Who is the Mission Moderator?
A catechist or another adult volunteer of the parish appointed by the Pastor or Parish Catechetical Leader whose special task is to raise the level of mission awareness amongst the children in the parish, as well as amongst the catechist and other adult members. Increasing this “mission awareness” helps to reinforce the lifestyle of missionary discipleship shaped by the values of the Gospel.

What do we mean by “mission awareness”?
An awareness that when we are baptized, we become members of God’s family. MCA invites children to participate fully in their baptismal call by engaging and challenging them to share in the missionary nature of the Church. By raising children’s awareness of their neighbors’ needs, they are taught the value and power of solidarity and reciprocal support of our brothers and sisters all over the world, especially those who are poor and disenfranchised.

The missionary awareness consists of:

- **Missionary Discipleship:** Through mission awareness, children experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ, fostering in them a missionary spirit that will allow them to serve as examples for their peers and communities.
- **Prayer:** Through daily prayer, children learn about the Gospel and develop their missionary spirit.
- **Giving:** Through sacrificial giving, children help meet the spiritual and material needs of their disenfranchised brothers and sisters so that they can live as children of God.

What qualifications are needed to be a Missionary Moderator?
A commitment to develop the Catholic identity of children by teaching them about our faith, principles, values and social justice inherited in the life of the church and Catholic identity of our communities.

A love of the missions, our global community, and the appreciation of their importance in the life of the Church. A willingness to put energy into implementing all six tasks of catechesis (NDC.20), with special attention to the sixth task of “promoting a missionary Spirit that prepares the faithful to be present as Christians in Society”.

What does the Mission Moderator do?
- Reads the enclosed material and makes decisions in ordering materials from the Missionary Childhood Association by the requested deadlines.
- Develops a goal-oriented plan for the year to foster mission awareness amongst children and catechist using the lessons plans and educational material provided by the Missionary Childhood Association.
- Receives, all communications from the Missionary Childhood Association through the year and distributes them to the parish catechist.
- Acts as a liaison with the local Missionary Childhood Association office. Works with the parish office (pastor, parish catechetical leader, accountant, or bookkeeper) to ensure that all donations collected for MCA are forwarded to:

  **Missionary Childhood Association**  
  **Mission Office**  
  **3424 Wilshire Blvd., 3rd Floor**  
  **Los Angeles, CA 90010**