



# The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington

## **OFFICE OF MISSIONS**

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### Past Participants in the Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan

2023

#### (Arch)Diocesan

1. Diocese of Aitape, Papua New Guinea: Established in 1952, the Diocese of Aitape serves an area where more than 75% of inhabitants are Catholic. However, the diocese struggles to fund their pastoral work. Appeal donations will help finance the salaries of priests, religious, and lay staff, in addition to meeting the operational needs of the diocese to assist various services' expenses. The diocese would like to bring missionary priests to the area, support the ongoing formation of local seminarians, and provide maintenance to churches and priestly residences.
2. [Diocese of Balasore, India](#): Balasore is a mission diocese with a population of 9 million. The Catholic population of 30,000 suffer as targets of violence from Hindu nationalists. The diocese focuses on uplifting the rural members of the diocese out of poverty and illiteracy through education, women empowerment programs, evangelization, schools, and health centers. Donations from the appeal will go to these programs as well as the salaries of 65 priests, 145 religious sisters, and 120 lay catechists who staff these efforts.
3. Diocese of Machakos, Kenya: One of the largest dioceses in Kenya that serves 83 parishes and 3.4 million people, the Diocese of Machakos is plagued by drought, famine, and poverty. The donations they receive will be used in many ways, including focusing on creating and supporting health programs aimed at mothers and children to reduce maternal and infant deaths, building clean water stations so the water-collectors -- primarily young girls -- can spend their time at school instead. The diocese maintains four institutions for children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS crisis in addition to supporting 78 orphaned children who are educated at the Uganda Martyrs' Home. They also educate people living with developmental disabilities at a vocational school. The diocese provides support to train catechists and lay leaders to spread the Gospel in remote areas. Finally, they help increase the adoption of improved agricultural production technology so farmers can produce quality harvests.
4. [Diocese of Sokoto, Nigeria](#): In recent years, Nigeria has experienced violent conflicts resulting in kidnappings and death. The Diocese of Sokoto intends to use mission appeal funds to aid those affected by this violence through psychological and physical rehabilitation. Donations will also be used to provide financial and social aid to victims of violence. The diocese has 36 diocesan priests, 33 religious sisters, 38 seminarians, and 53 lay catechists that staff 10 parishes, schools, health centers, and seminaries.
5. Prelature of Esquel, Argentina: Raising a voice for the poor and marginalized, the Prelature of Esquel serves 70,000 inhabitants of Patagonia, Argentina. Thirteen priests, ten nuns, and two

seminarians, supported by approximately 250 catechists, serve all the parishes in this remote area. Funds collected through the appeal will support poor parishioners who lost homes in a recent wildfire, subsidize faith formation programs, help build a roof on a parish hall, fund new radio stations that broadcast the Good News to remote areas, and provide sponsorships for priests, religious sisters, and seminarians.

### Lay Organizations

1. [Community of Saint Paul](#): The Community of Saint Paul is an international missionary group currently responsible for various missions in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia, and Ethiopia. Made up of priests and lay men and women from various countries, members strive to promote the integral development of all. In addition to promoting and carrying out the sacramental and pastoral work of the Church in several parishes, the Community of Saint Paul runs programs for children (preschool education, counseling and therapy, libraries), women (education, job training), healthcare (health centers and pharmacies, latrine construction, hygiene education and disease prevention, support for pregnant and nursing mothers, physical and speech therapy, dentistry and eye care), income producing endeavors, development projects, and education (school for Haitian immigrants, scholarships for children and youth, adult literacy courses, preschools, theology and scripture courses for lay adults, and catechesis). Donations from the appeal would support these varied endeavors.

2. [Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti](#): The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti Ministry serves the people of Haiti in the Christ Roi neighborhood of Haiti's capital city, Port-au-Prince, and in fourteen parish communities in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. Committed to serving the people of Haiti in the spirit and values of the Gospel, this group is seeking donations to continue to provide sacramental and spiritual support, medical services, food and nutritional programs, educational sponsorships, and community development programs.

3. [Farm of the Child \(Finca del Niño\)](#): Farm of the Child is a Catholic non-profit based in Honduras and is a mission modeled on the Holy Family that educates, protects, and promotes healing and spiritual formation for vulnerable children and families in the local community. Finca del Niño primarily serves as a home for up to 50 children, ranging from 2 to 18 years old. Each child comes from the Directorate for Children, Youth and Family-the Honduran governmental agency equivalent to Child Protective Services. Some children are orphans, others were abandoned by family, and others have suffered situations of severe emotional and physical trauma, malnutrition, or gang violence. Children are cared for by a team of Honduran staff, Franciscan sisters, and international missionaries. Appeal donations will be used to support the children's needs as well as buy supplies for their medical clinic and school.

### Men's Religious Orders

1. [Augustinians of the Assumption](#): Founded in 1850, this community of religious brothers and priests are present in 120 communities and 33 countries. In Mexico, the Philippines, Tanzania, and Uganda, they provide indispensable help to the marginalized through charitable works and formation programs for both laity and clergy. Many of their apostolates in these countries specifically work to better the living conditions of the impoverished brothers and sisters they minister to and live with. In the Philippines, they sponsor education and aid programs for villages in the Manila area and in other mission centers. A newly founded parish in Orizaba, Mexico

ministers to an underserved indigenous community. Donations from the appeal will support these programs.

2. [Brothers of Saint John](#): In Brazil, the Brothers of Saint John live in Salvador da Bahia, a poor neighborhood in the infamous favelas (Brazilian slums). They support the residents of their favela through spiritual and material support. Their ministries include teaching adult education classes, preaching, providing spiritual accompaniment, creating youth camps and field trips for children. Appeal donations ensure the life of the priory and the continuity of the mission.

3. [Polish Redemptorists](#): Located in 82 countries, the Redemptorists' purpose is to "preach the Gospel to the poor." In Poland, this order recently has been providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine and assisting war refugees. They will use mission appeal funds to continue this assistance in Poland and to build a pastoral center in Minsk, Belarus that will provide space for worship, catechesis, parish meetings, and accommodation for priests. The work done is always focused on human beings in need. They hope to continue to provide support and services for the faithful, especially in Minsk and Togliatti, Russia.

#### Women's Religious Orders

1. [Congregation of the Daughters of Mary-Tabora](#): Founded in 1933, the Daughters of Mary respond to their charism of love and service by engaging in different apostolates such as health care, education, pastoral ministry, social work, and development programs. Most of these ministries are run in rural areas throughout Tanzania to serve those in most need. The sisters run and teach in kindergarten, primary, secondary schools, and a boarding school for over 200 deaf children. They run hospitals (some of the sisters are doctors and nurses), clinics, and pharmacies. Funds collected from their mission appeal will support these ministries as well as help build a facility for their growing population of elderly and infirm sisters.

2. [Congregation of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus](#): Formed in Nigeria, this order now has communities in Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, Togo, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Italy, England, Germany, the U.S., Canada, and Grenada. The appeal donations directly benefit orphans, the visually impaired, and young adults in Nigeria, Cameroon and Sierra Leone that are under the care of the sisters for their feeding, clothing, and education.

3. [Servants of the Poor, Dinasevanasabha](#): The members of this congregation devote themselves to the service of the poor by catering to their spiritual and physical needs. Their ministries include providing healthcare, education, and psychological support. These sisters are present in 49 dioceses in India, Germany, and the U.S. Funds collected will benefit their no-cost nursing homes for the elderly and boarding schools for children living with or impacted by HIV/AIDS in India.

4. [The Benedictine Sisters of Christ the Light \(Christu Jyothi\)](#): A congregation of Benedictine sisters, their charism is to radiate the light of Christ through their ministries by standing with the marginalized. They have a variety of apostolates, including a school for children living with speech and hearing impairments, providing scholarships to schoolchildren, a center for people living with intellectually disabilities, vocational training programs, and prison ministry in Kadapa, India. The mission appeal will benefit their ministries and programs.

## 2022

1. [Diocese of Adilabad, India](#)
2. [Archdiocese of Caracas, Venezuela](#)
3. [Diocese of Kasana-Luweero, Uganda](#)
4. [Diocese of Lexington, USA:](#)
5. [Diocese of Sylhet, Bangladesh](#)
6. [Franciscan Mission Service](#)
7. [Franciscan Works + Liberia Mission](#)
8. [Apostles of Divine Charity \(Charitan Missionaries\)](#)
9. [General Secretariat of the Franciscan Missions](#)
10. [Irish Pallottine Fathers and Brothers \(Society of the Catholic Apostolate\)](#)
11. [Missionaries of Jesus](#)
12. [Comboni Missionary Sisters](#)
13. [Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu](#)
14. [Missionary Daughters of St. Rita](#)
15. [Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary \(Bene-Mariya\)](#)

## 2021

[Missionaries of Jesus](#): This order focuses on evangelization efforts in Guatemala, Papua New Guinea, the US Southwest, and the Philippines. They live among those who live on the margins and provide education for parishes and seminarians and disaster relief in the locations they serve. They serve along the US/Mexico border with a primary focus on the accompaniment of migrants. In Guatemala, they serve the indigenous Mayan population. In the Philippines, they work in the impoverished areas of Navotas, among the indigenous population of the mountains in Davao, and among the Christian-Muslim population of Mindanao. The donations collected from the appeal will support their school in the Philippines and help with the education of seminarians in Vietnam and the Philippines.

## 2020

1. Dominican Friars-Province of Nigeria
2. Institute of the Incarnate Word
3. Servants of the Lord and Virgin of Matara
4. Archdiocese of Ibadan, Nigeria
5. Diocese of Gallup, USA
6. Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum, India
7. Diocese of Same, Tanzania
8. Canons Regular of Jesus the Lord (Mary Mother of God Mission Society)
9. Missionary Daughters of the Compassionate Lord Jesus
10. Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti
11. Diocese of Miracema Do Tocantins, Brazil
12. Diocese of Virac, Philippines

## 2019

1. Archdiocese of Piura, Peru
2. Archdiocese of Tabora, Tanzania
3. Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda
4. Archdiocese of Trivandrum, India (Syro-Malankara Archdiocese of Trivandrum)
5. Diocese of Konongo-Mampong, Ghana
6. Diocese of Mannar, Sri Lanka
7. Diocese of Marthandom, India
8. Diocese of Moroto, Uganda
9. Diocese of Sorsogon, Philippines
10. Diocese of Tezpur, India
11. Diocese of Tombura-Yambio, South Sudan
12. Daughters of Divine Love
13. Servants of the Lord and Virgin of Matara
14. Institute of the Incarnate Word
15. Dominican Friars-Province of Nigeria
16. The Roman Catholic Prelate of Isabel, Basilan, Philippines

## 2018

1. Archdiocese of Hyderabad, India
2. Archdiocese of Madras Mylapore, India
3. Diocese of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka
4. Diocese of Butare, Rwanda
5. Diocese of Cape Palmas, Liberia
6. Diocese of Kayanga, Tanzania
7. Diocese of Kohima, North India
8. Diocese of Long Xuyen, Vietnam
9. Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Philippines
10. Prelature of Sicuani, Peru
11. Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana
12. Diocese of Warangal, India
13. Institute of the Incarnate Word
14. Dominican Friars- Province of Nigeria
15. Servants of the Lord and Virgin of Matara