

# Annual Review 2022



# A Novena of Prayer

Lord, you have come into the world  
that the people might have life and  
that they might have it more abundantly (John 10,10).

To this work, which is Yours,  
Pauline-Marie Jaricot dedicated herself entirely.

She established the Propagation of the Faith  
for the many who did not know that life, and  
the Living Rosary for those who  
do not have it in abundance.

Blessed Pauline-Marie Jaricot,  
You who consecrated your life to spread  
Christ's Kingdom by serving God and his people.

Intercede for us that God will graciously  
give us what we humbly ask.

Amen



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# From the National Director



Missio Ireland is the Holy Father's charity for overseas mission. We are part of a global missionary network, that reaches out across five continents, to support some of the most vulnerable people in the world.

Through your prayers and generosity, we support missionaries who care for people in mission territories throughout the world. In this Review, we focus on people in India, both through their stories and photos. The world can be transformed by the message of the Good News.

An international meeting occurred in Rome again this year, at which I was present. The Pope had an audience with all National Directors who were present at this meeting. Each of us had an opportunity to meet him individually.

I extend a very special thank you to our donors and supporters, whose generosity makes so much possible.

*Fr. Michael Kelly*

# The story of the image on the front cover



The tracks of the railway share realities of life. Ward 58 is one of Calcutta's notorious slums, where people live in the middle of the tracks. A mother lovingly takes care of her baby. But the child was born into an environment of need and poverty. People live hand to mouth. They often only have one euro a day to get by. They live in makeshift shacks where they are exposed to wind and weather and where rats and vermin thrive. But there is hope: even in the desolate slums, people are not left alone.

Missio is active in the slums of Calcutta and offers schools for children and education for parents. This increases their income and with it the chance of a life of dignity. In addition, the Salesians of Don Bosco are building brick shelters in the slums. For the first time, people have a roof over their heads and solid ground under their feet. As the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, Missio Ireland assists projects like this in mission territories abroad.



# Organisational Structure

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On behalf of the  
Missio Ireland,

# Thank You

for your support on Mission Sunday.  
The Mission Sunday Collection in  
2022 amounted to €1,386,832.

Thank you for your great generosity  
in difficult financial times.

*You Will Be My Witnesses* was the  
theme for Mission Month 2022. Your  
support for missionaries and the  
communities they serve, through  
your prayers and generosity, is  
deeply appreciated.



# Mission Sunday Collection 2022

Achonry	€24,163	Galway	€26,050
Ardagh & Clonmacnois	€26,000	Kerry	€39,670
Armagh	€51,127	Kildare & Leighlin	€78,956
Cashel & Emly	€46,455	Killala	€35,020
Clogher	€57,303	Killaloe	€46,720
Clonfert	€19,726	Kilmore	€50,520
Cloyne	€32,999	Limerick	€28,597
Cork & Ross	€65,677	Meath	€74,469
Derry	€96,527	Ossory	€23,432
Down & Connor	€71,197	Raphoe	€17,225
Dromore	€20,311	Tuam	€72,500
Dublin	€229,791	Waterford & Lismore	€23,988
Elphin	€43,371	Individuals	€55,657
Ferns	€29,382	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€1,386,832</b>





## Growing and Building

Across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Oceania there are over 1,100 mission dioceses. Funding received from Ireland assists these dioceses in a number of ways.

Some of the donations received go towards the salaries of catechists. The work of catechists is vital, particularly in large, remote dioceses, where the local priest cannot reach all areas of his parish on a regular basis. In parishes in the Amazon, it can take 4 hours by boat to get from one parish to another. Some of the outstations in Narus Parish in South Sudan were 14 years without a visit from a priest. Catechists kept the faith of the local people alive when violence and insecurity had made it impossible for missionaries to continue their work among them.

Funding received is also used in the construction and renovation of churches and chapels to allow local people to celebrate their faith.

Presbyteries and convents are renovated with funds received from Ireland. Priests and sisters walk hand in hand with the local people, and in so doing, lead by example in passing on the message of the Good News.

# Training and Educating



Most of the world's mission dioceses are found in Africa, Asia and Latin America. This makes becoming a sister, priest or brother very challenging.

In many mission dioceses, there are increasing numbers of students for the priesthood and religious life.

Because their communities are poor, they must undertake their training with very basic facilities and scarce resources. Missio is the only funding organisation in the Church which guarantees a place for all who are accepted for formation in mission dioceses. This is a unique role that Pope Francis has given to Missio.

Through Missio, you can continue to share the gift of faith with others and ensure that no one who has a religious vocation to serve the Church is turned away through lack of money. In mission dioceses, it costs at least €700 a year to train a student for the priesthood. The local bishops, parishes and families manage to collectively raise €200 annually for each student, but it is simply not enough.

# Children Helping Children



Thanks to young people living out our motto Children Helping Children, Missio can support millions of the world's poorest children every year.

Funding received in Ireland is used for a range of different child related projects. This includes the installation of chairs and tables for children, in order to provide them with favourable learning conditions. In many areas, the only place children can sit is directly on the ground. Funding

also offers children between the ages of 5 and 12 reading exercises, while at the same time, teaching them catechetics. Other items that are purchased for children include educational material, uniforms, food and games.

100% of donations received from children in Ireland are sent to projects overseas.

# Prayer & Mission

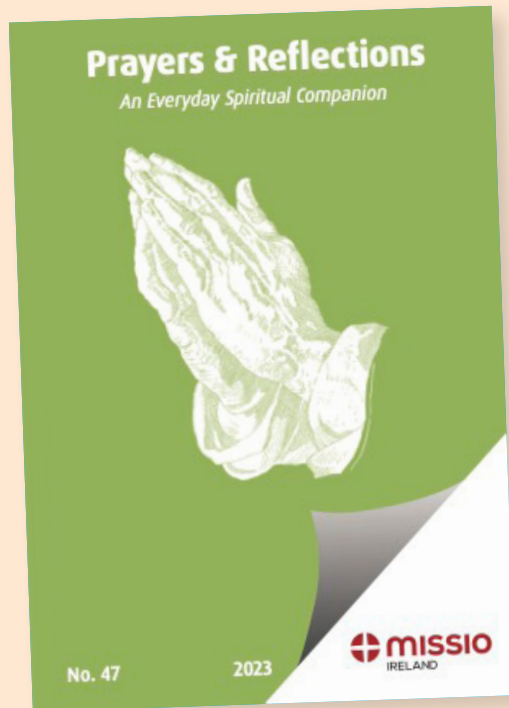


Prayer is at the centre of all our work. For many struggling communities overseas, and the missionaries working there, knowing that people in Ireland are praying for them, brings them hope. Not only do we ask people to pray for the missions overseas, but we also ask them to explore and develop their own understanding of mission. We strive to create a vibrant missionary community where we encourage those already engaged in the work of the Church at home in

Ireland to support the work of the Church overseas. This is achieved through our work in schools, parishes and with our Mission Teams.

Throughout the year, and especially during the Mission Month of October, Masses, exhibitions, and events promote and spread awareness of the vital work that missionaries are doing overseas. Missio Ireland also provides the opportunity for parishes and individuals to access programmes and resources for further mission development.

# Prayers & Reflections



Each year in February we publish our Prayers & Reflections booklet. The date coincides with the annual World Day of the Sick, which is celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup> February, feast day of our Lady of Lourdes.

Prayers & Reflections encourages prayer and spiritual reflection, whilst also providing comfort to the sick and the housebound. These booklets are also used by priests, brothers, sisters and Eucharistic ministers in parish visitation of the sick and elderly. We also encourage users of the booklet to pray for missionaries.

This prayer booklet is distributed to individuals as well as to hospitals and nursing homes. If you would like to order a copy of our 47<sup>th</sup> *Prayers & Reflections* Booklet, please contact our office directly.

# Missio Ireland in Numbers - 2022



Various items purchased for use at parish level, including a generator, solar equipment and motorbikes.



Over **€1.3** million collected on Mission Sunday last year.



**€89,219** sent for catechists to support priests at local level.



**17** child related projects assisted



**10** buildings renovated or repaired, including work to presbyteries, convents, churches and chapels.



**15** seminaries assisted

# Where donations were sent recently

Young people shared hope and solidarity with the world's poorest children. **€82,448.00** was distributed recently to child related projects abroad. The projects assisted were located in the following countries: Central African Republic, Guinea-Bissau, Mali and Niger.

**€1,408,232** was distributed recently to support missionaries and fund church projects abroad. The countries where projects were assisted recently include mission dioceses in the following: Burkina Faso, Equatorial Guinea, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea.

Through your generosity, the next generation of priests, sisters, brothers and catechists are supported financially. **€147,127.34** was sent recently to seminaries in Cameroon, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal and Togo.



Mass Stipends were sent to the following countries last year: Malawi, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Pakistan and Ethiopia.

**Please continue to send Mass Stipends to Missio Ireland.**

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