

DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH: MCP 2025 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. It is important to note that mission organizations are assigned to parishes that will provide second collections ranging from large to very small. Our policy is to ensure that all our parishes receive information about the missions.

If it is not possible to dedicate a weekend to the smaller parish(es), inform the Director of the Diocesan Office of the Propagation of the Faith (mission@fwdioc.org) as soon as possible, so that the parish(es) can be reassigned to another organization.

DATE

The mission organization is required to contact the assigned parishes to schedule the appeal on a weekend between May and September 2025. Our website provides information regarding important dates to remember. The following weekends are unavailable for mission appeal:

- Good Shepherd Sunday - Seminarian Education Fund May 10-11, 2025
- Catholic Communication Campaign May 31-Jun. 1, 2025
- Annual Collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) Jun. 28-29, 2025
- Catholic University of America Sep. 6-7, 2025
- Annual Diocesan Appeal Announcement Weekend TBD
- Annual Diocesan Appeal Commitment Weekend TBD

The mission organization is required to notify the Diocesan Office of the Propagation of the Faith of the dates of appeal by March 31, 2025, to confirm participation in MCP 2025. Failure to do so will result in the reassignment of the parishes to another organization. If difficulties arise in scheduling, consult the Director of the Diocesan Office of the Propagation of the Faith.

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 30, 2025, to the following:

<p><u>Mailing address:</u> Missionary Cooperation Plan 2025 Diocesan Office of the Propagation of the Faith The Catholic Center 800 West Loop 820 South Fort Worth, TX 76108</p>	<p><u>Email:</u> Email: mission@fwdioc.org Subject: MCP 2025 Testimonial of Suitability</p>
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A copy of the *Testimonial*, approved by the Chancery, will be emailed to the pastor.

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. Check with the pastor to determine if this option is available. Women religious or laywomen missionaries should consult with the pastor to make appropriate accommodation arrangement. In some cases, it may be necessary for the missionary to stay at a nearby hotel. It is important to note that it is not appropriate for the missionary to request reimbursement for any 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 duration of the missionary presenter's appeal should be around 10-12 minutes. It is required that the missionary effectively communicates in English, and where necessary, in Spanish or in Vietnamese. In most cases, the missionary presenter should be fluent in both English and Spanish, considering that most of our parishes are bilingual. The appeal presentation should incorporate the Sunday Readings and make reference to the Scriptures.

CHANGE OF MCP COORDINATOR OR MISSIONARY PRESENTER

In the event of any changes regarding the MCP Coordinator/Contact Person in the U.S., the missionary presenter, or the date of appeal, it is important to promptly notify the Diocesan Office of the Propagation of the Faith.

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 is expected to have a US-based bank account designated as the repository for MCP funds or should be able to provide wire transfer details for the purpose.

PLEASE AVOID

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

CONTACT

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