



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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The Society for the Propagation of the Faith • Missionary Childhood Association
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February 4, 2021

Dear Pastors and Parish Administrators:

Greetings from the Missions Office. We hope you are well and healthy.

After reviewing the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, and safety advice from Chancellor, Deacon Tom Berg, Jr., it has been decided that **MCP 2021 appeals should be done remotely** as it was in 2020. **There will not be any in-person appeals.**

If you have not already done so, please proceed with scheduling your appeal dates directly with your assigned mission organization. Please submit the agreed upon appeal dates to our office by the March 30th deadline. You may mail or email the form that was included in your MCP packet.

Below are the details of the remote appeal process. This will be posted on our website for easy reference, www.columbuscatholic.org/mcp and reminders will be sent via the Clergy Bulletin.

Your assigned mission organization will prepare and send the following directly to you/your parish(es):

- 1) A written appeal letter of 5-minutes to be read at Masses on the scheduled appeal weekend. A second collection will be taken.
- 2) The appeal collection will be handled according to our usual protocol. A copy of the guideline is enclosed for your convenience and is also available on our website in the MCP Manual.
- 3) The mission organization is invited to prepare and submit a brief video (optional) to be posted on the parish's website, if you permit it. The video will not be played during Masses.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Please let us know if you have any questions.

In Jesus Christ,

Sr. Zephрина Mary Gracykutty, FIH
Missions Office Director

cc: Deacon Tom Berg, Jr., Chancellor