

MEMO: Lent 2024

To: Educational Administrators in the Diocese of La Crosse  
From: The Mission Office

Re: Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Lenten Mite Box Program

Let me begin with apologies for the last minute (maybe even late) arrival of this letter and the sporadic arrival of the Lenten Mite Boxes. The national office for the Pontifical Mission Societies, including the Missionary Childhood Association, is undergoing significant changes in personnel and policy. So, thank you for your patience and perseverance in faith and hope.

Ash Wednesday marks us annually as followers of Christ in both literal and figurative ways. Our foreheads are marked with ashes as a sign of our mortality and the universal call to conform ourselves to the Gospel, Jesus Christ crucified and risen from the dead, for the forgiveness of our sins. To this Good News we respond with prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

At this time, children around the world sacrifice for each other in service and generosity. For us in the Diocese of La Crosse, the MCA mite box Lenten offering is taken up. It then provides for others whose lives are adversely affected by poverty and oppression. They, in turn, from their wealth of faith and joy witness to us of the fidelity of Christ and the peace He gives. Thank you in advance for the prayer, action and contributions you are able to encourage in the children and youth you serve. As a result, may your Easter be filled with grace.

#### DETAILS FOR 2024 MITE BOX COLLECTION

The MCA boxes distributed from our national office can only be used to take up the collection for Missionary Childhood Association. Unless you had notified us of changes, mite boxes should arrive in the same quantities as last year. Again, thank you for your patience. Let us know if you have any questions.

Funds should be collected at the parish and school any time after Easter Sunday. Totals are to be sent to the Mission Office by the Solemnity of Pentecost.

May God grant you His choicest blessings for your work in Christ,



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