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Dear Pastors, Administrators, and Parish Staff

In 1954, then-Archbishop Albert G. Meyer joined with dioceses across the country in recognizing the need for a “definite, well-organized plan” of response to the numerous appeals from missionary societies seeking funds in the Archdiocese. The Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) was introduced and its purpose was to provide “a systematic method of furnishing each parish in the Archdiocese with one missionary once a year.” The director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (SPOF) was designated as the coordinator of the MCP.

Then, as now, MCP has two primary purposes:

- 1) To support missionary fundraising. When shared by all parishes, the Archdiocese is able to respond to mission group’s monetary needs, without the burden falling solely on the Archdiocese or on only the largest or most well-funded parishes.
- 2) To ensure that all parishioners have their eyes and hearts open to the story of the global Church.

Each year our local SPOF partners with you to coordinate the annual MCP, offering an opportunity to encounter the global Church. My expectation is that every parish, regardless how big or how small, participate in the MCP.

I reiterate and reaffirm the guidelines of the MCP as developed by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and I thank you for your compliance with accepting an appeal.

Please use this time as an opportunity to educate our faithful in a moment of stewardship-sharing God’s gifts with our Catholic brothers and sisters in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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