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MEMO: Lent 2025

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

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

Congratulations on the recent celebrations of Catholic Schools Week for our schools. Extension of these accolades goes to our Religious Education programs as well, often sharing space in the parish schools and part of the family of faith. The Mission Office was particularly blessed to work with St. Boniface in Waumandee in representing the diocese during a Midwest Regional Mission Rosary. The children were well prepared and we were blessed to pray with them.

We continue this Jubilee Year of Hope with the Universal Church and mark our experience of hope with the burnt palms of Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Though the smudge appears to the world as undignified, it is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ that we find our true dignity. By His cross we have forgiveness. Sin and death are defeated. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are our response to Him.

Even our children respond as they are able. 'Children helping children' is the driving force of the Missionary Childhood Association. The MCA mite box Lenten offering is taken up. The Diocese of La Crosse joins every diocese of the world in almsgiving of the season. Together we provide hope for others whose lives are a struggle. A four and a half minute video is available at this link: [MCA Diocese of La Crosse](#) to use in the classroom or during an assembly. It is designed to help students understand the value of prayer, sacrifice and giving.



DETAILS FOR 2025 MITE BOX COLLECTION

The MCA boxes distributed from our national office can only be used to take up the collection for the 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 anytime 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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