

2025 Mission Cooperative Plan



The Archdiocese of Seattle's Mission Cooperative Plan (MCP) provides mission causes from around the world the opportunity to educate about God's work among the poor and to raise funds for the building up of the Church in mission territories. MCP speakers are clergy, religious or laypeople who share their stories at parishes during weekend liturgies, often providing weekend help, and enabling parishioners to hear about the missionary experience. In this way, the MCP offers an opportunity to promote solidarity with the universal Church.

How parishes select and schedule MCP speakers

1. First contact Chris Koehler, Director of Missions and Immigrant Affairs to inquire about speakers already scheduled for a speaking engagement in the Archdiocese."
2. Contact the organization to arrange a speaking engagement. Parishes can host an approved speaker throughout the calendar year, except during the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (mid April to mid June) or those times when archdiocesan collections, national/mission appeals, or your own parish's stewardship renewal occur. You can find a list of annual campaigns and collections at <https://archseattle.org/campaigns-collections>.
3. If the selected speaker is from outside the Archdiocese of Seattle, written permission is required from the archdiocese. Speaker request forms are available at archseattle.org/speaker-request-forms/. Once approved, the parish will be notified.
4. Once scheduled and approved, please send the name of the mission cause, speaker and dates for the speaking engagement to Chris Koehler, Director of Missions and Immigrant Affairs at chris.koehler@seattlearch.org.

Accommodations for Speakers

Travel, accommodations, and meals are the responsibility of the speakers' organizations. While not required, parishes may choose to provide some assistance and do what they can to make the speaker feel welcomed to the parish and archdiocese.

Collection Instructions

Parishes should arrange for a collection to be taken to support the mission cause. If collection envelopes are provided by the mission cause, these should be collected and processed by the parish office. Please note: The speaker is not to receive any funds, offering envelopes, or donor names and addresses. Please send the total amount collected in one parish check [*Insert in check memo line: (Name of Mission Cause) (Parish ID#)*] to Annual Campaigns (see address below), which will combine the funds from all the parishes hosting the mission speaker and forward the total amount to the mission cause.

**Please mail all funds collected
in one check to:**

Archdiocese of Seattle
Annual Campaigns
710 9th Ave
Seattle, WA 98104-2017

**For questions regarding the MCP
and speakers, please contact:**

Chris Koehler, Director of Missions
and Immigrant Affairs
at chris.koehler@seattlearch.org
or 206.274.3194



Approved 2025 Mission Causes

Archdiocese of Capriz

Philippines

Supports the Spiritual and Human Development Center which empowers and forms lay ministers and equips them with the necessary pastoral skills for their respective communities, such as Basic Ecclesial Communities (BECs), ministries and services. Spanish available. Speaker is a priest.

Contact: Fr. Dexter Dais

fatherdexter@allsaintsparish.com

253- 677-5033

Diocese of Mangochi

Malawi

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. Most Malawians are subsistence farmers and live in abject poverty. The purpose of the appeal would be to help educate people and bring them to Christ and to help those struggling with the basic necessities of life. Spanish is not available. Speaker is a priest..

Contact: Brigette Blair

bridgetteb@saintbrenda.org

206-372-6299

Diocese of Nellore

India

Evangelization and pastoral care among the poor devastated by hurricanes, tornados, drought, and famine. Also supports landless farm laborers, victims of oppression and discrimination; schools in remote areas and special schools and homes for physically & mentally challenged children. Spanish available. Speaker is a priest.

Contact: Fr. Naresh Gali

frnaresh2012@yahoo.com

206-793-8218

Education Across Borders

Dominican Republic

Provides health care to rural areas through free clinics, hunger relief, clean water, and dignified latrines. Includes school mentorship by community leaders and college and trade school scholarships. Spanish available. Speaker is a layperson.

Contact: John McLaughlin

info@educationacrossborders.org

206-947-3786

Just Faith Formation

Uganda

Supports the comprehensive center, which is dedicated to providing quality education, vocational training and life skills to underprivileged youth. The center empowers them with the tools to lead successful and fulfilling lives and break the cycle of poverty for a brighter future. Spanish available. Speaker is a priest.

Contact: Fr. Stephen Okurmu

stephenokurmu@gmail.com

678-657-7761

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers

Kenya, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Thailand, Hong Kong, Philippines, Japan, Taiwan, S. Korea, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, and El Salvador

Raises awareness of Christ's global mission and engage U.S. Catholics and others through opportunities to learn of mission vocations, mission service and mission education. Provides spiritual and material support for the mission ministries of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Spanish available. Speaker is a priest.

Contact: Paul Bork

pbork@maryknoll.org

716-796-8919



Maryknoll Lay Missioners

Bolivia, Brazil, El Salvador, Cambodia, Haiti, Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, and the U.S.-Mexico border

Sends laypeople into global mission to accompany people experiencing poverty and marginalization around the world, victims of human trafficking, persons imprisoned, and those affected by war. Change unjust structures, foster hope, and promote reconciliation. Spanish available. Speaker is a priest or layperson.

Contact: Sonny Nguyen

snguyen@mklm.org

832-443-3026

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos

Latin America and the Caribbean

Provides care for more than 8,000 vulnerable children, both inside and outside the NPH Homes, ensuring a safe, nurturing place to live, access to trade school or college, clothing, nutrition, and healthcare. NPH's St. Damien Pediatric Hospital is the only hospital dedicated to pediatric and prenatal care in Haiti. Spanish available. Speaker is a layperson.

Contact: Jennifer Ahrens

jahrens@nphusa.org

206-200-8862

“Then Jesus came to them and said,

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of

the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them

to obey everything I have commanded you.

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20