



The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington **OFFICE OF MISSIONS**

Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan F.A.Q.

Who is eligible to apply?

1. A recognized Catholic mission group or religious order in good standing 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](#).

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

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- For U.S.-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 are on the margins.

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 April 2026.

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 2027 Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan beginning in September 2026.

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

- **September 22, 2025:** Online application opens.
- **January 9, 2026:** Online application closes.
- **March 2026:** The 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 2026:** Appeals are made at the scheduled parishes.

Who should 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.