

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

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MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN DIRECTIVES

1. Each parish of the diocese will be assigned a Missionary Representative to appeal for mission funds in that parish once a year. The Representative is to appeal in person at the assigned parish(es) and is responsible for travel to/from the parish. (Travel arrangements and transportation are NOT the responsibility of the parish.) No missionary appeal is permitted outside the Plan without the express permission of the Bishop.
2. Dates for the appeals should be scheduled as soon as possible (March 30 at the latest) by the Pastor and the missionary society/diocese authorized by the Bishop. The appeal itself may be made on any weekend between January and the LAST SUNDAY OF AUGUST.
3. The Representative of the missionary society/diocese should send the Pastor advance information about its work for publicity purposes.
4. Whenever possible, those with personal missionary experience should preach the appeal. ***FLUENCY/CLARITY IN ENGLISH IS ESSENTIAL. *(Tremendous year-to-year fluctuations in a parish's MCP collection--as little as 1/3 of the previous year's total--testify to the importance of good/clear preaching.)**
5. The Missionary Representative should not cite The Society for the Propagation of the Faith so as not to confuse the Missionary Cooperation Plan appeal with the annual Mission Sunday Collection.
6. Missionary groups/dioceses may NOT:
 - ❖ Solicit subscriptions for missionary magazines EXCEPT with explicit permission of the Bishop (Pastors will be notified if such permission is granted);
 - ❖ Take envelopes from parish premises or use names and addresses from envelopes;
 - ❖ Solicit a mailing list.
7. The entire **MCP COLLECTION SHOULD BE FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO THE ASSIGNED MISSIONARY SOCIETY/DIOCESE**. Please note: do **NOT** send the check to the office of missions or to the diocesan center.