

## How to get involved



To find out more about volunteering or to join our volunteers, contact the APF team on 020 7821 9755 or email [volunteers@missio.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@missio.org.uk)

If you prefer, please complete and return the form below. Our team in Eccleston Square can put you in touch with the relevant person in your diocese.

### Your details

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Rev/Sr/	Name (please print)
Address	
Postcode	
Date	Parish
Tel	Email

Please tell me more about how I can join the APF-Mill Hill mission team by:	Please tick
<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a trained APF-MHM applier	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Becoming an APF-MHM Local Secretary/Treasurer or promoter	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Helping to promote Mission in schools or with catechists	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Helping out with an appeal or to organise a mission or fundraising event	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Writing bidding prayers/newsletter pieces or promoting the Novena to St Joseph	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Giving a 'helping hand' in the offices	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Finding new supporters for APF-Mill Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please be assured that we **will not** disclose your personal data to any other organisation  
Please complete and return to: Volunteer Administrator, APF-Mill Hill, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU

## What is APF-Mill Hill?

The APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith) assists each of the Catholic Church's 1,069 mission dioceses to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. It was founded by a young French woman, Pauline Jaricot in 1822 who began by persuading local working people to support the missions by giving a farthing a week. It is now the official mission-funding charity of the Catholic Church.

Mill Hill Missionaries was one of the first societies to introduce lay missionaries, and the only major missionary society founded in England. Its priests, brothers and lay associates work in 27 countries on every continent.

APF and Mill Hill receive no external funding or grants; they depend entirely on the direct support of Catholic individuals and parishes.

APF and Mill Hill work together as a joint parish-based organisation, mandated by the Bishops to make a five-yearly membership appeal in each parish. Their activity stays true to the principles of Pauline Jaricot by relying on lay supporters and volunteers to support the developing Church. The famous APF-Mill Hill Red Box is now held in over 200,000 Catholic homes, and has raised millions of pounds to fund the front-line mission work by APF and Mill Hill Missionaries in some of the poorest and most isolated parts of the world.



**Mission needs you**  
How can you help APF-Mill Hill  
in your diocese?



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### The APF

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## Dear Friends



Thank you for everything you already do to support the work of mission. We are grateful for the many, many ways you share in the proclamation of faith. This is a wonderful act of service – the Church's gift to the world.

By our very baptism, we share in the mission of Jesus – we too become missionaries. However, we want to challenge you to take on a very specific role using the talents God has given you.

The work of mission never grows stale - it is always old and always new!

- Old, because in 2011 we celebrate 75 great years of APF-Mill Hill Red Boxes
- New, because the Church is growing all over the world and the needs are immense

Please join us in this wonderful work. You know that people will only hear about Jesus and his love if we make sure they can.

And ... if it's not us then who will it be, and if it's not now then when will it be?

Please help promote the work of mission in your parish. We need you!

Fr Michael Corcoran  
General Superior Mill  
Hill Missionaries

Fr Anthony Chantry  
National Director  
Missio/APF



## Why Mission Teams?

We rely on thousands of volunteer supporters who work within their own parishes to fulfil their call to Mission. But we need more volunteers to join our mission teams and help us meet the growing needs of the younger churches.

Could you commit some of your spare time to support APF-Mill Hill's work in your parish or diocese? For most of this work you don't need any particular expertise, just a commitment to Mission and some spare time.

Above all, right now we need lay people to help our team of Mill Hill Diocesan Organisers to conduct appeals in parishes throughout England and Wales.

Whenever you knock on a door to collect a Red Box, or deliver an APF magazine, or bring people together for a meeting, or pray for missionaries, or fundraise for Mission, or organise events to educate and inform - you are helping others see God's love for them. 'Go out to the whole world. Proclaim the Good News!' (Mark 16:15)



## How you can help: the volunteer ladder

There are so many ways in which you can support the missionary work of APF-Mill Hill in your own area. Volunteering within your parish could take as little as a couple of hours a month.

Prayers are offered in gratitude for our many supporters at the daily Mass at the shrine of St Thérèse in Lisieux, and they are remembered each day at Mass in the Mill Hill Generalate. Every Mill Hill priest offers Mass for APF members during the month of June.

Please pray for the work of APF-Mill Hill: visit [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) to find a variety of resources to help you be a part of our prayer community. You can also send in your own prayer requests.



## You can join us on any step of the volunteer ladder

- ← Become a trained APF-MHM applier, making appeals for new members in parishes within your diocese
- ← Join the network of 2,500 APF Local Secretaries and Treasurers, co-ordinating the collection and banking of Red Box money, organising the distribution of *Mission Today*, representing APF-Mill Hill in your parish
- ← Become an APF Promoter, visiting parishioners to empty their Red Boxes and take them copies of *Mission Today* magazine
- ← Support our children's charity Mission Together in local schools by giving assemblies in primary schools in your diocese
- ← Help to organise a mission evening or fundraising event (such as a coffee morning) in your area
- ← Help out with an appeal in your area (handing out magazines, signing up Red Box holders, members or other volunteers)
- ← Organise a group from your parish to attend a Mission Mass in your area
- ← Help to promote the Novena to St Joseph which precedes the Feast of St Joseph (19 March) every year
- ← Help out in one of our regional offices – helping hands are always welcome
- ← Help to find new supporters for APF-Mill Hill