

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

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MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN (MCP) DIRECTIVES

1. Each parish of the diocese will be assigned a Missionary to make an appeal for mission funds once a year. The Missionary 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 MCP without the express permission of the Bishop or this office.**
2. Dates for the appeal should be scheduled as soon as possible (March 30 at the latest) by the Pastor and the missionary society/diocese assigned to the parish. **The appeal itself may be made on any weekend between April 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. (Bulletin, parish website, etc.)
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 testifies to the importance of good/clear preaching.)**
5. The Missionary 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/Missionary dioceses may **NOT**:
 1. Solicit subscriptions for missionary magazines or Mission Appeal.
 2. Take envelopes from parish premises.
 3. Solicit a mailing list from the parish or from parishioners.
7. The entire MCP collection will be **forwarded directly to our Office from the parish** within 3 weeks after your appeal. When all your appeal collection is received from all your assigned parishes, we will forward you one check from our office.