



# The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

## **OFFICE OF MISSIONS**

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### **Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan F.A.Q.**

#### Who is eligible to apply?

1. A recognized Catholic mission group or religious order in good standing with the [United States Society for the Propagation of the Faith](#) serving in one or more countries.
2. A Catholic (arch)diocese or eparchy outside of the United States.
3. A Catholic diocese in the United States designated as missionary by the [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Home Missions Office](#) .

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- For US-based organizations: be in Catholic Volunteer Network's Response Directory or Official Catholic Directory and provide a scan of their page.
- In the application the mission requesting group should highlight to speak to the following commitments to Catholic teaching: a focus on community, a strong sacramental life, and a dedication to serving the spiritual and physical needs of those who on the margins.

**Individual persons and parishes are unable to apply.**

#### Can I use my application from last year?

No, we require a new application and updated letters every year.

#### What happens if my mission group is selected to participate?

Read the *Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan Application Guidelines* and *Application Agreement* for details. All sending groups selected to participate in the Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan will be notified by March 2024.

#### What happens if my mission group is not selected to participate?

Due to the number of applications and requests received each year, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington accepts a limited number of missionaries every year. You can apply for the 2025 Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan beginning in September 2024.

#### What is the timeline for this year's Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan appeal?

- **September 15, 2023:** Online application opens.
- **January 19, 2023:** Online application closes.
- **March 2023:** Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan Selection Committee reviews applications and makes participant selections. Parishes are notified by the Office of Missions of their upcoming participation in the Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan. Notification of assignments will be sent to the 15 mission organizations selected and to the host parishes.
- **May-October 2023:** Appeals are made at the scheduled parishes.

#### Who do I contact if I have questions?

Please contact the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington's Office of Missions' Global Solidarity Coordinator, Maeve Gilheney-Gallagher, at [GallagherMC@adw.org](mailto:GallagherMC@adw.org).