



Missionary Society of St. Columban

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Dear Mr. Ferris,

Greetings of peace to you! I am writing to request that the Columban Fathers be included in your Missionary Cooperative Plan for 2021. As you may know, we are a missionary society with priest and lay missionaries working in a dozen countries. The generosity of your good people helps support these men and women. This is why the mission appeals you assign us are so important.

Established in 1918, the Missionary Society of St. Columban was founded to proclaim and witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Society seeks to establish the Catholic Church among people who have never, or rarely, heard the Gospel, to help local churches evangelize their laity, promote dialogue with other faiths and foster among all baptized people an awareness of their missionary responsibility.

The churches in many of the countries from which we receive vocations, as well as many of the countries to which our young priests are sent, are still in need of the financial support from elsewhere. For that reason, Mission Appeals remain an important element of our mission education/fundraising efforts. The funds will help support our retired priests, educate our seminarians and help us keep our priest in the mission field in poor countries like Myanmar, Pakistan and Peru. We believe our work 'on the margins' helps build up the body of Christ. So ultimately the whole church benefits.

We are thankful for your generous support of the missions in the past and would be grateful for your consideration in 2021.

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. John Burger

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