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About the Columbans: The Missionary Society of St. Columban, also known as the Columban Fathers, is a Catholic missionary society that was founded in 1918 to proclaim and witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Society seeks to establish the Catholic Church where the Gospel has not been preached, help local churches evangelize their laity, promote dialogue with other faiths, and foster among all baptized people an awareness of their missionary responsibility. The Society's U.S. headquarters are based in Bellevue, Neb., which is south of Omaha.

We minister in fourteen different countries mainly in Asia and around the Pacific Rim. Despite China government limitations on public worship, they spread the message of Christ in word and deed through education, spiritual formation, and service to the disabled. In Pakistan they minister among the deprived Catholics and engage in dialog with Islam. They support the struggling church in Myanmar as that country emerges from decades of military dictatorship. Service to the poor, interreligious and intercultural dialog, promoting human rights, care for the environment, serving the disabled, and work with migrants are among their ministries in the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Ireland, Great Britain and the United States. They encourage young people to serve on mission as Columban priests, sisters, lay missionaries and associates and so spread the Good News of God's love.

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