# A Moment For The Missions With mc hildhood association

# Thanks for joining MCA for this month's journey!

IN THIS MONTH OF MARCH, AS WE CONTINUE OUR PATH THROUGH LENT, THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION (MCA) OFFERS A "MOMENT FOR THE MISSIONS" FOR EACH DAY. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, TO PRAY, TO ACT, TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS, AND TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE POPE'S MISSIONS. THESE "MOMENTS" CAN BE PART OF A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - IN PERSON OR REMOTE - OR BE THE FOCUS OF FAMILY LIFE ON A PARTICULAR DAY.

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These "MCA Moments" are opportunities this month to:



Complete this sentence "One way I will be



take action

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pray



stand in solidarity



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Make a Pilgrimage this weekend! Ask your parents to assist you in looking up local shrines that you can attend as a family. Invite a friend! There is nothing more Missionary, than sharing your faith with others.

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Lord let Your mercy be upon us, as we place our trust in You". Place your trust in the Lord this week. What do you need His help and guidance with?



## What about YOU?

Today is the feast day of Saint Katharine Drexel. When Saint Katharine asked Pope Leo XIII to help with the Missions in the United States, the Pope famously and wisely responded pointedly: "What about you? What are you going to do?" This changed her life, as she went on to dedicate her time, and her very large fortune, to her Missionary efforts.

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Happy Monday! Make each day of the school week about Sacrifice. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us, His life! This week, make little sacrifices that can make a BIG difference in our life. What can you offer today?



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Today, take the time to study extra hard for a test that you have coming up. During Lent, it is good to try and be the best you can be, and that means not waiting till last minute! Sometimes, we need to not just "give up" STUFF,

but "give up" BAD HABITS, like



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Today is the Feast of Saint John of God. After a conversion, he gave up his life to care for the poor. Today, make a sacrifice by donating one or many items to the poor. Take the time to pick something that truly feels like a sacrifice that you can

procrastinating! live without. RCH

next week!

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Today is National **Plumbing Day!** 

Lent is the perfect time to "flush"

your sins and receive the sacrament

of Penance. Many parishes offer the

afternoons, find a local one to attend

with your family.

sacrament of reconciliation on Saturday

A rosary takes about 17 minutes to pray. On this last day of the school week, sacrifice 17 minutes of your time to pray the rosary for the Missions. Easy right?



"Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again" CF. JN 4: 44,15

Water renews all things. During lent we imagine that we are in a dessert. God is like water that replenishes us when we feel alone or like nothing is going right.

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**Second Sunday of Lent** 

"Faith grows when it is lived and shaped with love" - POPE FRANCIS

(final mass at world meeting of families in Philadelphia)

When we model to others our faith it grows. Spend some time today helping a sibling or cousin learn their prayers.

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If there is someone that you dislike pray for them. Asking God to help you see the good in them as your brother or sister in Christ.



If you have any recycle at home, ask your parents if they can help you sell it. Put the money you make in your mite box.

Lent is an important time for Catechumens as they prepare to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. This is when whey will become official members for the Body of Christ the Church.

If in your parish, you have Catechumens preparing to receive their sacraments. Make a card for them to give on that very special day in which they will be welcomed into the church.



St. Patrick's Day

Today is the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. He was held captive for many years as a slave in Ireland. Turning to his Catholic faith constantly praying he was able to escape. Years later he traveled to Ireland to help evangelize others about Jesus. We too can evangelize others with our example and words.

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"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing Ishall want

There is no greater reminder of how much God loves us than of how he takes care of us. Like a shepherd who guides and cares for his sheep so does God care for us.



Today is the feast day of St. Joseph, the

spouse of the Virgin Mary. He is the patron saint of the universal church and fathers. He showed faith, courage and trust in God. Imitate him by having faith and trust in God our Lord. Especially if you are going through a difficult moment.



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Pray ten Hail Mary's for all children who might be suffering. Think how you can put the needs of others before your own as Mary, the mother of God did.





Just like when we clean our homes before a party. We too must get the house of the Lord ready for this bid celebration



It's the fifth Friday of Lent. Today we

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You can share with them one thing you admire about them. When we uplift others, we are helping them see how loved they are.

abstain from eating read meat. We are lucky and have many other options of food to eat.

Before every meal today say a prayer for all those children who have little to nothing to eat each day.







"The confessional is not a torture chamber, but the place in which the Lord's mercy motivates us to do better."

Today we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord. When Mary is told she will be the mother of Jesus. She gave her "yes"

to God's mission.

- POPE FRANCIS (interview by Fr. Antonio Spadaro Nov. 2013).

Before the start of Holy Week receive the sacrament of reconciliation. There is no greater love than the one that God has for us. If we are truly sorry for what we have done to offend him, God will always forgive us.

Read about how Jesus taught his disciples to pray: Lk 11: 1-4. Pray an Our Father for all children.



If you find it hard to pray. Give the advice St. Josemaría Escriva gives a

"You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, 'Lord, I don't know how

This is the last week of Lent. Do you feel that you have been able to let go of things that were keeping you from spending more time with God?

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