

Memorandum

To: Priests, Deacons, Religious, Parish Staffs

From: Dr. Marlon De La Torre, Sr. Director for the Department Evangelization

CC: Deacon Thomas Berg Jr. Chancellor; Fr. William Hahn-Vicar for Clergy; Fr. Adam Streitenberger-Vicar for Evangelization; Fr. David Arroyo-Vicar for Hispanic Ministry

Date: 3/8/2024

Re: Revised Missionary Appeal policy

To ensure that all collected Missionary Appeal funds through the Missionary Cooperative Plan (MCP) are distributed accordingly and reach their intended destination, the Office of Mission under the Supervision of the Department of Evangelization will only solicit Missionary Appeal Requests from Organizations that meet the following criteria:

- Have a confirmed U.S.-based office with a confirmed U.S. mailing address.
- Have a confirmed U.S.-based clergy/religious/laity representative.
- Has a confirmed relationship with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in their Office of Mission outreach (where applicable).
- Organizations that have a direct working relationship with the Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus.

A revision to the existing diocesan policy was necessitated to ensure proper disbursement of funds reaches the intended organization. It also provides the Diocesan Office of Mission the ability to work more closely with these organizations U.S.- based offices to verify that all solicited requests are properly accounted for and verified.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Sr. Zephрина Mary Gracekuty-Director for the Office of Missions srzephрина@columbuscatholic.org or Dr. Marlon De La Torre, Sr. Direct for the Department of Evangelization mdelatorre@columbuscatholic.org.

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