



missio

**Build a vibrant
Catholic Church
for the future**



Dear friends,

What difference will you make in the world?

I was once told the best legacy is to know that, despite our limitations, we leave the world a better place than we found it.

In our context, that might mean providing a motorbike for a priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages, or perhaps building a simple community hall so people can gather together, or funding vaccinations to protect vulnerable children.

These simple kindnesses, among many, become a channel for God's love and grace. People's lives are touched and transformed. This is the difference you make when you leave a gift in your Will to Missio.

I am so grateful you are considering including Missio as a beneficiary in your Will. Thank you so much for carefully reflecting on this important decision.

Leaving a legacy gift is a way to ensure the things you care for in life continue into the future. Missio depends wholly on the kindness and compassion of people like you, who want to create a vibrant Catholic Church for the future and make the world a better place.

In this booklet, you will see how a gift in your Will could build on the legacy of missionaries who have served through the years with Missio's support. There is a great opportunity before us, to pass on the gift of faith to future generations.

Thank you for everything you do for our sisters and brothers throughout the world. Above all, thank you for supporting God's mission in this very special way.

With all good wishes and every blessing,

**Fr Anthony Chantry
Missio National Director**

Why leave a gift in your Will to Missio?

Choosing who to include in your Will is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. By remembering Missio, you will ignite God's love by helping missionaries work alongside the poorest communities and those most in need.

You will enrich the Catholic community

You will transform lives in more than 1,000 mission dioceses in 157 countries by responding to local needs in the most effective way. You will help create infrastructure in impoverished and remote areas, and build chapels, schools and orphanages where they are needed most.

You will train tomorrow's generation of Priests and Sisters

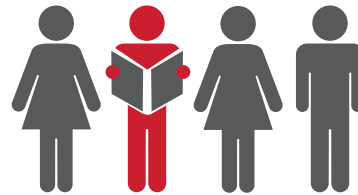
Right now, we are helping to train future Priests and Sisters in developing countries. You will help train the Priests and Sisters of future generations, to grow a vibrant Catholic Church.

You will give hope to the world's poorest children

Regardless of background or belief, vulnerable children need spiritual and practical help. You will care for them by providing schools, orphanages, health centres, children's homes and nutrition programmes.

When you leave a gift in your Will to Missio, you build on almost 200 years of faithful service to the global Church, showing the love of Christ to everyone, especially those in need

Your legacy gift is vital



One in four people helped by Missio is funded by legacy donations

We depend on the generosity of people like you. As the Pope's charity for world mission, we follow Christ's example by helping everyone in need, regardless of their background or belief. So, when you choose to remember Missio in your Will, you support churches that are too new, young or poor to support themselves.

'For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Mark 10:45

You will build on the legacies of those who have gone before us

The Red Box: one woman's passion

Pauline-Marie Jaricot was born in France in 1799, the youngest of seven children. Her mother died suddenly when Pauline-Marie was 17 and it led her into a life of intense prayer. Pauline-Marie became passionate about raising funds for overseas mission.



Then, this inspiring young woman hit upon an idea.

Local labourers may have been paid poorly, but they were paid regularly – and could give regularly. Pauline-Marie's father owned a silk factory,

so she rallied the workers there to pray and donate one penny a week to support overseas mission. She invited her friends and family to contribute and, in 1822, founded the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF). Its aim: to support missionary efforts worldwide, wherever the need was greatest.

A century later, Pauline-Marie's APF was established in almost every country in the world and Pope Pius XI made it the official mission organisation of the Catholic Church.

In England and Wales, the movement led to the famous Red Boxes. Today, there are Red Boxes in more than 200,000 homes. The coins dropped into them over the years have helped to share God's love in the poorest communities throughout the world.

A visionary young woman

Jeanne Bigard's young life was beset by tragedy. Her father committed suicide and her brother was killed in an accident. Jeanne



became a virtual recluse. But she turned her hand to good works and started making altar linen and vestments for missionaries in Japan.

Jeanne was very wealthy and also careful with money.

When one of the missionaries in Japan asked for help to build a church, Jeanne agreed – but was not content with a one-off church building. Jeanne wanted to grow the Church and realised that investing in leaders was key. In 1889, Jeanne and her mother, Stephanie, set up the Society of St Peter the Apostle (SPA) to train local clergy around the world.

She left her entire fortune to the venture. Today, through the Missio network, the SPA trains more than 25,000 future Priests and 11,000 Sisters every year. Jeanne’s extraordinary vision and legacy have helped to grow the global Catholic Church to more than 1.3 billion people today.

A heart for children

Charles de Forbin-Janson was on the path to a glittering political career. But, despite his high connections in French society, Charles had just one aim: to serve God.

Charles entered the priesthood and became a great preacher and later, a Bishop. He was deeply moved by letters from missionaries in China, asking for help for hungry, orphaned and abandoned children.



Charles spoke about it to his friend Pauline-Marie Jaricot (founder of the APF). Her advice was this: no one can understand the needs of children better than other children.

So, in 1843, Charles called upon the children of France to help. Their task: to say a Hail Mary every day and give a small coin every month to feed the children of China. Many children signed up – including one very committed seven-year-old, Thérèse Martin, who went on to become St Thérèse of Lisieux, Patron Saint of Missionaries.

The movement became known as the Society of the Holy Childhood, and more recently, Mission Together. Today it promotes ‘children helping children’ in more than 150 countries across the world.

You will join others who have pledged gifts in their Wills



'While we all wish to ensure that our own families are financially secure when we are no longer here, we should also remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters of the

wider human family, who do not benefit from our own good fortune. My legacy gift to Missio will help those most in need in the mission dioceses overseas.'

Tony, Aylesbury



'Bringing a message of love and truth to all our brothers and sisters must always be in our hearts. I know that a legacy gift to Missio will help spread this

fundamental message of the Gospel for generations to come.'

Zofia, Hemel Hempstead



1822
APF founded in France by Pauline-Marie Jaricot



1825
English branch of the APF formed, now part of Missio



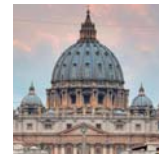
1843
Society of the Holy Childhood formed, now part of Missio



1889
SPA founded by Jeanne and Stephanie Bigard



1918
English branch of SPA formed, now part of Missio



1922
APF granted Pontifical status and head office moved to Rome



1927
World Mission Sunday established by Pope Pius XI



'I am so grateful to our Church for helping me find real purpose to my life. I would like to help lay those foundations for the future. A gift in my Will to Missio is the perfect way to do

that, and to ensure others in the future may also find their way home to God.'

Paul, Newport



'I am including Missio in my Will as I want to help build the kingdom of God by supporting future vocations. My husband Thomas and I have been more than blessed in our

lives. We want to share this blessing. The gift of knowing that we are truly loved by our heavenly Father is the most wonderful gift we want to pass on to future generations.'

Millie, Slough



1930
Catholic schools all over England and Wales sign up to Holy Childhood



1936
Mill Hill Missionaries combine their fundraising efforts through the Red Boxes with APF



1950s
The Red Box gets a makeover



1973
The wooden Red Box is updated to its present day form



1989
'The World Needs Priests' campaign for World Mission Sunday



1990s
to present day – Holy Childhood is now Mission Together, the children's branch of Missio



2009
All branches under one name – Missio

Real people, real lives: The difference you will make

Any legacy gift, no matter the size, can have a real impact on the lives of people around the world



Sachini and her daughter, Vibasha, with Sister Roshini

You will enrich the global Catholic community

For Sachini and her daughter, Vibasha, life is tough. Vibasha has learning difficulties.

People in their village, in rural southern Sri Lanka, were wary of Vibasha because she is different. They did not see Vibasha's gentle nature and broad smile.

The family survives on less than £2 a day. Sachini's husband works hard to repair bicycles, while Sachini stays at home to care for Vibasha. No one ever came to visit the family.

But then, thanks to the support of people like you, a small community of Sisters moved into the area and things began to change.

Sister Roshini regularly pops in to see Sachini and Vibasha. She says, *'The negative attitudes are changing; already the seed of faith in Christ is being planted.'* Her encouragement, love and support give Sachini the positive outlook and strength she needs. The family now visit the convent twice a month with the rest of the community, to access Sister Roshini's health clinic and cultural days.



You will train tomorrow's Priests and Sisters

Kelvin was born into a Nigerian family who were not practising Christians. But from an early age, Kelvin was aware of the suffering of people around him, trapped

in poverty and living in terrible conditions. A fervent desire burned in his heart: to serve the poor, sick and vulnerable, spiritually and practically.

Kelvin is now studying at seminary, where his costs are covered by the generosity of people like you. The seminary, called Bigard Memorial Seminary, has more than 800 students from 17 dioceses.

Kelvin said, *'Once ordained a priest, I hope to serve the Church by helping the poor and rejected in society.'*

Missio: today, tomorrow, together.
Your legacy gift can enrich the lives of people like Vibasha, Kelvin and Rajendra for generations to come.

You will give hope to the world's poorest children

Rajendra was just a little boy when he arrived at the doors of a Missio-supported orphanage in Bangalore, India. His parents had been sent to prison, convicted for drug trafficking and murder, and the police had nowhere else to take him. Rajendra was shy, wary and kept to himself.



Fr Deva and his team enrolled Rajendra in school, encouraged him to take on extra activities, and showed him God's love through their care. Fr Deva describes the change that takes place in

boys like Rajendra: *'Once the child experiences Jesus in their life, things automatically take a positive turn. By God's infinite grace, over the years the orphanage has produced doctors, priests and teachers who are good Christians and good citizens.'*

Rajendra is studying for his A-levels and learning carpentry. He visits his parents in prison once a year during the summer holidays. Thanks to people like you, his future now looks bright.

How to leave a gift in your Will

There are several ways to leave a gift in your Will:

- A **residuary gift** is the remainder of the estate once other gifts and payments have been made. This is popular because it takes care of your loved ones first and is not devalued by inflation.
- A **pecuniary gift** is a fixed sum which could decrease over time as the cost of living increases.
- A **specific gift** is a particular named item, for example a piece of jewellery.
- A **reversionary gift** allows you to leave assets for the care of a loved one for the duration of their life. When they die, your gift will then go to your chosen beneficiary.

Most charitable gifts in Wills are also tax free, and you may be able to reduce the amount of inheritance tax payable. Your solicitor can give you more advice.

If you do not yet have a Will, we recommend you use a solicitor to draw one up, to ensure your Will is legally valid. If you do have a Will, updating it to add Missio as a beneficiary is very simple. You will need to provide your solicitor with the charity name, address and Registered Charity Number (below) and the form of wording, relevant to your choices. *Please refer to the inserts in the back cover.*

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Registered Charity Number 1056651



Your legacy will be used wisely and carefully

We do not take it for granted that you are choosing to make a difference in this very significant way – so our commitment to you is this:

- *we will work to the highest level of commitment and accountability*
- *we will distribute your legacy promptly and efficiently where the need is greatest*
- *we will work through the Catholic Church directly with local Bishops in mission dioceses*

We hold an annual memorial Mass every November, to remember and give thanks for generous supporters who have left a gift to Missio in their Will. To find out more about this Mass, **call 020 7821 9755.**

‘For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.’

Matthew 6:21





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What inspires you to make a difference?

Please take a moment to tell us your intentions. It is helpful for us to know about any intended gifts so we can thank you properly. We would also love to know what has inspired you to leave a legacy gift to Missio.

There is no obligation to answer these questions, but anything you share regarding this important matter will help us respond in the right way.

We love to hear what motivates people to leave a legacy gift to Missio. Your story could also inspire others. Please use this space to tell us why you have left Missio a gift in your Will.

Please use a separate sheet if necessary

- I would like to speak with someone about leaving a gift in my Will to Missio (*we will call you*)
- I intend to leave a gift to Missio when I next update my Will (*thank you*)
- I have already left a gift in my Will to Missio (*thank you so much*)

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We would love to tell you how legacy gifts are making a difference. If you would like to receive Missio's annual legacy newsletter electronically, please provide your email address:

We do not make fundraising phone calls and we will not disclose your details to any other organisation. For more information, please go to missio.org.uk/privacy. If you would like to change how you hear from us in future, please contact us on 020 7821 9755 during office hours.

Please send this form back to us at:
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Wording for your solicitor

To leave a gift in your Will to support the work of Missio, where the need is greatest, you can use this wording. Your solicitor will be able to advise you further:

'I bequeath to Missio (23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU, Registered Charity Number 1056651), the sum of £..... and/or x proportion of my residuary estate; and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or National Director (for the time being) shall be a good discharge to my Executors.'

You can also leave a gift to our partners, the Mill Hill Missionaries, using this wording:

'I bequeath to St Joseph's Missionary Society (6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7GZ, Registered Charity Number 220690), the sum of £..... and/or x proportion of my residuary estate; and I declare that the receipt of the General Superior or the Bursar (for the time being) shall be a good discharge to my Executors.'

Internationally known as the Pontifical Mission Societies, Missio continues the vital work of:

- the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF/Red Box),
- the Society of St Peter the Apostle (SPA),
- the Pontifical Missionary Union (PMU),
- Mission Together (Holy Childhood).

If you would like your gift to go to a specific area of our work, please contact us for the form of words: 020 7821 9755 during office hours or legacy@missio.org.uk

If you have already included a gift to Missio in your Will by naming the Pontifical Mission Societies, or any of its branches listed above, this is still legally valid and your wishes will be respected.

If you have any queries, please contact 020 7821 9755 during office hours or email legacy@missio.org.uk

