



St. Mary of the Lakes

SCHOOL

March 2019

Dear School Families:

The Missionary Childhood Association, a Pontifical Mission Society, is active in 110 countries throughout the world. Established in 1843, the MCA's goal is to gather prayers and financial support for children in mission countries, following the motto of its founder, Bishop Charles de Gorbin-Janson, of "Children Helping Children." MCA's membership is made up of students from Catholic elementary schools and Parish religious education programs. These students take part in activities throughout the year that foster their religious education and awareness of the missionary nature of the Church.

On Thursday March 14th, we will host a "Go Green for the Missions" Spirit Day. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, students may wear their favorite green shirt, socks or lucky Irish sweatshirt along with appropriate pants. Students may also wear their gym uniform or favorite Spirit- wear t-shirt instead.

The suggested donation for this MCA dress down day, is \$3.00 per child/\$6.00 per family. **However, please give as your means will allow.** A suggestion is for children to give up a portion of their weekly allowance and donate the money earned to the missions. Please place your child's donation in a sealed envelope, marked Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) and return to his/her homeroom teacher.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this appeal. **May God continue to guide our steps. ~ Proverbs 16:9**

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