

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
**MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD  
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**MISSION RESOURCE • AT HOME LEARNING**

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has announced broad closures of its schools and catechetical programs. We offer this resource to students and families during this time to maintain a *Missionary Discipleship* spirit while away from Catechism.

## **Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic**

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

**Pray for Us.**

### **Mission Resources for at Home Work: Suitable for Students and Families**

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### **Live Rosary to End of the Coronavirus with the Faithful of the Archdiocese**

Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary every night at 8 PM. We will ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the Coronavirus.

**When: Every Night: 8:00-8:30 PM (Eastern)**

Click the link 5-10 minutes early to allow your device to download any necessary software.

**Or dial-in by telephone:**

**Dial: (646) 558-8656**

**Enter the Webinar ID: 494 480 541**

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## Mission Activities for At Home Work

## Missionary Discipleship Prayer

*Good and Gracious God,*  
Your Son, Jesus Christ, invites all people  
to follow Him and Become His Disciples.  
Touch our hearts, enlighten our minds  
and stir our spirit.

*Help* us daily to take up our Cross  
and follow Him: by living His Word  
and proclaiming his Good News  
to those around us.

*May* our faith in you increase, may our  
hunger for the Gospel intensify and may  
our souls be strengthened as we are  
*Called to be a Missionary Disciple*  
and learn to love one another  
as He has loved us. *Amen.*

## Daily Activities

- † Pray the prayer above and remember the Pope's Prayer intentions for the Month, found [HERE](#)
- † Pray the World Mission Rosary. Learn more [HERE](#)
- † Every sacrifice counts for the Missions. During this time at home, do a "scavenger hunt" in your house for loose change and coins that you can offer up for the Missions. Many families in the Missions live on less than \$10 a week and you can use this time to help them!
- † Have fun with the whole family and play Saints Bingo, found [HERE](#)

## Website Resources

[www.phillymissions.org/MCA](http://www.phillymissions.org/MCA)

- † MCA is jam-packed with stories about Missionaries and projects that help Mission children just like the children you teach.
- † Past Monthly Resources with activities that you may not have used previously.
- † Guide to prayer the *World Mission Rosary*
- † Watch [THIS VIDEO](#) to learn more about MCA. This video is also found on the website above.

## Missionary Saint Activity

Over the course of the break, take the time with your parents and/or guardians to research the following saints. Together discuss how their prayers and actions were Missionary:

**Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**  
**Saint Francis Xavier**  
**Saints Peter and Paul**  
**Saint Augustine**  
**Saint Patrick**  
**Saint Francis of Assisi**  
**Saint Ignatius of Loyola**



# AT HOME MISSION CALENDAR



## Sunday Readings



Since we are unable to attend Mass, each Sunday, read and reflect on the Gospel reading together with the rest of your family.

Sunday  
March 22nd  
*John 9:1-41*

Sunday  
March 29th  
*John 11:1-45*

Sunday  
April 5th  
*Matthew 26:14 -27:66*  
*Palm Sunday*

Sunday  
**April 12th**  
*John 20: 1-9*  
*Easter Sunday*

Sunday  
**April 19th**  
*John 20: 19-31*  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*

**M** Grab a bible, and gather your crayons and colored pencils to start the activity on the next page!



**T** Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of



**W** Clean your room, see if you can find any coins that could be given to the Missions!

**Th** Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Asia.



**F** Instead of watching TV, visit our website and watch the Mission video: [Phillymissions.org/MCA](http://Phillymissions.org/MCA)



**M** Do you have any puzzles at home? Start one today, and when you are finished, pray!



**T** Plan a fun meal to make with your parents! Discuss how cooking and getting groceries may be different for children in the Missions.



**W** Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of the Americas.



**Th** Go outside and get some fresh air! See if you can create a game with no extra toys or props, like they do in parts of Asia and Africa.

**F** Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Oceania.



**M** Video games are so much fun, during your favorite game, say a Hail Mary for the Missions at certain "check points".



**T** **ARE YOU BORED?** Take this time to deepen your relationship with Christ through prayer.



**W** Have you been working on the Saint Activity from page 2? If not, start



**Th** Pray the Rosary with the Faithful of the Archdiocese tonight before bed! Link on first page.



**F** Pray a Hail Mary or a decade of the Rosary for the children of Africa.





While you are home, look up and read the following Scripture verses **that are inspiring to Missionaries like you!** As you read, color in the logo above the verse to mark your progress. For the last logo, read about Divine Mercy Sunday!



Matthew 4: 18-19



Jeremiah 1: 7-8



John 8: 31-32



Acts 26: 16-18



John 15: 7



Psalms 119: 46



Exodus 15: 2



Matthew 28: 19-20



Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**. On this day, Churches throughout the country are encouraged to join together in prayer and adoration seeking God's mercy for ourselves and for our nation.



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