



Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) FAQ

Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Please share this information with any/all staff who may participate in the MCP Process

1.) What is the Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP)?

The Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) is an annual opportunity for mission congregations, lay organizations, and mission dioceses to personally appeal for prayer and financial support from Catholics of the United States. Additionally, MCP provides an opportunity to be educated about what is happening in the mission field today. Finally, the MCP connects the local Church with the global Church and allows us to realize our baptismal call.

2.) Who participates in the MCP?

- a. All parishes of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (including Twinned) serve as hosts for visiting missionary organizations. Refer to Archbishop ListECKI's Letters issued in February 2023, and June 2021.
- b. Vetted international mission organizations approved for participation by the director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

3.) How are group assignments made?

Parish and mission group assignments are made based on the Parish Preference Form (PPF) responses and the mission group's capacity to meet the preferences of parishes. Submitted PPFs guide the mission group assignment process. **Note** any particular parish need (i.e., date, language, or even a specific mission group) on your completed PPF. Parishes have final approval of the match before being contacted by the mission group representative.

4.) Who will speak at our Parish?

Speakers range from clergy to laity. Mission groups select a speaker based on information provided through the Parish Preference Form.

5.) Can an international partner (Twin) be assigned for MCP?

Yes, with the following conditions:

- Indicate preference for parish twin on Parish Preference Form.
- Complete all required forms (Acceptance, Agreement, and Arrangements) and submit them to the mission office before the appeal date.
- Provide suitability letters before the appeal date.
- Follow the 90-10% fund split for the appeal donations. (See #8)

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6.) How are funds collected?

The Parish distributes and makes the donation envelopes available for parishioners on or before the appeal weekend. SPOF provides these envelopes based on the count provided to the mission contact. NOTE: **The Mission group does not collect the funds.** Following the mission appeal, there are three options to collect funds:

1. An in-pew collection (cash or check) immediately after the appeal.
2. Distribute envelopes before the appeal date and ask parishioners to return donations in envelopes the following Sunday.
3. Donate online by credit card (SPOF provides the Parish with a link to an online giving page.)

Parishioners make all checks payable to the PARISH - noting MCP in the check memo.

7. What happens with the collection? Where are the funds sent?

- a. Deposit MCP collection into the Parish account.
- b. Use the Parish DEPOSIT card to issue a Parish check for the total amount collected. Please make a check payable to the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith, including the mission group number**, and mail it to our office. You will receive credit for checks and online donations following the 90/10% rule.

PLEASE NOTE: **Mission groups are not allowed to bring their envelopes.**

8.) How are funds distributed and used?

The SPOF office issues a check or wire for 90% of the funds received starting in December. The remaining 10% stays with the SPOF to pay program costs and for emergency needs of groups unable to travel to do appeals.

Note: Parishes that welcome their twinning group for MCP should confirm whether they will process the 90% and send the 10% to SPOF on their PPF.

If you are unwilling to follow the 90/10 rule, you will be assigned a different group for the MCP cycle.

9.) Other questions?

For questions about the MCP process (assignments, forms, materials, mission group information) please contact Letzbia Laing-Martinez, International Mission Engagement Coordinator 414-758-2283, laingmartinezl@archmil.org. For other concerns, contact Antoinette Mensah, Office Director, at 414-758-2282, wmo@archmil.org.