

A Moment For The Missions With **mca** missionary childhood association

Thanks for joining MCA for this month's journey – and enjoy your summer!
The MCA "moments" calendar will resume in September.

IN THIS MONTH OF JUNE, AS WE BEGIN SUMMER, THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION (MCA) OFFERS A "MOMENT FOR THE MISSIONS" FOR EACH DAY OF THIS MONTH. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, TO PRAY, TO ACT, TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS, AND TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE POPE'S MISSIONS. THESE "MOMENTS" CAN BE PART OF A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – IN PERSON OR REMOTE – OR BE THE FOCUS OF FAMILY LIFE ON A PARTICULAR DAY.

These "MCA Moments" are opportunities this month to:



reflect / discuss



learn



take action



pray



stand in solidarity

JUNE - TUE

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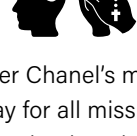


National "Say Something Nice" Day!

Pay a compliment to someone today. Experience the Holy Spirit encouraging your words!

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Learn about St. Peter Chanel's missionary work to Oceania. Pray for all missionaries serving in the Pacific Islands today.



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02



Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Africa

The **World Mission Rosary** was envisioned by Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton John Sheen in 1951, then the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He made the request on his radio show (*The Catholic Hour*) that his listeners "embrace the Rosary" to "To do so he introduced this Rosary, with different colors for each decade representing each of the five continents. Green reminds us of the forests and grasslands of Africa.

We begin our journey around the world in prayer this month – the month of our Blessed Mother – with Africa. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers on children and families in need on this continent.

"Stay where you are. Find your own Calcutta. Find the sick, the suffering the lonely, right there where you are – in your own homes and in your own families, in your workplaces and in schools."

- SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA (MOTHER TERESA)

Look around you this day. Who needs your help, your prayers?

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St. Boniface

Learn about the missionary works of St. Boniface



JUNE - SUN

06



Reflect with your family on the readings for the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



JUNE - MON

07



"And, maybe, God is making His voice heard more today than yesterday.... If you just lower the volume on other sounds and raise the volume of your deepest desires, you will hear Him loud and clear within yourself and around you."

- POPE FRANCIS

What is the voice of God saying to you today? How will you answer?

JUNE - TUE

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Best Friends Day

Thank your best friends for being in your life. **Be a "best friend"** to a child in the Pope's missions through MCA!



JUNE - WED

09



Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for the Americas

Each decade of the **World Mission Rosary** is a different color representing each of the five continents. Red calls to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the Americas, including the United States.

We continue our journey around the world in prayer with the Americas. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers on children and families in need on this continent.

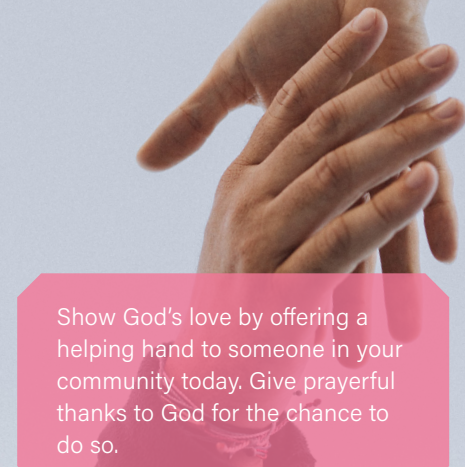


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Show God's love by offering a helping hand to someone in your community today. Give prayerful thanks to God for the chance to do so.



JUNE - FRI

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Corn on the Cob Day

At the next summer BBQ, as you enjoy corn on the cob, offer a prayer for missionaries who provide children and families with food.



JUNE - SAT

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Learn about St. Anthony of Padua whose feast day is tomorrow. He is known as the patron saint of lost items, travelers and the poor.



JUNE - SUN

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Reflect with your family on the readings for the **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



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Flag Day

Hang up your United States flag today. Pray for peace in our country and around the world, especially in the Pope's missions.



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Look at the beauty of God's creation around you. Offer a prayer of praise to the Lord!



JUNE - WED

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Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Europe

Each decade of the **World Mission Rosary** is a different color representing each of the five continents. White symbolizes Europe, the home of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

We continue our journey around the world in prayer with Europe. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers for children and families on this continent, and for Pope Francis.



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Eat Your Vegetables Day

Children and families in the Pope's missions often go hungry. Pray for missionaries who help them – and **make a sacrifice** for their work and to bring them God's love.



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International Picnic Day

Have a picnic with your family or friends this weekend! Pray for missionaries who show children God's love!

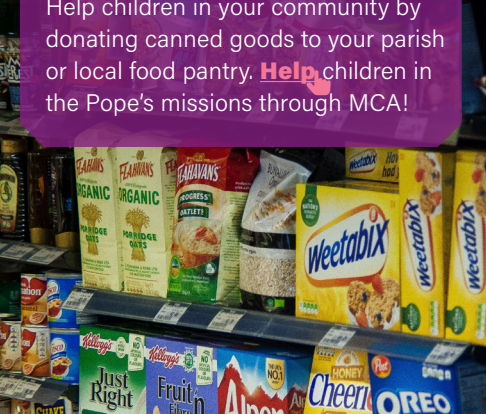


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Help children in your community by donating canned goods to your parish or local food pantry. **Help** children in the Pope's missions through MCA!



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Reflect with your family on the readings for the **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



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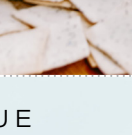


Donate clothes and toys you don't use to a local shelter. **Help** children in the Pope's missions through MCA!



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Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Asia

Each decade of the **World Mission Rosary** is a different color representing each of the five continents. Yellow symbolizes the morning light which rises in the East. We continue our journey around the world in prayer with Asia. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers for children and families on this continent.



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Typewriter Day

Write a letter to someone who needs to know how much God loves them.



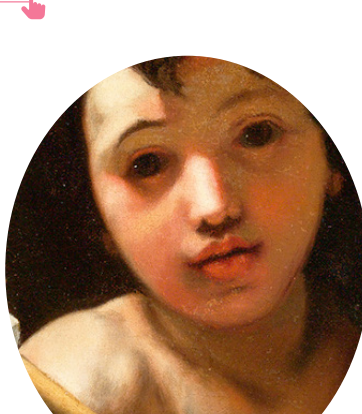
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Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Learn about this cousin of Jesus.



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Invite family and friends to **support missionaries** helping children.

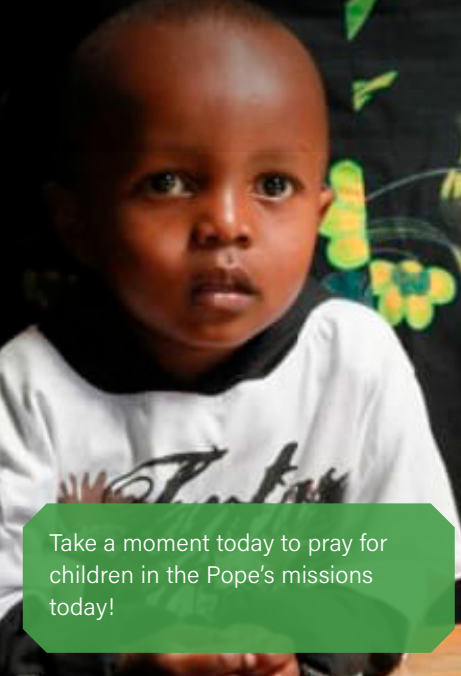


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Take a moment today to pray for children in the Pope's missions today!



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Reflect with your family on the readings for the **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. What messages do you hear? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



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Pray the World Mission Rosary for Oceania

Each decade of the **World Mission Rosary** is a different color representing each of the five continents. Blue recalls the waters surrounding the Islands of the Pacific (Oceania).

We conclude our journey around the world in prayer with the Islands of the Pacific. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers for children and families in need in this part of our world.



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Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Learn about Saint Peter – Apostle of Jesus, first Pope – and Saint Paul – great missionary. Pray for Pope Francis and for all missionaries.



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First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Learn more about these witnesses for our faith in Jesus. Pray for all missionaries today who serve in difficult and dangerous circumstances.



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