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Four months before his death, in 1844, Monsignor Charles de Forbin Janson announced the creation of the Holy Childhood Annual reference book, that his successor began in 1846, explaining that these Annuals will be an exchange of correspondence “between Christian childhood and faithless childhood, between the redeemed children and their benefactors”. This spirit of communion and reciprocity will soon manifest itself in material aid: in 1859 the children of China brought their economic offerings to the Society, in what we could consider a seed of the current Universal Solidarity Fund.

It is a great joy for me to present this edition of the Annals of the Pontifical Holy Childhood Society concerning the years 2014-2016. From the quoted text, the original idea of Mgr. Charles de Forbin Janson about the necessity of a correspondence to grow humanly and spiritually is evident. In these 175 years of the activities of the Society many things have changed and the current means of communication allow continuous updating and interdependence without limits.

The Annals continue to have their benefit because they put together what is achieved worldwide by the National Offices with children and for children.

Even today, the missionary spirituality of children and adolescents can be nurtured with live and current stories and testimonies, which become an occasion to express different experiences, to give meaning to their own experiences and those of others, to know the reality in the different contexts correctly, to grow in openness towards others.

For this edition we offer two new changes: in the last part of the publication you will find the section “Children write...” which contains children’s testimonies from various continents. They are letters or stories from children and adolescents who take advantage of the spiritual and also material benefits of the Society and share it with us.

In addition, the Annuals in the three languages will also be available in pdf format in the reserved area of the site www.ppoomm.va, in the POSI Documents.

I thank those who collaborate in evangelization also through the Pontifical Holy Childhood Society and I hope that the Annuals can be a synthetic library of this Society in order to make Jesus known and spread the Gospel values starting from children and their families.

May the Holy Spirit, protagonist of the Church's mission, fill and inflame our hearts!

Sr. Roberta Tremarelli
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THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

A. GENERAL PRESENTATION OF THE SOCIETY

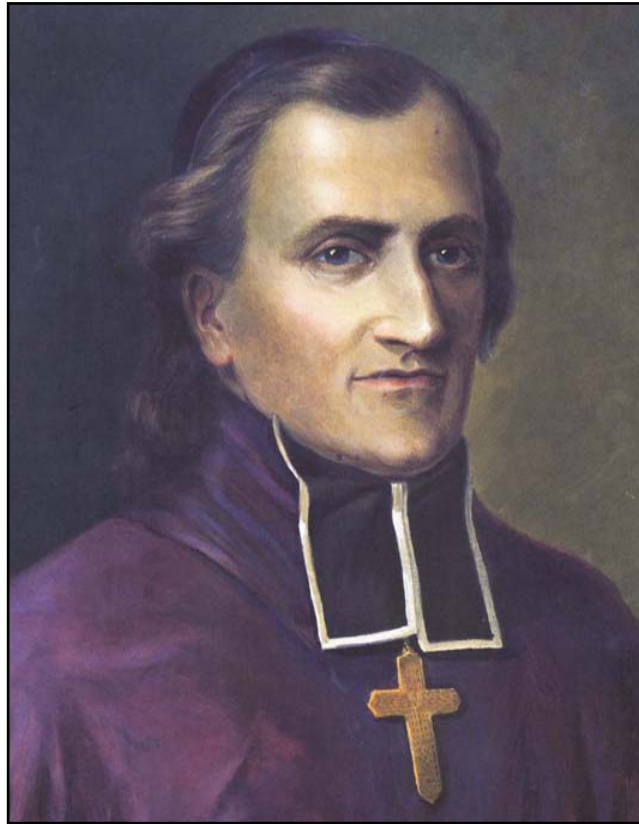
In 1843, H.E. Monsignor de FORBIN-JANSON, Bishop of Nancy, founded the Association of the Holy Childhood in the wake of Pauline JARICOT, who in 1822 had launched the Association of the Propagation of the Faith from Lyons. His great intuition was to entrust children with a specific missionary role to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

The main purpose of the Association was and still remains:

1. to make children aware of the universal mission of the Church with particular reference to evangelization, human education, 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:



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

- 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 CHILDHOOD¹

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

- to assist educators to awaken and gradually develop in both children and adolescents a worldwide

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

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*².

- 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 consciousness. This is fulfilled through their 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, mentality, 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 offer 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 poor, the riches of their spiritual values must not be overlooked. By opening themselves to one another, children

² Cf. *Cooperatio Missionalis*, 4.

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.

II

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¹⁴ Appointed 10/07/2016.

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¹⁵ Appointed 19/09/2015.

¹⁶ Appointed 05/05/2014.

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²¹ Appointed 10/04/2014.

²² Appointed 12/06/2015.

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³³ Appointed 30/07/2014.

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³⁶ Appointed 13/06/2014.

³⁷ The territory indicated here under the name "Pacific" includes CEPAC regions: Mariana Islands, Guam, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia

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III
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES
(Rome, 5th - 16th May 2014)

A. HOLY FATHER’S ADDRESS TO THE PMS
NATIONAL DIRECTORS (May 9th, 2014)

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

I welcome the National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies and collaborators of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. I thank Cardinal Fernando Filoni and all of you who serve of the Church’s mission to bring the Gospel to peoples all over the Earth.

With the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii gaudium* I wished to invite all the faithful to a new season of evangelization; and in our time the *missio ad gentes* is also the fundamental dynamism of the Church’s outreach. The eagerness to evangelize to the “ends”, as witnessed to by holy and generous missionaries, helps all communities to create an outgoing and effective pastoral ministry, a renewal of structures and works. Missionary outreach is paradigmatic

for all the Church's activity (cf. *Evangelii gaudium*, n. 15).

Evangelizing at this time of great social transformation requires a missionary Church impelled to go forth, capable of discerning how to deal with various cultures and man's visions. Because a world in transformation needs a Church renewed and transformed by contemplation and personal contact with Christ, through the power of the Spirit. The Spirit of Christ is the source of renewal, for he enables us to discover new paths, new creative methods, various forms of expression for the evangelization of the present world. It is he who gives us the strength to undertake the missionary journey, and the joy of proclaiming the Gospel so that the light of Christ may enlighten all those who still do not know him or have rejected him. This requires of us the courage "to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel" (*Evangelii gaudium*, n. 20). Neither our weaknesses, nor our sins, nor the many obstacles that are placed in the way of witnessing and proclaiming the Gospel can hold us back. The experience of an encounter with the Lord is what spurs us on and gives us the joy of announcing him to all peoples.

The Church, which is missionary by her nature, carries out the service of charity to all as a fundamental prerogative. Universal fraternity and solidarity are connatural to her life and to her mission in the world and for the world. Evangelization, which must reach everyone, is nevertheless called to begin with the least, with the poor, with those who are weighed down by the burden and strain of life. In so doing the Church prolongs the mission of Christ himself, who "came in order that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). The Church is the people of the Beatitudes, the home of the poor, of the afflicted, of the excluded and persecuted, of those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. You are asked to work and endeavour so that the ecclesial community may be ready to receive the poor with preferential love, keeping the doors of the Church open so that all may enter and find refuge therein.

The Pontifical Mission Societies are the privileged instrument which draws attention to and generously takes care of the *missio ad gentes*. Therefore, I turn to you who are inspirers and educators of the missionary conscience of the local Churches, who promote missionary

co-responsibility with patient perseverance. There is a great need for priests, consecrated people and lay faithful who, gripped by the love of Christ, are branded by passion for the Kingdom of God and who are ready to set out on the way of evangelization.

I thank you for your most valuable service, which is dedicated to spreading the Kingdom of God so that the love and light of Christ may reach every corner of the Earth. May Mary, the Mother of the living Gospel, accompany you on your journey of promoting evangelization. May my blessing also accompany you and your collaborators also accompany you. Thank you.

FRANCISCUS

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

Your Excellency,
Dear Friends of the Superior Council,

I would like to express my warm welcome to all of You dear Directors, the old and especially the new that are part of the family of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The Secretariat of Holy Childhood is pleased to assure you as from now its full cooperation for the well-being of the children in the world!

“Many children carry out works of solidarity among their peers in their parishes, thus widening the horizons of their brotherhood. Dear children, with your prayers and commitment you collaborate in the mission of the Church. Thank you for this and I give you my blessing”. With these words on January 6th, Pope Francis recalled the Day of Missionary Childhood. These few lines summarize the elements that form this Society:

- 1) it is a society rooted in its territory
- 2) children are the protagonists and not adults
- 3) solidarity is an essential element in the formation and action of these children
- 4) it is a Society of children for other children
- 5) prayer occupies a very important place
- 6) it is a missionary society and not a charity fund or a Christian NGO
- 7) it is a pontifical Society that operates in the name of the Holy Father

All these implicitly or explicitly elements were already in the mind of the founder, who asked children for prayer and sacrifice to help the needy children in China, many of whom died without receiving baptism. And here, again, we recall the Holy Father's word in the

encyclical “Lumen Fidei” with regards to the family and the importance of infant baptism.

That said I would like, first of all, to thank all the national directors who last year organized special celebrations to mark the 170th anniversary of the founding of Holy Childhood. I read in Your report that the initiatives were the most diverse, from special conferences, to specific publications that trace the history of the founding of the Society, to posters, prayers, songs... even cakes! Your numerous initiatives show how in Holy Childhood groups there is a family atmosphere that helps children grow in spiritual and missionary harmony.

In 2013, the drawing competition was a way to encourage children to express their ideas and to describe what spiritual solidarity was for them; this year I would like to touch the other aspect of solidarity - the material aspect. Although the Lord sustains our mind, this mortal body needs food, water, education, shelter. And it is precisely on this point that our founder had his greatest inspiration “A Hail Mary a day, a penny a month”, that is to say we need to be missionary with prayer but also with economic sacrifice - hence the idea of a piggy bank. I am pleased to see that in places where it did not exist as a means of animation, the idea has been very much appreciated by the Directors. To You directors we have asked, therefore, to bring us a piggy bank that could represent Your country. Not because it is particular or beautiful, but because it is used, or indicative of the lived reality of the place. To all those who wanted to join this initiative, my deepest thanks. The piggy bank takes us back to the penny, the sharing, the sense of community. Children, together in their own group of Missionary Childhood, in their own parish, as Pope Francis says, save and collect the fruit of their small sacrifices, which are often for them great sacrifices, in order to send them beyond the frontiers, beyond their own continent, to help a brother or sister who lives far away.

In my 2013 Report, I presented the testimony sent to us by some of the world's children. This year, retracing Your reports, in which there are some experiences of children in Holy Childhood, I would like to reiterate a concept that is particularly at heart. Missionary Childhood is the cradle in which the love for the Lord grows. Every child is a little seed

that, if properly cared for and cultivated, can become a solid and straight tree of faith. Not necessarily life will take him to the priesthood, but will become an ambassador of God's greatness in any manner or situation his life will lead him to. Children who speak to us today, will tomorrow be the young people and adults who like the laity, or consecrated, religious or priests form the Church of tomorrow. But they are not only the Church of the future; through Holy Childhood they are the Church of the present.

In Your Reports, I have had many examples in this sense - many members of Holy Childhood children continue their journey within the Church, as a religious or lay person, becoming animators and then, eventually, choosing the path of priesthood, convent or mission. They are now committed lay people, priests, bishops. Whatever their choice, their branches bear fruit of solidarity and sharing. What can we do to make children understand the importance of the mission entrusted to them? It is necessary to speak their own language, we must act with their own means, to direct initiatives of animation on what attracts children. The better the animation, the more children will understand that they can be protagonists of the Church, are able to help their peers. Therefore, let us abandon the mentality of adults, and let us follow the indication of Our Lord and let's make ourselves young children. As I have already said many times, let us allow children to talk - even if their voice is small their words are big. A child plays with anything, a child marvels, a child creates a world out of nothing, because for him a small object can contain a great story. Let us make children feel important, let us make them understand that they can change the world, let us ensure that they are the first to announce with joy to their peers the beauty of belonging to Missionary Childhood! If a child cannot learn the way we teach, then we must teach in a way that the child can understand.

However, we must not forget that in this context it is also important to encourage children to take care of themselves not only at a spiritual level, but according to the realities of different countries, it is necessary to educate them to the importance of hygiene, sexuality, ecology, not to waste food, to the right to denounce the abuses and ill-treatment. This is when Holy Childhood thus becomes a means to train the child in the broadest sense of the term and give them the chance of a better future.

Many national Offices have had some wonderful ideas in this regard. To name a few:

- musical videos were produced on Missionary Childhood with characters in which children can identify themselves
- interactive websites were created where a child can choose a missionary character that guides him through the discovery of the reality of the world of mission
- comics were created in manga style, which are a big success among children
- songs and hymns were composed
- Gospels were made in a comic strip
- Small items such as pins, missionary bracelets in the form of beads, T-shirts, hats, etc... were created
- special campaigns were created which are interesting for children, such as Socktober in Australia (wordplay to say fight poverty, injustice etc... , which is proposed to schools), Day of Many Colours in the UK (Catholic school children are encouraged to dress in the colours of the Rosary, pray and pass the hat)
- cds with children songs or with the collaboration of important singers were produced
- a proposal was made to children to save money at Christmas to make a gift to a peer in need
- sacred songs were used to evangelize children
- mascots of Holy Childhood was created
- children were asked to put aside the gifts received for their communion in order to offer them to their peers in need

Other classic initiatives:

- many National Offices have adopted the initiative of the "Holy Hour", a special mass, often aired live, where children from all over the country contemporarily pray for the world's children
- equip children of the Holy Childhood with uniforms
- organize missionary camping
- encourage children to make collections of not only money, but also food, clothing, pens, notebooks etc...to offer to their poorest peers who live in their country
- markets in which the children themselves sell items made from

them (postcards, crafts, cakes, biscuits etc...)

- song and poem festival with competitions and prizes
- Song of the Three Kings
- Quiz on the Bible through magazines and newsletters
- agendas and Year Planner

Here I have mentioned only a few examples of what the various National Offices do in the field of animation. I will continue to highlight the need to talk among Yourselves, to exchange ideas and material, to make contact with countries that have as their language of communication a language different from yours.

I also have another request for you: this Secretariat would be happy to collect the testimonies of the children in Your country, films that affect them, photos, letters in which they express their experiences. In some pastoral reports of the national directorates I read interesting information in this sense, but many still lack the voice of children. So in addition to the necessary institutional part in which we describe the activities carried out during the year, I would be happy if you allowed children and youth to talk more, citing the most interesting examples. In this regard, as I already mentioned a few years ago, it would also be nice if you could reconstruct the history of Holy Childhood in Your country, to give our future generations a testimony of how the values transmitted by the Society have gradually taken root in all continents.

That said, before moving on to the financial side, I would like to point out that, unfortunately, this year, some dioceses are not present in our Book of Subsidies because the projects submitted were placed in DILATA. Despite this Secretariat sent every diocese and archdiocese in fault a reminder in November/December, 2013, some did not send the financial reports on the use of the previous subsidies, often related to several years. I am very sorry that due to the non-fulfilment of adults, children have to suffer.

I now come to the ADMINISTRATIVE PART:

The total amount at the disposal of the Missionary Childhood Solidarity Fund is of

US\$ 20,365.192,86

The total of the subsidy proposal considered by the General Secretariat and indicated in our subsidy book is of US\$ 17.606.780, distributed as follows:

For AFRICA	10.230.390
For LATIN AMERICA	514.000
For ASIA	6.511.290
For EUROPE	73.000
For OCEANIA	278.100
TOTAL	17.606.780

Thank you for your kind attention.

Baptistine RALAMBOARISON
Secretary General

IV
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES
(Rome, 1st- 6th June 2015)

A. HOLY FATHER'S ADDRESS TO THE PMS
NATIONAL DIRECTORS (June 5th, 2015)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am pleased to meet with all of you involved in the Pontifical Mission Societies, in service to the Church in order to carry out the missionary mandate to evangelize the people to the very ends of the earth. I thank Cardinal Filoni for his kind words.

Humanity is in such need of the Gospel, the source of joy, hope and peace. The mission to evangelize takes priority, for missionary activity is still today the Church's greatest challenge. "How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervour, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction!" (Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 261).

The proclamation of the Gospel is the primary and perpetual concern of the Church; it is her essential task, her greatest challenge and the source of her renewal. Bl. Paul VI added: "it is her vocation". Indeed, from the mission to evangelize, from its intensity and efficacy

derives the true renewal of the Church, of her structures and of her pastoral work. Without restlessness and concern for evangelization, it is impossible to develop a credible and effective pastoral approach, one that unites proclamation and human promotion. “Missionary outreach is paradigmatic for all the Church’s activity” (Evangelii Gaudium, n. 15).

Members of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies, by vocation and by ministry, yours is a challenging and privileged task: your gaze and your interest extends to the vast and universal horizons of humanity, to its geographical and above all human frontiers. With esteem and affection you accompany the life of young Churches around the world, and you animate the People of God so that they may fully live the universal mission. You know the marvels that the Holy Spirit, through these Churches, often poor in resources, is working in mankind, even through the difficulties and persecutions that they endure for their devotion and witness to the Word of God and in defence of man. In those human peripheries the Church is called to go out on the streets and to encounter those many brothers and sisters of ours who are living without the strength, light and consolation of Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without a goal in meaning and of life (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, n. 49).

The Congregation for Evangelization and the Pontifical Mission Societies are therefore the leaders of a renewed evangelization, directed at all people and in particular the poor, the least, the marginalized (cf. *ibid*, n. 198).

The Pontifical Mission Societies, by the charism that defines them, are attentive and sensitive to the needs of the missionary territories and, in particular, to the poorest groups of people. They are instruments of communion among Churches, fostering and realizing a sharing of human and economic resources. They are committed to supporting seminarians, priests and religious of the young Churches of the missionary territories in the Pontifical Colleges. Before a task as beautiful and important as the one that lies ahead of us, the faith and love of Christ have the ability to lead us far and wide to proclaim the Gospel of love, brotherhood and justice. And this is done with prayer,

with evangelical courage and with the witness of the Beatitudes. Please, be careful not to fall into the temptation of becoming an NGO, an office of distribution of ordinary and extraordinary subsidies. Money does help — we know that! — but it can also become the downfall of the Mission. Functionalism, when it is placed at the centre or when it occupies a large space, as if it were the most important thing, will lead you to ruin; for the first way to die is to take for granted the “source”, that is the One who moves the Mission. Please, with so many plans and programmes do not cut Jesus Christ out of your missionary work, which is his work. A Church that is reduced to the ‘efficiency-ism’ of the party machine is already dead, even if her structures and programmes run by the clergy and “independent” laity live on for centuries.

A true evangelization is not possible if not in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, the only One capable of renewing, stirring, impelling the Church to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples (cf. *ibid*, n. 261).

May the Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization, obtain for us always a passion for the Kingdom of God, so that the joy of the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth, and no periphery be deprived of its light. I bless you affectionately. And, please, do not forget to pray for me.

Let us pray the Angelus together.

FRANCISCUS

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

Your Excellency,
Dear Friends of the Superior Council,

I would like to express my warm welcome to all of you esteemed directors! A double welcome to you new directors who have become part of the family of the Pontifical Mission Societies. The Secretariat of the Holy Childhood Association is pleased to assure you as of now its full cooperation for the good of all the children of the world!

The Holy Father's thought contains numerous references to children. In addition to his fine words of encouragement directed to us each year at the Angelus on the occasion of the World Day of Missionary Childhood, in his Ordinary Magisterium His Holiness has repeatedly spoken about children and, therefore, in this brief report, I will limit myself to two citations which particularly struck me. For those who would like to know more, on request, a selection of texts is available.

1. We are responsible for every child in need: "Every child who is marginalized, abandoned, who lives on the street begging with every kind of trick, without schooling, without medical care, is a cry that rises up to God and denounces the system that we adults have set in place." (General Audience 8/04/2015).
2. 2.- The child has so much to teach us: "God has no difficulty in making Himself understood by children, and children have no difficulty in understanding God. It is not by chance that in the Gospel there are several very beautiful and powerful words of Jesus regarding the "little ones." This term, "babes," refers to all the people who depend on the help of others, and to children in particular." (General Audience 3/18/2015).

I think that, since more than 170 years, the Holy Childhood Association is an answer to the Holy Father's words.

Since its founding, this work has annually helped thousands

of children in their material and, above all, spiritual needs. It is good to be reminded that our ultimate goal is evangelization, both directly, through the word, and indirectly, through the witness of life and the love of neighbor. Although the material aspect is very important we must not yield to the temptation to become an exclusively humanitarian aid organization.

It is very important to emphasize this aspect. In the great body of the Church there are other organizations that are dedicated to material assistance - our specific nature, what makes us unique, is evangelization. Nowadays, this is a particularly difficult field, but we have to face this challenge.

As I have often pointed out in recent years, the protagonist of Holy Childhood must always be the child. Although the animators, parents, national and regional leaders and National Directors must accompany them, children are the real focus of this Society. And not children tout court, but children helping other children.

It is the child with his example and his enthusiasm who can engage his peers and explain to them in simple and direct words what it means to believe in God, to trust in Him, to talk about Him to others, to make small sacrifices, thus becoming a missionary in His name.

Yet this is not all. We cannot forget that children appeal not only to their peers, but rather, with their enthusiasm and initiatives they also are capable of engaging adults bringing them the gospel, bringing them back to the faith, and teaching them to give of themselves.

The adult is evangelized by the wisdom of the child, his ingenuity, his spontaneous generosity. So I ask you: how many times have you drawn near to a child thinking to learn something from him? Children have much to teach us, and I never tire of repeating: let the children speak, dispose ourselves to listen to their voice.

There are many organizations that assist children, but for us the child is not only the recipient of aid: he is primarily the agent, the one who helps his peers. In this way, the Holy Childhood Association becomes a school of life, a school of values that teaches children to share even the little they have; it teaches them that beyond the environment that is familiar to them, there is a reality of less fortunate peers, that sharing is

more important than owning, that giving is worth more than receiving, and that we are responsible for our brothers and sisters. The Society shows us how to be Christians in communion with others and that being a Christian is not a disadvantage but rather another step forward to create a better world. These are just some of the lessons that can be learned from the Missionary Childhood Association, whose strength is therefore in the values that it conveys to children - values that shape their lives and nourish their souls. This is a key aspect that distinguishes us from the NGOs. The many good priests, bishops, religious men and women committed to this Work and totally dedicated to Christ and His Church are its most eloquent witnesses.

However, it would be naive to believe that the Society could go on only with children. Thus after them, the pillars of this Society are the animators, catechists, and the entire family. Their role implies great responsibility, because it requires the testimony of life, love, teaching, and also a lot of imagination - because the child lives of imagination, he absorbs, revises and implements what the adult suggests. A well-organized and widespread animation with dynamic and charismatic leaders, who know how to transmit to the children love and a spirit of sharing, both material and spiritual, will not only make them missionaries, but will also give them the values that will make them adults aware of their role in society. Also, I think that it is essential to promote activities which are directed to all, both the rich and the poor, because we can all show, albeit to various degrees, our spirit of sharing, and we can all benefit from the prayers of others, both in wealth and in poverty.

In light of this, I would add that both the Meeting of persons in charge of Missionary Childhood of America, who convened in Aparecida (Brazil), and that of the persons in charge of Missionary Childhood of West Africa, rallied in Yamoussoukro (Ivory Coast), gave me great pleasure. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank both countries for the organizational effort and the beautiful event.

I think it was extremely important that the persons nationally in charge of Holy Childhood have had a precise time and place to meet in order to exchange ideas, projects and visions for the future. I want to clarify that they were gatherings of national leaders, that is, those

who are in direct contact with the Holy Childhood Association and not a meeting of children. Why should we not consider organizing other meetings of this kind on the various continents as it has been done in Brazil and the Ivory Coast?

Actually, this is not a new idea, because in Europe has existed, for more than 40 years, the C.E.M.E., or the Conférence de l'Enfance Missionnaire Européenne. Since 1973, every two years this Conference gathers together some National Directors and the Secretaries of the Missionary Childhood Association of Europe for a brief period.

These people, who operate on the ground, know exactly the needs and dynamics of their country's animation and, while meeting, they create bonds, share experiences and ideas, enriching the activities of each affiliate country and efficaciously supporting the apostolate of the National Offices in favor of the children. In this atmosphere of mutual exchange that seeks to take advantage of modern means of communication to keep up with the times, the C.E.M.E. is also planning to create a database of the educational resources produced by each of them, so that they can be easily accessed by each affiliated country. Therefore, it would be interesting and fruitful to organize similar meetings, inter-regional or international depending on organizational needs, in other continents every 4 or 5 years. I am convinced that this type of meetings, perhaps supported by an exchange database such as the C.E.M.E. would like to create, and also by extending an invitation to a representative of the Episcopal Conference of the respective country or the President of the Commission of Missions to attend, even if only for a day, would give the Society a step forward and the tools for an even more effective and modern animation.

Finally, I would like to say a few words about the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy. In the Bull of Indiction the Pope mentions the children and those who, like children, are little ones. Let me quote this beautiful passage of the papal document:

"We cannot escape the Lord's words to us, and they will serve as the criteria upon which we will be judged: whether we have fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, welcomed the stranger and clothed the naked, or spent time with the sick and those in prison (cf. Mt25:31-45).

Moreover, we will be asked if we have helped others to escape the doubt that causes them to fall into despair and which is often a source of loneliness; if we have helped to overcome the ignorance in which millions of people live, especially children deprived of the necessary means to free them from the bonds of poverty; if we have been close to the lonely and afflicted; if we have forgiven those who have offended us and have rejected all forms of anger and hatred that lead to violence; if we have had the kind of patience God shows, who is so patient with us; and if we have commended our brothers and sisters to the Lord in prayer. In each of these "little ones," Christ himself is present." (Misericordiae Vultus No. 15)

That is concrete material assistance and prayer, in other words, as I said at the beginning, the motto of this Society, conceived by our founder Msgr. De Forbin Janson nearly two centuries ago, fits perfectly: "a prayer a day and a penny a month" for the children. Even today, therefore, this principle is more relevant than ever. It could almost be said that if this Society had not been previously considered possible in the Church, modern circumstances and means of communication would present the occasion to create it.

In light of this, I am certain that during this new Jubilee Year there will be an abundant increase of new initiatives for events, missionary formation and cooperation with and toward children – including modern means of communication and new technologies resulting from the creative imagination that will certainly not be lacking among your National Directors and your collaborators.

Before moving on to the practical part, I am pleased to inform you that we are preparing the Annals for the years 2009-2013. This edition will be slightly different from the previous ones and it will present a more modern layout. The format will be maintained, including the division of the publication into three parts: the first, more institutional, the second devoted to the presentation of the animation activities of the various National Offices, to which will be added a new third part describing some projects before and after the aid granted by the Society.

Turning now to the practical part, there are some points that I would like to develop. First of all, this year too I would like to ask your

help to clarify and facilitate our work. As you know, the Society has several forms, which must be completed each for their own purpose. For clarity, permit me to list them:

- Ordinary Subsidy Application Form (only for Bishops)
- Form
- Form for the report on the use of the subsidy received (valid both for ordinary and extraordinary subsidy)
- Green receipt

In recent years, we have been careful in applying the rules and, in the absence of the report on the use of the subsidy received, some dioceses have been put "in dilata". This is because sending these reports is very important not only at the administrative level, but also for animation purposes. As many of you can imagine, for the paying National Offices, it is very important to receive these reports both for the sake of the tax requirements and in order to respond to the benefactors about the outcome of the project which they have taken to heart. This is because the reality in which we live increasingly requires adequate verification that the donor's financial aid has been put to good use. This year, following our solicits from the past two years, there was much positive feedback in this regard. As you can well understand, we will continue in this direction.

Regarding the requests for aid, however: according to some comments that this Secretariat has received following the sending of the "Bozze" of the Subsidy Book – and I thank you for your collaboration – I kindly ask you to communicate to the Bishops the importance of sending a list of priorities and to remind them that the Society is based on the generosity of the children and, therefore, expensive projects should not be sent because we would not be able to respond with an adequate contribution.

Finally, concerning the payments, let me remind the National Offices who are paying, to make sure at their bank that the funds have been successfully transferred and, if not, to promptly notify this Secretariat, so that we can make the necessary arrangements and not penalize the beneficiaries.

I now come to the ADMINISTRATIVE PART:

The total amount at the disposal of the Missionary Childhood Solidarity Fund is of

US\$ 19.047.662,58

The total of the subsidy proposal considered by the General Secretariat and indicated in our subsidy book is of US\$ 16.098.620,00, distributed as follows:

For AFRICA	9.664.620,00
For LATINA AMERICA	516.500,00
For ASIA	5.583.400,00
For EUROPE	86.000,00
For OCEANIA	248.100,00
TOTAL	16.098.620,00

Thank you for your kind attention.

Baptistine RALAMBOARISON
Secretary General

V

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

(Rome, 30th May- 4th June 2016)

A. HOLY FATHER'S ADDRESS TO THE PMS NATIONAL DIRECTORS (June 4th, 2016)

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

I welcome all of you, National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies and co-workers of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. I thank Cardinal Fernando Filoni for the words he addressed to me, and all of you for your valuable service to the Church's mission to bring the Gospel "to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15).

This year our meeting is taking place on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Pontifical Missionary Union (PMU). The work was inspired by Blessed Paolo Manna, a missionary priest of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions [PIME]. Promoted by St Guido Maria Conforti, it was approved by Pope Benedict XV on 31 October 1916; and 40 years later the Venerable Pius XII raised it to the status of "Pontifical". Through the intuition of Blessed Paolo Manna and the mediation of the Apostolic See, the Holy Spirit has led the Church to have a greater awareness of her missionary nature that was brought to maturity by the

Second Vatican Ecumenical Council.

Blessed Paolo Manna understood very well that to form and educate people for the mystery of the Church and her intrinsic missionary vocation is an objective that concerns the entire holy People of God, in the different states of life and ministries. “Concerning the tasks facing the Missionary Union, some of them are of a cultural nature and others are of a spiritual nature, still others are practical and of an organizational nature. The Missionary Union has the duty to enlighten, inflame and work to organize priests and through them the faithful in order to prepare them for the missions”. These were the words of the Founder of the Pontifical Missionary Union, expressed in a historic speech at the second International Congress of the Work in 1936. However, forming bishops and priests for the mission did not mean reducing the Pontifical Missionary Union to a simple clerical reality, but to support the hierarchy in its service to the missionary outreach of the Church, inherent to everyone: the faithful and their pastors, married people and consecrated virgins, the universal Church and particular Churches. By implementing this service with their own charity, Pastors maintain the Church always and everywhere in a state of mission, which is always ultimately the work of God, in which all believers participate by virtue of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Dear National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies, the mission builds up the Church and keeps her faithful to the saving will of God. For this reason, while it is important that you worry about the collection and allocation of the funds that you diligently administer in favour of the many churches and many needy Christians, a service for which I thank you, I urge you not to limit yourself to this aspect alone. We need “mystique”. We need to grow in evangelizing passion. I am afraid — let me be frank — that your work is very organizational, perfectly organizational, but lacks passion. This can even make it an NGO, but you are not an NGO! Without passion your Union is not needed; without “mystique” it is not useful. And if we have to sacrifice something, let us sacrifice the organization, let us move forward with the mystique of the Saints. Today, your missionary Union needs this: the mystique of the Saints and Martyrs. And this generous work of ongoing formation for the mission is what you must undertake; which is not just an intellectual course, but intrinsic to this wave of missionary passion,

of the martyrs’ witness.

The recently founded Churches — which you help with ongoing missionary formation — can transmit to the older established Churches, which are sometimes burdened by their history and a bit tired, the ardour of a young faith and the witness of Christian hope, sustained by the admirable courage of martyrdom. I encourage you to serve the Churches with great love, the Churches which, thanks to the martyrs, witness to us how the Gospel makes us participants in the life of God, and do so through attraction not proselytism.

In this Holy Year of Mercy, the missionary zeal that consumed Blessed Paolo Manna, and from which the Pontifical Missionary Union sprang, still continues today to kindle, excite, renew, rethink and reform the service that this Work is called to offer to the whole Church. Your Union must not be the same next year: it has to change in this direction, it must be reshaped by this missionary passion. While we thank the Lord for your one hundred years, I hope that the passion for God and for the mission of the Church will lead the Pontifical Missionary Union to also rethink — in docility to the Holy Spirit — in the perspective of an appropriate reform of its methods, an appropriate reform: namely conversion and reform, so as to implement authentic renewal for the good of ongoing formation for the mission of all the Churches. With gratitude, we entrust your service to the Virgin Mary, Queen of the Missions, and to the Sts Peter and Paul, St Guido Maria Conforti and Blessed Paolo Manna. I cordially bless you and ask you please to pray for me, that I may not drift into “blissful stillness”; that I too may have missionary zeal to move forward.

Let us now pray the Angelus together.

FRANCISCUS

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

Your Excellency,
Dear Friends of the Superior Council,

we are gathered together here, as we do regularly, to assess a year of work in favor of the world's children. First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for your valuable collaboration during the year and for your animation work aimed at making the children of your country understand that their prayers and acts of sharing can move mountains. My cordial greetings go to all the participants in this Assembly and a warm welcome to those who are attending for the first time. As always, I remind you that the International Secretariat of the Missionary Childhood is at your complete disposal. I am sure that you will take advantage of this unique occasion when almost the whole world is gathered in the same room to have a profitable exchange of ideas, to present your questions, and to express your doubts.

Allow me to begin my brief intervention with the Holy Father's words spoken in St. Peter's Square on the occasion of the traditional celebration of the Holy Childhood Day which in Italy, as in many other countries around the world, takes place on the Epiphany. The Pope said that the World Day for Missionary Childhood is *"the feast of the children who, through their prayers and sacrifices, help their neediest peers by being missionaries and witnesses of brotherhood and sharing"* (H. H. Pope Francis, Angelus, January 6, 2016).

His Holiness thus describes the Missionary Childhood Day as the "feast of the children", a moment to manifest joy, even in the midst of the poverty and sufferings of this world. We also find this leitmotif of joy in the collection of Pope Francis' answers to children's questions from around the world. I would like to read you a brief passage where the Pope responds to a little girl from Albania who asked him if he liked to dance when he was a child:

"...You see, to dance is to express joy, happiness. When someone is sad he cannot dance. Children usually have one great resource: they are content. For this reason, when we are young we dance and express the joy in our hearts in this way. Even the great king David, after he took Jerusalem and made it a Holy City, he had the Ark of the Covenant solemnly brought there and he started to dance in front of it. He did not worry about formalities, he forgot about having to behave like a king and he started to dance like a little boy! But Michal, his wife, when she saw him from the window jumping and dancing, she mocked and scorned him in her heart. That woman was sick with seriousness, what I call "Michal's syndrome". People who cannot express joy are always serious. So dance when you are children so you will not be too serious when you grow up!" (Jorge Maria Bergoglio, L'amore prima del mondo – Papa Francesco scrive ai bambini [Love before the world – Pope Francis writes to children] ed. A. Spadaro, Milan, Rizzoli, 2016).

Therefore, children's joy, feasting, dancing and cheer are like an antidote to "Michal's syndrome" which characterizes adults. And it is with joy that I would like to present my yearly report to you – surely not to lessen the importance of the subjects dealt with – because joy lets us see things in a different way. It is beautiful to bring Jesus into the hearts of others with joy! The work of material mercy should always be filled with the evangelization spirit and rejoice in proclaiming the Good News.

Let me read you the simple, direct words written by a little missionary from the Philippines which are overflowing with this spirit of evangelization:

"Not all of us are rich in material wealth but some people are rich with love, with friends and people that care for them. In the Mission Congress I have learned that aside from material wealth, we have the gift to be a gift to others especially the poor. We can give love and care for others. Not only rich people are gifted to give, young as we are, we can share our gifts and be generous in our simple ways. [...] In the Congress I have also discovered that true giving means sacrificing something without expecting for a return. I am gifted to give and share my love and care, this is more than what material wealth can

offer.” (on the occasion of the Mission Congress in Quezon City, with the title “Gifted to Give in the Midst of our Poverty”).

In these simple lines this child sums up the heart of the Holy Childhood’s message perfectly: anyone can share love and solidarity with others. Children, above all, have a lot to give. Their directness and enthusiasm get their peers involved, and their simplicity and innocence overturn adults and make them reflect.

In this Year of Mercy, His Holiness Pope Francis has spoken about children often and answered their questions with the same spontaneity with which they were asked, showing that dialogue is the right instrument for getting children interested and involved.

Dialogue, therefore, is a very fundamental subject in family life, in the community and in our work. Dialogue is not one-way: it presupposes an exchange of ideas, and exchanges of ideas lead to reflection and enrichment. An incorrect dialogue, or the lack of it, creates misunderstandings, conflicts and wars.

Dialogue is one of the primary instruments for awakening children’s interest. In dialogue children feel like an active part and do not undergo teachings but rather are encouraged to look for an answer. And if they do not find the answer, they ask for it from an adult, an animator or a peer who, in turn, starts to ask questions to which he or she does not always have the answers. For giving a voice to children also means satisfying their curiosity and trying to answer their extremely direct questions, which often make us adults reflect too.

In this regard, all the National Offices come to mind that run radio programs in which children are given the chance to ask questions and get answers. I think this is a good animation instrument because the child is the receiver but also the instrument of our motto “Children Helping Children”. Children who have understood the great power within themselves to love and share will not stop at anything. But first they have to absorb the message through instruments suited to their age. Children love concrete, direct acts. They are little persons who, precisely because they are not “sick with seriousness”, as His Holiness

says, are not afraid to show their emotions, dance or ask questions.

Sometimes we think that the places where we direct our aid should only be isolated, remote and less economically advanced, whereas some testimonies indicate to us that the “civilized” places, which ought to be the stronghold of the Christian message, also need the missionary children’s aid. In this regard, I would like to read to you what His Excellency the Bishop of Puerto Maldonado writes from the Peruvian Amazon jungle:

“[...] It is precisely in the cities where we feel it is more necessary to develop and create new Missionary Childhood groups. In the indigenous and peasant world, family values are preserved more, whereas in the cities we see sadly how family unity is being lost day after day, and the first victims are the children. We think that the suffering endured by these children in the face of their parents’ abandonment and the difficulties caused by poverty can only be relieved by the solidarity and communion which are strengthened in the encounter with Christ”.

Therefore, a great poverty, which is not necessarily material but spiritual, is also hidden in the cities. Here the Holy Childhood can act with its evangelizing aspect and remind children about the beauty of sharing and the importance of prayer because in the spiritual world, geographic coordinates are relative.

What instruments, then, can awaken the children’s interest?

Reading your pastoral reports has highlighted many activities in this direction, as you will see in the Annals which will be available soon in the paper and the electronic version. Since this year’s edition is special and modernized and includes the animation carried out by the National Offices over a period of six years, you will have an interesting general overview of the various initiatives and their evolution.

Among the Directions’ different initiatives, let me point out some of them which give specific attention to making a child an active part, a subject, and not just an object of the Society’s message.

As I have already mentioned, the radio programs where space is given to the children's questions, or the reviews that allow them to write and receive answers are results of the effective instruments in evangelization. I would put summer camps together with them.

A summer camp is a way to deepen the pastoral care and, in some cases, to provide a framework for the children who do not attend school. The children who take part have the opportunity to meet peers from different realities, to tackle their little everyday challenges, to exchange views, guided by the animators, and to have a direct experience with both spiritual and concrete stimuli. In fact, this initiative, if organized carefully, enables a child to feel like an active part of the mission, to find out about the situation of his or her peers around the world, and to learn solidarity and sharing in a recreational context.

For the animation work it is always necessary to have a predetermined theme. In this regard, I found the initiative of one Direction particularly interesting which, to make it clearer, connected concepts with images. In this particular case, a train was used as the symbol of the missionary Church. The end of the line of this train is heaven, but during its voyage it visits every place in the world. Each month, during the meetings, the children build one element of the train (ticket, locomotive, tracks, wheels, etc.), and through this object, which becomes a symbol, they discover the values of Christian and missionary life.

Concerning the concept of image, comic books are another interesting, child-friendly instrument which many National Offices are adopting. Images often explain better than so many words, and the drawings used to tell a story or to accompany the liturgy are effective means of transmitting a message.

Again in this context, mascots are another good idea. Some National Offices have created, designed and adopted them for their campaigns or to accompany the children in the games or readings dedicated to them. Others have made them concrete through people who impersonate them, and they create occasions during the year to present them to the children and answer their questions.

With this we go back to dialogue, the opening subject of this

brief intervention: the actions, the children's concrete involvement, the use of simple words and subjects that are easy for their young ears to understand and, above all, concrete testimonies that serve as examples and models for them.

Children are capable of great things. All the actions they carry out are great actions done with their hearts. I am thinking of one touching testimony which I read about in one of your reports. As Christmas was approaching, a Sister in charge of a center for undernourished children announced to the 80 little recipients that for the Children's Christmas they would eat chicken. On the established day, every child brought a friend with him or her from the neighborhood to share the chicken. A meal planned for 80 children fed more than 150! This is the spirit of sharing that children teach us: they preferred to eat less and to share what little there was with their friends who rarely eat chicken at home.

We have so much to learn from children! They show us every day that a different world is possible.

Before going on to the practical part, I would just like to add, regarding the animation voyages, that in October 2015 I attended the First Conference of ASEAN National Directors and Collaborators of Holy Childhood in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. So after Brazil and the Ivory Coast, the countries of ASEAN organized this conference among the Missionary Childhood leaders who act on the terrain. As on the previous occasions, this exchange of ideas was particularly profitable and a source of enrichment for every one of the participants. In March 2016, on the other hand, I had the pleasure to take part in the regular meeting of the C.E.M.E. This year, for the first time, it gave up its historical venue in Luxembourg and took place in Zadar, Croatia.

At this point, allow me to go on to the more technical communications.

Again this year, unfortunately, some National Offices were late in sending their Pastoral and Financial Reports. Especially with regard to the Financial Report, this entailed an unavoidable delay in calculating the total amount available for financing the subsidies this year.

With regard to the subsidies, on the other hand, as always I entrust myself to you to remind the beneficiaries about the importance

of sending us the reports on their use. It would be nice if they could send them to us with the same solicitude with which they send us the requests for aid!

The same is true for the ordinary subsidies: there is a pressing need to remind the bishops that the ordinary subsidy is for promoting the Society and so it is to be used to support all the activities carried out in this direction, including the formative initiatives proposed by the National Directions.

Also, in your Pastoral Reports, there is a request for photos, descriptions and material regarding the projects financed. All of this documentation is present and can be consulted in the reserved area of the Pontifical Mission Societies' website.

I now come to the ADMINISTRATIVE PART:

The total amount at the disposal of the Missionary Childhood Solidarity Fund is of

US\$ 17.549.675,83

The total of the subsidy proposal considered by the General Secretariat and indicated in our subsidy book is of US\$ 17.014.323, distributed as follows:

For AFRICA	10.161.100 us\$
For LATINA AMERICA	557.700 us\$
For ASIA	5.980.623 us\$
For EUROPE	67.300 us\$
For OCEANIA	247.600 us\$
TOTAL	17.014.323 us\$

Thank you for your kind attention.

Baptistine RALAMBOARISON
Secretary General

VI

FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION 2014 - 2016

A. OFFERINGS COLLECTED IN 2013

List of the National Directions and amounts collected in 2013 and put at the disposal of the Higher Council of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood for the year 2014.

AFRICA

Algeria	Dinar	10.000,00	= US\$	123,00
Angola ⁴⁸	Kwanza		= US\$	53.455,15
Benin	CFA Fr.	7.645.461,00	= US\$	14.006,94
Burkina Faso ⁴⁹	CFA Fr.	14.523.907,50	= US\$	26.569,86
Burundi	Fr.		= US\$	10.000,00
Cameroon	CFA Fr.	26.497.960,00	=US\$	48.545,88
Cape Verde	Escudo	389.103,52	=US\$	4.234,56
Central African Rep.	CFA Fr.	1.615.537,00	= US\$	2.955,38
Chad	CFA Fr.	6.807.130,00	= US\$	12.451,20
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	Fr.	131.844.296,00	=US\$	140.259,88
Congo (Pop. Rep.)	CFA Fr.	5.318.290,00	=US\$	9.728,40
Egypt	Egyptian £	70.000,00	= US\$	10.000,00
Equatorial Guinea	CFA Fr.		= US\$	

⁴⁸ National Direction which also includes *São Tome' and Principe*.

⁴⁹ National Direction includes: *Burkina Faso and Niger*.

Eritrea	Nakfa	32.604,00	=US\$	1.701,07
Ethiopia	Birr		= US\$	
Gabon	CFA Fr.	6.229.075,00	=US\$	11.395,39
Ghana	Cedi	68.160,00	=US\$	22.720,00
Guinea	Fr.	26.007.200,00	=US\$	3.731,52
Guinea Bissau	CFA Fr.	557.075,00	=US\$	1.018,80
Indian Ocean ⁵⁰			= US\$	6.229,00
Ivory Coast	CFA Fr.	9.973.210,00	= US\$	18.246,00
Kenya	Shilling	2.763.632,60	=US\$	31.315,95
Lesotho	Loti	20.000,00	=US\$	1.941,75
Liberia	Dollar		= US\$	2.940,00
Madagascar	Ariary	26.740.478,00	=US\$	11.521,11
Malawi	Kwacha	1.423.316,67	=US\$	3.325,50
Mali	CFA Fr.	1.669.410,00	=US\$	3.054,00
Morocco	Dirham	29.500,00	=US\$	3.564,00
Mozambique	Metical	84.985,50	=US\$	2.732,65
Namibia	Dollar	63.651,90	=US\$	5.888,91
Nigeria	Naira	22.697.243,10	=US\$	137.559,04
Rwanda	Fr. Rw	6.558.716,00	=US\$	9.505,00
Senegal ⁵¹	CFA Fr.	2.567.287,00	=US\$	2.001,60
Sierra Leone ⁵²	Leone		= US\$	2.622,87
Southern Africa ⁵³	Rand	578.086,00	= US\$	53.725,00
Sudan	£		= US\$	
Tanzania	Shilling	44.497.811,95	=US\$	26.645,30
Togo	CFA Fr.	8.475.275,00	=US\$	15.503,56
Tunisia	Dinar		= US\$	1.500,00
Uganda	Shilling	81.139.598,00	=US\$	31.510,52
Zambia	Kwacha		= US\$	6.066,00
Zimbabwe	Dollar		= US\$	
Africa Total:			= US\$	750.294,79

AMERICA

Antilles ⁵⁴			= US\$	55.741,94
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⁵⁰ National Direction includes: Comoro Islands, Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles.

⁵¹ National Direction includes: Senegal and Mauritania.

⁵² National Direction includes: Sierra Leone and Gambia.

⁵³ National Direction includes: South African Republic, Botswana and Swaziland.

⁵⁴ The territory of the Antilles corresponds to the territories that depend on the Antilles Bishops' Conference and include: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dutch Antilles,

Argentina	Peso	58.539,00	=US\$	4.610,00
Bolivia	Boliviano		= US\$	13.820,00
Brazil	Real		= US\$	402.092,45
Canada (<i>English Sp.</i>)	Dollar	391.867,00	=US\$	349.470,00
Canada (<i>French Sp.</i>)	Dollar	150.000,00	=US\$	130.234,24
Chile	Peso	9.200.000,00	=US\$	16.000,00
Colombia	Peso	63.993.106,00	=US\$	32.433,92
Costa Rica	Colón		= US\$	3.409,47
Cuba	Peso		= US\$	158,00
Dominican Republic	Peso		= US\$	13.058,94
Ecuador	US\$	9.109,45	=US\$	9.109,45
El Salvador	Colón		= US\$	5.500,00
Guatemala	Quetzal	172.063,18	=US\$	22.031,13
Haiti	Gourde		= US\$	6.126,00
Honduras	Lempira	34.337,50	=US\$	1.683,21
Mexico	Peso	1.031.093,47	=US\$	76.377,29
Nicaragua	Cordoba		= US\$	
Panama	Balboa	1.000,00	=US\$	1.000,00
Paraguay	Guaraní		= US\$	
Peru	New Sol	434.310,00	=US\$	155.000,00
Puerto Rico	US\$	65.000,00	=US\$	65.000,00
United States of America	US\$	800.000,00	=US\$	800.000,00
Uruguay	Peso	68.440,00	=US\$	3.081,36
Venezuela	Bolívar F.	335.628,49	=US\$	8.390,00
America Total:			= US\$	2.174.327,40

ASIA

Bangladesh	Taka	297.417,00	=US\$	3.863,00
East Timor	US\$	1.560,00	=US\$	1.560,00
Holy Land ⁵⁵			= US\$	7.000,00
India	Rupee	26.369.348,00	=US\$	425.312,00
Indonesia	Rupiah		= US\$	424.477,44

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.

⁵⁵ National Direction includes: Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine.

Iran	Rial		= US\$	
Japan	Yen	45.000.000,00	=US\$	438.382,85
Kazakhstan	Tenge		= US\$	462,67
Korea	Won	107.582.685,00	=US\$	99.246,02
Laos ⁵⁶	Kip	3.565.000,00	=US\$	446,00
Lebanon	Libanese £	27.450.000,00	=US\$	18.300,00
Malaysia ⁵⁷	Ringgit	118.605,21	=US\$	37.064,13
Myanmar	Kyat	17.414.235,00	=US\$	17.414,24
Pakistan	Rupee	876.602,00	=US\$	8.594,13
Philippines	Peso	5.105.955,32	=US\$	105.277,43
Sri-Lanka	Rupee	2.947.249,68	=US\$	22.327,65
Syria	£		= US\$	
Taiwan	Dollar	2.435.682,00	=US\$	81.027,34
Thailand	Baht	1.077.847,25	=US\$	35.928,24
Turkey	Lira	2.745,00	=US\$	1.271,27
Viêt-nam	Dông		=US\$	12.700,00
Asia Total:			= US\$	1.740.654,41

EUROPE

Austria	€		= US\$	247.447,69
Belgium	€	933.737,49	=US\$	1.120.484,99
Bosnia Herzegovina	Marka	92.220,95	=US\$	65.549,04
Croatia	Kuna	674.666,38	=US\$	105.801,42
Czech Rep.	Koruna	7.920.805,27	=US\$	397.032,85
England and Wales	£	118.424,00	=US\$	174.912,00
France	€	520.000,00	=US\$	624.000,00
Germany	€	2.541.019,31	=US\$	3.500.000,00
Greece	€	1.246,48	=US\$	1.495,78
Hungary	Florin		= US\$	
Ireland	€	55.000,00	=US\$	74.250,00
Italy	€	1.070.932,14	=US\$	1.285.118,57
Luxembourg	€	103.413,16	=US\$	124.095,79
Malta	€	68.337,00	=US\$	82.004,40
Monaco	€		= US\$	
Netherlands	€	126.598,00	=US\$	151.917,60
Poland	Zloty	1.625.552,92	=US\$	485.239,68

⁵⁶ National Direction includes: *Laos and Cambodia.*⁵⁷ National Direction includes: *Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.*

Portugal	€	22.498,79	=US\$	26.998,55
Romania	Leu		= US\$	
Scandinavian countries ⁵⁸	Krone		= US\$	79.747,20
Scotland	£	45.517,04	=US\$	74.670,70
Slovakia	€	76.630,92	=US\$	91.957,10
Slovenia	€	89.903,58	=US\$	107.884,30
Spain	€	2.007.966,69	=US\$	2.409.560,03
Switzerland	Franc	1.319.313,17	=US\$	1.284.732,46
Europe Total:			= US\$	12.514.900,15

OCEANIA

Australia	A. Dollar		= US\$	3.350.552,29
New Zealand	NZ Dollar	79.208,00	=US\$	66.534,65
Pacific (CEPAC) ⁵⁹	FJD		= US\$	31.499,15
Papua-N.G. ⁶⁰	Kina	52.744,30	=US\$	19.396,97
Oceania Total:			= US\$	3.467.983,06

Total collections from N.D. for the year 2014:	US\$	20.648.159,81
Collection from Djbuti Diocese:	US\$	300,00
Collection South Sudan:	US\$	830,00
Collection from Albania:	US\$	186,00
Collection from Serbia:	US\$	366,00
TOTAL	US\$	20.649.841,81

⁵⁸ National Direction includes: *Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.*⁵⁹ 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.*⁶⁰ The amount available at the National Direction of Papua New Guinea also includes the collections of the Solomon Islands.

A. OFFERINGS COLLECTED IN 2014

List of the National Directions and amounts collected in 2014 and put at the disposal of the Higher Council of the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood for the year 2015.

AFRICA

Algeria	Dinar	10.000,00	=US\$	114,00
Angola ⁶¹	Kwanza		=US\$	61.789,32
Benin	CFA Fr.	7.873.596,00	=US\$	13.222,83
Burkina Faso ⁶²	CFA Fr.	17.000.781,15	=US\$	28.509,27
Burundi	Fr.	17.600.000,00	=US\$	11.000,00
Cameroon	CFA Fr.	26.316.590,00	=US\$	44.195,80
Cape Verde	Escudo		= US\$	1.559,63
Central African Rep.	CFA Fr.	1.653.021,00	=US\$	2.772,00
Chad	CFA Fr.	7.432.126,00	=US\$	12.462,41
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	Fr.		= US\$	149.620,00
Congo (Pop. Rep.)	CFA Fr.	7.666.881,00	=US\$	12.856,80
Egypt	Egyptian £	84.150,00	=US\$	11.000,00
Equatorial Guinea	CFA Fr.	225.500,00	=US\$	378,70
Eritrea	Nakfa	31.943,00	=US\$	1.527,79
Ethiopia	Birr	6.285,65	=US\$	314,28
Gabon	CFA Fr.	5.171.625,00	=US\$	8.672,50
Ghana	Cedi	83.889,00	=US\$	21.510,00
Guinea	Fr.	39.748.000,00	=US\$	5.476,99
Guinea Bissau	CFA Fr.	455.750,00	=US\$	764,26
Indian Ocean ⁶³			= US\$	3.000,00
Ivory Coast	CFA Fr.	7.445.860,00	=US\$	12.486,25
Kenya	Shilling	4.482.606,35	=US\$	47.185,00
Lesotho	Loti		= US\$	2.300,00
Liberia	Dollar		= US\$	2.800,00
Madagascar	Ariary	22.238.381,70	=US\$	7.502,52
Malawi	Kwacha	2.839.185,61	=US\$	6.309,30
Mali	CFA Fr.	1.689.625,00	=US\$	2.833,39
Morocco	Dirham	14.000,00	=US\$	1.454,00

⁶¹ National Direction which also includes São Tomé and Príncipe.

⁶² National Direction includes: Burkina Faso and Niger.

⁶³ National Direction includes: Comoro Islands, Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles.

Mozambique	Metical		= US\$	3.596,26
Namibia	Dollar	67.234,14	=US\$	5.577,62
Nigeria	Naira	23.342.020,00	=US\$	117.296,58
Rwanda	Fr. Rw	7.453.107,00	=US\$	10.497,00
Senegal ⁶⁴	CFA Fr.	13.301.226,00	=US\$	22.304,70
Sierra Leone ⁶⁵	Leone		= US\$	4.090,70
Southern Africa ⁶⁶	Rand	801.782,00	=US\$	68.237,00
Sudan	£		= US\$	
Tanzania	Shilling	53.665.272,50	=US\$	29.808,48
Togo	CFA Fr.	10.169.646,00	=US\$	17.052,76
Tunisia	Dinar		= US\$	500,00
Uganda	Shilling	93.844.335,00	=US\$	31.177,52
Zambia	Kwacha		= US\$	7.250,00
Zimbabwe	Dollar		= US\$	3.000,00
Africa Total:			= US\$	794.005,66

AMERICA

Antilles ⁶⁷			= US\$	54.359,60
Argentina	Peso	73.997,00	=US\$	4.722,20
Bolivia	Boliviano		= US\$	16.930,00
Brazil	Real	1.009.947,70	=US\$	301.476,93
Canada (English Sp.)	Dollar	507.383,00	=US\$	403.710,00
Canada (French Sp.)	Dollar	70.000,00	=US\$	55.776,89
Chile	Peso	11.340.000,00	=US\$	18.000,00
Colombia	Peso	56.600.820,00	=US\$	22.436,24
Costa Rica	Colón	2.470.763,00	=US\$	4.624,73
Cuba	Peso		= US\$	96,55
Dominican Republic	Peso		= US\$	8.505,43
Ecuador	US\$	11.360,21	=US\$	11.360,21
El Salvador	Colón		= US\$	3.357,31

⁶⁴ National Direction includes: Senegal and Mauritania.

⁶⁵ National Direction includes: Sierra Leone and Gambia.

⁶⁶ National Direction includes: South African Republic, Botswana and Swaziland.

⁶⁷ 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.

Guatemala	Quetzal	154.664,88	=US\$	19.956,75
Haiti	Gourde		= US\$	1.090,60
Honduras	Lempira		= US\$	
Mexico	Peso	1.305.716,64	=US\$	81.607,29
Nicaragua	Cordoba		= US\$	
Panama	Balboa	1.500,00	=US\$	1.500,00
Paraguay	Guaraní	7.741.600,00	=US\$	1.613,00
Peru	New Sol	579.313,00	=US\$	193.750,00
Puerto Rico	US\$	55.000,00	=US\$	55.000,00
United States of America	US\$	1.000.000,00	=US\$	1.000.000,00
Uruguay	Peso	155.733,00	=US\$	6.368,00
Venezuela	Bolívar F.	631.709,70	=US\$	12.386,00
America Total:			= US\$	2.278.627,73

ASIA

Bangladesh	Taka	348.240,00	=US\$	4.583,00
East Timor	US\$	1.500,00	=US\$	1.500,00
Holy Land ⁶⁸			= US\$	7.000,00
India	Rupee	29.822.702,00	=US\$	481.011,00
Indonesia	Rupiah		= US\$	289.975,23
Iran	Rial		= US\$	778,00
Japan	Yen	45.000.000,00	=US\$	372.639,94
Kazakhstan	Tenge		= US\$	237,33
Korea	Won	119.733.955,00	=US\$	104.845,85
Laos ⁶⁹	Kip	4.015.000,00	=US\$	502,00
Lebanon	Libanese £		= US\$	13.500,00
Malaysia ⁷⁰	Ringgit	138.371,10	=US\$	38.436,42
Myanmar	Kyat	17.183.592,00	=US\$	15.621,45
Pakistan	Rupee	825.593,00	=US\$	8.105,17
Philippines	Peso	6.372.732,94	=US\$	132.765,27
Sri-Lanka	Rupee	3.053.629,89	=US\$	22.788,28
Syria	£		= US\$	
Taiwan	Dollar	3.955.340,00	=US\$	126.631,66
Thailand	Baht	1.137.400,25	=US\$	35.543,76

68 National Direction includes: *Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine.*69 National Direction includes: *Laos and Cambodia.*70 National Direction includes: *Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.*

Turkey	Lira	2.320,00	=US\$	892,31
Viêt-nam	Đồng		=US\$	12.310,00
Asia Total:			= US\$	1.669.666,67

EUROPE

Austria	€		= US\$	
Belgium	€	576.733,17	=US\$	634.406,48
Bosnia Herzegovina	Marka	78.320,72	=US\$	44.049,90
Croatia	Kuna	626.587,18	=US\$	90.809,74
Czech Rep.	Koruna	8.249.137,42	=US\$	323.749,51
England and Wales	£	112.571,00	=US\$	171.558,00
France	€	251.700,00	=US\$	276.870,00
Germany	€	3.189.647,32	=US\$	3.500.000,00
Greece	€	1.485,00	=US\$	1.633,50
Hungary	Florin		= US\$	5.000,00
Ireland	€	47.500,00	=US\$	50.825,00
Italy	€	928.309,01	=US\$	1.021.139,91
Luxembourg	€	110.177,98	=US\$	121.195,78
Malta	€	113.250,00	=US\$	124.575,00
Monaco	€		= US\$	
Netherlands	€	235.632,00	=US\$	259.195,20
Poland	Zloty	1.633.475,48	=US\$	429.861,97
Portugal	€	27.974,55	=US\$	30.772,01
Romania	Leu		= US\$	
Scandinavian countries ⁷¹	Krone		= US\$	53.390,70
Scotland	£	48.665,38	=US\$	74.360,70
Slovakia	€	72.059,20	=US\$	79.265,12
Slovenia	€	126.954,37	=US\$	139.649,81
Spain	€	2.733.972,39	=US\$	3.007.369,63
Switzerland	Franc	1.532.421,30	=US\$	1.576.712,59
Europe Total:			= US\$	12.016.390,55

OCEANIA

Australia	A. Dollar		= US\$	2.381.344,44
New Zealand	NZ Dollar		= US\$	66.057,58

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

Pacific (CEPAC) ⁷² FJD		= US\$	22.090,10
Papua-N.G. ⁷³ Kina	36.898,69	=US\$	14.021,50
Oceania Total:		= US\$	2.483.513,62

Total collections from N.D. for the year 2015:	US\$	19.242.204,23
Collection from Djbuti Diocese:	US\$	400,00
Collection South Sudan:	US\$	408,00
Collection from Albania:	US\$	100,00
Collection from Serbia:	US\$	271,10
TOTAL	US\$	19.243.383,33

⁷² 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.

⁷³ The amount available at the National Direction of Papua New Guinea also includes the collections of the Solomon Islands.

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AFRICA

Algeria	Dinar	12.000,00	=US\$	113,21
Angola ⁷⁴	Kwanza		= US\$	31.243,62
Benin	CFA Fr.	8.754.005,00	=US\$	14.701,38
Burkina Faso ⁷⁵	CFA Fr.	15.354.740,00	=US\$	25.748,97
Burundi	Fr.	23.575.000,00	=US\$	11.500,00
Cameroon	CFA Fr.	29.215.150,00	=US\$	49.063,30
Cape Verde	Escudo		= US\$	1.797,07
Central African Rep.	CFA Fr.	2.011.702,00	=US\$	3.378,10
Chad	CFA Fr.	10.680.245,00	=US\$	17.908,95
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	Fr.	149.740.392,78	=US\$	162.761,22
Congo (Pop. Rep.)	CFA Fr.	9.730.715,00	=US\$	16.317,40
Egypt	Egyptian £	88.300,00	=US\$	10.000,00
Equatorial Guinea	CFA Fr.		= US\$	
Eritrea	Nakfa		= US\$	1.788,60
Ethiopia	Birr	8.883,93	=US\$	444,20
Gabon	CFA Fr.	3.644.825,00	=US\$	6.112,15
Ghana	Cedi	103.400,00	=US\$	25.850,00
Guinea	Fr.	22.509.000,00	=US\$	2.922,25
Guinea Bissau	CFA Fr.	867.965,00	=US\$	1.455,50
Indian Ocean ⁷⁶			= US\$	3.400,00
Ivory Coast	CFA Fr.	8.134.950,00	=US\$	13.641,82
Kenya	Shilling	3.067.729,00	=US\$	30.677,29
Lesotho	Loti	27.140,00	=US\$	2.300,00
Liberia	Dollar		= US\$	3.360,00
Madagascar	Ariary	29.483.699,25	=US\$	9.230,15
Malawi	Kwacha	5.065.097,30	=US\$	7.133,94
Mali	CFA Fr.	1.732.720,00	=US\$	2.905,66
Morocco	Dirham	15.100,00	=US\$	1.512,00

⁷⁴ National Direction which also includes São Tome' and Principe.

⁷⁵ National Direction includes: Burkina Faso and Niger.

⁷⁶ National Direction includes: Comoro Islands, Réunion, Mauritius, Seychelles.

Mozambique	Metical	153.999,55	=US\$	3.251,67
Namibia	Dollar	96.218,99	=US\$	6.288,82
Nigeria	Naira	23.883.901,29	=US\$	73.943,97
Rwanda	Fr. Rw	9.706.451,00	=US\$	12.210,00
Senegal ⁷⁷	CFA Fr.	3.744.436,00	=US\$	6.337,10
Sierra Leone ⁷⁸	Leone		= US\$	3.850,50
Southern Africa ⁷⁹	Rand	886.011,00	=US\$	56.326,00
Sudan	£		= US\$	
Tanzania	Shilling	67.209.024,00	=US\$	30.689,05
Togo	CFA Fr.	9.342.368,00	=US\$	15.665,55
Tunisia	Dinar		= US\$	
Uganda	Shilling	109.855.759,50	=US\$	32.405,83
Zambia	Kwacha	84.834,14	=US\$	7.376,00
Zimbabwe	Dollar		= US\$	
Africa Total:			= US\$	705.611,27

AMERICA

Antilles ⁸⁰			= US\$	61.664,67
Argentina	Peso		= US\$	7.494,94
Bolivia	Boliviano		= US\$	21.133,00
Brazil	Real	1.100.099,71	=US\$	285.740,18
Canada (<i>English Sp.</i>)	Dollar	492.615,00	=US\$	360.890,00
Canada (<i>French Sp.</i>)	Dollar	170.000,00	=US\$	135.512,00
Chile	Peso		= US\$	10.000,00
Colombia	Peso	71.702.562,00	=US\$	23.895,84
Costa Rica	Colón		= US\$	4.813,00
Cuba	Peso		= US\$	97,08
Dominican Republic	Peso		= US\$	22.482,59
Ecuador	US\$	11.512,70	=US\$	11.512,70
El Salvador	Colón		= US\$	6.460,79

⁷⁷ National Direction includes: *Senegal and Mauritania.*

⁷⁸ National Direction includes: *Sierra Leone and Gambia.*

⁷⁹ National Direction includes: *South African Republic, Botswana and Swaziland.*

⁸⁰ 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.*

Guatemala	Quetzal	214.260,00	=US\$	27.646,45
Haiti	Gourde		= US\$	1.421,00
Honduras	Lempira	24.271,90	=US\$	1.066,89
Mexico	Peso	1.494.847,47	=US\$	80.802,57
Nicaragua	Cordoba		= US\$	
Panama	Balboa	2.000,00	=US\$	2.000,00
Paraguay	Guaraní	10.658.800,00	=US\$	1.863,00
Peru	New Sol	641.080,00	=US\$	188.000,00
Puerto Rico	US\$	65.000,00	=US\$	65.000,00
United States of America	US\$	1.100.000,00	=US\$	1.100.000,00
Uruguay	Peso	157.950,00	=US\$	4.786,36
Venezuela	Bolívar F.	1.093.943,80	=US\$	1.093,94
America Total:			= US\$	2.425.377,00

ASIA

Bangladesh	Taka	355.639,00	=US\$	4.619,00
East Timor	US\$	2.500,00	=US\$	2.500,00
Holy Land ⁸¹			= US\$	7.500,00
India	Rupee	29.671.097,00	=US\$	478.566,00
Indonesia	Rupiah	5.315.596.974,24	=US\$	398.172,06
Iran	Rial		= US\$	350,00
Japan	Yen	75.000.000,00	=US\$	621.838,98
Kazakhstan	Tenge	50.000,00	=US\$	200,00
Korea	Won	121.288.824,00	=US\$	97.186,56
Laos ⁸²	Kip		=US\$	615,00
Lebanon	Libanese £		= US\$	13.500,00
Malaysia ⁸³	Ringgit	157.880,72	=US\$	37.148,40
Myanmar	Kyat	19.752.495,00	=US\$	16.190,57
Pakistan	Rupee	1.395.840,00	=US\$	13.703,51
Philippines	Peso	5.526.390,37	=US\$	111.644,25
Sri-Lanka	Rupee	3.127.279,93	=US\$	21.717,22
Syria	£		= US\$	
Taiwan	Dollar	2.418.185,00	=US\$	73.770,13
Thailand	Baht	1.107.653,25	=US\$	30.768,15

⁸¹ National Direction includes: *Cyprus, Israel, Jordan and Palestine.*

⁸² National Direction includes: *Laos and Cambodia.*

⁸³ National Direction includes: *Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.*

Turkey	Lira	= US\$	759,17
Việt-Nam	Đồng	=US\$	52.200,00
Asia Total:		= US\$	1.982.949,00

EUROPE

Austria	€	= US\$	
Belgium	€	=US\$	660.849,32
Bosnia Herzegovina	Marka	=US\$	36.927,47
Croatia	Kuna	=US\$	89.821,29
Czech Rep.	Koruna	=US\$	360.036,77
England and Wales	£	=US\$	183.191,00
France	€	=US\$	103.400,00
Germany	€	=US\$	3.500.000,00
Greece	€	= US\$	
Hungary	Florin	= US\$	
Ireland	€	=US\$	26.400,00
Italy	€	=US\$	1.031.426,09
Luxembourg	€	=US\$	134.996,97
Malta	€	=US\$	217.845,10
Monaco	€	= US\$	
Netherlands	€	=US\$	156.754,40
Poland	Zloty	=US\$	385.451,28
Portugal	€	=US\$	31.863,60
Romania	Leu	= US\$	
Scandinavian countries ⁸⁴	Krone	= US\$	60.397,70
Scotland	£	=US\$	58.978,89
Slovakia	€	=US\$	81.265,82
Slovenia	€	=US\$	96.762,06
Spain	€	=US\$	2.470.262,88
Switzerland	Franc	=US\$	1.442.371,60
Europe Total:		= US\$	11.129.002,24

OCEANIA

Australia	A. Dollar	=US\$	1.325.943,00
New Zealand	NZ Dollar	=US\$	68.536,47

⁸⁴ National Direction includes: *Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.*

Pacific (CEPAC) ⁸⁵ FJD	121.139,59	=US\$	59.091,90
Papua-N.G. ⁸⁶ Kina	23.830,75	=US\$	7.387,53
Oceania Total:		= US\$	1.460.958,90

Total collections from N.D. for the year 2016:	US\$	17.703.898,41
Collection from Djbuti Diocese:	US\$	400,00
Collection from Albania:	US\$	666,50
Collection from Serbia:	US\$	421,30
TOTAL	US\$	17.705.386,21

⁸⁵ 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.*

⁸⁶ The amount available at the National Direction of Papua New Guinea also includes the collections of the Solomon Islands.

D. NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2014

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total
Pastoral care of children (ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses)	283	18	107	0	8	416
Missionary animation and formation	36	7	13	1	0	57
Christian formation	199	14	64	2	7	286
Pre-school education	123	4	53	4	1	185
Scholastic education	492	29	613	4	10	1.148
Protection of life	342	15	239	7	4	607

E. NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2015

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total
Pastoral care of children (ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses)	279	22	131	0	6	438
Missionary animation and formation	42	9	20	0	1	72
Christian formation	204	14	71	4	7	300
Pre-school education	94	4	51	4	1	154
Scholastic education	501	23	661	5	11	1.201
Protection of life	394	21	199	10	6	630

F. NUMBER OF PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2016

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total
Pastoral care of children (ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses)	291	24	131	0	6	452
Missionary animation and formation	33	16	15	1	0	65
Christian formation	225	14	71	4	6	320
Pre-school education	110	4	49	2	2	167
Scholastic education	506	23	642	4	12	1.187
Protection of life	387	18	253	4	5	667

G. DISTRIBUTION TABLE OF SUBSIDIES APPROVED IN 2014 (IN US\$)

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total	%
Ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses	2.264.000	144.000	856.000	0	64.000	3.328.000	16,86
Extraordinary subsidies	9.346.990	454.000	6.180.890	69.000	230.100	16.280.980	82,50
Subsidies for National Directions	81.028,01	21.400,00	10.500,00	13.000,00	0	125.928,01	0,64
Total	11.692.018,01	619.400,00	7.047.390,00	82.000,00	294.100,00	19.734.908,01	100
%	59,25	3,14	35,71	0,41	1,49	100,00	

H. DISTRIBUTION TABLE OF SUBSIDIES APPROVED IN 2015 (IN US\$)

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total	%
Ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses	2.232.000	176.000	1.048.000	0	48.000	3.504.000	18,75
Extraordinary subsidies	8.841.920	427.500	5.242.500	86.000	442.100	15.040.020	80,47
Subsidies for National Directions	78.600,67	25.920,00	29.860,00	10.780,00	400,00	145.560,67	0,78
Total	11.152.520,67	629.420,00	6.320.360,00	96.780,00	490.500,00	18.689,580,67	100
%	59,67	3,37	33,82	0,52	2,62	100,00	

I. DISTRIBUTION TABLE OF SUBSIDIES APPROVED IN 2016 (IN US\$)

Projects	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Oceania	Total	%
Ordinary subsidies for mission dioceses	2.328.000	192.000	1.048.000	0	48.000	3.616.000	19,40
Extraordinary subsidies	8.742.010	490.300	5.375.073	72.300	199.600	14.879.283	79,85
Subsidies for National Directions	75.693,44	38.118,00	26.200,00	0	0	140.011,44	0,75
Total	11.145.703,44	720.418,00	6.449.273,00	72.300,00	247.600,00	18.635.294,44	100
%	59,81	3,86	34,61	0,39	1,33	100,00	

VII

**ACTIVITIES
OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

YEAR 2014

(January - December)

As part of the activities carried out for the promotion of the Work, Dr. Baptistine Ralamboarison, General Secretary of POSI, participated in the following events:

- January 25: As part of a program dedicated to Missionary Childhood, the Spanish television station, 13TV, aired an interview conducted by its correspondent in Rome, Rev. Fr. Evaristo San Miguel, to the Secretary General.
- January 27: An interview was released online by Dr. Ralamboarison to journalist, Ángeles Conde, correspondent of the Rome Reports TV News Agency.
- March 16 - 19: She flew to Luxembourg to attend the C.E.M.E. meeting on the theme: “Si vous ne devenez comme les petits enfants... (Mt 18:3) Les enfants nous mettent en défi” (“Unless you become like children... (Mt 18:3) Children challenge us”)
- May 23 - 25: She attended the First Missionary Childhood and Adolescence American Congress held in the National Shrine of Aparecida, in Brazil, which was attended by

participants from 17 countries.

- July 24 -28: She participated in Missionary Childhood's International Gathering of the national leaders of French-speaking Africa, which took place in Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast, on the theme, "Laissez venir à moi les petits enfants, ne les empêchez pas" ("Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them"), from Mark 10:14



First Missionary Childhood and Adolescence American Congress held in the National Shrine of Aparecida, Brazil



*Gathering of the national leaders of French-speaking Africa
Yamoussoukro, Ivory Coast*

YEAR 2015*(January - December)*

As part of the activities carried out for the promotion of the Work, Dr. Baptistine Ralamboarison, General Secretary of POSI, participated in the following events:

- January 26 - 27: She flew to Dublin, Ireland, to attend the Steering Committee meeting of C.E.M.E., in preparation for a meeting to be held next year in March, and which will take place in Croatia.
- March 2-6: She went to Havana, Cuba, to be present at the Continental Meeting of Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies.
- October 5 - 7: she attended the first Conference of Directors and National Collaborators held by the Society of Missionary Childhood of ASEAN countries (Association of Southeast Asian Nations), which took place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.



*first Conference of Directors and National Collaborators held
by the Society of Missionary Childhood of ASEAN countries
Phnom Penh, Cambodia*



*Continental Meeting of Directors of the
Pontifical Mission Societies
La Habana, Cuba*

YEAR 2016

(January - December)

As part of the activities carried out for the promotion of the Work, Dr. Baptistine Ralamboarison, General Secretary of POSI, participated in the following events:

- February 9: She gave a report on the work of POSI during the orientation course held at C.I.A.M. for the Spanish speaking Diocesan Directors of PP.OO.MM.
- March 6 - 9: she flew to Zadar, Croatia, to attend the C.E.M.E meeting entitled "...he rose; took the child and his mother"(Mt 2:14).
- On May 12th, she carried out a fruitful exchange of impressions in the seat of the Pontifical Mission Society Religious Mission Foundation Italy.
- July 2: she attended the musical "Enquête au Vatican" in Luxembourg, which was organized by a group of young people from Missio Luxembourg as a new and current way encouraging missionary activity among their peers.
- October 5 - 7: she attended C.E.M.E.'s Steering Committee meeting in preparation for the gathering to be held in Malta in 2018.
- Also in October: on the occasion of World Mission Day, Dr. Ralamboarison was interviewed by the French editorial staff of Vatican Radio.

VIII

ACTIVITIES AND WITNESSES
OF THE
MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD
IN THE WORLD

YEARS 2014 - 2016

NOTES TO THIS EDITION

This publication reports on the activities and the most specific, significant initiatives carried out by the National Offices between 2014-2016. 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



ALGERIA



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The Christian presence is minimal in the country. It is composed of priests, religious, lay people, and a small number of sub-Saharan African students. There are no Christian families nor children, thus there is no MC activity.

The activity within the dioceses is focused on interreligious dialogue and the services that the Christian Church offers to the Algerian Muslim population. In some of the regions of the dioceses, religious men and women take care of disabled children and religious women help in the formation of the teachers in the centers for the disabled. Others, be it in the home or in libraries, offer educational courses to children of poor families.

YEAR 2014

End of the Year
feast at El Menia
Parish (Diocese
of Laghouat -
Ghardaia)



YEAR 2015

les ENFANTS du SOLEIL

In the parish of El Menia, the Notre Dame Sisters taught French classes to children. In the picture are boys from the **LES ENFANTS DU SOLEIL GROUPE, Muslim missionaries** who have started corresponding with **LES ENFANTS DE LA PLUIE**, a group of children from Normandy, France.



les ENFANTS de la PLUIE

YEAR 2016



Didactic activity
at EL MENIA

ANGOLA and SÃO TOME'



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. In the country, there are HC as well as the LIGA Youth Missionary activities present. Nevertheless, the Society is not present in all the dioceses.

YEAR 2016



Both the MCA as well as the LIGA are growing, and the unification of their distinctions to promote cooperation is being considered.

NEWS: THE MISSIONARY FAMILIES has been created to attend to the young couples who wish to continue their Christian missionary journey.

25-28 August: One of the **FIRST NATIONAL DAYS OF THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES** with the theme "Chamados a fazer brilhar a Palayrada Verdade" (Called to make the Word of Truth Shine) in the Center for Professional Formation of Longua/Catumbela, Diocese of Banguelas.



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

BENIN

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. In the parishes there are movements that promote the HC. Among the most important are, the Mouvement d'Apostolat des Enfants du Bénin (MADEB), Les chorales d'Enfants, Les servants de messe (Samuel), Les Amis de Dominique Savio (DS) and Les groupes de prières d'enfants. In some dioceses, the HC is the driving force of the missionary animation. The course of action to follow is traced out by the General Assembly together with the **Children's Christmas** celebration and the great annual meeting of the diocesan days of the HC on December 28 and 29 of every year.

BROCHURE CAMPAGNE OF THE YEAR: In some dioceses this is used to awaken the missionary spirit of the children. Through this instrument, the children are formed to make concrete acts, reflect on their faith, organize missionary marches to find other children, visit the sick, and bring moral help.

YEAR 2014

In **June**, more than 2,000 children gathered at the Cathedral of Saint Pierre and Saint Paul in Parakou to celebrate the Jubilee of 70 years of evangelization in Borgou through a pilgrimage. In July, they met again in the Parish of Saint Bernard de Malanzi (Porto-Novo) where more than 300 children from various movements came together.

From July 22nd to 24th a **training camp for children** of the MADEB Tori sector was organized with the theme "Child of MADEB through your actions be the light of Christ in the world".

AFRICAN CHILD'S DAY: As part of a Salesian Sisters' project to give professional training to young inmates, the Don Bosco Missionary Sisters organized *recreational and professional events in the minors' quarters of the Cotonou civil prison.*

For the occasion, 24 young people received **certificates of training accomplished** for shoe lining and bag making.



missionary
children of the
Diocese of N'Dali



BURKINA FASO and NIGER



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. In the country, they celebrate the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK** aduring which there are gatherings, recreational evenings, conferences, fraternal dinners, visits to the sick, etc, which culminate with the Sunday celebration. For the occasion, *a promotional file of the Missionary Childhood week* is developed, and at times it is translated by the Dioceses into the local languages.

In the dioceses there are plurality of experiences and the **activities** are **spiritual and liturgical** - Mass, meditation, bible camps, etc. - **charitable** - "Journée de la salubrité" cleaning of places of worship and public places, visit to the sick etc. - **missionary** - missionary outings, biblical evenings, drawing competition, etc. - and **recreational** - sports competitions, trips etc. The exchange of experiences between dioceses is very important.

YEAR 2014

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: It was celebrated this year on February 9th, with the theme "*Malheur à moi enfants, se j'annonce pas l'Evangile!*" It is a personal theme that invites every child to take responsibility for announcing the good news, first of all with their own example of life. In the dioceses where it coincided with other events, they changed the date in agreement with the bishop. The Mass was animated by the presence of the children.

Some interesting experiences :

Trouver un ami pour Jésus: each child must find a Catholic or non-Catholic friend to participate in the activities of the week.

Soirée biblique: the children present songs, poems, or plays inspired by the Bible.

Partage de documents religieux (Bible, New Testament): his activity gives Catholic children the opportunity to share these religious documents with children of other religions.

Formation of Animators: Theses are many meetings at the national level (they themselves prepare the dossiers for the Day of the HC) to coordinate the activities at the diocesan and parish level.



YEAR 2015

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK: the theme was "*Enfants, soyez miséricordieux comme votre Père est miséricordieux*" (*Children be merciful, as your Father is merciful*). Each parish organized various initiatives during the week, such as animation of the Mass, donating clothes and soap, cleaning both public and places of worship, fundraising, missionary outings, viewing of religious films, etc.

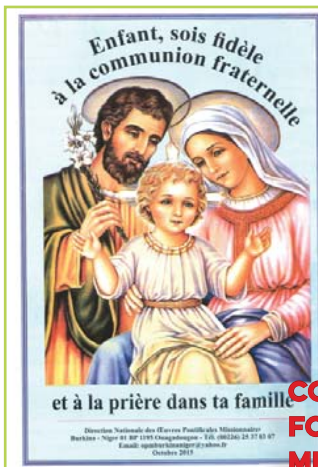
The **true and proper day of the MC** was celebrated this year on January 25th, 2015 in most of the Dioceses. The Dioceses of Niger could not celebrate it because of the socio-political and religious crisis that hit the country at that time.

There is the formation of animators at both the diocesan and parish levels.





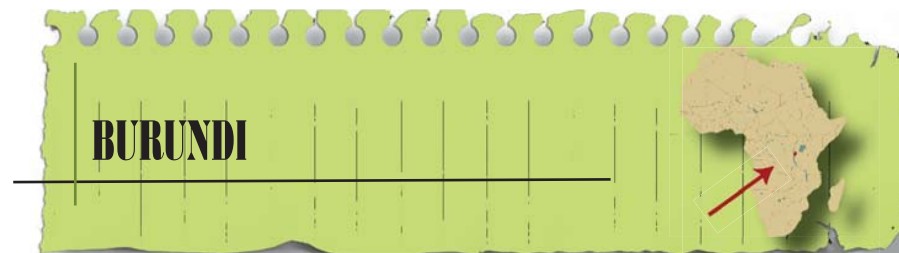
MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD WEEK: Theme of the year “*Enfant, sois fidèle à la communion fraternelle et à la prière*” (Children, be faithful to fraternal communion and to prayer). It was celebrated on January 31, 2016 in most dioceses. They also organized the “**Week of Brotherhood**” during which the children collected gifts of all kinds and then distributed them to even poorer peers.



**COVER OF THE FILE
FOR THE WEEK OF THE
MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD**

NEW INITIATIVE: some dioceses have organized conferences for children who are in the catechism program, to reach as many as possible. Furthermore, systematic planning has involved the community more in participating in the week of the HC.

Training of the animators at the diocesan and parish level.



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Society is strong in the country and the number of children members increases.

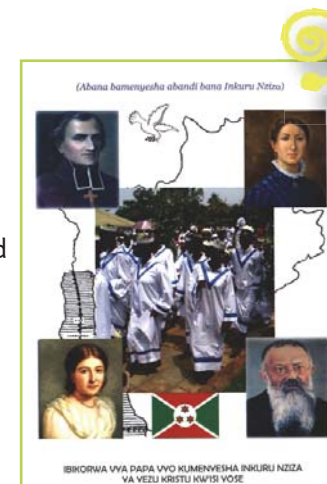
Every year a booklet of catechesis is prepared, and festivals are organized (where children can win small prizes), pilgrimages, drawing competitions (Christmas and Epiphany - they also prepare small clay cribs), visits to hospitals and orphanages.

The National Office publishes a **manual** entitled **Star Singers** and prints the image of the founder with a prayer of the missionary children of Burundi on the back.



Theme of the year: “*Missionary children fortify the faith of the Church Family*”.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: celebrated for 2015 on 3 January 2016 in all the parishes of the country. The National Office provided the preparatory material (image of the founder with prayer of the children of Burundi, guide booklet for the “**Star Singers**”, stars to put at the door during visits to families, missionary Rosaries).



TESTIMONIES: In some dioceses, the promoters have created groups of Missionary Childhood children within the base communities. These children gather once a week to recite the rosary and meditate on the passages of the Bible (*Soir des enfants*).

NEW INITIATIVES: Groups of missionary youth and the missionaries who are sick were created in all the dioceses and, in some parishes, choirs of children

**MISSIONARY
CHILDHOOD'S DAY**



YEAR 2016

The Theme of the year: "Missionary Children Fortify the Faith in the Family Church".

TESTIMONIES: During the year, many groups of the HC were encouraged to visit other groups not solely of the HC, in order to create a missionary unity.

On the occasion of the **DAY OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** the activity of the Star Singers is carried out during which food and money are collected in favor of poor and abandoned peers.



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THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOCIETY IN BURUNDI: celebrated in the Diocese of Ruyigi. In this diocese there is the parish of Muyanga, the first in the country. In Misugi, in the parish of Cendajuru, there is the first cross, a sign of evangelization, planted by the missionaries in 1897, moved today in the parish of Muyaga. This year, in the parish of Ruyigi in this same diocese, the missionary children celebrated the 25th anniversary of the existence of the Society in the country (Jubilee). The celebration was presided over by the bishop and more than 2,000 children participated.



NEW INITIATIVES: Missionary youth groups have been created for children over 14 who come from the Missionary Childhood groups.

With the support of the National Directorate of the United States of America, the National Office of Burundi has recorded a **DVD of songs of the missionary children** in the country.



**recording of the
SONGS**

**THE
STAR
SINGERS**



CAMEROON

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. After years of hesitation, the celebration of **the Day of the Missionary Childhood has been set for the Sunday of the Epiphany**, and it is preceded by the week of the Missionary Childhood. For some years the National Office has been printing small pocket cards with a calendar in collaboration with the National Office of French-speaking Canada.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the year: *"The Greatest Joy is Living with Children"*.

Diocese of Nkongsamba: The diocesan office, in collaboration with the Chaplain of Youth and Childhood, organized groups of children in anticipation of sharing experiences among the children of different parishes of the diocese, as well as making concrete acts of generosity towards those who are most poor.

Diocese of

Yokadouma: The activities took place with the group ACE Cop Monde, which is well established, led by the religious. Groups of children went to other areas to talk with their peers about Jesus and invite them to join them.



**National gathering
of the children of
Obala diocese**

YEAR 2015

Theme of the year 2015: *"Go around the world and fill your heart with mercy"*. A poster has been created for the activities of the Dioceses for the Day of the Missionary Childhood.

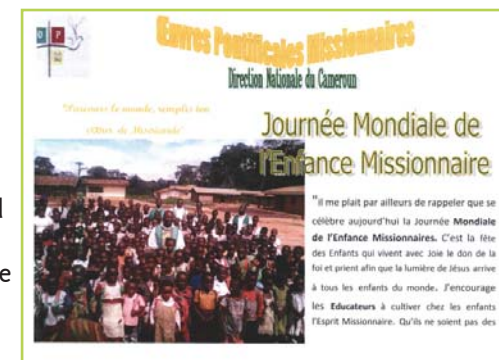
In the **Diocese of Yokadouma**, the Day of the Missionary Childhood was characterized by the inauguration by the bishop of a new school built internally with the funds of the MC.

Archdiocese of Douala: This diocese has added to the theme at national level the following: *"The Joy of Sharing Love"*. Those leading the MC has planned three large diocesan meetings in three pastoral areas, bringing together 2,000 children and raising funds for the orphans of the Marie Reine du Ciel de Anjou Parish in the Diocese of Abong-Mbang. The Archdiocese has also created a animation booklet to propose to the parishes.

Diocese of Ngaoundéré: organized activities for children on the occasion of the African Child's Day.

Archdiocese of Garoua: An animator's training was held from 11 to 12 December and focused on children who suffer, above all on account of the terrorist attacks that have recently happening in the northern part of the country.

NEWS: The session of the National Directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies of French speaking Africa took place this year in Cameroon. The animation of the HC was discussed among other topics. The theme of the session was *"The Mission with the Families: A Pastoral Challenge"*.



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The “**Aïta Kwe**” as well as the Missionary Childhood bulletins were printed. Many dioceses celebrate the Day of the Missionary Childhood on the Feast of the Epiphany.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the animation was “*Children, be Messengers of Peace*”. Because of the social-economic crisis, it was not possible to group either the children of the various movements, nor the animators for training seminars on the topic.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: could not be celebrated due to the attack of the Antibalakas on December 5th, followed by the departure of SELEKA's transition president, Michel Dotodja although a few parishes have celebrated and made the collection. The promotional booklets have also not been printed.

The Sisters of the Providence Enfant Jésus de Rouen brought the children together and went from place to place announcing the beauty of life, of ethnic difference, of each country and nation.

TESTIMONY

As teaching aids for training this year, the National Office received posters and leaflets on the Prayer of the Rosary from the National Office of Germany. Also, missionary rosaries were ordered and received from the Fathers of the Society of African Missions in Poland. The **film on the four Societies** produced by the National Directorate of the Ivory Coast was also used on the occasion of the 7th session of the Spanish/French-speaking Africa and Lusophone in Yomoussoukro.

the children
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PMS



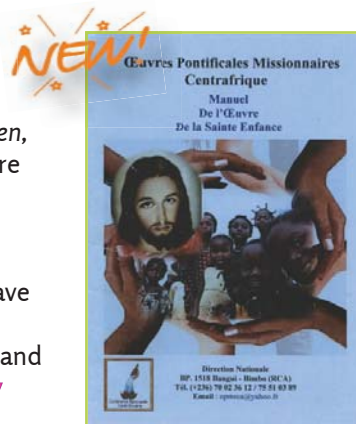
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YEAR 2015

The theme of animation was, “*Children, I am a Craftsman of Peace*”. There were awareness activities held in Catholic schools, the organization of debates with children, as well as games and competitions, and marches. There have been frequent times of formation of animators held at the diocesan level and the **manual of the Missionary Childhood** it was presented to the diocesan secretaries of the Associate Catholic Schools.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: was celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany. After the Mass, the children presented recitations, skits, and poetry.



day of the MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD



A series of questions on the Bible and a file of the Missionary Childhood have been added to the teaching material of countries that had problems before the Central African Republic.

INITIATIVE: One million children now pray for unity and peace.

TESTIMONY

As the **children's Christmas** approached, the Sister in charge of the Malnourished Children's Center announced that on that **they would eat chicken**. On the appointed feast, the children **brought their friends with them** to eat the chicken – **a lunch that was meant for only 80 children** fed more than **150**. Despite very rarely eating chicken at their own homes, **every child preferred to eat less and share**.



YEAR 2016

The theme of the year was, “*Children, we pray and work for a Reconciled Central Africa*”.

Missionary Expedition: Some of the leaders in the Catholic schools have organized inter-school meetings to allow children to learn about other schools in the neighborhood.

Regarding the formation of animators in the dioceses of Bangui and Mbaïki, the national head of the Aita kwe oversees organizing the training courses.

Schools and nutrition centers have started **self-financing projects**, such as small farms and vegetable gardens.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: was celebrated in the parish of the Holy Savior. After the Mass, many of the children presented poems, performances, and skits.



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after the MC
mass



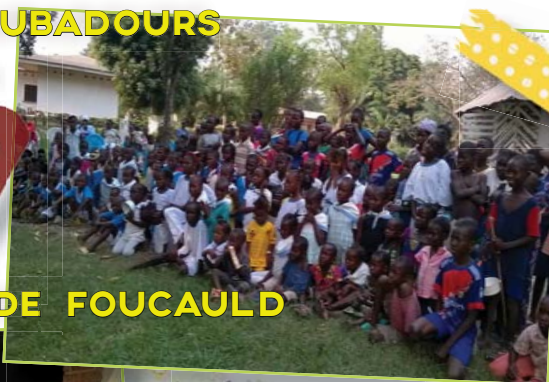
TESTIMONY

The children of the catholic school of Bossangoa have saved money to buy envelopes on which they wrote « PMS of the schools ». They have collected from their classmates and their teachers more than 40 euros that they then gave to the diocesan PMS for the universal Solidarity Fund



New groups of the Missionary Childhood were begun in some of the parishes, such as, "Enfant TOGOLO" (child-star), les Troubadours de Charles de Foucauld (The Minstrels of Charles de Foucauld), les Enfants Messagers (The Children Messengers), les Messagers de l'Evangile (The messengers of the Gospel) etc. These groups were present on the Day that the Missionary Childhood was celebrated.

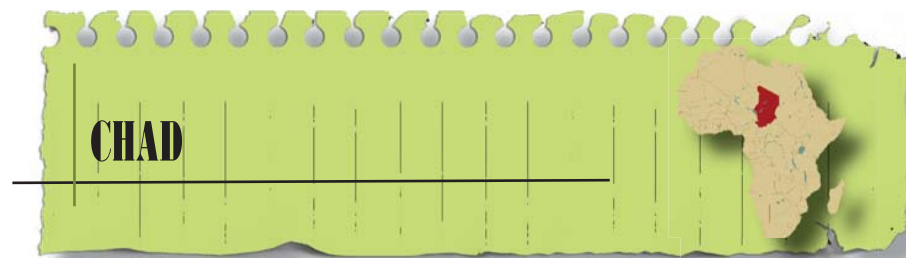
LES TROUBADOURS DE CHARLES DE FOUCAULD



The National Director
with some girls of
MC



Meeting of a group of MC
of a Chapel



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

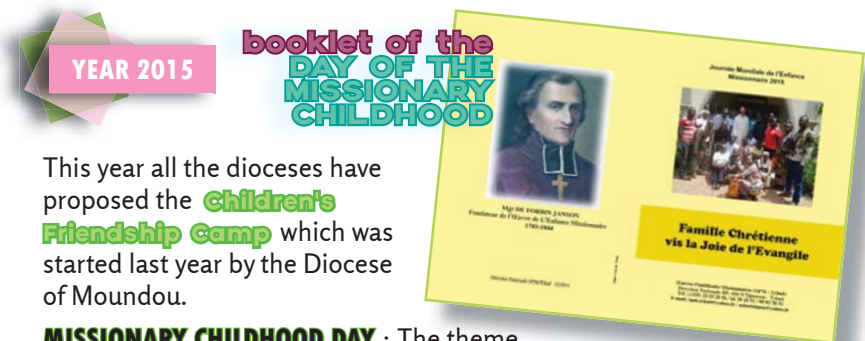
Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Society is well present in all the dioceses. The promotion material is elaborated, as usual, during the National OPM Council. The Episcopal Commission has decided that the Day of the Missionary Childhood will be prepared throughout the month of January and celebrated on the first Sunday of February. The NO publishes the material for the promotion of the day. The movements of children present in the country are important to convey the idea of mutual aid. In fact, many children take initiatives to help other children in difficult situations, such as enrolling at school, helping street children or Christmas with children called "Colombians".

YEAR 2014

Theme in the year: *"The Child of Chad Announces Jesus Christ with Courage"*.

Diocese of M'poko: This diocese is in a mainly Muslim area. The children gathered to celebrate with dances, theater, etc. with the Missionary Childhood and in order to share a lesson with the adults they took a collection in order to be able to pay the school expenses of one of their members in an expensive Catholic school, and by doing so, encouraged the religious not to forget the poorest children.

Diocese of Moundou: the National Office has financed the friendship camp (camp d'amitié) for the eighth consecutive year. This year brought together more than 1,613 children, including 70 young adults and adults (Kemkogui, Loueteaux, Jeannettes, MEJ, Les élèves des Ecoles Catholiques Associées, Les enfants de chœur ...). The theme of the meeting was *"Child, be the Protagonist of your Education"*.
Archdiocese of N'Djamena: the "Coup de cœurs missionnaires" operation took place for the enrollment of 3 male children at the Walia school. A girl from Nigeria following the atrocities of the Boko-Harams was enrolled at the Koundoul-Mailao school. In addition, the kemkogui of Sainte Joséphine Bakhita has been supporting the studies of one of their members in the Ecole Catholique Père Vernet for three years (annual primary school fee 100 euros).



This year all the dioceses have proposed the **Children's Friendship Camp** which was started last year by the Diocese of Moundou.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: The theme was *"Children of Chad, be Merciful as your Father is Merciful"*.

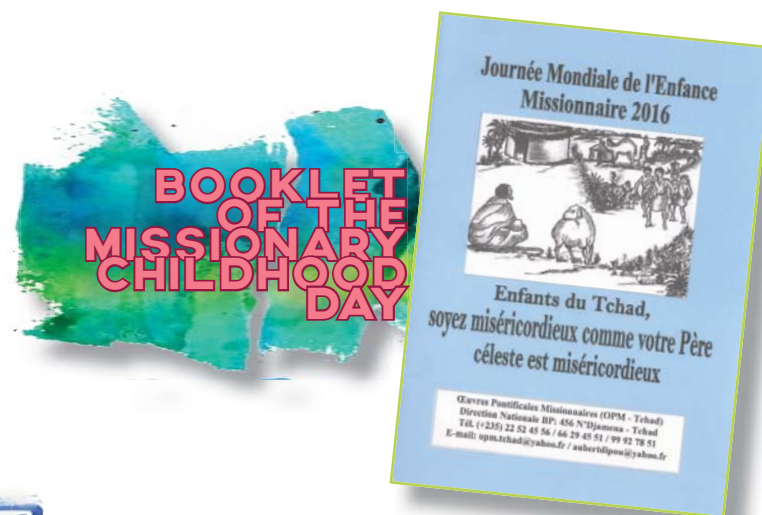
The Pastoral project Lyée du Sacré-Coeur N'Djaména is entitled *"Living quality relationships - Magis"*. The project aims to prepare children for adult life by giving them an intellectual, human and spiritual formation through which they can change society. They want to grasp the Pope's invitation and respect the environment. The pastoral team for Christmas 2015, with the help of the Community of Sant'Egidio, has directed their works towards street children. A collection of food, clothes and personal hygiene items has been made. Following the motto *"Open your heart to be close to those who are far away without being far from those who are close"* - the collection was in favor of the Ibnou China High School and Cheik Amdan (Muslim).



MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY : The theme of the previous year, “Children of Chad, be merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful” was expounded upon. The message was transmitted by the media and there was the organization of meetings, debates, songs, scenes and visits to patients in hospitals, in which the children offered sugar, tea and soap. In Catholic schools, Catholics, Protestants and some Muslim children met to study the booklets and pass them on to others.

The **students of the Sacré-Cœur Highschool of N'Djaména** ont fêté Noël avec les enfants des rues (« colombiens ») dans la Forêt de Dembé.

A certain initiative of the **Diocese of Lef** was to develop booklets for the spiritual retreat which was linked to the theme of mercy. A Christian-Islamic forum was also organized for children aged 12 to 14 with the theme “peaceful coexistence” which saw the massive participation of 131 children.



DEMOCRATIC REP. OF THE CONGO



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. Since 2013, the bishops of the Episcopal Conference have decided that **each dioceses may decide when to celebrate the Day of the MC**, if it is between the 4th of January and the end of March each year. The teaching materials that are used come from the National Departments of France, Switzerland, and French-speaking Canada.

YEAR 2015

The theme of the year was, *“Child of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Called and Sent to be a Witness of Joy in the Family”*. Aids to spiritual and missionary animation of children and adolescents were printed, such as the promotional guide of the MC. In addition, the **National Office** has printed t-shirts with the words **“Childhood Missionary”**.

MC DAY: this year it was celebrated by five archdioceses out of 6.

At the end of November and beginning of December, the **Megr. Charles de Forbin Janson Maternelle School**, was inaugurated, and the school year begun. It had been built on the outskirts of Kinshasa and not far from the future Center Missionnaire de Bibwa.



MATERNELLE SCHOOL

For the **Day of the Open Doors in the National Office** a missionary exhibition was set up and the book **«Mon petit ami»** by Iolanda di Domenico (Italy), which is a useful didactic tool, was presented.

reading of the book **MON PETIT AMI**

Christmas with the children is celebrated in memory of the Holy Innocents by praying the missionary Rosary. Prizes are also awarded, and friendship dinners are organized for a hundred children and teenagers of various denominations.



YEAR 2016

Theme of the year was, *“Child of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Witness of Mercy”*.

On **December 28, 2016**, members of the National Directorate organized a Christmas party for the missionary children and it was attended by 605 of them from the apostolic region of Kinshasa East.



Archdiocese of Kinshasa

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EGYPT

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

There was the implementation of training sessions (**missionary camps**) for children and young people with the goal of making the HC known in local churches. Every year the theme of the animation is presented to schools and parishes in Cairo.

YEAR 2014

VI service camp for female students of the **Franciscan Missionary School of Mary** was held with the participation of the Holy Childhood Animator of Alexandria in the poorest villages in Fayum-Tammia from January 26th to the 30th, 2015.

22 January : organization of the **eighth festival of the MC** entitled "Joy and Mission" which was held for the children of the **Diocese of Assiout** in the school of Our Lady of the Apostles. The festival was attended by 300 children and 50 promoters from 7 churches. The program for the HC was also realized on this theme in the schools and parishes in Cairo as well as for the Sudanese children in Egypt.

YEAR 2015

The pastoral activity of the year followed the path indicated by the Holy Father for the Jubilee of Mercy, "Be Merciful as your Heavenly Father".



At the **DAY OF THE MC** held in the northern area of the **Diocese of Assiout** 150 children participated. In May the Day was then celebrated in **Cairo, Alexandria** and finally in the **Diocese of Minia**.



YEAR 2016

The **Dioceses of Assiout** and of **Minia** organized 4 days of the HC within two months and held in various places in order to group together 5 parishes. In each diocese, approximately 1000 children and 60 catechists participated. The theme of these days was "Do not say I am small, but go where I send you" (Jeremiah 1:7). A 5-minute film was prepared and projected, in which the Society was presented to the children and catechists.

There was the organization of two training sessions for collaborators in November and January. The office of collaborator is oriented towards



the formation in missionary animation for groups of young lay people and seminarians in Upper Egypt, where the announcement of the Word is lacking for children, young people and adults.

ETHIOPIA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The Society is not very present in the country.

YEAR 2014

The National Office is trying to promote the Pontifical Societies as a whole, and a general theme has been chosen with reference to the Church's wider mission *"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"* (Jn 10: 10). There were also individual initiatives for children, such as in the Diocese of Addis Ababa, where an annual children's festival was held. For this reason, most of the subsidies obtained by the mC have been used for educational activities such as basic Christian formation, teaching Catholic catechism, etc.

A brochure on the 4 Pontifical Societies and the **Fikemasselam Catholic Newspaper** has been published.



brochure on
the PMS

YEAR 2015

The theme of the year was specific to MC, *"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them because they belong to the kingdom of heaven"*. The National Office has tried to reach as many children as possible in the various jurisdictions, for which it owes thanks to pastoral collaborators and their responses to circulars. Furthermore, we tried to reach the movements of young people in the Catholic Church (eg. Young Catholic Students YCS, Young Christian Workers, etc.) to provide guidelines on vocation and formation in the Church.



T-shirts, small bags, little books were printed and afterwards distributed to the faithful.

From 2015 the **two groups of the Holy Childhood (PSHC) have been trained in the Auxilium Catholic School and the Nativity Girls' School and began to help** the National Office **promote** the 4 Societies.

Celebration of the **DAY OF HC**: Some parish priests have individually organized initiatives for the missionary formation of the children. In the **Archdiocese of Addis Abeba**, for example, during the celebration, His Eminence Cardinal Berhaneyesus C.M. donated Bibles in Amharic to the children present.

In addition, an annual children's festival was held in various parishes.

ANNEE 2016

The National Office organized workshops to show the essence of the mission.

A **Committee** was set up to **organize the celebration of the World Mission Sunday** as well as the **Children's Day in the Archdiocese of Addis Abeba**. The Office of the National Office prepared for the occasion, banners and posters with the theme “*Children are Missionaries for themselves*” and “*Let the Children Come to Me*”, both in Amharic and in English. The Eucharistic celebration was presided by the metropolitan archbishop of Addis Ababa in the Consolata Chapel dedicated to Mary of Consolation.



posters with
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**celebrated by the Metropolitan
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On May 19, 2017 the **festival of missionary boys in the Apostolic Prefecture of ROBE** took place. The parish boys from Goba, Robem Adaba, Herero, Dodola, Kofale, Demda and Qarso participated. After the Mass there were lunch and games. After the oath, the older boys



were given the identity card of the missionary boys along with the missionary pencil and then the group work was rewarded.

GHANA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. Almost all the local Churches organize holiday camps. The National Office publishes the journals, “**Our Journey of Faith**” and “**Do Whatever He tells you**”.

The **DAY OF THE MC** is celebrated on the Sunday closest to the festival of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, generally on the first Sunday of February. The National Office seeks to promote the exchange of experiences between promoters so that they can learn from each other as well as to encourage them to take advantage of the resources at their disposal, even if they are only few. There has been the organization of educational activities such as pilgrimages, visits, vocation and holiday camps, retreats, quizzes, dramas, readings, Church services, and choirs.

YEAR 2014

Theme of the year: “*Living your encounter with Christ*”, which also characterized the **DAY OF THE MC** which was held from 2 to 9 February 2014. For the occasion, a booklet was prepared with the message of the Pope for the missions and recommended activities. Some talented children organized educational dramas on good morals on the occasion of the Day of the HC as well as for “Catholic Education Week January 2014” in Catholic Schools.

Holy Hour: During this Holy Hour the children were encouraged to pray and reflect on the theme “*Living for Christ*”.

“Divine Mercy Prayer”: The theme of the Prayer of Mercy for 2014 was “*Being grateful and generous*”.

NEW INITIATIVES: the organization of a quiz on the Holy Scriptures, as well as visits to schools for deaf children, along with hospitals, etc. In addition, children were presented with the different vocations in which the love for God is preferred to all else (priesthood, religious life, health care, teaching, etc).

2,000 Copies of the book «**OREMUS - Let us pray the Psalms, the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet**» were printed as well as 5,000 copies of the booklet «**Pontifical Mission Societies: One Church, One Mission, One Destiny**».

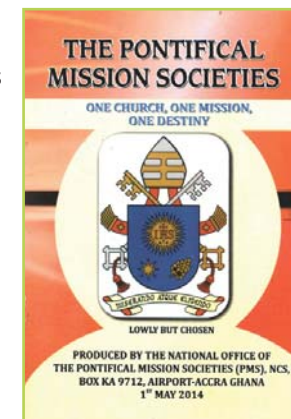
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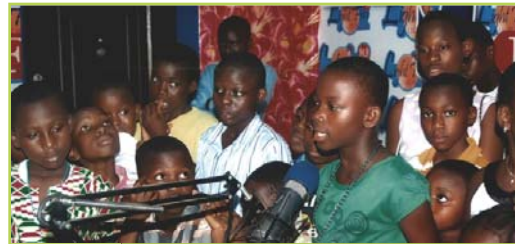
YEAR 2015

Theme of the year and of the **DAY OF THE MC** was “*Intimate friendship with Jesus Christ*”. This year the **WEEK OF THE MC** was celebrated from the 1st to the 8th of February, and as usual, a booklet was printed with the Pope’s message as well as with suggestions for the activities.

Abraham Kwasi Mansah, a Catholic, 7-year-old orphan, had been locked up in a room by a non-Catholic woman who had custody of him in order to prevent him from participating in the Sunday Catholic Service for Children. The room caught on fire while Abraham was in it, which resulted in his death
Diocese of Navrongo – Bolgatanga

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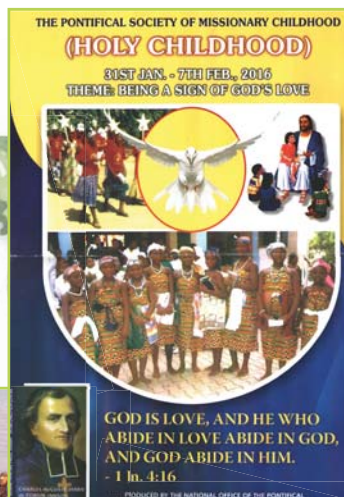
**MISSIONARY CHILDREN VISITING
A LOCAL RADIO STATION**

The theme of the was “Jesus loves me”, while the **Divine Mercy Prayer** was “To Walk with Jesus”.

Reading material for the training of animators, Diocesan Directors and coordinators.

YEAR 2016

**poster of the
Missionary
Childhood Day**



**MC Congress in
the village of
TORNOUT**



**Dumasua
Diocese of
Sunyani**

**march during
the Congress
Apostolic
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**food collection
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GUINEA



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The animation and the diffusion of brochures of the 4 Works continues in the country to attract the interest of the Christian communities. The National Office continues its work with the Diocesan Directors and in all dioceses, there are animation sessions and special attention to children regarding the life of the PMS.

GUINEA BISSAU



ANIMATION MISSIONNAIRE

The newly appointed National Director is moving to make known the spirit of the Society.

At the beginning of September, he and the inter-diocesan commission prepared the «**livrinho**» in Creole for the animation for the month of October, of which 300 copies were distributed. The superiors of the male and female religious institutes carry out a good part of the evangelization of the country.

The visit of the National Director of Brazil held great importance, and for which a meeting was held with the Brazilian communities. **For the occasion, a new HC group was created in Cacheu in the Diocese of Bissau** and a meeting was organized with all the congregations, who have begun their formation.



KENYA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Society is present in all 26 dioceses in which the children are very active. The National Office publishes the quarterly Newsletter **News from the Diocese**.

The **booklets** "Children helping Children - History and Charism" and "Missionary in our Community" are also printed, as well as the guide for the meetings of children entitled "Together to Jesus", which is together with an Activity Calendar and the poster from the year. For the training of promotor, each year the National Office organizes a two-week seminar in December at the Bikira Maria Center in Mbitini. The Day of the MC is celebrated on the Sunday of the Epiphany.

YEAR 2014

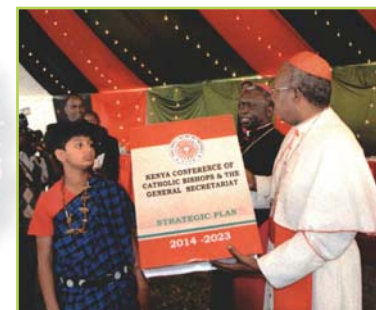
Theme of the year: "Mary our Model of Faith, Hope and Charity", and was linked to the theme of the family. Catechesis, spiritual pilgrimages, charitable works were organized, both at the parish level, as well as at the diocesan and metropolitan levels. The children involved their parents in the recitation of the Holy Rosary and there were processions of more than 10 km.

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This is a small project to produce Missionaries Rosaries of five colors. It helps children to use their free time well and is a small source of income



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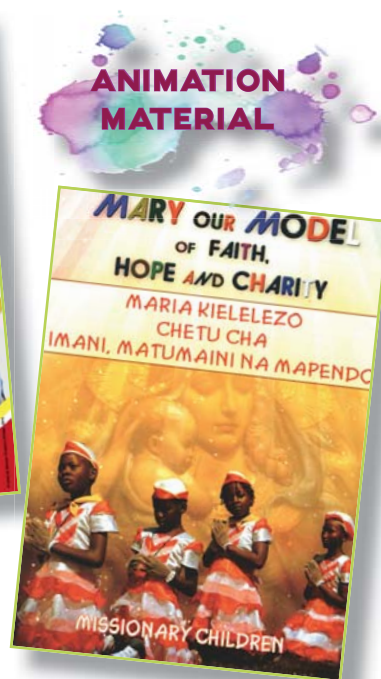
YEAR 2015

Theme of the year: "We are Called and Sent like Apostles". This was the first year that the theme was deepened and explained at the national level. In fact, there was a **meeting in Nairobi** from 20th to 22st of

August 2015, which brought the children together for three days, accommodating them in various secondary schools.

There was a composition of songs related to missionary activities, as well as donation of food to other needy children.

MASS
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YEAR 2016

Theme of the year: “We are witness of God’s Mercy and Love”. There was the organization of music festivals, theater, charitable activities, visits to sick children in hospitals etc. The **DAY OF THE MC** was celebrated on January 3rd.

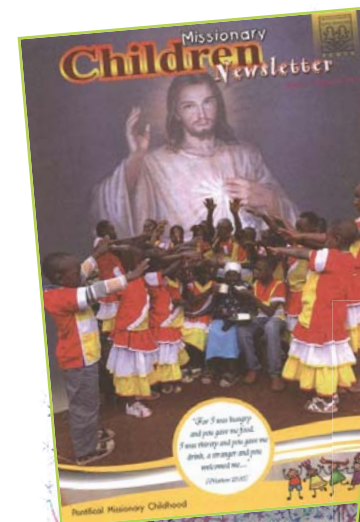


missionary children during a **CHARITABLE ACTIVITY**



NEW INITIATIVES: The encouragement of the children to live the 14 Works of Mercy in parishes, schools, etc., especially during the Year of Mercy. Furthermore, seminars were organized for parents, teachers, etc. to make the Society known.

The formation of animators is organized every year as a two-week seminar at the Bikira Maria Center in Mbitini.



Newsletter of the missionary children



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MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is celebrated either on the Feast of the Epiphany or on the 2nd of February, according to each of the parishes. For the occasion, the children from the various districts gather together, participate in the Holy Eucharist, in courses on the theme chosen during the year. The celebration of the Day expands every year more in the country, thanks also to the collaboration between the National Office and the Movements of Catholic Action.

YEAR 2014

Theme of the year: *"The joy of the Gospel"*.

The appointment of a new National Director followed the appointment of a new national secretary. The NB was provided with a new vehicle, widely used in

pastoral care. At the time of translation of the **relics of St. Therese of the Child Jesus** on the island, an ad hoc sheet of animation was printed. More and more secular and religious are engaged in animation.

ACTIVITY: this year was the organization of a national session. Three animators from the HC were invited from every dioceses and delegates came from each except Fenoarivo - Antsinanana.

Experiences and problems were shared and talked about. In her speech, Madame Bernadette presented the HC beginning with a video entitled *"Charisme et Histoire de l'Enfance Missionnaire"*.



YEAR 2015

Each dioceses has chosen its theme of animation and has organized its activities, such as spiritual and cultural exchanges, songs, theater, dances, and a deepening of the Gospel of St. Mark in the form of a competition.



The National Office visited various dioceses in order to meet the promoters and help them understand the principle that the charism of the MC must be integrated and become personal motivation in their commitment to children.

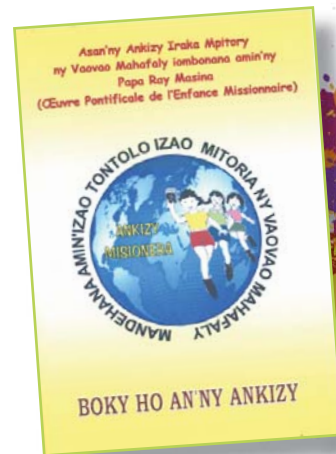
YEAR 2016

Theme of the year: *"The Missionary Children of the Good News in the Family"*. Prayers, Celebration Day, group games, a contest on the national level of a theme song that best expresses the spirituality of the Missionary Childhood.

The animation materials for the Day of the MC were renewed and the national animation training session has been organized.

NEW INITIATIVES

- Creation of a Facebook page
- Development of a booklet for children with the history of the foundation of the Society, daily prayer exercises, games on the Bible, songs at the national level, poetry



booklet
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Larissa, who is a street child and is **11** years old. Last year he confessed to being a **thief**. During the year he stole **9** phones and gave it to his mother who sold them for a lower price in order to buy food. Now Larissa is one of the most active members of the **Missionary Childhood** and she does not steal anymore

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MALAWI



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The **DAY OF THE MC** is mainly celebrated on the Sunday of the Epiphany. Flyers are printed.

YEAR 2014

Theme of the year: "Pontifical Missionary Childhood Association in Malawi for effective awareness and collaboration in the New Evangelization".

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NEW INITIATIVES: this year the **piggy bank** was introduced in each of the 8 dioceses, together with the presentation, sale and distribution of the Missionary Rosary, by local people. Unfortunately, however, the poor and the children find it expensive because the material to produce it is imported.



SOMA I has been translated into the local language (Chichewa) and a teacher manual has been drafted.

The National Office does not have its own web page and uses that of the Episcopal Conference, on which they have a personal space to write posts. A journalist from the Episcopal Conference

writes stories for them in local digital newspapers. Their Facebook page, on the other hand, is very active.



YEAR 2015

Theme of the year: “Pontifical Missionary Holy Childhood in Malawi for Effective Missionary Awareness and Collaboration in the New Evangelization” is

in continuation with the theme of 2014. However, the **DAY OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD**, celebrated on the Sunday of the Epiphany of the 4th of January 2015, had the sub-theme “Children Evangelizing Children”.

Initiatives: sessions of animation and formation on the subject of the HC for lay, religious and clergy were organized and radio programs on the same topic were broadcasted on Radio Maria Malawi, especially in conjunction with the Day of the Missionary Childhood.

There was no formation of animators at the national level due to lack of funds, but two dioceses invited the National Office to hold courses.



INITIATIVES : the initiatives of 2014 were carried forward, since they had not been adopted by all the dioceses, such as the introduction of the piggy bank, animation of the Missionary Rosary, translation of SOMA I and preparation of manuals for teachers.

In the Parish of **Guilleme** in the **Archdiocese of Lilongwe**, children and animators decided to collect money every Sunday. The leaders of the children have suggested to the animators that in order to increase funds to help their peers, each child would take a separate collection in their own piggy bank. This has stimulated many children and the parish has contributed with the highest amount of the country

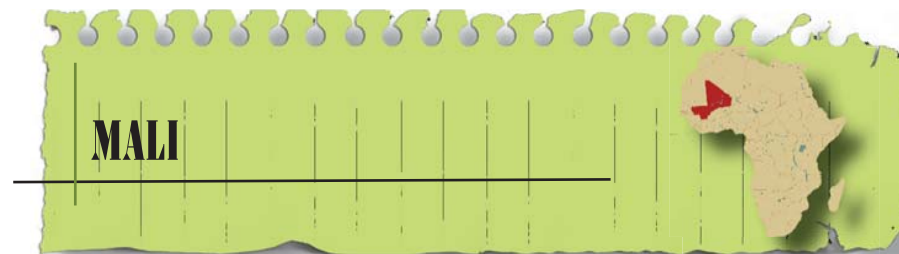
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Day of MC
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YEAR 2016

The activity covers the years 2016-2017. Missionary formation was organized for animators, Catholic women, nuns and priests. The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** was held on January 8th, 2017 with the theme “Let the little children come to me.” The **Prefect of Propaganda Fide**, Cardinal Filoni, visited the country.



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The Day of the Missionary Childhood is generally celebrated on Epiphany and is preceded by a week of preparation. The National Office holds radio programs on the weekend of the Epiphany and distributes materials for the Day of the Missionary Childhood.

YEAR 2014

The activities were based on the **2010-2015 pastoral action plan** whose goal is to raise awareness, pray and promote in order to achieve greater participation in the mission through Missionary Childhood. The theme of 2014-2015 : « *Les enfants au centre de la réconciliation et de la Paix* » (*Children at the Center of Reconciliation and Peace*). The theme was promoted on the weekend of Epiphany through the programs concerning Catholic issues on national television.

At the diocesan level, animator training and distribution of material was organized for the Week as well as the Day of the MC. During the season of Epiphany, prayers and collections were organized, and this was done with special attention on this year's Sunday of the Epiphany, which was January 4th.

After the Mass of the Epiphany in the **Diocese of Mopti**, the children dressed themselves as the Three Wise Men and went from family to family. Families, to encourage them, gave them some money and food.

Before the Feast of the Epiphany in the **Diocese of San**, there was a week of intensive prayer of the Rosary within in the families and villages, accompanied with songs for peace.

YEAR 2015

The theme of the year of 2015-2016: "Children at the Center of Reconciliation and Peace".

This year the children also took part in the opening ceremonies of the Jubilee of Mercy at the diocesan level.



In **Koutiala**, in the Diocese of Sikasso, there are many Muslim parents who enroll their children in the movements and catechesis of the Missionary Childhood. And more frequently in all the parishes, the children read the readings and many are children of the choir or altar boys

YEAR 2016

The plan of the activity runs from 2016 to 2017.

The theme of the year: "Children Contribute to Understanding and Communion in the Family, in the Church and in Society". This theme aimed at teaching the children to be stars that shine as examples in fraternal life, reconciliation, justice, peace, etc., according to each person's own context of life.

A national council was set up to plan 2016-2020 activities.

Diocese of Sikasso: an inter-parish day for children aged 7 to 13 was organized with the participation of 300 children.



MOROCCO



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The National Office organizes for the children classes of catechesis project films, theatrical performances, missionary testimonies, index drawing competitions, missionary songs and games in order to learn about mission countries. The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** it is celebrated in the month of January.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the year: *"Joy is being Reborn"*.



YEAR 2015

The theme of the year, *"Missionaries of Mercy"*.

YEAR 2016

The theme of the year: *"My Vocation as a Child in the Church"*.



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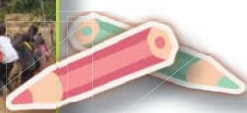
MOZAMBICO

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is celebrated at Epiphany, but the Episcopal Conference is considering the possibility of moving it to June, which, nationally is the official month of children. This is also being considered because in January there are many holidays and times of vacation. In June, however, activities for children are popularly organized and the means of communication are also discussed. Therefore, in some diocese, the Day of the Missionary Childhood is celebrated at Epiphany and in others, in June. In both cases the celebrations are preceded by a week of preparation. The pastoral year goes from November to October of the following year and at the beginning of January a week of the Day of Prayer with the missionary children is organized.

YEAR 2014

Theme of the year: "Children: Flower and Light of Humanity". On June 15th, the **festival of song and poetry for missionary children** was organized.



YEAR 2015

Because the National Office was under renovation, it was decided to continue the theme of the previous year at the diocesan, parochial levels as well as within the groups of the Missionary Childhood "Children: Flower and Light of Humanity". This year a lecture on the founder and on the purpose of the Society was published.

missionary childhood



NACALA

YEAR 2016

The theme of the year: "Let the Children Come to Me, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven".

This year there was the publication of a **teaching aid** entitled after the year's theme, "Let the Children Come to Me and do not Hinder them". The National Office

relies on the web pages of Brazil and Portugal.



NAMIBIA



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is celebrated on the first Sunday of February by the decision of the Episcopal Conference because the closing of the schools during the Christmas season. The NB publishes posters, banners and newspaper articles for the occasion and as a result, the Missionary Childhood it is increasingly known in many parishes. The didactic material is re-adapted to that of Kenya, specifically the two guides "Together with Jesus", and "Guidebook for Animators".

YEAR 2014

There was no theme of the year and the promotion continued to be based on the concept that children are missionaries, as it was in 2013. The missionary children of Namibia participate in the World Mission Sunday.

In the **Parish of St. Peter Claver, Okahandja** children and entertainers collected used clothes and non-perishable food for other children during their weekly meetings. On Mission Sunday they brought the collected results to various parts of the city where they knew there were orphanages and less privileged children.

DAY OF THE SICK : In many parishes the animators took the children to the hospitals, where they sang songs and brought sweets. One of the parishes collected toys, which were then given to the children on this occasion. Hospices were also visited for the occasion.

Celebration of the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**: was held all over the country on Sunday, February 1st, 2015. The children led the procession with banners and posters created for the occasion. It was also the occasion for the opening Mass of the annual meeting of the Episcopal Conference, enriched by the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio of South Africa, S.E. Archbishop Mario Roberto Cassari, who was the principal celebrant. The children of the other parishes were also invited but, due to transport problems, they could not participate.



YEAR 2015

No theme was chosen for the year, but activities focused on "Namibia's children belong to Jesus. Weekly meetings of the "Children helping Children" groups were held in the parishes and included various activities, such as the **creation of a giant rosary with newspaper and color**, the Word Search Puzzles, the stories of the Bible and the lives of the Saints and small Christian video clips in cartoon.



DAY OF THE SICK : On February 11, children of various parishes were brought to visit the sick and the elderly. In Holy Redeemer Parish, Windhoek, the animators took the children to a hospice where they decided **to clean the courtyard for the elderly**.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY IN NAMIBIA:

in Namibia was held this year on February 7th with processions, songs, dances, solemn celebration, with the collection of offerings and non-perishable food.

Formation of animators : was organized with several workshops in the deaneries. They studied the book “*Guidebook for Animators*” from the NB of Kenya, as well as other material from Nigeria, Uganda and Zambia, which all adapted to the local situation.



Day of the M.C.
St. Boniface Parish,
Windhoek

YEAR 2016

The theme of the year: “*One Family in the Merciful God*”. Based on the theme of mercy, the animators taught children practical methods to help the less fortunate. Used clothing and non-perishable food were collected and distributed to abandoned and orphaned children.

The children of the Missionary Childhood organized a Christmas show in almost every parish.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK was held on February 11th, and the children went to the hospitals and hospices on order to pray, sing and clean .

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY was celebrated on February 5th. This year the celebration was very embellished as there were processions with banners, flags, posters, songs and dances.

The large missionary Rosaries made by the children of the parishes were distributed to Catholic schools, hospitals etc. to be put on display and to serve as an encouragement to prayer.

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MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.
Printing of animation material (poster) as well as the publication of the annual magazine on the **"Children and Mission"**.



YEAR 2014

The **II Missionary Childhood Missionary Congress** as well as the celebration of the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** were held in February in the Archdiocese of Onitsha. The theme was *"I am a missionary in my Family"*.



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membership card

YEAR 2015

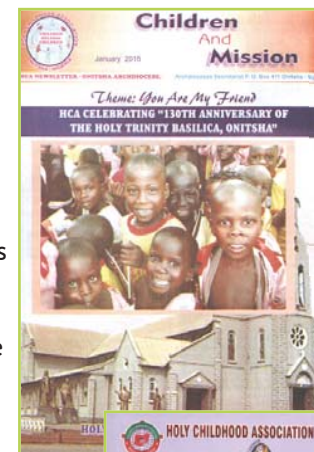
The theme of the year's celebrations was *"You are my friend"*.

The educational program continues to make children true missionaries both in catechesis, spirituality and service.

The handbook, *"Friends of Jesus"* was used for the animators training.

Archdiocesan Congress of the Missionary Childhood was held in the Archdiocese of Onitsha during the first week of February.

On October 2nd, the **World Wide Eucharistic Holy Hour Adoration** took place.

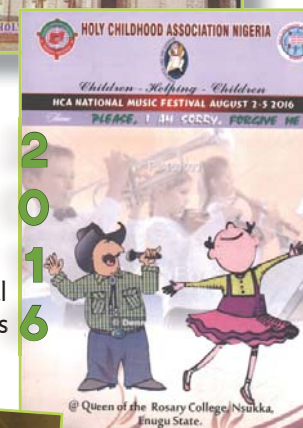


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YEAR 2016

National Music Festival: took place

from the 2nd to the 4th of August in the Diocese of Nsukka. This festival is a way to involve children in the celebrations of Mercy.



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The theme of the year kept in line with the Year of Mercy: *"Excuse me, I'm sorry, forgive me"*.

RWANDA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. During the time of vacation, some parishes organized Bible camps. As an educational tool, the National Office uses the Youth Bible, educational books, prayers, songs and radio broadcasts.

YEAR 2014

The theme for the animation was, “*Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*”.

THE DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD is celebrated on January 26 in all parishes.

National Youth

Forum: was organized in Byumba, which is in the north of the country from 19th to 23rd of November 2014. Young people from neighboring countries also participated, such as Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, and the DRC, as well as a delegation from the Taizé community in France. There was a pilgrimage of children of various movements of Catholic Action.

pilgrimage of the CHILDREN OF THE EUCCHARISTIC MOVEMENT of the Diocese of Butare



YEAR 2015

The theme of the year was, “*Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*”.

The celebration of the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** was held on February 15th, 2015. The message “*Dear children, practice being a good Christian*” was transmitted to children through parishes and primary schools. The message was also spread by **Radio Maria Rwanda**, and published in the Catholic newspaper “*Kinyamateka*” and in addition, it was on the website of the Episcopal Conference of the country.

National Youth Day was held on the last Sunday of the month of January 2015 and was celebrated in all the parishes.

National Youth Forum was organized this year in Butare from the 18th to 22nd of November 2015.

NEW INITIATIVES have been organized to earn profit, such as chicken and rabbit breeding, agriculture, embroidery, cultural activities, etc.

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SENEGAL and MAURITANIA

ANIMATION MISSIONNAIRE

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. In most of the dioceses a pilgrimage of children is organized to the **diocesan Marian Shrine on the Day of the Missionary Childhood** which is held on the Feast of the Epiphany or other date, such as the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord. The National Office makes available the animation booklets for the missionary month of October. On the Day of the MC, on the other hand, calendars with the animation theme are sold in the parishes and schools of the diocese. Catholic Action is experienced by means of the movements **Coeurs Vaillants (CV)** et **Ames Vaillantes (AV)**.



YEAR 2015

Every diocese has chosen its own animation theme, an example being that of the Archdiocese of Dakar which was "Child, Protect the Environment that Surrounds you and be Merciful", as well as that of the Diocese of Thiès, which adopted the theme, "Be Merciful, as your Heavenly Father is Merciful".



small CALENDAR

This year the **75th anniversary** of the **COEURS VAILLANTS/AMES VAILLANTES** movement in the country was **CELEBRATED**

2015

YEAR 2016

The theme of the missionary month of October was, "Missionary Church, Witness of Mercy", and was used as a animation foundation also for the Missionary Childhood, which then developed a sub-theme in every dioceses. Some examples are that of the Diocese of **Thiès** which was, "To act in Favor of Peace and Joy in the Family" and that of the Archdiocese of Dakar "I am the Door" in honor of the occasion of the Year of Mercy.

The pastoral care of children in the dioceses was effected through catechesis in private Catholic schools and parishes. Booklets and calendars 2017 were distributed to all the Dioceses.



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MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

YEAR 2015

The Society was relaunched in 2015 and the presence of more than 1,000 children was recorded at the inaugural national Masses. A national team has been created that will organize the work and pilot parishes have been chosen in the Archdiocese of Freetown and in the Dioceses of Kenema, Makeni and Bo. In these dioceses the Missionary Childhood groups were identified, and courses were organized for the animators, as well as meetings with the children during the Sunday schools and groups. There is also radio promotion.

As part of this relaunch, **scarves** were created for the Catholic children of Sierra Leone **with the colors of the Vatican**.

On June 19, 2015, the inaugural Mass of the Missionary Childhood was celebrated. In July, catechetical courses were held, teaching basic prayers. In September, the NB met Catholic school teachers and students during which quizzes were prepared.

Singerfest, took place in November, while **Christmas carols and nativity plays** were organized in December.



SOUTH AFRICA BOTSWANA and SWAZILAND



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Society is little known and not very active; however, some Dioceses have been working well with children for many years. The new National Office proposed a common plan with all the Dioceses to introduce the HC and, together with the local coordinators, will try to involve the parishes in educating and motivating the most fortunate parents and children to help the needy by offering their time, resources and prayers.

The dioceses in which the HC is active produce their own materials, which are difficult to share, given that there are 11 official languages in the country. Sometimes the National Office generally lends material from other directors, but it is difficult to adapt it to the local reality. There is also the publication of the **"Our Mission"** Newsletter for all 4 Societies and printing of a liturgical calendar.

YEAR 2014

A theme at the national level was not chosen, rather the Dioceses celebrating the Day of the HC chose their own theme, the motto of "Children helping Children" of the Society.

Missionary Childhood,

Bethlehem: organization of an annual pilgrimage during which the children meet the bishop and make their contributions. It is a day of prayer and fun.



YEAR 2015

NEWSLETTER

Even though this year there was not a specific theme, work was carried out with the motto of HC "Children help children", emphasizing the concept "by virtue of baptism every child, every person is a missionary".

Archdiocese of Cape Town : The Archdiocese is a pioneer of initiatives in favor of the HC. This year all Catholic schools participated in a three-day event to talk about the Society. These schools are frequented by Catholics and non-Catholics, as well as by Hindus and Muslims. There was a fundraiser at school and the children were also encouraged to bring material gifts (which were given to needy children in the dioceses).

Diocese of Umzimkhulu : This diocese is very rural. The **DAY OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is celebrated with a rally on the feast of St. Therese, patron of the missions, beginning of October.



YEAR 2016

This year's animation was focused on HC, and a separate poster was distributed to all the dioceses in order to promote the Society in the parishes.

NEWS: The Archbishop of Pretoria has designated a specific Sunday for the collections in favor of the HC.



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Pontifical Mission Societies – South Africa, Botswana and Swaziland

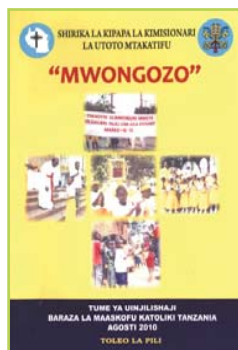
TANZANIA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The National Office prints educational material of various kinds (posters, flyers, rosaries, t-shirts, DVDs, etc.), as well as the **two booklets** in Kiswahili, "**Mwongozo**" et "**Pamoja kwa Yesu**" which are used as guides for the training of children and animators.

Most of the dioceses celebrate the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** on December 28th, Feast of the Holy Innocents. Other dioceses such as Kahama, Mwanza, Mbulu, Mbinga and Songea celebrate it on the day of the Epiphany. In October each year the children of the Missionary Childhood of the Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam make a **missionary trip to the island of Mafia** to encourage the Christian faithful on the Muslim-majority island.



YEAR 2014

June 12-16: The historic **National Congress of Tunduru-Masasi**, took place which had a great reverberation in the dioceses of the country. 31 Dioceses out of 44 have sent their children. The theme of the Congress was "*Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Here am I, Send me.*"

Many dioceses have held courses for animators of the Missionary Childhood or diocesan congresses. The children visited the sick and helped the disabled (orphanage Secondary School in Bethsaida).

YEAR 2015

Theme of the year: "*Whom shall I send*" and I said "*Here am I. Send me*" from Isaiah 6: 8. The theme was

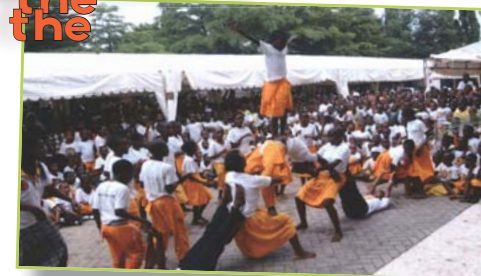
presented through t-shirts, posters, pamphlets, and on the radio.

Annual trip to the island of Mafia: for children of the Missionary Childhood, this is a great journey, because of the distance, seasickness, the heat, the unfriendly environment but, despite everything, the children of the Archdiocese of Dar es Salaam are waiting anxiously. Even the inhabitants of the island, at first rigid, skeptical and hostile to Christianity, now listen with interest to what the children have to share.



celebration
to close the
Year of the
Family

March 19: the children of the Missionary Childhood have closed the year of the Family with a great celebration presided by His Eminence Most Reverend Fr. Polycarp Cardinal Pengo, Archbishop of Dar es Salaam.



The children of the Missionary Childhood of Tanzania participated in the **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**, international prayer day of the Rosary on October 17, 2015.

In some areas of the country, there is the **Mapipa Steel Band**, groups of children who teach other children to play the drum, animating the Holy Mass. More and more children are enthusiastic about the celebrations and activities of the Church.



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MAPIPA
STEEL BAND

YEAR 2016

The theme for the year was, “*Christ in You, Our Hope of Glory*” Col 1:27. The theme was realized through poster t-shirts, banners, tracts as well as seminars and conferences on the theme of Christ in us.

NEW INITIATIVES : From June 8-12, 2016, **a national congress on the Eucharist** was held in the Archdiocese of Mwanza with the participation of 2,758 Missionary children and 439 animators. Among them was a disabled child who was carried by his friends in order to get around the event. The Missionary Childhood also participated, and a specific theme was prepared for the children entitled “*The Holy Eucharist and Missionary Childhood*”.

Trip to the Island of Mafia:

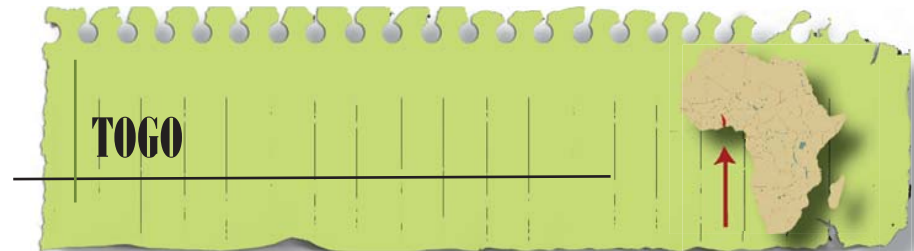
As every year, the children of the Archdiocese of Dar-es-Salaam have recited the Missionary Rosary through the initiative of “A Million Children that Pray the Rosary” throughout the world.

NEW INITIATIVE : Printed calendar of Missionary Childhood with images of the children's activity.



cover of the DVD, trip to the Island of Mafia

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MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The National Office work together with the diocesan leaders and the existing children movements, Cœurs Vaillants (CV) and Ames Vaillantes (AV) as well as with the national and diocesan movements for children. Live radio sessions of animation are organized on Radio Maria Togo.



YEAR 2015

Each diocese have organized the animation following the directions of the National Office, adapting it to the annual pastoral context and culminating in January around the time of Epiphany. Children's Catholic Action Groups have been set up in parishes and schools, often with CV-AV, Scouts, Enfants de Lumière, Altar Servers, Children's Choirs, Children lectors etc. The animators and the leaders of the groups coordinated the activities, organizing meetings, training sessions, film screenings, and game workshops called Bible Camps.

NEWS : Creation of an audiovisual spot as an animation support and for the Missionary Childhood Day.



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YEAR 2016

Theme of the Year: “Live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the Church and in the world”.

This year the frequency of radio broadcasts has increased, posters have been printed and a news flyer has been published.

National encounter is organized every 3 years: according to each diocese the celebration takes on different forms, including diocesan campsites, diocesan sessions, and diocesan and parish pilgrimages.



LIVING
NATIVITY
SCENE

The children of the village of Kolowaré (Diocese of Sokodé) made a pilgrimage to a place of difficult access and without drinking water to express their solidarity and to inaugurate a water supply for which they prayed for, together with the missionary priests who live nearby.



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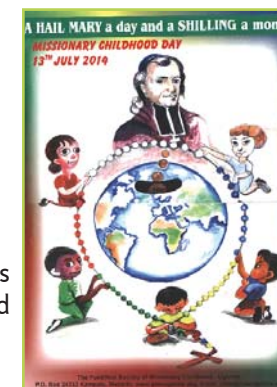
MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The animation of the Missionary Childhood is done through seminars as well as in Religious Houses of Formation. The National Office publishes the magazine “Jesus is our Friend” and distributes animation material in addition to the liturgical program of the Missionary Childhood Days that are celebrated every second Sunday in July.

YEAR 2014

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: it was celebrated on the 14th of July 2014 with the theme: “A Hail Mary a Day and one Shilling a Month”.

The liturgy was celebrated in all 19 Catholic dioceses and as well in some other Institutions.



YEAR 2015

Theme of the Year: “Children are great Disciples and Missionaries”. The National Office team has held some work groups in several dioceses as well as in the 4 ecclesiastical provinces in order to strengthen the consciousness of the Society. The work of promotion is also followed by some seminars.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: July 12, 2015.

On the 28th of November, **HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS** visited the country and met with the Missionary Childhood children.



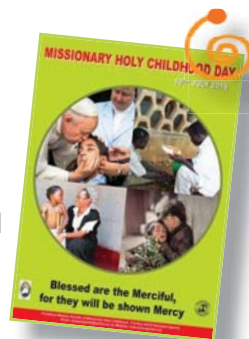
the **MISSIONARY CHILDREN** greet the **POPE**

YEAR 2016

There was a workshop for elementary and middle school teachers and for the parochial animators in some dioceses.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

DAY: it was celebrated on the 10th of July, 2016 with the theme “*Blessed are the Merciful, for they will be shown mercy*”. The celebration was preceded by two radio transmissions on Radio Maria on April 3 and May 15 announcing it.



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ZAMBIA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

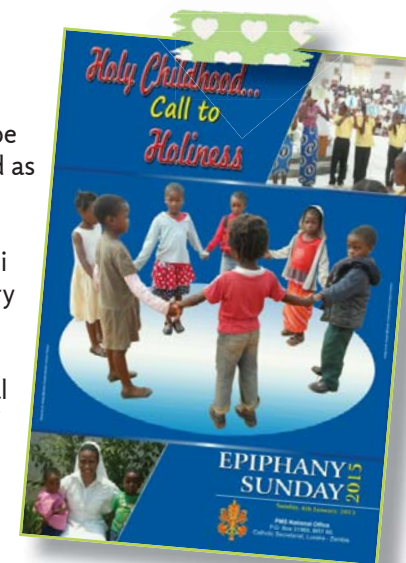
Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Activity of the National Office runs from January to December. The Days of the Missionary Childhood are celebrated on the Epiphany.

YEAR 2015

A calendar was printed and distributed to all the dioceses to be used as a means of animation and as a fundraiser.

In August, there was a seminar in the diocese of Mwinilunga-Solwezi for the animators of the Missionary Childhood.

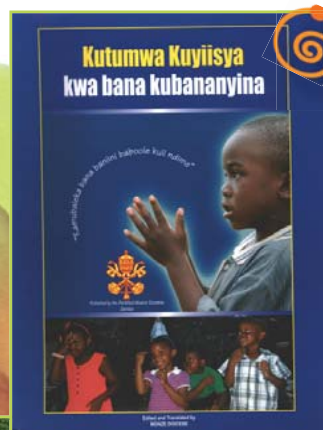
Production of the Chitenge (traditional fabric) of the Pontifical Society coincided with the Year of Mercy. This was distributed to all the diocese and used as a means of animation.



YEAR 2016

This year's theme was based on Matthew 2:11 "They opened their treasures and presented him with gifts" to encourage the children to give something to Jesus. These gifts will benefit other children around the world. However, the central theme was the Year of Mercy around which the main activities were centered.

NEW INITIATIVE : besides the printing of the chitenge (cloth) of the Missionary Childhood, T-shirts have been printed with the motto of the Society.

publication of the
NATIONAL OFFICECELEBRATION OF
THE MISSIONARY
CHILDHOOD DAY
IN THE DIOCESE
OF KABWE

His Em. Cardinal Fernando Filoni, Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, was welcomed by the Children of the Missionary Childhood with traditional songs and dances during his visit in Zambia



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CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

AMERICA



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MISSIONARY ANIMATION

In the 21 dioceses located in 19 countries (above all islands) there has not been a specific theme, however the Diocesan Directors, each year, are guided and encouraged to focus on certain topics. The official languages of the Dioceses are English, French and Dutch. The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is celebrated on different days with different methods and activities. In some dioceses it takes place during the missionary month for the feast of the Holy Innocents. The National Office provides educational aids for propagation and for the training of the animators. The method of Lectio Divina has become popular.

YEAR 2014

The proposed themes this year were for example “*Vision 2010 – Disciples on Mission*”; “*To develop evangelization skills for Missionary work through active animation*”; or “*Go make disciples*” etc.

Animators' Day with the theme “*Developing Active Skills of Evangelization for the Mission*” and a 4-day summer program in August in the areas of faith formation, leadership, manual work and educational methods. Organized by the Diocese of St. George.



Archdiocese of Castries: 47 new members in April.

The Missionary Childhood took part in **Mother's Day** bringing bouquets to mothers, while the children of the village of Micoud brought presents to their fathers for Father's Day. They also sang carols and brought Christmas gifts to the elderly. The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was celebrated on the feast of Saint Therese of Lisieux, co-patron of the missions. St. Lucia took part in the **Holy Hour on the Sunday of the Missions** and have celebrated the thirteenth national feast of their patron.

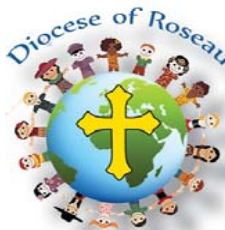


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Diocese of Roseau : the celebration of the **ANNUAL DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** took place on October 5th in the Chapel of St. Gerard, with the participation of 11 animators and 178 children members consecrated by Bishop Gabriel Malzaire. During the offertory procession symbols were brought to the altar (lantern, candles, water, oil and a bowl of rice).

YEAR 2015

**LOGO DIOCESE
OF ROSEAU**



The themes on which the diocesan directors of the various regions have focused this year have been evangelization and childhood; children and encouraging youth to read the bible; the training of parents and animators.

Diocese of Paramaribo : the formation of the catechists continues. Very large diocese, few streets, villages accessible only by boat - development of the "Ad Gentes" program which provides for the formation of lay people interested in working as catechists and animators.

Diocese of Mandeville : missionary experience of 220 children involved in a mutual aid program. They participated in the mission that included the creation of the parish community, where they were encouraged to share their talents with children and adults. Creation of "mission children clubs" throughout the diocese. Use of theater and popular culture.

Diocese of Saint Georges : The Missionary Childhood has initiated a pilot project of breeding chickens and a farm in one of the elementary schools.

Diocese of Roseau : it is the most active diocese, with programs for pre-school and school-age children and among active members of the Missionary Childhood, boys and girls have been chosen to become Child leaders. Due to the tropical storm Erika, which damaged the infrastructure in Dominica, the annual celebration of the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** could not take place. However, a consecration ceremony took place on October 4 in the Parish of Our Lady of La Soie, Wesley, for members of that parish. In other parishes, the children participated in the liturgy and prayed for peers in the world, to celebrate the event anyway. In November 2015, **the Missionary Childhood Vocation promotion program for boys was launched in the parish of Our Lady of La Soie, Wesley.** These vocational sessions that take place every second Sunday of the month, organized in collaboration with the National Office, involved 12 young members of the Missionary Childhood between 8 and 12 years. In December, the number rose. For the girls (**Vocation promotion for girls**), the sessions will start on the first Saturday of March 2016 and will continue every first Saturday of the month. The program is open to members of all the parishes of the diocese.


 YEAR 2016

This year the themes used were “Go and make disciples”, “Be Merciful”, “Taste and see”.

Archdiocese of Port of Spain : The theme chosen for 2016 was “He Sent Me to Bring the Good News”. All registered schools received a package containing rosaries. At each meeting, a DVD was shown with a message for the children, who sang, danced, recited poems, etc.

Diocese of Roseau : the animation, inspired by the theme “Go and make disciples”, was conducted through the **NOTRE DAME DE LA SOIE** Dominica Catholic Radio, the parish bulletins, the Catholic magazines of the community, social media, etc. The parish of Our Lady of La Soie organized a training course for 11 leaders of children and teachers of preschools in August, the little ones have donated their savings and prayed for their peers and their parents.



Archdiocese of Castries : The Children of the Missionary Childhood have acted in a play on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Diocese of Montego Bay : the standard of living of the children of the diocese is average, or at least better than in other areas. The Christian family structure is held together by spouses, mothers and grandmothers. The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is celebrated at Epiphany, but there are activities in parishes around Christmas, when missionaries (priests and religious from Bangladesh, Fiji and other Pacific Islands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Tanzania and the United States of America) are encouraged to tell their experiences.

The group of Missionary Childhood of St. Luke's Elementary School and St. Mary Elementary School together made a pilgrimage to the Parish Church of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Salisbury, observing the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

group M.C. Saint Georges, Grenada



musical group A.D. of Roseau



new members of M.C. A.D. of Roseau



a grandmother who is animator with her 7 nephews A.D. of Roseau



Pontifical Mission Societies in the Antilles

ARGENTINA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. Publication of animation and training material for children and animators. The meetings of the Missionary Childhood, POPF, POSPA and PUM secretaries and of the National Office of Cono Sur continue (Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil).

The **NATIONAL DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE** is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of August. Publication of the quarterly journal **Iglesia Misionera Hoy** and the agenda of the missionary animator.

YEAR 2014

Missionary Childhood: "Make a missionary commotion in Europe and in all the world". In August, the month of the Missionary Childhood, another theme was proposed specifically for a project in Iasi, Romania "Missionary commotion in Romania, will you become part of the project?" And the activities were based on the continent of Europe, focusing on Romania, a country on which the celebrations for the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE** were also focused on.



This year there were no national courses to focus on training in the regions. (Taller de iniciación).

Web page : use of the web page on which the courses are posted. A new space has been opened on the web page entitled "Contemplatives in action" where material of missionary spirituality and training for the animators is posted.

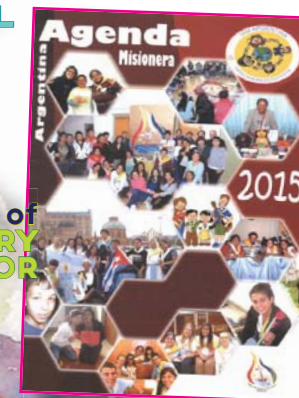


NEW: the Tryptic of the Missionary Childhood has been modified, the agenda of the missionary animator has been realized.



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the AGENDA of the MISSIONARY ANIMATOR



ANIMATION MATERIAL



YEAR 2015

Theme of the year for the animation was "With tenderness and charity we will transform reality". During the **DAYS OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE**, especially during the month of August, various activities were carried out to make people understand respect for life and the dignity of everyone.

INITIATIVE AT NATIONAL LEVEL : visit of the Secretary of the Missionary Childhood of Luxembourg. For the occasion, a supportive and missionary musical event was organized, during which the singer **Grégory Turpin** shared her testimony of life.



visit of the
National Office of
LUXEMBOURG



The August issue of the quarterly review **IGLESIA MISIONERA HOY** dedicated to the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence

CONTEST

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KIBO
from KENYA



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from BEIJING



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from PERU



SOPHIE
from HOLLAND



SAHANI
from AUSTRALIA

from August to November the children were invited to send a story about the characters who will accompany Juanita and Carlitos (members of the Missionary Childhood) during their journey on the 5 continents, inviting them to be part of the Missionary Childhood of Argentina. The competition was aimed at children members of the Missionary Childhood Argentina up to 12 years old, who could participate alone or in groups. Their task was to create a character, give it a name, place it in a city on the continent it represents, describe its age, context, family situation, activities - create its own story



YEAR 2016

Theme of the year: "We live with mercy and the Eucharist, we live the mission with joy".

The theme was used in the various meetings of the year in the different regions. With the invitation to live mercy during the days of the Missionary Childhood especially during the month of August, various activities were carried out, such as gestures of mercy, animation, formation and reflection.

Activities at national and regional level:

based on the Jubilee of Mercy, they therefore proposed activities of missionary service to the regions. Missionary Childhood regional animator meetings in each region, at various times of the year - this initiative replaced a national meeting, which is otherwise too expensive, to fortify the regional Missionary Childhood teams. Thus, this year, emphasis has been placed on regional training.

The National Office has also created monthly "Schools with Jesus" on the web page or on the Facebook site.

**MISSIONARY STAMPS COLLECTION CAMPAIGN**

the National Office encourages to collect used stamps in good condition and to send them so that, by selling them to collectors, they can help children, teenagers and animators in their missionary formation

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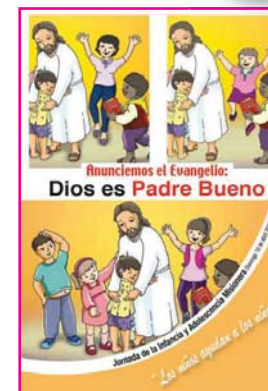
Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

Celebration of the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE** in April.

YEAR 2016

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE : Sunday, April 10, with the theme "Announce the Gospel: God is a Good Father".

Preparation for the V American Missionary Congress in Bolivia in July 2018.

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BRAZIL

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The National Secretary sends monthly slides and texts to regional, diocesan coordinators, etc. and there is a significant use of the website.

Printing of animation material and edition of the quarterly bulletin of the Pontifical Mission Societies entitled SIM. In addition, training materials are jointly developed with the National Secretaries of: Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela and Mexico.

The **NATIONAL DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE** was announced in 2013 at national level and since then it is celebrated on the last Sunday of May or on the closest weekend.

The Society has about 500,000 registered children.



YEAR 2014

Theme of the Year: “*Missionary Childhood of America at the service of the missions in Africa*”.

For the **NATIONAL DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE** material is sent to the coordinators at the beginning of the year along with three indications for the celebration, namely: to give to the children the scarves and pins of the Missionary Childhood, the consecration to Our Lady and to give the missionary moneyboxes.

Part of the animation material was revised (Adolescents without Frontiers, Time to Evangelize number 2, while the Christmas Novena from Missionary Childhood and the booklet Small steps of love was republished.

FIRST AMERICAN CONGRESS OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE: it took place from 23 to 25 May in Aparecida with the participation of about 700 people from 17 countries including the General Secretary of the Missionary Childhood.

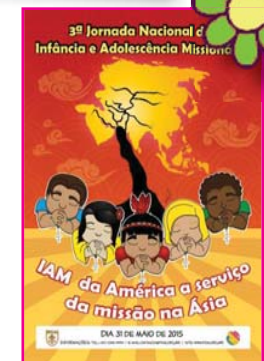
APARECIDA



YEAR 2015

III National Day of the Missionary Childhood and adolescence : celebrated from May 29 to 31.

XX National Assembly of the Missionary Childhood and adolescence : from December 3 to 6.



Organization of various training meetings (ELMI, ELMA ECC, Meeting of Diocesan Coordinators of the Missionary Childhood, II National Missionary Childhood Day and use of Power Point presentations).

Preparation of two texts for the Campaign of the October Missionary with special attention to the celebration of the day dedicated to children and adolescents (testimony of the Missionary Childhood in a DVD and in the Novena material).

YEAR 2016



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CANADA (ENGLISH-SPEAKING)

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Day of the Missionary Childhood is celebrated on the first Wednesday of May and is known in English-speaking Canada as the **CANADA-WIDE HOLY CHILDHOOD MISSION DAY**. Educators, missionary animators and catechists are encouraged to bring together as many members as possible for the celebration of the liturgy. The program for the animation (**Mission Education program**) which is addressed to Catholic parishes and Catholic primary schools, follows the school year and is therefore divided into two periods: autumn (September - December, then Advent and Christmas) and winter (January - June, then activities of Lent and Easter). Publication of **newsletters** focusing on countries helped by the National Office. The three premises of the Society are “**to pray, to learn and to share**”.

YEAR 2014

Theme of the Year: “*Open your heart – Share your love*”. Importance of the mission through baptism. Sending **animation kits** (story Missionary Childhood, Rebus, Newsletter, Guide for teachers stickers, membership cards, posters, calendar of events and Lent station of the cross, Missionary Rosary etc.). Reproduction of the special prayer of the Missionary Childhood for children and distribution to schools to encourage them to pray daily for their peers.

Newsletter: on Uganda and Ghana with cultural facts about the country, maps, photos, drawings, information on the Missionary Childhood in the country. Pages in which Canadian children show their active participation in the Society (**Student's corner**).

Publication: in the POPF magazine "Missions Today", three times a year there is an article on Missionary Childhood.

NEW INITIATIVE: the **mite box** has been redesigned, which now shows the various areas in which money gives life to one's neighbor. Many schools and parishes give these piggy banks to children to take home at the beginning of the school year, at the beginning of Advent or Lent, to encourage them to give.



cd to encourage children TO OPEN THEIR HEARTS AND SHARE



The Niagara Catholic School Board in Ontario continued its traditional Board-wide Holy Childhood Association walkathon, funded by the geographic region of Niagara

YEAR 2015

The educational program is used together with the Religious Education Program for Children - Born of the Spirit - which has the approval of the Episcopal Conference of Canadian Catholic bishops.



Newsletter : in January 2015 focused on Zambia, in September 2015 on Madagascar. The National Office has reproduced a special prayer for children on a **special card** making it available to all school children.



YEAR 2016

Theme of the Year: "Let us be merciful". All the activities of the year were based on the theme of mercy.

COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF FRENCH-SPEAKING CANADA, especially in support of the project in Peru for the Chiriaco Mission in which there is a school that needs food and 41% of children suffer from malnutrition.



The National Office publishes a booklet entitled "Missionary Childhood Mission Day" to help organize the Missionary Childhood Day.

NEW INITIATIVE: the mayor part of the material was made available online, in order to make it more readily available. A gesture to save and respect the environment. The National Office continues, however, to print the paper newsletters for those who request them.



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CANADA (FRENCH-SPEAKING)

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The **PAPILLONS D'ESPOIR** (the butterflies of hope) they continue to fly to all missionary destinations where children experience violence and poverty, bringing them hope. Activities for children and videos are posted on the website.



YEAR 2014

Project sharing: The country to be discovered in 2014 was **Papua New Guinea** with a project for street children and imprisoned children. On the Mond'Ami website, activities related to the country bearing witness to the campaign have been published.



screen shot of the website of **MOND'AMI**



The Missionary Diary: an information bulletin published twice a year. Inside the bulletin were created “**THE NICE MISSIONARY PIRATES**”, 7 mascots that, on the website, accompany the children to discover the world and the witness country. Together them, they do a sort of treasure hunt (support and prayer) by discovering the country. It is possible to order a free **kit** containing a mini-book of prayers, a missionary piggy bank, and a leaflet.



THE NICE MISSIONARY PIRATES
7 MASCOTS THAT, ON THE WEBSITE, ACCOMPANY THE CHILDREN TO DISCOVER THE WORLD AND THE WITNESS COUNTRY

YEAR 2015

The new head of the Missionary Childhood did a great job of animation and creation of activities to help the children live the mission, giving more visibility to the Society in the dioceses. This year “Les gentils pirates missionnaires” moved to **Cameroon** to help the children of Bafoussam to rebuild their school, destroyed by a storm.

Publication of the “**Le Journal missionnaire**” animation bulletin.



prayer book
LA PRIERE N'A PAS D'AGE!



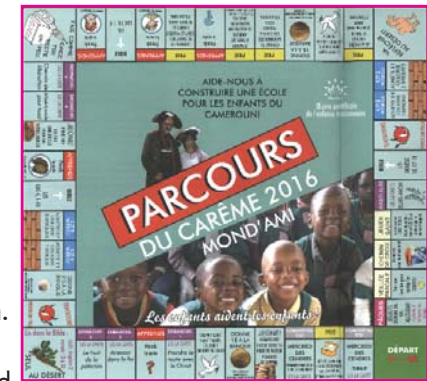
YEAR 2016

Project-sharing: In spring, **Cameroon** was the country benefiting from the campaign. In the annex to the Journal “Des Enfants Missionnaires” there is a **Monopoly** looking route for Lent 2016, in order to help raise aid for the children of Cameroon.

In the **autumn**, promotion was

focused

on supporting a project in **Peru**. The Journal “Des Enfants Missionnaires” recounted the adventures of the pagan thieves who landed in the mission of Chiriaco to support the daily needs of 500 students of the school Fe y Alegría, in Amazonia.



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COLOMBIA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The National Office publishes the **magazine Infancia y Adolescencia Misionera**, which serves as a support for the work of the missionary groups. It is published from May to April of the following year (6 issues per pastoral year). The **DAY OF THE**



MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

is celebrated in May, the month dedicated to the Society.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the year: “We Cultivate our Faith in the Family”.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE : the theme was “If you Feel the Love of God, Communicate it”. To prepare for the day, a booklet was developed that gives advice concerning 4 training meetings, each with a specific theme. There were printed 19,500 booklets, 17,400 posters and 6,000 piggy banks.



Some **NEW NATIONAL INITIATIVES**: included the encouragement of Colombian children to be more generous by way of the elaboration of a **missionary book** whose purchase funds can be contributed to the Universal Solidarity Fund.

There was the participation in the XI Continental Meeting of the National Board of America in Cuba.



There was the participation of the National delegation from Colombia in the First American Congress of the Missionary Childhood Animators (CAIAM II) in Aparecida, Brazil

YEAR 2015

The Apostolic Exhortation, “Evangelii Gaudium” (“Joy of the Gospel”) guided the missionary formation of the adolescents.

Each edition of the **Infancia y Adolescencia Misionera** magazine has a slogan to accompany the training path and contains the themes to guide it. Children are encouraged to participate in the DOMUND, which will be accompanied by the motto “Come and see” (“Ven y ve”).

37 years have passed since the first issue



DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE

The theme that led the celebrations was, “In Solidarity, Prayer and Love, we Consecrate Ourselves to the Mission”.



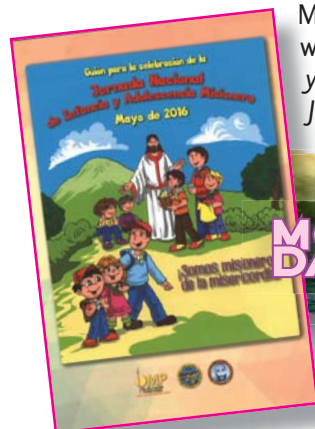
NEWS : The training guides proposed to Missionary Childhood children have been revised and updated. Furthermore, the guide “**Corazón Misionero**

(“Missionary Heart”) was designed and published for children aged 7 to 9.

**YEAR 2016**

Celebration of the **VII National Congress of the Missionary Childhood and adolescence** from 30 June 30th to July 3rd in the city of Santa

Marta, Magdalena was entitled “Hey, you! Be Merciful like Jesus! “.

**MCA DAY 2016**

IAMdeColombia

<http://ompdecolombia>**COSTA RICA****MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

Educational materials from the National Office of other countries are used. There is the monthly or bi-monthly formation of the animators, depending on the diocese.

**YEAR 2014****MISSIONARY CHILD'S DECALOGUE**

The theme of the Year “*Children help children*”. Activities were carried out around the theme both for the animation of children and for the training of animators.

This year saw the participation in the First American Congress of Missionary Childhood Missionary Animators in Aparecida, Brazil.

NEWS : organization of a missionary prayer contest on the national level.

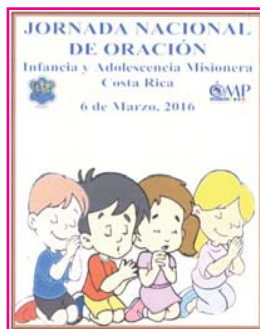
II National Congress of the Missionary Childhood organized in October in the Diocese of Tilarán - Liberia.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE celebrated on October, in the context of the II National Congress of the Missionary Childhood.



YEAR 2015

XXVI National Meeting of the Missionary Childhood and adolescence: held on October 3, in the Diocese of Alajuela, Turrucares with the theme, "My Family and I will Serve the Lord".



National Day of Prayer: is celebrated on the first Sunday of March during which the children pray for the Society of the Missionary Childhood.



MCA national meeting



YEAR 2016

The number of parishes and Missionary Childhood groups are growing thanks to the support of the Episcopal Conference and the major part of the parishes.

Many adolescent members of the Missionary Childhood at the end of their 15th year, collaborate as auxiliaries of the animators of the "Escuela con Jesús".

Even the fathers, as the first missionary animators in their own family, are accompanied in their formation. Emphasis is placed on the importance of the family as the first fundamental cell of society.

Participation in the **II Regional Meeting of the National Secretariats of the Missionary Childhood of Central America, the Caribbean and North America** in Guatemala in September.

National Meeting of the Missionary Childhood and adolescence

realized in each diocese in the month of October with the aim of strengthening the Missionary Childhood in the local Churches.

The slogan was "Missionary Disciples" and the theme consisted in "The Missionary Childhood is a Witness of God's Mercy"

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Diocese of Cartagoanimation
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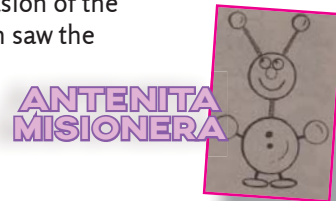
MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. As happens every year, a parish guide was sent to organize personalized missions as preparation for Advent and Christmas. Unfortunately, the animation of children through parish catechesis is only possible on weekends, since the schools are run by the state and there are no religious colleges in the country.

In 2013, the experience of the **CABALGATA** began, in which young people, representing the Holy Family, and the Three Wise Men, walk with their community in the streets, generally in the evening, singing Christmas songs from December 25th to the 7th of January.

NATIONAL DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: is celebrated in the month of May. The National Office sends to each diocese a program of the entire month. The Missionary Childhood was born in Cuba in 1991 when the secular Enrique Cabrera Nápoles (Fidelito) received a magazine of the Missionary Works of Venezuela called "Brujulita" which was dedicated to the Missionary Childhood. He then decided to promote this Society in Cuba. The first issue of the **bulletin for children Huellas Misioneras** was born in 1996.

ANTENITA MISIONERA is the official mascot of the Missionary Childhood, created in 2005 on the occasion of the II National Congress in Camagüey which saw the participation of 372 children.



YEAR 2014

POSTER OF THE VI CONGRESS OF MCA



Because of the lack of funds, the organization of ESAM could only be realized in 4 dioceses.

All celebrations and activities were held in October.

The National Office joined the annual "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" campaign.

"Missionary Bridge"

Project: to connect Cuban children with the other children of the world. They began to create a correspondence between Cuban children and Costa Rican children, but on account of the lack of internet available for the children of Cuba, the correspondence will be postal.



YEAR 2015

The conferences that took place were enlivened by the characters of favorite stories that, depending on the character, show a positive attitude, such as Pinocchio: the truth and not the lie; Zorro: justice and not injustice etc.



NEWS: After a period of pause due to lack of funds, the National Office once again began to print the booklet **Huellas Misioneras**.

All the activities were carried out in October and the promotion of the Missionary Childhood was such that all the diocese joined in the recitation of the **World Rosary for Peace**.

The **Puente Misionero** (Missionary Bridge) continues to be promoted.

2-6 March: Continental Meeting of the PMS Directors in La Habana with the participation of MCA's General Secretary.

July 26-27: National Secretary attended the First Meeting of Regional Secretaries of Central America and the Caribbean which was held in Puerto Rico.

**CONTINENTAL
MEETING
OF THE PMS
DIRECTORS**



TESTIMONY

In the 60s, the revolution confiscated religious schools and many churches which were destined by the Government for other purposes. This year in Nuevitas, a village in the Archdiocese of Camagüey, a chapel was rebuilt, which at the time was confiscated and destined for commercial use. For the occasion, the children of the Missionary Childhood visited various houses inviting everyone to participate in a Mass of thanksgiving. Schools have had a week of vacation to celebrate this revolutionary date. This chapel is dedicated to St. Teresa, Patroness of the Missions.

YEAR 2016

VII National Congress of the Missionary Childhood: held from the 29th to 31st of August, 2016 which focused on the theme of mercy.

There was a new suspension of the **Huellas Misioneras** bulletin edition.

October saw the Recitation of the Rosary for Unity and Peace. Each diocese organized their own initiatives and then all joined for the recitation of the Rosary.

There was the usual sending of the general guide for the preparation for the celebration of the National Day of the Missionary Childhood which will be held in May.

The **Puente Misionero** initiative continues, following the idea of the National Secretary of the Missionary Childhood of Costa Rica.



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ECUADOR

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The celebration of the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE** is scheduled for January 6, but for different reasons the date is adapted to local needs in a period from January to March. Every ecclesiastical jurisdiction lives its own distinct situation. In some areas there is a greater openness of the bishops and stronger presence of the Missionary Childhood while in others the faithful are indifferent to the missionary reality.



YEAR 2014

Theme of the Year: “Children and adolescents on the Missionary Journey ... with the Joy of being Friends of Jesus”. With this theme, which was inspired by Evangelii Gaudium, they also wanted to include adolescents. New groups of animators were created in jurisdictions that had none, increasing the training work, so as to increase the Missionary Childhood groups as well.

The **National drawing and painting contest** is continued, but this time it has been expanded adding new elements suitable for children according to age, such as puzzles, quizzes, etc. (photo). This year, in fact, the design competition was extended to children aged 10 to 15, adding two sections, “Resolvamos” and “Graftiemos”.



NEWS : A **census** has begun to understand the reality of the Missionary Childhood in Ecuador.





YEAR 2015

ANIMATION MATERIAL

The theme of the year was titled, “Children and Adolescents Evangelize with Gestures of Mercy”. The theme was the common thread between the Day of the Missions and the Day of the Missionary Childhood.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY : is celebrated from January 6th to March, because in many places they celebrate it according to the school year.

NEW INITIATIVE : This year a **black and white poster** was created to be decorated and colored by children.


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EL SALVADOR



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The Missionary Childhood in El Salvador was founded in 1986 by a small group of animators of the Diocese of Santiago de Mara and of the Archdiocese of San Salvador. Today the Society is present in all the dioceses.

The National Office publishes various children's guides according to age, such as, “Unripe Wheat”, “Ripe Wheat” and “Advanced Wheat” as well as one for children aged 13 to 15 called, “Adolescencia misionera” (Missionary Youth).

The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. Furthermore, in imitation of the apostles, the children gather in the “Escuela con Jesús” to listen to the word of Jesus.



YEAR 2015

The animation theme was titled, “Year of

Missionary Animation” with the goal of strengthening the bonds of friendship in order to feel closer to one another. Throughout the year, the figure of Monsignor Óscar A. Romero was explained so that the members of the Society should carry out their mission with joy, placing themselves at the service of the Kingdom and proclaiming salvation.



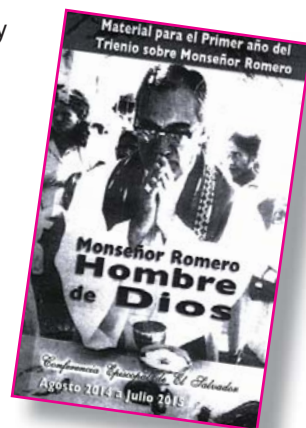
DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: January 25th. The celebrations focused on **MSGR ROMERO**, who was an example of a cheerful approach to the mission. The theme was, "Monsignor Romero, an Example of Missionary animator", accompanied by the motto "With Monsignor Romero, the Missionary Childhood Animates the Whole World". There was the preparation of material and a poster for the occasion.

National Day of Missionary Cooperation: celebrated on May 2nd.

As a symbol of missionary cooperation, a pilgrimage has taken place for 3 years under the theme

"Children and Adolescents of El Salvador Live Missionary Participation" as well as the motto "Participate, Participate in Proclaiming Christ!" On May 2, the project's concluding day, the National Festival of Missionary Cooperation was celebrated in the gymnasium of the Santa Sofia Catholic Educational Complex in the Diocese of

San Miguel. More than 1,000 people including children, adolescents, parents, and animators from all the dioceses of the country attended.



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

GUATEMALA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The **NATIONAL DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE** is celebrated in July on different dates depending on the dioceses and archdiocese. The National Office develops and distributes the material for the celebration. The first official day of the Missionary Childhood was celebrated in 2001, when it was officially announced by the Episcopal Conference of Guatemala. The children of the Missionary Childhood make their own Way of the Cross and celebrate the most important feasts.

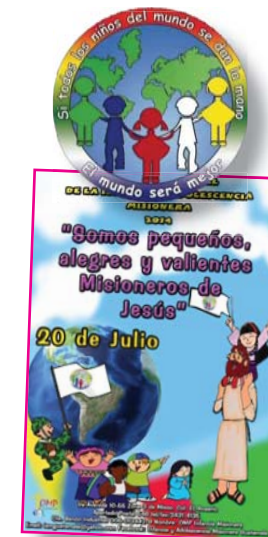
ANEE 2014

The theme of the year: "We are Small, Joyful and Valiant Missionaries of Jesus".

NATIONAL DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE:

celebrated on July 13 in the Diocese of Jalapa, on July 20 in the Archdiocese of Santiago de Guatemala and in the Diocese of Sololá - Chimalatenango. The preparation of the Day's material was divided into 4 themes proposed in the meetings.

FOMI 2014 : With much effort, the formation of Missionary Animators was realized in Morales - Isabal – in the parish of Santa Teresita de Morales, with the accepting of 13 new animators.



YEAR 2015

The theme of the year:
"We are the Salt and Light
in our World".

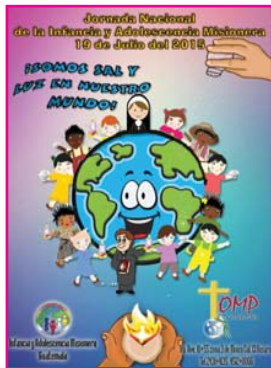
La Hora de la Misión: is a radio program
on Radio Maria promoted by the National
Office



DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND

ADOLESCENCE: celebrated on July 19th in some
dioceses and on July 26th in the Archdiocese of
Santiago de Guatemala.

Apostolic Vicariate of Izabal: The
Missionary Childhood is present in various
parishes. Missionary children visit the sick and
elderly and organize charity sales.



YEAR 2016

The theme of the
year: "Merciful
Children and
Adolescents like Jesus". Material

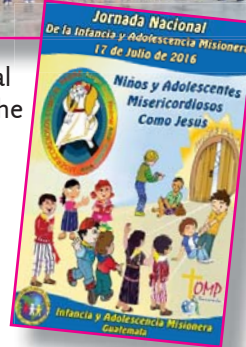
was developed on the theme as preparation for the
Day of the Missionary Childhood.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND

ADOLESCENCE: in Guatemala City was celebrated
on July 17 in the Auditorium Juan Pablo II with
the motto "Merciful Children and Adolescents like
Jesus".



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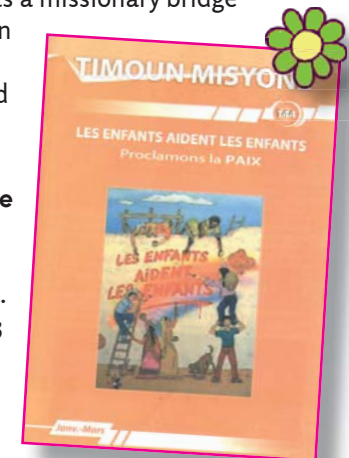
MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.
Childhood is the center of pastoral programs in parishes. In poor
neighborhoods such as Saline, Cité Vincent, and Corail of the city of
Port-au-Prince, as well as in the provinces, groups of children help
their peers who have no food.

Since 2014, the National Office has established a **National Secretariat
of the Missionary Childhood** that coordinates the diocesan
secretariats of the Missionary Childhood and their pastoral activities
and develops socio-cultural programs in collaboration with religious
congregations and ecclesial institutions. In every Catholic school
there is a commission for the missionary animation of the children –
and in this way a **missionary bridge** has been created between the
different movements of children; it serves as a missionary bridge
to support exchanges among all the children
of Haiti through the bulletins training,
information and postal communication, and
news.

The point of reference of the missionary
formation of the animators is the **magazine**
Timoun misyonè, which is also a point
of reference for the communities of the
island, who share their experiences in them.
More than 25,000 copies are printed every 3
months.

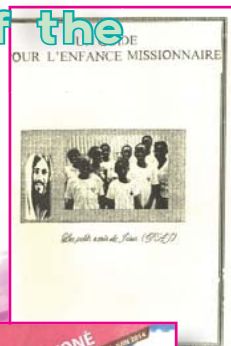
The Episcopal Conference of Haiti
proclaimed the first Sunday of February the
DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD.



YEAR 2014

GUIDE of the
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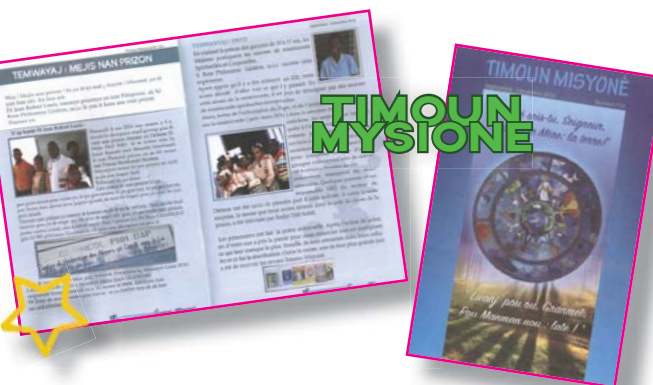
DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: All the activities were held around the theme “Let the children come to me”.



YEAR 2016

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: celebrations developed around the theme, “Children, we are Salt and Light”.

Hurricane Matthew: it hit 4 geographic departments of the country. Dioceses that have not been affected have shown their solidarity with those affected.



Published a **booklet** entitled The Moral Formation of children in the Light of the Post-Synodal Exhortation, Laetitia Amoris by the Holy Father Pope Francis

Summer school camps

Each year, every diocese organizes a summer camp that develops the spirit of solidarity and sharing among the children

There is the collaboration of parish communities, parents and teachers for the organization of other activities such as Christmas for children, theatrical performances, and group entertainments.

NEWS : Considering the importance of the role of parents in the education of children, this year a mother-training project will start in order to prepare them to welcome and raise a child.

HONDURAS



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Society grows in the country, even though not all the dioceses have not yet opened their doors to the Missionary Childhood.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the year: "Missionary Children are Building a Honduras of Peace". A **festival of the missionary song** and a **missionary marathon** were organized.

THE DAY OF THE M.C.: celebrated on Sunday, October 5th under the year's theme with recitation of the Missionary Rosary, plays, folk dances and other initiatives.



Teaching material:

There was the development of a notebook as an aid to the "Ripened Wheat Guide" for children 7-9 years old.



MEXICO



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The Missionary Childhood A. has been present in Mexico since 1853. The National Day is generally celebrated in February with the name of **DOMINF** while its National Congress, called **CONIAM**, is celebrated every two years. There is the publication of the magazine, **Sembradores** for animators and children where, among other columns, children can read the **comic adventures** of **TOHUI**, a **missionary child** who accompanies them to discover the Church and the mission.



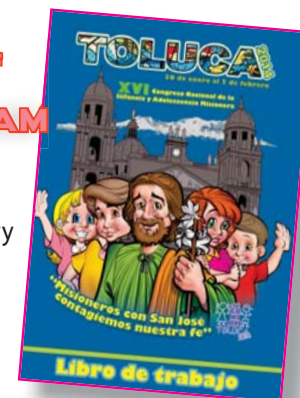
YEAR 2014

poster of
the
XVI CONIAM



XVI CONIAM:

celebrated from January 30th to February 2nd in the Diocese of Toluca, with more than thirty-five thousand children and teenagers in attendance from all over the country under the theme, "Misioneros con San José Contagiamos Nuestra Fe".



DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE (DOMINF):
is celebrated on February 16th.



YEAR 2015

In the **Sembradores** magazine, three-dimensional images of **TOHUI**, his friend

Teresita, the Pope and some were inserted that could be cut out and glued.

IX Diocesan Congress of the Missionary Childhood (CODIAM) was held in Arandas, Jalisco, from the 6th to the 9th of February with the theme, "Social Christian Agreement".



YEAR 2016

There has been the preparation for the XVII CONIAM which will take place in San Luis de Potosí in 2017.

The didactic material (6 levels) was renewed.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE (DOMINF) was celebrated on February 21st.

POSTER OF THE DOMINF 2016



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NICARAGUA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The Missionary Childhood Day is celebrated at the national level on the Sunday closest to the feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary (September 8th).

There has been the publication of the **Decalogue of the Missionary Child**, the **Manual of the Missionary Rosary** and other promotion material.

YEAR 2015

poster of the Day

September 8: celebration of the **NATIONAL DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** in the whole Ecclesiastical Province of Nicaragua.

October 18: the Missionary

Childhood A. children participated in the initiative **One Million Children Pray the Rosary for Unity and Peace**.



YEAR 2016

The theme of the year: "Through the Mercy of God our Father, Today I am Happy!".



Mission Rosary



Obras Misionales Pontificias Nicaragua

DRAWING COMPETITION

THE WINNING DRAWINGS



ANIMATION MATERIAL FOR THE MC DAY

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: was celebrated this year on September 4th.



PANAMA



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. May is the month of the Missionary Childhood A. in Panama. In May is also celebrated the **DOMINF** meeting which is divided by zones, because moving many children has high costs.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the year “*The Joy of the Gospel*”.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY

CHILDHOOD : from May 4-5 the opening Masses of the **month** of the Missionary Childhood A. took place in the diocese and archdiocese of Panama, while the day itself was celebrated from May 16th to the 18th. On May 31st, a National Missionary Childhood A. meeting took place in the Parish Nuestra Señora de Lourdes Carrasquilla.

June: the National Office invited all the Missionary Childhood A. families to a human prayer chain to recite the Holy Rosary for Panamanian families.

October 18th: at 9 o'clock AM, **one million children recited the Holy Rosary in their parish.**



The children are involved in the preparation of the DOMUND. **Money boxes** of the 2014 DOMUND were decorated with the theme “*The Joy that Transforms us*”.



T-shirts were made with the Missionary Childhood logo.



YEAR 2015

The theme of the year: “*The joy that Transforms us*” and it has been deduced into other themes every month of the year.

May in particular, which is the month of the Missionary Childhood, had the theme “*We Celebrate our Month with Mamma Mary*”.

In **October** one million children recited the Living Rosary.

Especially on the Feast of All Saints in November, the theme of holiness was highlighted. In every parish in which the Missionary Childhood is represented, the **activity “Saints or Nothing”** was held.

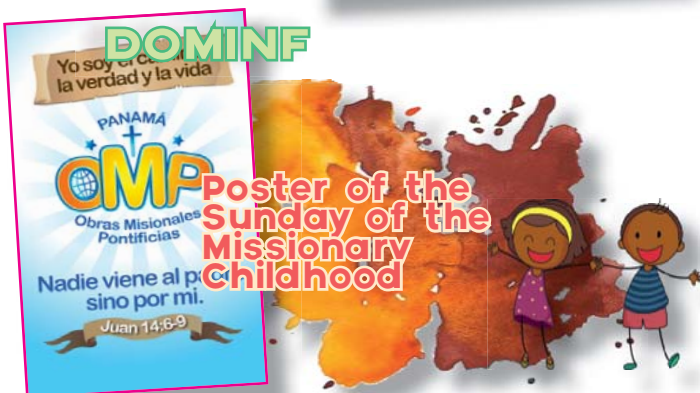


YEAR 2016

Theme of mercy.

On **February 20**, the **35th anniversary of the presence of the Society in the country** was celebrated. The theme was titled, *"The Mission, a Style of Life"*.

May : II National Meeting of the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence was held in the parishes of San Miguel Arcángel, in the Diocese of Chitré. May is the month of the Missionary Childhood A. in Panama.



PARAGUAY



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.



The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE (JONIAM)** is celebrated on the first Sunday of August, the month of the Day of the Child in Paraguay. It is preceded by 3-day Diocesan Congress (**DONIAM**) to reflect on the theme of the year.

There was the publication of the **MITÁ MISIONERO** supplement, which is dedicated to children.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the year: *"In the Family I am the Light of the World and I Joyfully Live the Mission"*. There were training

activities around the theme of family and life held.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE celebrated

this year on August 3. The motto was *"In the Family I am the Light of the World and I Joyfully Live the Mission"*.



The Week of Prayer for the Suffering of Children:

A week before the National Day, the Missionary Childhood children along with the animators prayed for the different childhood situations and for missionaries in the world. The week culminates with the **Caminata de Amor** which takes place on

the National Day itself. The parish children and adolescents march through the streets with songs and prayers, recalling at each station the situations in which the families of Paraguay as well as those of different continents find themselves in.



The Fourth National Meeting of Animators of the Missionary Childhood (ENAIAM): from February 20-23, was held in the Diocese of Carapeguá y Tuvo: The slogan was, "Yo les he Elegido y los Prepararé para que Vayan y Den Frutos". 300 Animators from the dioceses of the whole country were in attendance.

MITÀ MISIONERO supplement: this year, the missionary supplement for children and adolescents contains some formative elements. Other training materials have been developed, such as the "Manual de Pascua Mità" as well as for the month of August, of the National Day.



YEAR 2015

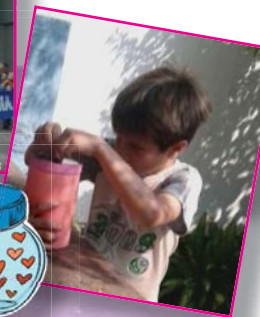
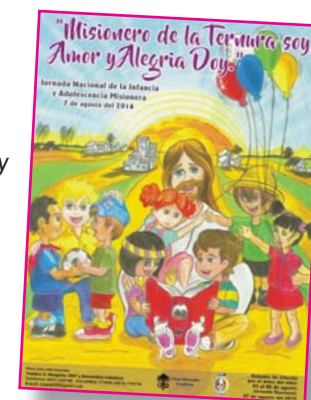
The theme of the year: "I am a missionary of tenderness, I give love and joy". Some dioceses have organized a pilgrimage to the sanctuaries with entrance to the Holy Door and in which more than 500 children participated.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE:

the 7th of August.

Various activities took place in the dioceses, such as walks of love and joy, the Week of Prayer for Children's Suffering. Finally, the actual day of the Missionary Childhood took place with songs and missionary promotion in the dioceses.

There were celebrations for the 173 years of the Missionary Childhood A. in the headquarters of the National Board.



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PERU

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The National Office publishes the magazine **Los Pequeños Misioneros (LPM)**. In January there is the **activity** of the **Sowers of Stars** while in May the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE**.

YEAR 2015

Theme of the Year: "Speak Lord, for Your Servant Listens".

January 6: The Epiphany with the "Sowers of Stars" - Piazza Mayre in Lima.

May 30: the celebration of the **Missionary Childhood and Adolescence Festival** in the Coliseum of the Claretian College with the participation of more than 2,000 children and adolescents from parishes and educational institutions of Lima y Callao. The Festival was also celebrated in Cusco, Arequipa, Tacna, Huancayo, Iquitos, Chiclayo, Pucallpa and Trujillo.



THE SOWERS OF STARS

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE:

celebrated on May 31st.

There was the creation of schools for missionary animators, television interviews, days of missionary promotion with the children, and activities of the "Sowers of the stars."

October 17th : the children of the Missionary Childhood A. participated in the **recitation of the Missionary Rosary** in the parish of the Blessed Sacrament in San Martin de Porres.

YEAR 2016

Theme of the Year: "Little Missionaries of Mercy".

This year the quarterly journals "Omp Perú Misionero" and "Los Pequeños Misioneros" (LPM) were redesigned and distributed free of charge.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE:

this year on May 15th.

On May 28th, the **Missionary Childhood and Adolescence Festival** occurred at the Claretian college with the participation of more than 2,000 children and adolescents from the parishes and educational institutions of Lima and Callao.

The **IV Missionary Rosary Competition**: launched in August.

NEWS : There was the preparation of booklets for First Communion and for Confirmation.



PUERTO RICO

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The Day of the Missionary Childhood (**DOMINF**) is celebrated every year on the last Sunday of January.

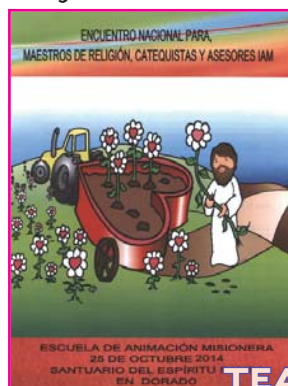


YEAR 2014

The 2014-2015 campaign theme: “Do Not Let your Missionary Heart be Extinguished” and “O Vas, O Envías, O Ayudas a Enviar” was the slogan.

Material : campaign posters, piggy bank labels, decals, buttons, brochures, etc.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE (DOMINF**)** : was celebrated on January 26, 2014 in the parish of Mary Mother of the Redeemer in the diocese of Fajardo - Humacao. The theme was “Puerto Rico, it is Time to Evangelize with Joy”.



TEACHING MATERIAL

YEAR 2015

The theme for the 2015-2016 campaign: “Missionary Children Committed to Mercy” and the motto was “Passionate about Jesus, Passionate about Children who Suffer Much”.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY : celebrated on January 25, 2015 in the Terrenos of the Festival de las Flores. The team of the Parish of San José in Diocese of Caguas acted as the hosts. The theme was “Do not Let your Missionary Heart be Extinguished”, while the motto was “O Vas, O Envías, O Ayudas a Enviar”.

First meeting of the Regional Secretariat of the Missionary Childhood of Central America and the Caribbean: September 26th in the Capuchin Center of Trujillo Alto. Missionary Childhood A. Directors and secretaries took part from El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, Cuba, Haiti, Puerto Rico.

There was the participation in the spiritual campaign **A Million Children Pray the Rosary for Unity and Peace**.

YEAR 2016

The Theme of the 2016-2017 annual campaign: “Missionary Children with Christ in Puerto Rico and in the Entire World”.

Animation material: Posters with the Theme of the Year, labels for piggy banks, 4 cycles for missionary training booklets, posters for “One Million Children Recite the Missionary Rosary for Unity and Peace”.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY (DOMINF**)**: this year it was remarkably celebrated on February 28th, in the Diocese of Ponce. The theme was “Missionary children involved in mercy”. The motto, however, was “Passionate about Jesus, Passionate about the Children who Suffer Most”.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

YEAR 2014

MATERIAL FOR THE SCHOOLS



YEAR 2016

Theme of the Year "Mercy Changes the World".

NEW INITIATIVES : There are now digital versions of teaching resources to involve Catholic schools and parishes. With the new method, schools and parishes are asked to incorporate the Society's program into their own. The website <http://missio.org/resources>, seeks to provide religious content and religious experiences for each age group.

The National Office offers a **new poster** in English and Spanish representing the Pope and the children, as well as a **new "Missionary Childhood Prayer Pledge Card"** also in both English and Spanish, with the same image. On the

back is the Missionary Disciple prayer pledge. The **piggy bank** has also been redesigned to fit the poster and the prayer cards.

The National Office continues to encourage the prayer of the **Missionary**

Rosary through a video and a

discussion guide.

Holy Buckets:

This catechetical and donation activity continues for Advent. Lessons, reflections

and activities are linked to the active work of the missionaries. The program prepares young people for

Advent and Christmas.

The **usual Christmas design competition** was held, and which had 24 winners, including 2 major winners, whose drawings are shown on Christmas cards that the National Office sends

National Prayer and **Penny Week**: Lenten sacrifice and donation program. It took place in March 2016. Guide with activities, prayers and reflections.



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URUGUAY

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

YEAR 2014

This year the leadership and promotion of the Society has been globally reviewed; we have moved on to a collegiate secretariat integrated by two people, in the future three, who serve as volunteers.

Missionary formation: 5 Top training courses were held in various parts of the country, with 100 animators participating.

ESAM: They are also organizing a formation plan which will be from a distance and completely virtual.

Website: Starting from November, the possibility of developing and offering a proposal for promotion and missionary formation together with other spaces for promotion and formation is being studied. This is the 2015-2017 work plan. This three-year project has a slogan that identifies it, which is titled, “I am a Mission, We are a Mission – I am a Mission on this Earth, for this Reason I am in the World” taken from a phrase from the Evangelii Gaudium of Pope Francis.



YEAR 2015

To work with children, they chose the phrase “I am a Mission, We are a Mission”.

June 21st saw the celebration of the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE (JONAIAM)** in the city of Durazno with the participation of 250 children with their animators and their families. Among the group activities, there was an imaginary journey across the 5 continents through games and songs.

DOMUND: A **drawing competition** was organized as part of the Missions Day entitled **Coloring the Mission Time**. The winning designs were transformed into a 2016 almanac that was put on sale together with a mug with the DOMUND logo.

From the 27th to the 30th of August, as part of the National Meeting of OMP Directors and Secretaries of Cono Sur, there was a meeting to hear the **testimony of a missionary family from Paraguay**, which was very fruitful. They invited them and encouraged them to work together with Uruguay for the formation of groups. Thus, in January 2016, the first Meeting of Missionary Families was organized in Uruguay.



Unfortunately, the National Office does not have its own manuals or publications, at the moment, those of Argentina are photocopied.

National Youth Day : was held from the 24-25th of October in the parish of Santa Isabel de Hungría, Salinas - this is because during the Missionary Childhood Day in June (JONAMCA) they perceived that many teenagers claimed their attention and as a result, a special activity was organized for them. This meeting takes place in two stages, for two consecutive years. The first is called “*Vengan y Vean*” (Come and See) and focuses on the call of Jesus to go on mission. In the second stage, which will take place on the 21st and 22nd of May 2016, the title will be “*Vayan y Anuncien*” (Go and Announce), which recognizes the call of Jesus and announces it.

YEAR 2016

Theme of the Year:
“*Missionaries of the Father’s mercy*”.

There was the participation in the school of missionary animators I and II which took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in order to lay the foundations for organizing an ESAM I in Uruguay. Furthermore, a basic promotion course and a meeting of adolescents and missionary animators were held in February to lay the foundations for the creation of new groups.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE (JONAIAM): was held on the 26th of May in the National Shrine, Virgen de las Flores, to facilitate access to one of the doors of Mercy and therefore, turn the Day into a pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy. The theme was “*Missionaries of the Father’s Mercy*”.



VENEZUELA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE** is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of January in every archdiocese and diocese. Each one organizes it in their own way, but recurring elements are the missionary walks and the Eucharistic celebration with the collection. The Missionary Childhood A. works together with **CENTIMISION**, or missionary adolescence.

YEAR 2014

Theme of the Year: “*Let us have Jesus in the Center*”.

National Assembly of the Missionary Childhood was held from April 4-6 in Guarenas, which saw the participation of 76 coordinators and animators.

Celebration of the **50th anniversary of the Missionary Childhood and Adolescence in Venezuela**: was held from July 4-6 in the Archdiocese of Barquisimeto.



EXPRECRI : An adolescent course with Christ occurring at the national level (adolescent experiences with Christ) organized parallel to the service of missionary preadolescent animation “CENTIMISION”, and to the preparatory path towards V CONMC in 2015.



NEWS : DAY OF VACCINATION OF LOVE AND MISSIONARY ARDOR. It is held at the national level and its goal is to make Christ known, to make new members, and to awaken the ardor and missionary love. There was a poster with the logo of the Day (a heart, a flame, and a dove), large cardboard syringes, white shirts, badges, etc. A symbolic vaccination is carried out by saying, “Te vacuno con amor y ardor misionero para que Dios viva siempre en tu mente y en tu corazón” (I vaccinate you with love and missionary ardor so that God may always live in your mind and in your heart). The theme, “Vaccinated” will then be entered on a register of the parish.

YEAR 2015

poster of the
DAY OF THE
MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD
AND ADOLESCENCE
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YEAR 2016

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE : The theme was titled, “*Infant and Adolescent Mission: Joyful Testimony of Kindness and Mercy*”. It held particular importance this year since it fell on the same day as V° CONIAM.

The **objective of the year** was to reinforce the organizational group of missionaries in the diocese in which the society is present. School campaign organized by SAME (Service for School Activities) .



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ASIA



BANGLADESH



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The National Office publishes the quarterly **SHANTIR BARTA** (The Messenger of Peace). The organization of the **Bible Quiz** with prizes for participation continues. Some parishes and regions celebrate the Sunday of Missionary Childhood several times and on each occasion, a bilingual poster is published and distributed.

YEAR 2014

The main topics discussed during the year were the Catholic faith, formation, traditions, culture and values of the family.



DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: January 26th.

YEAR 2015

the
magazine

The theme of the usual National Assembly in the diocese of Rajhashi was, “*Ideal Children of the Ideal Family*”, and was attended by 280 children from all the dioceses.

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: January 25th.

ANIMATION
BOOKLET

YEAR 2016

The **National Assembly** was held at the Pastoral Center of Mymensingh with the theme “*Mercy and Joy in Christian Family*”.

The issue of “*Shantir Barta*” of January 31st focused on the Missionary Childhood and had as its theme “*Be merciful as your Heavenly Father is merciful.*”



EAST TIMOR



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

To awaken the missionary sentiment in the country's dioceses, a national movement of the celebration of Mission Day has been created since 2013, which involves the children. The training materials come from the National Departments of Indonesia and Brazil.

YEAR 2016

The celebration of the Mission Day took place in the cathedral from October 13-16 in the Diocese of Baucau. The theme was “*The Church is Missionary, and a Witness of Mercy*”. Various activities have been carried out with children, such as visiting hospitals and poor families, carrying out small shows and moments of prayer. On the level of the diocesan celebrations, the day of the Epiphany was chosen to celebrate **Children's Mission Day**. Each diocesan director makes sure that it has the same spirit as that of the Day of the

Mission.

A **BIBLE QUIZ** and a course on the Bible for the animators was organized.



INDIA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The Day of the Missionary Childhood is celebrated by each diocese with its own initiatives. Calendars, posters and envelopes are also distributed in the 8 languages of the country.

YEAR 2014

The missionary theme of the animation consisted in, “*Live your Faith by Sharing it with Others*”.

April: the **visit** of Stephanie Wrightman from **Missio Australia**, and of particular mention was her visit to Marialaya, which is a rehabilitation center for street children. A documentary on the activities of the Center has gone around, which was aided for some years now by Missio Australia.

Dambuk which is a remote place in the **Diocese of Miao** and which is new to the Catholic faith, has joyfully celebrated Christmas with a program enlivened by the children. The Eucharistic Celebration was presided over by H.E. Rev. Msgr. George Pallipparambil, SDB. There was also a meeting with parents, during which the bishop stressed the importance of education to improve and develop children and their families.



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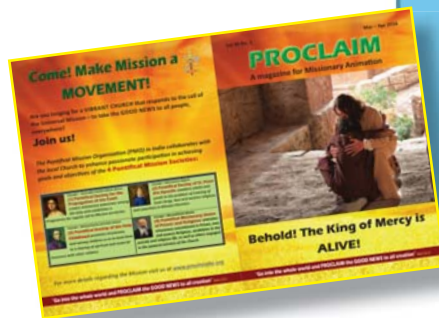
Award for the greatest donors: is a competition of sorts between parishes and diocese to encourage donors. A special prize is presented to the most generous donor of a parish and a diocese.

Archdiocese of Delhi: The charism of the Society is especially present in the **PROJECT "FRIENDS OF JESUS"**, which is directed to children aged 6 to 12 and each lessons with a religious theme. During the lessons, stories are told from the Bible, group activity is encouraged, and homework is assigned to be done with the parents. The pilot project has initiated with sessions in October 2013 and which were completed in the Convent of Jesus and Mary School, are now currently taking place in the Carmel Convent and St. Xavier School.



YEAR 2015

The theme of the year: "Little Missionaries". Posters, flyers, labels with the name, and Christmas cards were printed.



NEW!

For economic reasons, the two "Proclaim journals" one which was for adults and "Children Helping Children" which was for children, have been merged into one "PROCLAIM" Journal. Currently, 6 issues are printed every year and the dimensions have changed. There is also a special section for little missionaries

diocese of



JAMSHEDPUR

From September 2015, the Episcopal Conference of Bijhan has separated Jharkhand from the state of Bihar. Thus, the Society has also divided into two regional units.

The children's program took place in the Cathedral Parish of Golmuri in the Diocese of Jamshedpur in September in which participated children from 8 parishes.

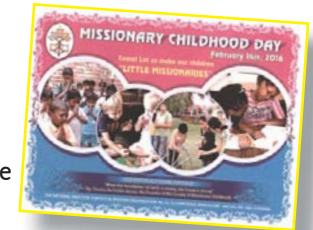
The Milagris Convent Boarding Home in Singhudurg has created two interesting programs:

- The **Girl Child Day**, which is celebrated on September 8 with an emphasis on a special devotion to Mary
- A **career guidance seminar**, to prepare girls for joining the society on the 10th of February.

CMC's Sneha Bhavan, Godda, Diocese of Bhagalpur, Jharkhand: Beginning on September of 2013, the **Day of Archangels is celebrated on Holy Angels' Feast Day**. Ninety percent of the parishioners are very poor, but they look forward to this feast and make great sacrifices to dress up their children who are generally up to 7 years old. The nuns welcome them with joy and put small angel wings on them. Then there is adoration, a special Mass and a package of cookies is finally distributed to the children.



DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD in the **Archdiocese of Bangalore**: was celebrated on February 14, 2016 in the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier, with Mass presided over by the National Director. There was then an important celebration at the Basilica of St. Mary of Shivanjingar, and the presentation of the delegation of the Office of PMS of Malta.



After the launch of the Missionary Rosary, which had been made of balloons, a speech from the **National Director of Malta** followed on the importance of being small missionaries, based on the Gospel passage "Let the children come to me ...". He told the story of mother bird who, frightened to see that a snake was climbing on the tree and threatening its children, begins to scream in fear and who first calls an elephant to help, but he shakes the tree in vain. Then monkeys throw stones at the snake, but again in vain. Finally, many small ants began to bite the snake making it escape from pain and thus saving the family of birds.



The missionary rosary made with balloons also served for the attachment of a certificate which was then signed by all those present.

YEAR 2016

The theme was a continuation of the previous year: “*Little Missionaries*”. Emphasis was placed on parents as primary educators and animators of their children. The National Office seeks to develop ways to encourage the participation of the whole family in the missionary cause.

Poster, flyers, and envelopes were created for the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD**, which was celebrated on February 12th, 2017, the theme of which was inspired by Matthew 25:35 “*I was hungry, you gave me to eat*” and on Luke 4:18 “*I have come to give the Good News to the poor*”. These products have been distributed throughout India.

Christmas Sports Dhamaka : In the Diocese of Indore, which



hosts many Missionary Childhood activities, a sports day was organized in which

180 children

participated. Here the Missionary Childhood it is known as “Balak Yeshu Sangh” (BYS) and has its own quarterly magazine called **JESUS KIDZ** for five years now.



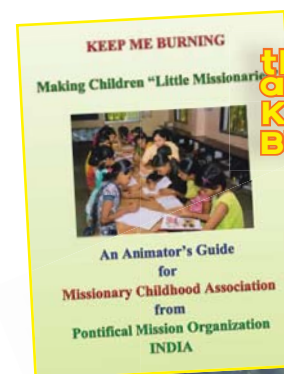
The visit of the Swiss National Office to the Dioceses of Gulbarga and Bellary in November - December.



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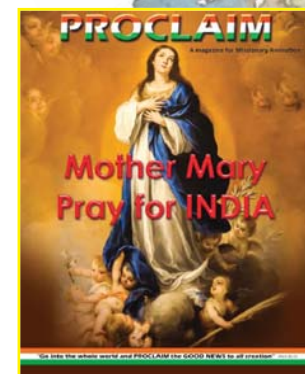
Diocese of Jamshedpur : the children travel many kilometers to be able to attend the “village schools”, which is a reference point for those who live in dense areas of vegetation. The National Office was able to visit the village school of St. Mark's School Toklo.



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INDONESIA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

MISSIO KKI (Karya Kepausan Indonesia) is the **periodical magazine** that is printed on the occasion of the World Day of Missionary Childhood in Indonesia, which is celebrated in every diocese. The magazine is both printed and virtual.



YEAR 2014



YEAR 2015

WORLD MISSION DAY FOR THE HOLY CHILDHOOD: celebrated by all dioceses and almost all parishes. In many places it was celebrated this year on January 3rd, and others, due to different circumstances, had to celebrate it after this date. The theme of the World Day of the Missionary Childhood was, “Be a Star, Little One”.

Diocese of Bogor : celebrated the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** on May 24th, presenting for the first time a mascot which was a big bear called **MA ME DO** (Magnificat Anima Mea Dominum).



The theme of the year: “Children, you are the Missionary Star”.

YEAR 2016

DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: celebrated this year on January 3rd.

MISSIONARY CAMP from the 23rd to 26th of June with the title, “We are the Missionary Star” at the seminary of St. Yohannes Maria Vianney. Around 1,020 children and animators participated.

There was the establishment of a **school for missionary animators** at the end of February in **Bali**, which is an island that is mostly made up of Hindus.

SOMA which is in the Diocese of Timika, is very difficult to reach. The groups of the Missionary Childhood are dispersed throughout and have problems with nutrition.

A workshop for animators is also in the **Vicariate of Toraja**, which is mainly Protestant and is in collaboration with the Department of Interreligious Affairs.



KAZAKHSTAN



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The country is Muslim by majority (70%). Twenty six percent are Christians, and they are mainly Russian Orthodox. The Catholic Church is therefore a very a small minority. There are missionaries from all over the world who, unfortunately, given the climate, health difficulties, and other problems, come and go very easily. For this reason, the structure of POSI groups and animators in the dioceses is small, but with hope for growth.

There is an effort to build a network of animators across the country. They have an excellent group promoted by the Sisters "Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara" in Shimkent, Almaty D., which is in the south, as well as that of the Sisters "Servants of Jesus in the Eucharist" in the city of Pavlodar, which is in Astana, North of the diocese, where they are also trying to promote the creation of new Missionary Childhood groups. I

For the moment there is not an official day of the Missionary Childhood, but the National Director proposed January 6th to their Metropolitan Archbishop.

YEAR 2015

In the parishes of Korneevka and Tokoschurovka (Diocese of Astana) summer camps have been organized with the aim of promoting the spirit of the Work and in which about 70 children participated in.



SOME MISSIONARY
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TESTIMONY OF THE SISTERS SERVANTS OF THE LORD AND THE VIRGIN OF MATARA:

At the request of Bishop Henry Howaniec, OPM, the sisters founded a community in Shymkent, in the south of Kazakhstan on August 5, 2007, to help in the apostolic activities of the city's parish. Their main work is assistance to the children and



adolescents of the parish. In this area of a purely Muslim country, the sisters try to bring together children who come from very poor families which are destroyed by alcoholism, and who lack elementary moral principles and the vision of a future. **They started with a group of 7 children. Although the words, "missionary" or "Childhood missionary" cannot be used in this Muslim area, it is not forbidden to educate the children to the values of solidarity, of the sacrifice of Christ and to make the children aware of the conditions of other children in the world.** Therefore, at the beginning of the meetings, their main objective was to form small missionaries of joy who are good examples of faith to their families and friends who do not know Jesus. Now after 8 years, they can say that the **"LITTLE MISSIONARIES OF JOY"** are growing in virtue and good example and that their number **has increased to 50.** Not all are baptized since some come from Muslim families, but all of them participate in the offered activities, always seeking to help each other. Since the number of children has increased, they have been divided into catechism groups. During the school year, the children go every Sunday and attend the catechism program. During the Christmas season they prepare the songs and learn concrete ways to live in the spirit of the Catholic Church. During the summer holidays, together with the Priests of the Incarnate Word, who are the male branch of their Religious Family, the sisters organize the oratory and summer camps to teach the children to live in the spirit of a true family, since many lack this spirit at home. The children are taught that they can always be happy because true joy comes from communion with God.

Present within the community are young girls who do not study well, nor do they have the desire to study, which moved the Sisters to help. To do so, from Tuesday to Friday, the Sisters bring them to their convent to teach them how to perform housework as well the importance of study. Given the realities in which the children live, which include poor houses, the cold, family problems, etc, it is very important for the Sisters to show them the true family love. For this reason, they have rooms for children in their convent and for three Saturdays a month, the children sleep in the convent and follow a program of games, lunch, and prayer.



YEAR 2016



New groups were created, and summer camps were organized in which **80 children** participated in the villages of Korneevka and Tonkoshuroka which are in the Diocese of Astana. During Lent and Advent, the children committed themselves to helping others by collecting toys and small gifts for disabled children.



KOREA



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The National Office publishes the **semi-annual journal GYOHWANGCHEONG CUMNAMONN (POPE'S CHILDREN)** which consists of testimonies and experiences of the Missionary Childhood, the history of the 12 apostles, and a quiz which, if a child sends in the correct answer, he is awarded with a prize. Membership cards and pins are given to children who enter the Society. Every year the National Office organizes a **SUMMER CAMP** for the Missionary Childhood's children members. The National Office uses "Collection Material of the Education" and a CD on the Work, both created in 2010, as teaching tools.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the year: "Let's Fly with the Twelve Apostles".

A Missionary Summer Camp: from the 28th to the 30th of July at the Sungsim Education Center in the Diocese of Masan. In the camp 139 children participated from various provinces and this year they have developed a special program called "The aid Tree". Two children of poor countries were chosen; the participants choose by lot which one they would help and during the competitions that are held, they receive points that will be changed into pennies to help children in poor countries.



Formation of Animators: The National Office presented the Society to the sisters responsible for the Sunday School in each parish.



articles for the semi-annual journal

YEAR 2015

The theme of the year: "Go to share, love and help".

Summer camp from 28th to 30th July was held at the Sungsim Education Center in the Diocese of Masan. One hundred twenty-nine children participated in the activities related to the theme of the year. Two children who were selected to receive aid, **Geu** from Peru and **Misheck** from Zambia. Through these children, the values of prayer and sharing were taught.



MISHECK

GEU

THE DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD:

visit to the Latin American Cultural Center with 27 children and 20 parents. They watched a video on Latin America and heard testimonies of Latin Americans living in Korea.



a number of the magazine THE POPE'S CHILDREN

YEAR 2016

The theme of the year was "Shout!"

Enjoy! Proclaim! "

The Missionary Childhood summer camp: from the 9th to the 11th of August at the Salesio Youth Center in the Diocese of Daejeon for elementary school children.



Two hundred thirty-three children gathered together to carry out activities around the theme. This year the two children who were selected to receive aid were **Daniel** from Argentina and **Cinta** from Indonesia and who were shown at the beginning of the camp through a video.

The children at the summer camp each made two bracelet-shaped rosaries, one for themselves and one for Daniel or Cinta. At the end of the camp, Daniel and Cinta each received a donation of uniforms and rosary bracelets. News of them has also been published in their periodical.



CINTA

DANIEL



LEBANON

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

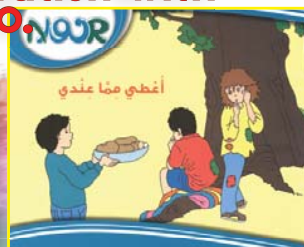
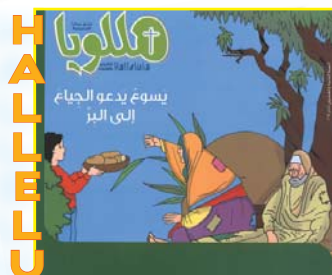
Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The National Direction collaborates with the Secretary General of the Catholic Schools of Lebanon (S.G.E.C.L.), Reverend P. Boutros Azar, to meet the directors, get to know the directives of Catholic schools and to carry out activities.

Two pages of the magazine "**Halléluia**" which is a part of the "Center d'Etudes et de Recherches Orientales (C.E.R.O.) are dedicated to the Missionary Childhood. The National Office publishes the volume of missionary animation for children in the Arabic language **La Mission de l'Enfance** (The Mission of Childhood). Every year the Pope's annual message is translated, published and distributed. The Eastern tradition of **LES ENFANTS DE L'ETOILE DES ROIS MAGES** is expanding in schools and parishes.

YEAR 2014

magazines in
cooperation with
C.E.R.O.



MAGAZINE
FOR CHILDREN
FROM 4 to 7
YEARS

YEAR 2015

The National Office sought to encourage parents to create **groups of "Famille Missionnaire"** by way of meetings in Catholic schools and parishes.



YEAR 2016

Gratitude is owed to the benefactors who organized a group of volunteers for a **MISSION IN ETHIOPIA** from July 31st to August 14th.



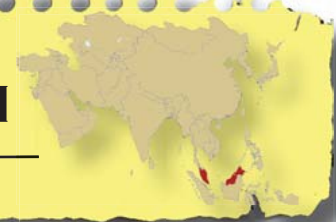
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MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, BRUNEI



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is celebrated on different dates depending on the area. In West Malaysia, it is celebrated during the third week of October; in East Malaysia, it is held throughout the month of October. Singapore and Brunei celebrate the Day on the Feast of the Epiphany as well as throughout the month of January.

Regarding the animation of children, the National Office continues to **collaborate** with the **Herald Catholic Newspaper** (Malaysia) and with **Catholic News** (Singapore).

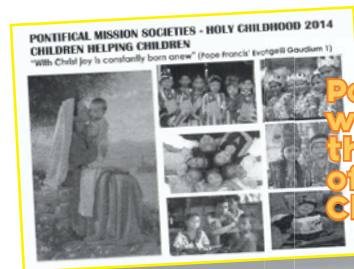
YEAR 2014



Theme: "Recognizing Christ in Our Children" with an emphasis on allowing children to change positively and to transform their relationships and interactions with their peers.

Educational material was published and distributed by the National Office





Posters and stickers were distributed on the occasion of Day of the Missionary Childhood

On the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD**, there was a **workshop on the Missionary Rosary** as well as its recitation in class, together with



parents and teachers.

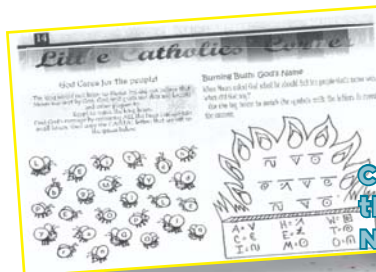
Middle school boys collected money by washing cars and through "breakfast sales".

NEW INITIATIVES: There was a film screening on the mission and t-shirts

were printed to promote missionary awareness.

An education project called **MADIKA** was launched for children from the inland areas of Sabah, which is on Borneo Island. It was carried out by young teachers.

Some catechetical groups, in collaboration with the parents of the children, organized camps and retreats.



Children's corner in the Herald Catholic Newspaper



YEAR 2015

The Theme of the Animation: "Renewing Our Discipleship in Christ through Works of Mercy".

There was a workshop held on the rosary followed by its community recitation on October 18th.



Some **children's fundraising initiatives** included car washing, breakfast food sales, hand-made items, games, and recycled items. **IPOH, Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish (OMPH)**: organized their third Bible camp from the 3rd to the 7th of June with the theme "Marvelous Mystery; The Mass Comes alive" for children aged 6 to 12. This program was first used in 2013 and is originally from Canada where it is called the Vacation Bible School. Every year the parish buys a **kit** of the entire program from Canada. Then, they study and prepare it 6 months before. Through this program, children learn Christianity by way of fun activities.



PENANG



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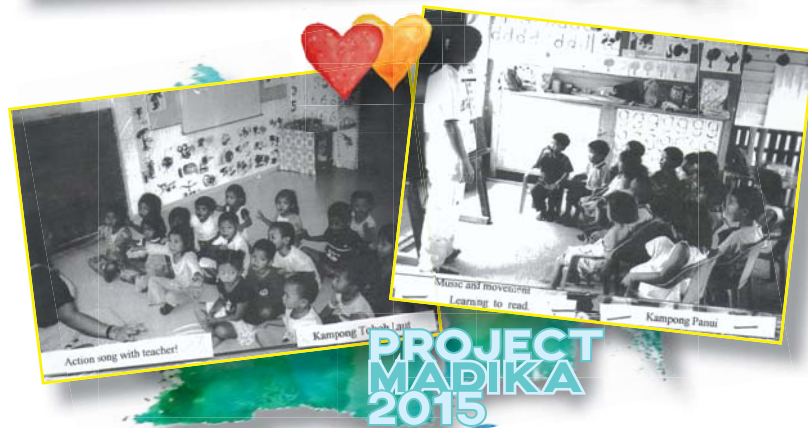


A similar Bible Camp took place in November in the Church of Saint Mary of the Angels in Penang.

BRIDGING PROGRAM CENTER : The East District Center Bridging Program, run by the Catechetical Office (CO) launched a program in January for young people aged 9 to 14 who have never attended catechism, have missed several years of catechesis or still need to prepare themselves for baptism. The one-year program, which is carried out mainly in the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, is aimed at families in the eastern regions who find it difficult to send their children to the main Catholic Archdiocesan Education Center (CAEC) center in the Highland Road. Through these Bridging Centers, the CO hopes to help the parishes whose parishioners need adapted forms of catechesis, bringing young people and families back to the parish communities.



program for young people aged 9 to 14 who have never attended catechism



PROJECT MADIKA 2015

MYANMAR



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

In the country, missionary promotion is carried out in cities, villages and small communities. The children normally join the Missionary Childhood even before beginning the catechism for their First Communion.

The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is generally celebrated on the 6th of January, but in some dioceses, it is held on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the animation: *"To be Disciples of Jesus"*.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY : Information on the importance of children's development and health and on their role in the future of the Church has been distributed to each parish. Despite the poverty among the people, there is a collection taken.



prayer card
Diocese of Kalay

YEAR 2015

Theme: *"To be on Fire with Love of Christ"*. To develop the theme each diocese conducted its own training program with its own times and places.

Training activities: The National Director visited 3 dioceses to talk about the Society and took with him the missionary director of Yangon and one of his collaborators to share their promotional methods.



Participation in the 1st ASEAN Directors' gathering: The first Meeting of Directors of the ASEAN Regions which took place in Cambodia from the 5th to the 7th of October.

2015 was a devastating year for Myanmar. There were floods and landslides of which many were victims. Agricultural lands, roads, railways, bridges, and houses have been destroyed. In addition, the armed conflict between the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) and the Myanmar Army (MA) has continued since 2011. In the Dioceses of Myitkyina, Banmaw and Lashio the main problems that are faced are drug abuse, human trafficking and AIDS. Above all, children die from diseases due to malnutrition and lack of primary care. Given the ongoing armed conflict, children in remote areas do not have access to real education. The government is seeking peace agreements with all 16 ethnic groups, but some do not want to sign the agreement. Now, with the new government, they hope for peace.

YEAR 2016

FIRST NATIONAL SEMINAR

The Theme of the year: *"To be a Missionary Church, Witness of Mercy"*.

The National Office invited all diocesan directors and two delegates from each archdiocese for the **Annual Meeting** and the **first seminar** entitled *"Raising Missionary Awareness Today"* from the 23rd to the 25th of August, during which the Missionary Church was discussed and as well as the activity of the PMS.

In November, 250 members of the Missionary Childhood of the Diocese of Yangon participated in the closing ceremony of the Year of Mercy.



CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE YEAR OF MERCY



For the first time there was the publication of the **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER, "THE MISSIONS"**, which includes the history of the 4 Works, poems, articles on the missions, forum, and activities. In addition, the National Office printed the "Handbook" for members of the Missionary Childhood to help them guide the children.



THE CHILDREN OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD PARTICIPATED IN THE WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

PAKISTAN



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The publication of the **EMAAN magazine** continues with a section dedicated to Missionary Childhood.

Most of the activities at the parish level take place through the Sunday school and the Missionary Childhood groups, since many children in the country attend Islamic schools. Through the groups of the Missionary Childhood, other important values are also transmitted, such as the environment, love for the environment, the value of faith and education, etc.

YEAR 2014

The dioceses have dealt with various topics according to the local context.

Archdiocese of Lahore:

celebration of **MISSIONARY**

CHILDHOOD DAY was held on February

23, 2014 in the parish of St. John in Youhannabad with the participation of about 1,800 children.

ARCHDIOCESE OF LAHORE



Diocese of Rawalpindi: on November 22nd 2014, a Holy Bible Quiz Program was organized at St. Mary's Cambridge High School Hall to deepen the children's knowledge of the Holy Scriptures. Thirteen schools of the dioceses participated.

Diocese of Hyderabad: Games, quizzes, songs, dramas were held to deepen the children's knowledge. They were also encouraged to collect items to be shared at Christmas with needy peers. A dramatization of the story of Abraham and Peter, called "Journey of Faith" was given. At Christmas, among the scholastic activities, there is also the dramatization of the story of the Nativity.



YEAR 2015

Diocese of Faisalabad:

Various programs of the Missionary Childhood were held with activities of various kinds, such as a day of sports, spiritual teaching about the Advent season, theatrical performances, etc.



At **St. John's High School** in **Kohati Gate, Peshawar**,

a program entitled "World Peace Day" was held on September 19th.

One of the included activities was to ask children to write on balloons what they would like to do promote world peace. Afterwards they exchanged the balloons

On November 27th at **St. Patrick's High School** in **Muree Road, Rawalpindi**, 120 children participated in the "Children's Day". It was explained that we must be content with the little we have. They were asked to make a list of their real needs and what they would like

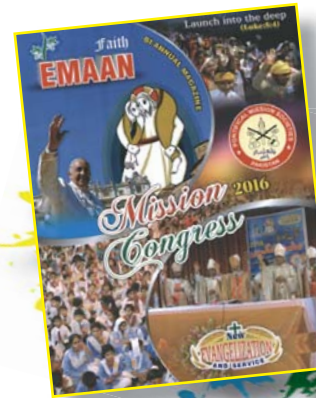
an issue of the magazine **EMAAN**



POSTER of the DAY OF MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD



YEAR 2016



The National Office has organized **TWO NATIONAL MISSIONARY CONGRESSES**, one in the province of **PUNJAB** and the other in that of **SINDH**, with different themes.



PUNJAB

25-26 April, participation of more than 4,500 children who were encouraged to live the mercy of God. A song was written that describes the love of children for other children.



SINDH

on October 26th in the Joti Educational and Cultural Center Mirpurkhas, a talent show was held by the group of children missionaries in Hyderabad.

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SRI LANKA



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The two magazines Children's Magazines, "Daham Kekelu" and "Marai Arambu" and Animator's Magazines, "Yathra" and "Yaththirai" are printed.

The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is always celebrated on the last Sunday of January and, for the occasion, the National Office transmits a program in English, Sinhala and Tamil. Every year an **agenda for children** is printed, which is in great demand and used frequently.



YEAR 2014

POSTER OF THE DAY OF M.C.

THE SUNDAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD this year was celebrated on January 26, 2014 with the theme, "We are the Light of the World; Jesus is our Light!" The theme of this year was a continuation of that of the previous year "We are the Light of Faith, to Dispel the Darkness of the World".

NEWS: For the occasion of 25th anniversary of the Missionary Childhood in Sri Lanka, a **CD with songs by children from Missionary Childhood in Sinhala** was produced. Now they are working on the children's songs in Tamil for a new CD.





The National Direction has introduced the articles of the **Creed for the animators** in the Hand Book, which is the guide for the animators. In the Year Planner, which consists of a calendar for planning of annual activities for children, there is the story of a saint for each month of the year.

YEAR 2015

The Holy Father visited in January for the occasion of the canonization of the first Sinhalese saint, Saint Joseph Vaz.

SUNDAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD: celebrated on January 25 in the parish of Nugegoda in Colombo. The theme was, "We are the Little Flowers of Jesus who adorn the World".

Archdiocese of Colombo: on October 27, celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Missionary Childhood took place in the Kalutara Deanery and on November 10 the Holy Childhood Talent Show "Dhaham Udara II" was held in the Gampaha.



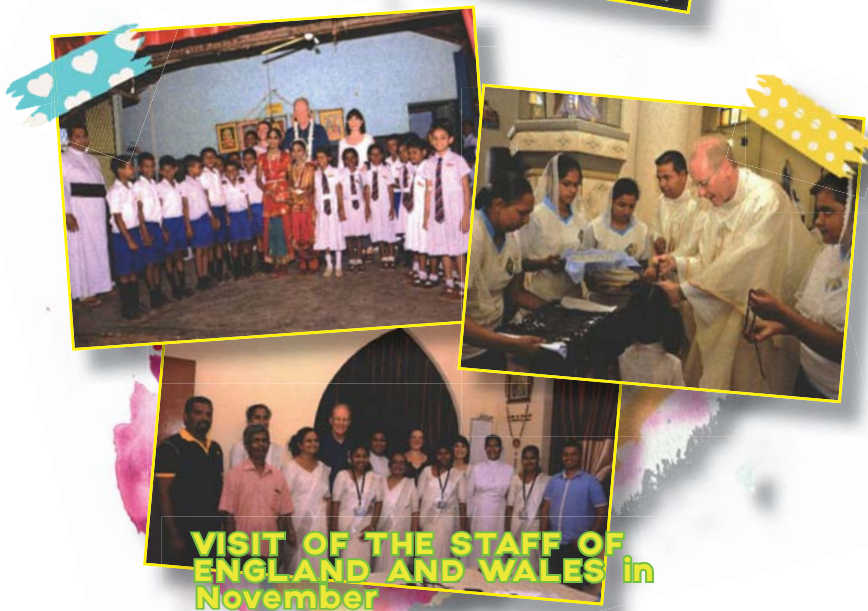
YEAR 2016

The SUNDAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD:

celebrated on January 31st with the theme, "Let us be the Children of God's Mercy, in order to become Merciful to Others".



In **Brescia**, Italy, Cardinal Malcom Ranjith created the first groups of the Missionary Childhood among Sri Lankan migrant children. On May 14, 2016, there was an official ceremony of admission into the Society of 49 children. **Small groups of Sri Lankan children living in Italy** are developing and becoming part of the Missionary Childhood also in Modena and Milan.



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TAIWAN

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

YEAR 2014

This year there was the printing of informative material and training courses since the PMS is little known.

An article on Missionary Childhood is published in Catholic News Weekly.

Catholic News Weekly.
Christmas carols were also prepared.



YEAR 2015

Among other things that the National Office holds as important, above all are the **training courses for catechists**, the **opening of offices of the Society in each of the dioceses**, and the **prayer of the five continents**. This year they were trying to encourage the principals of Kindergarten and all Catholic parishes.

Animation takes place through training courses in the organization of Sunday schools and that of **SUMMER AND WINTER CAMPS**. 30,000 copies of a **SPECIAL 48-PAGE CHRISTMAS BOOKLET** was printed in 2015.



**ANIMATION MATERIAL
PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL
OFFICE, WHICH INCLUDED
ENVELOPES, POSTERS, PIGGY
BANKS and a NEWSPAPER**

THAILAND



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** is not necessarily celebrated on the same day in all the dioceses, nor does it necessarily have the same theme. National Office conducts a **children's television program** on the World MissionTV called **HOLY CHILDHOOD KIDZ**.



YEAR 2014

The general theme of the year: "We are Glad to Proclaim Jesus", but each diocese had its own freedom.

In the Archdiocese of Tharar-Nongsang, the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** was celebrated on January 29th with the theme, "The Twelve Disciples are our Role Models of Faith". There were 601 participants and, in addition to the disciples, they took the Three Wise Men as their models, following the motto "Looking at the Star and Walking towards the Light".

Diocese of Chiangmai: the number of missionary groups of children has increased, courses have been organized for "tribal Missionary Childhood members", or members of the Missionary Childhood from tribes, in order to make them leaders of the Missionary Childhood.

Archdiocese of Bangkok: there were drawing competitions with the following themes: "MC's Role Model", "Bible Story" and "MC's Faith".

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD CAMP with the theme, "We are Delighted to make People Know Jesus".



YEAR 2015

The year 2015 was the year of religion and the theme was, “We are One in the Footsteps of the Saints”, but each diocese adapted it to its proper context.

The National Office attended the **ASEAN MEETING IN CAMBODIA** from October 5th to the 7th.

June 19-20th, 2015: the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ANNUAL CAMPING TRIP** was held in the school of Lasalle, Bangna, Bangkok with 169 participants. This year's theme was “The Good News.”

NEW INITIATIVES: The members of the Missionary Childhood were encouraged to **make stickers** with the theme “A Bath and a Hail Mary per Day”, with the idea that some could be worn and others put on the collection bottles so that the members donate and pray.

Archdiocese of Bangkok: organization of a **drawing competition** with the theme: “Little Missionary Childhood Artist”, a **writing contest** entitled “The Good News” and a **singing contest**.

Formation of animators: There were sessions held for Catholic teachers as well as a presentation on the Missionary Childhood together with a training session given to immigrant children.



YEAR 2016

The theme of the year: “It is More Blessed to Give than to Receive” (Acts 20:35). Many dioceses celebrated the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD** with this theme.

There are **new groups** of the Missionary Childhood in various dioceses, particularly in the parish of Santa Caterina in the Archdiocese of Tharar-Nongsaeng, where there is a new group with 125 members.



- Translation of the book “The Holy Infant Jesus of Prague Novena Adoration” (published 3,000 copies)
- Production of the online video clip “Saving for donation”
- Production of a radio program titled “Friends helping Friends Club”

THE PHILIPPINES

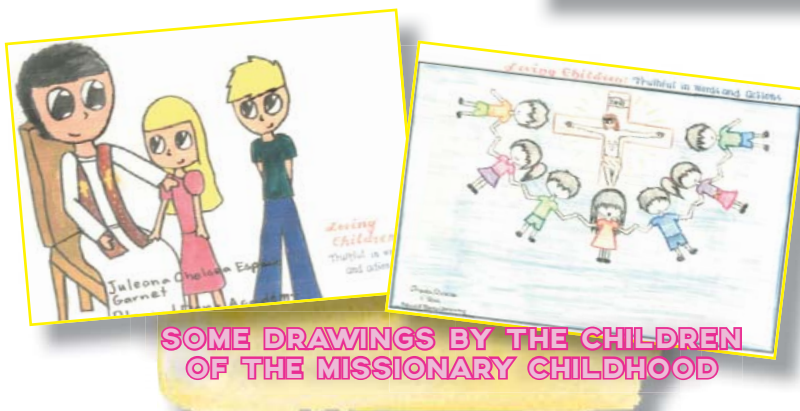
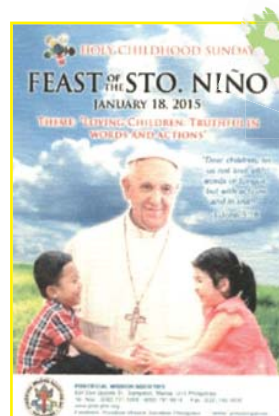
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YEAR 2014

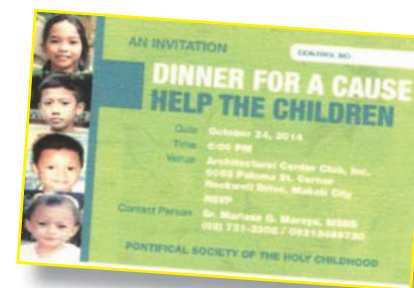
The theme of the year: “Loving Children; Truthful in Words and Actions”.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: The Sunday of the Missionary Childhood coincided with the visit of Pope Francis and his celebration of Mass in the Quirino Grandstand in Manila. There were 6-7 million Filipinos, including children and adults.



SOME DRAWINGS BY THE CHILDREN OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

NEW INITIATIVES: Stickers were printed for the Missionary Childhood coin bank to show the children their Filipino peers to whom they help with their material gifts. There was a **DINNER** organized by the National Office on October 26th at the Architectural Center Club, Inc., Rockwell Drive, Makati City, to help raise funds.



YEAR 2015

The theme of the animation: “Gifted to Give amid Our Poverty”.



**DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD:**

celebrated on October 17th at the Sienna College Auditorium of Quezon City. The motto of the year was, "*Gifted to Give in the Midst of Our Poverty*". There was the participation of 1,200 children.



NEW INITIATIVES consisted in the sales of adorned objects, donated to the office then organized to contribute to the Universal Solidarity Fund.

The National Office participated in the **FIRST CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS AND COLLABORATORS OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES, HELD IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA** from the 5th to the 7th of October 2015. Its purpose was to share different experiences and to promote the Society. The conference, organized at the suggestion of the International Secretariat, was a great success. Sixteen delegates participated from Malaysia - Singapore - Brunei -, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Myanmar and from Laos-Cambodia.



ASEAN



The year was marked by various calamities, but despite everything, many people and even those of the poorest parishes, showed their solidarity both by giving their time and the little they have.

Theme of the year: "*Missionary Church, Witness of Mercy*".

In order to celebrate World Mission Sunday, the National Direction launched the **Mission Bulletin Board Contest** in which the children participated by sending their reflections on the theme of the year and the "**MISSION FILM FESTIVAL**".



NEW INITIATIVES: The design of the sticker to be used on piggy banks has been renewed.



POSTER of the DAY OF M.C.



SOME MISSIONARY CHILDREN WITH THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

EUROPE



AUSTRIA



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The National Office visited schools and other educational centers. The magazines **ON MISSION** and **ON MISSION YEAR BOOK** and the activity book "**ON MISSION BEGLEITHEFT**" were also published.

YEAR 2016

ON MISSION : special magazine for children aged 9 at 12 published as a supplement to the missionary magazine "**Alle Welt**". The topics for the year were: Catholic education in **East Timor** – Christians in **Indonesia** – Children in **Nepal** – the Mother Teresa orphanage in **Calcutta** – the first native priests in **Mongolia**.



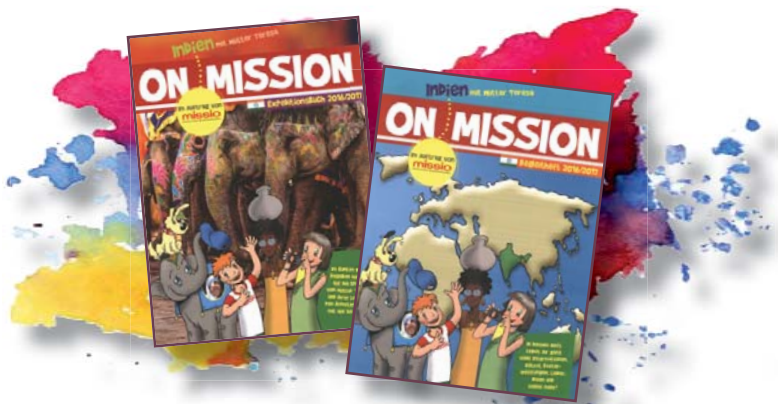
ON MISSION YEARBOOK

the main country of the campaign was **India**, focusing on the situation of girls and women. The yearbook was used for religious education in schools and parishes. There were two projects supported this year:

- Help for the "Christeen" Youth Center in Kerala
- Aid for the shelter for abandoned or abused girls in Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh

ON MISSION BEGLEITHEFT: a supplementary notebook with educational exercises.

MISSIO THEK: distributed to teachers and students.



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BOSNIA - HERZEGOVINA



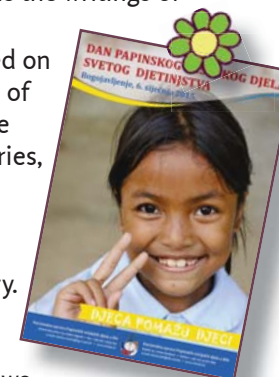
MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. A small national administration, with about 450,000 faithful. After the war from 1992 to 1995, the number of faithful was significantly reduced. In 2016 another 15,000 faithful relocated to Western Europe – mostly young people with their families, so many parishes are disappearing. The Bishops know the Society and actively collaborate on behalf of the mission.

Most of the animation material has been developed together with the National Office of Croatia. The two National Office together publish the **journal RADOSNA VIJEST (GOOD NEWS)**, which acts as a guide for the missionary events that take place throughout the liturgical year and also contains the writings of many missionaries.

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is celebrated on Epiphany: every year, following the suggestion of the National Office and with the consent of the Bishops and in agreement with their missionaries,

they organize a specific project focusing on a particular country. On the website www.missio.ba missionary news from the Church around the world is published, along with educational



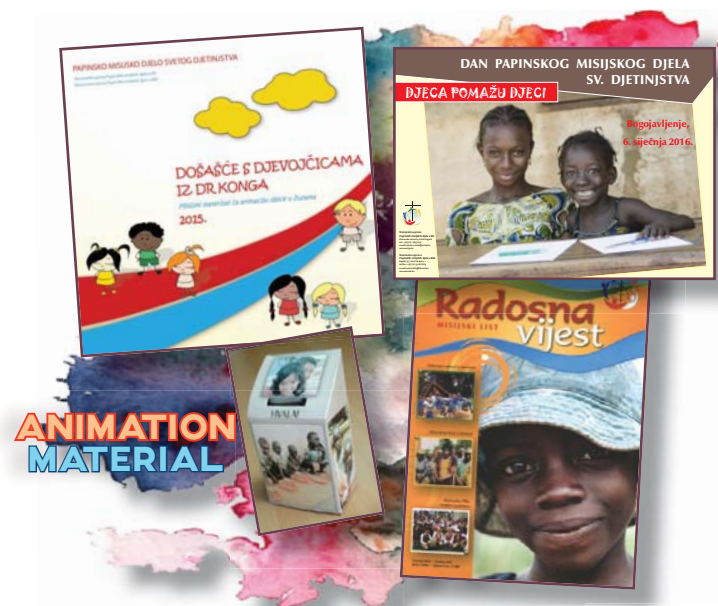
material.

YEAR 2016

All the material printed by the National Office (flyers, desk calendars and paperbacks; gadgets for children, young people and adults; Missionary rosaries, bracelets, pendants, and booklets of missionary prayers) is free because they want to spread knowledge of the Society to the homes of the faithful.

For the **DAY OF THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD**, a **MISSIONARY EXHIBIT** was organized with information and a video projection on life in **Haiti** and the work being done there.

From mid-2016 to late June 2017, help was collected to build the church and the pastoral center of Mary Help of Christians in Kimihururi, a part of Kigali, the capital of **Rwanda**.


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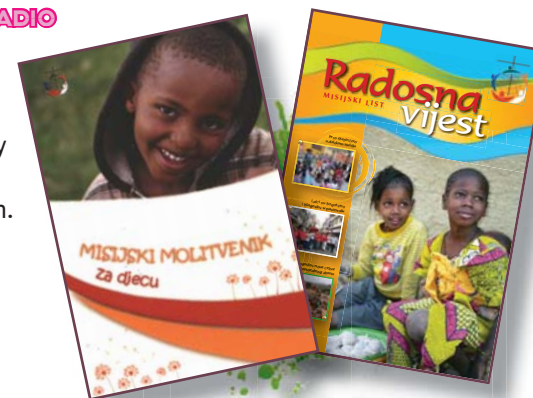
CROATIA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. In 2005 the bishops of the Croatian Episcopal Conference officially approved the celebration of the **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY**. However, the approval of the celebration did not include directions for the collection, leaving each Diocese to choose the timing and the manner of organizing the collection. Beginning in 2005 the National Office began to send **animation material** to all the parishes. In 2013, they began to send a **brochure** with suggestions on how to prepare the children for Missionary Childhood Day.

In **collaboration with the National Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina**, the monthly publication of the **journal (RADOSNA VIJEST (GOOD NEWS))** continues to follow its tradition of connecting missionaries, friends, collaborators, and benefactors of the missions.

The National Office has a **ONE-HOUR MONTHLY TALK** about missionary topics on **RADIO MARIA**, featuring interviews with the missionaries and the prayer of the missionary rosary with the participation of children.



10 years ago, before Missionary Childhood Day was ever celebrated, it was decided to allocate the donations collected on Palm Sunday to the needs of children in the missions. This initiative has taken the name " **OLIVE BRANCHES FOR THE MISSIONS**" and has currently spread to about 100 parishes: the coastal parishes of the country send olive branches to the in-land parishes, and the faithful make donations for the needs of the children in the missionary countries

YEAR 2014

**ADVENT
CALENDAR
POSTER**



In addition to the usual booklet, an **ADVENT CALENDAR POSTER** with a thought for each day was also included.

The National Office has been trying to promote the **STAR SINGERS OF BETHLEHEM INITIATIVE**, but it conflicts with the long-established tradition of the visits of parish priests to families' homes for the Christmas blessing.

Zagreb: For several years a group of the Singers have gone to visit the Archdiocesan Curia. They are welcomed by the staff, priests and lay people, sometimes some auxiliary bishops.

Dubrovnik: There is a 100-year-old tradition of giving the Epiphany collection to the Missionary Childhood.

Diocese of Varaždin and Požega: This diocese has been giving the Epiphany collection to the Missionary Childhood for some years now.



THE MISSIONARY HOUSE: erected on the eve of World Mission Day in front of the Zagreb Cathedral to invite the faithful to support the missions. Inside the house there is a presentation on the work of the Croatian missionaries. Objects from the missions are on display, and books, DVDs, rosaries, etc. are available for purchase. Information on how to become part of the parish missionary communities is also available. This year a religious sister from the Sisters of Mary of Benin, Sr. Blanche Akomou Dakin, was with the visitors and sang and played the drum for them. Games and drawing activities for children are also available.



THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY BOOKLET: This is the second year that the booklet together with the traditional poster has been published. It contains ideas and animation techniques for children of different ages in preparation for Advent and Epiphany. The central theme this year was the journey of Advent together with Alejandra Julissa from **Ecuador**. This little girl really exists, and she lives in the Ecuadorian missions where Sister



Antonela Medic works (in the Esmeraldas). The Croatian children follow her life in a concrete way, seeing the circumstances in which she grows up, the joy of simple family unity, mutual help, etc.

Missionary Moneyboxes: these are also taken home. They are presented at the altar in October, on Missions Sunday, on Epiphany, and at the end of Lent.

THE ROSARY: some are made by the children themselves and sold to help their peers in mission places. Along with the rosaries the children receive a bookmark with prayer ideas.

YEAR 2015

The tradition of the **MISSIONARY HOUSE** continues. It was erected in front of the Zagreb Cathedral on the eve of World Mission Day to invite the faithful to support the missions.

THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY BOOKLET: This year the brochure focuses on two sisters from the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, who were abandoned on the roadside but then found by a female militant and saved by the Croatian Missionary Sisters.



A Missionary Book of Prayers for Children, with an introductory prayer for the young missionary. For each of the five weekdays there are prayers of children from the countries of a specific continent. On Saturday there is a prayer to Our Lady and on Sunday the Missionary Rosary. At the end there is a section to report the status of the young missionary.

CAMPAIGN "LET'S TAKE THE MISSIONARY BRACELET":

To bring attention to the spiritual and material needs of children throughout the world. By presenting various projects of the Society, this initiative has awakened much interest in the work of the Society throughout the world. They are made in 6 colors, symbolizing the different M.C. projects to help children around the world:

Buying the **red bracelet** awakens our consciences to the fight against AIDS, malaria, and other diseases;

Buying the **blue** supports the needs of education for children in the mission countries;

Buying **green** fights the mobilization of children in the military, seeking a return to the childhood of which they have been deprived;

Buying **yellow** is a donation for orphans;

Buying **white** is a donation for starving children;

Buying the **multicolored bracelet** supports the work of missionaries who help children around the world.

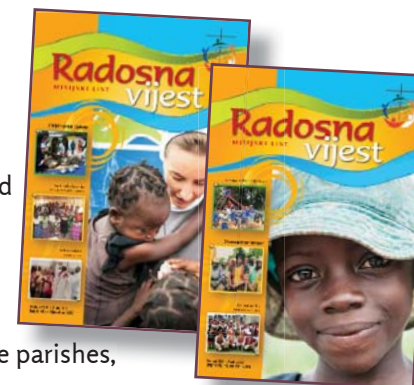


YEAR 2016

The National Office has sought to organize activities related to the Projects for World Missions Day, for Advent, and for Missionary Childhood Day.

Formation of the animators: some dioceses have already had formation meetings for the missionary animators who work in the parishes, others not.

Starting this year, the missionary magazine **RADOSNA VIJEST** includes the heading "From the Life of Our Missionaries".



CATECHETICAL OLYMPICS: in the annual program in Croatia, competitions are held in almost all subjects taught – including one on catechesis, called Catechetical Olympics. The goal is the complete formation of the person, promoting intellectual, spiritual and social maturation. Elementary and middle school students participate. The theme of the year 2016/2017 was “Mission in the Church” and the first competition took place on February 8, 2017. The competition on the regional level (archdiocesan and diocesan) was held on March 2, 2017, while the national competition took place in Sisak, April 5 - 7, 2017. The material was prepared by the National Office of Croatia and was rather complex, because up until now there has been no complete, systematic and historical vision of Church missionary activity nor of the Church's missionary projects in Croatia. The archives of the Radosna vijest were studied, and, as a result of all this work, so much material has been found that a book will soon be published, which will be about the mission in general, the Projects and the mission in Croatia in particular.

BROCHURE FOR MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: this year the brochure shared a story from the Croatian missionaries of a child from Haiti, a guest at the Blessed Alojzije Stepinac house.

The campaign **"LET'S USE THE MISSIONARY BRACELET"** continues with great success. In addition to the different colors with different meanings, each bracelet has a different word written on it (even in **braille**): love, faith, hope, knowledge and play.



**ADVENT
CALENDAR
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CZECH REPUBLIC

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The **LITTLE MISSION CLUBS** continue to increase across the country. Children who are members receive a card, missionary passports, posters and the **MOST** animation material (a title formed from the initials of the words for prayer, sacrifice, service and creativity) and a Bat'uzek (**purse**) that contains ideas on working with children.

The **Accredited Educational Program "Children Helping Children"** continues at the Ministry of Education. It was launched in 2012 for elementary school teachers, tutors, educators, catechists, etc.; its purpose is to teach Czech children about the conditions of their peers around the world.

Many activities are organized at the level of the individual diocese, but there are still some traditional annual gatherings for the children.

Among the various traditional annual activities, mention should be made of the **Missionary Fair** in the village of Česká, which takes place every year on the last Sunday before Advent and offers homemade products of all kinds. Its proceeds then go to the focus country of the campaign.

YEAR 2014

Theme of the animation: “Be not afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy” (Lk 2:10).

The **LITTLE MISSION CLUBS** grew 232 with 3,150 regular members.

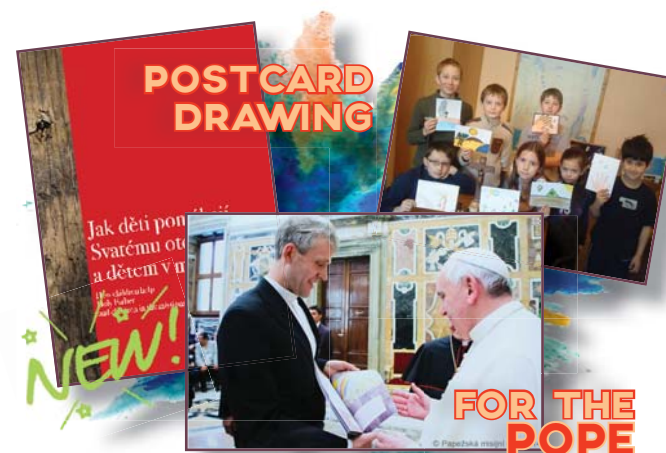
Interesting Testimony: On November 23rd, in the village of Česká (Brno region), the annual charity fair was held, organized by the Informal Association of Fair Organizers, where organizers and sellers prepare everything for free and the proceeds go to the Missionary Society. The fair began by giving thanks to mothers who made items with their children and then sold them for the missions. The event has gradually expanded, involving not only families, but also groups and schools. The sum collected this year went to help with the construction of a cafeteria for a nursery school in Kenya.

9th Children's Day: took place on May 31 with the **12th National Missionary Pilgrimage** organized in Zlín-Malenovice under the year's motto. The proceeds went to support some projects in **Sri Lanka** (Missionary Fair, workshops, raffle, games ...).



POSTCARD DRAWING FOR POPE FRANCIS:

All the children were invited to make a drawing or to make a wish for the Holy Father. The topic was "How children help the Holy Father and children in mission". All the postcards were then collected in a **BOOK** that the National Office presented to the Pope on the occasion of the General Assembly of the PP.OO.MM. in Rome. There are 86 drawings in the book with missionary quotes prepared by 19 Little Mission Clubs, communities, and families.



MISSIONARY PLAYS (THEATER): Thanks to the Diocesan Director Jana Zehnalová, two plays with a missionary theme were staged.

The **website** has been redesigned this year. There is a new section for cinema lovers with missionary documentaries. National Office activities can be followed via Twitter and via Facebook.



YEAR 2015

The year's theme was: "Come to me, everybody!"

HORSKÉ KLUBÁNI: 126 Members of 16 Little Mission Clubs from different parts of the country met from April 10 to 12 in Špidleruv Mlýn, a famous ski resort. The meeting is a way to express gratitude for the missionary work carried out during the year.

MORAVIAN CLUBBING: The second Moravian Clubbing took place on October 3rd at the parish of Hodonín. After the Eucharistic celebration and a brief presentation on the Mission Clubs, there were fun activities that dealt with all five continents. Part of the program was the Missionary Fair (Misijní jarmark) and the missionary exhibition.

Mission Day, or Meeting for children and not only members of the Mission Clubs: took place on October 3 in Chocen. The program included a mission fair and an explanation of a project in the Philippines, along with the possibility of enrolling in the Mission Clubs.

Missionary meeting of children from the Archdiocese of Prague: was held on October 3 at the monastery of Roudnice nad Labem. Theatrical show "St. Francis Madman", recited by Jan Horák. The children were encouraged to gather fruit from the monastery garden as payment for the show ticket.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: The 10th Children's Mission Day took place on June 13 together with the 13th National Missionary Pilgrimage in the parish of Vranov nad Dyjí. The motto of the pilgrimage was "Come to me, everybody!". There was Mass, a Missionary Fair, collection of donations for poor Sri Lankan children.

STRUDEL
BAKING

On October 25, in Buchlovice, the local Little Mission Club organized their fourth afternoon of charity called "Buchlovice Help", together with a fashion show. In the first part, sportswear, workclothes and women's clothes were presented by the children, by the elementary school employees and by the young people of the parish. In the second part there was a performance by professionals, and in the last part the girls and the children of the Mission Clubs modelled clothes from a wedding salon. Three fashion companies participated in the event. During the break the participants could taste the Misijní kolá, or the 'sweet missionaries'. The purpose was, among other things, to speak about the orphans of Sri Lanka

TESTIMONY

NEWS: Presentation of the new program *Mission magazine* (The magazine for Mission) lasting 10-15 minutes on the Noe television channel every third Tuesday of the month at 8.00 pm.

Publishing of a calendar of an animated missionary cartoon for Advent and Missions Sunday.

A special section on missionary camps for children has been added to the website with ideas on how to prepare the summer camp and a game to play with the children.



YEAR 2016

the PMS
Newsletter
MISIJNI
ZPRAVODAJ
completely
renewed



Theme for the year: "May the whole earth be filled with his glory!" from Psalm 72:19.

HORSKÉ KLUBÁNI: 16 Mission Clubs from various parts of the country participated at the annual Mountain Hatching at the Špindlerův Mlýn ski resort from April 15 to 17.

Missionary Day, or Meeting for Children not only belonging to the Missions Clubs: took place on September 24 at Chocen on behalf of children in Bangladesh.

6th National Children's Missionary Congress: took place on October 1st in Nymburk with more than 300 children participating. It included the celebration of the Holy Mass, a theatrical work, a missionary journey on the meaning of being a missionary and finished with the construction of a small model of a church.

4TH Mission Ball for you: was held on November 26 at the parish in Ústí nad Orlicí. The dance usually occurs the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent and all proceeds go to the missions. This year the National Office spoke about Bangladesh.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: took place on May 14 and was organized at the parish of Jablonné v Podještědí together with the **14th National Pilgrimage** with the theme: "May the whole earth be filled with His glory" from

Psalm
72:19.



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ENGLAND and WALES



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The animation follows the school year, so there are two themes a year. Missionary Childhood Day is called **DAY OF MANY COLOURS** and generally takes place around June 29 (Feast of Saints Peter and Paul). The children collect funds dressing in the colors of the Missionary Rosary and pray for children around the world.

The National Office offers a **training day once a year for volunteers** where new materials are presented, and a newsletter is sent out to them.

Many schools collect donations by Christmas caroling and putting on live nativity scenes.



YEAR 2014



From January to August the animation work, inspired by Matthew 25: 31-40 (feed the hungry, visit the sick, welcome foreigners) focused on the village of Nyumba Yanga, Lusaka, **Zambia** where the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception need to build more houses for orphan girls.

From September to December: the animation focused on the Lindalva Center in **Cambodia**, seeking to help the Daughters of Charity build a safe day center to care for children while their parents work for low wages in the factories (Matthew 22: 36-40).

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF: during Lent the children drew or wrote on leaf-shaped paper things that they did not like. On the other side they wrote what they would like to do better. They then attached their leaves on the bare branches of a tree in the middle of the room.

STAR OF HOPE: during Advent the children were reminded that some of their peers were fighting to find hope, and they were encouraged to help others regain their faith. Each child decorated a star and hung it up, expressing various wishes for all children on earth.

NEW INITIATIVES: the Episcopal Conference of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales asked the National Office for material for secondary schools to be used during **"LITTLE WAY WEEK"** (October 4-10). "Little Way Week" is an event of seven days of prayer and service in the footsteps of St. Therese of Lisieux, patroness of the missions. Due to this request, the National Office produced educational material for secondary schools for the first time.



YEAR 2015

Theme of the Animation:

From January to August,
the National Office continued

the theme from the previous year.

From September to July 2016, the theme was Luke 10:30-35, the Good Samaritan. The children learned that missionaries are like the Good Samaritan. The project was to help the Benedictine Sisters of Lisnajala, a remote village in **Malawi**, to build a clinic for children.

During Lent the children cut out a cross with pictures of children and different captions (I was alone, I was sad ...). The cross was folded into a square and every week of Lent the children were asked to lift a flap and then think about what they could do to help. On the fourth week, the Mission Together image of the red piggy bank appeared on the cross.

During Advent, it was explained to the children why Jesus said he was the Light of the world. The children made and decorated lanterns, on which they wrote their prayer to the Light.

Schools can publish testimonies on their **TWITTER** account. They collect money through Christmas caroling and live nativity scenes.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: celebrated as **DAY OF MANY COLOURS**. On or around June 29th, the children raised funds by dressing in the colors of the Rosary and praying the Rosary for their peers around the world.

MONEYBOX



The National Office was asked to organize the **LITURGY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** in the Archdiocese of Southwark in front of 1,000 children and Archbishop Peter Smith. The **DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON** allowed the National Office to take the Good Shepherd collection during their celebration with Bishop Richard Moth. On both occasions the children shared their faith, their talents, and their gifts.



Much material has been published on the featured countries of the campaign: **Cambodia** and **Malawi**.

YEAR 2016

From
January
to August
the "Good

Samaritan" project was continued with **Malawi** as the country in focus. From September to December the theme was "The Feeding of the 5,000" - a small act



The testimony of Eunice was given, a 12-year-old girl who lives on a cotton plantation in Kenya. She often skips school to care for her nieces and nephews while her mother and sister work. But thanks to the "free meal" school program of the Sisters of the Assumption of Nairobi, supported by Mission Together, things are changing

TESTIMONY



of generosity can make a difference.

Also, this year the Archdiocese of Southwark entrusted them with organizing the liturgy of the Good Shepherd, while the Dioceses of Arundel and Brighton gave them the collection taken for the Year of Mercy.

NEW INITIATIVES: an ad hoc web page was developed for secondary school material.



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FRANCE

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. There is a need for greater openness to the missions in the country. In consideration of this need, the National Office is seeking to strengthen ties with the national service and the diocesan services of catechesis, of Catholic teaching and of the different movements that focus on childhood. The management participated in many meetings in schools and movements, **pilgrimages of children to Lisieux**, and sought **collaboration with "Kilomètres Soleil"** – (a cooperative that develops pedagogical proposals intended for children aged 7 to 11 years).

ENFANTS VILLEURS : In this initiative, continued from before, the children are committed to watching over and praying for their peers in a specific diocese in the world. This initiative is supported by the letter 'Amissio', which comes out 3 times a year.

UN JOUR A LISIEUX: a meeting organized every year in Lisieux for children (11/12 years old) from the 8 dioceses of Ile de France.

FRAT A JAMBVILLE: a pilgrimage supported and encouraged by the bishops of Ile de France for teenagers (14/15 years old).

PRIERE & PARTAGE: The National Office's informational bulletin.



YEAR 2014

On 18 October, on the occasion of World Missions Day, Fr. Anfonso Bartolotta, head of the M.C., organized a **missionary day for young people in Burgundy, in the Diocese of Autun-Chalon-et-Mâcon**. Eighty youth were divided into 9 teams and made a 9-stage journey during which they were introduced to the lives of 9 great missionaries.

20 November: A Day of Prayer and Initiatives for Children was organized to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Convention for the Defense of Children's Rights.

The publication of the three journals: "**Les 3 secrets de Tanui**", "**Les filles du soleil**" and "**Le roi aux quatre visages**".



YEAR 2015

Project supported in 2014/2015 : in **The**

Philippines, educational help and first aid for 167 children welcomed by the Institute of the Filles de la Charité Canossiennes at Magdalene school in Manila.

The National Office is working towards producing animation material that can be used for several years in a row.



DVD "Journey with Children Around the World":

twenty-nine minutes long, it presents the dialogue between two teenagers and a missionary who tells them the stories of children from other countries around the world: going from Syria to Kenya, from Nigeria to El Salvador, and passing through Venezuela. The missionary explains how to become a Missionary Youth through concrete actions and small daily commitments.

CARTE DE L'ENFANT MISSIONNAIRE: a personal card by which the child commits to pray—alone or in a group—for the children of a specific diocese in the world.



DEPLIANT DE PRIERES: children have at their disposal texts that help them to pray. Sent together with the cards.



CARNET DE PRIERE

PERSONNELLE: is a booklet with a different prayer every day for a particular continent. In this way the child discovers the universal dimension of the Church.



since January 2015, in collaboration with Radio Chrétienne Francophone-RCF, the National Office began the transmission of a program directed towards children but also for adults, consisting of questions about the Faith posed by children. A journalist goes to classes and interviews the children and their questions are then taken up by Fr. Alfonso Bartolotta, who answers them during the program



THE CAP MISSION MAGAZINE FOR ANIMATORS, ACCOMPANIED WITH A CD, PROVIDES ACTIVITIES THAT THE CHILDREN CAN DO

YEAR 2016

AMISSIO LETTER ON BOLIVIA

Presentation of a specific project to be supported through publicity in their publications (calendar, Letter Amissio). This year's project, presented in various publications, is in **BOLIVIA** and consists in equipping the physiotherapy room of the Jean-Paul II School for the Disabled in Camiri.



The Initiative **ENFANTS VEILLEURS MISSIONNAIRES** currently involves 500 children.

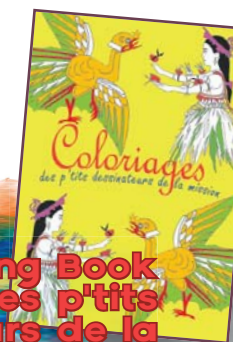


ANIMATION CAMPAIGN KM DE SOLEIL: The Missionary Childhood is a member of the KM de Soleil group, which aims to develop pedagogical proposals adapted to the themes of the annual animation campaign for children aged 7 to 11 years. This year the project for which the funds were raised is in Viet-nam. "Différents, tous frères: religions et vivre-ensemble".

Media: continued weekly transmission of **LES P'TITS CURIEUX DE LA FOI (LITTLE ONES CURIOUS ABOUT THE FAITH)**.



ALL MISSIONARIES
Board game for children (7-12 years old) to be played with the family or in a group



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GERMANY

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The most important initiatives are those of the **STERNSINGER** and the **Missionary Youth Day**, in which the children collect donations and take them to the manger scene. This ends up being a type of preparation for the Sternsinger Action.

The publication of the **Sternsinger, grenzenlos - eine Welt in Schule & Gemeinde** magazines and **Kindergarten und Mission** continues, as well as the publication of material for the **Saint Martin** feast.

YEAR 2014

The theme of the 56th campaign of the singing of the three kings is "To bring blessing and to be a blessing: hope for the refugee boys from Malawi and elsewhere", while the 57th campaign, which is focused on **The Philippines** has addressed the theme of the struggle against undernourishment and malnutrition, with the motto "Bring and be a blessing: healthy nutrition for children in the Philippines and around the world".

The **Sternsinger of Fulda** brought up the offertory gifts during the New Year's Mass celebrated by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica.



All training material was focused on nutrition. In addition to basic material and teacher assistance, an online game was developed.

"Let's play" campaign: on the occasion of the World Cup in Brazil, students from the schools have been invited to engage in a photo contest to raise awareness on the rights of children to play and have free time.

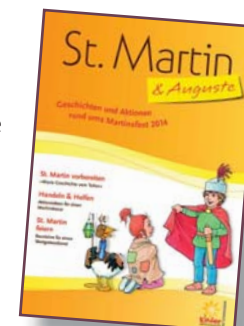
Fair Trade sector: Kindermissionswerk, together with ecumenical partners, would like to propose a national school competition for fair work. The website has been redesigned especially for young people www.jugendhandeltfair.de.

Ecumenical movement: "Christmas through the world" www.weihnachten-weltweit.de based on the fair trade of Christmas decorations from India and Peru, with development of educational material.

One of the 6 issues of **STERNSINGER**, an illustrated magazine for teenagers aged 9-14, has especially focused on **The Philippines**.



World Youth Day 2014/2015: publication of material for the **FEAST OF ST. MARTIN** – the wild goose Auguste recounted the difficult nutritional situation of children in the Philippines.



A special issue of **KINDERGARTEN & MISSION** (a preschool magazine) dedicated to the theme "FRIENDSHIP IN KINDERGARTEN".



"A year for you, a year for others": a volunteer movement. Eleven young men and 5 young women were able to contribute one year to projects that benefit children (in the National Office).

On the eve of the 2014 World Cup (in Brazil), the match for the **Sternsinger Cup** was held at Mainz Stadium.



The graphics and the publication logo have been changed. With this **NEW LOGO**, the Society presents itself to the German public as an aid agency alongside the Sternsinger. The website has also been revised, now suitable for tablets and smartphones.

In the elementary school magazine **grenzenlos - eine Welt in Schule & Gemeinde**, the new portals and activities on fair trade were presented, as well as on the related subject of the current **fairknüpft** competition (fair trade-fair work): competition linked to trade. The second issue was titled "Bolivia - from the countryside to the city" and was accompanied by the film for the 3 Kings campaign.

THE TWO ISSUES OF GRENZENLOS WERE DEDICATED TO COMPETITION IN FAIR TRADE AND TO BOLIVIA



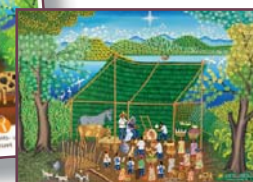
The **ecumenical initiative** on fair trade "Weihnachten weltweit" (Christmas in the World), in collaboration with Misereor, Adveniat and Brot für die Welt, is directed toward kindergarten. It describes Christmas traditions around the world and invites children to decorate balls, stars, and angels coming from fair trade.

The educational material also illustrates the situation of children and Christmas traditions on other continents.

The **58th campaign of the Song of the Three Kings** concentrated on the theme "Bringing blessings and be a blessing: respect for you, for me and for others" in support of a model project in the Bolivian city of El Alto.

At the request of the Kindermissionswerk, the Sternsinger tradition was added to the UNESCO national list of intangible cultural heritage.

Youth Missionary Day 2015: the center of action was a nativity scene in **Nicaragua**. The teaching material was redesigned, and the **moneybox** was distributed together with, for the first time, a **booklet**. The material has been enriched with a **poster** with a nativity scene and a vademecum for educators.



Teaching material for the **ST. MARTIN MOVEMENT** was also revised.

"A year for you, a year for others":

this year 19 young women and 5 young men worked on projects for a year with Kindermissionswerk and Missio Aachen.



This year a three-year charity partnership has been signed with the German Hockey Association - all match officials will wear "Sternsinger - help for children all over the world" on their t-shirts.

Operation "Save human lives!":

Promoted since summer 2015 as a way to raise awareness on the refugee crisis in Europe.

Participants were invited to express their concerns in various ways (drawings, messages to politicians, etc.) for those who have had to leave their homes. One of the main messages of the campaign was "We want no one to die in the Mediterranean!". Kindermissionswerk will broadcast the children's messages for the 2016 World Refugee Day to those responsible in Germany and Europe. Colored wooden panels were put together to build symbolic boats to be presented publicly at events.



YEAR 2016

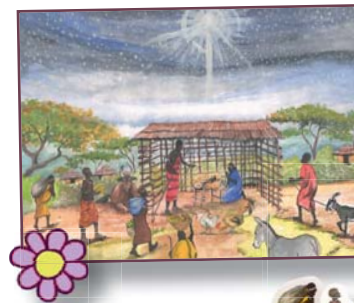
The theme of the **59th Campaign of the Song of the Three Kings** was "To bring blessings and be a blessing: united for God's creation - in Kenya and around the world". The Sternsingers dealt with climate change and its consequences. The focus of the reflection was a project in the Turkana region of **Kenya**, where people particularly suffer from global climate change.



Also, this year on January 6th, the Sternsinger were received by the President of the State and, for the twelfth time, by the Chancellor (on January 9th).



The **1700TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. MARTIN** (316-2016) was celebrated in a special way with publications for the feast of St. Martin marked by the anniversary of the saint's birth 1700 years ago in Tours. Kindergartens, nursery schools, primary schools, and parish communities that bear his name were invited at the beginning of the year to send drawings and photos on the subject. An educational poster was created from the responses received, showing the Saint's cloak decorated with various drawings.



World Youth Mission Day: a manger from **Kenya** was the focal point of the teaching material sent out.



"Volunteering 2016 - one year for you, one year for others": 14 young men and women worked for one year at the headquarters of the National Office for projects on behalf of children around the world.

The **"Save Human Lives" Initiative** continues: the National Office received 4,000 painted wooden boards and used 1,000 to build a symbolic boat, exhibited at the central station in Leipzig for the Catholic holiday in May.



Sternsinger football tournament: in collaboration with the German Football Association and the Egidius Braun Foundation; the tournament took place on May 29th in Augsburg.

24-HOUR TV MARATHON on the RTL channel: **supported their project in Argentina** to help a full-time school in the largest shantytown in Buenos Aires. The project was **under the patronage of Pope Francis** and was presented in a filmed news report.



PROJECT IN ARGENTINA UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF POPE FRANCIS



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IRELAND

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The continued publication of the **Newsletter CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN** three times a year helps to encourage children to "pray and share together". Every year, free educational material is printed that focuses on the countries supported by the National Office the year before. Each semester competitions are organized to encourage children to learn more about M.C.

The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY (CNC Day National Day of Prayer)** is celebrated in schools on the second Friday of October. The **DVD** of the animated cartoon **Ratters and Friends** continues to be very successful.

Many free animation materials are distributed to the schools, including the **Jammy Payers** and **Prayer in my Pocket** Prayer Booklets for children.

YEAR 2014

CNC Day National Day of Prayer: celebrated on October 10th.

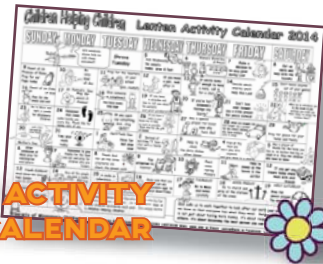
The **FIRST COMMUNION FRIEND** initiative continued, this year focusing on helping Beatrice from Tanzania.

FIRST COMMUNION FRIEND



Animators: they are seeking more volunteers. For the time being there are three animators who are actively visiting the schools within the dioceses of Kilmore, Derry, and Limerick.

LENT 2014 ACTIVITY CALENDAR



YEAR 2015

DVD PRESENTATION

NEWS: in June, Jackie Pallas, national secretary of the M.C., visited South Korea and the Philippines with Sally McEllistrim, PR Manager WMI, to do a **report on the Columban Fathers** to promote the mission in Ireland. They were voluntarily accompanied by **Charlie Bird**, a veteran Irish journalist who also produced a **DVD** of their journey. The National Office representatives visited many projects for children and collected information about their situation, especially in **THE PHILIPPINES**, to present the DVD in Irish schools.



CHARLIE BIRD DURING THE FILMING

GHC Day National Day of Prayer: October 9th. In the Archdiocese of Dublin there was a special celebration at St. Mary's Refuge of Sinners Church, parish of Rathmines. Around 600 children from all over the country participated, together with teachers, parents and grandparents.

Animation: the Diocesan Directors have been very helpful to the volunteer animators. There are three active animators who visit the schools in the Dioceses of Kilmore, Derry, and Limerick.

YEAR 2016

NEWSLETTER



Theme of the Year: "Helping hands". The children were encouraged to use their hands pray, to help, to make the sign of peace, etc.

National Day of Prayer for Children in schools:

Focused on the year's theme. A video presenting the work of Irish missionaries in South Korea and in the Philippines was shown in the schools.

The National Office participated in the celebrations in the Diocese of Elphin, presided by the bishop with the participation of 800 children. The children were encouraged to cut out and color the "helping hands" in the booklet and then bring them to Mass.



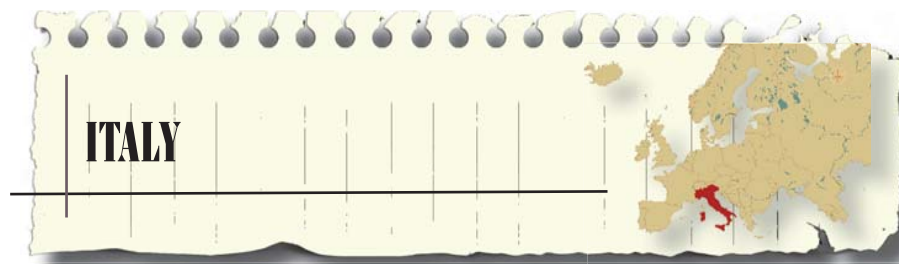
MAD HAIR DAY: was celebrated this year on December 16th to help the children of the Badjao tribe in the Philippines. As asked by the initiative, the children went to school with their hair eccentrically combed and donated a coin to the Missionary Childhood.

NEW YEAR'S INAUGURAL CONCERT:

held in Dublin by the Celtic Tenors, famous Irish tenors, and supported by the soprano Deirdre Shannon, to promote the PMS and its missionaries. More than 400 people participated.



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MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Animation activities and missionary formation are proposed throughout the country through the annual Animation Aid, the material for the Advent-Christmas period, the animation material for Youth Mission Day, the magazine “**IL PONTE D'ORO**” the website, the weekly newsletter and the social network.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY is celebrated on the parish and the diocesan level—and sometimes between dioceses—generally on January 6th. Some parishes, due to local needs, celebrate it on another day.

Every month the National Office publishes the column “**Planeta Missio Ragazzi**” in “**Il Ponte d'oro**”, which relates the activities done as well as testimonies given by groups of young missionaries.

Every year a national conference of the diocesan officials of the POIM is organized.

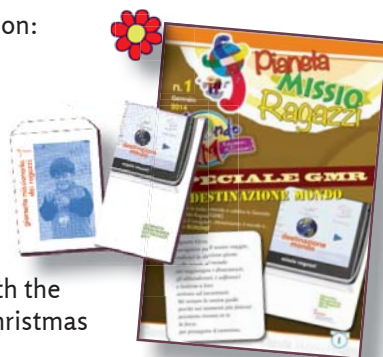
YEAR 2014

Theme of the animation: “*World Destination*”.

Annual “Aid”:

follows the year’s theme. This year it invites people to virtually travel through 5 continents to discover the outskirts, as Pope Francis himself has invited us to do.

The Missionary Animator: dealt with the same theme, including in the Advent-Christmas animation proposals.



IOVANGELO: a new form of the weekly newsletter that presents the Sunday Gospel in the style of a comic book. The first part presents a single scene from the Gospel, exactly like a comic strip, while the second part presents points for reflection and the commitment to live it out.



YEAR 2015

POSTER YOUTH MISSION DAY

The motto of **Youth Mission Day 2015 (GMR)** “*The last will be the first*” is, as always, connected to the previous year’s theme; in this case, “*The outskirts, the heart of the mission*”.

The **annual “aid”** this year had the title “*Blessed the outskirts*” and was divided into

9 themes, each linked to a beatitude, organized into groups of activities proposed for the different periods of the social-liturgical year.

DVD: this year’s DVD, made with the collaboration of a group of young missionary boys from an Italian diocese, is called “*Children for Children*” and contains the stories of 5 children from around the world.



an issue of **IL PONTE D'ORO**



YEAR 2016

POSTER of
the YOUTH
MISSION DAY

Theme of the **Youth Mission Day**: "Poor like Jesus". The **Annual "aid"** focused

on the same theme and this year is divided into 5 stages, each linked to a specific right of childhood and adolescence. The animation material was enhanced with the **PORTA DELLA MISERICORDIA**, which represented a pilgrimage to be lived out on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy and consisted of a poster with 12 closed doors, one to be opened each month.



PORTA DELLA MISERICORDIA
Special animation
material for the
occasion of the
Extraordinary Jubilee
of Mercy



www.ragazzi.missioitalia.it

LUXEMBOURG

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The schools familiar with Missionary Childhood Day generally celebrate it in February under the form of a "weekend". The National Office publishes a **newsletter** entitled **LES NOUVELLES DE MISSIO LUXEMBOURG**.



YEAR 2016

Starting with this year it was decided to propose educational material not only for Missionary Childhood Day in February, but also **to accompany the schools all year long with directly usable teaching material**.

STAMPS are collected to be sold to collectors on behalf of the missions. The **testimonial project of the campaign**, presented in the newsletter, was the expansion of a school in **BENIN**. The theme of **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was "Vivons dans le respect mutuel à travers le monde" and the children were shown the daily living conditions of their peers in **BOLIVIA**.



PRAY WITH CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

A PRAYER BOOK MADE IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE
NATIONAL OFFICE OF FRANCE



NEW!

INVESTIGATION AT THE VATICAN

a musical comedy **Ad
Gentès** recited by a group
of young people. The first
performance took place
in Versailles on April 2nd
and was attended by
600 people. The initiative
led to the creation of a
CD and an
educational kit



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MALTA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

For the past five years the Society has been known in Malta as **MISSIO
TEAL**.

The theme of the animation lasts from October until September of the following year, since the new theme is launched in October.

During the school year, the Missionary Childhood coordinators regularly visit schools to put on animation sessions. These sessions replace religious education classes by combining an animation of the missions with the possibility of taking a collection.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY is celebrated on World Missions Day in the form of a **Mission Feast**, a missionary party in a public context oriented towards families with activities focusing on the Missionary Childhood. In January 2014, the National Office formally asked the Episcopal Conference to **reestablish Missionary Childhood Day on the diocesan level**, as it has been in the past.

The National Office publishes the **monthly magazine TEAL
MISSJUNARJI** and the **MISSIO TEAL MANUAL** for the animation.

The formation of animators of the Society is primarily aimed at school teachers and takes place face to face.



YEAR 2014

POSTER of the
DAY OF THE
MISSIONARY
CHILDHOOD

Animation Theme: "You give them something to eat" from the Gospel of Luke 9:13.

The National Office participated in a national school campaign for water, explaining the situation in mission countries.

During the course in May, the National Office carried out a public animation on the occasion of the anniversary of the Missionary Childhood. On Saturday, May 11th, a **family day** was organized in one of the gardens on the south of the island.



NEW INITIATIVES at the national level: organization of a children's choir, an exchange with Hungarian missionary children.

NEWS: for the first time a "**resource pack**" was provided to schools to facilitate children's formation.

THEATRICAL
SHOW ON THE
LIFE OF SAINT
PHILIP NERI

YEAR 2015

In the last 5 years the Missionary Childhood has been revived thanks to the **CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN CLUBS**, whose members currently number 450 children, aged 5 to 13 years. For 5 euros a year, children can register to become young missionaries, promoting the mission's values among their families and friends. Activities for members are organized on occasions such as Missions Sunday, Christmas, Carnival and summer holidays. Children are also invited to the Office to watch DVDs or Power Points with missionary themes, games, little assignments, and snacks.

The new Missionary Childhood coordinator, Nancy Camilleri, contacted the principals of Catholic schools to set an appointment before the start of the school year. On these occasions their new mascot, the colorful **RAFIKI** parrot, the **TEAL MISSJUNARJI** children's magazine and the **MISSIO TEAL CLUB** were promoted.



In **october**, the National Office was invited to participate in Special Assemblies at schools with their mascot. In the first two weeks of October, the animators presented the **year's video clip** and Rafiki explained the realities of poverty in the world, telling the children how to help their peers and their families. Each child was then given a **special envelope decorated with children walking with buckets on their heads, each containing 50 cents**. The envelope was introduced this year instead of the piggy bank. Every Maltese child brought home an envelope, coloring a bucket for every 50 cents he saved. At the end of October, the National Office team returned to the schools to collect the envelopes.



TFAL MISSJUNARJI:

from this year, among the various columns, a **geographical page with a comic strip** was added. It is the only children's magazine printed on the island. Starting next year, they would like to attach an audio CD to the magazine so that the children can follow the stories in school during class.

The National Office participated in the **"World Diversity Days"** organized in the schools. During these visits to the schools they explained the different way of life of children in third world countries, the work of the missionaries, the different cultures, and the importance of the water supply.

WHITE NIGHT: the National Office participates in the event by putting an information booth outside of the office with objects made by children during the summer, which are then sold by the children themselves.



PERFORMANCE ON THE LIFE OF

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX: a summer performance in which the life of the saint was presented to children. It has been shown two times as part of the activities of Missions Sunday. Schools are invited to bring their students in exchange for a small donation.

CARNIVAL: this year a children's store invited members of the Missionary Childhood club for two days to provide activities inside the store (face painting, stories, videos, worksheets). The children came with their parents to the store and took part in the activities provided by Missio, while the parents went shopping. Customers could also try their luck by donating 2 euros in exchange for a stuffed toy. In addition, the children went around the store with their piggy banks to collect donations.

STAR SINGERS: this activity started in 2009. This year, for the first time, a group of scouts organized a performance in which they collected funds and then donated them to the National Office.

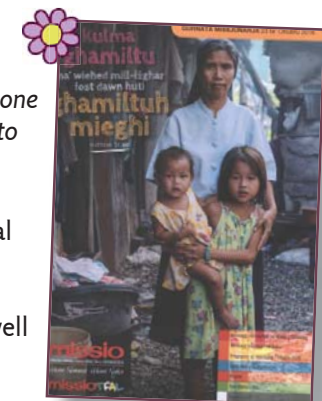


YEAR 2016

Theme of the campaign: *"As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me"*.

WORLD DIVERSITY DAYS IN

SCHOOLS: for this initiative the National Office prepared small workshops on how to make a necklace and a Masai stick, explaining the meaning of the colors as well as the use and purpose of these objects.



MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: This year it was celebrated in 3 different parishes. The coloring envelopes were distributed this year together with a registration form for the Missio Tfal Club and the periodical Missio Tfal. The Rafiki mascot animated the meetings.



#HOPEMISSIONFEST:

the National Office together with 6 schools participated in this national Telethon this year. They

organized “casual” days in which the children could come to school dressed casually and make a small donation to the missions.



www.missio.org.mt

NETHERLANDS (THE)

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Animation activities take place in October, as part of World Missions Sunday. The **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** is always celebrated the first weekend of October.

Training and teaching aids: **there are no training programs for the animators** because of the little interest in the schools (only 50 are interested in the M.C.).

The National Office has a website especially for children aged 6 to 12 years (www.missiokids.nl) where children can choose a child who then helps them to discover Missio-City.

YEAR 2014

Theme of the animation: “*Passing on the flame of faith*”, focused on the Catholic Church in Myanmar.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: This year from October 4-5, 2014. Featured a **children's book** on **MYANMAR** of which 10,000 copies were distributed, a booklet with ideas for the liturgical celebration of Missionary Childhood Day, and a paper bag in which children could put pennies for their peers in Myanmar (about 22,000).



YEAR 2015

Theme for the year: “Give hope to the Christians in Pakistan”.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY was celebrated October 3 – 4, 2015.

The animation material was focused on **PAKISTAN**. Eight thousand copies of the magazine were distributed to the children, together with 17,000 envelopes to the different schools and parishes.



YEAR 2016

ANIMATION MATERIAL

This year the animation focused on the theme “Witnesses of Mercy” and the country chosen was the Philippines.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: was celebrated this year from October 1-2. The animation material focused on the Philippines. There was the usual distribution of the children’s periodical, of the booklet of liturgical suggestions, and of donation envelopes.



www.missiokids.nl

POLAND

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The animation follows the school year from September to June.

Since 1984, **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** has been celebrated on January 6th in the parishes.

Publication of the **MISSIONARY WORLD** magazine.



YEAR 2014

Theme for 2014-2015: Meditation on the “Our Father”, organized into 4 ‘encounters’: Formative (meditation on the Word of God and the theme of the month), Prayer (in the parish), We Build the Community (projects for missions and works of charity) and Know the Missionary World (based on the Missionary Childhood magazine).

Kołodziei Misyjni: This is the name of the children missionary groups.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: January 6th there was a gathering in the Diocese of the children who participate in the activities and of the Christmas missionary animations called “Kołodziei Misyjni”.

Christmas carols: the Christmas caroling campaign collects donations for a specific country every year.

White Week: The initiative with children preparing for First Communion continues. On one of the days of Communion Week, they celebrate Missions Day, during which they pray for their peers and make donations to the Missionary Childhood and, if they want, they can become members.

This year a **special Congress was organized to celebrate the 170th anniversary of the Missionary Childhood**. More than 5,000 children participated.

"Missionary Vacations with God": from 7-14 days long, held in 8 dioceses this year with the participation of more than 1,000 children.



YEAR 2015

Theme covered this year: *"The train for the mission"*. It focused on baptism with its gifts and responsibilities. The train is the image of the missionary Church and has heaven as its final destination. During its journey, the train visits every part of the world inhabited by men. Every month the children build some parts of the train (ticket, wheels, tracks, etc.) and through these symbols they discover the values of Christian and missionary life.

Christmas Caroling activities continue, along with the organization of missionary camps and the White Week initiative.

Christmas Caroling: the activity began 4 years ago - representatives of the Missionary Childhood currently animate the Three Kings (Magi) parade in over 330 locations.

IV National Missionary Congress in Warsaw: This was the most important meeting of the year; 5,000 children participated.

Part of this year's animation material was a memory game on children around the world and the patrons of the missions, as well as the prayer of 5 fingers and 5 continents for the Lenten mission with posters and figurines.

A GROUP OF CHILDREN FROM LEBANON WHO RECEIVED THE FIRST COMMUNION THANKS TO THE POLISH CHILDREN



YEAR 2016

Theme of the year: *"With the Gospel for the World"*, which follows Jesus' mandate to go proclaim the Gospel to every creature, underlining the importance of "meeting".

Missionary Childhood children pray a Hail Mary every day and make some sort of small offering every week or every month. They promote missionary animation in parishes and schools (newspapers, prayers, etc.), theatrical performances, concerts, decorations and handmade objects, inviting other children to participate.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY: On the occasion of the celebration the Parade of the Three Kings was held.

A four-year missionary training course for children, after which they receive a missionary passport that permits them to enter into the PDRW Youth Voluntary Service, if they so desire.



 **Papieskie Dzieło Misyjne Dzieci**

www.missio.org.pl/pdmd
www.pdmd.missio.org.pl

PORTUGAL

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The National Office quarterly publishes an attachment to the magazine Missão OMP, the attachment being **brochure for children** called **MISSÃOZINHA OMP** which circulates 4,000 copies. In addition to the various animation material, 15,000 copies of the **Missionary Childhood Guide**, are also published. There is a yearly celebration of **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** on Epiphany. June 1st is International Child's Day.

YEAR 2014

Theme of the animation: *"With the children of Africa we meet Jesus"*.



YEAR 2015

The itinerary of the animation is based on the 5 continents and was started in 2011. This year the continent in question is Oceania with the title: *"With the children of Oceania we follow Jesus"*.



Poster Missionary Childhood Day
3rd January 2016

YEAR 2016

AMERICA



The National Office has planned a **5-year animation path**, in which the children are every presented with a particular continent to be evangelized. In **2016** the theme was *"With the children of America we talk about Jesus"*. In **2016-2017** the theme was *"With the children of Europe we welcome everyone like Jesus"*. The motto of the year was *"Missionary Childhood at the heart of a Missionary Church"*.



Implementation of 3 national training meetings for Missionary Childhood promoters who will work with the children. After these 3 meetings a specific project was started in each Diocese (20 Dioceses).

November 26, 2016 : There was an official presentation of the Missionary Childhood in the parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Aveiro.

Parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Aveiro



MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY CELEBRATION:

This year it was celebrated on January 8th. Specific material was produced for the occasion. Games together with teaching and liturgical material were sent out to the parishes as an aid to fully live out the Advent and Christmas Seasons, as well as Epiphany.

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY

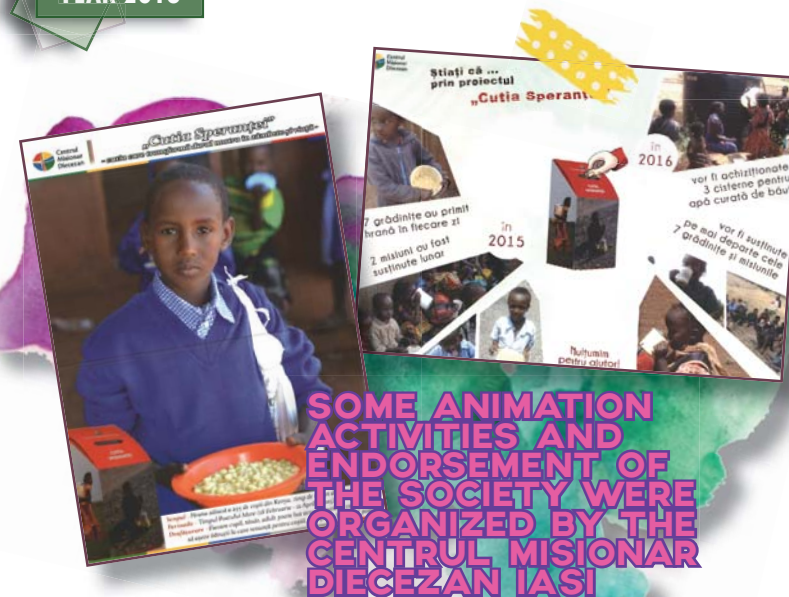
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**ROMANIA****MISSIONARY ANIMATION**

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

YEAR 2016



SOME ANIMATION ACTIVITIES AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE SOCIETY WERE ORGANIZED BY THE CENTRUL MISSIONAR DIECEZAN IASI

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES

(Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden)



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The National Office encompasses Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Catholics are a minority and every nation has a style of animation work tailored to its specific needs. The stickers for the house blessing C + M + B (Christus Mansionem Benedicat), also called **CMB-LABELS**, are provided in each country.

YEAR 2014

NEWSLETTER

DENMARK: This year the national office visited the religious congregations presenting the Society. The National Office regularly publishes a newsletter, and this year was focused on the Philippines, which the national office had visited in 2013. A young singer, who is becoming famous, held a free concert for the Missionary Childhood during the Christmas Season.

FINLAND: The diocese of Helsinki has only 7 parishes, and the parish priests often do not know the language. Articles were published in the diocesan newspaper. CMB labels were distributed out to all the congregations who would then sell them.



ICELAND: Currently there is no one in charge, since the bishop who headed up the animation work has retired. Articles were published in the diocesan newspaper, and all congregations receive CMB labels to sell.

NORWAY: The manager is a deacon who works for the Society part-time and, given the size of the country, is not able to visit the whole country. There is very little awareness of the Society, but there is an idea to create Missio contacts or Missio groups in each parish, or at least in the central parishes. This year the Epiphany collection was taken up on behalf of the animation, but there is a need to organize animation material.

SWEDEN: One woman is responsible for the office, but she also has other roles in the diocese. The fundraising was mainly focused on the diocesan collection from Epiphany Sunday and on the distribution of CMB labels to parishes, convents, chapels and schools. Posters were printed and distributed, and liturgical texts were translated from Danish and sent out.

YEAR 2015

the ADVENT CALENDAR with chocolate

The **STELLA THE STAR** Advent calendar, an Advent calendar with chocolate was introduced along with the accompanying booklet "Stella the Star tells a story - the people who walk in the dark, will see a great light" with the Advent story in 24 episodes. Every day, for the 24 days of Advent, you learn something about virtues. The regular sale and distribution of CMB-labels were continued at every event.





DENMARK: Preparation of a liturgical guide and publication of articles in the diocesan newspaper.



FINLAND: There is a new young priest who is in charge of the Society and publishes articles in the diocesan newspaper.



ICELAND: The National Office asked the new bishop to nominate a contact person for the Society. Diocesan newspaper articles were published.



NORWAY: They are still working on the possibility of establishing Missio contacts or groups in the main parishes. The Epiphany collection was encouraged.



SWEDEN: Usual distribution of posters and liturgical texts translated from Danish.



YEAR 2016

NEWSLETTER



DENMARK: Sunday visits by the National Office to the congregations continue, with talks on the Society.



FINLAND: Celebration of two events a year, namely on Epiphany and World Missions Sunday.



ICELAND: A new Missio manager has been appointed for the country.



NORWAY: A general website on the Norwegian church that also talks about the Society www.katolsk.no. In September, information on Missio was sent out to the priests of the diocese of Oslo.



SWEDEN: The collection is taken on Epiphany.

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SCOTLAND

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

There is no fixed day for Missionary Childhood Day, but schools are invited to celebrate it in October. In the future, the National Office would like to organize it on a diocesan level and then on the national level. There is no training of promoters on a national level because the National Office uses volunteers.

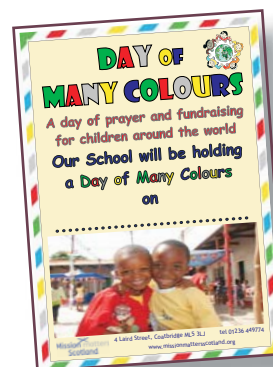
YEAR 2014

MISSION
ROSARY

Theme: No exact theme was developed for the 2014-2015 Academic Year, but the **Missionary Rosary** was encouraged, and, for the **FIRST TIME in Scotland**, the celebration of the **DAY OF MANY COLOURS** was introduced to stimulate donations with great success.

As usual "collection cards" were printed and distributed out.

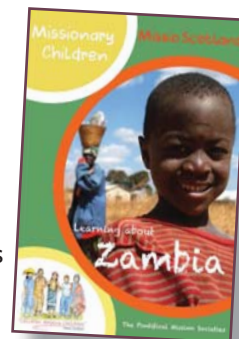
Using traditional costumes from the different continents, the National Office visited schools to encourage children to pray the Missionary Rosary.



Holy Cross Primary, Govanhill:

is a multi-ethnic, multilingual and multicultural school in which the **DAY OF MANY COLOURS** found particular expression. The school has an International Education Committee, a group led by children who promote a global sensibility among their peers. For the “Day of Many Colors” they presented each nation, culture, and language; they organized an artistic competition based on representing particular monuments in the world or particular animals of specific nations. There was a quiz and typical food of various parts of the world. Their Headmaster gave them the opportunity to choose what to do with the collection, and they chose, through Missio, victims of Ebola.

This year a PowerPoint was developed on the “Day of Many Colours”.

**YEAR 2015**

The mission country of the campaign was **ZAMBIA**, which was also chosen for the Missions Sunday campaign to see if this had any effect on donations.

**TESTIMONY**

The children of **St. Joseph's School in Helensburgh** have combined the idea of **Crazy Hair Day** with that of **selling sweets** - the older children baked cakes and sold them to their friends to raise funds. Then each child in the school wrote a **missionary prayer** on a paper given to them by the National Office and sent them in to the office. The most expressive prayer received a prize

Formation of animators: There are few promoters in Scotland; they are trying to recruit some through the **GLE** (Getting Involved Globally) – a program for missionary experience. A pilot program was started with this objective for young people who have finished school. This program prepares them throughout the year for missionary experience. Once they finish the program, they are encouraged to assume the role of animators.



A MILE FOR MISSION: This is an initiative that explains to children that many of their less fortunate peers must walk several miles to get to school. The teachers, together with the children, measure a mile on the school playground and then run it several times. This year the initiative was done on behalf of Zambia.

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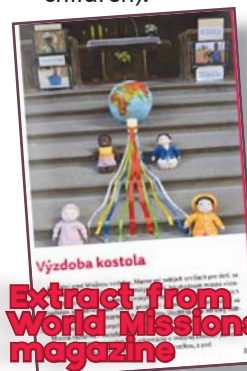
SLOVAKIA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators. The National Office continues to publish the **magazine WORLD MISSIONS** for members and sponsors (approx. 7,300 in all the dioceses). Each year a **missionary calendar**, which is used for animations in the schools, in parishes, and in the community. Animation work happens primarily through the schools. The main event of the year is Missions Sunday.

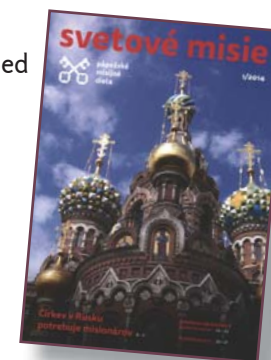
YEAR 2014

The National Office developed a **new logo** that has been used on all the material (World Missions magazine, the missionary calendar, flyers, bookmarks, magnets, pins, banners, brochures, school supplies for children).



A **web page** was launched www.misijnediela.sk as well as a **Facebook page** www.facebook.com/misijnediela.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: A new fundraising campaign in which a person can donate to the missions on behalf of someone else, who then receives the postcard as a gift.





YEAR 2015

poster of the DAY OF THE MARTYRS

The main theme of the campaign this year was "Mission is service" and the mission country for the campaign was **ETHIOPIE**.



YEAR 2016

Theme for the year: "Life for others until the end".


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SLOVENIA

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The National Office does not celebrate Missionary Childhood Day in any particular way and **collaborates mainly with the parishes, sending them material** and short videos about the Society. Apart from the **ADVENT CALENDAR**, there are no other activities for children for the time being.

YEAR 2014

Preparation of a **Mission Memory Game** (prepared in 2014).



THREE KINGS ACTION

YEAR 2015

ADVENT
CALENDAR

PROJECT ADVENT ACTION (ADVENTNA AKCIJA): A calendar consisting of a magazine that has a story and activities for each day of

Advent. This calendar acts as a help for children, parents and catechists and comes with a cardboard piggy bank, which is filled during Advent and brought to church at Christmas to be placed in front of the manger. **This year the Advent calendar stories were written in the form of a missionary travel diary,** written by a Catholic radio commentator who visited various Slovenian missions in **MADAGASCAR** and who invites the children to relive his experiences. Six hundred and twenty-four parishes took part in the initiative, and 89,300 Advent calendars were sent out to as many children. All the parishes that participated were then given an award of recognition.



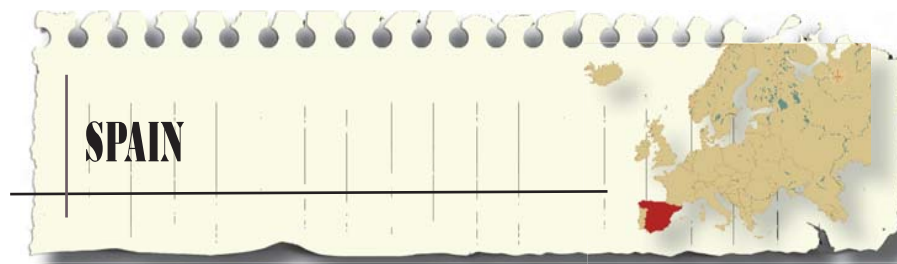
YEAR 2016

The so-called "Advent Action" continues with the distribution of the Advent calendar. The calendar consists of a booklet with a story and activities for each day. 629 Parishes participated in "Advent Action" and 92,000 calendars were sent out to as many children.



In some parishes there is also the tradition of **going Christmas caroling** and the blessing of the Three Kings.





MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity and formation of animators.

The activities began in October with the Missionary Train; the children then prepare and celebrate an Advent for the missions, which concludes with the event of the **SOWERS OF THE STARS**, in which the children go through the streets and rejoice at the birth of Jesus.

Throughout the year the dioceses take initiatives to organize **missionary meetings for the children, missionary music festivals, and summer camps.**

On the national level, the National Office prepares materials for the Missionary Childhood campaign—for example, the **hucha del compartir**, a cardboard container which the children themselves make and then put in their own donations.

The **magazines GESTO** and **SUPERGESTO** continue to be published.

The **DAY OF M.C.** is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of January.

YEAR 2014

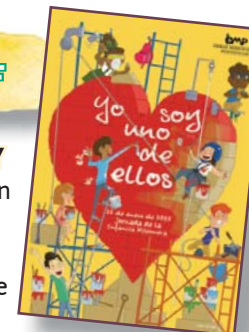
LA REVOLUCIÓN DE JEFERSON: is short film for Missionary Childhood Day in which an 8-year-old girl begins a “revolution” in her school. Adela, following the visit of a missionary who speaks to the class of a poor child who lives in Central America named Jeferson, decides to help him by means of a game, and involves her companions in helping him.



YEAR 2015

POSTER OF
THE DAY OF
M.C.

The theme for **MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY** was “I am one of them” so as to teach children that we are all the same, that it is good to work together and that no one should suffer discrimination. A video was developed on the theme so as to explain to the children what it means to put oneself in the shoes of their poorest peers and to live a life filled with hardship.



STORY

COMPETITION

This year a story competition for children aged 6 to 12 was launched, in which the missionary children were asked to write a story based on the theme for Missionary Childhood Day. The three winners were awarded on the eve of Missionary Childhood Day, January 24th. The first prize winner, **Carmelo Gálvez Alvarinho** from the city of Ourense, wrote a story in the form of a rap and said he felt like a missionary child because he helps people.



MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD GAME: Children can play this game through the Missionary Childhood app in order to learn how to be missionaries. Through mini puzzle-games, coloring pages, questions and answers, skill games, etc. life skills on how to live together with other children are taught. The application was inspired by the DVD “Yo Soy Uno de Ellos” and it seeks to teach children that Missionary

Childhood members belong to the same family, eliminating the idea that the rich child must help the poor child - mutual help, not one-way.



YEAR 2016

This year's campaign, inspired by the gratitude that children around the world express to other children, is entitled “Gracias” (Thank you). Thank you for your life, for creation, for your faith, for being little missionaries and being part of the great Missionary Childhood family.



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: this competition was directed towards children aged 6 to 12. The children had to use photography to express their way of saying thank you.

DECALOGUE
FOR THE
CHILD
MISSIONARY



SWITZERLAND

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

Ordinary missionary animation activity. Animation work in Switzerland is divided in **three regions, according to the language spoken**. A theme is chosen, and each region organizes initiatives related to the theme that may be the same or different across regions. These initiatives may be carried out either together or separately. The **STAR SINGERS** are in all three regions.

The National Office continues to carry out activities for the **mission country**, as well as the usual activities related to the year's theme, such as family Masses, catechism lessons, the goose game, an activity book, Advent community dinners, and animations for young adults. The “Song of the Three Kings” Event continues. **Advent is generally the period of time allotted for Missionary Childhood animations.**

The **MilAmi** magazine and the **JUMI** magazine continue to be published. The MilAmi magazine is an annual newspaper that shares about the target mission country of the campaign and its inhabitants. There is no organized training for animators. These are volunteers who bring in their own catechetical expertise.



YEAR 2014

Theme for the year: “*Joie d'être invités, bonheur de répondre!*” The focus country of the campaign was **THE PHILIPPINES**, presented as an example of faith.

NEW INITIATIVES: a film on the **Star Singers** in Switzerland to encourage this initiative.

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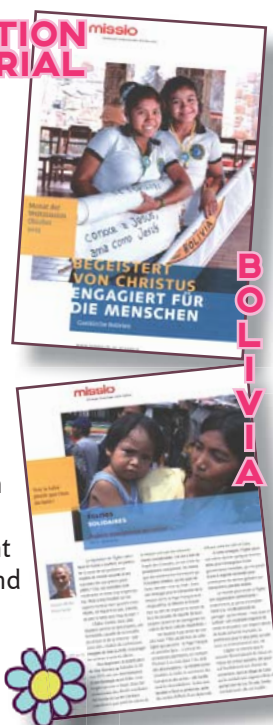


YEAR 2015

ANIMATION MATERIAL



Theme for the year: "Love like Jesus loves!". The focus country of the year's campaign was **BOLIVIA**, where most of the children are part of the Missionary Childhood and provide a good example with their lives, concretely demonstrating how to love Jesus through prayer, games, visits to the sick and the lonely, etc. During this year's afternoon event to get to know the country, chocolate bars and bracelets were sold to benefit Bolivia.



YEAR 2016

Theme for the year: "Different... God unites us!". The focus country of the campaign was **KENYA**, where, in spite of the difficulties, the people find themselves again in the name of God.

MilAmi: Now includes an activity book, starting this year.

GERMAN SWITZERLAND

Sternsinger's animation work focused on **KENYA** and climate change. The theme was "Together for Divine Creation - in Kenya and all over the world" focused especially on a project in the north-eastern part of Kenya, in the Turkana area ("Water for Turkana!").

A Sternsinger delegation from Switzerland participated in the Holy Mass for the opening of the year in St. Peter's with the Holy Father. They also made a visit to the Swiss Guards for the occasion. For the first time the Sternsinger brought the blessing to the headquarters of the Swiss Episcopal Conference in Friborg.



MISSIO-KRAN: is new to the animation. This is a **game of collaboration** and skill that explains how solidarity and world Catholic society work, as a fun way to respond to the children's questions. The group participating must work together using a suspended system of wires and a circular support. This hoist is made up of five "legs", each the color of a mission country, and a board on which children of different ethnicities and different continents are represented.



BOARD GAME FOR THE STERNSINGER is also new. This is an educational game for children built in the form of a chessboard. Following a path of questions, the children learn important elements about the Star Singers, the campaign's focus country, and the year's theme. The colored playing board, which always stays the same, depicts faces and animals from all the continents, while the question cards change according to the theme and can be ordered free of charge from the site.



★ ROMANDY (FRENCH-SPEAKING SWITZERLAND)

Stands are put up at the **two yearly festivals** namely the Family Festival in Belfaux and "Prier et témoigner" in Saint-Nicolas de Fribourg.

The novelty of the year was the **Missionary Rally**, organized in collaboration with the Neuchâtel catechetical center. Each of the stations encouraged the catechists invited to discover and experience an animation proposed for the campaign.



NEW INITIATIVES: **bookmarks** with the missionary children prayer were created. These have been widely distributed in Romance Switzerland. **Postcards to color** and sell for support have also been made.

★ ITALIAN SWITZERLAND

SR. DORA

A testimony was given of the work done by a group of Childhood Missionary children in the community of Parkati, **KENYA**, directed by **SR. DORA**, together with their joyous meetings to prepare Sunday dances, to carry out good deeds for the needy of their own community, and to support those most in need.



For the first time Missio-Infanzia, together with the organizations of the San Giuseppe center in Lugano, participated in the development and dissemination of the **Christian CLICK journal** promoted by Sacrificio Quaresimale.

FIRST COMMUNION PROJECTS: in collaboration with Missio, parishes encourage children who are making their First Communion to collect donations for specific projects on behalf of children throughout the world.

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

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AUSTRALIA

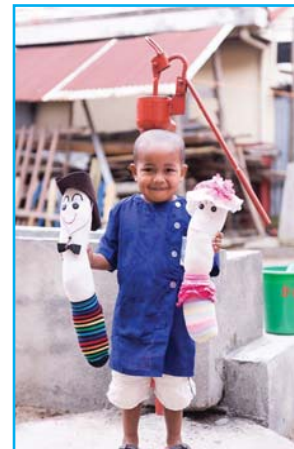


MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD

The schools celebrated Children's Mission Day in October, on the Wednesday following World Missions Sunday.

YEAR 2015

As part of the program for Catholic schools called **socktober** program, the Campaign for World Missions Sunday was also held, this year entitled "Sock it to poverty in Madagascar" – "I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink". **kits** were distributed to



all primary and secondary Catholic schools with DVDs, flyers for collections, web page addresses, and instructions for teachers on how to download the material from the website. Using digital resources, the theme of **clean water and sanitation in Madagascar**, was explored by telling stories of children who have had a better future thanks to the work of the Church.



Our Lady of the Rosary School

Nishan and his schoolmates have collected 856,55 dollars to purchase a water pump for the children of Madagascar.

"I am so happy to know that we will be able to buy the pump for the children of Madagascar and they will be able to drink clean water and perhaps even brush their teeth!" said Nishan.

"Now my sister prays every night for the children in Madagascar"

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Christmas Direct Mail campaign : this campaign was directed towards around 55,000 donors and focused on the work of Catholic missionaries in Cebu in the **Philippines**, and on a program to help street children entitled: "Whoever welcomes this child in my name". Continued training of classroom facilitators, who visit schools and hold seminars on missions throughout the various dioceses of Australia.

Immersion Programs

are programs focused on the Aborigines and the inhabitants of the Torres Strait Islands, who live in rural and remote areas. It seeks to better understand their traditions, culture, spirituality, and history. The N.O. supports the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)



YEAR 2016

Theme of the animation:

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these..."

you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).

The country at the center of the campaign was **Cambodia**.

An interactive web-based educational tool was developed for use in the schools during the World Missions Month, along with interactive workshops and "Faith-in-action" training.

The program that supports the Aboriginal peoples and the Torres Strait Islanders was continued, as well as the support program focused on ending the detention of immigrant children in collaboration with the civil society and other religious orders since 2012.

There also was the implementation of 5 local immersion programs and 25 international immersion programs. These are programs of international immersion and exposure that provide students and adults with a unique opportunity for a learning experience among

Australian indigenous communities and in developing countries. It is an opportunity to learn how to live with others. The program is composed of a time of preparation, followed by 10 to 12 days in the particular country so as to experience the local Church, culture, and community. In the third and final part, that of the return home, time is taken to reflect on the experience. The countries visited were East Timor, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Philippines, Kiribati, and Australian indigenous communities.



NEW ZEALAND

MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The National Office works above all with the children in primary school and is in contact with the Directors of Religious Studies (DRS) to whom the materials are sent.

Many schools in New Zealand celebrate a **Mission Awareness Day** each year, during which children are invited to raise money for the missions. Some schools call it **Mufty Day** and allow children to dress in casual clothes instead of school uniforms; in other schools the children organize a collection of used toys in good condition that they then sell to peers to raise funds for the M.C.

Publication of a newsletter.

YEAR 2014

Theme for the animation: *"Tell the world His love"*. The campaign took place particularly during the months of September and October. A **video** was taken to present the song linked to the theme (theme

song), which can be downloaded from the website. It is an adaptation of a "videoke" filmed in the Philippines. Teachers were encouraged to organize choirs of children to sing and do hand motions to the song. The choir was for both the schools and the October Sunday celebrations. In this way, children could not only actively participate in the liturgy of the parish community but also have an opportunity to invite their parents and relatives to church, since in countries like New Zealand the parent involvement with their primary school children is often almost nonexistent. Activities like this draw families to join the parish community.



newsletter 2014 SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SYRIA

In October, posters were sent out to the schools to promote the prayer of the Rosary as part of the **One Million Children Praying the Rosary** campaign, which took place on **October 17th**. Rosaries were sold in the schools for a suggested donation and the National Office produced a PowerPoint with the help of a volunteer (sent to all DRS) with the **song** "We Are Rosary Children".

YEAR 2015

The campaign this year was entitled *"We Are Called to Wear the Smile of God"*.



PACIFIC ISLANDS (CEPAC)



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The National Office includes the territories of the CEPAC and consists of 19 countries isolated from each other. The primary means for pastoral care is through the schools. The bishops find the material sent by the National Office to be a great help and use it for the promoting the theme to the children in classes and in Sunday School.

YEAR 2014

Archdiocese of Suva : the archbishop dedicated the week from 23 February to 1 March to education

("Catholic Education Week") and asked all Catholic schools to conduct activities that reflected the theme: "*Education at the Heart of the Church*".

At the end of March, a cyclone hit **Vanuatu**, one of the smallest and poorest islands, cancelling all government and ecclesial activities.



SAIPAN

YEAR 2015

The National Director, after being renamed, took a course on "Pastoral Renewal and Updating for Leadership and Mission" at the East Asian Pastoral Institute (EAPI) of the Jesuits in the Philippines.

During this time, she participated in the Mission Congress entitled "*Gifted to Give in the Midst of Poverty*" held in the Philippines on 17 October 2015, with the participation of more than 1,000 children from different schools.

YEAR 2016

On the twentieth of February, the **Fiji Islands** were struck by Cyclone Winston, which caused enormous material damage as well as great psychological distress. The communities of Suva, having suffered slightly less damage, rolled up their sleeves to help the other communities.

The spirit of the missionary children, however, was not affected, and in the countries' Catholic schools the children prepared themselves for **Catholic Education Week**, singing the song "*Children of God*" composed especially for the occasion.



The theme for the animation chosen in the **Archdiocese of Suva**: "*Love our Mother-Earth, Our Common Home*". There was the usual celebration of Education Week.

Samoa: a liturgy with the children was celebrated on Epiphany.

Kiribati: A special Eucharistic Celebration was held on the Feast of the Holy Innocents.



THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR WITH SOME CHILDREN FROM KIRIBATI



PAPUA NEW GUINEA and SOLOMON ISLANDS



MISSIONARY ANIMATION

The teachers of the CES (Catholic Education Secretaries) and of the RI (Religious Instruction) carry out the activities primarily in the Catholic Agency's Schools, and the National Office produces posters and various materials (in English and in pidgin) to help the activities of the dioceses, the parishes and the schools. The main educational activities for children take place in **August**, which is called the month of the Bible, and in **October**. Many activities take place in a **multidenominational environment with few Catholics**. The official celebration of the **MISSIONARY CHILDREN DAY** is October 1, the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. This day generally falls on a school day, so the children can take part in various activities, and a special celebration is organized. Missionary Children Day also gives way to Missionary Month, during which the children participate in preparing missionary activities with skits, processions, presentations, etc. In many places a "Mission Chain of Prayers" is organized on the eve of Missions Sunday.

YEAR 2014

The main theme of the yearly animation was "*Share the joy of the Gospel – Serim amams bilong gutnius*", with a subheading specifically geared towards a revival of missionary awareness: "*Let your faith shine*", "*I believe, so I proclaim*".



The year's activity thus focused on 'mission' as a theme. The National Office is seeking to develop its own teaching material, since up until now it has simply readapted the work of other countries.

YEAR 2015

They continued with 2014's theme of "*Share the Joy of the Gospel*", while the motto for Missions Month was "*Share Mercy and Love*".

The animation for Missionary Childhood Day in the schools and parishes focused on giving a joyful witness to one's faith.

The organization of Missionary Childhood Camps and rallies.



YEAR 2016

The theme for the year: "*Mercy is our mission*". Each diocese and parish carried out its own animation events based on the local situation. Continued organization of Missionary Childhood camps.



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CHILDREN WRITE...

YEARS 2014 - 2016

CHAD



YEAR 2016



THE P.M.S. IS A
BIG TREE UNDER
WHICH WE FIND
SHELTER



Doba, le 30/7/2017

♥ Chers Donateurs, bonjour! ♥

Nous les enfants Kemkagi de la paroisse Saint Dominique Savio de Doba, sommes très contents et vous remercions pour vos aides et financements pour notre mouvement Kemkagi à travers la Sœur Bleidis Cuadro.



Le mouvement Kemkagi nous sert d'un endroit d'épanouissement, d'écoute de la parole de Dieu, et de ~~laiser~~ loisir pour nous les enfants Kemkagi.

Nous prions Dieu Le Tout-Puissant de vous bénir et qu'il vous accorde une longue vie.

♥ Nous vous aimons tout! ♥
Pour le «C.P.M.»

UJETO JIDE NJENDO H HOLYSAN

Le «C.P.M.» est un grand arbre sans lequel nous nous sommes réfugiés.

Diocese of Doba

KENYA



YEAR 2016

NAKURU D.

The following are the children from St. Pauls Catholic Church Elburgon, Catholic Diocese of Nakuru visiting an elderly woman whom they call "CUCU". The children said "We have visited our CUCU during this year of mercy. She has been our source of encouragement, advising us on how to live with one another. She challenges us when she arrives early for Mass while we get late. Her commitment in prayer has taught us to be prayerful and obedient to God. The children cleaned her compound, clothes. They brought food. That day they led jumuiya prayer, saying the Rosary and sharing the word of God. They sung and left "CUCU's spirit" uplifted. The children were accompanied by their animators and Diocesan PMC Coordinator




Sr. Esther Gathoni
Missionary Children's Newsletter
Sept.- Dec. 2016

MALAWI

YEAR 2014

My name is **CHIMWEMWE CHAWINGA** I am boy of 13 years old. The society of Holy Child Hood has helped me in different ways, it has changed my bad behaviours now I have good behaviours because I know that I am supposed to respect my parents because there are orphans, who lack care, support from parents. Secondly it has also helped me to be more thoughts of the suffering of others especially my fellow children, assisting them



My name is **ANGELLA BASOFU BANDA** I am a girl of 14 years and I am in Form 1 at Mvunguti Secondary School. This Society of Holy Childhood has helped for I know how to pray better than before, have learnt to honour the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ through our greeting, "Praised be Jesus and Mary". I have learnt that a person is more important than money, learnt to fast and abstain even if it is difficult to do so. I know how to pray the Missionary Rosary. I know the beauty of respecting my parents and others. I keep the promises of this Society to evangelise my fellow children through my life, prayer and work to find friends for Jesus



from the Pastoral Report 2014 of the
National Director

VENEZUELA

YEAR 2014

The coordinator of preschool pastoral, during the preschool course CEI (Carmelita López de Ceballos), spoke with the children about the problems faced by other children in the world, such as war, hunger, and poverty, and how lucky they are to have the possibility of improving their living conditions with a little help. Among the children who were listening, there was a **five-year-old, SANTIAGO DAVID MÁRQUEZ FAGUNDEZ**, who was particularly impressed. Santiago asked the coordinator for the piggy bank and, taking the **bus** back home, **asked the passengers to help the poor children**. Seeing that he was getting results, he asked **his neighbors** for help. He then returned the moneybox to the coordinator and, with his mother, he made a bigger one, determined to continue. One day, returning home with their mother, they met a **group of guys known in the area for misbehavior** and Santiago asked his mother if he could ask them to help. When his mother refused, he insisted that "when they know it's for poor children, **I'm sure they will help me**". His mom agreed to accompany him and Santiago obtained money from them to help poor children.



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INDIA

YEAR 2014

Dear Benefactors,
Greetings from Dhiga. I am staying at Our Lady of Good Counsel Home for Girls, Erangur, Karambala District. I am from a poor family. I lost my mother two years ago. My father is suffering from incurable disease. I have a brother also. He also is studying. My father due to his ill-health, goes to work and earn a little which is not sufficient for food and clothing.

These sisters are supporting me to continue my studies. They provide food, clothing, study materials, medicines free of cost. Besides the material help, they love us as their own. So I am much blessed to be a member of this Home. I study eighth standard. I love science subjects.

The sisters explained me about your help and financial assistance. They could support many orphans and semi-orphans like me by your great help.

I thank you and all the children who raise the funds for our cause.

Sincerely,
P. Dhiga



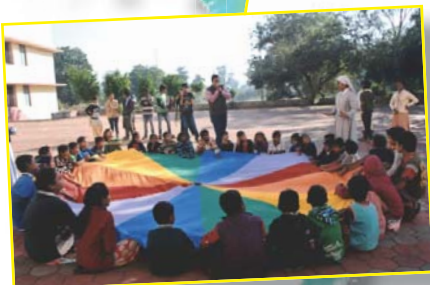
Kumbakonam D.

The youth and vacation commission of indore Arch Diocese came to our Cathedral Church for the parish visit, to animate the children and youth. We were divided in to two groups: Youth and Holy Childhood children. In Byju and two others came to animate us Childhood: Children helping children, children praying for children and children making sacrifices for the children. We understood that there are many children who are poor and suffering. And we recognized of our duty to help them. Then we decided to make a collection box to help these poor and needy children. We decided to collect this amount by sacrificing from our pocket money. We sacrifice these needy children. This amount will be collected every Sunday by going to every class. We will be opening this box only in the month of December and we will gift these amounts as Christmas gifts to these poor children. We also collect clothes and other material things for them.



We feel so happy to do this work. And we feel also we are the little missionaries of Jesus. We are grateful to the fathers and sisters who are teaching us and motivating us.

By
a little Missionary of Jesus
Anjali
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Indore D.

THE PHILIPPINES



YEAR 2014

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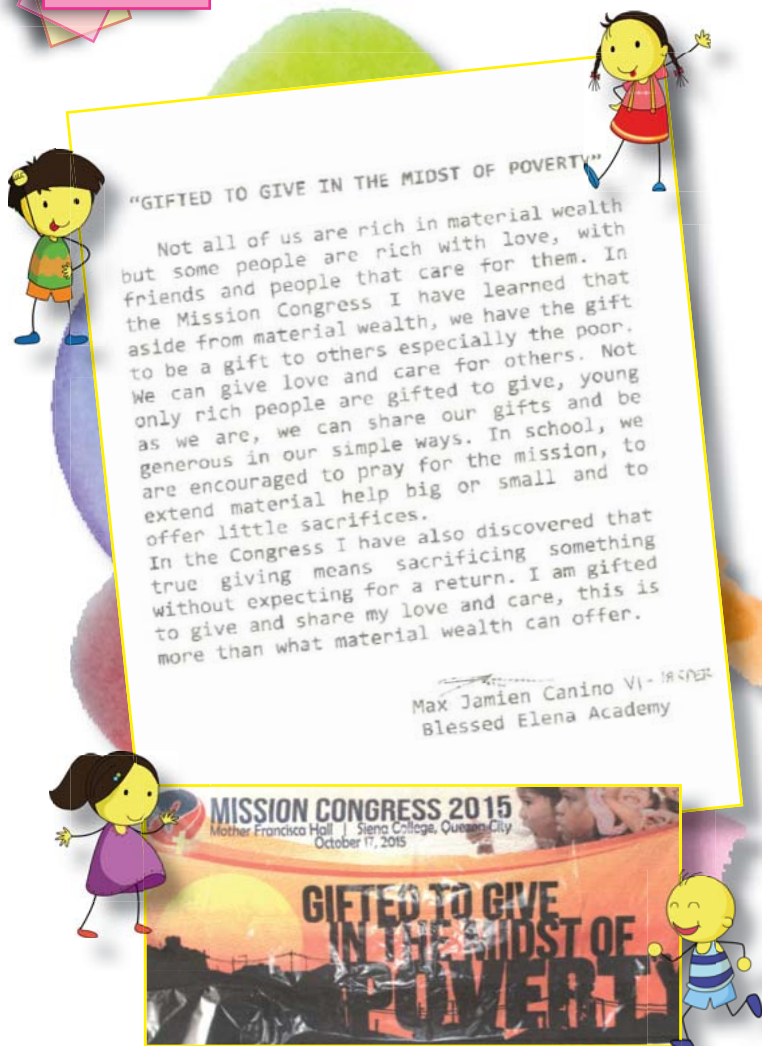
November 28, 2014
St. Dominic De Guzman &
Cayumba, Sta. Maria Bulacan

My missionary experience with the children and elders of Botolan, Zambales. I experienced in Zambales that even you are not that rich you still need to help so I feel so close to God. And I felt happy because I saw in their faces that they are happy too. And I feel so very blessed to make them happy. We also gave them toothbrush and toothpaste and we also gave the kids toys and especially we gave the elders relief goods. I'm really lucky that I helped them. I would like to go back to Botolan, Zambales again.

Sincerely Yours,
Cassandra Kayle M. De Guzman
Chellegu
Grade 5 - St. Thomas Aquinas

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National Director

POLAND

YEAR 2016





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National Director

AUSTRALIA



YEAR 2016

A THIRST TO HELP AFRICAN KIDS

Saving water is no trouble for Year 2 student **NISHAN LISTER**, but saving money for children in Africa is even easier. Supported by prayers and enthusiastic classmates, the Year 2 student raised more than \$ 850 to buy a **WATER PUMP FOR CHILDREN IN MADAGASCAR**, where there is a shortage of clean water.

"I love God and God wanted me to help the children in Madagascar, especially for them to have clean water," he said.

Nishan and a friend have been imagining a trip to Madagascar since watching the movie of the same name, and were shocked to hear how the water made children sick.

A donations appeal run by Catholic Mission at Nishan's local Catholic parish compelled the student from Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kenmore, "to help those kids who got worms from dirty water".

When mum Valentina Lister explained the family could not cover the entire cost for one water pump, Nishan asked his fellow students to pitch in.

He handed out 100 cups to every Year 2 student and showed dirty water from his own school bottle.

"Everyone thought the water looked disgusting and wouldn't want to drink it on a hot day," Nishan said.

At the end of last year, the children had raised \$856.55, more than is needed to purchase a water pump in Madagascar.

"I'm so happy we can get the pump for the children in Madagascar and they can drink clean water, maybe even brush their teeth," Nishan said.

"Now my little sister prays for 'the children in Madagascar' every night."



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL KENMORE

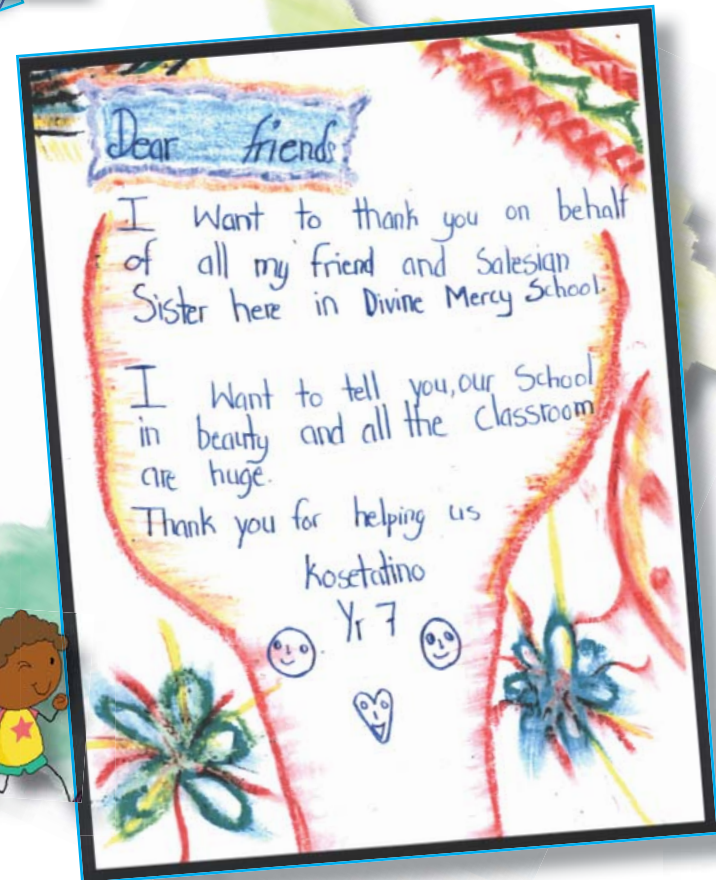


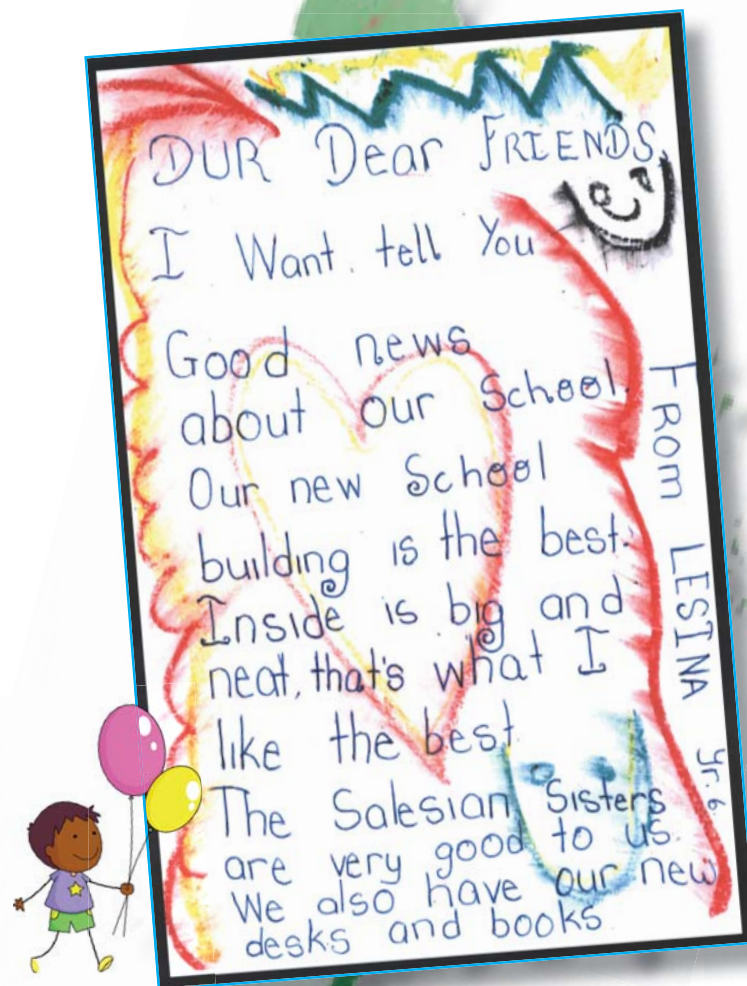
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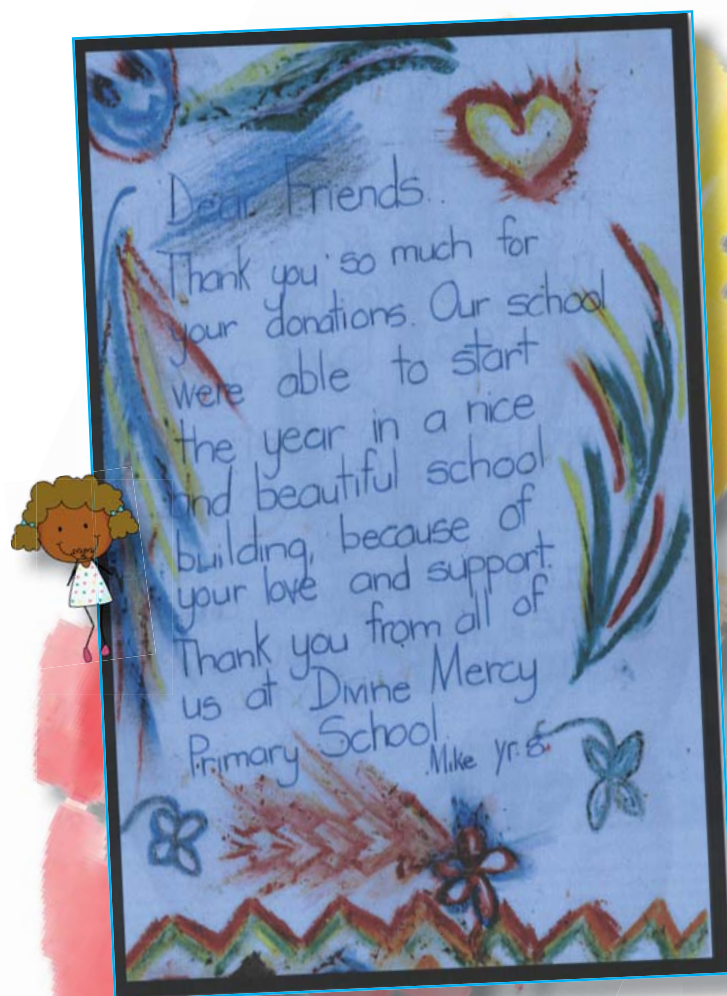


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