Archdiocese of Toronto

2027 Mission Cooperative Program
Regulations & Guidelines

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1. **Program Mandate**
   The Mission Cooperative Program of the Archdiocese of Toronto exists to support the education of missionaries and to provide food and medical care for the poor. All appeals must adhere strictly to this mandate.

2. **Application Process**
   Missionaries wishing to participate must complete the **online application form** no later than **January 27, 2027**. All applications must include the letter of endorsement from the local Bishop. Successful applicants will be notified by the **end of February 2027**.

3. **Parish Assignments and Scheduling**
   Each Missionary will be assigned to at least one parish. Once accepted, speakers must contact their assigned parishes **no later than May 27, 2027** to arrange a mutually agreed-upon weekend for the Appeal. Once your schedule is confirmed, kindly **inform the Mission Cooperative Office by filling out an online form or sending an email to mcp@archtoronto.org.**

4. **Presentation Period**
   Mission Appeals are to be held during the months of **July and August**. To avoid confusion, we kindly ask that Appeals **not be scheduled on August 14–15**, as the second collection that weekend is designated for the Catholic Missions in Canada.

5. **Letters of Good Standing**
   All Mission speakers must submit documentation confirming their good standing with their Diocese, Religious Order, or Organization by **May 27, 2027**. Priests serving in the Archdiocese of Toronto must also provide a letter from the Bishop or Superior authorizing them to speak on behalf of the participating missionary. Please refer to the *Guidelines for Speakers* for further details.

6. **Format of the Appeal**
   Priest speakers should consult with the pastor regarding delivering the Appeal during the homily and offering to hear confessions or assist with Mass. Non-ordained religious and lay speakers should make their Appeal immediately following a brief homily. Please limit the Appeal to **6–8 minutes**. If additional time is needed, please request the pastor's permission prior to Mass.

   Note: Please refer to the Updated Guidelines for Speakers, especially regarding Eastern Rite Bishops and priests.

7. **Transportation**
   Mission speakers are responsible for their own transportation to and from their assigned parishes, as well as to and from the airport. While some parishes may offer assistance, this is not required. All international travel expenses remain the responsibility of the missionaries.

8. **Accommodations**
   Speakers are responsible for their own lodging and personal arrangements while in Canada. Priest speakers may request overnight accommodation in the parish rectory for the Saturday evening of their Appeal, subject to availability and the pastor's approval. Parishes may extend hospitality beyond the Appeal weekend, but this is at their discretion.

9. **Accommodations for Religious Sisters and Lay Speakers**
Religious Sisters are encouraged to arrange accommodations through their Order, local community, a nearby convent, or with family or friends. Similarly, lay speakers must make their own arrangements.

10. **Languages**
If a Mission speaker can present in a language other than English, this must be indicated on the application form.

11. **Collection Envelopes**
The Archdiocese of Toronto will supply parishes with the official Mission Cooperative Program envelopes. Missionaries must not bring or distribute their own envelopes.

12. **Collection of Funds and Privacy**
Missionaries **may not collect funds directly**, nor may they solicit donations outside the parish collection at Mass. All funds must be submitted through parish collections under the Mission Cooperative Program. Missionaries must not collect or retain the names or addresses of parishioners.

13. **Parish Bulletin Notices**
Missionaries may provide a short description of the Appeal for inclusion in the parish bulletin. Please coordinate this with the parish well in advance of your scheduled Appeal weekend.

14. **Cancellations**
If a Mission speaker is unable to make the presentation, please advise the parish and MCP office immediately. The parish is under no obligation to proceed with the collection.

15. **Distribution of Funds**
Funds collected through the Mission Appeal will be forwarded by the Archdiocese of Toronto to the participating Missionary in **Spring 2028**, once all parish contributions have been received and processed. Please indicate your preferred method of payment by completing the required form.

16. **Reporting Requirements**
To comply with Canada Revenue Agency regulations, Mission Cooperative participants must submit a report detailing the use of the Appeal proceeds. This report must demonstrate that funds were used for the purposes approved in the application and must be received by the MCP Office **no later than December 31, 2028**. Future participation will depend upon receipt of this report.

Note: Religious Orders and Lay Organizations that are registered charities with the CRA and have provided the Archdiocese with their charitable registration number are not required to submit a report. However, for our records and for the appreciation of our parishioners and donors, we encourage you to send a courtesy copy of the report to the Archdiocese.

17. **Feedback and Gratitude**
We encourage missionaries to share feedback about their experience at the parishes and to send letters of gratitude directly to the host parishes. Feedback from pastors and parishioners will also be reviewed and considered in future selection processes.