

## Information for Local Secretaries

27 April 2020

Dear

I pray that you and your loved ones are safe and well in these most difficult of days.

Through prayer and witness, Pope Francis has been walking alongside the whole global community. He has also made a special Appeal for financial support for the Church around the world which is struggling to cope with the effects of COVID-19. He has asked Missio to administer this Appeal.

**Enclosed is a copy of the Appeal. Some of your Red Box holders and fellow parishioners may receive it, so I wanted to make sure that you had seen it.**

I am writing to ask for their prayerful and financial support. I know that it is a difficult time for everyone, and I do not want to burden people. However, I am sure that many people will want to help where they can.

If someone has a Red Box and does not give to Missio in any other way, they should not receive this Appeal. However, they may get it if in the last couple of years they have also given to support the training of future priests or sisters, or to support our children's projects. Similarly, those Red Box holders who are also annual members, giving at least once a year directly to Missio, may be sent the Appeal.

There is also a prayer card with the letter. Coming together in prayer at this time is vital. Thank you for all the prayer requests you have already sent in for when I celebrate Mass each day in the chapel here at Missio. Please continue to do so.

Finally, we have delayed the upcoming edition of *Mission Today*, not least because it will be hard to distribute locally. We will keep you informed about when it will be published.

Thank you for your continued support, especially in these difficult days.

May the risen Lord continue to guide us with hope.



**Fr Anthony Chantry**  
Missio National Director

PS. With the postal service also struggling at this time, it would be helpful to keep you updated via email. If we do not already have your email address, please email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) so that we can send information relevant to your role as Local Secretary. We will not share your email address with anyone else.