



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

Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

1. A recognized Catholic mission organization 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](#).

For U.S.-based organizations, mission groups must be in the [Official Catholic Directory](#) or [Catholic Volunteer Network's Response Directory](#) and provide a scan of their page.

In their application, the mission requesting group should highlight 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 living on the margins.

Individual people and parishes are ineligible to apply.

Can I use my application from last year?

No. We require a new application and updated letters and materials every year.

What happens if my mission group is selected to participate?

Read the *Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan Application Guidelines*, *Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan Reflection and Homily Suggestions*, and the *Application Agreement* for details. All groups selected to participate in the Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan will be notified **by March 31, 2027**.

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 2028 Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan beginning in September 2027.

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

- **September 11, 2026:** Online application opens.
- **January 4, 2027:** 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 Office of Missions' Global Solidarity Coordinator, Maeve Gilheney-Gallagher, at GallagherMC@adw.org.