

Mission Connections

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"...I am a missionary-you are a missionary-each one of us is a missionary. With this vocation comes serious responsibilities. We must confront situations and not shrink back from them because we are afraid of being uncomfortable or unpopular. This means we must speak up when we see an injustice and take a pro-active stance."

Christina Martini



From Whom and Where in the World do our stories come from?

Other Religious Orders/Congregations/Lay Missioners & Friends

October 2024, we shared with you the history of Mission in our diocese over the last 100+ years celebrating over **614** missionaries who are either from our diocese, have come to our diocese to minister with us or have become cherished connections and relationships serving in mission together with us. Since then, we have unearthed another **154** missionaries who have connections with our mission heritage. We have done our best to insure that we have not missed anyone, but as you can see, there are many more lay men and women, religious orders and congregations, diocesan clergy and vowed religious that we are blessed to know, love and support. Please let us know of any corrections/additions...

Franciscans Sisters

+Sr. Beata Lorsung (Brandon)- Mexico
+(Sr.) Joy Fussy (Royalton)-Yemen



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Ethan Riddle (Duluth)-Spain
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Jacob Lipke (Stewart)-Kenya
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Andrew Jurek (Stillwater)-Italy
Thomas Hessburg (MI)-Kenya



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Bill Baldus
Jane Pohlman Salzl (Melrose)
Tom Howard (St. Cloud)
Bruce Weller
Ted Riley
Mary Theisen
Martha Primus (Sauk Centre)



Mission Month—On-Line Auction

Our 5th Annual Mission Month Fundraiser opens with bidding on October 1st 12:00pm until October 31st 12:00pm. The link to the auction is:

<https://scmo.betterworld.org/auctions/mission-month-auction-2025>

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries!

Other Religious Orders, Congregations, Lay Missioners & Friends

+(Sr.) Itwara (Hildegard) Zimmerman SSps (Pierz)- India
 (Sr.) Avila Lipitzky SSND (Clements)- Guatemala
 +Sr. Marie Ann Lipitzky MM (Clements)- Philippines/China
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 +Fr. Henry B. Hirsch (Germany-St. Cloud)- South Africa/East Africa

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Anna Vangsness-Nicaragua

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 Eileen Torberg McCormick (Richmond)-Africa
 Darrell Bohlsen (Rice)- Mexico

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 Barb Bechtold JVC (Rockville)-Africa
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 Dr. Joseph and Mary Wenner (Cold Spring)- Malawi
 Sr. Agatha Grossman C.S.J (Chokio)-Peru
 George F. Gieselmann (Morris)- Guatemala
 +Renee Twomey M.M.S (St. Cloud)-India
 Rebecca Calderone (St. Cloud)- Bolivia
 Debra Dering-Kolles (Little Falls)-Ecuador
 Connie Konzemius (Breckenridge)- Central Africa
 Sr. Mary Roberta Revering L.S.J. (Urbank)- Canada
 Allison Swoboda (Belle Prairie)-Mexico
 Lindsey Chmielewski (St. Anthony)-Guatemala
 Carrie Muntifering (Sartell/St. Francis)-Cameroon
 +Theresa Moran Purkat (Little Falls)- Honduras
 Cathryn Keeting (St. Cloud)-Tanzania
 +Betty and Jerome Pasela (Little Falls)-Benin/Guinea/Burkina Faso/South Africa/Togo.

Jessica Witt-Guatemala

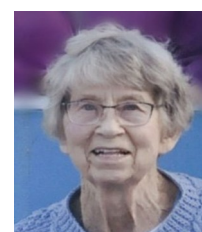
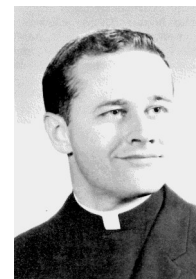
Tyler Andres- Bolivia

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 Sr. Marlene Schwinghammer (Albany)- Bahamas
 +Sr. Norita Lanners (St. Leo, MN.)- Bahamas
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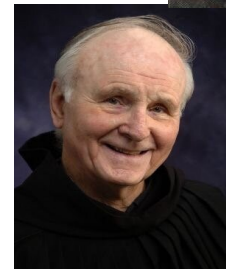
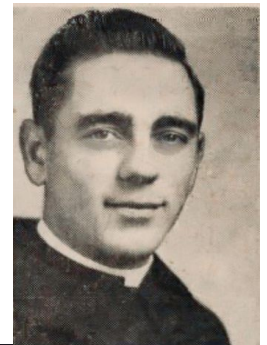
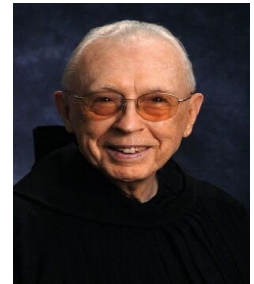
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 +Fr. Conan Mawhorr (OH)- Japan
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 Fr. Geoffrey Fecht (WI)-Japan
 (Fr.) George (Adam) Kraft (ND)- Bahamas
 (Br.) Robert (Gerald) Meyer (Cold Spring)- Puerto Rico
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World Mission Rosary Day- Friday, October 3rd

The World Mission Rosary was envisioned in 1951, by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, the National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith as a way to "Embrace the world in prayer." This rosary honors the work of mission, our call to be missionaries, and world unity and peace through its special emphasis on each of the Earth's regions.

Green - for the forests and grasslands of Africa

Red - for the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the Americas

White - symbolizing Europe, the home of the Holy Father

Blue - for the ocean surrounding the Islands of the Pacific

Yellow - symbolizing the morning light of the East and 'beginning of civilization'

World Mission Rosaries and resources are available from the Mission Office at no charge, though we do ask that shipping costs please be covered when ordered.

Order forms are available on our website or please contact us at (320) 251-1100.



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