

# MISSION AWARENESS WEEK

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018**

Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) invites you take part in **Mission Awareness Week**, which takes place on the third week of October. This special week designed for the Missions is from Monday, October 15, 2018 and culminates on 'World Mission Sunday' Sunday, October 21, 2018. Here are some ideas to help you plan activities for **Mission Awareness Week** at your school or parish involving all of the student body, teachers, parents, and community.

Mission Awareness is about awakening in everyone a desire to reach out beyond our own confines and security and proclaim the Gospel to all corners of the world.

Here are some ideas that the Mission Moderator can implement. These can be incorporated into the school day, be done in any order and adapted to fit your school schedule.

OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

## Day 1: Prayer Service

- ◆ Gather the students in a school assembly or simply distribute the prayer service to each individual teacher to give in their classrooms.

## Day 2: Invite a Missionary to speak to the students.

- ◆ Invite a speaker to share with the students their experience of 'what being a missionary' means. It can be done in a school assembly or by having the missionary visit a few of the classrooms.

## Day 3: Dedicate a mass for the missions.

- ◆ Attend the MCA Youth Appreciation Mass on October 17, 2018 at 10am. If this is not possible you can also celebrate mass at your school parish.

## Day 4: Multicultural Awareness

- ◆ Show the diversity in the body of Christ by playing games from different parts of the world. Have the student body separate in teams using the colors of the World Mission Rosary: red, blue, yellow, green and white.
- ◆ It is also a great way to build community among the children and to be 'One Family in Mission.'

## Day 5: Living the World Mission Rosary

- ◆ This can be done outside with the students standing on top of color beads in the shape of the World Mission Rosary. Each student would stand up as the corresponding prayer for their bead is being said.

## Day 6: Be a witness!

- ◆ Encourage students to gather with their parents, siblings, and family at home and share what they learned on Mission Week.

## Day 7: Attend 'World Mission Sunday' Mass at your local parish

- ◆ It is a wonderful way to bring to a close a week of learning about the Missions. On this day all over the world every church talks of the missionary work being done.

