered capable of witchcraft, joyfully belongs to the Missionary Childhood group animated by Sr. Adriana

SSp.S.





Theme of the year: "Let the children come to me".

THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK: from January 29 to February 5, 2012.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: The First National Seminar for Diocesan Missionary Childhood Coordinators was held in Samaritan Villa, Kumasi, from September 4-7, 2012.



In the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption in New Achimota (Archdiocese of Accra), the children got dressed in the clothes of the profession/vocation they would like to have when they grow up



Theme of the year: "Making a Journey of Faith".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK:** from January 27 to February 3, 2013.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** The vacation camps for Missionary Childhood groups have become customary in some local Churches. The children are formed and encouraged to be witnesses and messengers of the Word of God.

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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - GUINEA



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The new National Director took up his post in December 2010. The team of the National Direction was almost entirely renewed. For this reason, during a formation session in Brouadou, the outgoing Director was asked to explain to the new team members the knowledge and animation models necessary to carry out their mission. The need stood out for an intense task of building community awareness.



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity, formation courses for animators, and catechesis in the parishes. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany.



The theme for the year, "Four pillars for us to grow as the Church-Family of God: Communion, Liturgy, Witness and Service", was chosen by the Diocesan Assembly with the children's input. Two dance and theatrical festivals were held, a vacation camp and a soccer tournament for children. The material used for formation comes from Portugal, Brazil and Senegal.



The content was developed of the text "Form the moral conscience well for credible Christian witness". The moral conscience and the way of Saint Paul, and conscience in the political, socioeconomic and religious field. Through the weekly meetings of the Missionary Childhood groups, an attempt is made to form the children to moral values by exchanging experiences, aiding the sick, and through small volunteer activities that promote a culture of peace and inter-religious and inter-ethnic dialogue.



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The children were organized into groups and associations for children (choirs,  $C \alpha urs V aillants$ , scouts, theater groups...). The main activities are children's pilgrimages, commissions animated by the children themselves, and the Star Singers campaign, which is catching on more and more. The cells of the different parishes which bring together the children from many movements, prepare the national meeting that takes place in July. Every year the **Week of the Missionary Childhood** is held.



The theme of the year: "Child, Jesus needs you to make himself known: I proclaim him to my friends – Jesus is calling me to serve him".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: The week dedicated to the Missionary Childhood took place from February 7-14, whereas it was decided to take the collection on January 3rd. During Advent there was the **first Star** Singers campaign.



The theme of the year: "Children, together let us make the Gospel go forward".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** It was celebrated on the second Sunday of February.



The theme of the year, "With Jesus I am a missionary", was combined with some guidelines for reflection related to the country's sociopolitical context: "Jesus is calling you to learn to be reconciled, to forgive, to open yourself to others, to deprive yourself and to give for the world's children".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** Educational aids were printed, such as sheets for the Missionary Childhood week, posters with images suited to missionary themes, and the little Handbook presenting the Society. A DVD of songs is being prepared.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** In several dioceses, children's gatherings took place (1,000 in Katiola and in Korhogo) with the participation of many Muslim children in the activities.



The theme of the year: "Child, Jesus is calling you to holiness".

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK:** From December 30, 2012 to January 6, 2013.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: organization of the **First Missionary Congress of** the lvory Coast from October 26-27 in Moossou to make an assessment of evangelization activity in the country after the celebration of the first centennial. The theme of the Congress was chosen by the Bishops' Conference: "That all may be one so that the world will believe that you have sent me".



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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - KENYA



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. Publication of a children's periodical every four months and the **Newsletter Missionary Children**, as well as posters-calendars. The yearly calendar distributed

to the children indicates an activity for each week based on the religious calendar. Also, an admission form for the MC was prepared in English and Swahili.

Children's music and dance festivals are encouraged as a means of sharing, and material is sent to the dioceses.

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Society focused on animation and participation in the **Children's Day** a **Mombasa, Nyahururu** and **Nyeri**.



The theme for the year was: "Like Jesus, let's be channels of peace". Dances and recitals on peace and reconciliation, visits to the refugees in the camps bringing them clothing and food. The Missionary Childhood was strengthened and became more visible after the Kenyan Bishops Conference's approval and statement that it is the **most important children's movement in the country** with more than 60,000 children members

the BISHOP of the diocese of EMBU supplied the parochial LIBRARIES with BOOKS on devout subjects suited to children





The theme for 2010 was, "Called to make disciples for Jesus", to encourage reflection on religious life.

# THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:

In addition to the usual animation material and preparation, the children and animators prepared scarves with the Missionary Childhood logo. At the Mass in Nairobi celebrated by the Archbishop, the children prepared a **message** for their **peers in Haiti** and made a special **collection** for them. This gesture was broadcast on television and moved many adults to take part in supporting the earthquake victims in Haiti

To help the provinces affected by famine, during Lent the children of Bungoma and Nairobi, areas that were affected less, collected food and clothing to send to the Diocese of Lodwar located in the driest area



*"Jesus our bread of life"* was the theme for the animation in 2011. It was also developed through recitals and music contests.

# THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

**DAY:** it was celebrated on January 8th. The members of the Missionary Childhood rose to approximately 100,000 children.



The theme of the animation was: "We are God's Gift".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** It was celebrated on January 8th but each diocese has a particular day when the Bishop celebrates with the missionary children.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: participation in the drawing contest launched by the International Secretariat.





The Holy Childhood in Kenya is growing every year and its members are increasing. At present there are more than 600,000 members. The Society is present in almost all of the country's 26 dioceses.

Theme of the year: "Called to live the catholic faith".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: It is celebrated on the Epiphany. During the Mass the children bring the missionary collection boxes and food for the neediest members of the community at large.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: More than 10,000 children from the 9 provinces that make up the province of Kisumu met for three days to study their faith in depth and celebrate Mass together.





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# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The Missionary Childhood with clear purposes and objectives does not exist as such. However, the National Direction carries out pastoral activities, where possible, through **workshops for animators and educators** so that they will animate the children and encourage them to share.







There was no specific theme but only reporting on the missionary children's work in Lesotho.

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: This year, for the first time, it was celebrated on December 28, 2012, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, in 9 of the 37 parishes in the Archdiocese. In one parish each of two other dioceses the Day was also celebrated. Every parish celebrates in its own way and the Ordinary, together with the Diocesan Director, chooses where to celebrate with the children.



The National Direction focused on the formation and animation of priests and religious, especially women religious, because they spend more time with the

children.

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** December 28th, the Feast of the Holy Innocents.



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators, printing didactic material in the local language. Every year material which develops the year's theme is sent to the animators.

The celebration of the Missionary Childhood Day is not the same in all the dioceses. Animation leaflets are generally distributed. In the Archdiocese of Antananarivo, on the other hand, the children meet on the Epiphany and their celebrations are broadcast by the TVM (Malagasy Television).

# YEAR 2009

The year's theme revolved around: "The Pauline Year and the Year for Priests: Saint Paul and Saint John Maria Vianney, examples for children".

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: National Session of Moramanga from August 3-8 during which a CD was offered to the participants containing the "History and Charisma of the Missionary Childhood" translated into Malagasy. The Dioceses of **Fianarantsoa** and **Mananjary**, on their own initiative, prepared and distributed posters of the Missionary Childhood's ten commandments and a DVD explaining the MC spirit adapted to their reality.

A group of children from a neighborhood in Fianarantsoa meet once a week to pray together and make their economic contribution to the Missionary Childhood



The National Director reported that the Missionary Childhood is gradually getting structured in most of the dioceses. At the Bishops' request, the Society's spirituality is the backbone of the entire "children's" sector: Catholic Action Movements, scholastic institutions and social centers. In general, the collection takes place on February 2nd.



The theme of the animation was based on the Year of Faith: "Children, with faith in Christ in common, are a nursery for the Catholic Church".

# A Day for Children was created on the diocesan level.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: The First General Assembly of Catholic children from 6-14 years of age was held in Ambohipo, Antananarivo, from August 8-12, 2013. This was the first assembly of the Catholic Church in Madagascar. The high points were: the two Eucharistic celebrations, the opening and closing ceremonies, the catechesis on the Most Blessed Sacrament, the excursion to the zoo and to the Queen's Palace, the exchange of ideas, and a contest on religious knowledge among children of the same age. Also, a booklet for children on the Way of the Cross was distributed.

> In agreement with the Malagasy Bishops' Conference, it was decided that from now on the WORLD DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD will be CELEBRATED on the EPIPHANY

# THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - MALAWI



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. In general, the Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated in the parishes on the Sunday of the week of the Epiphany.



To reorganize and reinvigorate the Missionary Childhood, the National Direction organized formation schools for missionary animators in each of the country's seven dioceses.



There was no theme for the animation in 2013.

The newly appointed National Director announced that the theme chosen for the next year was: "Pontifical Missionary Childhood in Malawi for effective awareness and collaboration in the New Evangelization". He stressed that cooperation is lacking because of little knowledge about the PMS, and that in 2014, in the pastoral program, efforts will be made to get bishops, priests, laypersons, children's educators, religious, seminarians and novices more involved, and that material for this purpose will be produced.



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated in all the dioceses on the Epiphany with some exceptions in individual parishes because of particular needs. A week of prayer and the rosary with the children precedes the celebration of the Day.

The Society's pastoral activities aim at expanding the Missionary Childhood spirit through the different children's movements present in the country (**MEJ** – in the Diocese of Sikasso; **the friends of Kizito** – in all the dioceses; **Hiromi-Hirosin** in the Diocese of San), and through kindergartens, primary schools, diocesan or parochial days for children, children's catechesis, feeding centers and orphanages.

# YEAR 2009

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: In agreement with the person in charge nationally of the mass media, in October 2009 eight TV broadcasts were dedicated to

presenting the PMS. Sunday, October 4th, was the Holy Childhood's turn in the Bamanan language. Since then, every year the Mali radio and TV broadcasts during the missionary month have been entrusted to the PMS.



In the Diocese of Mopti, the year's theme, "Children all committed to peace, justice and reconciliation for a better world", was also taken up by other dioceses.

During the 2011 National Assembly, the message was transmitted from the Society's Secretary General regarding celebration of the Society's 170th anniversary. The goal is to leave more space to the children so they will realize that the Society belongs to them.

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### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - MOZAMBIQUE



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany.



In the Formation Center of Nazaré in the Archdiocese of Beira, the **First National Meeting of Missionary Childhood Advisers** was held



from November 24-28, 2008. To give more prominence to the Missionary Childhood Day, it was recommended to all the Diocesan Directors to organize a week of study and reflection on the conclusions of the meeting. This initiative gave great impulse to developing the pastoral care for the Missionary Childhood in all the dioceses of Mozambique.

# YEAR 2009

During the Second Council of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Maputo, the common effort stood out of introducing the Holy Childhood into almost all the parishes of the country's dioceses, the need to organize formation meetings for advisers, and a prayer week with the Missionary Childhood children.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** It was preceded by a prayer week from December 27, 2010 to January 2, 2011 and culminated in the celebrations on the Epiphany.



In November 2011, a meeting of the three ecclesiastical regions of Mozambique took place for the purpose of achieving more effective coordination of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Regarding the Missionary Childhood, the importance was stressed of the "prayer week" and the celebration of the Missionary Childhood Day on the Epiphany.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK:** from December 30 to January 5, 2014 entitled: "Celebrating the Lord's manifestation" - the Epiphany, the feast of universality".

A plan was made to celebrate the **170th anniversary of the Society**. On the diocesan level, it was proposed to organize a song and poetry **festival** (The Missionary Childhood Song and Poetry Festival) with the theme: "*Children: the flower and light of the new Humanity*", and to send the results to the National Direction. As to the ecclesiastical regions, they proposed to organize a Thanksgiving Feast for the 170th Anniversary of the MCA foundation in which the winners of the missionary children's song and poetry festival would receive awards. Also, the best drawing was chosen to be used as the Missionary Childhood's logo in Mozambique.

# August 4, 2013: Opening Mass for festivities for the Society's 170th anniversary.

November 24, 2013: Closing of the Year of Faith in the Nampula cathedral and, at the same time, closing of the 170th anniversary festivities presided by the Archbishop of Nampula.



### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - NAMIBIA



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of February because the Feast of the Epiphany occurs during summer vacation.

Between 1997 and 2013, the National Direction organized two drawing contests for children between 6 and 10 years of age on the theme: "Children Helping Children".

# YEAR 2009

In Okahandja, Mrs. Ursula Lucas, the local animator, organized a School for Missionary Animators (SOMA I).

To celebrate Mission Day in a particular way, the children visited the sick in hospitals and brought them their little gifts, songs and prayers.



There was no common theme for the missionary animation. Since 1997, the National Direction has been organizing two poster competitions on the theme, "Children Helping Children" to encourage the children. These posters in black and white will also be used for animation (to be photocopied and colored, used in making collages, etc.).





The "*Children Helping Children Programs*" have taken root, especially in some parts of the country, namely, around the Archdiocese of Windhoek and the Vicariate of Rundu.

Participation in the World Day of the Sick: visit to the Katatura State Hospital, which is one of the largest ones in the country. In one nursing home the children entertained the elderly with their songs and dances.

Weekly meetings in many parishes during which songs from the "Children's Hymn Book" are taught.

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: February 3, 2013. Groups from all the parishes went in procession to St. Mary's cathedral bringing posters, non perishable food for the poor, and their collection for the world's children. Fine dances were performed by the liturgical dancers of the Holy Cross School.

The Diocesan Director, Father Henry, DSB, who of was in Zambia for a long time and active in the Holy Childhood groups, brought the material to begin "children's working groups" and formation programs for animators

# THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - NIGERIA



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. Printing the review of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Nigeria, **Come and see**. Printing other material for animation and children's and animators' formation.



**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** From August 2-6, the Second National Congress of the Holy Childhood was held in the Saints Peter and Paul Seminary in Bodija, Ibadan. The theme of the Congress was: "*I am important for Jesus*". 38 dioceses took part with more than 1,000 children and more than 20 Directors and 30 Coordinators.





**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** The 2011 edition of "Come and See" celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the Pontifical Mission Societies and recounted their rise and development in the country during the past 25 years. On the occasion of this anniversary, a pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Childhood Diocesan Directors and Coordinators was organized from September 23-30.







The theme of the animation was: "I am happy to be a Catholic".

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cover of the review

CHILDREN

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** From August 5-9, more than 400 children from the 26 Nigerian dioceses attended, accompanied by 60 animators, 40 Sisters, 30 priests, the Holy Child coordinator and the National Director. The children participated in the national quiz and the retreat and reflected on how a child can bring witness to Jesus in the home, school, the Church and society. The quiz book, "*Be at home with liturgical symbols and expressions*", was used to familiarize the children with them.

**NEW INITIATIVE**: From August 5-8, the Third Holy Childhood Mission Congress took place on the theme: "*I am a missionary in my family*".



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### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - RWANDA



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. In general, the Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated in February. On that occasion, the Message from the Bishop President of the PMS National Council is usually sent to parishes, primary and secondary schools, broadcast by Radio Maria Rwanda, published in the Catholic newspaper Kinyamateka and on the website of the Bishops' Conference.



The theme chosen was: "Receive the power of the Holy Spirit, then you will be my witnesses".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: It was celebrated on March 9th instead of February 17th in order to meet the needs of the people affected by the earthquake.



Theme for the animation: "We have put our hope in the living God!".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** It was celebrated in all the parishes in January.



The theme of the animation for 2010 was: "Lord, what must I do to inherit eternal life?".

THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: It was celebrated on February 21st.



The theme of the animation in 2011 was: "Well rooted and founded on him, steadfast in the faith".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** It was celebrated on February 20th.



Theme of the animation: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations".

THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: It was celebrated on February 17th.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: National Youth Forum in Ruhengeri from January 3-7, 2013 which was attended by young people from bordering countries (Burundi, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo) who came to present their countries.



## COLLECTION in the Kiruhura parish

National Youth Forum in Ruhengeri





### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. Great vitality of the children's movements and the need for formation of the animators. The celebration of the Missionary Childhood Day usually takes place around the Epiphany.

In all the dioceses and in different parishes, "**the children's feast**" is organized every year.

In the Archdiocese of Dakar, the main national event in the Missionary Childhood animation is the **Children's Pilgrimage to the Marian Shrine of Popenguine.** 

Production of a Holy Childhood calendar which is sold to support the Society's activities.

### Postcard for the 2009 MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY





The theme for animation chosen by the Archdiocese of Dakar was, "Nourished by the Eucharist, transmit the Word you have received", whereas the other dioceses usually choose the slogan: "Children helping children" or "Children, protagonists of the mission".





In the Diocese of Kolda, a pilgrimage took place for the first time with approximately 600 children to the diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Peace of Temento.



30,000 calendars with the theme, "*Children, the smile of the world*", were distributed to the schools and parishes.

10,000 children took part in the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Popenguine (Archdiocese of Dakar).

**NEW INITIATIVE**: In the Diocese of Zinguinchor, the first pilgrimage took place with 3,000 children to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of the Mission of Elinkine.





Booklet published by the National Direction regarding the four Pontifical Societies







**MISSIONARY ANIMATION** 

Ordinary missionary animation activity. The National Direction publishes a Newsletter periodically and a calendar yearly.



Pontifical Mission Societies - South Africa, Botswana & Swaziland



The National Direction, with the help of the National Direction of Germany, printed a Guide for Missionary Childhood animators (500 copies in Arabic and 500 in English).

During the year, some Schools for Missionary Animators were held. In October, the children's yearly feast took place.

### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - TANZANIA



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the diocesan level. Many dioceses celebrate it on December 28th, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, and others on the Epiphany.

Since 2009, the National Direction started to organize **missionary voyages to the Island of Mafia**, which is historically Muslim. Printing the book for children **Mwongozo**.



The theme for 2008-2009 was "Mtoto ni Malezi", which means "Upright, morally righteous children depend on how they were raised" referring to the Book

of Proverbs 22:6 that says: "Give a lad training suitable to his character (from his earliest steps) and, even when old, he will not go back on it".

From July 15-19, 2008, approximately 1,500 children and animators met in Kisasrawe.



Animation theme: "Haki Ya Watoto...Upendo Na amani", which means: "Justice for children...Love and Peace".

The Children's Congress was held in the Diocese

of Tonga from July 1-4 with approximately 1,500 participants including children, educators and formators.

From October 8-12, the missionary voyage to the Island of Mafia took place with the participation of 50 children and 20 formators. During the visit, about 50 children from the Island received Confirmation. Muslim children also took part in the different meetings. The message transmitted on this voyage was: "Ushuhuda wa kimisionari unahitaji sadaka", which means "Missionary witness requires sacrifice".



The theme chosen for 2011 was once again "*Mtoto ni Malezi*", which was also used as the theme for the **National Congress held in Mahenge** in June with more than 3,500 participants including children and formators. With the proceeds from the sale of the books and DVDs about the Congress the National Direction was able to reprint 2,500 copies of the book for children MWONGOZO.

A **"Missionary Bridge of Prayers" for unity and peace** organized on the eve of Mission Sunday, on Saturday October 22nd. The children in different parts of the dioceses met and recited the rosary together for unity and peace and each one lit a candle. This event was broadcast by Radio Maria International and Radio TV Tumaini as well as by other Catholic radio stations.



The Holy Childhood Congress was held in Dodoma from August 18-22, 2012. The themes, among others, were children's behavior from 3-5 years of age to adolescence, religious life, and how to develop the spirit to become a religious or a priest.

Diocese of Kigoma: A Congress in Singida from August 17-19, 2012.



Organization of the usual congresses divided up by ecclesiastical districts in which the National Director usually takes part.

During the now traditional voyage to the Island of Mafia, the current Director and the previous one, Father Elias Peter Kingamkono, spoke to the children.

Holy Childhood Congress: It was held as always in many dioceses. The PMS President, H.E. Archbishop Protase Rugambwa, also took part in the festivities in the Dioceses of Rulenge-Ngara and Kayanga.

### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - TOGO



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. There are children's movements in the country such as "*Cœurs vaillants*" (Brave hearts) and "*Ames vaillantes*" (Brave spirits) (CV-AV), and although there is no one in charge nationally, animation work is carried out through the diocesan leaders of the children's movements.

Each year Masses and liturgical celebrations take place that bring many children together and culminate in the solemnity of the Epiphany when the various children's movements blend together. The missionary animation is carried out also and above all through Radio Maria Togo.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** Like every year, the Day was animated by children's movements and through a radio broadcast.

**Diamond Jubilee** (1947-2014): celebration of the 6oth anniversary of the children's apostolic movement "*Cœurs vaillants*" and "*Ames vaillantes*". The theme of the Jubilee that was celebrated throughout the year was: "*Children*, the builders of a peaceful, solidarity-based and reconciled Togo".



2013 Calendar with the main offices of the Togo PMS



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

Printing animation material, which is distributed in the parishes and dioceses.

Publication of the review **Jesus is our** friend.





The theme for the missionary animation was: "Children are Messengers of Christ's Peace, Joy and Reconciliation

*in Families*". Some programs of Radio Sapientia and Radio Maria were dedicated to raising the children's awareness, and not only theirs, regarding the importance of the Holy Childhood.

In 2008, 763 children got enrolled as members of the Missionary Childhood in the country.

Of the 19 dioceses, 15 celebrate the Children's Day on July 13th, while the others chose different dates according to local needs.

The National Direction hosted the PMS National Directors of Paraguay and Australia in order to increase an exchange of missionary cooperation between the countries.

# YEAR 2009

Theme for the animation: "Children are a treasure and a blessing for the whole world".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: On August 30th, 375 children in the whole country got enrolled as members of the Society. Of the country's 19 dioceses, 17 sent their children to the Walakuba Parish for the national celebrations.

### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - UGANDA



This year's theme was "Let the children come to me", with a sub-theme, "Children and the Year for Priests". During the year, 1,159 children got enrolled as members of the Missionary Childhood.

Through Radio Sapientia, in the Diocese of Kampala, a series of missionary animation conferences was presented. Radio Maria is also used for this purpose in several dioceses.

**INNOVATION:** This year the website of the National Direction was developed.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: It was celebrated on July 10th with the theme, "*Be peaceful and give it to others*", and the sub-theme, "*Childhood without violence*". 1,265 children joined the MC. Some dioceses had to celebrate it on other dates due to local pastoral needs.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: It was celebrated everywhere on July 8th. The theme was: "Love one another as I have loved you". This passage from the Gospel was dramatized in all the dioceses. 5,500 posters were printed.



Biannual review of the National Direction









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### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ZAMBIA



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. Printing animation material also in the local languages. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany.



On September 12th, in Pope Square, **the 10th anniversary of the Missionary Childhood's foundation in the Archdiocese of Lusaka**, was celebrated with the theme: "*Children, Evangelizers like St. Paul*". For the occasion a booklet was printed.



Review published by the National Direction



At the beginning of the missionary month, the National Direction launched its **Facebook page (www.facebook.com/missiozambia)**, which has already become an important means of communication.

Much is being invested in the design, development and distribution of animation material, especially for the three main missionary days. For the new year, it was proposed to hold work groups, seminars, etc. to emphasize the Societies' spirituality and reposition it in society so that the faithful will understand their message better.



Animation of priests, religious and laity through the animation material in order to strengthen the bond with other pastoral agents.

A **website www.missiozambia.org.zm** was launched which makes animation methods and materials available.

The Bishops' Conference of Zambia created the Episcopal Commission for Mission to set up an action unit between the Conference itself and the Societies.

### www.missiozambia.org.zm



### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ZIMBABWE



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.



The year's theme was: "Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:4).

The three weeks in April following Easter were dedicated to **congresses** in three deaneries (East, West and Center), guided by the year's theme. Bible quizzes, dramas, religious recitals, sports, art, choirs, etc. The Department of Social Communication recorded all the activities and produced 100 DVDs for each congress.





The year's theme was related to the Year of Faith: "Let the little children come to me. Don't keep them away. The kingdom of heaven belongs to people like them" (Mt 19:14).

**Missionary Childhood Congress in the Diocese of Gweru:** It was held from December 12-15 and 735 children from 4-14 years of age took part in it. The former National Director gave a talk to the children with an example that helped them understand: he took a \$100 banknote and folded it several times and then asked the children if it was still valid. They answered yes. Then he threw it on the ground and trampled on it, and the children said it was still valid. With this example, he wanted to let them see that no matter how many times we draw away from God we will never lose God's image in which we were created. Children must always be reconciled with God and with others and help one another.

During the Congress, the children's active involvement in the sacraments was discussed. Also, the children were reminded about their rights and encouraged to refer any criminal act or abuse in their regard. A policeman's intervention encouraged them. This talk was very useful and many children immediately reported abuses to their animators. Lastly, they were encouraged about hygiene in order to avoid diseases like cholera and typhus.



Childhood Congress Holy Cross Mission, Chirumanzu Deanery







# CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

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# AMERICA



### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ANTILLES



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

They are made up of 21 dioceses in 19 countries, mainly islands, with three official languages: English, French and Dutch.

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. Radio programs. All the dioceses celebrate the Missionary Childhood Day but on different dates (some during the month of October, others on December 28th).

# YEAR 2008

Special emphasis was put on animation in the Dioceses of Bridgetown (Barbados), Hamilton (Bermuda), and Georgetown (Guyana). During the month of October, in the Diocese of Nassau (Bahamas), a "**Mission Awareness Week**" was held. On that occasion more than 2,000 children took part in the Holy Childhood Mass.

In the Diocese of Saint George in Grenada, a Missionary Childhood group was created in each of the 24 Catholic primary schools.

# YEAR 2009

During the year, the PMS Diocesan Directors endeavored to increase the number of Missionary Childhood groups in the schools. The children were encouraged to pray every day for the other children around the world and make sacrifices through their small savings during Advent and Lent. A Missionary Childhood SUMMER CAMP was organized open to all children, whether Catholic or not, and it was a great success



A booklet entitled "Lord Speak, Your Servant Listens" was prepared and distributed to teach the children to listen to and obey God's voice.

New missionary animation and formation materials were prepared.

**A NEW INITIATIVE**: A competition between Missionary Childhood groups to prepare the Society's logo.



In addition to the classes given by their animators, the children learned new missionary songs and made their debut as journalists by writing articles for the MCA Events folder. The Sister Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará help a group of children in the poor areas of the Paramaribo outskirts. The children receive Christian-missionary formation and take part in genes and manual



Archélicess of Castrilss, 25th anniversary of the FUNDATION of the Holy Childhood

formation and take part in games and manual tasks.



**Diocess** of **Rosequ**: The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on October 27th with the National Director and children from the Catholic primary schools. Some children dressed in typical costumes repesenting children from the five continents.

**NEW INITIATIVES**: Introduction of collection boxes into the homes of the Missionary Childhood children. The Missionary Rosary devotion for the children of the different continents. Creation of vocational groups, etc.

**Port of Spain**: Groups were formed to help children during their lunch period who have scholastic problems.

Dissemination of the Word of God among the children and adults of the Natice Patamuna from the North Pakaraimas, a remote place in Guyana that can only be reached by plane. Materials were brought such as the New Testament in the Patamuna language.

### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ARGENTINA



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. The Review **Iglesia Misionera Hoy** (the Missionary Church Today) dedicates articles to the Society. The National Direction's website is very useful for the formative activities.

August is always the MCA month and on the fourth Sunday the National Day is celebrated.



The First National Meeting of the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence Delegates was held to coordinate better and strengthen the MCA's work.





This was a special year because it marked **160** years of the MCA in Argentina. The theme which inspired all the activities was: "Jesus' friends, messengers of life".

Material cooperation doubled this year with respect to the previous year.

Of special importance was the *Fourth National Meeting of MCA Animators* held in the city of Concordia, Entre Ríos, in which 700 animators took part.





The theme directed the attention of children and animators to the Asian continent: *"For Asia and the whole world, missionaries every day"*. Therefore, all the missionary activities and ESAMs (schools for animators) tried to make the children understand that continent's complex reality.



Every year at the National Meeting of Diocesan Delegates a theme is chosen. The theme for 2012 was: "With Jesus in our hearts Africa is our mission".

On August 27-28, the First National Meeting of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence (I ENIAM) was held in La Rioja with the participation of more than 800 children. The Secretary General of the Missionary Childhood came from Rome and took part in the event.

The eruption of the Puyehue volcano in Patagonia caused great damage. The MCA organized a national campaign called, "With Jesus we paint the ashes with hope". Drawings and letters were sent expressing hope and solidarity for the children in the affected areas.





with JESUS we paint the ashes with HOPE

### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ARGENTINA



The theme proposed for the animation was: "Hearts without borders. Oceania

is waiting for us", which focused the attention of children and animators on that continent. "Initiation workshops" were held both in the PMS headquarters and in the dioceses, as well as "specific in-depth workshops" in the respective dioceses.

The **HOLY CHILDHOOD DAY** was held in all the dioceses and this time, in a special way, in the Archdiocese of Tucumán, the place where the first MCA collection was taken in the country in 1896.

**AN INNOVATION**: For the first time an ESAM took place in the Patagonia region. The MCA National Secretary was present at the event.

## in the archdiocese of TUCUMÁN the FIRST MCA COLLECTION was taken in 1896

### YEAR 2013

The motivating themes for the animation were: "With Faith and Prayer, America

on a Mission" and "170 years of being and making friends for Jesus". In fact, this year the Holy Childhood celebrated its 170th anniversary. The **NATIONAL MCA DAY** was held as always on the fourth Sunday of August. All the dioceses celebrated the 170th anniversary. The Review of the National Direction for the month of August was entirely dedicated to the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence.



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materials for the 170th anniversary of MC

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### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity for children and the organization of formation courses for the animators.

Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. Celebration of the MCA Day in April.



Some ESAMs (Schools for Animators) were held in the Apostolic Vicariate of Camiri in the Diocese of Potosí and in Santa Cruz.



The First Congress of Missionary Childhood and Adolescence was held in Aiquile. The slogan was: "Let the children come to me".





### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - BOLIVIA





New materials for missionary animation and formation were published.



www.boliviamisionera.com



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators.

Publication of missionary animation and formation materials (for example, in the PMS quarterly Bulletin **SIM**, one part is reserved for the MCA).





150 EFAIMs (Formation Meetings of MCA Advisers) were held in the different areas of the country.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITY**: The MCA of the San Luis Gonzaga Ecclesial Community, Bairro São Luiz, Volta Redonda, created a community library in a needy area.



In some regions the custom is becoming consolidated of organizing a large meeting with children from different dioceses. These are the **erims** (regional meetings of the <u>Missionary</u> Childhood)

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - BRAZIL



The formation materials from previous years were revised, updated and published again and some new ones were produced. For the first time, the booklet "Christmas Novena" was published. Materials from other countries (for example, Colombia) were translated and printed.









Many EFAIM Formation Meetings were held. The Power Point presentations were very useful.

A classroom video was prepared for the Marist schools all over Brazil in order to spread the MCA.

111 MCA Meetings took place in the country.

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### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the first Wednesday of May. The Holy Childhood of Canada



YEARS 2008 - 2012

During the year, and especially on the Missionary Childhood Day, the children pray, learn and share. They learn how important prayer is, they learn to listen to what Jesus tells us, and they learn to share the gifts they receive with others. Every year the Missionary Childhood focuses attention on a particular country and through the bulletin, "Children Helping Children", children can learn about the realities of that country and others.

One child showed that he understood the meaning of the "collection boxes" or missionary poor boxes. He said that they are "transformer boxes". In fact, the donations contained in these boxes can transform the lives of many children



The theme for this year was: "Pray, Learn, Share". The animation packet sent to the



Catholic primary schools included letters to the directors, guidelines for each month's activities, lists of subsidized projects, advice for collecting funds, a letter to parents to inform them about the Missionary Childhood, etc.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CANADA (ENGLISH-SPEAKING)

This year the information bulletins focused on **Haiti** and **Sri Lanka**. They invited the children to pray for their peers every day. The country is described with its cultural characteristics.

> a page from the bulletin on the occasion of the 170th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY

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Missionary Childhood hymn

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on the occasion of the MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY in the Archdiocese of VANCOVVER, where the Holy Childhood was founded in 1933, hundreds of students from different schools met to take part in the Holy Mass

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### MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.

Information on the Missionary Childhood is sent four times a year to all the parishes through the **bulletin "animateurs"**, prepared by the National Direction. Also **Info-Mission** and **Nouvelles d'ailleurs** are published. A particular theme is not proposed. Each parish is free to choose its own.

Every year the animation report **Projet-partage** (Project Sharing) is prepared and distributed which enables Canadian children to learn about the situations in which children in other countries live.

The website is very important for the children's missionary animation and formation and it is visited very much.



The country chosen for the animation was **Honduras**.

The Missionary Childhood children took part in the International Eucharistic Congress held in Quebec. A drawing and prayer contest made it possible for the results to be exhibited in the Congress. Also, a stage play on the saints was presented and an "animation" on missionary commitment.





### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CANADA (FRENCH-SPEAKING)



**India** was the country chosen for this period.

**INNOVATION:** A theater project entitled "**30 minutes for the mission**", which was very useful for the parishes, an Advent calendar, and a prayer booklet were prepared.





The country chosen was **Vietnam**.

One initiative which the National Direction has been carrying out for several years is entitled "Dublerfiles of hope". The Canadian missionary children can color these butterflies and write encouraging messages on them for their less fortunate peers to whom the Direction sends them.



of hope



postcard with prayer



The country chosen for the missionary animation was **Lebanon**.

The website was renewed and improved and became much more dynamic and entertaining for the children.





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### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CHILE



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for the animators.

Publication of missionary animation and formation materials (for example, the review **Pablito Misionero**). The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated every year on the third Sunday of June.





The theme for this year was: "Chile with Christ: Listen, Learn, Proclaim". The First Meeting of the Missionary Childhood Pre-adolescents was held in the Archdiocese of Santiago and attended by 100 pre-adolescents.





The theme chosen was: "It is time, rise, we are on a mission!". The signs of the Society's growth became visible both on the level of formation and of missionary cooperation.





Due to the earthquake that struck Chile, 2010 was a difficult year. The Missionary Childhood brought aid and consolation to the affected areas.

















**170 YEARS** of the Missionary Childhood

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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - COLOMBIA



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for the animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.

The review **Infancia y Adolescencia Misionera** is published bi-monthly.

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The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May. Each year a booklet is prepared to animate it.



The Fifth National Missionary Childhood Congress (CONAIM) took place in Manizales and the slogan chosen was: "Missionary children: Listen, Learn, Proclaim".





It is estimated that 60% of the 5,562 parishes in Colombia have Missionary Childhood groups. This year's theme was: *"The Missionary School, A School of Faith"*.

An ESAIM (School of Missionary Childhood Advisers) took place in Tolú with the participation of 55

animators from the Dioceses of Cartagena, Riohacha, Barranquilla and Sincelejo.



The theme of the year was: "In the Missionary Childhood I am a missionary for the whole world". The Missionary Adolescence **badge** approved in the Diocesan Directors' National Assembly was a great success.





the review "Missionary Childhood" expanded and became "MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE"

YEAR 2011

The year's theme was the same as the theme of the Missionary Day: "Children and Adolescents: Jesus' Disciples-Missionaries so that in Him Colombia and the world will have life".

Ten formative activities were carried out throughout the year in which 982 participants took part (animation meetings, ESAIM, ELMI, etc.). 600 children participated in the Second Congress of Pastoral Care for Children in the Diocese of Girardot.





Bucaramanga was the venue of the Sixth MCA National Congress. The slogan chosen was "Adolescent boys and girls in the digital era", and the theme was "The Missionary Childhood and Adolescence: God's Gift for the Church". A Facebook page was created to animate the groups that took part in the Congress. Also, the first three issues of the MCA Review explained the theme.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - COLOMBIA





The event enjoyed the MCA Secretary General's presence and the collaboration of the TV channel Cristovisión

# YEAR 2013

The **MCA DAY** had as its slogan: "170 years animating, forming and communicating in faith!".

To celebrate this anniversary the **PMS National Office proposed** to



Colombia's 77 ecclesiastical jurisdictions to hold a **pilgrimage in the month of May to a Marian Shrine to give thanks for the Missionary Childhood and to pray for peace in the country**.

The Book of the Child, the Review Missionary Childhood and Adolescence, an explanation of the Mass and many other animation materials were published.



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## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity. Each month formation meetings are held for the animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.







The **National Meeting of the Animators** had 211 participants including children and animators from all the dioceses of the country.

The **XXII** National Meeting of the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence took place in San José with the slogan: "*Like Saint Paul I am a missionary and I will make disciples for Christ*". The Secretary General of the Society took part through a video message.



The slogan that went along with all the activities was: "From the Word to the Mission".

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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - COSTA RICA



The National Meeting of Missionary Animators was held in the Diocese of Cartago with the slogan: "Jesus' Animators, Missionaries of Life in Him". It was not possible, on the other hand, to hold the XXIV National Meeting of the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence because of the damage done by hurricane Thomas.



The theme chosen for this year was: "Christ is the joy that no one can take away from us". More than 300 children and animators took part in the First National Congress of the MCA.The event celebrated the 25th anniversary of the MCA in Costa Rica and was proceeded by many diocesan preparatory meetings.





In July, a National Meeting of Animators was held, and in October the National Meeting of the MCA, this time in its XXVII edition, with the title: "How to live the gift of faith in the MCA".

On the occasion of the Year of Faith a missionary hike was organized.





All the animation focused on the 170th anniversary of the Missionary Childhood.

The month of October was the most intense month for missionary animation among the children.

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## MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity.

ESAMs took place. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. 3,600 copies of the Missionary Childhood Bulletin **Huellas Misioneras** (Missionary Footprints) are printed.





Cuba welcomed the visit of the Society's Secretary General in the Dioceses of Pinar del Río, Havana, Matanza, Cienfuegos, Santa Clara and Camaguey.

The slogan of the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was: "America with Christ, Listen, Learn and Proclaim".

On the occasion of the beatification of Father José Olallo Valdés, the second Cuban to be beatified, a drawing, composition and poetry contest was organized among the children about Blessed Olallo Valdes' life. 570 children from 8 dioceses took part in it. The Missionary Childhood



children participated through their prayers in the World Day of the Rosary.

2008 publications

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CUBA



There are 200 Missionary Childhood groups in the country.

The slogan of the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was: "Like Paul, a missionary by vocation". Camaguey hosted the Fourth Missionary Childhood National Congress in which 435 children and adolescents took part. New missionary material was published such as, for example, the second part of the "**Manual for Advisers**" and the text, "How to form a Missionary Childhood group".



"Like Paul, a missionary by vocation"





One of the main activities was the Missionary Children's and Adolescents' active participation in preparation for the **visit** of the **Virgin of Charity, the Patroness of Cuba**, in the different dioceses.





Thanks to the Missionary Childhood diocesan leaders, the existing groups were strengthened and some new ones were formed. ESAMs and the on-going formation of children were carried out. For 10 years the MCA has joined in the world campaign for peace and unity celebrated on October 18th. THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.



The Missionary Childhood is getting organizing and the first inter-diocesan regional meetings have already taken place.

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated and the collection is taken in the parishes.



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity. Missionary Congresses, ESAMs, missionary hikes, etc. were carried out.

Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.

The MCA National Day is held, according to the areas, between December and February, with pilgrimages and Masses.



The theme for the MC children's reflection was: "Open your eyes to look at the children of the whole world".

Several Missionary Childhood congresses were held.





The Missionary Childhood theme was: "Like Paul the Missionary, you are the messenger".

Between July 10-12, 2009, 371 Missionary Childhood animators from 13 Dioceses and 4 Apostolic Vicariates met in the Diocese of Ambato. This was the **First National Congress of the MC Animators** organized in the country.



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ECUADOR



The slogan in this period was: "Listen, little missionary, look at the world and cooperate!", to encourage the spiritual and material cooperation of Ecuador's children with the whole world.

The First MC Congress of the Costa area took place in Guayaquil in October 2010 with the participation of 1,300 children and 200 animators from 9 Dioceses and 2 Apostolic Vicariates from the area.





The theme that inspired the missionary animation and formation was: "Let us open the door of faith". 10,000 posters with this slogan were printed and distributed.



In every region, one day a month is set aside for the MCA animators' on-going formation. Many schools of formation for missionary animators have developed in the country's different ecclesiastical jurisdictions.

Regarding this Society's national organization, it went from having one secretary to being a national secretariat (that is, a group of persons).

The **texts published** include: "We are little seeds of the Lord" (for children 5 years of age), "Our Father God" (for animators and children 6 years of age), "Jesus, the Father's envoy" (animators and children 8 years of age).



The **WORLD DAY** is held **in the month of January** with Eucharistic celebrations, walks, games, etc.

Diocesan Congresses for children were organized in Quito and Guayaquil on the theme: "The children, protagonists of the mission".

The National Congress of MCA animators, on the other hand, had as its theme: "Faith, Hope

and Charity to be truly witnesses". 205 animators took part in it.

All the existing missionary animation books were updated and revised and three new ones were published: "Let

the children come to me" (for children 4 years of age), "Mary, Mother and model" (7 years of age), "Jesus chooses us" (11 years of age).



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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - EL SALVADOR



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators.

Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. The Missionary Childhood and Adolescence Day is celebrated on the last Sunday of January.



The theme that guided all the formation and animation activities was: "Children and adolescents, protagonists of the continental mission". To develop the theme, a poster and a booklet were printed with the Eucharistic celebration of the Missionary Day and the way the annual collection was used. During the year, as preparation for the Day, the children took part in marches, Masses, processions, contests, etc., which enabled them to collect the offerings which they gave in on the Day during the missionary consecration.

The Fourth National Meeting of the Missionary Childhood Advisers was held with the participation of 1,000 animators.





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For the first time, the **Manual for the Missionary Childhood Animators** was printed.

NIMA



Enero de 2010



The theme chosen was: "Childhood and Adolescence, the seed of missionary vocations". 3,000 participants from 8 Dioceses took part in the Ninth National Meeting of the MCA Children and Adolescents. The theme was: "The creation: the home that God gives us, let's take care of it". Poster with Saint 'Curê d'Ars' together with the children who cast a net into the sea from the boat





This year's theme focused on peace: "Jesus invites us to eat at his table with our brothers".



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - EL SALVADOR



The theme chosen for 2012 was: "Let's be missionaries with and like Jesus". This year had special significance because it marked the Society's 25th anniversary in the country.

With 3,670 participants the



**Tenth National MCA Meeting** took place and had the theme: "United in faith we evangelize". Use of the missionary collection boxes was encouraged.



The **MCA NATIONAL DAY** was held on the last Sunday of January. It had as its theme: "*Let us know, celebrate and share Faith*" since it was the

Year of Faith. On the other hand, the slogan was: "Missionary adolescents to evangelize the whole world with faith". On May 11th, the Seventh National Meeting of MCA Advisers was held with 850 participants from the country's 8 dioceses. During the year, awareness was raised regarding the





importance of the missionary cooperation of children and adolescents and of their families and friends.



## www.elsalvadormisionero.org



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators.

Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.

The Missionary Childhood and Adolescence Day is celebrated in the month of July.





3,200 children took part in the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence Day in Acatenango.





The slogan of the **MCA NATIONAL DAY** was: "With Jesus in my heart *l continue his mission*". The Day took place in the Diocese of Sololá-Chimaltenango with 2,300 children present, in the Archdiocese of Guatemala with 5,500 children, and in the Diocese of Jalapa with 4,000 children.



The theme this year was: "We, boys, girls and adolescents, share Jesus' mission with conviction".

The **NATIONAL MCA DAY** was celebrated in all the dioceses of the country.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - GUATEMALA



The theme to be meditated on and lived was: "Happiness is found in knowing, loving, proclaiming and sharing Jesus".

**AN INNOVATION**: It was decided to combine the School for Missionary Animators (ESAM) with the CUANESMI (School

for Missionary Youth) and create the

**FOMI** (Missionary Formation for Children and Youth Animators).





With the objective of enabling the children to rediscover the gift of faith, the theme was: "Our eyes fixed on Jesus who initiates our faith and makes it full".

**THE MCA DAY** is celebrated in July and it is very popular. 4,000 children took part in the Archdiocese of Guatemala and 3,500 in the Diocese of Sololá-Chimaltenango. On November 9th, the **First Missionary Congress for Children** was held

in which 1,200 children from the whole country took part, 300 animators, 2 bishops, 30 priests and 300 volunteers.





On the occasion of the Missionary Childhood's 170th anniversary a contest was held to choose the Guatemalan MCA hymn

## www.cam2guatemala.org



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.

The Bishops' Conference set the first Sunday of February as the Missionary Childhood Day.



The theme chosen for this year was: "Children, let us build the Kingdom of God!". To explain the theme, the newspaper **Timoun Misyon**e (the Missionary Child) was printed which has 14,000 children subscribers around the country.

Retreats and meetings were held which school teachers also attended.

The **MC NATIONAL DAY** was celebrated on February 10th throughout the country with Eucharistic celebrations with the children, performances,

games, dances and songs. Attendance was great (600 children in Port-au-Prince, 200 in Port de Paix, 300 in Hinche, etc.)



YEAR 2009

The theme chosen was: "Children, let us be disciples and missionaries to change the world". Study sessions and a summer camp for children were organized based on the theme.

The **MC DAY** took place on February 1st preceded by a prayer triduum, radio and television broadcasts, and printing posters and booklets.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - HAITI



The tragic earthquake on January 12th destroyed homes and churches. The children were accompanied and supported in tents and orphanages.

A coincidence: the **2010 MCA DAY** had a theme that referred to the country's reconstruction: "Let us make a team with Jesus to reforest our country".





The **NATIONAL MC DAY** was marked by the distribution of booklets and radio broadcasts.

Preparation began for the Second Missionary Congress of Children to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the review "Timoun Misyonè".



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prions, nide-nous dans JUnité, l'Amour, le Respect, le Partage, Ainsi, nous arriverants à bâtir une meilleure société Amen !



The missionary child's prayer published in Timoun Misyonð

Two formation sessions for Missionary Childhood animators were carried out in the city of Madian with the theme: "*Like Jesus, let the children come to me*". More than 100 animators took part in the event.

In the city of Jacmel, a week of formation was held regarding the Holy Childhood's origin and purpose.

This year, different from the others, the review "Timoun misyoné" was published only four times instead of the usual six times. This reduction was due to economic reasons. The purpose of the review is to communicate missionary news, organize formation campaigns, collections, etc.

The MC DAY had as its theme: "Children helping children for love of Jesus".



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.

The National MCA Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of October.



# animation guide

This year Honduras celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Missionary Childhood's foundation in the country. The theme chosen was: "The Word of God, the Missionary Disciple's Source of Life".



The slogan, "I am a missionary child for the whole world", guided all the animation activities.

The First National Meeting of Animators and the Second MCA National Meeting took place.

The **NATIONAL MC DAY** was celebrated with processions, missionary rosaries, parish festivals, Eucharistic celebrations, etc.







The **NATIONAL MCA DAY** held in the month of October had as its slogan: *"From my parish I am a missionary child"*.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - HONDURAS



Intense moments in the children's missionary activity were

Christmas, Holy Week and the Missionary Childhood Day. The slogan was: "With Christ the missionary, we go to the whole world". Throughout the year retreats and meetings were held.



The theme of the **2012 NATIONAL MCA DAY** was: "We, the children of Honduras, talk about Jesus to the world".

2,000 missionary collection boxes were distributed.





This year marked the **25th Anniversary of the Society**. The theme was: "*Missionary children of faith*".

The **NATIONAL MCA DAY** was held on October 6th in all the dioceses with pilgrimages, rosaries, dances and consecrations of children and animators.

From December 13-15, the Fourth National MCA Congress was carried out.

The MCA of the Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa published a coloring book as an addition to the guide "Trigo Maduro".



Celebration of the 25th anniversary of the MCA in the Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa



## MISSIONARY ANIMATION

YEAR 2008

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. The review **Sembradores** is published regularly.





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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - MEXICO





The **MCA DAY (DOMINF)** was celebrated on February 19th with the title: "From children missionary disciples of Jesus!"





From February 2-6, the National Congress of the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence (**CONIAM**) was celebrated enthusiastically in Puebla and the MC Secretary General took part in the event. The theme was: "With Jesus in our hearts, we are connected to the mission".

The **MCA DAY (DOMINF)** was celebrated on February 19th in Tula Hidalgo with the participation of 1,750 children and adolescents.









The **XVI National Congress of the MCA (CONIAM)** was held from January 30 to February 2 in the Diocese of Toluca. The theme of the meeting was: "*Missionaries with Saint Joseph, let us spread our faith*". More than 89,000 people followed the event through internet. The themes developed by the Congress included: "*To Follow Jesus Christ* 

as Missionary Disciples", "Saint Joseph, A Missionary Dad", "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of Evangelization", "The MCA and the Mission Ad Gentes". From 1,500 to 2,100 children and adolescents between 7 and 17 years of age took part in the activities in preparation for the Congress.

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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - NICARAGUA



## MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.



The **First National Meeting of the boys and girls of the Missionary Childhood of Nicaragua** took place on April 27th in the La Salle Pedagogical College in the city of Managua, with the participation of many children from the Missionary Childhood groups in all the dioceses of Nicaragua. In the context of the Year of Faith, the didactic material focused on the children's faith as the future of the Church. For this reason, a booklet was prepared which explains "The Creed" to children.

Different activities were planned for the day: hikes, presentations, Eucharists, songs, dynamics, exhibitions, etc.



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## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. The National Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of May.





In December, the **Festival de Villancicos** (Christmas carol festival) was organized in the Msgr. Tomás Clavel Auditorium of the USMA in which 9 choirs took part.

Every parish got organized for the **Siembra de Estrellas** (Sowing of Stars) at Christmas.

On the national level, the animation themes were based on the themes of the CAM 3.



There was no specific theme, but during the first part of the year, the animation revolved around the Pauline Year, while in the second part there was a return to the theme of the Year for Priests.

An Archdiocesan Assembly of the MC and the National Assembly of the MC animators were held.

**Mission Hour**: The broadcast of the Catholic radio station "Radio Hogar" which for several years has been giving a space every Wednesday to the National Direction.

Every month a booklet is published to help program the children's missionary animation.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - PANAMA







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May is the Missionary Childhood month and on the third Sunday of that month the **NATIONAL MCA DAY** is held. Some special animation activities were carried out in the Diocese of Colón-Kuna Yala.



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. In the review **Paraguay Misionero**, one section called **Mita Misionero** is dedicated to the Missionary Childhood.





The **NATIONAL MCA DAY (JONIAM)** was celebrated on the first Sunday of August.

A pilgrimage was carried out to the Shrine of Our Lady of Caacupé on the occasion of Mission Sunday.



THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - PARAGUAY



The slogan of the **NATIONAL MCA DAY** was: "The MCA proclaims the Word with joy".



The slogan chosen for this year was: "With the children of the world...we are missionaries".

1,500 children attended the **National MCA Congress (CONIAM)** from February 11-14 in Asunción.



The Bishops of Paraguay proclaimed three years of the family with the slogan: "With the MCA we build missionary families".

From July 30 to August 4, the "Prayer Week for children's suffering" took place.

The VII National Congress was held.



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Radio interviews. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials. The review Los Pequeños Misioneros (LPM) is published. The National Day is celebrated in the month of May.



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The slogan of the **MISSIONARY DAY** was: "Missionary children, we will sow hope so that the world will be a better place".



This year's theme was: "Lord...open my heart to the Gospel. I want to proclaim you!" 5,000 children and animators from the area took part in the **NATIONAL MCA DAY** in Lima. A video about the Missionary Childhood is being prepared.

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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - PERU



The slogan for the year was: "Feel Jesus in your heart...Proclaim him with joy!"

Formation schools were carried out for children, children's leaders, adolescents and animators.



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The theme of the year was: "Lord, open my heart to the Gospel! I want to proclaim you!"

**AN INNOVATION:** On January 6th in Lima, the **First Day of Star Sowers** was held.

On September 3rd, the **Third MCA Archdiocesan Missionary Congress** took place in Cuzco, while in October the **Second MCA Diocesan Congress** was held in Huaraz with the slogan: "*Children and youths, do not be afraid to open your hearts to Christ*". An important event in the same month was the meeting of the missionary children from Loima and Callaro with the Society's Secretary General in the theater of the John XXIII College-San Miguel.

More than 4,300 children with their respective catechists took part in the **MCA Festival** in Lima on May 28th, and on May 29th the **NATIONAL MCA DAY** was celebrated.

www.opm-peru.org/infancia.htm



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated in the month of January.



The slogan for the missionary campaign was: "*In my little missionary heart the whole world fits*". Projections of missionary films, exhibitions of photographs and posters, etc., were organized for 7,540 children from the schools and 1,085 children from the parishes.



*Always friends with the world's children* was this year's slogan. A,22 children from the schools and 710 from the parishes took part in the MC activities.



The slogan chosen was: "We want to see Jesus". The collection was taken in all the dioceses.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - PUERTO RICO



From March 5-10, the 8th Continental Meeting of National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies of the American Continent took place in San Juan in the Claret Mission House. On this occasion, the 6oth



anniversary of the Pontifical Societies in Puerto Rico was celebrated. The MC Secretary General took part in the meeting.



The theme of the 2013-2014 school missionary animation campaign was: "Puerto Rico, it is time to evangelize with joy".

To promote the collection, animation material was sent to all the parishes and schools in the month of September: stickers, posters, collection boxes, etc.

843 children representing the Island's 6 dioceses, took part in the **VII MCA DAY** held in Guarabo.

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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials and the quarterly Newsletter, **It's Our World**. Distribution of material to the Catholic schools. Promotion of various initiatives during the year. The first Friday of October is Missionary Childhood Day.

Yearly drawing contest to express faith through art inspired by the Nativity. Every year the 24 winning drawings are made into electronic Christmas cards



The "Mission Education Guidelines" were published in internet. ON THE MCA DAY a program was organized which was broadcast live and direct to the whole world from the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington with the recitation of the Missionary Rosary. A PRIZE: The website for children HCAKids.org won the "Mom's Choice Award".



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



This year, the "Holy Childhood Association in the United States" was renamed the **Missionary Childhood Association (MCA)**. The theme of the animation material was the Year of Faith and, in particular, the call to a prayer movement centered on the Missionary Rosary.

On the website dedicated to children, the possibility was introduced to order online and thus eliminate the costs of the newsletter, "It's Our World". This made the number of children subscribers rise to 200,000.

Yearly catechetical program for Advent, which includes activities and resources that can be downloaded in part from the web, to encourage children to pray and make donations in favor of their less fortunate peers

Holy Buckets



This year the program for Lent was developed and expanded, and the focal point was the **National Prayer and Penny Week**, for which a Leader's Guide and material for students were printed. Again this year, the **Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour**, with the recitation of the Missionary Rosary, was held in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

lenten initiative centered on offerings and

prayers for the missions

## www.holychildhoodusa.org; www.hcakids.org



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators.

Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.

A section of the review **Uruguay Misionero** is dedicated to the MCA.





The theme chosen was: "I am your disciple and I proclaim you in my works". 600 participants from 5 dioceses celebrated the **MCA DAY** in Santa Lucía, Canelones.

Schools for Missionary Animators were held on the three levels (ESAM 1, ESAM 2 and ESAM 3).



This year the Uruguayan children's attention was focused on the children of Africa. The theme chosen was: "With the children and adolescents of Africa, we find Jesus".

It was decided to celebrate the **MCA DAY** regionally in order to facilitate the participation of all the children without having to travel great distances. The PMS National Direction of Spain donated animation material that was appreciated very much.
#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - URUGUAY



This year's theme was: "With the MCA we discover that Jesus is found in their faces and histories".

The Missionary Childhood in the Diocese of Salto grew very much thanks to the support of several religious congregations.

In November, on the occasion of the celebrations for the Patroness of Uruguay, the Virgin of the Thirty-Three, the MCA members met to celebrate, among other things, the Society's 170th anniversary.





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#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity (meetings, retreats, congresses) and the organization of formation courses for animators. Publication of missionary animation and formation materials.



From April 9-13, the **3rd CONAMI** was held with the title: "Venezuela, your time has come. Be a missionary disciple".





The center of the Missionary Childhood Day celebration was the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Coromoto.



The theme chosen for this year was: "You are a priest forever", to let the children see how the Missionary Childhood is the seed of future vocations to priestly or consecrated life.

The number of visitors to the MCA web page continued to grow.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - VENEZUELA







YEAR 2011

In every diocese, an ELIAM (School for Missionary Childhood Leaders), an ELMIPREJ (School for Pre-Juvenile Missionary Leaders) and an ESAM (School for Missionary Animators) were carried out.

More than 1,000 children took part in an excursion with missionary animation to the El Avila Hill, Caracas.

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THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - BANGLADESH



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity.

The yearly activities of the Missionary Childhood go from the month of April to the month of March of the following year. The Missionary Childhood continues to grow in the country.

The Society's review is called **Shnatir Dut**, that is, "*Messenger of Peace*". It is published quarterly. It includes a Bible Contest, which is very popular among the children.

Although the country is very poor, the offerings for the neediest children continue to grow.



The theme was: "Children are the heirs of the Kingdom of God".

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on Sunday, February 1st.

The **Super Bible Quiz**, continues to be held with great success and participation. In 2008 it reached its eighth edition and 2,500 children took part in it.





The year's theme was: "Let us grow in Jesus Christ".

In 6 dioceses a missionary animation course was organized for approximately 300 animators.



The theme for the year was: "In the Year for Priests the Holy Childhood animators collaborate with priests for the formation of children".

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was January

30th and the themes tackled were: "lesus loves us, Think Jesus, Talk Jesus, Be like Jesus" and "Let the children come to me".



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The Holy Childhood Sunday



The year's theme was, "Jesus said: Let the children come to me". The Missionary Childhood Sunday is celebrated in all the parishes, and in some parishes even several times a year.



Many Holy Childhood courses for animators and meetings that were already organized had to be canceled because of the political problems affecting the country, especially strikes.

Many of the Holy Father's messages and articles of special interest for children and animators were translated.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - EAST TIMOR



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity. Publication of animation and formation material for animators. The missionary activities are concentrated around the Mission Day in October, and the Missionary Childhood Day is also celebrated on that day.



This year a new Secretary was appointed for the MC, Sr. Maxentia. In the parishes of the Diocese of IIi she began coordinating animators and catechists and preparing the formation for the children's groups. The Society is known locally as OPIM (Pontifical Society Missionary Childhood). Also, a three-day course for 26 animators was arranged.

On January 4th, a **DIOCESAN MEETING OF CHILDREN**, the first in the diocese, took place in the cathedral with the animation created and organized by the children themselves.

Booklets for the formation of the animators and children are being translated from Indonesian into the local language. Music cassettes are ready with songs in the local language to be used during the meetings as well as a new edition of the Gospel.



Again this year, the diocesan meeting of children was organized in the cathedral in Dili on January 4th with the animation led by the groups of children and also on January 5 and 6.

Translation into the Tetum language continued of the Bible and of different booklets regarding the PSMC and children's formation.



Due to the lack of sufficient funds, the programs had to be redefined, but thanks to the enthusiasm of the catechists/animators, the groups continue to grow.



The theme for the year was: "Share your faith". There were no particular activities launched by the National Direction but many spontaneous activities, such as Sunday animations on the theme, visits to other communities in parishes, and the Eucharist. In many parishes the Holy Childhood has just been introduced and there were enthusiastic requests for the Director's visit.

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: There were three days of celebrations from October 17-20 in the missionary station of Daisoli, in the Aileu district, one of the poorest regions in the country. About 1,000 children and youths took part. Animated catechetical activities in groups, visits to indigent families (sharing one's faith, praying, singing, working and giving food and a rosary prepared by the National Direction).

**NEW INITIATIVES**: The January 6th celebration with the procession of the Three Kings is being organized and a guide for animators is being prepared.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - HOLY LAND



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity in the framework of the World Mission Sunday.







# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity.

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of February.

The booklet **Proclaim** is published every two months, and **Children helping Children** every four months. In the review a **Bible Quiz** is published regularly.



The theme for the year was: "Let your light Shine".

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** focused on the children's situation in the Kandhamal District in Orissa where Christians have been persecuted and their homes destroyed. The children from other regions offered them their solidarity both t hrough their prayers and their material aid.



The year's theme was: "Children – Messengers of Love and Peace". The children focused their attention on the children of Haiti who were hit so hard by the earthquake.



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - INDIA



The theme was: "Children – Reaching out to other children with love".





In many parishes and schools in the country, some Missionary Childhood groups normally meet every 15 days.

In the Diocese of Mangalore a Seminar was organized in which more than 600 children took part.



The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on February 10, 2013 throughout the country with the theme: "*Children sharing the truth with children*". The National Direction prepared the liturgy and the children brought their small offerings to the altar.

AN INNOVATION: The review "Children Helping Children" was updated and made more child-friendly, and **stickers** with quotes from the Bible were printed. Also, **pins** were made to be given to the children during the membership ceremony and to wear at every meeting.

With regard to the animators,

the National Director visited the 5 regions, met with the Diocesan Directors and relaunched the Missionary Childhood with the slogan: "*Catch them young*". A guide for animators was printed entitled "*Keep me burning*".



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#### Calendar-postcars and posters were distributed.

Catholic Inquiry Centers connect the Church with the outside world and are a reference point for those seeking happiness and asking questions (especially children and youths). The centers provide advanced study material for non-Christians, remote courses and certifications.





A new brochure illustrating the Societies was made and distributed to all the dioceses.

A meeting of Missionary Childhood children took place in Vijayawada with the National Director's participation. Scenes from the Bible were depicted and a drawing contest about Jesus' parables was announced.

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# **stickers**



# calendar - postcards



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - INDONESIA



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity (meeting, retreats, etc.).



For the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**, which took place on January 6th, the theme chosen was: "Joy to see the Star of Jesus" (Mt 2:10). In the Dioceses of Maumere, Medan, Manado and Palagkaraya, Schools for Missionary Animators were held with many participants. From July 4-6, a Regional Congress of Missionary Children was carried out in Bali with the participation of more than 1,000 children from all the dioceses in the region.

The National Direction made three publications available to the animators: "Faith Formation for Children", "Missionary Rosary for Children and Animators" and a "Pocket Calendar".







Various Schools for Missionary Animators were organized in the Dioceses of Pangkalpinang, Maumere, Ende, Ketapang, Medan, Bogor, Jakarta, etc. From September 19-23, a **Camping and Missionary Animation** took place in Getengan, Archdiocese of Makasar, in which 800 animators took part.



Several Schools for Animators were carried out in the Dioceses of Palembang, Surabaya, Malang, Tanjung Selor, Agats-Asmats, etc.



The Schools for Missionary Animators continued in the different dioceses. In the Diocese of Denpasar, a Camping for Catholic Children was held with the participation of 1,000 children and adolescents.



In the Diocese of Ruteng, a **Missionary Childhood spiritual camp** was carried out with the participation of 764 children from the Society. The theme was: "To build up the universal Church in a strong belief, standing on one's oneself feet and being solidarity in the heart of the Holy Childhood children". The National Director was invited to carry out missionary animation in the two semifinals and the final of the Porseni BIR (Sport and Art Competitions) for the children of the Missionary Childhood.





to prepare the bible readings, the daily Eucharist and learn more about the 4 Societies





The Director celebrated the **WORLD MISSION DAY OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD** on April 7, 2013 in the Stella Maris Parish hall. Although it was initially scheduled for January 7th, it had to be postponed because of the torrential rains and flooding. Theme: "*Catholic children and teenage members of the PSMC grow up in Faith and Truth*".

National Jamboree of SEKAMI (PSMC) Teenagers: From June 27-30, 2013 in Palasari, Bali, with the participation of the Apostolic Nuncio and the Bishops of Sanggau and Denpasar. 900 teenagers (except the Diocese of Weetebula) and 200 animators. Theme: "Teenagers of the PSMC are facing their future in the light of faith". The gathering took place on the national level to commemorate the Society's 170th anniversary.







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HOLY CHILDHOOD PIN

The FIRST SOMA for boys and girls was held in the ecclesiastical region of JAVA with the theme: "Teenagers and Cyberspace – Do you want to exist? Holding gadget, preaching Christ!!!"



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The Missionary Childhood Day is held in January. The National Direction of the PMS was created in 2011. For the first time, in 2011, all the parishes in the country received an explanation in Russian of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood's objectives. For many of them it was their first contact with the Society.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - KOREA



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity.

The pastoral year of the Missionary Childhood corresponds to the period that goes from March to February of the following year.

All the information referring to the Society is published on the Holy Childhood website.

Every year a poster is published for the MC World Day.

14,200 copies of the bimonthly review Gyohwangcheong

**Cumnamoo** (The Pope's Children) were printed in 2008 and 17,200 in 2010.

Every year a national **Missionary Childhood summer camp** is held. Publication of animation material.



#### The **Phillip Ecology Village** took place in

Pyunchang and dealt with the theme: "We have to protect the earth". 160 children from different provinces took part in it.



The theme for the year was: "Let us proclaim like Jesus".

The summer camp took place in

Sancheong, Kyungnam, and 165 children participated in it.

A CD in Korean and in English about the Missionary Childhood was made available to the animators.





This time 160 children took part in the Missionary Childhood summer camp which is held every year.





The theme for the year was: "Jesus' right hand and my left hand".

This year the summer camp was held in Uijeongbu.



The theme that guided the year's activities was: "God who sent me here".

275 children took part in the summer camp.

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated in all the parishes.





The theme was: "Putting wings on the Twelve Apostles".

This time the summer camp was held in the Diocese of Mansan. The children learned the Holy Childhood values and to not waste the food that God gives us.

The periodical publication

"Pontifical Cumnamoo" was published every two months with 14,400 copies printed each issue. It includes the guestions from a missionary contest.



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THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - LAOS and CAMBODIA



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The National Direction of the PMS was created in June 2013. Missionary animation and formation materials are being prepared.

Visits to the parish groups have begun and a summer camp for children is being organized.

In the Apostolic Vicariate of Phnom Penh, the theme for the year was: "*To live in harmony*". Four meetings for animators were organized and there were more than 100 participants.





# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity. Publication of a bulletin and animation material.





Among the various activities carried out: 12 children were picked from those who did drawings about the MC which were

exhibited at the 49th Eucharistic Congress in Canada. They were chosen to present their offerings for the Christian children of their age in Iraq in the name of all the children's groups of Lebanon.

With the technical assistance of the PMS National Direction of Germany, the Magi Campaign is spreading around the country.

A catechetical summer camp took place in Békaa with the collaboration of the Bishops and the local parish priests.



# publication of the NATIONAL DIRECTION

# The Second National Meeting of the Missionary

**Childhood** took place on March 28th in the UNESCO building in Beirut with the presence of the National Directors of France, Brazil, Spain, Syria and Italy. Since 2007, two pages dedicated to children are published monthly in the review "Halleluia".



There is a desire to activate the "School with Jesus" initiative in all the Catholic schools to promote and transmit the missionary spirit in the children.



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - LEBANON





The Missionary Childhood continues to be promoted in order to include it in the spirituality of the primary school students.

Collaboration of the Secretary General of the Catholic Schools of Lebanon (SGECL).

Publication of the second issue of **Missio Toufoula** (The Mission of Children) in Arabic.

**On April 21st, the 20th anniversary of the review Halléluia** was celebrated. His Beatitude Cardinal Mar Béchara Boutros Rai, the Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, was present at the event.

The translation of comic books into Arabic is being carried out to present the heroic lives of some saints (including Paul Tchen) to the children.



Publication of "Missio Toufoula" continues (The mission of children), and a book of missionary animation for children in Arabic.

A missionary camp was held in Marjéyoun.



Poster Missionary Day 2013

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THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, BRUNEI



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity. In West Malaysia, the Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated in the third week of October, while for East Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei it is celebrated on the Epiphany and throughout the month of January. In any case, these are parochial not diocesan celebrations.



The theme chosen for the animation was: "*Reaching out to others who are suffering*".

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated in West Malaysia during the third week of October and had as its slogan: "*Children becoming young missionaries*". On the other hand, in East Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore it was celebrated throughout the month of January and especially on the Epiphany.

A part of the publication **Herald Catholic Newspaper** is dedicated to children.

Posters were published and biblical and drawing contests were organized.



The theme for the year was: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you". The children of Likas, East Sabah, collected \$3,125 to aid the poor children of Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti. They collected used Christmas cards and made them into book markers In the 52 issues of the Herald Catholic Newspaper, in addition to bible contests and drawings to be colored, Christian symbols, a letter to children and messages from the children themselves were presented.



The theme chosen for the animation was: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you".

The publication of animation and formation material continued and **Bible Quiz** and **drawing contests were organized**.

Again this year, the children of Likas and Sabah took a collection for a project entitled, "*Planted and Built in Jesus Christ, Firm in the Faith*", for children in Africa, especially in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti.

On November 5th, a one-day camp took place in which 30 children participated. They carried out activities aimed at teaching them how to become like Jesus.





The year's theme was: "I Am A Child of God". The animation activities were based on the Year of Faith.

In October, 4 classes were held which focused on the mission and children's missionary stories told by foreign missionaries who were in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

The activities carried out during the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** were coloring competitions, a Bible Quiz, an excursion to the rural mission, liturgy, and group recitation of the Rosary. The children from the secondary schools collected funds by washing cars and through "breakfast sales".

**INNOVATION:** use of LCD projections, films about the mission, printing "missionary awareness T-shirts".





from November 16-17, 2013, 28 children from 10-12 years of age, from the Chapel of the Holy Infant Jesus, Kuala Lumpur, led by the parish rector, Fr. Edwin Paul, built

their tents, lit the fire, sang and carried out other activities to relive Jesus' childhood





# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The country is made up of very many ethnic groups with different religions among which Catholicism is in the minority. Christian education can only be carried out in the hostels (boarding schools) that host the children during the school year. The MC Day is held on January 6th. Ordinary animation activity, formation of animators and printing material.



A booklet was published in the local language and distributed in all the dioceses to explain the Missionary Childhood. The cyclone Nargis ravaged the South of the country and the Dioceses of Pathein and Yangon were devastated. Many chapels and institutions were destroyed; refugee reception camps and orphanages for the children who lost their families were created.



As he does every year, the National Director visited the boarding schools of various dioceses to carry out animation.



Again this year formation programs were carried out in the boarding schools and parishes with retreats and catechesis classes. The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was prepared by distributing posters, booklets and sheets in the parishes, and every Bishop celebrates it with the Diocesan Directors.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - MYANMAR



**INNOVATION**: Recitation of the Missionary Rosary for peace and reconciliation was also introduced among the children.



The National Direction continues its animation work and the response from children, families, teachers and animators is slow but constant. Most of the animators are formed on the parish and diocesan level.

The Missionary Childhood has been introduced into many parishes and the missionary children meet once a month with the animators during the **"Schools with Jesus"**.









# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity. Every diocese has different programs and deals with different themes according to the local context.

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated.

Publication of animation material and the review **EMAAN** with a section dedicated to the Society.



# MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY (MULTAN DIOCESE)

Diocese of Multan: The MISSIONARY

**CHILDHOOD DAY** took place on February 3rd with the Eucharistic celebration together with a "Peace Rally" and other activities. Schools for missionary animators were organized, and on December 7th, the Diocesan Holy Childhood Day was held, as it is every



year, entitled: "Holy Childhood, a powerful source of peace building". Summer camps were organized.



**Diocese of Multan**: In addition to the regular activities, the diocese aided the children who were victims of the monsoon flooding in July and August.





**Diocese of Multan**: **Poster Making Day** regarding the importance of and knowledge about Lent and to renew the children's missionary spirit.

**Diocese of Rawalpindi**: On February 2nd, approximately 300 children from 14 schools took part in the Holy Childhood program in the pastoral center.

**Diocese of Hyderabad:** Seminar for catechists, Sunday schools teachers, and youths from the Immaculate Conception Church Kotri Parish.

**Diocese of Falsalabad**: The Gojra region organized a program emphasizing the Holy Childhood's charisma. About 200 children from different parishes, various activities to teach the children how to help their peers. One little girl donated the 50 rupees her mother had given her for refreshments.

Diocese of Quetto: In the framework of a faith formation program for children entitled "Introduction of Holy Childhood with Orphans", the Holy Childhood's charisma was presented to the orphans of Loralai on October 26th.

One student from the Diocese of Faisalabad recounts how his experience with the MC changed his life. Now he helps other children to learn about the Holy Childhood. He and a friend have created small groups of children who help one another

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# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the third Sunday of January, the Feast of the Child Jesus. On that day the Holy Childhood children meet with a program of prayer, formation and games aimed at increasing missionary awareness.



The theme chosen for this year was: "Holy Childhood Association celebrating the Jubilee Year of St. Paul the Apostle".

In the Archdiocese of Caceres, on October 19th a Children's Congress took place with the participation of 387 students from various Catholic primary schools.

In the Diocese of Boac, **the Second Diocesan Congress of the Holy Childhood Society** was held.



The theme for this year was: "Let the children come to me".

For the purpose of helping the animators in their formation task, the National Direction published the text, "Holy Childhood Formation Module", which includes a CD.



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - PHILIPPINES





The theme that guided the animation this year was: "Children of the World, Future of the Earth". The National Direction prepared an audiovisual presentation of the Pontifical Mission Societies in English and in Filipino which gives special attention to the Holy Childhood.



The year's theme was: "Remembering Our History, Proclaiming Jesus' Story, Celebrating Our Faith".

This year marked the **80th anniversary of the PMS in the Philippines**. For this reason a Grand Mission Festival was organized for April 2012. Also, a comic book was published about the four founders of the PMS.



The main event of the year was the Grand Mission Festival which brought together delegates from the different dioceses for three days. A missionary caravan was organized in

the schools.

The theme for the year was: "Children of God: called to radiate the word of truth".

# The MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY

brought together more than 2,000 students from the Catholic schools in the area. The HC Secretary General was present at the event.



For the purpose of increasing the MC collection, the National Direction proposed a "*coin bank collection scheme*" that was distributed to all the Society's members in the schools, parishes and dioceses.

The National Direction has regular meetings with the MEC (Mission Education Commission) in order to exchange ideas about the Missionary Childhood's formation programs.

# THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY IN THE SAN JUAN GYM





YEAR 2013

This was a difficult year because of the conflict between the State and an Islamic separatist group as well as the earthquake that devastated the Bohol area in particular. The National Direction received visits from the PMS Directors of Switzerland and Scandinavia. On January 19, 2014 the meeting took place of the Catholic schools of Metro Manila and surroundings with 2,000 participants. The theme was: "Doing Great Things for the Lord".



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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - SRI LANKA



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity. Publication of animation material.



This year marked the 21st anniversary of the Missionary Childhood in the country. The fruits can be seen because the Society is well known and structured in all the dioceses.

The theme chosen was: "Let us speak of Jesus to everyone".

To keep the groups active, the formation of animators is essential through ad hoc seminars.

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated

on January 27th and prepared with booklets for the Mass liturgy, posters and radio programs in three languages: Sinhala, Tamil and English.





#### LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS PUBLICATION OF THE NATIONAL DIRECTION

Among the animation and formation materials a book about the Missionary Childhood was prepared as well as a booklet for the groups.



After 30 years, the war in the North of the country came to an end. Despite the war, the MC groups had always operated in that area during those years. The year's theme was: "Enlightened by the Light of God, let us be a lamp for the world".





The theme for the year was: "Strengthened by the Word of God, let us go towards a New World". Competitions and meetings for children from 11 dioceses were organized.





The theme of the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY** on January 30th was: "Come with us to experience Jesus!". The National Direction prepared and distributed booklets for the Mass and envelopes for the collection. Also, radio programs were carried out in the three languages and supplements of the Catholic weekly newspapers were published including the National Director's traditional special message.

Formation courses for the animators were organized and animation material was published. Unfortunately, due to the lack of funds, this year it was not possible to publish the awaited "Year Planner".

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HANDBOOK for ANIMATORS 2011

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY:** This year it was celebrated on January 29th and the theme was: "We are little Missionaries of Our Country". Preparation of the necessary materials, radio programs in all three

languages, supplements to the Catholic weekly newspapers and formation courses for animators.




#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - SRI LANKA





# JESUGE HONDA YALUWO

(good friends of Jesus) a CD with songs written and sung by children on the occasion of the Society's 25th anniversary



Theme: "We are the light of Faith, to dispel the darkness of the World". Most of the activities were based on the Year of Faith.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY: was celebrated on

January 27, 2013.

Usual formation activity of animators (because of increased costs, the 4 Badge Seminars that were planned were reduced to two).

This year most of the activities took place on the diocesan or parochial level.

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## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity. Publication of animation material (CDs, posters, booklets, etc.).

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated during the Christmas period.



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#### Booklet about the birth of Christ in the different cultures

The theme for the year was: "To be a star guiding little friends to meet Jesus". The usual posters were printed, Christmas cards and envelopes for the parishes and Catholic centers that organize the MC Day. A **booklet** with the story of the Magi was

also printed. 30,000 collection boxes were distributed to

all the parishes together with images of Christ's birth in the different cultures of the world.





The theme of the animation was "*Story of the Angel*" developed in a booklet printed in 40,000 copies and distributed widely.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - TAIWAN





poster regarding the particular activities carried out in the Dioceses of Taipei and Gia-i



The special performance was a great success of the TAIWANESE DANCE GROUP "CLOUD GATE" on March 27th to collect funds for the MC

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#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

At Christmas, parishes and centers were encouraged to create

#### LIVE NATIVITY SCENES

The animation of the mountain villages in the Diocese of Kaoshiung was a success and of the kindergartens with Christmas choirs from the Dioceses of Chya-i and Taipei

The theme of the animation was: "Story of a Star".

The **LIVE NATIVITY SCENES** are now a tradition that has a great following and is appreciated. In addition to the one in the mountain villages of Kaosiung, there was another very successful one in the Hsinchu public park. During Advent, two days of reflection on the period



of Advent-Christmas were organized for animators in which 230 people took part.





The animation revolved around the theme: "The Coming of the Small Jesus among us".

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on January 6th and, again this year, in the framework of the Christmas activities, the Live Nativity Scenes were very successful. Also, 20,000 Christmas cards were printed and distributed during the live Nativity scenes.

50,000 booklets were printed which present the "Small Jesus among us", and 45,000 money boxes were sent free of charge to parishes, kindergartens and Catholic elementary schools.



MC DAY Poster

In this year's program, the National Director put emphasis on the Catholic education of children who in turn will transmit the faith values to their parents in a country where Catholics represent 1%.

In the catechism classes, nursery schools and elementary schools, the children are encouraged to use the collection boxes and to decorate them with meaningful texts and photos.



The usual posters were distributed and a booklet with Bible stories about children and songs



**about the Paschal mystery**. Also, a "*Pictorial booklet on Jesus*" was printed. As a practical instrument for organizing prayer groups for children up to 14 years of age, a "*Handbook Holy Childhood Cell Groups*" was used and translated into Chinese from the Sri Lankan original version.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - THAILAND



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation and formation activity. Publication of animation material (The Way of the Cross, children's periodical, etc.), production of the CD "The Children Helping Children Story". The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on different dates according to the needs of the dioceses.





2008 was proclaimed the Year of Saint Paul and in every diocese themes related to his life were studied in depth ("St. Paul, exemplary model for MC", "MC: St. Paul's disciples", "Walking along St. Paul's footsteps").

Several activities were enhanced: seminars and meetings, camps, motivation for the Missionary Rosary, collecting funds.

In the schools and parishes a lot of material was distributed: MC kits, handouts, posters, little flags and accessories (bags, pins, little statues, logo). In the **Holy Family School of Poone Song**, in the North of the country, the students pray and help in the families, they make pilgrimages, prepare rosaries and bracelets for sale, and at Christmas they organize a recital (**Christmas Play**) which they present in the nearby parishes.

# YEAR 2009

The theme of the animation was Bible study and the Year for Priests joined together in the one theme: *"We love our Priests"*.

For now, 23 chapters of a handbook for the formation of missionary children are ready. A mobile team was organized which will travel all over the country for two years to provide documentation and missionary formation to the children's groups which are present now in all the 10 dioceses.



The themes for the year focused on the Bible, prayer and acts of charity: an awareness building program about the MC and missionary spirituality was organized for the animators and priests, and in the South of the country educational projects were set up as well as care for the children of Myanmar extraction whose parents are occupied with their work.



The MC members of the Mary Queen of Peace parish

produced religious booklets for the deaf. All the material for the activities was reproduced and distributed.

This year the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on January 6th in all the dioceses.



Again this year the themes for the animation were different according to the dioceses: "Friends encourage one another to go to church on Sunday", "Sowers of God's Word", "Friends encourage one another to see Jesus".

Once again the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on different days (January 22 and 29, October 3 and 9) with the participation of many children. For the first time, groups of tribal children in the Diocese of Chiangmai are getting coordinated.

The handbook was published entitled **Do not be afraid to become saints** to help with formation during each of the 12 months.





#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - THAILAND



The theme of the animation proposed to the dioceses was: "Don't be afraid to become saints".

Courses for missionary animators, camps for missionary children, printing kits for schools and parishes to begin new Missionary Childhood groups, pins for the members, posters.

A drawing contest was organized with the theme: "Children are able to do missionary work".

**Diocese of Chanthaburi**: organized a Missionary Childhood camp in the Cathedral of Mary Immaculate from October 21-23, 2012 with 178 participants.

**INNOVATION**: New Missionary Childhood groups were formed especially in the Diocese of Chiangmai among the tribal groups. Also, an educational aid was given to 397 children from Myanmar in the Thai School Learning Center.

> In the Diocese of Ubon-Ratchathani, in the school of the Assumption, for the first time a Missionary Childhood group was founded even though many activities had already taken place there, and 471 children made their pledges



All the activities were based on the theme "Year of Faith" with different titles in each diocese.

# Celebration of the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY.**

Organization of formation sessions for children, teachers, catechists, animators.

**Diocese of Chiangmai**: organized a course for the MC members of about 15 years of age to become mentors for the smaller children.

**Archdiocese of Bangkok**: created a **Missionary Childhood Mobile Team** to promote the MC in the schools during the first semester of 2013.



Also, this year brochures and handbooks were published to promote the Society, **Missionary Childhood's Handbook** with the theme: "We are pleased to introduce Jesus" with 12

themes, pins for the members, and the poster for the Day with the theme: *"Belief must be shared"*.

#### THE YOUNG MISSIONARY'S HANDBOOK 2013



The Missionary Childhood of Bangkok collected

# **ALUMINUM TOPS**

and donated them to the "Artificial Legs Foundation at the Royal Factory for Artificial Legs, Dontoom Hospital"

www.missionarychildhood.com

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - TURKEY



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Few schools are left in the hands of the men and women religious and the law does not allow charitable or missionary activities to be carried out. The Eastern Catholic Churches do not take part in any missionary activity and now the Latin Church consists mainly of communities formed by immigrants (especially Africans), whether legal or not, without families. Some other Catholics are here for work for brief periods of time.

Only the **diocese of Smirne** organizes missionary activities for children.



Given the particular situation, it was decided to leave the initiative of the MC Day to the individual parishes, especially in Smirne where the Christian community is concentrated, and where the response to the celebration during the Epiphany was generous.



This year the situation was similar to previous years also because of the small Christian community's dispersion in the large and middle-size cities, but they always respond with altruism. Material is not available, but for the moment we cannot do anything else.



The Bishops' Conference of Turkey decided that the collection for the Missionary Childhood on January 6th will no longer be taken.

The Holy Rosary parish in the Diocese of Smirne, where catechesis is in the hands of the Sisters of Ivrea, collects funds every year. Also, in 2012, Bishop Franceschini asked all the communities to take part in order to contribute symbolically to the collection even if there are no children.



### The DIOCESE OF SMIRNE organized the usual PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE EPIPHANY

for a group of children.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Ivrea take care of these preparations and also of catechesis in the Holy Rosary parish THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - VIÊT-NAM



### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

In April 2013, the Bishops of the Episcopal Conference of Vietnam reported that in every parish of the country there is an apostolic association of children called "**Children of the Blessed Sacrament**" which is very dynamic and active. The Bishops would like to educate these children in the missionary spirit and get them involved gradually in the parishes' apostolic activity and missionary movements. This may be a beginning for the formation of the Missionary Childhood.



Kindergarden in Van Quy Archdiocese of Hue (2013-VTN-6-3)

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

# EUROPE



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - AUSTRIA



## **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and production of animation material for children and teachers. The Direction publishes the reviews **GLOBI** and **ON MISSION**.



"Change the world with Jesus!" Via Crucis for children: more than 100,000 copies were sent as a supplement to "Alle Welt". The



children were invited to pray, paint and write prayers for their peers around the world.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES**: During the World Mission Sunday, Cardinal Schönborn gave a specific catechesis on the mission of children. At the end of April, more than 10,000 children took part in the campaign **"Yumi toktok – Let's talk together!"** about the children of Papua New Guinea.

The campaign for the projects, which began in September 2008 and ended in April 2009, focused on COLOMBIA. In particular, the children were encouraged to help the street children in Medellin and Cartagena. For the occasion, the film "Children in Colombia – Looking for Peace" was produced in collaboration with the Holy Childhood of Aachen and Missio Switzerland.

**San Martin Campaign and Star of Advent Campaign:** the theme was *"Light*".

**Review ON MISSION** contains 52 pages of didactic material addressed to children which shows them how even the littlest ones can do something to help the poorest children. Along with this publication there is a book for teachers that has been expanded from the preceding 16 pages to 32.



The themes for 2009 were: **"Xully bet – Open Your Eyes"** in the campaign for children focused on **SENEGAL**, which was carried out between September 2009 and April 2010, and **"With Jesus change the world"** during Lent.

For the first time, various events were organized in Catholic colleges for religious education teachers always with reference to Senegal.

**Review ON MISSION:** it dealt with the situation of children in Senegal.

"*Children's paths in Senegal*": a film produced in collaboration with the Holy Childhood of Aachen (Germany).

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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - BELGIUM



# MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity. Many publications addressed both to children and to teachers.

In addition to the material for the different campaigns, the National Direction publishes some reviews to collect funds, including **SUARA**, a bulletin that informs Christians about the concerns and projects of the Christian communities around

the world. About 55,000 copies of this are ordered.





During the year, some National Directors visited the main offices of the National Direction of Belgium.

Also, the Direction publishes a missionary newspaper for children, divided into three editions according to age groups

# n a o m i simon and samuel.

These newspapers are written by Missio and published with the collaboration of *Averbode*. **Naomi** is for children in nursery school, **Simon** is a review of religious awakening for children from 7-10 years of age, and **Samuel** is for children from 10-13. They are appreciated very much by teachers and despite the little publicity, they are very popular. On the website there is material to download both for children and for animators.



www.missio.be; www.missio.be/kinderen/welcom

THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA



# MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity which is usually carried out through publications and then through the web page.

Printing animation materials such as posters, liturgical texts, papal messages, calendars, missionary collection boxes for children, stickers, etc.

Sending materials to all the parishes and ecclesiastical institutions. Animation voyages around the country by the National Director. The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany, but preparations begin during Advent.

The National Direction of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia promote some joint initiatives. The mission newspaper **RADOSNA VIJEST**, which celebrated its 400th issue in 2008, is the official publication of the National Direction of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia (because of the common language).



This year the animation was strengthened through the media, especially through newspapers and the Catholic radio stations.

In all the four dioceses, the animation theme for the first half of the year was "*Expansion of the parish church in Tanzania*" in favor enlarging the Inala parish in the Bishopric of Mbeya in Tanzania. In the second half of the year, the campaign was called "*Expansion of the parish church in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*" and focused on that country.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: it was celebrated on the Epiphany and the relative material was sent beforehand to all the parishes. The presence in the country of men and women religious who have returned from mission areas is felt to be a source of information and awareness by the volunteers and young future animators.



Slogan: "Children helping children". The animation was carried out mainly through the monthly missionary review "Radosna vijest – The Good News" published in Croatian in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. Sr. Josípa Šprajc, a Carmelite of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, published a letter in "The Good News" in which she describes the children's situation in her mission in Camerun. The children in the "Egypt" orphanage in Sarajevo, run by the Handmaids of the Child Jesus read this letter. These missionary children were so struck by it that they decided to use the vouchers they get every day for snacks to buy less expensive sandwiches and put what is left over in a common missionary collection box. When it is full, they give it to the Missionary Center which passes it on to Sr. Josípa to buy something to cheer up the children from her mission.



The missionary activities were carried out in close collaboration with the National Direction of

Croatia.







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#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CROATIA



## MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity. The main activity is carried out by the little missionaries in the country's different parishes. The Holy Childhood Day is January 6th. For the occasion, informative material is prepared through the missionary newspaper **RADOSNA VIJEST** in collaboration with the National Direction of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Didactic material is printed.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** A two-page booklet was made entitled "*The Holy Childhood Day*" and a poster which was distributed to all the parishes and schools.



During the Christmas period, the Campaign of the Star Singers of Bethlehem took place.

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** The Croatian National Television broadcast a report on the Missionary Childhood Day during the program *"Dobro jutro Hrvatska" (Good Morning, Croatia).* 

The missionary collection boxes have become very popular in Croatia. The children collect their little savings in them, especially during Advent and Lent.



For several years Radio María has been broadcasting the program missions - light of the world which also hosts children who collaborate in their parishes' missionary activity



The new web page was designed as a portal where news from the missions is published regularly, reports on the National Direction's projects, and material for missionary animation.

> the Lenten missionary action carried out since 2007. The BRANCH inland parishes receive olive branches from the coastal parishes which the children sell to help their peers

YEAR 2013

Formation courses for animators.

**PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES:** For the past four years, the National Office has been organizing **the missionary house**. Again this year it was placed in front of the Zagabria cathedral on October 19th where it is possible to admire objects from the missions, look at films and photos, buy some articles and in this way help the missionaries. A corner for children was also organized where they can draw the flags of the mission countries and learn to pray the rosary, and where the life of the missions and missionaries is illustrated.

**INNOVATION:** For the first time, in the *Booklet of the Missionary Childhood Day*, the children's path during Advent was accompanied by the figure of **Avani**, a **child** from **Cameroon**, who recounts every week how he spends his days in school, in the family, what his country is like and how it celebrates Mass and Christmas.

*Missionary collection boxes:* On the eve of Advent they were renewed and made in the form of a house surrounded by children from every part of the world.

*Missionary bracelet*: A missionary rosary in the form of a bracelet. When the children wear it, they feel part of the missionary community.

www.misije.hr



# MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity, printing varied formation materials (documentaries, games, postcards, prayers, stickers, scarves...) and courses for animators in addition to publishing the review for children **DUHA**. The activities are repeated every year and the formation program for children is carried out entitled **MOST** (from the initials of the Czech words for prayer, sacrifice, service and creativity). In 2005, the Czech Bishops' Conference declared June 1st the Holy Childhood Day. Each year this Day is connected with a national missionary pilgrimage.

The children members are organized into **Little Mission Clubs** through which they support the mission in a creative way guided by adults, and through the **Little Mission** Rose in which they recite the Rosary for their peers around the world.

**Postcard for Mission:** (Easter and Christmas) The children make Easter and Christmas drawings on pre-printed postcards. The finished work is sold to obtain offerings.

**Mission cake**: The children help in making cakes and offer them to the adults in church in exchange for offerings.

**One extra present**: In December, the children save in order to give a gift to a poor friend and at Christmas they wrap up their savings and bring them to the altar.

**Mission Fair**: Volunteers sell donated or hand-made objects and the proceeds go to the missions.



The year's theme was based on the verse from Mt 5:16: "Your light must shine in people's sight so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in Heaven".

**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: pilgrimage to Jemnice.



The theme for the animation was: "You will be my witnesses to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The children carried out the activities with great creativity following the **most** slogan (Modlitba, Obet, Sluzba, Tvorivost: prayer, sacrifice, service, creativity).

The Fourth National Children's Missionary Congress in Pilzen celebrated the 10th anniversary of the PSMC's foundation in the country.



**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: It was celebrated on May 29th in Polna u Jilahvy together with the 8th National Missionary Pilgrimage.

**INNOVATION:** In Lidecko, a **choir** was created with 45 children from 4-15 years of age which takes part in the liturgical celebrations. A **CD** was recorded entitled "Even if we are little we want to thank you" and put on sale for the missions. Among the new animation material, there are the sets of stickers with photos of different countries, and a **mission memory game** dedicated to Zambia, Papua, Malawi, Bangladesh and Mexico.



The theme of the animation was: "I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (Mt. 28:20).

# MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY

It was celebrated on May 28th with the slogan, "Lord, give me this water of life", together with the 9th National Missionary Pilgrimage to Tabor and Klokoty.

**INNOVATION:** The Little Mission Club No. 71 created a **theatrical group** with plays taken from films or well-known TV series which were adapted to the mission. The national TV broadcast one of their performances.



The National Direction produces varied material which can be purchased on Internet and in this way money for the missions can be donated

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - CZECH REPUBLIC



The theme of the animation was: "*Give me your hand, I will help you*". **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: 7th Children's Missionary Day on May 26th in Kromeríž together with the 10th National Missionary Pilgrimage. On the same occasion, the 10oth anniversary of the PMS in the Czech Republic was celebrated and the 19oth anniversary of the PSPF.

**INNOVATION**: The "Café Õde" Mission in the city of Olomouc started to support the missions. It is run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and connected with the missions in Estonia. The income helps the Missionary Childhood activities; there are missionary discussions and meetings of mothers and children who play and talk about the world of the missions.

**Mission Strudelbaking**: Salvation of starving children - was organized on the national level in April. More than 50 groups took part and a DVD was made about it.



YEAR 2013

The theme for the animation was: "Let nations laud you, God".

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: 8th Children's Missionary Day celebrated on June 1st together with the 11th National Missionary Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Lidecko.

On October 5th, the **5th National Mission Congress** took place in Ceské Budejovice with 690 participants including 490 children from all the dioceses in the country.

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# MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and printing animation and educational material. The celebration of the Missionary Childhood Day usually takes place on June 29th, but each school can choose its own date. In England and Wales, the Society is known as **mission together**.



The animation focused on Uganda. The material is provided to the Catholic schools both directly and online.



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The scholastic material and the animation focused on a remote island of the Philippines.

a day when children go to school without their uniforms and dress in the colors of the missionary resary. Activities are organized to collect offerings for their less fortunate peers

The animation follows the academic year and so there are always two themes for the school year.

"*Mission in Malawi*": The first theme of the year focused on building schools in Malawi. A Newsletter was produced with the story of Robert and the need to build a school in the Chipoka area.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ENGLAND and WALES



a missionary child made a drawing of Robert. the protagonist of the campaign for Mo

**ASHI** and **SANTHOSH** 

Mission Together Prayer



May all children In the world Share love

In the peace Of God's love

Amen



"Voyage in India": The second theme of the year focused on disabled Indian

children. Material was prepared and a Newsletter was sent with the story of Ashi and Santhosh regarding the need to buy Braille typewriters in their school.

**INNOVATION:** Starting this year, "target" dioceses were identified to present the educational material produced by the Direction to the schools. Also, the regular sending began of an **e-newsletter** to all the primary schools in the country.



For the first part of the year, last year's theme, "Voyage in India", continued.

"Together in Zambia": This theme was developed from September to December to support the orphan children of Zambia. A Newsletter with the story of Anna and the need for orphanages for children like her where they can feel at home and loved.

**INNOVATION**: New "prayer cards" were made based on the colors of the continents of the Missionary Rosary which can also be used as book markers, and a new "prayer poster" in the same style.



www.missiontogether.org.uk



## MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and publication of animation material. The celebration of the Missionary Childhood Day takes place on January 6th. The National Direction organizes the Star Singers initiative. Every year, in the months of May and June, a pilgrimage to Lisieux is held.



Publication of a comic book about the life of Saint Paul Chen, a Chinese martyr educated and formed thanks to the children of the Missionary Childhood.





The Pastoral Council of the Missionary Childhood, which meets twice a year, produced a **Manual of the Missionary Childhood**.

This year two important teaching aids were made: a booklet for children (16,000 copies sold) and one for adults (4,650 copies sold). Also, a comic book, a large game and educational cards according to age groups were produced.

**Missionnaires-veilleurs** (Missionary watchers): groups of children whose numbers vary each school year. Accompanied by an adult, they pledge to pray and give donations for the children of a given diocese of the world. Through the bulletin **lettre Amissio** the little donors learn about the lives of children from the country which is the object of the campaign through letters, photos, games and prayers written by a child beneficiary. Star Singers: groups of children from 8-12 years of age. A new version of the dossier is being prepared in close collaboration with the Missionary Childhood of Switzerland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Kilomètres de Soleil: (Kilometers of Sun) a campaign for children from 7-11 years of age. The theme of the campaign which lasts two years was: "*To live peace*".

During the year, the National Direction collaborated with various reviews and media (the review *Magnificat junior*, articles in *Peuples du Monde*, a dossier about the founder in the review *Mission de l'Eglise*, radio interviews).



**INNOVATION**: For the first time, the Service Missio Jeunes (SMJ) took part in the **FRAT** 2012 entitled: "*What a joy it is to meet you again!*". This is a pilgrimage of young Christians from the Parisian Region which brings together every two years 9,000 high school students between 15-18 years of age. On this occasion, the National Direction was asked to propose prayer times "*To pray at the world's pace*".

Also, this year the National Office published the first manual

of missionary animation for boys and girls in a manga version to transmit the values of the mission through a comic book.

Departures 2012 - missionary openness camps and trips: the brochure was updated which proposes trips to open one's mind to the mission.





The initiatives of the previous years continued and the website was used very much for purposes of animation.

To celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Society's foundation, children's meetings were organized both in Paris and Lyon. In Paris, in particular, the Missionary Childhood invited children from 8-13 to a Mass to live the colors of the five continents. The program also included a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral, a great missionary Game of the Goose, prayer and listening to testimonies.

The National Direction continues to disseminate teaching material and this year a short novel was produced entitled Le roi aux 4 visages (the king with four faces).



www.amissio.fr; www.mission.catholique.fr

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - GERMANY



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and publication of animation material, especially for schools, which can be purchased online. The National Office publishes various reviews: **STERNSINGER – Kinder mit einer Mission** (*Star Singers – Children with a mission*) and two reviews for nursery schools, elementary schools and parish communities entitled **grenzenlos – Eine Welt in Schule & Gemeinde** and **Kindergarten und Mission** which deal with different themes each year related to current events using countries as examples.



**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: The central point was the story "*A good day*", which shows how to break a spiral of violence.

*Sternsinger - Kinder mit einer Mission*: for the first time a special issue was published entitled "*Colombia – in search of peace*" in order to study the theme of peace in depth.

**Exhibition about "the rights of children"**: on this occasion, different groups of boys and girls visited the main offices in Aachen.

**Schokobox:** The box of chocolates was launched intended for children from 8-12 years of age in collaboration with the fair trade company GEPA.



**Martins-Kurier 2008:** publication in which, on the occasion of the Feast of Saint Martin, the children from the kindergartens, elementary schools and parish communities were invited to put themselves in a beggar's shoes.

Celebration of the **50th anniversary** of the Three Kings Campaign, culminating in the World Feast of Children on the occasion of the 97th Day of German Catholics in Osnabueck with the theme: "Mission Possible". The slogan of the 50th anniversary was "Star Singers for only one world" and the review grenzenlos was dedicated to this important anniversary. For the occasion, an **eightpointed star**, the symbol of the Campaign, was printed on the inside. It is both a testimony to light and hope and can be cut out and constructed.



Starkids: ten episodes of a series broadcast by a popular television network for children in which the students interview celebrities about their lives, their social commitment and their faith.



The year's theme was: "Children find new ways". At the center of the campaign and the animation material produced for the Holy Childhood Day 2009/2010 there was a drawing by an artist from Senegal depicting the Nativity set in a Senagalese village. The collection boxes were also inspired by Senegal.

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the rights of children, a special issue



of grenzenlos was published with a fold-out booklet attached called **Kinderrechte-Leporello** to be built.

Saint Martin Campaign: Following Saint Martin's example, the children were invited to not ignore their neighbor's needs. Through the story of the voyage of the wild goose **Auguste**, the children were able to learn about the real situation of disabled people in Sizanani (South Africa) as an example of many disabled persons around the world.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - GERMANY

the wild goose AUGUSTE has this name in remembrance of the foundress of the Kindermissionswerk, Auguste von Sartorius

The Singers' slogan was: "Children seek peace". The **Colombian singer Juanes** dedicated a song to them.

Aktion Lichtbox: The Society, together with other associations, collected money to finance **solar panels** in some hospitals in Ghana.





The theme this year was: "*Children show strength*" and the animation focused on the main theme of disabled children in the example of Cambodia which the Saint Martin Campaign focused on through Auguste's voyage in that country.

The Star Singers of the Diocese of Mainz took part in the solemn Christmas Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica and three of them brought the gifts at the Offertory.



Three Kings Campaign: The slogan for 2011/2012 was: "Knock on doors, insist on your rights".

A DVD was attached to the review grenzenlos containing a film entitled: *"Nicaragua: children claim their rights"*.

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: For the occasion the following were prepared: a photo album about Nicaragua, a story to read, a Christmas performance, and creative stimuli for didactic tasks based on the slogan *Children Helping Children*.

The Saint Martin Campaign and the story of the goose Auguste's voyage also focused on Nicaragua.



Three Kings Campaign: It began in the fall of 2012. The Ambulance for Tanzania went all around the dioceses of Germany to draw attention to the problem of children's health around the world. Theme: "To bring the blessing and be the blessing: for health in Tanzania and the whole world". The children from the schools and parish communities learned about the real situation of children in Tanzania. THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: The material focused on Burkina

Faso and, for the first time a small Nativity creche was sent together with material for the Campaign and the collection box in the form of a typical African house.

<mark>grenzenlos</mark>: It presented the themes of children's health, life and faith of in Kenya, Germany, Thailand and Israel.

The Saint Martin Campaign and the review Kindergarten und Mission revolved around Tanzania.



# gift box for BAPTISM

inspired by the Year of Faith containing a prayer book, a cross made in El Salvador and a guide on the theme of baptism

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - GERMANY



**Three Kings Campaign:** The theme was: "Bring the blessing and be the blessing, hope for the refugee children of Malawi and elsewhere".

**THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY:** With the theme "*Children helping children*" it presented the nutritional situation of children in the hard to reach regions of Mitú in Colombia.

The Saint Martin Campaign and the story of Auguste focused on Malawi.



www.kindermissionswerk.de; www.sternsinger.org



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and celebration of the Missionary Childhood Day.

**The missonary prayer chain** continues with great success. It began in 2007 by some children who pray every day at the same hour for their peers around the world.

The animation activity in the Greek dioceses takes place mainly in the Catholic schools, thanks to the initiatives of some Sisters, where every year the children carry out their activity of prayer and collecting funds based on the indicated theme.

**Tinos**: Every year the missionary children animated by Sister Teresa, an Ursuline sister, prepare the charitable Bazaar which is very successful.

Syros: The children work with a Vincentian Sister, Vikendia. They collect offerings and help other children from the parishes to get into the missionary spirit.

**Kerkyra**: Here, too, the children carry out their activity based on the year's theme.

Athems: The children are animated especially by Sister Agnes of the Order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Apparition and by Sister Maddalena of the Order of Our Lady of Pammakaristos.

**Cyprus**: The children work with Sister Teofania in the Saint Joseph school, and they sell their little crafts for the missions.

**Corfu**: Every year the children organize a dance for carnival and the proceeds go to the Missionary Childhood. Also, at Easter they prepare the traditional Easter candles which they sell at the entrance to the church.



The theme for the year was: "The children follow Saint Paul by preaching the Gospel of Christ".
#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - GREECE



The theme this year was: "Let us listen to Christ in the person of his ministers".



The year's theme was: "To discover Christ and talk about Him to our friends".



The theme this year was: "To find Christ in others and bring him to all our friends".



This year's theme was: "To talk about Christ to our companions through deeds and words so that they will believe in Him".



The theme this year was: "Together with Christ I proclaim the joy of the kingdom to all".

The children of Syros made rand sold rosaries this year and they prepared a little mimeographed booklet with the missionary rosary for children.

**INNOVATION:** a **Missionary Childhood camp** was organized.



#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and celebration of the Missionary Childhood Day. Through the **Newsletter CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN**, the children are encouraged to "**pray together and share together**" with children



**PRAYERS** IN MY POCKET prayer booklet prepared for the Children Helping Children Day of Prayer

in difficult situations around the world.

Every year, on the second Friday of October, the "Children Helping Children Day of Prayer" is held.



**INNOVATION: First Communion Friends** is an initiative through which the children preparing for First Communion pray and help the children of the young Churches who are in turn preparing for First Communion. For this purpose some ad hoc material was prepared.

In May, following the invitation of the Secretary General of the Missionary Childhood, Rev. Patrick Byrne, twelve primary school students with eight teachers went to Rome to take part, together with other European children, in the Missionary Childhood celebrations with Pope Benedict XVI.







**INNOVATION:** Production of the promotional cartoon on DVD "**Ratters and Friends**" a readaptation of the "Children Helping Children" story produced by the Maltese National Direction.

OF PRAYER was held on October 12th and for the occasion BOLOONS were released to which 12



POSTCARDS were attached with the words WE PRAYED FOR YOU...WILL YOU PRAY FOR US?"





Initiative for Advent 2013 to help the children of the Philippines. The children and the teachers went to school with **"unusual" hairdos** and paid a **"fine" of 50 cents** for the cause. The meaning of the initiative was the collection and fun, but also to teach the

children that there are some children their age who have few occasions to have fun

www.wmi.ie/society-of-missionary-children/



#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity, formation of animators and printing material. The formative activities are proposed by the National Secretariat through yearly "aids", that is, tools that complete the children's formative paths.

The Missionary Childhood Day is usually celebrated on January 6th. Publication of the review **IL PONTE D'ORO** (The Golden Bridge).



The theme for 2007-2008: "Missionary children all over the world".

**INNOVATION**: In October, a **website** only for children was activated.

"**Missio Tour**": a joint initiative of the PSMC (Pontifical Society Missionary Childhood) and the MGM (Missionary Youth Movement) involved some fifteen boys and girls with the slogan: "*In the Mission for the Mission!*". They traveled by bus through several regions of Southern Italy to meet boys and girls, youths and educators and make known to approximately 5,000 people the missionary spirit that characterizes the PMS.

## YEAR 2009

The theme for 2008-2009 was: "The proclamation is our feast".

A particular initiative this year was the "**Pauline Pilgrimage of the Missionary Boys** 

**and Girls of Europe**". About ten European countries were involved in this animation activity with the slogan: "Boys and girls, missionaries like



*Paul*". On May 30, 2009, approximately 5,000 boys and girls from various parts of Europe met in Rome for a meeting-feast which culminated in the Nervi Hall in an Audience with Pope Benedict XVI.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ITALY

YEAR 2010

Theme for 2009-2010: "The Good News travels without a passport".

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## THE GOSPEL IN CARTOONS

the NEWSLETTE

which disseminates excerpts from the Gospel was transformed into a comic book with images in black and white to be downloaded and colored



Theme for 2010-2011: "Come in! There is room for everyone".

In the area of formation of animators, in February the National Congress of the PSMC leaders took place with the title: "To break bread for all the peoples", which gave considerable importance to the intercultural dimension aimed at encouraging education to a global mentality.



## the stickers of the star sowers



Theme for 2011-2012: "You too like Jesus".



Theme for 2012-2013: "With Jesus I learn to believe".

#### www.ragazzi.missioitalia.it





#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and printing animation material.



The National Direction presented a project for animators to make a musical that reflects on some major themes of faith. Animators can request a kit online which contains all the necessary material (booklet for the animator, about ten booklets for the children, a script, posters, a CD with songs, a CD with the sound track, the musical scores and the texts of the songs). The show was written by professionals and is very flexible so that it can be adapted to the animator's needs (number of children taking part, age, means available...).







#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and preparation of yearly teaching aids. The animation takes place mainly through the schools, both state and religious.

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated in October as part of Mission Sunday, but some parishes also organize a Missionary Childhood Day in January or February.

The role of the "children helping children clubs" is very important in the country.

Printing the monthly review MALTA MISSJUNARJA.



**INNOVATION**: The National Direction prepared a new cartoon which illustrates the history of the Society, the situation of children in the 5 continents, and explains to the children of Malta how they can be of help.

Voyage of the Children Helping Children Club to the island of Saint Paul to mark the beginning of the Pauline Year.

This year an exhibition about the missions was organized in Valletta in

collaboration with local groups of lay missionaries to which the schools were invited.

On the model of the National Direction of Poland, a Maltese version of the stickers with "The Ten Commandments of a young missionary" were distributed to the children in primary schools.





**INNOVATION:** The work to renovate the main offices made it possible to build a multimedia hall for 200 children where, among other things, the new DVD about the Society's history was projected.

A section dedicated to children was added to the "Malta Missjunarja" review.

This year the "**Star Singers**" campaign began which brings the good news door to door during the Christmas period.



the cover of the section in "Malta missjunarja" dedicated to children



Again this year the National Director personally visited various schools and institutions to promote the Society.

The Children Helping Children Clubs continue to have great success, while the activity of the Star Singers is starting to catch on.



the review dedicated to children launched in October 2010 reached the record of 2,300 copies the first year



The theme of the campaign was "*Tsunami of love*" focusing on the children struck by natural disasters. The Maltese children were informed in detail about these disasters through the report of the Missionary Childhood coordinator who visited Haiti after the earthquake in 2010.

In February, a two-day marathon to collect funds was broadcast on television. Oriented to families, it presented the six projects for which funds were being collected and some missionary children were interviewed about their experiences.

Special formation sessions for animators have not been organized yet, but thanks to funds obtained from a local foundation, this year the Missionary Childhood manual will be translated into Maltese from Spanish and published.

**INNOVATION**: inauguration of the new interactive website for children, teachers and animators.



The theme for the year was "*Children's Praise*" as preparation for the celebrations of the Missionary Childhood's 170th anniversary. The children, especially from secondary schools, were encouraged to read the Gospel and develop a personal relationship with Jesus.



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**INNOVATION**: a quiz on the theme, "The Apostles – The First Missionaries", was organized in the primary schools with the help of expert volunteers. 11 schools took part in it and it was broadcast live on the radio during Lent.

MUSICAL staged by the Children Helping Children Clubs which tells the story of a Sister sent on a mission among the street children of Paraguay

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YEAR 2013

This year's theme was: "Missionaries like Jesus".

**INNOVATION**: The Children Helping Children Club launched the **children helping children CHOIR** with the help of a music teacher and a pianist on a volunteer basis to encourage the children to use their natural talents and free time for the good of others. The choir animates the Eucharistic celebrations organized by the National Office.



screen shot of the **interactive** web site dedicated to children, teachers and animators

www.missio.org.mt; www.chc.missio.org.mt

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - NETHERLANDS (THE)



#### MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and preparation of animation material based on the **country chosen for the missionary campaign** (newspaper for children with photos and a presentation of the country, guidebook for the liturgy, envelopes for the offerings). The Missionary Childhood Day always takes place on the first weekend of October and all the missionary activities are concentrated in this period.

There are no formation courses for animators.



The witness country of the campaign was Ethiopia. In addition to producing the usual educational material, additional stories were published on the website.



screen shot of the **interactive website** with activities, information, games and film clips









The animation material focused on the small Christian communities of Tanzania.

**INNOVATION**: In August 2013, the new website for children was put online where you can choose a "missio-kid" as a guide through the "missio-city". Behind every building of the city there is information about religions, nations, stories, books, films, religious and practical objects, saints, famous missionaries, etc.



www.klap.net; www.missiokids.nl

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - POLAND



#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity which follows the school year from September to June, preparation of the animators' animation and formation material. Publication of the review for children **SWIAT MISYJNY** (Missionary world) to which is added a supplement twice a year for preschool children entitled "*Iskierka misyjne*". During the summer, camps are organized called "**missionary vacations with God**", and in Advent the little missionaries become Star Singers. In most of the dioceses, the Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany.

For the children preparing for First Communion, a "White week" takes place during which they pray for the PSMC and collect offerings for the projects. The National Office also organizes children's congresses to celebrate various occasions.





The theme for the year was: "A missionary follows the way of the Beatitudes", and every month one aspect related to this theme was discussed.

Apart from the usual formation and animation material, for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and the mission a DVD was produced entitled "Children from the Island of Paradise". In June, the 150th anniversary of the PSMC in Poland was celebrated in the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow with the participation of many bishops, the PSMC Secretary General, Rev. Patrick Byrne, and representatives of Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary.





The theme for the year was: "Let us proclaim to the world: God is love!".

A national missionary contest was organized entitled: "*My school companion in the mission*". On May 30th, a delegation of 13 children from 7 Polish dioceses with their animators took part in the European children's meeting with the Holy Father.

The didactic materials were adapted to the yearly theme, and 2 DVDs were prepared about the Missionary Childhood in Poland and the meeting with the Holy Father.



bout the cover of the booklet MAL MISJONARZE JEZUSA dedicated to the Meeting with the Holy Father



The theme this year was: "Much seed – one bread, one Church – many hearts" which developed and studied in depth the life and faith of children in the different continents.

The Eighth National Congress took place in Czestochowa with the participation of 4,000 children and the National Director of Lebanon. This year the fourth edition of the Contest "The Christmas Tree Circle" took place. By relating it to the Polish tradition of celebrating the Nativity, it encouraged the children to make the ornaments themselves using common materials.





The theme was: "Building the Mission's Bridge **MOST** > with Bl.John Paul II" with reference to his possible beatification. His 2003 Message for the PSMC's 160th anniversary and his 1993 Letter to Children were recalled. The monthly themes studied the different aspects of the Pontiff's spirituality in depth.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - POLAND





**INNOVATION**: publication of the collection

of poems by **Paulinka Walczyk**, a little girl afflicted with muscular dystrophy who was called by the Lord at 13 years of age. After learning about the Missionary Childhood through the review "Swiat Misyjny", Paulinka wrote to the National Direction and formed the first Holy Childhood group in her parish. She told her peers about the missions and invited them to pray.



The theme of the animation was: "With Mary we proclaim Jesus to the world", for which animation material was produced.

The children preparing for First Communion deepen the ideas of the Missionary Childhood during catechesis. On a chosen day of the first week after receiving First Communion, thus the white week, the Day dedicated to the missions is celebrated. In the liturgy they pray and collect offerings for their peers.

on a day of the first

week after the FIRST COMMUNION, the children who received it celebrate the Day dedicated to the missions and collect offerings for their peers around the world



The theme this year was: "We are the light of the world". This year several congresses took place to celebrate the Society's 170th anniversary. More than 5,000 children took part in 11 dioceses.

www.missio.org.pl/pdmd





#### MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and printing material. Yearly meetings of animators, printing the review **REVISTA** -**MISSÃOZINHA**.

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany.

#### YEAR 2013

Starting this year, a formation path was studied based on the 5 continents. In 2013 Asia will be the protagonist with the theme:

"Look For Jesus". In 2014, it will be Africa's turn ("Find Jesus"), in 2015 Oceania ("Follow Jesus"), in 2016 America ("Talk About Jesus") and, lastly, in 2017 Europe ("Welcome Everyone Like Jesus").

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For the Christmas period, many parishes followed an inner path in light of the Advent theme: "With the children of Asia let us look for Jesus".

In the Sines district, there is a Cape Verdean community that emigrated in the 1970s and represents an example of urban integration. A meeting with them takes place twice a month to reflect on the Word of God. On December 27th, all the Cape Verdean families met to celebrate the Feast of the "Holy Family"

#### www.infancia.opf.pt; www.opf.pt/infancia/index.html

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - ROMANIA



#### MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and printing of animation material. For the PSMC Missionary Day, agreement is sought to celebrate it in the whole country on December 28th, the Feast of the Holy Innocents.



For Christmas, a CD with songs written and interpreted by two little girls was printed and put on sale for the missions in Kenya.



Information fliers about the Missionary Childhood were printed and sent to the parishes. There was no special theme, but emphasis was placed on explaining the Society and its goals.

In the **diocese of Iasi**, with the support of the children from Catholic Action, various activities were carried out by the children to collect funds. For Easter 2010, a CD was produced dedicated to Easter songs which was also publicized on TV.



#### MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The National Direction of the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Scandinavian countries includes Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

Missionary animation activity is built around each country's needs. All the countries use or sell **cmb-labels**, use or sell cmb-labels (stickers

with the abbreviation C+M+B, that is, Christus Mansionem Benedicat) to stick on doors. Catholics are a minority.



#### DENMARK: cmb-

**labels**, a booklet about the Epiphany and a liturgical aid for priests are sent to all the

parishes.

In **2013**, the theme for the year was: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?".

A liturgical aid was printed and a booklet with testimonies about the meaning of this celebration for different people, bishops, priests and lay persons. Also, various articles were published and animation was carried out through **Radio K-pot** and Facebook. To enable more people to participate, the Holy Childhood Day was celebrated after the Epiphany.

Some parishes started to organize Carnival feasts in favor of the Society.







**FINLAND:** The Mission of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood focuses on two major occasions: the Epiphany and World Mission Sunday. In **2010** the National Director wrote several articles about the CMB-labels and the Feast of the Epiphany which were published in the Diocese's review.



**CELAND:** The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany.



**NORWAY:** The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the Epiphany. Since 2010 Missio Norway has been working to prepare material suited to the Norwegian context for the formation of children. Here, too, there is the tradition of the stickers (CMB-labels) on the doors, which are blessed at the end of the Mass on the Epiphany. Since **2011** the Pontifical Societies in Norway, "Mission Works" in Norway", have a website - www.katolsk.no/organisasjon/norge/missio in

the framework of the Norwegian Catholic website. **EDEN:** In **2013** Missio Sweden focused on the Epiphany and labels were distributed to parishes, convents, chapels and

schools. For this occasion posters were printed and liturgical texts were translated mainly by Missio Denmark.



#### www.missio.dk www.katolsk.no/organisasjon/norge/missio



#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The ordinary missionary animation activity is carried out mainly through the schools. Animation aids are prepared and distributed with a CD which includes information about the countries, problems, the Church's activities, games, videos, slides, and suggestions for various activities.

The National Direction collaborates with those of Ireland and England and Wales.

The **MC World Day of Prayer** takes place in Scotland on the first Friday of October.





Following a precise request from the people, a special collection was organized to contribute to aiding Myanmar after the catastrophe which struck that country.



The slogan, "*Pray a little – Give a little*", was the focal point of the collection in the schools. 4,000 rosaries were distributed to the children for a symbolic price as a "spiritual gift" on the occasion of the Holy Father Benedict XVI's visit. A document with the names of the schools that took part in the collection was presented to him during the Offertory of the Mass celebrated in Bellahouston Park.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - SCOTLAND



The theme chosen for the 2012-2013 school kit was: "*Missionary Children World Day of Prayer*", which the schools were asked to celebrate on October 5, 2012.

This year the website was redesigned and now includes a section for children.

### **BROWN COIN**

every MONDAY during the school year (MISSION MONDAYS) the CHILDREN COLLECT 1 and 2 POUND COINS (brown coins) for the MISSIONS

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## YEAR 2013

The theme of the 2013-2014 Resource Pack was: "Missionary Children in India".

**INNOVATION:** A **parish pack** of all the material from the 2013 Mission Sunday was sent to the religious education department of every

Catholic high school in Scotland to remember the missionary month and give the religious teachers material for working with the students. Also, a restyling is planned of the missionary collection box (Missionary Children donation box), which is still used very much in the Catholic primary schools.





#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The ordinary missionary animation activity takes place through the primary schools, parishes and catechists and through TV (Noe Ostrava) and journalistic (Katholicke novinj) interviews. Missionary fairs, postcard drawings and stamp collections are organized.



The theme for the animation was: "Let us help those who need it". This was carried out through the National Director's voyage to Burkina Faso to create a bridge between the two



countries and greater understanding of the local living conditions. For this reason, the staff of LUX TV made a film to be presented to the National Missionary Council in Trnava and broadcast on a national channel. A DVD of the film will be distributed in the parishes.

# YEAR 2012

A documentary "Cardinal Josef Tomko" was filmed, which was also broadcast by TV LUX and the second STV channel. It will be used for animation in the parishes and schools.

## YEAR 2013

The publications were revised in order to make them more attractive (Review **World Missions**, missionary calendars, information booklets, book markers, material for children and others), and the website was made interactive.

#### http://misijnediela.sk

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - SLOVENIA



#### MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity, publication of animation material and several reviews including **TRIKRALJEVSKA AKCIJA** dedicated to the Song of the Three Kings.

Printing the Advent Calendar to encourage the children to pray and make donations for their peers around the world.



#### www.missio.si



#### MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity, publication of material for animation and for animators' formation. Publication of the reviews for children and adolescents **GESTO** and **SUPERGESTO**, which include a content guide to help educators in their work with children.

The most important campaigns include the **Star Sowers**, the **Star Singers** and the **Missionary Song Festival**. In the latter each group of missionary children composes its own hymn and presents it at the meetings. Also, once a year the initiative takes place "Todos al **tren!**" (All aboard!) in which the children and animators get on the missionary train which takes them to a different place each time and they spend a day together.

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of January, and during the year national meetings of children are held.



The theme around which all the animation material was based (publications, poster, guides, CD...) was: "Get down to work!".





In 2009 a five-year animation process began which covers the 5 continents and aims at giving the children a universal view of the Church starting with Asia. In fact, the theme for the animation was: "With the children of Asia... we look for Jesus".



The missionary animation for the year was based on the theme: "With the children of Oceania...we follow Jesus". Two DVDs were produced, one about Oceania and the other about Papua New Guinea. In this formation process, the folders follow the colors of the Missionary Rosary.





The guiding theme for the animation this year was: "With the children of America...we talk about Jesus".

the cover of GESTO with the 2012 theme on the cover





The guiding theme for the animation this year was: "With the children of Europe...we welcome everyone like Jesus".

This year, on the occasion of the Society's 170th anniversary, the little Spanish missionaries took part in the drawing contest announced by the International Secretariat.

The Spanish winners of the contest were received by the Princes of Asturias.



The three winners received by the Princes at the Zarzuela

> the back cover of GESTO dedicated to the 170th anniversary



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#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity also through the schools, and printing of animation material.

The animation is divided into three linguistic areas (Romand, German and Italian), each with its own initiatives and particular features, even though the animation theme is in common.

The publications include the yearly newspaper **milAmi** and the review **JUMI**.

### ROMANDY (FRENCH - SPEAKING SWITZERLAND)

In general, a witness country and a theme related to it are chosen which the activity revolves around, such as "family Masses", catechesis meetings, the Game of the Goose, and game books to discover the country.

There are no real Holy Childhood groups. The Star Singers Campaign is developed mainly, which is always very successful. So there is no real Holy Childhood Day but the Advent period. The parishes choose a Sunday or a holiday during the year for the Holy Childhood campaign. Often it is a "family Mass" followed in the afternoon by workshops to discover the witness country of the campaign with the children.

There is no formation for animators but people with

their own catechetical expertise who cooperate.

In 2008 the theme for the animation was: "Faith moves mountains", and the witness country of the campaign was **Colombia** to which the review **milAmi**, a booklet, DVD and various games (the Game of the Goose) were dedicated.





In 2009 the witness country was **Senegal** with the theme: "With You the canoe stays on course". For the animation, a film was used that was prepared by the National Direction of France: "Living one's faith in Senegal". Together with the traditional material and the bulletin milAmi about that country, the visit of the Bishop of Kaolack, Senegal, also got the Senegalese community in Switzerland involved. This year the booklet about the rights of children dealt with the Right to protect privacy.

In 2010 the country chosen for the campaign was **Togo** with the theme: "*Together for a new Africa*". Missio took part on September 17-18 in "Festibile" and successfully proposed games and biblical and missionary material to the children. The collection aimed at creating a children's hospital in Kaboli, Togo. The traditional **family Masses** were celebrated and objects were sold to collect funds for the mission. This year the children's right proposed in the booklet was the *Right to a sufficient living standard*.

The Song of the Three Kings campaign is spreading among the cantons.

In 2011 the slogan chosen for the animation was: "Together let us create bonds" connected with **Nicaragua**. The Missionary Childhood was presented in the orientation classes (12-15 years of age) and, for the first time, to the students of the IFM (Institute of Formation to the Ministry for future pastoral assistants in the parishes).









The theme for the animation in 2012 was, "Your Word, a gift to share", related to the small Christian communities that meet regularly around the Bible, especially from the Diocese of Ifakara in **Tanzania**.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - SWITZERLAND

In 2013 the country for the missionary campaign was **Malawi** with the theme: "*My hands to tell about my faith*" in favor of a Health Center in Nakalanzi (Malawi) where they want to open a section for very small children. In addition to the usual didactic aids, video clips were proposed to present the project, two children's testimonies, a CD with images and an audio CD.

**milAmi contest**: The participants had to write (prayers, poems, messages of hope for Malawi) or draw something about "hands" that could be downloaded from internet inspired by the year's theme.





In **2009** during the regular May meeting, daily life in **Senegal** was presented following the theme of the Pauline Year "*Traveling with Saint Paul*". The Missio workshop presented games to the children to bring them closer to the life of their companions in Senegal. There was great preparation for the **Star Singers** and their families in order to bring Kaolack's reality into the homes and parishes.

In **2010** the country chosen for the campaign was **Togo**, and on May 1st, during the diocesan gathering of Catholic Action in Giubiasco, the Missionary Childhood project was presented to build a children's hospital in Kaboli. It was proposed to the children to make a symbolic construction of a small hospital where every child was invited to bring his/her own brick to build the little house. Through the animation folder the campaign built awareness about the theme of children's illness and the importance of having a structure for treatment.

In **2012** the witness country was **Tanzania** with the slogan: "Open to the Word". Again this year the **collection box campaign** was promoted which encourages small sacrifices in favor of the Missionary Childhood project in the month of October.

In **2013** the animation focused on **Malawi** with the theme: "*Lord, count on me*". The very active Italian Catholic mission of Kreuzlingen proposed a meeting on the evening of October 19th. The community spent the evening sharing musical animations, games and a fraternal supper with the people from Malawi.

After the usual gathering on May 1st with the slogan "*Hands for...others*", during the afternoon activities the children were invited to do something with their hands to help their less fortunate peers.

"A busybody and...a friendly hand": dramatization of a story that narrates the events of a traveler who arrived in Malawi. It explains the country's needs to the children and makes them participate through song and a message that is drawn or written on one's hand.



For the first time, a group from Vicosoprano in

the Val Bregaglia, Italian Grigioni, took part in the **Sowers of the** proclamation campaign.



German Switzerland works very much in collaboration with Kindermissionswerk of Aachen, also with regard to animation material.

In **2009** the witness country of the campaign was **Senegal** and the theme for the animation was: "Children find new roads".

**"Wood oven" project**: A film of the Star Singers campaign presents the life of a little girl from Senegal, Aicha, who had to go and get wood for cooking several times a day, and so she was very tired when she got to school. Her family was the first in her village to try the



wood oven and since then Aicha only goes to get wood a couple times a week and her family's life has improved very much.

**Guardian Angel campaign and Aids & children**: From May 18 to June 6, the so-called "Aids-Truck" went around Switzerland

for the third time and proposed the burning theme of Aids in Africa to the children. The symbol of the campaign is an angel with a broken wing.

This year the web site was relaunched and a new feature was introduced in the online shop: a collection box in the form of a globe with above it the children of the 5 continents.



In **2010 Cambodia** was kept as the country of the campaign, while to follow the wishes of the Swiss Bishops' Conference, material for **Togo** was also produced.

For the fourth and last time, the **Aids-Truck**, the vehicle of Missio Aachen, went around Switzerland.

The slogan chosen for the Star Singers campaign in favor of Cambodia was: "Children show strength" with disabled children at the center.

In **2012** the sticker was renewed graphically which the Star Singers stick on doors.

The director Christoph Klein shot a film about the Star Singers.

Wenns Wienacht wird: a CD with 16 songs for Christmas along with a catechesis booklet. A Facebook page of the Swiss German Star Singers was put online.

"Dem Glauben Hände geben" (Give hands to faith) was the theme for **2013**, with **Malawi** as the witness country of the campaign.

The 25th anniversary of the Song of the Three Kings Campaign in German Switzerland was celebrated. All the

group leaders from the five cantons met to gather ideas for developing material to celebrate this jubilee. A DVD was produced for the occasion which contained the song written by Urban Schwegler entitled "Mir gänd enand d'Händ" (Walking together holding hands), short films about Malawi and the Song of the Three Kings Campaign in German Switzerland.



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# OCEANIA



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - AUSTRALIA



#### **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity, publication of reviews and animation material for children and teachers. Every year the National Direction distributes the animation material to every primary and secondary Catholic school (books, posters, CDs etc.) which develops the themes chosen for the year. A lot of animation also takes place through the web page.

The month of October is World Mission Month, and the Children's Mission Day is the Wednesday after Mission Sunday.

The National Direction forms *"facilitators"*, university students who hold missionary workshops in the primary and secondary schools.

## YEAR 2009

The year's themes were: "All children are sacred – so why are they scavenging for food, sleeping on the street, or dying because there is no medicine?", and for the missionary month, "Reach Out, Give Life". On the national level, the Children's Mission Partners program was extended to the schools. Collection boxes in the form of a globe and a personalized poster were given to individual groups. Also, every month they receive a Power Point presentation on the Missionary Childhood

projects with prayers and starting points for action. In 2009, an interactive map of the world was launched on the website, which was very successful.



village Space program: This is an educational animation program for schools which includes the portrayal of subjects regarding global justice and work in the missions. In a special area, real situations are staged of other countries involving children and teachers



The themes for the year were: "All children are sacred so why are they scavenging for food, fleeing for their lives, or being discriminated against?", and, for the missionary month, the theme was based on East Timor: "Build Community Together in Christ".

The National Direction distributed a CD-Rom to every primary and secondary school related to the year's theme and based on statistics from the United Nations "State of the World's Children". It also described the Missionary Childhood projects in East Timor, Thailand, India and remote parts of Australia.

The National Direction made an agreement for a form of collaboration with the Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Australia. This is a program for secondary students that promotes development and sharing faith and service to the needy. Its purpose is to form missionary youths.



The year's theme was: "Hear My Voice... Believe", which stressed the contribution of our indigenous brothers and sisters to the universal Church DVDs and CD-Roms were distributed in which indigenous people tell their stories and experiences of the Sacred in their lives.

Getting The National Involved Direction organizes global immersion programs that propose voyages to different places to get immersed completely in a country's reality and understandits culture, customs and poverty. For adults and for schools

**INNOVATION**: In the framework of the "Children's Mission School Partner", updates for the whole year were sent monthly to ten schools. They focus on a country or a subject, such as Zimbabwe, Peru, migration and refugees, AIDS. Resources were added to this to help teachers and students not to see the Church that has a mission, but that the Mission has a Church. This year there was a significant relaunching of the website.
#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - AUSTRALIA



This year's theme for the missionary month was: "Restore Hope to a Special Someone". It tells the story of Jon-Jon, one of the millions of Filipino children who have to face extreme poverty, live in huts, on the street and in garbage heaps.

The other theme was: "Children in Immigration Detention". It describes the situation of children who have immigrated to Australia and are segregated with their families for unspecified periods of time.

The **GIG** ("Getting Involved Globally programs") and the "**Village Space Program**" continued.

**INNOVATION**: A new e-newsletter for schools on the national level, with information about the collections, stories, and the missionary children's and schools' activities in favor of the Holy Childhood.





One particular initiative takes place in the schools and is based on the double meaning of the word "sock", that is, a sock for one's feet and an Australian expression for

to fight or strike. The sock **SOCK rates** encourages the collection of funds to combat the trafficking of children, poverty, child labor, etc.



www.catholicmission.org.au



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity through promotion in the schools, advertising in Catholic newspapers and a database of donors. There is no official MC Day because January 6th falls in the middle of summer vacation, but the activity is generally carried out in the month for the missions.

> The Society is not very active in the country. Many adults who are former students of the Catholic schools remember nostalgically the money boxes and the

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collection of funds for the missions. Now, however, the Catholic schools are run more and more by lay persons who are generally interested in socially useful projects and not so much in the missions. Therefore, the main goal of the year was to resume contact with approximately 200 primary schools and 50 colleges, and to prepare interesting material for developing animation there as well as initiatives for collecting funds.



A great re-definition of animation work in the Catholic schools, especially primary schools.

**INNOVATION:** Starting up a **website** with stories of missionaries, background about the Missionary Childhood and a shop for religious articles. Also, e-mail started to be used for communicating with the Directors of Religious Studies (DRS) and

with the 250 Catholic schools/colleges to whom Power Point presentations and messages were sent every two months.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - NEW ZEALAND

In 2010 the collection box was renewed and personalized with the figure of Marty the Missionary

YEAR 2011

The year's theme was: "Share your faith – give life". The Director works in syntony with the six Diocesan Directors, two of whom focus primarily on the parishes, while the others have more time to dedicate to promoting the Society.

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Above all, efforts are made to create awareness in the teachers, and the most diverse and imaginative initiatives have flourished in the schools (missionary festivals, Mufti Day, Pyjama-Rama Day, Muffins Day..)



Pyjama-Rama day at the St John's Primary School, Ranfurly

Missionary festival at the St. Benedict's Primary School Khandallah, Wellington, organized by the students with games, face painting and more, which collected \$25 PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES: Because of the World Rugby Cup that took place

in New Zealand in October 2011, many schools chose to organize the events for the missions around August 8th, the Feast of Mary MacKillpo, St. Mary of the Cross.

**Website**: It contains photos of scholastic activities and useful material for schools including missionary rosaries, the Newsletter booklet, a little cube with the story of *"Roll-a-Prayer Box"*, the booklet *"Children Praying the Rosary"*, and more.



CHILDREN PRAYING



A new National Director was appointed. Meetings with rectors, educators, coordinators in the different Catholic institutions to present the 4 Societies through a Power Point presentation focused on the Year of Faith.

**New Zealand Catholic Education Convention**: MissioNZ was present with a stand in Wellington from August 8-10 with its own animation material.



**St Mary's School in Mosgiel**: *Money For Chores fundraiser* in the month of November. The children chose a week to do some small jobs, in agreement with their parents who paid them, and in this way they collected money for the missions.

**St Mary's Blenheim**: The students took part in a liturgy and organized a collection of funds for the children in the Philippines who were struck by the typhoon Haiyan, which was known there as typhoon Yolanda.

## www.missionz.co.nz

THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - PACIFIC ISLANDS



# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

The Pacific Islands include the territory of CEPAC (the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Pacific), made up of 19 countries isolated from one another.

Ordinary missionary animation activity, printing and distribution of animation material. Use of Power Point presentations to present the Society in parishes and schools.



First regional meeting of the PMS Directors on the Island of Guam, in which the Directors of the Archdiocese of Agana (Guam) and of the Dioceses of Chalan-Kanoa and the Caroline Islands took part. Despite the natural disasters that struck some islands during the year, there was some good news: an English woman, touched by the Mission Sunday message, founded a small Missionary Childhood group.



The theme of the missionary animation was: "Children, too, are missionaries. They are friends of Jesus and they make friends of Jesus". Some dioceses introduced the Missionary Childhood Day into their calendar, which is celebrated on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. The booklet, "Prayers of every day for the little ones of the earth", was sent to all the CEPAC territories.



Visit to the children of the Archdiocese of Noumena who welcomed the Society's slogan joyfully



Regular visits and presentation of the Society to children and teachers through Power Point presentations. In October, some members of the PMS staff in the USA made a visit but unfortunately, because of the typhoon Tomas, they were unable to visit all the islands.





Visit to the Catholic primary schools in the Archdiocese of Apia-Samoa a few months after the tsunami.

**September**: in **Suvo** a fruitful meeting took place of the Diocesan Directors of the central regions of CEPAC.

**November**: a visit to **Kiribert** by a group from Catholic Mission Australia in the framework of the program *Get Involved Globally Immersion Experience*.



#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - PACIFIC ISLANDS



In the Diocese of **Tarau** and **Nauru** a special day for the Missionary Childhood was set on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, which is celebrated in all the islands of the diocese. The most beautiful moment was when the children passed by in procession with their banner "Children Helping Children" and their little gifts for their needier peers.

In the **Cook Islands** a special program during Lent was introduced: the children and teachers prayed every day for the needy children and made small sacrifices to help them.



During this Year of Faith, the modern means of communication were used to reach every corner of the region. In this way the Directress did not make animation voyages but sent the material and communicated with the diocesan directors via e-mail.

In the Diocese of Samoa, on the Epiphany the Eucharist was celebrated with the children who were encouraged to pray for their peers and take a collection.

In **Kiriberti** a special celebration took place with the children on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.







# **MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity, publication and sending the poster for Missionary October.

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated in the Catholic schools of all the dioceses. In some schools it is consists of a weekly moment for prayer during which a collection is taken for the Society, and each diocese has its own program for the children.

In **2010**, **October 1st** was **chosen** as **Missionary Childhood Day** in Papua Nuova Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

The main activities are carried out mainly during two months of the year. In **August**, Bible month, the children's animation takes place through biblical activities, performances, quizzes and diocesan meetings. In **October**, mission month, the children are prepared through skits, presentations, animation of Mission Sunday and *Missionary Chain of Prayers*.



The year's theme was "Youth: Happy and fulfilled", following the pastoral plan of the Catholic Church in PNG. There was a special presentation for children and young people in view of the World Youth Day in Sydney in July in which approximately 1,500 people from PNG took part and about 300 from the Solomon Islands including adults and children.



The theme of the missionary animation was: *"Love is the soul of mission"*. Distribution of the booklet about the Missionary Childhood.

#### THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD IN THE WORLD - P.N.G. and the SOLOMON IS.



**INNOVATION**: The whole month of October was dedicated to the mission with many activities for children, and so the year's theme was: "Soim pes bilong Jisas – em I wok bilong yumi", that is, "Make Jesus visible – it's our work". The schools are often of different Christian denominations but they have Bible study in common through different biblical activities. The activities were aimed at preparing for Mission Sunday.

The poster for the mission, booklets and illustrative sheets were translated into pidgin, and a **Missionary Childhood Bulletin** is being prepared as we try to develop our own material.



The theme for the month of October was: "Bilip I grow long taim yu serim em", that is, "Faith grows when you share it". The special slogan for the month's activity was: "Go...make disciples of all nations", and the children were asked to bring their friends to religion classes, to Sunday Mass, etc.



Special missionary formation was given during the Missionary Childhood Camp oganized in the Diocese of Goroka before school began. 154 children and some teachers from different parishes took part in it



The year's theme related to the theme of missionary month was: "Let your faith shine". It was prepared starting from August, and the children who took part in the rallies carried out activities inspired by the theme. In particular, the children learned a special song and expressed it in dances and actions.

**Missionary Childhood camps** continue to be organized.

# Let Your Faith Shine

Mekim bilip bilong yu i givim lait world Mission Sunday october 24TH 2012

> Animation poster 2012

The children adapted Chris Rice's song to their style and used it for the missionary month



The theme of the animation was: "*I believe, so I proclaim*". October 1st, the Missionary Childhood Day, started off the missionary month in which the children carried out various activities (dramas, processions, etc.) leading to a "*Missionary Chain of Prayers*" on the eve of Mission Sunday.



# CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

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# PROJECTS CARRIED OUT AROUND THE WORLD THANKS TO THE HELP OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD CHILDREN

YEARS 2008 - 2013

# NOTE

The objective of this third part is to present visually some examples of projects financed by the Society in the years in question. Of course, these examples are only a very small part of the final destination of the funds collected. In fact, in these six years approximately 12,000 projects were financed in the five continents. Taking into consideration that most of the aid we receive comes from the children's small sacrifices, I am doubly pleased to share this section with you which demonstrates their great generosity and their spiritual and material solidarity.

# AFRICA



PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - ANGOLA



## everyone helps with unloading the food





it will all be used to the benefit of needy children, somé of whom have AIDS



the children's joy in the Center that hosts them



one of the many children beneficiaries

> The Center helps to feed undernourished children, many debilitated by AIDS, from the whole Diocese

PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - CONGO REP. DEM.



# SCHOOL EDUCATION



the whole community takes part, both men and women unloading the building materials







building the walls

the children study in their NEW SCHOOL





The old school was made of dirt and straw and had to be rebuilt every two years. Through the Holy Childhood, now the primary school has 6 classrooms made of brick and cement PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - MADAGASCAR



SCHOOL EDUCATION





little by little the construction takes shape from the foundation to the roof





the JOY of the children and the whole community

the new classrooms are inaugurated amidst





the new finished classrooms

The old school was made of wood and reduced to ruins. With the help of the Missionary Childhood children we built two classrooms made of cement PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - SENEGAL



**Diocese of Ziguinchor** 

**SCHOOL EDUCATION** 





the different stages in the building process





the children in the **NEW** SCHOOL





With the Missionary Childhood's help we built a hall divided into 2 classrooms. Now the littlest ones in the nursery school can use a suitable environment PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - SIERRA LEONE



The children had no place to meet and receive Sunday catechesis before Mass. With the help of US \$2,000 from the Holy Childhood the shelter was completed



**Diocese of Tororo** 

**SCHOOL EDUCATION** 



the school was falling to pieces and endangered the children's lives

the renovation work moves forward



The school was built in 1956 and could have collapsed at any time. It was urgent to repair the structures and the US\$ 7,000 from the Missionary Childhood children contributed to this

# A HAIL MARY A DAY

# A **PENNY** PER MONTH

# AMERICA



#### PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - BOLIVIA



# Apostolic Vicariate of Ñuflo de Chávez

## **PROTECTION OF LIFE**





## the children live in DIFFICULT geographic and social conditions



despite everything, a smile is never absent from the children's faces



celebrating the Day of the Missionary Childhood in school



SINGING is an important part of missionary animation







In the San Antonio Parish the Holy Childhood is well implanted. This was aided by the Society's contribution of giving breakfast to the neediest children

### PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - ECUADOR









# the dining room



the laundry room





Thanks to the aid of US \$15,000 the Holy Childhood children helped repair the vocational animation house for adolescentes in terrible situations
#### PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - NICARAGUA



**Apostolic Vicariate of Bluefields** 

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION** 



the new electrical grids which enable the radio to work

the electric cable comes from faraway which is not easy because of the rough terrain





#### the modernized transmission antenna



# the children helped by their pastors are the **PROTAGONISTS** of the **programs** dedicated to them

Through the radio more than 31,000 children are evangelized. The Missionary Childhood has contributed to modernizing the radio transmission equipment and the electrical grid which enables it to function

#### PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - PERU



**Apostolic Vicariate of San Ramón** 

**PROTECTION OF LIFE** 





The children receive books, notebooks, pencils, pencil cases, school bags and everything they need to STUDY in schools







the children thank the other Missionary Childhood children around the world

after distributing the supplies, the Sisters play with the children







The Yurinaki mission is located in the middle of the Amazon jungle. Children from 40 small indigenous communities have been able to study through the Missionary Childhood's help

# A HAIL MARY A DAY

# A **PENNY** PER MONTH

# ASIA

PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - KAZAKHSTAN



#### SCHOOL EDUCATION

#### children drawing





# together

The parish cafeteria wanted to offer the children spiritual and scholastic formation in addition to food. The Missionary Childhood children made this possible with the help of US\$ 4,000, the fruit of their collections



**Diocese of Pekhon** 

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION** 



the children want to learn to be MISSIONARY CHILDREN





there is no good FORMATION without good NOURISHMENT

massive presence of children in missionary formation MISSIONARY FORMATION



#### PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - MYANMAR



# their appetite is not lacking





they get a balanced diet

# games and sports are part of the animation



they too have a right to play



# some of the **1.600 children** beneficiaries



The many children from the parish received Christian and missionary formation through periodic meetings in which besides getting prepared to be good Christians they played and ate PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - PAKISTAN





# studying

together with their formators





learning a trade



embroidery and sewing

75 girls live in the female boarding school. They receive food, lodging, scholastic formation, medical care, clothing, etc. and all thanks to the support of the Holy Childhood children who donated US \$3,000 to help their peers PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - SRI LANKA



**PROTECTION OF LIFE** 



working in the vegetable garden



studying







playing

The Holy Childhood children were able to help the children from 5 orphanages through a donation of US\$ 6,000. Now the children get lodging, food, medicine and proper Christian and scholastic formation PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - THAILAND



Archdiocese of Bangkok

#### **PROTECTION OF LIFE**



one of the children who receives our aid

the Sisters visiting the families





the children during class



during lunch



a little girl studying



some of the children beneficiaries

The Sisters have developed an aid program for the children of the area who are most in need either because they are afflicted by AIDS, are migrants, etc. They receive help to go to school, for books, clothing, food and so on. The Holy Childhood children contributed US\$ 6,000 PROJECTS CARRIED OUT - VIÊT-NAM



#### **PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION**



the little girls during class



with the Sisters' attentive help



by playing they learn



some of the children







# Some of the **330 CHILDREN** BENEFICIARIES



The Holy Childhood contributed US\$ 7,000 to the kindergarten formation programs run by the Sisters in a needy and remote rural area. The money was used to buy books, uniforms and other school supplies, without forgetting religious formation, which is an essential part of the children's formation CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

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