

## What Happens to Your World Mission Sunday Donation?



Ever wonder what happens when you place \$10 (\$5 or \$20 or more) into your special collection envelope for World Mission Sunday?

First, after you place your envelope in the collection basket, your pastor sends your offering – and those of all his parishioners – to your diocesan office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of four Pontifical Mission Societies. Then, your pastor jots down your name and address, and sends this information along to the diocesan mission office as well so that you can receive a free subscription to MISSION magazine, published four times annually.

The director of your diocesan mission office then sends your donation (and all the others from your diocese) to the Pontifical Mission Societies' national office located in New York City. The director also sends the National Director that list of names for MISSION magazine, too!

Each spring, the Pontifical Mission Societies' national directors travel to Rome, Italy, to meet with other national directors from around the world. At this meeting all of these national directors report on the offerings made by the faithful of their countries.

At this meeting, the national directors are presented with a list of the projects and programs in the Missions that need support from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The directors

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look carefully at each of these requests for help and then vote to decide what projects are most in need of assistance so that the “Good News” of Jesus – and His love and peace – may reach all peoples, in all nation. Once these allocations are decided, funds are distributed directly to the Missions from each national office.

Your World Mission Sunday gift may be used to buy Bibles for catechists in Sierra Leone, or provide for a small parish in India. Your offering may be used to help Sisters in Sudan lovingly care for orphans in Jesus’ name, or it may buy a bicycle for a priest in Thailand so that he can travel from village to village to celebrate Mass. Most importantly, wherever your offering is sent, it brings with it the Good News of Jesus Christ and His message of peace, hope and salvation.

Want to do more for the Missions? Contact your local diocesan mission office or the national office at [pmsusa@propfaith.org](mailto:pmsusa@propfaith.org).

## **FAQs**

### **What can my World Mission Sunday donation help accomplish in the Missions?**

A gift of \$25 is one month’s support for a mission catechist; \$75 provides for the work of Religious Sisters. An offering of \$100 is a month’s help for a village mission. Always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions.

### **On average, about how much money do Catholics in the United States offer to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith each year for the Missions?**

Catholics in the U.S. donate about \$50 million every year to the Propagation of the Faith to support the evangelizing work of the Church in the Missions.

### **I just donated money to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. How else can I help the Missions?**

The life of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, patroness of the Missions offers Catholics insight into how they may fulfill their Baptismal responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus without ever “going to the Missions.” St. Thérèse dedicated her life to the Missions by offering her prayers and her personal sacrifices – her pain, her loneliness, her suffering – for missionaries and those whom they served.

### **Do Catholics throughout the world celebrate World Mission Sunday?**

Absolutely! In fact, at the height of the genocide in the African nation of Rwanda, one small parish offered \$81 on World Mission Sunday.

### **How can I help support vocations to the Missions?**

You can offer your prayers and personal sacrifices for the work of the Society of St. Peter Apostle. The Pontifical Society of St. Peter Apostle supports some 80,000 seminarians (major / minor) all over the world. You can also help young men as they prepare for the priesthood through the Society of St. Peter Apostle with a donation of \$700 for a year of studies. A gift of \$300 will help toward the formation of men and women novices preparing for a life of service as Religious Brothers and Sisters.

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