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The National Director writes



Welcome to this special edition of *Mission Today*, which celebrates the Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019). This October, Pope Francis has called the whole Church to reflect upon our response to Jesus Christ's command to 'go make disciples of all the peoples'.

Missio's solidarity with developing and struggling communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and beyond, through prayer and charity, is a loving response to Jesus' command.

To guide you through October, we offer you daily reflections on mission, and I invite you to pray the EMM2019 Prayer as often as you can (see the back cover).

We will hear from our much-loved partners, the Mill Hill Missionaries, on their missionary commitment. And you will find stories on the work of the Church in Peru and Rwanda, as well as news about the youngest Church in the world, planted only 27 years ago in Mongolia.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions



Our focus for World Mission Sunday (WMS) is the liberating work of the Church in India. Sr Clara – a Sister from India – has dedicated her life to educating vulnerable young girls, giving them the skills to break free from exploitation and abuse. By supporting Missio, you give children new homes and show them how much God loves them, changing their lives forever.

In his letter for WMS on 20 October, the Holy Father reminds us that 'each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love'. Thanks to your support, the Church is the face of God's saving love in a world torn apart by hatred and greed.

May the joy of the Gospel fill your lives and your hearts at this special time.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Anthony Chantry,
National Director

Please join Pope Francis and the whole Church in praying for these monthly prayer intentions, particularly for ten minutes on Fridays at 12.30pm.

NOVEMBER

May a spirit of dialogue, encounter and reconciliation emerge in the Middle East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

DECEMBER

May every country take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

JANUARY

May all Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill promote peace and justice in the world.

FEBRUARY

May the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters who are victims of criminal trafficking, be heard and answered.

Morning Offering

Eternal Father, I offer you everything I do today – my thoughts, works, joys and sufferings. Grant that, enlivened by the Holy Spirit and united to Jesus in the Eucharist, my life this day may be of service to you and to others. And with Mary and the whole Church I pray especially for the Pope's prayer intention this month. Amen

Be a missionary through prayer

Whoever and wherever we are, we can all be missionary: joining together in prayer with the wider Church, volunteering for Missio or giving generously through the Red Box. These are all valuable ways to further the work of mission.



Our Extraordinary Month of Mission!



The Holy Father has declared that October 2019 will be an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019). Prayer and action will be the focus, to strengthen and grow God's mission and our Church!



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The aims of this special month will be:

- to encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer;
- to look to, and learn from, the actions and sacrifices of our saints, martyrs and living missionaries;
- to financially support overseas mission, through Missio;
- to rediscover and renew our understanding of overseas mission (*missio ad gentes*).

Pope Francis is encouraging schools, parishes, organisations, orders, dioceses, communities and individuals to get creative in supporting this global Church initiative, with support from Missio.

Missio is part of a global network of over 120 offices which support thousands of dioceses and communities. To gather the collective energy of this network for

EMM2019, a worldwide campaign will encourage everyone to get involved!

Prayer **Universal Prayer Chain**

During October, Pope Francis invites everyone to join the EMM2019 Universal Prayer Chain, in solidarity and love for all people. This will connect the whole Church family and give us strength to live our Catholic mission.

Who? Everyone, everywhere, all over the world is invited to pray the official EMM2019 prayer (see back cover).

When? Every Friday after the Angelus, throughout the month of October.

Why? Through praying together, we will revitalise and reawaken our missionary spirit.

Please refer to the back cover for the official EMM2019 prayer

Action

Social Media Campaign

The EMM2019 social media campaign aims to celebrate that no matter where we are, our faith connects us with millions of others as one Church family. It also aims to highlight that, individually and collectively, we are called to share God's love with everyone.



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#MyMission

From **1 August**, we asked individuals to use their social media profiles (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) to share their personal mission, using the hashtags #MyMission #EMM2019.

#MyMission asks you to proudly let the world know how you, like missionaries overseas, are called to reach out and share God's love.

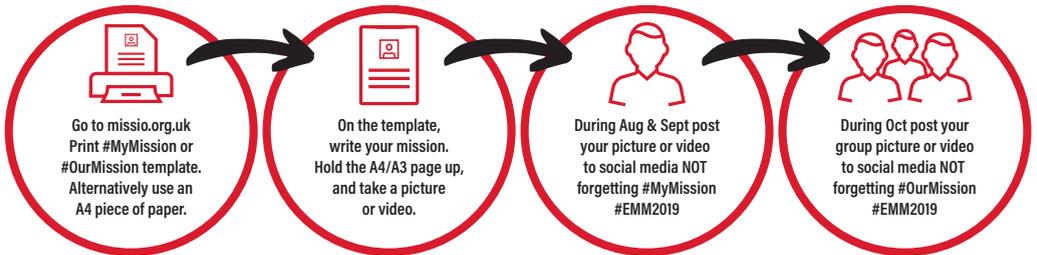
For example, #MyMission could be a simple act of kindness, like visiting an elderly neighbour, or a bigger gesture, like volunteering with or supporting a charity.

#OurMission

On **1 October**, the campaign moves from individuals to groups. Groups can share their mission on social media using the hashtags #OurMission #EMM2019.

#OurMission asks schools, organisations, orders, congregations, dioceses, parishes and communities to step up and let the world know their collective mission.

Perhaps your contemplative order's mission is to pray the EMM2019 prayer. Or perhaps your school's mission is to make everyone welcome and included.



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Daily reflections

When we pray together, we share in God's love and are inspired to make the world a better place. During the first week of the Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019), the Holy Father seeks to encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer.



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Contemplative Carmelite nuns in the Holy Land – powerhouses of prayer!

Tuesday 1 October

'I would want to preach the Gospel on all five continents simultaneously and even to the remote isles.'

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, patroness of Missionaries and the Missions

Wednesday 2 October

'O Angels of the missionaries who have left their native land and all who are dear to them in order to preach the Gospel in foreign fields, protect them from the dangers that threaten them and console their hours of discouragement and solitude.'

Prayer to the Guardian Angels

Thursday 3 October

'Mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people.'

Pope Francis

Friday 4 October

'Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.'

St Francis of Assisi

Saturday 5 October

'Happy the eyes that see what you see.'

Luke 10:17-24

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Yusef, a refugee from Iraq, holds his grandmother's cross as it brings him comfort

'My life must demonstrate what I believe and what I have received.'

Fr Paul Mooney
Mill Hill Missionary

Sunday 6 October

A personal encounter with Jesus Christ living in his Church

The apostles of Jesus ask, 'Increase our faith' in this Sunday's Gospel. Men who had spent time with Jesus, eaten with him, been taught by him, seen signs and wonders, still petitioned for more faith. Perhaps we do not need to feel so bad when we experience moments of doubt. It is completely reasonable; after all we have not had our feet washed by Christ.

But Jesus did wash our feet, metaphorically at least, when he came as the servant king and died for us on the cross.

He calls us each to be 'fishers of men', to spread the Good News, to 'make disciples of all nations', not as a test or a punishment or to embarrass us, but because when we have a personal encounter with Jesus, we want to tell others.

'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom' (2 Cor 3:17) and freedom begets joy.

Mgr John Armitage, the Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, reflected on the first English Martyrs being led to the gallows – an eyewitness described the expression on their faces as 'joy' as they freely died for Christ. They could have chosen a different path, renounced their faith, walked to their 'freedom', but a physical, judicial freedom was a shallow reward compared to the eternal freedom they found in their faith. So, increase our faith and with it, bring freedom and joy.

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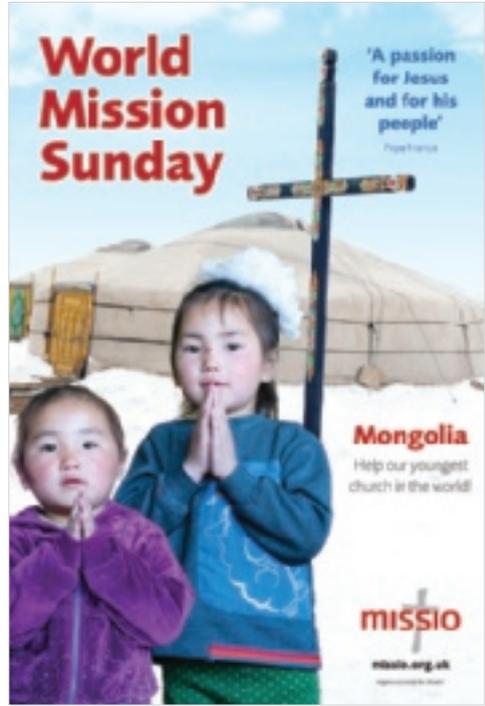
Mission in Mongolia

For World Mission Sunday in 2015, Missio shared with you the work of the Church in Mongolia – the world’s youngest Catholic church.

In 1992, Fr Wenceslao ‘Wens’ Padilla packed the warmest clothes he had and set off from his home country of the Philippines for the capital of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar. His mission was to share God’s love with the people living in one of the harshest climates in the world, following the collapse of Communism.



Our first Mongolian priest – Fr Joseph celebrating Mass in Ulaanbaatar



Since that time, Bishop Wens has passed away, but with your support, he has left a beautiful legacy. In addition to a care centre for children who were homeless, schools, clinics, and training centres for vocational skills, Mongolia now has its first local priest – Fr Joseph Enkh Baatar.

Ordained in 2016, Fr Joseph is currently working as an Assistant Parish Priest at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Ulaanbaatar.

Fr Joseph recently shared: ‘I would like to give my gratitude to all of you who are helping and supporting pastoral activities, Churches and those who are in need in different countries... especially us, a small infant church here in Mongolia. Thank you so much for your donations, for your support, for your prayers and love.’

Sr Michel continues to support the care and education of children



With the help of Missio, local catechists and missionaries from all over the world are reaching out, sharing the Catholic faith with the Mongolian people in a way that is relevant and meaningful to their own culture. Every year, more and more Mongolians hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, and welcome Jesus into their lives.

When asked about his faith, Dominic, a young Mongolian man (pictured opposite) explained: 'The teaching of Jesus brings me happiness. Jesus is very close to me. When I pray, I feel very happy and at peace. I thank God for the missionary Sisters who told me of God's love.'



Sr Michel with Dominic at St Mary's Parish School

Daily reflections

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Fr Santos brings the Sacraments to the sick and elderly in remote villages in Malawi

Monday 7 October

'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbour as yourself.'

Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday 8 October

'Serving and listening are complementary rather than opposing actions in the mission that Jesus entrusts to us for the salvation of the world.'

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Wednesday 9 October

'Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom.'

Blessed John Henry Newman (to be canonised on 13 October, 2019)

Thursday 10 October

'We were created for what the Gospel offers us: friendship with Jesus and love of our brothers and sisters.'

Pope Francis

Friday 11 October

'The Missionary Disciple must, like Jesus, be involved in the struggle against evil. It is belonging to Him that determines and supports our struggle against every form of evil.'

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Saturday 12 October

'Still happier those who hear the word of God and keep it.'

Luke 11:27-28



A mother and her children in Malawi

'My approach is the Gospel. I try to live and practise what is at the heart of the Christian message'

Fr Frans Baartmans
Mill Hill Missionary

Sunday 13 October

Missionary saints and martyrs make a choice which is no choice

Then there is the morning when the radio's 'breaking news' reports a coup – and you are working with the country's most impoverished, neglected, defenceless people. As a foreigner, you can escape the potential conflict and you look at the men, women and children in your care. If you go, who will look after them?

They are helpless. Should civil war break out, these people only have knives, fishing spears and stones to defend themselves and their families. If you stay, you can offer support, medical care and some degree of protection, even at the risk of your own life.

You have made your decision: you cannot leave. God has given you a choice which is no choice. These people need you. It is that simple. Whatever the consequences, you cannot escape when they do not have that option. You make the biggest act of faith of your life... and stay. God will be there, whatever happens.

We have had two thousand years of missionary saints and martyrs, most of them globally anonymous. They did not plan to be saints and martyrs. They simply accepted a choice that was no choice and stayed with the people who most needed them. They could have run, but they did not.

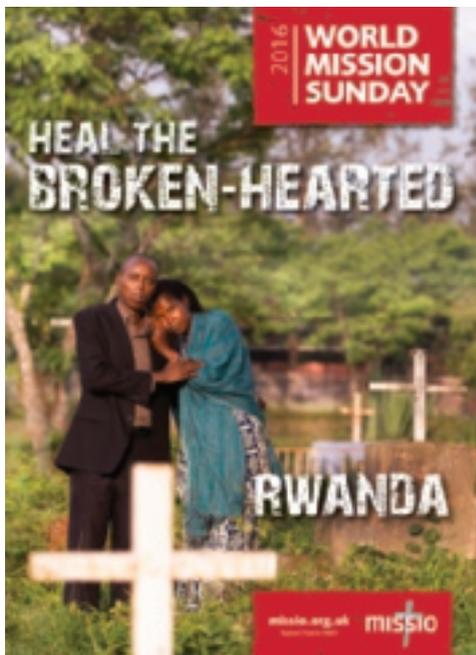
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Reconciling in Rwanda

For World Mission Sunday in 2016, Missio shared with you the work of the Church in Rwanda – work that continues over twenty years after the horrific genocide that devastated the Rwandan people and shocked the world.



Fr Emmanuel, helping to heal his community with your support

Following years of ethnic tension, a series of mass killings violently broke out in Rwanda in April 1994. Over a period of one hundred days, approximately one million people – twenty per cent of the population – were brutally tortured and killed.

Since that time, Fr Emmanuel Nsengiyumva has dedicated his life to reaching out to his fellow Rwandans. His desire for his people is that through forgiveness their broken-hearts may be healed: 'The Church has been a sign of hope and a pillar of recovery for all devastated values during the genocide.'

After the genocide, many perpetrators were brought to trial and imprisoned. Having served their time, many of these prisoners are now returning to the neighbourhoods they brutalised. Many priests, sisters and brothers in Rwanda are supporting these communities through counselling and healing workshops, which focus on forgiveness and mercy. One of the survivors shared: 'The church has helped us to be

Participants in the Healing Programme who have been reconciled



strong, the priests have tried to bring our community together.’

Former prisoners and survivors have been working through the ‘Two Ways Healing’ programme where the perpetrators have ‘the key of asking for forgiveness’ and the survivors have ‘the key of forgiving’.

The programme encourages the perpetrators to truthfully ask for forgiveness from survivors, whom they know and live with daily. While the survivors are encouraged to forgive sincerely, helping both in their mutual journey of healing and reconciliation.

This process, supported by Missio, is conducted within an intensive pastoral care programme. The former prisoners meet every week for six months and after three months, they begin to connect with the survivors, asking for forgiveness and gradually reconnecting with their communities and with the Church.

With your support, more parishes have implemented similar life-giving programmes.



Angelique, a survivor of the genocide, has been helped to heal

Daily reflections

When we pray together, we share in God's love and are inspired to make the world a better place. During the third week of the Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019), the Holy Father encourages us to support overseas mission financially, through Missio.



A chilly parish community in Mongolia after celebrating Mass in a traditional ger

Monday 14 October

'God's Church, the universal sacrament of salvation, in a permanent state of mission, is sent to everyone, calling everyone to Christ.'

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Tuesday 15 October

'I am not ashamed of the Good News; it is the power of God saving all who have faith.'

Romans 1:16-25

Wednesday 16 October

'You must make a complete sacrifice of yourself and all that you have, without reserve, to the sacred Heart of Jesus. Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honour forever.'

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Thursday 17 October

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‘With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.’

Psalm 129(130):1-6

Friday 18 October

‘Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.’

Pope Benedict XVI

Saturday 19 October

‘Mary our Mother was fully involved in the mission of Jesus, a mission that became her own at the foot of the cross: the mission of cooperating, as Mother of the Church, in bringing new sons and daughters of God to birth in the Spirit and in faith.’

Pope Francis



Sr Eulie educates vulnerable children in Cambodia

‘Christ is the Light of the world. He has overcome the darkness. He will lead the way!’

Fr Francis Makuba
Mill Hill Missionary

Sunday 20 October

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice’

Feeding the hungry is not an act of charity, but of justice. Immigrants come to this country seeking a better life but often feel unwelcome. Throughout the world the poor struggle to survive without adequate food, clothing, shelter, water, medicine or work. They pray, hoping things will change, but they stand before unjust judges. It is the widow’s story in today’s world.

Where are we in this story?

The unjust judge was concerned with himself – a powerful man looking down on one of the weakest members of society. The judge is unjust because he does the right thing for the wrong reason. Prayers here are of hope that society can be transformed to protect the poor and oppressed; transformed by a woman who is burdened by injustice herself.

To pray is not to give God a ‘to-do’ list, then withdraw; it means offering our cry to God, then doing whatever we can to effect the changes we seek: feed the hungry, offer compassion to the suffering, speak out against hatred and prejudices, respect each person’s dignity, strive for justice and peace.

Thus, we join God in answering our prayer. How can we do this? Through Missio, we could make a commitment to support the Church’s missionary activity in the poorest communities.

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Thanks to you Sr Clara rescued these girls from exploitation



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'We give them the confidence that Jesus loves them' Sr Clara

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Every single day, all over the world, countless young girls are exploited. Often stolen from their families or sold against their will, these children become trapped in lives of poverty and despair.

In India, child trafficking and child labour is the reality for around 12 million children. This tragic statistic is staggering; however, it would be far worse without the presence of the Catholic Church. For decades, your support of Missio has enabled local communities to work hard to rescue those suffering.

One of the missionaries you have supported is Sr Clara – a sister from India who has dedicated her life to educating vulnerable young girls, giving them the skills to break free from exploitation and abuse.

Through their devotion and faith, the Sisters help them to see their worth as a beloved child of God: ‘We always give them confidence that Jesus loves them.’ Once rescued, these girls are provided with a loving, safe home by the Sisters, where they receive education, medical care, spiritual formation and counselling.

When she was five years old, Vandoosha* was sold to be a domestic worker. She was then sold again, and this time her cries of distress were overheard. The local authorities rescued her with the aid of Sr Clara.

Shorti* does not know what her parents named her, or how old she really is, as she was stolen from her family at a young age and put to work begging at a busy train station. She is another of the children who has fortunately been rescued by the Sisters at Marialaya.

Eleven years have passed since both Vandoosha and Shorti were brought into the loving care of the Sisters. Today, when they are asked what Sr Clara means to them, both girls can express it in just a few words: ‘Mother. She is our mother.’

This World Mission Sunday, join with Missio to help missionaries rescue more vulnerable children. You can give a child a new home, show them how much God loves them and change their life forever.

By supporting Missio, you play a valuable part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future.

*Names changed to protect identity

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Praying to Our Lady in Papua New Guinea

Monday 21 October

'The Church is on mission in the world. Faith in Jesus Christ enables us to see things in their proper perspective, as we view the world with God's own eyes and heart.'

Pope Francis

Tuesday 22 October

'There can be no true evangelisation without the explicit proclamation of Jesus as Lord.'

St John Paul II

Wednesday 23 October

'God wills that all people be saved by coming to know the truth and experiencing his mercy through the ministry of the Church, the universal sacrament of salvation.'

Lumen Gentium, 48

Thursday 24 October

'When I become a follower of Jesus Christ, I abandon every selfishness and discrimination, welcoming with sincere love people different from my own religion, ethnicity, culture, skin colour, social status - people who were previously foreigners to me.'

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Friday 25 October

'Jesus shows us the fruit of his, and our, mission: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the Good News proclaimed to them.'

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Saturday 26 October

'The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you.'

Romans 8:1-11



'Every prayer we say, every act of self-sacrifice and generosity contributes to the welfare of the Church at home and abroad'

Fr Chris Fox
Mill Hill Missionary

Sunday 27 October

The mission of God belongs to everyone

If Jesus really wanted us to be missionaries, part of me wonders why he told the parable in today's Gospel. Scared of being the Pharisee, too many of us have kept quiet about our faith. But then we see Jesus' focus – the tax collector.

The tax collector knows he needs God. It is this relationship which is at the heart of missionary discipleship.

When we meet Jesus in prayer and experience the joy of being loved, we want to find out more and we want to share this good news. To grow as a disciple, a life-long learner journeying with God, I will involve my whole self; intellect as well as heart.

Central for most of us is a faith community, whether a group of friends or our parish, which will meet us where we are but still challenge us. Many parishes enable meaningful adult formation through catechesis, speakers and study groups. Some are embracing Divine Renovation and are explicitly moving 'from maintenance to mission'. Those of us who are disappointed by our parishes could find online opportunities for study, prayer and even community. We all might need to work continually on our faith formation but keeping quiet is not an option.

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Singing and dancing
for Jesus!

Sharing hope

In a small Amazonian village in north-eastern Peru, Sr Aidee and two of her fellow Sisters are providing education and faith formation to over one thousand children. With support from Missio, these Sisters teach in the local school and offer catechesis and help with homework.

Sr Aidee wanted to thank you for your support and share the following with you...

What can you tell us about your work?

‘There are no activities for the children, so we invite them to come and play games, sing and dance. Their parents are happy for us to tell them stories about Jesus and the Gospel. The children are so curious and ask lots of questions and they are so enthusiastic that they turn up at 3pm for a meeting at 4!’

Can you describe some of your challenges?

‘The children often don’t know their father at all because he has left the village to find work or just won’t take responsibility for his children. So, speaking to the children of God the Father who loves them is difficult because many don’t know or live with their fathers.

‘Also, not all the children are Catholic, some belong to other Churches or not at all. We do our utmost to show the children a welcoming Church and for them to experience a God who loves them through the love that we have for them and the care that we show them.’

What would you like to tell supporters of Missio?

‘Thanks to the support from Missio, we are able to provide books and a healthy snack most days. We explain to the children that there are people and children in other parts of the world who care about them and who pray for them and their future.

‘We explain that because God is the father of all, we are all part of one family, that we are all connected and that it is good to share what we have. When we pray together, we also pray for you. The children know that when they grow up it will be their turn to share what they have with others.’



Sr Aidee working in Flora de Punga, Peru

Daily reflections

When we pray together, we share in God's love and are inspired to make the world a better place.



Sr Celia teaches children about the importance of looking after Creation in Flor de Punga, Peru

Monday 28 October

'All the crucial decisions of the life of Jesus were made in a context of prayer. Prayer is the soul of mission.'

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Tuesday 29 October

'What marvels the Lord has worked for us.'

Psalms 125(126)

Wednesday 30 October

'But to whom should the Church go? Above all to the poor and sick, and those who are usually despised and overlooked. Today and always, the poor are the privileged recipients of the Gospel.'

Pope Francis

Thursday 31 October

'With God on our side, who can be against us?'

Romans 8:31-39

Expressing God's love for the world

Fr Michael Corcoran MHM, General Superior of St Joseph's Missionary Society, shares about the mission of the Mill Hill Missionaries

Our task as Mill Hill Missionaries is to provide God with opportunities to express his love for the world. Following the charism of our founder, Cardinal Vaughan, the Mill Hill Missionaries go where the need is greatest: to those abandoned or forgotten, in areas few others would dare to live; among those who, for one reason or another, have been left out of the Church's circle of compassion.

We are fully aware of our continuing potential to benefit the Church and the world as we 'evangelise to the ends of the earth'. We can do this by listening to what the Spirit says to us today, and by our openness to the questions and concerns of our fellow men and women. We will be able to discover the wellspring of renewed strength, make courageous decisions and explore creative expressions of the mission which we have received. The changed situation of our world with respect to the past, and the new challenges it presents to the Church's mission of evangelisation, demand and give rise to new ways of offering the 'new wine' of the Gospel to many people as a source of joy and hope.

We must not fail to offer people God's friendship, blessing, word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth

and maturity in faith. Our preferential option for the poor must mainly translate into a privileged and preferential religious care (*Evangelii Gaudium 200*). As Superior General, my recent visits to Pakistan and Uganda clearly show that we have heard this message. We continue to do so as we undertake 'new beginnings' in Cambodia.

I pray that this Extraordinary Month of Mission will be a special time of prayer and action, calling all of us to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples.

Michael Corcoran

Fr Michael Corcoran MHM
Superior General



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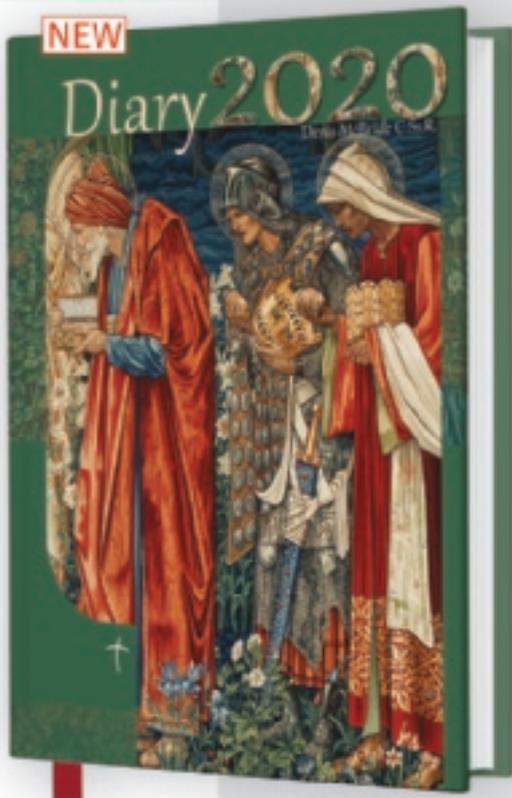
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