

Children learn about prayer for the missions and the children living in some of the poorest regions of the world through the World Mission Rosary. The colors on the World Mission Rosary represent the Mission Areas that need our Prayers and Sacrifices:



### AMERICA

Red calling to mind the Fire of Faith that brought Missionaries to the Americas:

- May all children learn about the fire of the Holy Spirit, that gives them strength.*
- With just \$5, you can help provide school supplies for students in remote villages of Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia, who do not have pencils or books in their classrooms.

### EUROPE

White symbolizing Europe, the home of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world:

- May all children have a safe home and that Pope Francis continues in his support of young people.*
- You can say a Hail Mary for the millions of children today displaced in Europe due to war, and for peace in their home countries.

### AFRICA

Green for the forests and grasslands of Africa:

- May all children have the freedom to run and play in forests, parks & grass.*
- With \$10, you can help buy 400 loaves of white bread, and with \$20, 20 cartons of milk for children hit hard by famine in South Sudan.

### ASIA

Yellow represents the Morning Light of the East, in Asia:

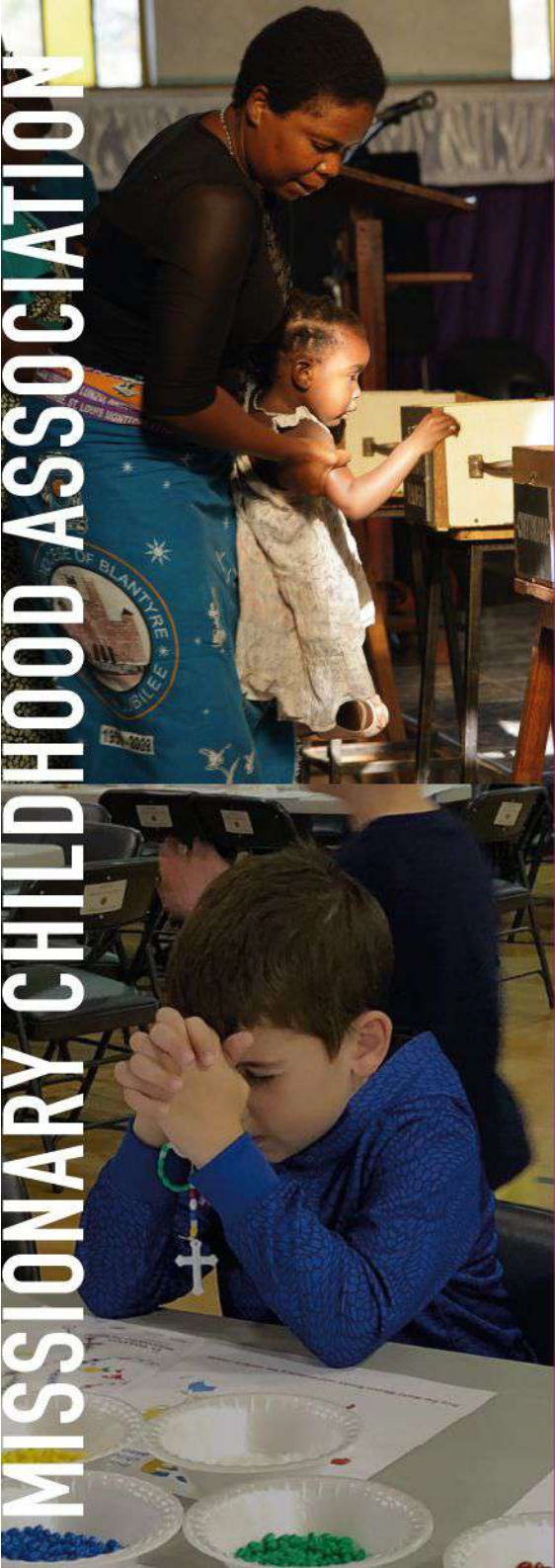
- May all children feel the light of Jesus in their hearts.*
- With just \$10, you can help pay a year's tuition for a child in the Philippines.

### OCEANIA

Blue for the waters surrounding the Islands of the Pacific:

- May all children have fresh, clean drinking water everyday.*
- With just \$1 a day, you can help build a new classroom in Papua New Guinea, where right now, they both learn their ABCs and attend Mass outdoors.





Founded in 1843, the Missionary Childhood Association (formerly Holy Childhood Association) is an international organization whose membership is made up of students in Catholic elementary schools and religious education programs. The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA), one of four Pontifical Mission Societies, is dedicated to educating children about the Missionary nature of the Church, challenging them to share what they have with children who are learning the faith in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands.

When participating in MCA, children around the world learn about their baptismal responsibility to evangelize, grow in understanding of the lives of children their age in the developing world, and become active Missionary Disciples through their own witness, prayer and sacrifice.

MCA Mission animation offerings include Mission-oriented prayers, on-line and printed catechetical materials, presentations and hands-on service, and the possibility to connect with children from all over the world by both making and praying the World Mission Rosary. Each year, the children who participate in MCA help to support hundreds of territories around the world.

DO YOU WANT TO BE  
A MEMBER OF **MCA?**



## PRAYER AND SACRIFICE

Through MCA, children learn the importance of prayer and sacrifice for the Missions. Throughout the year, there are numerous opportunities to incorporate mission animation into the classrooms and the curriculum.

Here are a few ideas to encourage Missionary Discipleship in your school or parish community:

- Visit [MCAkids.org](http://MCAkids.org) to explore resources provided for students and educators.
- Create a Missionary Childhood Association bulletin board display.
- Add a Mission prayer corner to your classroom or place an MCA photo and mission bank on your prayer table.
- Include the Holy Father's Missionary Prayer Intention for the month in your communal prayers.
- Schedule an MCA presentation with your local diocese.
- Make World Mission Rosaries for the Missions as a service project.
- Promote the Mite Boxes as a way to make small sacrifices for the Pope's Missions.
- Participate in the Annual National Christmas Artwork Contest.

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IN SUPPORTING THE MISSIONARY  
CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD  
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