



CATHOLIC DIOCESE of FORT WORTH

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN

2027 Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP): Information Sheet

The **Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) of the Diocese of Fort Worth** offers an opportunity for the faithful of the diocese to learn about the missionary endeavors of the universal Church. Our policy is to ensure that all parishes receive information about the missions; therefore, mission organizations are assigned to parishes that provide second collections ranging from large to very small. If it is not possible to dedicate a weekend for the smaller parish(es), inform the Director of the Diocesan Office of the Pontifical Missions (mission@fwdioc.org), so the parish(es) can be reassigned to another organization.

DATE OF APPEAL

The selected mission organization is required to contact the assigned parishes to schedule the appeal on a weekend between **May–September 2027**. The following weekends are unavailable:

- May 8–9, 2027 | Catholic Communication Campaign
- June 26–27, 2027 | Annual Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
- August 7–8, 2027 | Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Fort Worth Council
- September 4–5, 2027 | Catholic University of America
- September 11–12, 2027 | Diocese of Fort Worth Annual Diocesan Appeal Weekend
- September 18–19, 2027 | Diocese of Fort Worth Annual Diocesan Appeal Weekend

The mission organization is required to submit the appeal dates and the names of the presenters to the Diocesan Office by **April 2, 2027**. Should any difficulty arise in scheduling, consult the Director of the Diocesan Office of the Pontifical Missions (mission@fwdioc.org). Our website lists all the important dates for the mission organization to remember.

TESTIMONIAL OF SUITABILITY FOR MINISTRY

No individual, whether clergy or lay, will be allowed to make an appeal unless the Testimonial of Suitability for Ministry is received from the Bishop/Major Superior/President of the mission organization. This testimonial must be sent directly from the office of the Bishop/Major Superior/President of the mission organization by **April 23, 2027**, to the following:

Mailing address:

Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth
Attn: Chancery Office
800 West Loop 820 South
Fort Worth, TX 76108

Email:

Email: chancery@fwdioc.org

Subject: 2027 MCP Testimonial of Suitability
[Guidelines for Testimonial on our website]

A copy of the Testimonial, approved by the chancery, will be emailed to the assigned parish.

TRANSPORTATION

The responsibility for transportation to and from the Diocese of Fort Worth and the assigned parish(es) lies with the missionary and the mission organization.

ACCOMMODATION

The parish *may* offer lodging at the rectory if the visiting missionary is a priest, deacon, religious man, or layman, at the discretion of the pastor. Women religious or laywomen missionaries should consult with the pastor to arrange appropriate accommodations. In some cases, missionaries may need to secure lodging at a nearby hotel. Missionaries shall not request reimbursement for expenses or expect lodging beyond the appeal weekend.

SOLICITATIONS

Engaging in the solicitation of subscriptions for publications (verbally or through the use of forms) or distributing brochures, envelopes, sample publications, etc., is prohibited.

APPEAL PRESENTATION

The missionary presenter's appeal should last approximately 10-12 minutes. It is required that the presenter communicates effectively in English and, where applicable, in Spanish or Vietnamese. In most cases, the missionary presenter should be proficient in both English and Spanish, considering that most of our parishes are bilingual. The appeal presentation should include the Sunday Mass readings and make reference to the Scriptures.

CHANGE OF MCP COORDINATOR OR APPEAL PRESENTER

In the event of any changes regarding the mission organization's MCP coordinator or the scheduled appeal presenter, or the change of date of appeal, it is important to promptly notify the Diocesan Office of the Pontifical Missions.

COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

The parish will remit the full amount of the *second collection* (including checks to the mission organization) to the Diocesan Office of Finance and Administrative Services. Final checks are made payable solely to the mission organization and never to an individual. The mission organization must have a U.S.-based bank account designated to receive the MCP funds.

PLEASE AVOID

- Last-minute cancellation (without reasonable cause) or no-show
- Delay in returning documentation (schedule, names of presenters and their Testimonials)
- Distributing envelopes or soliciting names and addresses in the parishes
- Imposing on a pastor's hospitality (see "Accommodation")

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