



2010-2011

# Resource Guide

**“Lord, I put my faith in you” (JOHN 9:38)**

HOLY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION | ASOCIACIÓN DE LA SANTA INFANCIA

# Welcome

Through Baptism, Catholics are called to share their gift of faith with others and be a part of the worldwide mission of the Church. The Holy Childhood Association (HCA) offers young Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith through mission education, sacrifice and service for others. A Pontifical Mission Society, HCA focuses entirely on the concept of *children helping children* throughout the world.

For the 2010-2011 school year, HCA's materials will focus on the theme, "*Lord, I put my faith in you*" (John 9:38).

## A MISSIONARY JOURNEY...TO THE UNITED STATES



Bishop Forbin-Janson

Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson was much in demand. Many French bishops who were serving as missionaries in the United States – the “Missions” of his day – wanted this bishop of Nancy in France to visit the young U.S. churches and then return home to encourage interest and support for their work.



Pauline Jaricot

In 1839, Bishop Forbin-Janson did just that, sailing across the ocean and landing in New York, where he was welcomed with open arms by Bishop John Dubois. “Poor New York,” he wrote to Catholics back in France, “there is not yet a minor or major seminary and this diocese is larger than all of England.”

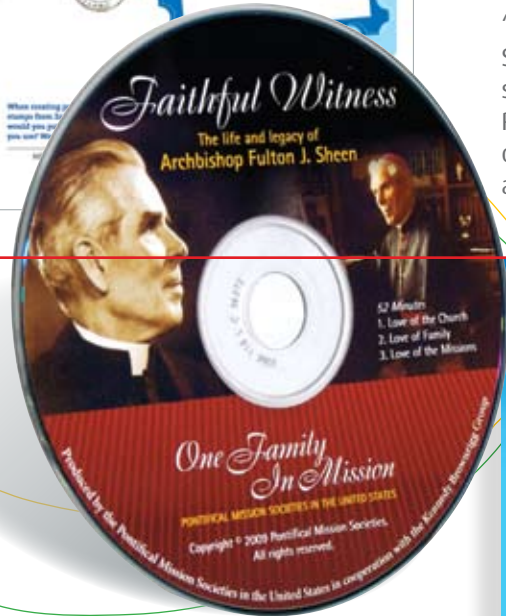
In 1843, Bishop Forbin-Janson returned home determined to continue the great work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, founded by a family friend, Pauline Jaricot.

During a conversation with Jaricot, Bishop Forbin-Janson shared his own longtime dream – to help the children of the Missions. Like Pauline, he saw the “riches” of the poor mission churches of his day. He was convinced that though weak and needing care, children rich in faith and love were capable of playing their own part in the Church’s mission – and of even stirring adults to the same generous missionary spirit.

Some time during the course of their talk, the Holy Childhood Association (HCA) was born. Bishop Forbin-Janson started appealing to the children of France to reach out – in faith and love – to help the children of the Missions of our country and China.

Today, HCA continues to follow the vision of Bishop Forbin-Janson – “children helping children.”

After learning about the great needs of the world’s poorest children, young people are invited to pray and to offer financial help so that children in the Missions today may know Christ and experience His love and care.



### What's New?

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

The Pontifical Mission Societies recently updated its website. Our new address is [www.onefamilyinmission.org](http://www.onefamilyinmission.org). Be sure to visit the HCA portion of the site to download [free activity sheets](#) and past issues of our award-winning, *It's Our World* newsletter. Our website is also home to our free month-by-month [mission education calendar](#) featuring easy-to-use ideas and prayers to help educators and catechists incorporate mission themes into the existing curriculum.

## FAITHFUL WITNESS

"Faithful Witness," a 52-minute audio / radio documentary produced by the Pontifical Mission Societies, was released in December 2009 as we marked the three decades that have passed since the death of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, former national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (1950-1966). This documentary offers a reflection on the life and witness of Archbishop Sheen, and his love of Church, family and the Missions. The audio CD is free and appropriate for grades 7 and up. Please call 1-800-431-2222 to order.



### Mission Lessons

Also available at no cost, are 60-second "Mission Lessons" audio messages that can be used for spiritual / prayerful meditation, as well as for small group discussion starters. Visit [www.iamamissionary.org](http://www.iamamissionary.org) to preview these audio lessons, or call 1-800-431-2222 to order a free CD.

## ADVENT

HCA's [Advent program](#) helps children prepare for Christmas in a "mission way." They learn how to make the season more meaningful by offering prayers and sacrifices for children in the Developing World who await the "Good News" of Jesus. Materials include coin boxes or folders, a classroom poster featuring a look at the Advent region of focus and a Quick Reference Program Guide.

## LENT

Children prepare for Easter and learn about the Way of the Cross through HCA's [Lent Program](#). Materials include coin boxes or folders, a classroom poster featuring a look at the Lent region of focus and a Quick Reference Program Guide. Lenten prayer services are available online at [www.onefamilyinmission.org/hca/lent.html](http://www.onefamilyinmission.org/hca/lent.html)



Note: Please be good stewards of these coin holders. Order only the quantity you need. Doing so saves money for the Missions.

## A NOTE ABOUT COIN HOLDERS

HCA coin holders coordinate with the "What Happens to Your Dollar?" web module at [www.hcalkids.org](http://www.hcalkids.org). A \$5 shipping charge will be added to each Advent and Lent coin holder order (see order form).

While we appreciate that there may be a number of programs and projects supported by your school / religious education program, please do not use HCA coin holders to collect contributions for these purposes as it may confuse children and contradict HCA's message that offerings are made in support of the evangelizing mission of the Church. Therefore, all moneys collected with HCA coin holders must be sent to HCA to use for the Church's work among children in the Missions.



## MEMBERSHIP

By our Baptism we are missionaries, called to share our faith in Jesus Christ with our family and friends, our neighbors — indeed, the whole world. Through HCA's [membership program](#), young Catholics are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries.

For \$1.25 each, students pledge to become special “ambassadors for Christ” and receive an HCA bookmark, prayer card, membership card, and subscription to the award-winning *It's Our World* newsletter. One Membership Program / Teaching Guide and one Membership poster accompany every 20 student membership orders.

Published as Membership/fall, Advent and Lent issues, *It's Our World* features mission news for children in these grade levels: K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. A Program/Teaching Guide and poster accompany each issue of *It's Our World*. This newsletter connects U.S. children to children in the Missions, and teaches them about the realities of the Developing World through stories, activities and prayer. This publication also highlights missionaries who devote themselves to proclaiming the Gospel. This year, *It's Our World* focuses on the following areas of the world: Oceania / the Americas (Membership/fall), Asia (Advent), Africa (Lent).



## Christmas Artwork eGreetings



send one now!

## CHRISTMAS ARTWORK CONTEST

Your students could see their artwork appear as Christmas e-greetings and displayed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. during Advent and Christmas 2011. Twenty-four different illustrations will be chosen as winners, and this artwork will be featured on our website for use as e-greetings. One grand-prize winner will be chosen, and his/her artwork will be printed and distributed as the 2011 Pontifical Mission Societies National Office Christmas card. To find out more about HCA Christmas Seals — the original use for Christmas artwork — visit [www.hcakids.org](http://www.hcakids.org). The deadline for entry to this contest is January 31, 2011.



## NATIONAL PRAYER WEEK

In prayer, we appeal to God's goodness for the things we need, acknowledging our faith and trust in Him. HCA's National Prayer Week, March 13-20, 2011, is a time for young Catholics to unite in prayer for those in need throughout the world. Materials are FREE, easy to use and reproduce. Prayer Week materials are shipped automatically to schools / parishes in the United States. Thousands of young Catholics pray with HCA each year! Kids can also pray online at [www.hcakids.org](http://www.hcakids.org).

## GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR KIDS IN NEED OF JESUS

Through this HCA program, young Catholics are invited to join together to raise money through sponsor-style events. Extra Mile is a wonderful program for October, World Mission Month, but can be done any time throughout the year. Program materials are available only at [www.onefamilyinmission.org/hca/resources-for-educators-a-catechists.html](http://www.onefamilyinmission.org/hca/resources-for-educators-a-catechists.html).

## HCA AROUND THE WORLD

This popular Holy Childhood Association geography-based mission education program has been updated, expanded and redesigned to better meet the needs of elementary schools, religious education programs, and families. HCA Around the World includes a Program Guide with activities, ideas and prayer service, two full-color maps, a globe coin bank, and a series of flag decals representing countries in which the Church receives assistance from HCA to help children. To further enhance this program, Polly Parrot Passports and Polly stickers are also available.





## MISSION MAGAZINE

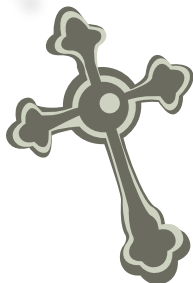
*MISSION* magazine, published by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society, is available for students in grades 7 through 12 at no charge. This Catholic Press Association award-winning magazine features stories about the evangelizing work of the Church in the Missions. A discussion guide for each issue is available online at [www.onefamilyinmission.org/society-propfaith/read-mission-magazine.html](http://www.onefamilyinmission.org/society-propfaith/read-mission-magazine.html)

## WORLD MISSION ROSARY & WORLD MISSION ROSARY POSTER

[Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen](#) (national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966) developed the World Mission Rosary. Each of the five decades is a different color to represent areas of the world where the Church continues her evangelizing mission. The HCA World Mission Rosary comes with a booklet featuring an explanation of the significance of its colors, as well as age-appropriate reflections for the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries. The World Mission Rosary Poster is modeled after our “country posters” distributed through our Membership / Advent / Lent Programs. The poster features “what,” “who” and “wow!” facts about the World Mission Rosary, as well as a brief explanation of its origin and meaning. Also, be sure to visit [www.hcakids.org](http://www.hcakids.org) to pray the World Mission Rosary online!

## HCA PRAYER CARDS

Order from these prayer cards: The Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, the HCA prayer for children of the world (both featuring photos of children in the Missions), and a prayer to St. Thérèse of Lisieux (featuring a photo of St. Thérèse).





### Find Us on Facebook and YouTube

To learn more about more about the daily activities of the Pontifical Mission Societies, including HCA, become a "fan" of our page on [Facebook](#). To see videos featuring the projects and programs we support in the Developing World, visit us at [www.YouTube.com/pmsusa](http://www.YouTube.com/pmsusa).

## HELPING HAND ENVELOPE

Looking for something a bit more "hip" to distribute to older kids who want to make a contribution to HCA? Conducting a fundraiser separate from Advent or Lent? Consider our Helping Hand Envelope. The envelopes are offered free of charge and are a great alternative to our coin boxes / folders!

## POLLY PARROT LAPEL PINS

Show your commitment to HCA by wearing a Polly Parrot pin! One-inch cloisonné lapel pins feature a standing Polly with the letters, "HCA."

## ORDERING INFORMATION AND DEADLINES

Place orders by fax, or mail your HCA order form to your diocesan mission office or the HCA national office. PLEASE NOTE: Use only street addresses for UPS delivery (no P.O. boxes). Fill out form completely, including both a contact name and signature. HCA offers FREE shipping for all materials with the exception of rush orders. A \$5 shipping charge applies only to Lent and Advent coin holders.

- Membership. Please order as soon as possible upon receipt of this guide. Program materials begin shipping late August and continue shipping seasonally as orders are received.
- We recommend placing orders for the Advent program by September 20, 2010 to ensure prompt delivery.
- We recommend placing orders for the Lent program by November 15, 2010 to ensure prompt delivery.



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