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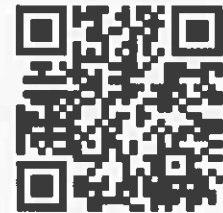
MEMO: Lent 2026

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

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

This last July my assignment sent me back into schools and religious education programs. In Wausau, I am now chaplain to four schools and pastor to one parish. So, it is my delight to present the Missionary Childhood Association to you and me. Having just completed Catholic Schools Week, I realize the extra work of running our Catholic schools and religious education. My admiration for all that you do to keep our mission mindset and mission work moving only grows. Thank you for all you have accomplished and all you will do.

Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 begins our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The days spent in the desert with Jesus promise a re-boot of sorts. By our sacrifices we are renewed in faith, hope and love. Our self-emptying creates space within our souls for the Lord, who comes in all His light and glory to fill us with His Holy Spirit. A new video is available for 2026 at this link: www.diolc.org/missions/mite-box-lent/



Each sacrifice made, prayer raised, and coin given makes a difference in the lives of children helping children. It makes a difference in the giver by helping generosity grow. It helps the child recipient by showing that someone cares about them and their faith. We come together in the name of Jesus.

DETAILS FOR 2026 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 have arrived in the same quantities as last year. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

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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