



Baptized and Sent



Extraordinary Year of Mission

OCTOBER is the crescendo of Philadelphia's celebration of the **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION**.

"Baptized and Sent: Called to be Missionary" has been the message for this **YEAR** and is integrated into the international *Extraordinary Month of Mission*, proclaimed by Pope Francis.

This **MISSION MONTH RESOURCE** will help each one of us rediscover the Missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, bestowed on us in baptism.

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**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD
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OCTOBER 2019 • MONTHLY MISSION RESOURCE

Baptized and Sent during this Extraordinary Month of Mission!

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- † *Enter your Students in the 2019-2020 MCA National Christmas Artwork Contest!* AND THIS YEAR everyone who enters their artwork in the Archbishop Chaput's Christmas Card Contest will be automatically entered in our National Contest. Display the 2018-2019 Archdiocesan Winners Artwork found in this resource [Page 9-10] to inspire your student's creativity. Entry form and guidelines [Pages 11-12]
- † Enjoy the "Baptized and Sent" Mission Activity—Part 1 and 2 [Pages 13-14]
- † Distribute the "**Mission Focus: MISSIONARIES**" [Page 15].
- † If you haven't already, create an area for a Mission Prayer Corner with photos, items like crosses, nativity sets, etc. Each month, include our **Mission Photo page** with photos from around the world in your corner [Page 16]

FOR SECONDARY & HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS:

- † Have students write a report about a Missionary of today or a recently canonized Saint who was Missionary.
- † Include the Holy Father's October Prayer Intention for Evangelization in your morning prayer: That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church
- † Pray this [Missionary Novena](#) "Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World"



MCA SPOTLIGHT

In celebration of International Peace Day, students at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Doylestown had a morning assembly with the **Missionary Childhood Association**.

The children learned about World Missions and their roles as being Missionary. They participated in a Living World Mission Rosary together. Each child at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel became official members of MCA through our Commissioning ceremony and received membership cards! A beautiful school prayer service with a life-size World Mission Rosary procession ended this celebration.





Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop
222 North 17th Street
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October 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I know that many worthy charities contact you annually. But in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, our parishes and schools are asked to support in a priority way the Pontifical Mission Societies [*The Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Missionary Childhood Association*] and Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl.

Church documents direct that the Pontifical Mission Societies should be given "*first place*" [*Ad Gentes* no. 38] and "*the leading role*" [*Redemptoris Missio* no. 84] in the Church's work of missionary formation benefiting the poorest in the world. We need to support that work as best we can. We also need to support Catholic Relief Services [*CRS*] in the international humanitarian assistance they give to impoverished people overseas.

Knowing this, I ask you to organize your schedules to first accommodate the Pontifical Mission Societies and CRS/Rice Bowl. Parish weekend appeal schedules should follow those established on the Diocesan and Extra-Diocesan Collections list.

Parishes, schools, and religious education programs may elect to support other worthy charities, but this should be in addition to their works of prayer and sacrifice through the Missionary Childhood Association, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and CRS/Rice Bowl. I also ask that you carefully research any additional groups you choose to support to ensure that their work follows Catholic teaching. The Pontifical Mission Societies, given their standing in the Church internationally, are in the position to vet credentials of other Catholic mission relief groups if you require assistance.

Following these guidelines should help better support the universal evangelization efforts of the Church through the Pontifical Mission Societies, and the overseas humanitarian relief efforts of CRS.

I extend my thanks to those parishes, schools and religious education programs that already actively participate in the works of these charities, and am ever grateful for your efforts in forming those you serve in the Catholic Faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION

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Feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Patroness of Missions. Guide us throughout this Missionary month.

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Feast of the Guardian Angels. The angels were Missionaries by announcing the Good News to Mary, to Joseph and to the Shepherds. *What is the Good News that we bring to the world?*

3



Feast of Saint Theodora Guerin, Missionary to the USA. Ask for her help with homework!

4



Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Along with Pope Francis & his patron Saint, let us pray for the world to know the Gospel of love.

5



Feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Missionary who worked with our own, St. John Neumann. Pray for the Redemptorists serving today.

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Let us pray for the Americas— may we become more and more Missionary in word and deed.

Reflect—1 John 3:18

7



Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Pray the World Mission Rosary for all Missionaries.

8



Jesus said, “*You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*” Acts 1:8

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Let us pray for Oceania so that this myriad of islands recognizes the greatness of the Gospel and Mission.

10

To be Missionaries means to *go out* to those who are strangers and those who are different from us. Is there anyone in your class or school whom you could “*go out*” to?

11



Peace is a gift of God. Let us pray for peace in our hearts, in our nation, and in our world!

12



Let us pray for the children in Africa that they will receive the blessings we take for granted: education, clean water, health, and food.

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Let us pray for the many orphans in the world. May they come to know the love of God as their Father & Mary as their Mother.

14



Pray for the children of the Pacific Islands to be protected from frequent natural disasters that occur.

15



Feast of St. Theresa of Avila. Let us pray for Europe that it does not forget its Christian roots.



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Let us pray for Asia so that this vast continent may recognize the values of the Gospel and embrace the love of Christ.

17

Feast of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, first to use the word **Catholic** to describe the universal Church.



18



Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist. He wrote a Gospel & the Acts of the Apostles to share the Good News. *Whom can we write a letter or share the Good News of God with today?*

19



Feast of Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues. Pray for Native Americans. May they allow an encounter between their traditions and the Gospel.

20

Today is World Mission Sunday!

Pray for the 1,111 Mission Diocese that the **Pontifical Mission Societies** supports.

21

Let us pray for Africa so that this continent, with an increasing number of Christians, takes a more active role in the Mission of evangelization.



22



Pray that the Holy Spirit puts a Missionary zeal in all our hearts.

23



Let us pray for the children of China that they can practice their faith in freedom.

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Be Reminded—that everyone by their baptism is called to be a Missionary. Do a kind act to show this today.

25

Pray that all members of MCA are united.



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Let us pray for the children in North America that wealth and materialism may not be the focus of their lives, but may they share their blessings with others.

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The Gospel tells us that Jesus came to serve and not to be served. As Missionaries, we are called to serve everyone.

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Feast of the Holy Apostles Simon and Jude. Let us pray that new apostles may proclaim the Good News to the world.

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Mary, the first Missionary of the New Testament, went to share the Good News with her relative Elizabeth. Learn to share Jesus, who is within us, with our family.

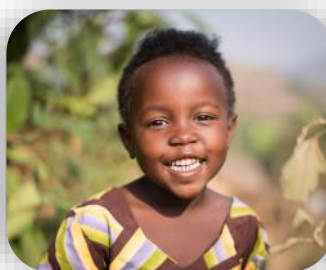
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All Hallow's Eve. Who is your favorite Missionary saint?

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Pray with the communion of Saints that every knee will bend at the name of Jesus. This brings World Mission Month to a close. Remember that Mission is a daily occurrence.

Start off the **EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MISSION** by using this calendar, and begin each day with Mission!



Baptized and Sent Prayer Service

Pray with your students during this

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION



Set up an altar with an open Bible, a crucifix, candles (unlit), a globe to represent the missions and a World Mission Rosary which can be obtained from the Missionary Childhood Office.

LEADER: Pope Francis has declared this month, October 2019 as an Extraordinary Missionary Month and has asked to pay special attention to how we act as Christ's missionaries in our daily life.

Let us pause for a moment and think about how our daily words, prayers, and acts of loving kindness help us to draw others closer to the merciful love of Christ.

READER 1: *A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark. Mk 16: 15; 19-20*

Jesus said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pause for silent reflection.

READER 2: At our Baptism, we were given the job to pass on our faith to everyone we meet as well as to those whose paths we may never cross. Lord Jesus, we ask for daily guidance so that we may always show Your love and kindness to all God's children—We want to be Your Missionaries!

READER 1: Lord Jesus, we pray for our brothers and sisters in **SOUTH AFRICA** who may go hungry today. Remind us to share our bounty.

ALL: Through our faith, help us to remember we are 'Baptized and Sent' to all!

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, we pray for children who are homeless this day in **HONDURAS**. Remind us to be grateful for the blessing of our homes.

ALL: Through our faith, help us to remember we are 'Baptized and Sent' to all!

READER 1: Lord Jesus, we pray for the youth of **TIMOR LESTE** who may have no decent clothes to wear. Remind us to be grateful for all we have and to donate our extra, unused clothing to those in need locally.

ALL: Through our faith, help us to remember we are 'Baptized and Sent' to all!

READER 2: Lord Jesus, we pray for the many children in **INDIA** who live in unjust circumstances and are not allowed to go to school because of who they are. Remind us to be grateful for the gift of education.

ALL: Through our faith, help us to remember we are 'Baptized and Sent' to all!

READER 1: Lord Jesus, we pray for children in **Azerbaijan** who become ill and are far from doctors and medicine. Remind us to visit them spiritually in prayer as we appreciate our own gift of health care.

ALL: Through our faith, help us to remember we are 'Baptized and Sent' to all!

READER 2: Lord Jesus, every day children worldwide die from lack of food, clean water, or medicine – things to which we have access. We pray that they are received into Your Kingdom of peace and love.

ALL: Through our faith, help us to remember we are 'Baptized and Sent' to all!

LEADER: God our Father, when Your Son Jesus Christ rose from the dead, he commissioned his followers to 'go and make disciples of all nations.' Through our Baptism we are sent out to continue this great mission. Empower us by the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing witness to the Gospel, so that the mission entrusted to the Church, which is still far from completion, may bring life and light to the world. May all people experience the generous love and mercy of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

All: Amen



SAVE THE DATE!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

ARCHDIOCESAN MISSION DAY & *First EVER MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT!*



ARCHDIOCESAN MISSION DAY

On November 22nd, MCA will host it's second **ARCHDIOCESAN MISSION DAY.**

All elementary schools are cordially invited to send a chaperone, with one or two Mission Ambassadors, to join us at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center for a day of Mission animation, service and a meet and greet with local Missionaries.

Please look for additional information in the mail during the week of October 7.



MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT

Looking for an event to bring your Confirmation students or Youth Group?

Join us for the **FIRST EVER MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT!** Parish children in Religious Education programs and Youth groups from around the diocese are invited to come to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center from 7PM - 9PM for Mission animation and works of Mercy. They will learn about Missionary Saints and ways the gifts of the Holy Spirit can help them to live out their call to be *Missionary*.

If you have a group that is interested, call or e-mail the MCA Office 215-587-3945 mca@archphila.org



October Mission Saints

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux : *Patroness of the Missions*

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux [1873-1897] was a French Catholic who became a Carmelite nun at an early age. Thérèse had the ambition to become a Missionary and travel to Africa or China. However, ill health curtailed these plans, and she was forced to stay in the convent. After her short-lived life [24], her autobiography – *Story of a Soul* was published and became a best-seller around the world. Her books explained her spiritual path of love and selflessness. She is one of only three females to be considered a Doctor of the Catholic Church. Pope Francis has said Saint Thérèse is his favorite saint. Explaining his choice, *“Do not be afraid to depend solely on the tenderness of God as Saint Thérèse of Lisieux did, who, for this reason, is a beloved daughter of the Blessed Mother and a great Missionary saint.”*



Feast Day: October 1

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

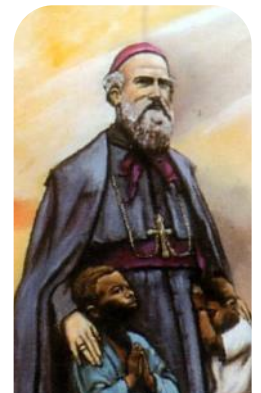
Francis Xavier Seelos [January 11, 1819 – October 4, 1867] was a German Redemptorist who worked as a Missionary in the frontier of the United States, when it was considered a Mission area. Towards the end of his life, he went to New Orleans to minister to victims of yellow fever. This was a place many did not want to travel to. It was here that He then died after contracting the disease. Seelos is commemorated in the Martyrology on October 5. Pope John Paul II beatified Seelos in St. Peter's Square on April 9, 2000. In this homily, the Pope stated: *“Today, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos invites the members of the Church to deepen their union with Christ in the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist. Through his intercession, may all who work in the vineyard for the salvation of God's people be encouraged and strengthened in their task.”* Blessed Xavier Seelos worked with Saint John Neumann, who was also a Redemptorist, a Bishop of Philadelphia and the country's first American Saint.



Feast Day: October 5

Saint Daniel Comboni

Saint Daniel Comboni was an Italian Roman Catholic Bishop who served in the Missions in Africa and was the founder of both the **Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus** and the **Comboni Missionary Sisters**. Comboni attempted to draw attention across Europe to the plight of the people living in poor-stricken areas in the African continent and from 1865 until mid-1865 travelled across Europe to places, such as London and Paris, to collect funds for projects he started to tend to the poor and ill. His Mission to Africa was strengthened with his appointment as a Bishop. With this appointment, it allowed him greater freedom to establish branches of his Religious order in Khartoum, Cairo and other locations. Saint Daniel Comboni died in 1881, at the age of fifty. *“I only have one life to consecrate to the salvation of these souls, I wish I had a thousand to spend them all to such a purpose.”*



Feast Day: October 10

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2018-2019 National Missionary Childhood Association Christmas Artwork Contest Winners! The Winners Artwork will be awarded and displayed at the Archdiocesan celebration of **World Mission Sunday** on October 20th and in the lobby of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center during Advent. They will be featured in the **Pontifical Mission Societies** annual Christmas card, communications, and prominent on our coverage of Mission Sunday on our website at www.phillymissions.org.



Casey McDonough
St. Katharine of Siena
Grade 6



Dale Hernani
Maternity BVM
Grade 4



Emily Gauge
Saint Anastasia
Grade 2



Paul Osada
Regina Coeli Academy
Grade 6



Kelly Finan
St. Francis of Assisi
Grade 5



Hailey Padlo-Castro
St. Cornelius
Grade 5



Moira Larkin
St. Francis of Assisi
Grade 8



Leo Fiore
St. Katharine of Siena
Grade 6



Caitlin Small
Saint James Regional School
Grade 5



Scarlett Barker
Holy Cross Regional School
Grade 1



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ARTWORK CONTEST 2019 - 2020

Artwork entries received by the [Missionary Childhood Association](#), Archdiocese of Philadelphia, by the January 31, 2020 deadline will automatically be considered for both National and Archdiocesan recognition.

Nationally, twenty-four winners will be selected from entries from dioceses across the United States. Winning artwork will be displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent and Christmas 2020. Two grand prize winners will be selected and their artwork reproduced as the official Christmas cards of the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, Father Andrew Small, OMI. Contest winners will be notified in Spring, 2020. All winners receive a commemorative plaque.

Within the *Archdiocese of Philadelphia*, several entries will be selected for Archdiocesan recognition on World Mission Sunday, October 20, 2019. Winning artwork will appear on the website www.phillymissions.org, and in publications of the *Pontifical Mission Societies* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. All winners will receive a certificate of award.

To enter, please complete this entire form and attach it *[with tape]* to the back of each student's entry. Please type or print. Artwork will not be accepted without this form. Please note, artwork cannot be returned. Artwork that does not conform to the guidelines will be disqualified.

Deadline for entries is January 31, 2020.

**Mail entries to: [Missionary Childhood Association](#), Archdiocese of Philadelphia
222 N. 17th Street, Room #823, Philadelphia, PA 19103**

STUDENT NAME _____

PLEASE CIRCLE: Boy Girl Grade _____

PLEASE CIRCLE: Catholic School Parish Religious Ed/CCD Home School

NAME OF SCHOOL OR RE/CCD _____

PRINCIPAL / DRE _____

PRINCIPAL / DRE E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL OR PARISH ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL OR PARISH PHONE # _____

STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN _____

STUDENT'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

2019-2020 GUIDELINES

- Contest is open to young Catholics in grades K-8. Entries must be postmarked or received by your local mission office or via our online webform at: <http://info.missio.org/2018entryform> no later than January 31, 2020.

- All entries become the property of the MCA Archdiocesan and national office, which reserves the right to depict all or part of the selected illustrations. It is not possible for the national office to offer any compensation for entries or to return them.

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS

- Artwork must be on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of WHITE paper — no construction or lined paper. White card stock is okay (Digital copies are permitted)

- **The illustration must be depicted HORIZONTALLY.**

- Students must illustrate one of the subjects listed under the heading "Subjects."

- Acceptable media includes crayons, pastels, markers, tempera or watercolor paints. **PLEASE — NO LEAD OR COLOR PENCILS.**

- Artwork must be the child's own. Tracings and direct copies of other art cannot be considered. Students selected as finalists will be asked to validate the originality of their artwork.

SUBJECTS

- ***The Nativity (a manger scene, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, animals)***
- ***Three Wise Men (presentation of gifts or following the star)***
- ***Shepherds (with sheep, in fields, seeing the angel, or visiting the manger)***
- ***Mother and Child (Mary with her infant son)***
- ***Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem***
- ***Newborn Jesus in manger***
- ***The Angel Gabriel***

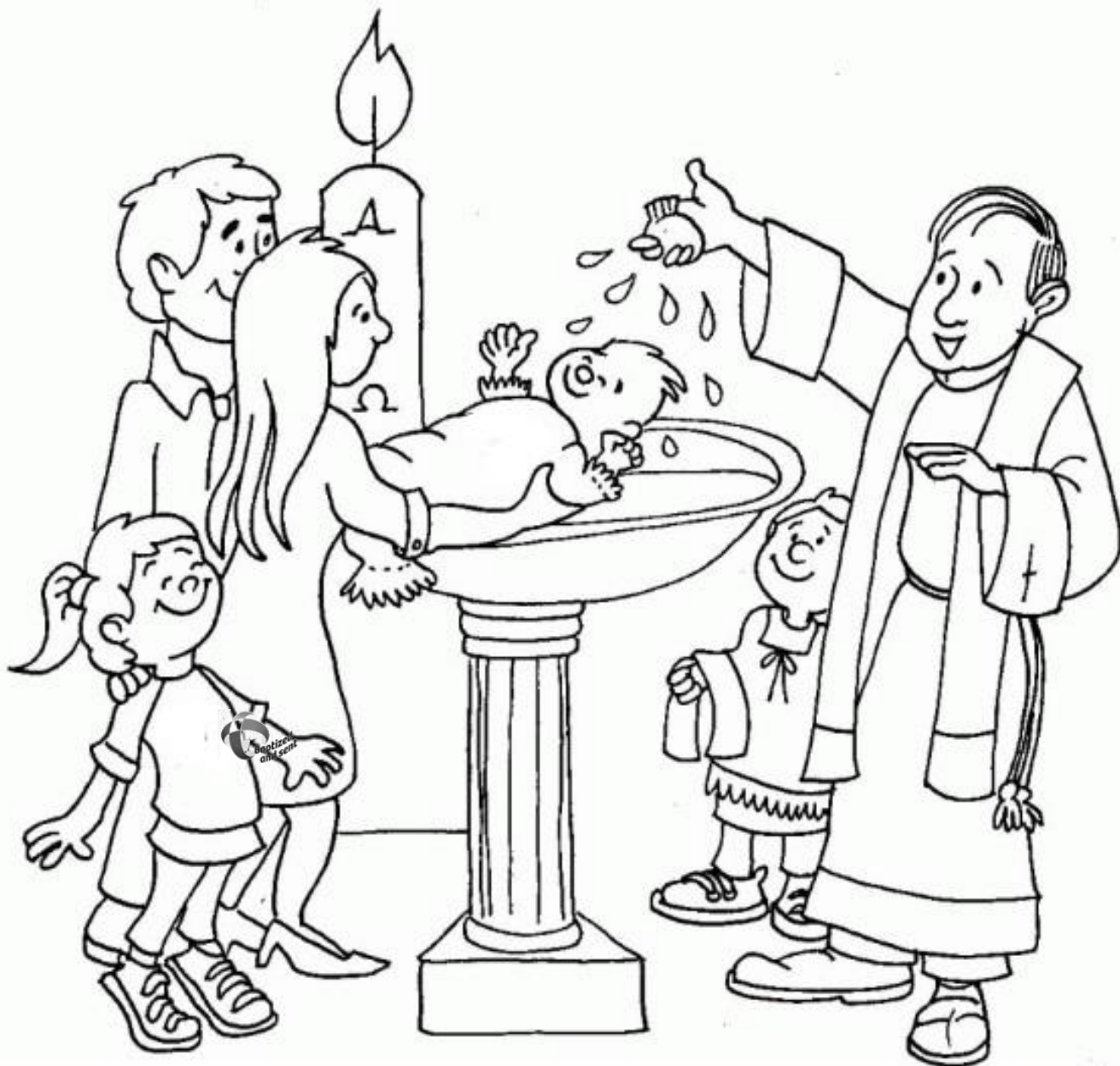
HELPFUL HINTS

- Use a lot of eye-catching color. Bolder colors reproduce best. Lightly colored artwork will not show up well if reduced.
- Be careful to erase or cover pencil outlines.
- Do not include text or lettering on the drawing.
- Fill up most of the page, being careful not to let the main parts of the drawing get too close to the edges of the paper.
- Make sure facial features on people and animals are bold (e.g. nose, eyes, lips, etc.) so they will reproduce well.



PART: 1

The theme for the **EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION** is “*Baptized and Sent.*” Color this page, then write on the lines what **YOU** think it means to be “*Baptized and Sent.*”





PART: 2

To be “*Baptized and Sent*,” means that by our Baptism, we are called to be *Missionary*, and make disciples of all nations. There are many ways we can do this! During the **Mission Month of October**, follow this checklist and be a great Missionary!

I am Baptized and Sent

✓

I am a Missionary!

✓

I prayed one Hail Mary a day for children in the Missions

I made a sacrifice for the Missions

I made a sacrifice for a Missionary

I talked to a friend about Jesus

I talked to a friend about **MCA**

I talked to my parents about Jesus

I talked to my parents about **MCA**

I prayed for a Missionary in Africa

I prayed for a Missionary in the Americas

I prayed for a Missionary in Europe

I prayed for a Missionary in Oceania

I prayed for a Missionary in Asia

I learned about a Missionary Saint

Mission Focus: MISSIONARIES!



For the Mission Focus this month, instead of featuring a Mission that is supported by MCA, we are going to “*focus*” on Missionaries that work hard every day around the world! They were “*Baptized and Sent*” and followed God’s call to make *Disciples of all Nations* . . . During this *Extraordinary Month of Mission*, please especially pray for the Missionaries who offered their lives to God to bring the Gospel to all peoples of the world who have not yet come to *know Jesus*.



The *Evangelizing Sisters of Mary* were founded in Uganda in East Africa. Today there are more than 320 Evangelizing Sisters of Mary all over the continent of Africa, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Tanzania and South Sudan. They work tirelessly in these countries. They teach in schools, provide children with good food to eat, and offer medical care when children are sick and to prevent them from getting sick. *Most of all*, the Sisters make sure the children know they are *loved by God*.



In Theis, Sengal, Sister Rosalind works in a small village there – a place she describes as “*in the middle of nowhere – with no roads but many paths.*” During the rainy season, the roads become pitted with deep holes which make walking or driving extremely dangerous. At the Center, there are two medical clinics, a support program for women and children, and day care for the youngest in the village. Through the program for women and children, new mothers receive instruction about how to care for their newborns.



Sister Mary Gloria, a *Salesian Missionary* in Sri Lanka, helps restore the childhood of girls living on the streets by offering simple gifts . . . gifts so unimaginable after a hard life on the streets: *compassion, security and play*. Sister Mary makes sure that those in her care are not abandoned – showing that there is hope. She is raising money to send her girls to school, providing an education and showing them God’s love – *answering the call to Missionary Discipleship*.

With a sacrifice of **\$2**, MCA children can help provide the items necessary for children in poverty who are helped by Missionaries. *What Can YOU do to HELP, especially in this Extraordinary Month of Mission!*

Will **YOU** say a Hail Mary for Missionaries like these ones in Africa, Asia and Oceania each day this month? Pope Francis asks all students in **MCA** do so.

During this **EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION**, pray one Hail Mary a day for the 1,111 dioceses we support all over the world!



PRAY one Hail Mary each day for a Missionary.

SAVE A \$1 WEEK to help the needs of a family living in a Mission land. This is important as most families live on \$2 a week.

LEARN MORE about the Missions and the people they serve supported by the **Societies** to tell others.